

U.S Junior Amateur Championship

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Daniel Island Club (Ralston Creek Course)

Will Hartman

Quick Quotes

Q. Nice little birthday present, getting to the semifinals?

WILL HARTMAN: Yes, sir, it is pretty nice. I'm looking forward to it. It was a lot of fun. Tommy played great golf today, and he did not make it very easy, but it was a lot of fun.

Q. What made it possible for you to win the match?

WILL HARTMAN: I guess towards the middle of the round I started to get some momentum, some putts started to fall, and just tried to keep rattling off pars and hope he didn't win any holes.

Q. You had a stretch there where you won three straight holes on the outward nine, 4, 5 and 6. What were some of the key shots in that stretch?

WILL HARTMAN: I'd say for sure it was the birdie putt on 4, making a pretty long putt up and over a hill. That kind of kick-started things.

Then 5 I made a really nice birdie again, and 6, Tommy didn't hit the best drive, and it just allowed me to kind of play a little safer and still ended up winning the hole.

Q. How long was the putt on 4?

WILL HARTMAN: It was probably 30 feet, 25 feet up and over the hill.

Q. He cut into the lead on the back. You were still 1-up. But then you won 13 and 14. Tell me with winning those two holes?

WILL HARTMAN: 13, definitely I got a break there. I actually chipped in, and he had about 20 feet for birdie, and I think if I didn't make it, he probably would have made it. But match play stuff happened, and it ended up flipping.

Then 14, I hit a pretty good wedge and was able to make it.



Q. Tell me about the distance on the chip-in on 13 and what club you used?

WILL HARTMAN: It was a 58-degree. It was about five yards off the front of the green, and the pin was probably eight yards on the green. I thought I hit it a little short when I hit it, but it ended up getting there thankfully.

Q. How dicey did it get at the end when he closed the gap there?

WILL HARTMAN: Yeah, he made it stressful. His up-and-down on 17 was incredible, and he definitely made it harder than it needed to be. So hats off to him; it was awesome.

Q. Was your strategy to play 18 as a three-shot hole?

WILL HARTMAN: Yeah, my caddie wanted me to hit 3-wood there. Didn't matter what the scenario was.

Q. What was your yardage on your shot into the green?

WILL HARTMAN: It was 100 yards, it was 54-degree. Came up a little short, but luckily we tied the hole and got it done.

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