

# U.S. Amateur Championship

Monday, August 15, 2022  
Paramus, New Jersey, USA  
The Ridgewood Country Club

## Stewart Hagestad

### Quick Quotes

**Q. 69, you had an eagle too, correct?**

STEWART HAGESTAD: I did. Yeah, that was cool.

**Q. How far was the shot?**

STEWART HAGESTAD: I don't remember. It was like 65.

**Q. The Eagle was on 6?**

CADDIE: I think we were 163 stick.

**Q. What did you hit?**

STEWART HAGESTAD: 8-iron.

**Q. That seemed to jump start your round because you jumped out birdie-bogey --**

STEWART HAGESTAD: I double-crossed one off the first tee, and then I double-crossed an iron off the second tee, and then I double-crossed a drive off the third tee and it hit a tree and knocked me back inbounds. At that point I didn't really know where the ball was going. If you had told me after the third hole I would have shot 2-under I would have walked straight in and gone and had cocktails. That would have been great.

That was a good fight, and I was definitely spinning a little, but we weathered it and on to tomorrow.

**Q. You've done this enough, you've just got to get into match play. Shooting a good number the first day is always --**

STEWART HAGESTAD: Kids are getting better and better, and this is a U.S. Open setup. The USGA did a great job setting it up super tough. Yeah, I'm thrilled with that round.

I think our group, I was 2-under, Wenyi was 1 and Davis



was 1. I think that's a pretty good group.

**Q. How was it playing with a couple other USGA champions? Obviously Ding is coming off winning the Junior in impressive fashion, Davis won the four-ball --**

STEWART HAGESTAD: I mean, Wenyi just shot 5-under on the back, which is pretty sporty. Then Davis, I feel like every other hole he was looking at a tap-in birdie. No, it was fun to be with those guys. I think when you play, you definitely can have kind of some momentum go one way or the other, and I think as a group, everyone -- it was good. It was fun to watch.

**Q. Have you played much since the Open?**

STEWART HAGESTAD: I played the Northeast. That's it. I played a member-guest with my boss. I haven't really played at all since the Northeast.

**Q. Do you have any expectations for this week?**

STEWART HAGESTAD: Play great.

**Q. Yeah, but when you haven't played -- you're normally a guy that plays a lot of golf in the summertime, comes into these things raring to go --**

STEWART HAGESTAD: I'm pretty regimented. That's on the internet. WAGR reports what I've played in. No, I play in six or seven events a year, and then if there's a couple things that are cool that you get to qualify for then you get the chance to play in those.

I was in Chicago the whole month of July. I played once. I played like a Friday afternoon, Saturday, Sunday. Probably can't play I played Friday afternoon because I kind of snuck out of the office, so let's scratch that one. But I played on a weekend. Literally that's about it.

**Q. So you got a couple practice rounds in --**

STEWART HAGESTAD: Yeah, I had a little bit of time to kind of get ready for it. No, I felt sharp. It certainly helps playing in the Open earlier this summer just from an expectation standpoint and what you expect and all that.

**Q. And the golf course perspective, too --**



STEWART HAGESTAD: Yeah, and I love coming back to the Met area because MGA is great. All good.

**Q. Have you played here much before?**

STEWART HAGESTAD: I've never played here. I've played Arcola. I played in the Arcola Cup and I played it once.

FastScripts by ASAP Sports