

U.S. Mid-Amateur

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024
Kinloch Golf Club
Manakin-Sabot, Va.

Evan Beck,
Virginia Beach, Va.

Round of 16
def. Michael Buttacavoli, 21 holes



Q. It's possible they might have to put a plaque on No. 18 for you?

Evan Beck: "I hit some good ones in there, I got pretty lucky. That one this afternoon was really good. I was standing in the bunker, I choked way down on it and chopped it. I tried [both] feet in the bunker and then put one foot (left) out. It took a couple of hops, checked and hit the pin, and stopped six inches past."

Q. Can you talk about the approach on the 21st hole?

Evan Beck: "I had a really good number. Michael (Buttacavoli) played so well. It was one of the best matches I have ever played [in] as far as back and forth and quality of golf shots. He didn't really make any mistakes. He drove it unbelievably well."

Q. Do you get nervous?

Evan Beck: "Yeah, for sure. It definitely matters and it's important to me."

Q. Is this one of those days where your mental had to be better than your physical play?

Evan Beck: "Hitting good shots is important. It was gross all day, it was a good day to stay inside and watch TV. But I feel like I am a grinder. Grinding was definitely important today."

Q. What are you most proud of about yourself today?

Evan Beck: "Just hanging in there. I don't feel like I hit it great but I was just mentally tough and hung in there and got it done. [I] made some putts, hit some good pitch shots, and had really good wedge play."

Note – Beck rallied in the Round of 16 to advance to the U.S. Mid-Amateur quarterfinals for the second consecutive year. He nearly holed a 60-degree wedge with his ball lying in the grass above the left greenside bunker on No. 18, a birdie that tied the match. On the par-5 12th, the 21st hole, he delivered a 106-yard, 56-degree wedge to within 3 feet to set up the winning birdie.