

# U.S. Amateur Championship

Part 2 Quick Quotes

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## Alex Smalley

**Q. Medalist, you come here, you get the first one done, out of the way. How do you feel about your day?**

ALEX SMALLEY: It was a long day. Struggled a little bit out there. It was a little different than the first two stroke play rounds. I didn't hit the ball as well as I would have liked to, but had some good up-and-downs, some good putts that kind of kept the momentum going. Had a rough stretch there right after we went back out after the weather delay, and I just kind of had some good holes after that, just kind of hung on from there.

**Q. Did you know much about your opponent Scott coming into today?**

ALEX SMALLEY: Yeah, I was familiar with Scott Harvey. We played earlier this summer at the North Carolina Amateur the first two rounds, so I knew he was a really good player. I knew he was going to be a tough opponent today. I'm glad I came out with the win.

**Q. What do you need to do tomorrow, a double-round day, if you win in the morning you've got to come back and do it again. What's your mindset going into the day?**

ALEX SMALLEY: You've just got to take it one round at a time. You can't think ahead to the second round if the first match isn't over yet. I know it's cliché, but you've got to take it one hole at a time, one shot at a time. You've just got to go in knowing it's going to be a long day, there's going to be some adversity here and there, but you've just got to adapt to the situation and take it from there.

**Q. Everything resets in match play, but is there any added pressure being the medalist in this thing?**

ALEX SMALLEY: Some might say yes. It's just golf. It was an honor winning medalist. I knew it was going to be tough, especially today playing Scott. But I don't think there's any extra added pressure. It's just golf. You've just got to go out and play.

**Q. He's a very experienced accomplished player in USGA match play. He made a little run at you right before the turn. How did you stay composed?**

ALEX SMALLEY: Yeah, like I said, I struggled a little bit



right after the weather delay, and he came at me. He played pretty well, and then I made a birdie putt on 11 that kept the momentum going, brought it back to all square, then had a couple more good shots, good putts, kept the momentum going, and just kind of hung on from there.