

# U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship

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Manakin-Sabot, Virginia, USA

Kinloch Golf Club

## Connor Doyal

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. Tough match.

CONNOR DOYAL: It was.

**Q. You gave that guy, the runner-up, all he could handle, and you had him pretty much in good position there at 18 with that pitch.**

CONNOR DOYAL: Yeah, I spotted him a few early. Then we kind of battled back and forth and finally got it even with three to go. He made a helluva birdie on 16.

#### Q. How far?

CONNOR DOYAL: Made about a 15-footer. The back edge is like a peninsula. That's really the closest you can get without taking on some serious trouble.

17, 18, tried to give it all I could and really just kind of came up one shot short.

**Q. The pitch you had, it looked like you probably didn't hit it the way you wanted to. It sounded a little clunky. Was it what you wanted to do?**

CONNOR DOYAL: I was up there. You see all these people hanging around. You get a little nervous.

#### Q. I understand.

CONNOR DOYAL: You hit those shots all the time. I had a little of a downslope lie, hitting to a green that's above me. Plus there's so much moisture out here, so it kind of skips.

I didn't quite get it perfect, but I still kind of gave myself a chance at it. Just couldn't convert.

**Q. You came out of the playoff to get to the quarterfinals, pretty good run. How would you sum up your week here? Now you're also exempt for next year.**



CONNOR DOYAL: It was a long week. Lots of days waking up at 5:30, lots of stress of just hoping to even be able to even make it to match play.

Then once I got in match play, I was kind of like I'm just playing with house money right now, so let's make a run. Let's make some noise. The game felt good all week. It was really fun playing against Evan today.

#### Q. Did you play at Auburn?

CONNOR DOYAL: I did not.

#### Q. Just went to school there?

CONNOR DOYAL: Just went to school there.

**Q. Industrial engineering major? Are you using that degree at all? I see you're caddying.**

CONNOR DOYAL: I know Pops isn't too thrilled I'm using my industrial engineering degree just to be a caddie.

Moved to Atlanta out of school, had a job there for a little bit over a year. I just had the golf bug. I just wasn't playing enough golf, so I moved somewhere where I could play a lot of golf. Really the past year and a half, I've been doing whatever I can to play a lot of golf.

#### Q. And you've won some stuff. City Amateur?

CONNOR DOYAL: Yes, and I won the state match play as well.

**Q. Obviously you have some game to get to the quarterfinals of this championship, your first USGA event. Pretty good week.**

CONNOR DOYAL: It is, but whenever everything is manicured so perfect, it does make it easier to play well. Kinloch is just an unbelievable experience all the way around.

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