

U.S. Senior Amateur

Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023
Martis Camp Club
Truckee, Calif.

Todd White,
Spartanburg, S.C.
Even-par 72 (second round, stroke play)
Even-par 144 (36-hole total)



Q. Is this your first time being medalist?

White: "No. I have not. This is very nice. It's very satisfying."

Q. Even-par earns medalist honors, which is the highest total since 2004. What does that say about Martis Camp?

White: "A lot of people coming out here who have not played at altitude, having to make that adjustment. And the golf course is difficult. If you don't put the ball in play off the tee, it's very problematic."

Q. Talk about your two consecutive birdies coming home on 14 and 15?

White: "I made a mental mistake on 12. I don't mind physical mistakes because we're human. But I was not happy with the mental mistake and then I did not hit a good second shot on 13 and three-putted. Luckily, I righted the ship. I hit a gap wedge to about 8 feet on 14 (par 3, 145 yards) and made that. The next hole, the par 5, I hit it in two [with a 5-iron] and two-putted [for birdie]. From there it was just fairway, green and get it into the house."

Q. Only two medalists have won this event since 1987, so how will you handle being the top seed?

White: "It's nice to have won the medal in the stroke play. But everyone knows, this is two tournaments in one. Everyone starts with a clean tomorrow, so it really doesn't matter what the number is beside your seed. Just ask Virginia when they played my Furman Paladins in basketball last year in the NCAA tournament. The number beside the name doesn't matter."

Q. How do you feel about your game going into match play?

White: "I feel good. I've been playing well. Coming in here playing well. The confidence is there. It's just a matter of keeping everything in front of me and not getting too far ahead of myself, and playing golf the way that I have, really, for the last four weeks."

Q. What do you think your students back at Spartanburg High will think of their teacher being the top seed?

White: "I don't know how many of them will work. Hopefully some of the golf team members will, and hopefully my administration will. It's nice to go back in there and let them see that this didn't happen by chance. Hard work pays off. That's a lesson that extends from golf into the classroom."