

U.S. Mid-Amateur

Monday, Sept. 11, 2023
Fenway Golf Club
Scarsdale, N.Y.



Nate McCoy, Ankeny, Iowa

2-under-par 68 (second round, stroke play)
Championship – 69-68--137 (4 under)

Q. 5 under on the front nine, you got off to a great start?

Nate McCoy: “I did. It probably was one of the best nines I’ve played this season. It was nice. It was nice to build a little cushion; you know the whole goal obviously is just to get to match play.”

Q. At that point, were you thinking about being medalist?

Nate McCoy: “I was thinking about being medalist. I wanted to shoot 2, 3 or 4 under on the back [nine]. But you get a little tighter just naturally. It’s funny how that happens. I hit a few [offline] drives and putting got a little bit more shaky. I had a few more 5-, 6-footers for par. I’m very pleased to be in this position, to be back in match play.”

Q. How about having your dad on the bag?

McCoy: “I was surprised he made it today. I was happy he walked the whole thing with me. I had my cousin, Ben McCoy, who actually caddied at Sleepy [Hollow] in high school. He had a little experience there and helped me out a little bit.”

Q. Was your dad feeling OK?

McCoy: “He sat down a lot. He was out of breath. I kept checking on him. He was doing OK.”

Q. Thoughts about switching back to Sleepy Hollow for match play?

McCoy: “I like Sleepy. If I can hit the driver well, then I can do OK. Match play is such a different animal, so anything can happen.”

Note – Director of handicapping and course rating for Iowa Golf Association since 2018
Made match play in 2021; MC last year, while his father, Mike, made match play at 59 years of age
Reinstated amateur
Played collegiately at Iowa State
Mike McCoy picked up a little bug while over in Scotland for Walker Cup
Nate’s father won the 2013 Mid-Am, played on 2015 Walker Cup Team and captained the 2023 side