

# U.S. Amateur Championship

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Cherry Hills Country Club

## Neal Shipley

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Talk about the play this morning. Both guys shot 5-under. Were you saying, what do I got to do to win here?**

NEAL SHIPLEY: Yeah, you shoot 5-under and you would think you'd be at least 1- or 2-up. Nick played great, and he just made a lot of putts on me this afternoon. You know, that's what it takes to win these things. He has what it takes, obviously, and I just didn't really play my best today. It is what it is.

**Q. You played pretty well, but when you walk off the 18th hole this morning, you had to say, man, I can win this thing.**

NEAL SHIPLEY: Yeah, I definitely felt like I could win. I hung in there today all day and a few bad shots, a few bad putts and Nick was right there to take those opportunities.

**Q. Seemed like he couldn't miss, especially in the five, six foot range.**

NEAL SHIPLEY: Yeah, he was really tidy instead of six, ten feet and made a few longer putts, too, so all hots off to him there.

**Q. Does that put a lot of pressure on you when you see your opponent making all those five- and six-footers.**

NEAL SHIPLEY: For sure. You know you're going to have to hit it tight and you're going to have to make a lot of putts, and it is what it is.

**Q. What about your week, though. Have you ever dreamed of something like this?**

NEAL SHIPLEY: It's pretty crazy. It's the stuff of dreams to be doing what you're doing, to do what I'm doing this week. Just glad I took time to soak it in every day and really enjoy it. This is likely my last Amateur, and just a



really cool week and something I didn't initially think I'd have the opportunity to do.

**Q. You probably didn't have time to think about what you get by getting to the final, but next year it's U.S. Open, Masters possibly -- well, they have to invite you, obviously, but what's that mean to you?**

NEAL SHIPLEY: Oh, gosh. I mean, playing the Masters has been a dream of mine since I was a little kid. I mean, you wake up early in the morning and start watching the coverage. When I was in high school I'd be in class watching coverage on my computer, not doing my schoolwork on Thursday and Friday. I think it's cool that I'll be out there, and excited to have a bunch of people with me.

**Q. You've seen the U.S. Open probably played at Oakmont before. What's it going to be like to be in that field now?**

NEAL SHIPLEY: That's crazy. One of the best fields in golf. I think it'll be just a week to enjoy and cherish. It's not every day you get to play a national championship with professionals, so I think that's going to be a really cool experience.

**Q. We've talked about this before, but what do you think turned the switch this year that's created your great play this summer?**

NEAL SHIPLEY: Just being around good teammates and good coaches and being able to see what they do so great and all that. That's been really good.

**Q. You became a fan favorite this weekend. Hitting that approach shot on 13 back there, what was it like to just kind of hear all the support from people for you?**

NEAL SHIPLEY: It was so cool. I never thought that that would happen ever. It's just cool, and it's going to be a special place because of that, I think.

**Q. You played really well today; what's it like in your mentality when you're playing as well as you are and you're still even or 1-down? What's that like?**

NEAL SHIPLEY: You just try and keep digging and keep



hitting golf shots. I just got out-dueled today. That's kind of what it is.

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