

# U.S. Amateur Championship

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## Sam Harned

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Reading your bio, kind of a late bloomer with you, with your game. You walked on to the golf team a couple years into school.**

SAM HARNED: Yes, my junior year of school, and it's all worked out from there on.

**Q. What made you decide to give golf -- obviously you must have played in high school?**

SAM HARNED: Yeah, I played through high school. I tried getting on some teams through my first two years but just -- Jacob Wilner of Nevada gave me a spot junior year, and very thankful for that and made it all happen.

**Q. Did they actually put you on scholarship?**

SAM HARNED: Yeah.

**Q. You originally walked on?**

SAM HARNED: Yeah.

**Q. By your sophomore or junior year?**

SAM HARNED: Junior year.

**Q. So for two years what were you doing then?**

SAM HARNED: Just being a normal student. But it was fun. It was very fortunate and very lucky to kind of get one of those sides of college where I had like the college side as well as the student-athlete life.

**Q. Were you much of an AJGA type of kid?**

SAM HARNED: No, I didn't get in any of them, and I didn't spend the money for it, either. But yeah, no, I just played local SCGA events and First Tee throughout my high school years and just kind of played some other events through my first two years of college.



**Q. So kind of a different route to this, where you see some of these kids out here all decorated with all kinds of national and international honors?**

SAM HARNED: Very different, yeah. We talk about it, too. I think it's made me think about things differently. Like I've definitely taken a different path, and it kind of makes me feel kind of a little bit fortunate with working hard and all the efforts I've shown.

**Q. Do you feel like a little bit of an underdog out here this week?**

SAM HARNED: Yeah, we had -- it was kind of a rough first day. We battled back yesterday. Yeah, I'm playing some good golf right now, so I'm just ready to take on whomever they throw at me.

**Q. Is this your first U.S. Amateur?**

SAM HARNED: Second. I played last year.

**Q. So you qualified, went through qualifying last year?**

SAM HARNED: Went through qualifying, qualified and missed the cut by two last year. We definitely made it work this year.

**Q. Were you in on the ranking?**

SAM HARNED: I was in on the ranking. I was like 70 something and I got in.

**Q. So you kind of climbed the ladder then?**

SAM HARNED: Yeah, I got fortunate when I started getting ranked, and I just played some good golf since then.

**Q. Are you done with school?**

SAM HARNED: I graduated last fall, so now I'm going for a second major and going to play another year of golf.

**Q. So you're going to take advantage of the NCAA's fifth-year type of deal?**



SAM HARNED: Yeah, so now I'm a super senior, so I get my four years of eligibility. Yeah, my sixth year.

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