

U.S. Mid-Amateur

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

**Josh Persons,
Fargo, N.C.**

Round of 16
def. Will Minton, 5 and 3



Q. How does it feel to be back in the quarterfinals again?

Josh Persons: “It’s great, it’s a fun event. It’s a great place. What more can you ask for.”

Q. What did you learn from reaching the quarterfinals in 2022?

Josh Persons: “Just keep hanging in there. It’s match play and it’s a totally different game. It’s survive and advance and see what happens.”

Q. Why is match play a different game?

Josh Persons: “There are shorter stints of gamesmanship or something going on. It’s not like you are worried about making a double bogey. You can kind of play off your partner and see what’s going on. It’s just a totally different mindset. You are not thinking about the rest of the round. It’s very short.”

Q. Have you come to like match play vs. stroke play?

Josh Persons: “I do. It’s less stressful. One really bad swing can’t derail the whole day whereas in stroke play it can. Psychologists always tell you one shot at a time. It’s hard to do that and it’s a little bit easier in match play.”

Q. What was the best part of your game overall today?

Josh Persons: “My putter has been steady. I think that has bailed me out a few times and you always need that no matter what if you are going to win matches. I have hit a few good shots here and there and got away with some other ones that weren’t so good.”

Note – Persons is competing in his third U.S. Mid-Amateur. He advanced to the semifinals in 2022 at Erin Hills. In the Round of 16, he won three consecutive holes (9, 10 & 11). Persons hit approach shots to within 15 feet on Nos. 9 and 10 which led to winning pars. His 121-yard, 50-degree wedge to within 5 feet set up a birdie on No. 11 and a 4-up lead.