

U.S. Mid-Amateur

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023
Fenway Golf Club
Scarsdale, N.Y.

Kevin Grady,
Catonsville, Md.
3-under 67 (first round, stroke play)



Q. How were the conditions after last night's rain?

Grady: "Very hot and humid, but golf course was great. I wasn't sure how much rain they got yesterday, but it was great. I had no mudballs or anything like that and the greens were really good."

Q. How many birdies today?

Grady: I had six birdies, a double on 11 and a bogey on five. [On 11], I hit it in the right bunker and kind of dumped it on the green and left my 25-foot uphill par putt like 6 feet short and made a bad putt on the next one."

Q. Obviously a great start and the goal is to make match play on Monday, so you must feel great about your position?

Grady: "That's really the only thing that matters to me. It would be cool to compete for a medalist position tomorrow, but I'll take 64 or one, it doesn't matter."

Q. How tough was the golf course today?

Grady: "As long as you keep it in the fairway it's fine. Unlike Sleepy Hollow, I can't even advance it out of that rough. You wedge it out for the most part. Here you could at least advance it. I was able to hit a couple of mid-irons out of the rough and get it up around the green. But you have no control over it at that point. I hit it in the rough a handful of times in the rough and was able to scramble well on 10 thru 15, essentially."

Q. Any of your six birdies stand out?

Grady: "I almost holed it on 8. I had 90 yards and spun it back. It looked like it lipped out from the fairway. It was 6 inches from the hole. I hit 3-wood just short of one and was able to get it up and down [for birdie]. I made like an 8-footer. Made about a 10-footer for birdie on 3. That kind of got me going a bit. I struggled with the golf swing a little bit, but was able to grind it out, which you are going to have to do."

Note – Second Mid-Am and fourth USGA championship. Two Four-Balls. Four in the last two years. USC-Aiken grad. Played on the golf team there.

35 years of age

3x Maryland Mid-Am champ

2021 Maryland Player of the Year

2021 Maryland Open runner-up

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