

# U.S. Mid-Amateur

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024  
Kinloch Golf Club  
Manakin-Sabot, Va.

**Evan Beck,  
Virginia Beach, Va.**

**6-under 65 (second round, stroke play)  
Championship – 68-65—133 (8-under)**



## **Q. His thoughts on today's round?**

Evan Beck: "I played really well, hit it close a handful of times. I had nine birdies and several were kick-ins, which helps and makes it stress free."

## **Q. How about your bunker shot on No. 18?**

Evan Beck: "It was a really tough shot. [I] really went for it and it came out perfect. It came off perfect and I don't want to do it again."

## **Q. What does it mean to be co-medalist in stroke play?**

Evan Beck: "It's great. I don't think I have been a medalist in a USGA event, so that is really cool. I've got a bunch of matches to play so looking at the next one."

## **Q. Is what happened in last year's Mid-Amateur driving you this year?**

Evan Beck: "Yeah, for sure. It's very, very difficult to get all the way to the finals. Hats off to Stewart (Hagestad) and anyone else that's even won this tournament. It's extremely difficult, you have to play as well as you can every single day, every single match. Because you can run into a guy that makes nine birdies on you and then what do you do then. It's always a goal. Take one shot at a time and we will see what happens."

## **Q. What is your comfort level on this course heading into match play?**

Evan Beck: "I love it. It's one of the best, if not the best in Virginia and they have it in great shape. A little USGA twist with the rough up and the greens are always great and the fairways always perfect. I have played here 10 or 15 times so I am more comfortable than other USGA events I have played in."

## **Q. Does it feel like you are playing in your hometown here?**

Evan Beck: "It does for sure. I have a lot of friends and family. I live in (Washington) D.C. now so I had some D.C. friends come down and Virginia Beach friends and family come up. Both my parents are from Richmond so it definitely feels like I am home. I just love playing golf in Virginia."

**Note** – Beck was the runner-up in the last year's U.S. Mid-Amateur at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, in Scarborough, N.Y. In Sunday's second round of stroke play, he made nine birdies against three bogeys. A 12-foot bogey putt on No. 11 kept his momentum after he hit his tee shot into a penalty area. He struck an 182-yard, 8-iron to within 2 feet on No. 17 and hit a 33-yard bunker shot to within 3 feet on the par-5 18th for a closing birdie and a 6-under 65.