

U.S. Mid-Amateur

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



Harry Bolton, Australia

4-under-par 67 (second round, stroke play)
Championship – 70-67—137 (4 under)

Q. Can you tell me about the eagle at No. 15?

Harry Bolton: “I hit an unreal drive and then I thought I hit an awesome second shot, like a perfect number. I get up there and I was just aimed 15 feet in the wrong direction. But luckily I made a nice putt.”

Q. You followed with a bridie and how did you do that?

Harry Bolton: “I had gap wedge, playing 119 meters or 125 (yards). I wasn’t getting a whole lot of good numbers, I was kind of right in between all day. I had a perfect number and then I hit that to 4 or 5 feet.”

Q. Your caddie talked about how scrappy you were today and that you read the greens well. Do you agree?

Harry Bolton: “I feel like putting is one of my strengths. I have been rolling it nicely and reading the greens. I wasn’t super happy with my swing.

“I had to play two holes at Fenway this morning and I played two holes of bad golf. I made a good 10-footer there to sort of keep it all going.

“Today it wasn’t great but I kept it in play really well. My misses have gotten a lot better. So I kept it in play and hit a lot of greens. The greens are really big. This type of golf is my type of golf. I thrive off hitting a lot of greens and then being a pretty good putter.”

Q. How tough was it to play two holes at Fenway and then drive to Sleepy Hollow for a round?

Harry Bolton: “It wasn’t ideal. The toughest part is all the things that people don’t see. You get off the golf course at 7:30, we had dinner with friends and I got five hours of sleep. You are waking up at 5 [a.m.], you try and get ready. A lot of people see the golf, especially after all the travel, all the practice rounds, and all the golf and the delays, it certainly adds up. With that in mind I was super happy how I played today.”

Q. You said you are getting comfortable here so how does that set you up for match play?

Harry Bolton: “I am looking forward to it. I found something with my swing and hit some really nice shots (over the final holes today).

“I feel like I would be pretty hard to beat if I keep hitting a lot of greens. If you don’t make many mistakes and you can make a couple of putts, I am looking forward to it for sure.”

Note – Harry Bolton is playing in his second U.S. Mid-Amateur. He advanced to the Round of 64 at Erin Hills last year. His 15-foot eagle putt on No. 15 went in the lefthand side of the hole.