39th U.S. MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – Player Quotes

Sept. 14-19, 2019, Colorado Golf Club, Parker, Colo., and CommonGround Golf Course, Aurora, Colo.

Paul McNamara, of Dallas, Texas
(5-under 67, Colorado Golf Club, Championship – 70-67—137)

(on his round)
"The story actually starts yesterday when on hole 12 or 13 I started to get really dehydrated and barely made it. I had to get an IV. On the drive home and last night I couldn't see straight. We were just trying to make it to the course today and didn't do a full warm-up. So it was, 'beware of the sick golfer'. I didn't have a ton energy and maybe that helped because I wasn't so over-hyped. Eventually I got warmed up and found the groove. I focused on staying hydrated instead of focusing on the golf."

(on what is good about his game)
"My putting. I am very relaxed and I feel I can read the greens here real well. Another part of it is having my dad on the bag. He keeps me calm and we work so well together that just gives me that little bit of an edge. He may not be the best golfer, he may not give the best reads [of greens], but he's the best for me. I think we are just a great team."

(on what he would mean to be medalist)
"I set that as the goal that I wanted to achieve when I came here. That would be a wonderful accomplishment. I played in my first USGA event in Charlotte last year, never qualified for the Junior [Amateur] or U.S. Am(ateur) so that would certainly be a feather in my cap that I would cherish forever."

(on how Colorado Golf Club sets up for him)
"If I keep driving it the way I drove it today I think I am going to be tough to beat because I got a good feel with the putter and the greens are so pure. If you just get a good read, you are going to make a lot [of putts]. So I am confident."

Notes
14 – 7-iron off the tee on short par 4, 106-yard lob wedge to within 3 feet to set up birdie
15 – par 5 – 105-yard lob wedge on his third-shot approach, 3-foot birdie putt
18 – 185-yard, 7-iron approach, came off the slope to the left, 8-foot birdie putt