

# Senior PGA Championship

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## David Hutsell

### Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: David Hutsell is with us now at the 2025 Senior PGA Championship. You've played in quite a few major championships and this one is a bit unique in that it's a bit of a home game for you. How special is this opportunity this week?

DAVID HUTSELL: It's very special, living just over an hour away from here in the Baltimore area. To have so many friends and family hopefully are going to come down and watch this week, it's quite a special feeling to get that kind of support. I don't get that every week when I play in section events and things of that nature. To come here to Congressional and get to let them see what this facility is like is going to be a great week.

**Q. What sort of history do you have at Congressional playing?**

DAVID HUTSELL: Well, some pretty good history. 2025 we had our mid-Atlantic PGA section championship here before the changes were made to the golf course. I was fortunate enough to birdie the 18th hole to win by a shot. It was a grind.

The golf course, I would say, is playing a bit more difficult right now than it was that week, tournament conditions. But greens are certainly a little tougher than they used to be. The layout for the most part is pretty close. A couple changes. But yeah, it's certainly nice to come back here and know that I've had some success here in the past.

**Q. There's something about BCC; you have Joanna Coe, you. There's some champions and some big players coming out of there.**

DAVID HUTSELL: Yeah, Baltimore Country Club, it's a premier facility in Maryland. We just hosted the Big Ten championship a couple of weeks ago. It's a classic golf course, very challenging, large greens. The ability to get to play there occasionally and practice is a plus, certainly for what I get to do. But yeah, I've been there for this is my third season, and fantastic membership and extremely supportive of me and what I do, both teaching and playing,

and hopefully put on a show for them this week.

**Q. You were talking about your memories of playing here, but I wonder about your memories of seeing big tournaments here.**

DAVID HUTSELL: Oh, absolutely. I came here 2011, brought my wife and daughter. I think my daughter was five or six years old at the time. We came down on Saturday, watched Rory play a few holes that afternoon, and he of course went on to win Sunday. But I can remember watching Ernie Els win here in '97. I didn't come down at that time, but yeah, just amazing history here at this facility.

**Q. And the changes, what do you expect to see differently this week here with the changes that we have for the women's and for the KPMG?**

DAVID HUTSELL: Yeah, I unfortunately didn't get a chance to watch the KPMG. I saw a little bit of coverage. Probably should have watched a little bit more in the last couple weeks, but been a little busy on the lesson tee.

But I think the greens are going to certainly hold their own. There's definitely more movement in the greens than there used to be and a little more protected, as well.

**Q. Jason Caron was just in here a little while ago. He's an example, and you know, too, that these majors can be life-changing. What do you get from that and just being in other major championships?**

DAVID HUTSELL: Yeah, what a story. We all as club professionals last year, watching Jason at Harbor Shores and his performance there and what he has done since is just remarkable. Makes us very proud as PGA members to see one of our own have that kind of success. The Michael Blocks at the PGA a couple of years ago. We always try to hold each other up and be supportive because it's not easy doing what we do day in and day out, to come out here and compete at this level. We know it holds its challenges.



But it's a Cinderella story, I guess you could say, to turn that into a life-changing event like he did. We're all super proud of him.

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