

U.S. Mid-Amateur

Monday, Sept. 23, 2024
Kinloch Golf Club
Manakin-Sabot, Va.

Evan Beck,
Virginia Beach, Va.

Round of 64
def. Cody Paladino, 5 and 3



Q. Are you trying to end matches early when you are attempting to make a deep run?

Evan Beck: "Take what you can get. A win is a win. I am glad we didn't have to play them all [holes] today."

Q. You made a lot of pars instead of birdies today. Is that a good thing?

Evan Beck: "Good enough. Didn't hit it nearly as close. I still had the speed of the greens. I just didn't get many putts to go. Neither of us did. I guess fortunately for me. We were both just kind of playing steady. He made a few mistakes, a couple of bogeys, and I made pars. That's match play. I was fortunate to come out on top."

Q. Can you talk about that stretch on the outward nine when you pulled away?

Evan Beck: "I drove it left on [hole] 3, was in the rough and got a really good lie. It was a flyer, somehow, out of this thick stuff. I judged it right, it hit up and came back on the front fringe and I made it from 25 feet (for birdie). The par 3 (hole 5) I hit a gap wedge in there just behind the hole. He actually hit it inside of me. We were both pretty close, I made a 6-footer and he missed a 4- or 5-footer. We both birdied the next hole and that was the end of the birdies for us."

Q. Is there a strategy when you have a 3-up lead?

Evan Beck: "I feel like that's how I play. Try to hit fairways and center of the greens and be aggressive where it is appropriate. It wasn't really appropriate today. [I] just played to the center of the greens and tried to make him beat me and it worked out."

Note – Beck won his Round-of-64 match in the U.S. Mid-Amateur for the third consecutive year. He advanced to the championship final last year and the Round of 32 in 2022.