

# U.S. Amateur

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024  
Hazeltine National Golf Club  
Chaska Town Course

**Luis Masaveu,**  
**Spain**

5-under 65 (second round, stroke play)



**Q. Very strong showing for your first USGA championship. How do you feel after this stroke play portion?**

Masaveu: I'm really happy. Yesterday Hazeltine was really tough. I started out okay, 2-over when I made the turn, and from there I focused, started playing well, and today I did the same. I was putting a lot better, and I was just missing it in the right spots, which is what's most important on courses like these, that are this difficult. And yeah, just really happy. Really happy. I knew I had to play well today, and I did, so I'm just happy.

**Q. Do you think it was helpful to start out at Hazeltine, which is playing a few strokes tougher than out here [at Chaska Town Course]?**

Masaveu: Yeah, I was a bit more calm after managing to go under par at Hazeltine. I knew I didn't need to do anything incredible. It does create a little bit of doubt, coming in knowing that it's the "easier" course, you know that if you have a high round and you miss the cut, it probably means you messed up a little bit. But I just tried to take it hole by hole, at the beginning it was more difficult, but once I settled in it was good.

**Q. You said your putter was a difference maker out here today?**

Masaveu: Yeah, yesterday I started off putting so-so. I started to get the feel back around the middle of the round, and today the putter was really good. A little bit of everything, in general, but definitely the difference maker was my putter today.

**Q. Can you talk about the eagle on 9?**

Masaveu: Yeah, I just hit a really good drive, had 217 meters in (237 yards), downwind, and hit a perfect 5-iron, and yeah, just had about a 15-footer and sunk it.

**Q. At the moment, you're sitting in a co-medalist position, which would make you the first player from Spain to achieve that honor. What would that mean to you?**

Masaveu: I'd be really happy – it'd be an honor, and I'd feel very proud. But right now, I'm just thinking about match play. It's a new tournament now, so just going to focus on that.

**Q. Do you have a lot of match play experience?**

Masaveu: Yeah, in Europe we play a lot of match play. There's a few tournaments that are that format. Yeah, I've played a lot of match play, so I think I just have to change my [mental] chip, go match by match, and just be really focused.

**Q. Any particular mentality or thoughts that you bring into match play events?**

Masaveu: Yeah, to be honest I try to focus more on my shots and less on my opponents'. So, for example, if my opponent misses the green, I might think, 'Well, if I go for the green, a par could win this,' and that might end up leading me to mess up. So instead, I focus on myself, try and make my own birdie, and that's it.

**Q. Did you ever have thoughts or plans to play college golf in the U.S.?**

Masaveu: Yeah, I looked into it, but with COVID I decided to just stay and study in Spain.

**Q. Where do you study in Spain?**

Masaveu: I go to Francisco de Vitoria, in Madrid.