

# U.S Junior Amateur Championship

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Bandon Dunes Golf Resort

## Preston Stout

### Quick Quotes

**Q. First of all, tell me how excited you are to be in the quarterfinals.**

PRESTON STOUT: Really excited, yeah. I came here wanting to go all the way, so just a couple more matches and we'll be there. But yeah, it's been really fun so far.

**Q. I know you did really well in your state championship the last couple of years. Has that helped propel you to this point?**

PRESTON STOUT: For sure, yeah, especially Texas 6A golf. There's a lot of good competition. Yeah, and it's always windy in Texas and super windy out here, too, so yeah, that helps for sure.

**Q. You got off to a great start today; tell me about that front nine. Not that the match was over as we found out later, but you were up seven at the turn.**

PRESTON STOUT: Yeah, I was just hitting it really well and I was able to make a few putts, so I was just playing really well.

On the back nine, the putter just went cold, had two or three three-putts in a row, but I got to close it out.

**Q. Was that a true eagle at the 9th hole?**

PRESTON STOUT: Yes, it was.

**Q. Tell me what you hit.**

PRESTON STOUT: I hit driver down the right side like just in the rough, and then I caught a little flier with 5-iron, hit that to like 25 feet and made that down the hill.

**Q. What was the yardage on the 5-iron?**

PRESTON STOUT: 255, 260, somewhere in there. Yeah, it was downwind, though.



**Q. Was there any nerves at all, even on the back when the lead started going down?**

PRESTON STOUT: A little bit maybe on 16 where I knew I had to step up and hit a few shots because it got a little close. But yeah, I knew I just had to tie one hole. I was fairly comfortable. Yeah, but a little nervy there.

**Q. With the wind and being from Texas, tell me how much that helps you in these conditions.**

PRESTON STOUT: Yeah, a lot. You have to learn how to flight the ball and hit it low in Texas. It's a little firmer out here, so you can just hit a lot of low shots and just have them run up on the green. Yeah, it definitely helps a lot.

**Q. Do you get a chance to play a lot of links style courses in Texas?**

PRESTON STOUT: There's a few around Dallas, Trinity Forest is one of them. I get out there a good bit. I got out there a lot before coming here just to prep for that. There's a few others, but it's mostly more tree-lined courses. Yeah, there's a few.

**Q. To this point, would you say this is the best you've played or the best result you've had in this kind of a level of championship?**

PRESTON STOUT: It's definitely up there for sure, yeah. This fields all the best kids in the country. To make it to the quarterfinals, yeah, it's a good feeling for sure.

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