

U.S. Mid-Amateur

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

**Will Minton,
Raleigh, N.C.**

Round of 64
def. Phillip Mollica, 19 holes



Q. Can you talk about you eagle 2 on the deciding hole?

Will Minton: “[I] hit driver right in the middle. I was first to play and had 167 (yards) to the flag, with the wind coming in a little bit. I had a bit of adrenaline so I hit a hard 9-iron. We couldn’t see the ball but it landed about 10 feet right of it. It took the slope left and I heard a couple of screams from the next tee so I knew some good fortune had passed my way.”

Q. Can you speak about the quality of the match?

Will Minton: “It was an unbelievable match. It was probably the highest quality play of match play that I have ever been a part of. It was back and forth. He played unbelievable. Just mighty fortunate to pull it off.”

Q. What were the emotions winning the match in that way?

Will Minton: “When stuff like that happens, it’s weird. You feel like it’s not your doing. The emotions are gratefulness, you feel bad a little bit because you battled all day with him and it ends like that. It was a great day, very fortunate.”

Note – Minton is playing in his second USGA championship. He competed in the 2013 U.S. Junior Amateur at age 15 as a high school sophomore. Minton, who did not play college golf, works in private equity insurance.