

**2022 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship
Monday, Sept. 12, Second Round, Stroke Play,
Erin Hills and Blue Mound Golf & Country Club**

Sam Foust, of Edina, Minn. – (67 BM-71 EH – 3-under 138)

Notes – Assistant coach at the University of San Diego since 2021. Member of head coach Chris Riley's staff. Riley was a member of the 1995 USA Walker Cup Team. Foust played on the University of Oregon's 2016 NCAA Championship team.

(on his expectations playing in his first U.S. Mid-Amateur)

"It was tough to set expectations because I have not played before but I wanted to come in and just play two solid rounds and get into match play and see what happens from there. I feel if you can get that far everyone's got a shot."

(on whether USD coach Chris Riley offered any playing advice)

"I have played with him a few times recently and he just told me to play it like a normal round. [He said] don't let the pressure get to you, just play your game, you are good enough to compete, good enough to win, just have to believe in yourself and go out and do it."

(on his crazy round with 6 birdies, 4 bogeys and a double bogey)

"I felt like I played pretty well. The bogeys that I made it was where I was just off. I would miss a fairway by two yards or had a bad lie. On 18, I hit a perfect drive, a perfect layup to 80 yards and just flew a wedge a little deep and went way over the green. It was some marginal errors that cost me a couple of shots here and there. But I was able to make a couple of birdies and keep it together."

(on making birdie with a 50-degree wedge on the par-3 ninth)

"That one was my 18th hole (No. 9), I told my caddie that I wasn't going to shoot over par today. I had about a 20-footer and made a nice big-breaker to make a 2 there and shoot even."

(on how Erin Hills sets up for him and match play)

"I have played a few different match-play tournaments over the last three years since college. The course sets up pretty well for me. I am a good putter, that's kind of my bread and butter. The greens are tough out here and fast. I was able to control my speed really well at Blue Mound and here too. Get it in the fairways and make some putts and I think I will have a good chance."