

U.S. Mid-Amateur

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024
Kinloch Golf Club
Manakin-Sabot, Va.

Scott Harvey,
Greensboro, N.C.
7-under 64 (first round, stroke play)



Q. Is this the best you have played in a Mid-Amateur stroke-play round?

Scott Harvey: “Score-wise I would say so. But again I got pretty lucky and fortunate with some bounces. On the 10th hole (his first hole) I blocked a 7-iron and landed on the fringe and it bounces down there. I made a 65-footer on the fifth hole. Lot of fortunate breaks, but I played some good golf too.”

Q. Are you playing enough these days to do well here?

Scott Harvey: “My game is probably good enough. I am worried about my body at this point. I told my son I am feeling a little sore. He said go see a chiropractor. I said, no, I think it’s a different kind of sore. I need to rest and just preserve my energy as best I can.”

Q. What did you do well today?

Scott Harvey: “I drove it really good. I missed two fairways and they were both on the really short par 4s. They were the only fairways I missed trying to play safe. But drove it really well and made some putts. I played solid.”

Q. When you get off to a good start in a championship what does that do for your confidence level?

Scott Harvey: “It takes the pressure off a little bit. You still have to go out and play. If you get behind the eight ball, maybe shoot 3-over or something the first day, now you have to do something the second day. Obviously, I want to play well tomorrow but I don’t have to shoot 7-under.”

Q. Talk about that early stretch in your round where you birdied three of four holes?

Scott Harvey: “It’s funny I was eating [in the clubhouse] and I was sitting there thinking to myself I don’t really know what today’s going [to bring]. The first few holes are going to determine everything because I haven’t played any. I have been practicing but I haven’t played much. I didn’t know what to expect. And the ball goes in, and the ball goes in, so I said, ‘I guess we are okay today’. You just never know until you know.”

“I was pretty pleased. When your round gets to starting off like that it takes the pressure off and you just play.”

Q. Which was your best birdie today?

Scott Harvey: “It would say the 65-footer on the par 3 was really good. But I would tell you the one that felt the best was the last hole. I made a mental error, which to me is the worst kind, on the drivable par 4 [No. 6]. I hit the wrong club, hit in the fairway bunker and made bogey and that really upset me. I wanted to get one coming in. And then 18 I hit it close to about 6 feet and made it, that one felt nice.”

Note – Harvey is played in his 15th U.S. Mid-Amateur. He won the title in 2014 and was runner-up in 2016. He struck a 100-yard sand wedge to within 6 feet on No. 9, his 18th hole, for his eighth birdie of the day. His round of 64 was one stroke off the championship record. Jim Wilson shot a 63 in 2000 during the first round of stroke play.