

U.S. Open Championship 2026

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Shinnecock Hills Golf Club

Xander Schauffele

Quick Quotes



Q. Xander, just talk a little bit about your round out there today.

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XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it was kind of a little bit of everything, to be honest. Kind of a slow start. Then had a bad stretch of golf there 10 through 12. I hit a great bunker shot on 11, but could have been worse, I guess.

Then I was just trying to get back into touch. Wyndham is playing great, and he's at 8-under, and kind of the rest of the herd is trailing by a lot, and I'm one of them.

Yeah, just kind of a long day, U.S. Open day.

Q. Can you talk about that bounce-back after 12?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I mean, I just three-putted on 12 and then got aggressive on 13 with driver off the tee and was able to hit one to tap-in, so that was a nice way to sort of restart, and then snuck a birdie in there on 15. I was trying to get back in the red. That would have been a success, I would say, for how the day was going. But I'll take it, as of right now.

Q. Looking ahead to tomorrow, can obviously play a little bit more aggressive. Are there certain spots out here you're looking to take advantage of as opposed to how things were playing the first three days?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: You know, the way this tournament is panning out, if I can -- in my mind, if I can get to 4- or 5-under, that would be all-world. I'm not even sure if that's possible tomorrow. We'll see with how the USGA sets the course up. But I'm assuming the members here at Shinnecock don't want to see 8-under winning, so I'm assuming the wind will go and less water will be put on the greens. It's going to play sort of what I remember in 2018.

Kind of the way this is turning out, it's all in Wyndham's hands, really. If he plays a really solid round of golf tomorrow, if he shoots even par or 1-over or 2-over, he's going to win the golf tournament. That's how I think it's going to pan out.

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