

# U.S. Open Championship 2023

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Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina, USA

Pinehurst Resort & C.C. (Course No. 2)

## Wyndham Clark

### Quick Quotes



**Q. A little bit of everything in this round today. How would you describe it?**

WYNDHAM CLARK: I mean, I'd say definitely took a lot of grit. I didn't have my best. For the way I've been hitting it off the tee I'd say it was pretty good. I made a lot of nice putts, hit some good iron shots. This course is just so difficult.

If you miss a green, even though you give yourself all the green in the world, it should be somewhat of an easy up-and-down, but you're into the grain on your chip and then you have to go uphill and then downgrain. It was just difficult. It's really easy to make bogeys out here.

**Q. It looks like you're in good shape as far as the cut is concerned. I don't know if that's a concern to you or not, but as far as the championship is concerned, how do you feel about your position at this point?**

WYNDHAM CLARK: I mean, I hope I make the cut. For me right now, that would be a huge win. I haven't been playing my best. Missed a few cuts in a row. Not hitting it as good as I would have liked.

But I'm doing a lot of good things. I'm starting to make some putts. My short game really helped me this week. If I make the cut and figure some things out, I'm going to maybe make a run, but if anything just making the cut was a huge win for me this week.

**Q. Can you be too far back here --**

WYNDHAM CLARK: No.

**Q. Is this a place where you can get a lot back in a hurry?**

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, if I made the cut and went and shot a 4- or 5-under tomorrow when it's a little softer, then you're only four or five back going into Sunday, and you never know.

I mean, it's definitely an outside chance, but at the same

time with how difficult this place is, if you get it going and miss in the right spots, a little bit of luck, yeah, you can do it.

**Q. As a defending champion do you feel any kind of pressure when you come back to defend something that you just won?**

WYNDHAM CLARK: I mean, yeah, but at the same time, no. I felt pressure to play well these last few weeks just because I haven't been playing well. I honestly wasn't looking at this week as me defending much. I was just really looking forward to having a nice week of trying to gain momentum for the rest of the year is the way I've been looking at it.

**Q. You made a lot of birdies today; does that mean you can shoot a low score this weekend?**

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, if you hit good shots and they're on the greens, they're really pure so you can make putts. I've got to hit more fairways so I can then hit more greens. Missed too much of those to do that.

Yeah, I think you've got two par-5s and a couple of short ones. You're going to have to hole some putts and hit some nice iron shots, but I think going low is 5-under. It's not 7- or 8-under.

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