

# U.S. Amateur

Monday, Aug. 12, 2024  
Hazeltine National Golf Club  
Chaska Town Course

## Calum Scott, Scotland

3-under 69 (first round, stroke play)



### **Q. How good is 3-under par at a course like Hazeltine?**

Calum Scott: “I think it’s very good. I’m delighted by how I played out there. I didn’t do anything wrong. It’s really so penal out there that you have to hit fairways and greens. Sounds so simple, but yet it’s still so tough at the same time. This course isn’t very forgiving and if you’re able to give yourself chances, you’ll get some to drop.”

### **Q. Does this course compare to anything you see in the U.K.?**

Scott: “No. You don’t get rough or grass like this back home. You can’t get green speeds this fast either because of the wind, so it’s impossible. I really enjoy it though. That’s why I’m in college and I love American golf.”

### **Q. Do the courses and setups during the college season prepare you for events like this?**

Scott: “Absolutely. In college, we play some of the toughest setups in golf. That’s why you’re seeing a lot of college players doing so well on the PGA Tour. It’s a testament to the way college golf is played and the conditions of the golf course.”

### **Q. Any key birdies or par saves that helped momentum?**

Scott: “Yes. I bogeyed 12 and 13, then missed the green on 14. I was in the long stuff just right of the green and I was able to get up-and-down [with a downhill 8 foot right to left putt]. Then I birdied 16 and 17, so it really was a key turning point.

### **Q. You have 14 chances to hit driver, but how many did you actually hit?**

Scott: “Probably 6 or 7. That’s more than usual for me. This course is very demanding and long. Sometimes it’s better to be in the rough further up because it’s so tight all the way up. Sometimes I utilize my length and I hit it really well today so that’s why I’m coming off the course with a good score.”