

U.S. Senior Amateur

Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023
Martis Camp Club
Truckee, Calif.

Matt Sughrue Arlington, Va.

Round of 16
def. Ronnie Clark, 2 and 1
Round of 32
def. Greg Sanders, 1 up



Q. Did finishing runner-up in last week's Virginia Senior Match Play play a role this week you're your run to the quarterfinals?

Sughrue: "I think it toughened me up. There were a lot of tough matches. There's a lot of great players in Virginia. And to go through the ones I did, kind of toughened me up. This field is incredible. There was some intestinal-fortitude moments, particularly this morning [in my Round-of-32 win over Greg Sanders] where I had to gather myself and pull it together and I did."

Q. Key moments in afternoon match against Ronnie Clark?

Sughrue: "I just played really solid all day, and Ronnie did too. When we got to the 13th hole, I had an 8-iron into the back pin into the wind. I had to hit it hard to get it up there, and I did. [My birdie putt] was conceded to me. That pin was ridiculous how far back it was (24 paces from the front of the green). It made me feel very confident. And on 15, Ronnie hit his second shot first on the par 5 and knocked it on the green, so I felt like I needed to respond. And I did. I knocked it right next to him. We ended up both making birdie [to tie the hole]. On the next hole, I drove the green (282-yard, par 4) and Ronnie got it up and down from a great spot to tie the hole with birdies. It was really well played. Then on 17, I hit a great 9-iron [tee shot] to about 15 feet and two-putted for the win. Ronnie had a long putt and almost made it."

Note - First quarterfinal appearance since 2017 and was finalist in 2016.