

U.S. Mid-Amateur

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023
Sleepy Hollow Golf Club
Scarborough, N.Y.

Dan Walters,
Winston-Salem, N.C.
2-under-par 69 (first round, stroke play)



Q. Can you tell us about making six birdies in an eight-hole stretch?

Dan Walters: “I am standing on the 15th tee and I am three-over par. But I am thinking there are birdies out there, let’s get it back to even par with a couple of holes left. I didn’t really hit bad shots to start the day.”

Notes (starting on No. 10) – Made birdies on holes 15, 16, 17, 18, 3 and 4. He hit a wedge to 4 feet on No. 16 and a cut 7-iron to within 12 feet on No. 18. Made birdie putts of 2½ and 15 feet on Nos. 3 and 4, respectively.

Q. How do you keep yourself in the right frame of mind with the stop and start due to the weather?

Dan Walters: “It is not easy. I am trying to look at it as it may eliminate some guys in a way that maybe they get frustrated. I am trying to stay as positive as possible. And knowing that at some point as the week goes along we are going to catch up. It’s a marathon anyway.”

Q. You are starting to play in more USGA championships so does that help you this week?

Dan Walters: “No question. I played in five USGA events in the last 18 months. You get more and more comfortable and you expect that you can play well. Going to Cherry [Hills], playing well there (U.S. Amateur) and missing the cut by a shot, I had ample opportunities. It was right there, it was just a matter of making a few.

“There is no better golf tournaments to play in than USGA events so I feel very fortunate to be here and hopefully I can be here for awhile this week.”

Note – Walters is competing in his second U.S. Mid-Amateur. He advanced to the Round of 32 in 2021.