

# U.S. Amateur Championship

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The Ridgewood Country Club

## Chris Francoeur

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. Tough finish, I guess.

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: I got a couple bad breaks coming in.

#### Q. I think you were at 5-under.

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: I was 5-under with like three holes left or -- yeah, three holes left. I hit it under the lip of the bunker on 6 and ended up making bogey. My last hole of the day, 8, I hit it in the left rough and I couldn't get more than rob wedge on it. Could have been solved by hitting better shots, but overall happy with the round today.

#### Q. This course seems to be playing tough. To shoot 68 out here, that's a good number.

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: Yeah, coming into today I was telling myself, anything around even -- anything under par would be a really good score today. Like I said, happy with the round today.

#### Q. You just got into the field about a week ago?

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: Yeah, just got in as first alternate.

#### Q. When did you get the call?

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: I had been in contact with the USGA probably like two weeks ago and they told me there was a chance I was going to get in, and they called me probably about a week ago and told me that I got in. Actually one of my teammates, Jiri Zuska, was the reason I got in because he was exempt through the --

#### Q. EACA?

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: Through the Amateur Cup. Yeah, and we did our qualifier at the same place, and I was first alternate. Shout-out to Jiri.



#### Q. Did you send him a little thank you note?

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: Yeah, he stayed with me for the first two months of the summer, so I guess he owed me one there.

#### Q. He basically didn't go back to Europe then?

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: Yeah, he went back for like a week or so. But from the beginning of June until mid-July him and I were just traveling around the country playing tournaments together. Him and I grew super close while we were at school, so it was awesome to see him playing -- he was just dominating this whole summer. I wouldn't be surprised if he makes it far into this week.

#### Q. Your results this summer have been kind of indifferent. Did anything in the last week change, give you a positive vibe coming into this week?

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: I played well in the Western last week, which was good coming into this week. I was right on the cut to make match play and just kind of made a late bogey. But the first half of the summer it had really been my putting that just wasn't good. There was a lot of three-points, a lot of missed putts that really just shouldn't happen. I mean, I putted well today, which is good. I've been working hard on my putting.

#### Q. Did you injure yourself at Open qualifying?

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: No, I actually was on the 18th tee and the horn blew, and I was out of it.

#### Q. So you just decided not to come back the next day?

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: Yeah, there was a storm cell coming and we didn't know how long it was going to last. I had one hole left and I was, whatever, a couple over par.

#### Q. So you had already ended your second round --

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: Yeah, so I played the first round and then played 17 holes the second round. It wasn't worth it to wait around. If I made birdie I still wasn't going to make it in, and I had like a 12-hour drive home. Yeah, it was time to call it a day after that.



**Q. Are you done at Louisville?**

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: Yeah, all done.

**Q. Are you turning pro at the end of the summer?**

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: Yeah, this will be my last amateur event. I'm going to Korn Ferry Q-school next week.

**Q. This is kind of a little tune-up for that?**

CHRIS FRANCOEUR: Yeah, yeah. You really can't get any better preparation for that than coming here.

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