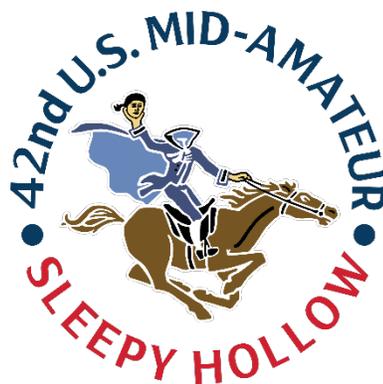


U.S. Mid-Amateur

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

Stewart Hagestad, Newport Beach, Calif.

2-under-par 69 (second round, stroke play)
Championship – 69-69—138 (3 under)



Q. What are you most happy about today?

Stewart Hagestad: “That we are moving on [to match play]. I knew I would be really tired coming into this week. It was definitely a little sloppy out there. The weather obviously made it tough, the stopping and starting. I knew it would be tough and everyone is kind of in the same boat.”

Q. How important is it to be finished with stroke play today and when others have to play tomorrow?

Stewart Hagestad: “There’s a couple of different ways to look at it. You could say that they got a great wave since we played in the pouring rain this morning versus they get a perfect day. So I wouldn’t really read too much into that.

Rest is a bigger deal. I think that helps a lot. It will be nice to get a good night sleep again.”

Q. What did you do well today?

Stewart Hagestad: “I made some nice putts. With exception of a few holes, I did a pretty good job of managing how spinny the ball was with the soft conditions. There were potentials for mud balls or just the potential to spin back and not be pin high. I would say that more than anything else I scored well. I got it in at 2 under. Given the circumstances it was a great round.”

Q. What were the good putts?

Stewart Hagestad: “The first one that comes to mind would be [No.] 6. There wasn’t a whole lot to it. To see putts go in is a good thing. It was uphill and it wasn’t doing a whole lot and I am someone that reads break into putts. So to trust it and hit a good putt, it was nice to see it go in.

It was the same thing on [No.] 3. It was probably right-center, but it was kind of awkward and funky and over a hill. It was all over the place.”

Notes – Stewart Hagestad is playing in his seventh U.S. Mid-Amateur. He won the championship in 2016 and 2021 and advanced to semifinals in 2018 and 2019. In today’s round, he hit an 8-iron to within 8 feet to set up a birdie on the par-3 third and posted his fourth birdie of the day on No. 6, a 12-foot putt.