

# U.S. Amateur

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

**David Ford,**  
**Peachtree Corners, Ga.**  
**7-under 135 (67-68)**



## **Q. Five under over your last 16 holes, what turned things around after the early bogey on No. 2?**

David Ford: "I hit one in the water on 7. It kind of lit a fire in me. I had a 6-iron into a par 5, and had to get up and down from 70 yards for par. I think that was a good momentum par and then birdied the next hole. I don't know that it gave me any confidence, but it definitely was a momentum swing. We can hit it bad and still make par. I had a few putts drop in that stretch too and made a few coming down the stretch as well."

## **Q. After a 67 at Chaska Town Course on Monday, did you use today's second round of stroke play at Hazeltine as kind of a run-through for match play?**

David Ford: "I just used this round to play the same game as I did yesterday. Tried to see where my game is at and get confidence going into match play. I played really well today. I was just trying to post a number and figure out my game a little more."

## **Q. Thoughts about match play?**

David Ford: "You've got to play well. It's going to be a fun match whoever it is. Just have fun and play well...If you look at all of my rounds the last two years, I've been over par in a lot of them early on. It's the same with match play. I've been down in a lot of matches early on. In match play, if you have momentum on the back nine coming down the stretch, it's hard for the other guy to win. I do a good job of hanging in rounds longer than a lot of guys think. And just getting momentum coming into the house I think is massive."

## **Q. Match play seems so psychological as much as physical?**

David Ford: "You have to create your own momentum at certain points in a match. When things aren't going well, like hanging in there as long as you can and creating your own momentum in your head."

## **Q. Have you had a good summer?**

David Ford: "No. I played really well at Palmer Cup. Played really well at Southern Am. Didn't score that great at Southern Am (20-something). Shot four 68s. First time I've seen consistency in a while. But game has been trending. I've played really well the last three or four weeks...Just doing a few things well every day. Just being really consistent with my body and really consistent with my swing. Doing a lot of swing maintenance. Honestly, just preparing my body and my mind like it's a tournament every day. And it's been working."

**Note** – Rising senior at University of North Carolina. 2023 Walker Cup and World Amateur Team. Twin brother Maxwell did not make the cut.