

U.S. Mid-Amateur

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023
Sleepy Hollow Golf Club
Scarborough, N.Y.

**Brad Tilley,
Easton, Conn.**

**Round of 32 - lost to Bobby Massa, 2 and 1
Round of 64 – def. David Szymanski, 2 up**



Q. When you give your best effort and it doesn't work out for you how does that feel?

Brad Tilley: "It feels like sports. This was a huge opportunity for me. I consider myself in a group of players that can win this event. I think I am a tough match for anyone, any year. Playing at home was a huge advantage. I am proud that I made match play under a lot of pressure. I think I put on a good show for our members and I am really grateful for all the support I got this week

"I had a good match this afternoon, a couple under par, and played a great opponent who had a really good day. He did what he needed to do."

Q. What was the pressure like playing on your home course?

Brad Tilley: "I don't think other people put pressure on me. I did answer a few more questions over the last year and a half than I normally do going into a Mid-Am. But that is all good stuff, it was just love and support from them. My pressure is internal. I know what kind of opportunity this was. No one is going to know these greens better than me so usually that is a huge advantage in match play. I would have liked to pull it off but it is just tough. [It's] a great field with a lot of great players."

Q. How did he take that advantage away from you this afternoon?

Brad Tilley: "I don't think he took it away from me. We both played really good golf. He made more birdies than I did and maybe one less bogey. He just played really solid. I played very solid too and he was on the winning end of that today."

Q. Where today did you start to feel the pressure you were putting on yourself?

Brad Tilley: "I don't think I let the pressure get to me today. Obviously, I wanted to do well. I was pretty at peace today. He just kind of turned it on and then I turned it back on top of him and he kept it going. We both made a lot of birdies on the back [nine]

"That stretch of holes, that's what match play is all about. I know my friends and members wanted to see me on the other end of that, but I am sure that was a fun match for them to watch."