

# U.S. Amateur Championship

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Bandon Dunes

## Spencer Tibbits

### Quick Quotes

**Q. You had the honor of hitting the first ball; how was it being an Oregon State kid and having the chance to hit the first ball in the state amateur in Oregon?**

SPENCER TIBBITS: It's pretty cool. I've gotten to play here quite a bit over the years, so playing the U.S. Amateur here, being the first tee shot is pretty cool. It was a neat experience.

**Q. You've played here a bunch of times; do you feel like coming in you had a little bit of an advantage maybe knowing the winds, knowing kind of the turf, knowing the conditions?**

SPENCER TIBBITS: Maybe a little bit. But even when I come out here, it's just as hard for me. I mean, it's howling and the grass a little bit here you're hitting off fescue, and putting with the wind is really hard. Yeah, I've had some practice on it, but still, when I come out here it's just as challenging it seems as the first time I've done it.

**Q. How many times have you played out here?**

SPENCER TIBBITS: I've probably played -- probably overall maybe 15-ish times, 15, 20 times around all the courses.

**Q. All in competition?**

SPENCER TIBBITS: No, not necessarily. I've played Old MacDonald once, played a tournament on Trails once before, and the last couple years we've had college tournaments at Pacific Dunes and Bandon Dunes.

**Q. Do you feel like you got a little bit of a break? You got out there this morning when it's not as windy and it's projected to be really blowing this afternoon.**

SPENCER TIBBITS: I got a huge break. When I was off at 7:00 a.m., I was like, thank you so much. I didn't take advantage of the first like 10 holes. There was a little wind,



but not nearly as bad as what some of the other guys are going to have to deal with later in the day. I just made a bogey and a bunch of pars, and then kind of towards the end I knew it was getting windy, so I was like, just hold on, and somehow managed to hit some really good shots and make some birdies coming in.

**Q. I think your dad said you played better when it got windier.**

SPENCER TIBBITS: Yeah, I think I just beared down a little bit more and knew that each shot was a little bit more meaningful.

**Q. When it gets like that, do you find mentally you focus a little harder?**

SPENCER TIBBITS: I do. I also feel like I'm a little freer because I know if it goes wayward, it's really hard to begin with, so you've got to be kind to yourself when all that's -- it's going to be really hard to get these shots off, so if it doesn't go your way, it's going to be okay. Everyone is going to deal with it.

**Q. What were your birdies on the back?**

SPENCER TIBBITS: I birdied the par-5, 13, and then almost aced 15, hit it to about six inches.

**Q. What club?**

SPENCER TIBBITS: 6-iron from 158, just punched one. It looked like it just barely grazed the hole, and then I managed to birdie 18, as well.

**Q. Did you reach it in two?**

SPENCER TIBBITS: No, I kind of ballooned one in the right fairway and hit another ballooner kind of short left and I hit a nice pitch out to about seven, eight feet but straight downhill and really had trouble reading it because of all the wind, so I picked the line and it happened to go in.

**Q. How far was the putt you said?**

SPENCER TIBBITS: Probably eight feet, yeah.

**Q. Obviously a great start with a 70. Going into**



**tomorrow, any type of game plan for Trails? It's a little different type of course.**

SPENCER TIBBITS: Yeah, I've played Trails in some pretty high winds, so I know it's going to be really hard. I know that. Bogeys are almost inevitable at this point. Just as long as I can limit those to bogeys and nothing worse and just try to make as many pars as I can, that's basically what I'm going to try to do.

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