



U.S. Amateur Four-Ball

May 18, 2026

Desert Mountain Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Round of 32 (Cochise Course)

Brian Blanchard & Sam Engel

Q. What was the reaction when you saw you were matched up with past champions in the Round of 32?

Engel: "I try not to look too much into who we're playing," said Engel. "We know these guys have great pedigrees and are champions, but at the end of the day, you've got to go play great golf to win. I think they pushed us to be as great as we could be. We're playing a USGA championship. These are [some of] the best amateurs in the world. You have to hit good shots or anything can you are going to happen. It doesn't really matter who you are playing."

Q. How did the match today compares with others you've had in this championship?

Blanchard: "It was definitely one of my favorite four-ball matches that we've had. We didn't have a ton of birdies on the front nine. Then things just got ignited on the back nine for both sides. It was a good battle."