

**2022 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship  
Tuesday, Sept. 13, Second Round, Stroke Play,  
Erin Hills and Blue Mound Golf & Country Club**

**Hugh Foley, of Republic of Ireland – (66 BM-70 EH – 5-under 136)**

(on how he feels about his play through stroke play)

“Great. It was four days for the two rounds and some uncomfortable waits but I am glad to get it done.”

(on Erin Hills as a match-play course)

“It’s not as open as I thought it would be. Driving is a premium I think, so whether, that’s your driver going straight, or a 3-wood or an iron, you need to be in the fairway. Even though it’s long, fairways are a premium. It’s good with slopey greens. I don’t think there will be crazy low scores so matches could be won with 1- or 2-under.

(on why he entered the U.S. Mid-Amateur)

“I had a feeling that a lot of guys would be good players but not maybe ranked. I had a feeling it was going to be stronger than what the world ranking would suggest. I think that was right. I have met a lot of guys who were ex-pros, turned-back amateurs or who played great college golf.

“I was definitely nervous playing but Matthew McClean and I saw that there was an exemption to get straight in. It would’ve been harder to come and qualify but because (of the exemption) we could plan ahead and just play the full event. We just went for it.”

(on putting well in match play)

“In match play putting is the most intimidating factor. You can get up on your opponent if you are putting well. These greens are big and slopey so getting the pace right is important.”

(on his familiarity with match play)

“We have six major championships in Ireland and I think three of them are match play this year, so I have played a lot of matches. I have had a lot of experience; we do team events as well. I must have played upwards of 20 matches this year.”