

## 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship – Storylines

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**WHO'S HERE** – Among the 156 golfers in the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur field, there are:

**Oldest Competitors:** Connor Nolan (17, born 7-25-98), Brice Wilkinson (17, born 7-25-98), Min Woo Lee (17, born 7-27-98), Anton Serafini (17, born 8-1-98), Matt Tolan (17, born 8-3-98), Ryan Grider (17, born 8-12-98), Sam Meek (17, born 8-12-98), Teddy Zinsner (17, born 8-13-98)

**Youngest Competitors:** Nicklas Staub (13, born 7-12-03), Daniel Thompson (13, born 10-6-02), Ethan Choi (14, born 3-21-02), Sampson-Yunhe Zheng (15, born 7-16-01)

**Average Age of Field:** 16.31

**U.S. States Represented** – There are 39 states represented in the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur: California (17), Texas (12), Florida (9), North Carolina (8), Arizona (6), Georgia (6), Illinois (4), Michigan (4), New Jersey (4), South Carolina (4), Virginia (4), Maryland (3), Minnesota (3), New York (3), Ohio (3), Pennsylvania (3), Tennessee (3), Alabama (2), Colorado (2), Hawaii (2), Massachusetts (2), Mississippi (2), Oklahoma (2), Oregon (2), Rhode Island (2), Utah (2), Washington (2), Connecticut (1), Idaho (1), Indiana (1), Iowa (1), Kansas (1), Kentucky (1), Missouri (1), Montana (1), New Hampshire (1), West Virginia (1), Wisconsin (1) and Wyoming (1).

**International** – There are 15 countries represented in the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur: United States (128), Canada (7), People's Republic of China (5), Australia (2), Republic of Korea (2), Philippines (2), Thailand (2), Chile (1), Costa Rica (1), France (1), India (1), Japan (1), Malaysia (1), South Africa (1) and Spain (1).

**USGA Champions:** None.

**Players in Field with Most Junior Amateur Appearances (2016 included):** Easton Paxton (4), Noah Goodwin (3), Won Jun Lee (3), John Pak (3), Davis Shore (3), Patrick Welch (3) and Shuai Ming Wong (3).

**Played in 2015 U.S. Junior Amateur (23):** Devondeep Bling, Brandon Gillis, Noah Goodwin, Ryan Grider, Ashkaan Hakim, Cole Hammer, Joe Highsmith, Eugene Hong, Won Jun Lee, Brandon Mancheno, Chris Nido, Andrew Orischak, Wells Padgett, John Pak, Jack Parrot, Easton Paxton, Cullen Plousha III, Reese Ramsey, Davis Shore, Travis Vick, Andrew Walker, Lane Wallace, Teddy Zinsner.

**Played in 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur (12):** Frankie Capan, Will Dickson, Ethan Farnam, Noah Goodwin, Zackary Kaneshiro, Won Jun Lee, John Pak, Easton Paxton, Anton Serafini, Davis Shore, Patrick Welch, Shuai Ming Wong.

**Played in 2013 U.S. Junior Amateur (3):** Easton Paxton, Patrick Welch, Shuai Ming Wong.

**Played in 2016 U.S. Open (0):** none.

**Played in 2015 U.S. Open (1):** Cole Hammer.

**Played in 2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball (5):** Frankie Capan, Chase Furey, Cole Hammer, Andrew Orischak, Shuai Ming Wong.

**Played in 2015 U.S. Amateur (8):** Austin Eckroat, Ethan Farnam, Noah Goodwin, Cole Hammer, Eugene Hong, Andrew Kozan, Brandon Mancheno, Andrew Orischak.

**Played in 2014 U.S. Amateur Public Links (1):** Easton Paxton.

#### PLAYER NOTES:

**Zachary Burch**, 17, of Lubbock, Texas, won medalist honors after making par on the sixth playoff hole in the Albuquerque, N.M., sectional qualifier. Burch rebounded from an opening-round 77 with a 67 to match Cristoffer Rudosky with a 144 for 36 holes. He also overcame a 20-minute delay during the playoff when the sprinklers were activated on the UNM Championship Golf Course's seventh hole. Burch helped Cooper High to the Region I-Class 5A runner-up spot and a state championship appearance.

**Frankie Capan**, 16, of North Oaks, Minn., set a tournament scoring record in winning the 2016 Puerto Rico Junior Open. He competed in this year's PGA Tour Puerto Rico Open and missed the 36-hole cut by one stroke. Capan, a rising high school junior, advanced to the Round of 64 in the 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur. He and Shuai Ming Wong formed the second-youngest team in this year's U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship and the duo advanced to the Round of 16.

**Paul Chaplet**, 17, of Costa Rica, won the 2016 Latin America Amateur Championship. He posted a one-stroke victory over Venezuela's Jorge Garcia with a 72-hole score of 3-under 285. Chaplet's win earned him a Masters invitation. He finished as runner-up in the IMG Academy Junior World-Florida Challenge, losing to Brandon Wang in a playoff, last December.

**Ethan Choi**, 14, of Canada, won the 2015 Alberta Bantam & Novice Championship and qualified for last year's Canadian Boys Junior Championship. He also posted top-10 finishes in the Alberta Junior Boys and CN Future Links Western Championship. In 2016, Choi captured the CJGA BC Junior Open by four strokes. His favorite athlete is two-time NBA MVP Stephen Curry, who has a low golf handicap.

**Trey Davis**, 16, of Olivehurst, Calif., started playing golf three years ago and entered his first competitive tournament in April 2014. Davis, whose primary sport was baseball prior to taking up golf, was chosen 2016 *Marysville Appeal-Democrat* All-Area Player of the Year and Tri-County Conference MVP. Davis, who will be a junior at River Valley High School, is a product of The First Tee of Sacramento. He has type-1 diabetes and takes multiple insulin shots daily.

**Will Dickson**, 17, of Providence, R.I., advanced to the Round of 16 in the 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur, losing to eventual champion Will Zalatoris. Dickson won his third consecutive state championship in June and became the second Rhode Island golfer since the mid-1960s to accomplish that feat. Dickson, who also swims freestyle and backstroke events on the Moses Brown High School team, won the 2012 Rhode Island Junior Amateur at age 13.

**Austin Eckroat**, 17, of Edmond, Okla., tied for eighth in the 2016 Toyota Junior Golf World Cup and helped USA win the team title by nine strokes. Eckroat won the 2014 OSSAA Class 6A individual state championship as a freshman. He tied for second as a junior this year and has led Edmond North High to pair of 6A state championships. Eckroat, who claimed last year's OGA Junior Boys Championship, won the Junior Invitational at Sage Valley in April.

**A.J. Ewart**, 17, of Canada, is a member of the Team Canada Development team. In 2015, Ewart won the British Columbia Juvenile Championship by six strokes and AJGA Sunriver Open. He also tied for second

in the CJGA Western Junior (under 19) and finished fifth in the Canadian Junior Boys Championship. He played in PGA Tour Canada's Freedom 55 Financial Open on a sponsor's exemption in May 2016.

**Ethan Farnam**, 17, of Crystal Lake, Ill., shot 67-64--131 to win medalist honors by nine strokes in the LaSalle, Ill., sectional qualifier. Farnam, a rising senior at Prairie Ridge High School, was the runner-up in the 2016 IHSA Class 3A state championship after posting a pair of top-25 finishes the previous two years. Farnam, who was given a plastic club by his uncle on this first birthday, qualified for the 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur and 2015 U.S. Amateur.

**Trey Fessler**, 15, of Otsego, Minn., will be playing in his first USGA championship after shooting 68-69--137 in the Blaine, Minn., sectional qualifier. Fessler, at 6-foot-1 and 240 pounds, tied for fifth in the MSHSL Class AAA state championship. A rising sophomore at St. Michael-Albertville High School, he won the Mississippi 8 Conference title. His father, Steve, is the head golf professional at Riverwood National.

**Brendan Gonzalez**, 15, of Orange, Calif., has worked with a speech pathologist since age 4 to overcome a neurological stuttering disorder. Gonzalez, who was self-taught by watching Tiger Woods videos online until he took on a coach at age 10, helped Servite High School win the Trinity League title and advance to the CIF state championship as a freshman. He was the medalist in the Carlisle, Pa., sectional qualifier.

**Noah Goodwin**, 16, of Corinth, Texas, made it to the Round of 16 in last year's U.S. Junior Amateur and advanced to match play in the U.S. Amateur, losing in 21 holes to Jake Knapp. In 2016, he has recorded top-five finishes in the Thunderbird International Junior and Junior Invitational at Sage Valley. Goodwin, who tied for 13th in the Northeast Amateur, has the same swing coach (Cameron McCormick) as 2015 U.S. Open and two-time U.S. Junior Amateur champion Jordan Spieth. His father, Jeff, is a professor of kinesiology at the University of North Texas.

**Galven Kendall Green**, 16, of Malaysia, shot a final-round 66 to win the 44th Southern Junior Amateur and become the first foreigner to win the championship. He was playing in his first American tournament. His older brother, Gavin, advanced to match play in three consecutive U.S. Amateurs, from 2012-14. An All-American at the University of New Mexico, Gavin now plays professionally on the Asian Tour.

**Ryan Grider**, 17, of Lewisville, Texas, reached the Quarterfinals in last year's U.S. Junior Amateur while competing in his first USGA championship. Grider, a rising senior at iSchool High School, received the Byron Nelson International Junior Golf Award in May. He posted three top-20 AGJA finishes last year and won the 2015 Byron Nelson Junior in a playoff. Grider was chosen 2014 Legends Junior Tour Boys Player of the Year.

**Ryan Hall**, 16, of Knoxville, Tenn., is a rising junior at Knoxville Halls High School. He tied for 13th in the 2016 TSSAA Class AAA state championship after tying for ninth as a freshman. Hall, who was chosen to the *Knoxville News Sentinel* PrepXtra first team, also won this year's AAA District 3 tournament. In 2015, Hall was selected Rolex honorable mention Junior All-American and AJGA Junior All-Star.

**Cole Hammer**, 16, of Houston, Texas, is playing in his fifth USGA championship. Hammer, who was the third-youngest player to compete in the U.S. Open when he played at Chambers Bay last year, reached match play in the 2015 U.S. Amateur. He also advanced to the Round of 32 in last year's U.S. Junior Amateur. Hammer, who was chosen Southern Texas PGA Amateur of the Year, led Kincaid School to the 2016 Southwest Preparatory Conference title and won individual honors in a playoff with Shuai Ming (Ben) Wong. He tied for 10th in the Azalea Invitational on April 3.

**Brendan Hansen**, 16, of Spring Lake, N.J., was the runner-up for 2015 Hurricane Junior Golf Tour Player of the Year. He won four HJGT events and posted four second-place finishes. Hansen, a rising sophomore at Christian Brothers Academy, won the NJSIAA Non-Public, South A sectional and led CBA to the team title. The Colts were third in the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions.

**Eugene Hong**, 16, of Sanford, Fla., advanced to the semifinal round in last year's U.S. Junior Amateur while playing in his first USGA championship. He won this year's AJGA Haas Family Invitational by four strokes and captured two AJGA tournaments in 2015, including the AJGA Junior All-Star at Innisbrook. Hong, who is a rising junior at Circle Christian School, was the runner-up in the 2015 FSGA Boys' Junior (ages 13-15) and runner-up in the 2014 FHSA State Class 1A Championship.

**Andrew Kozan**, 17, of West Palm Beach, Fla., is playing in his second USGA championship after qualifying for last year's U.S. Amateur at Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club. Kozan won the 2015 AJGA Puerto Rico Junior Open, which exempted him into the PGA Tour's Puerto Rico Open. A Rolex Junior All-American and last year's Junior Players runner-up, Kozan won the 2015 Florida Class 1A state championship and is a two-time *Palm Beach Post* Golfer of the Year.

**Tommy Kuhl**, 15, of Morton, Ill., will play in his first U.S. Junior Amateur after advancing from a 3-for-2 playoff in the LaSalle, Ill., sectional qualifier. Kuhl, whose older brother, Pete, competed in last year's Junior Amateur, made a 30-foot birdie putt on the final hole to reach the playoff. Tommy won the IHSA Class 2A state championship as a freshman and along with his brother has led Morton High to back-to-back state championships (2014, 2015).

**Min Woo Lee**, 17, of Australia, is the brother of Minjee Lee, who won the 2012 U.S. Girls' Junior and owns two LPGA Tour victories. Min Woo rose to prominence last year when he captured the Western Australia Amateur, tied for first in The Sprint International and tied for 10th in the Western Australia Open. He also won the Aaron Baddeley International Junior, held at La Costa Resort & Spa last December, and posted a five-stroke victory with a 72-hole score of 17-under 271.

**Won Jun Lee**, 17, of the Republic of Korea, is a rising senior at Saddlebrook Prep School in Florida. He advanced to the semifinals of last year's U.S. Junior Amateur, losing to eventual champion Philip Barbaree. He missed a playoff in this year's U.S. Open sectional qualifier in Jacksonville, Fla., after incurring a two-stroke penalty for tapping down a pitch mark off the green. Lee, who also reached match play in the 2014 Junior Amateur, earned Rolex Junior All-America recognition last year when he posted four top-10 AJGA finishes.

**Nicholas Lyerly**, 17, of Salisbury, N.C., won the 2016 North Carolina State Amateur on June 19 to become the youngest champion in the event's history. Lyerly, a senior-to-be at East Rowan High School, posted a 72-hole score of 8-under 280 to win by one stroke. He tied for second in the 38th Junior North & South Amateur on July 6. Lyerly has reached the North Carolina Junior Boys quarterfinals the last two years and the semifinals in 2014. He also tied for second at last year's Carolinas Junior. Lyerly won the 2015 NCHSAA Class 3A individual state high school championship.

**Brandon Mancheno**, 16, of Jacksonville, Fla., was the stroke-play medalist and advanced to the Round of 32 in last year's U.S. Junior Amateur. He was chosen 2015 FSGA Junior Player of the Year, finished third at the FSGA Boys' Junior and posted three Florida Junior Tour victories. Mancheno, who is a right-hander but plays left-handed, tied for fifth in the 2015 FHSA Class 3A state championship after tying for ninth the previous year. He has also placed in the FSGA Boys' Junior in 2013 (T-15) and 2014 (T-8).

**Joaquin Niemann**, 17, of Chile, shot a final-round 62 to win the 2016 Toyota Junior Golf World Cup in Japan with a 72-hole score of 17-under 267. Niemann, last year's TJGW runner-up, trailed by six strokes after the third round. In 2015, Niemann captured the IMG Academy Junior World (ages 15-17) with rounds of 66-70--136, on Torrey Pines' South Course, and the Sergio Garcia Foundation Junior.

**Noah Norton**, 17, of Chico, Calif., shared medalist honors with 66-70--136 at the Fresno, Calif., sectional qualifier. He also shot a 67 in U.S. Open local qualifying at Pasatiempo Golf Club, in Santa Cruz to advance to sectional play. Norton, a rising senior at Pleasant Valley High School, tied for fourth in last year's California state championship. He posted a top-five finish in the NCGA/CIF Nor Cal Championship for the second consecutive year and tied for 16th in the 2016 CIF State Championship.

**Andrew Orischak**, 17, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., was the 2015 U.S. Junior Amateur runner-up to Philip Barbaree, losing in 37 holes in the championship match. He and partner Doc Redman advanced to match play in this year's U.S. Amateur Four-Ball at Winged Foot. Orischak plans to enroll at the University of Virginia in the fall. He earned Rolex All-America honors last year and was the 2014 Class 3A state high school runner-up.

**Wells Padgett**, 17, of Wichita, Kan., is playing in his second U.S. Junior Amateur after advancing to the Round of 64 last year. Padgett, a senior-to-be at Maize South High School, won the 2016 KSHSAA Class 5A state championship after finishing second and fourth, respectively, the last two years. He became the youngest at age 13 to make match play at the Kansas State Amateur.

**Alexander Pak**, 15, of San Clemente, Calif., has won two U.S. Kids Golf World Championships (age 7, 2008; age 12, 2013). In 2013, he posted a 72-hole score of 12-under 204 at Pinehurst No. 8. As a freshman at San Clemente High, he was chosen first team all-county by the *Orange County Register* and tied for fifth at the CIF-SS Southern Regional. In 2015, he recorded four top-10 AJGA finishes.

**John Pak**, 17, of Scotch Plains, N.J., is competing in his third U.S. Junior Amateur. He advanced to the Quarterfinals last year, losing to Eugene Hong, 2 and 1, and reached the Round of 32 in 2014. Pak was runner-up to Davis Shore in the 2016 AJGA Rolex Tournament of Champions. He also tied for seventh in this year's CB&I Simplifi Championship at Carlton Woods and was the runner-up in the 2015 Jones Cup Junior Invitational.

**Trueman Park**, 17, of Chandler, Ariz., volunteered as a standard bearer at the PGA Tour's 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open. He won the 2015 AIA Division I state high school championship with an eagle on third playoff hole. Park, who led Hamilton High to a third-place finish, birdied No. 18 to get into the playoff. He was chosen AZCentral Sports Golfer of Year. Park claimed the 2016 State Junior Golf Championship by one stroke with a 36-hole score of 5-under 139 in June.

**Colby Patton**, 17, of Fountain Inn, S.C., is the son of 1989 U.S. Amateur champion Chris Patton, who now works his father's farm raising cattle and tending hay. Colby, who is playing in his first USGA championship, tied for 17th in this year's South Carolina AAAA state championship. Colby, a member of the Hillcrest High team, tied for 25th in the state tournament last year and was 11th in 2014.

**Easton Paxton**, 17, of Riverton, Wyo., is competing in his fourth U.S. Junior Amateur, the most of any player in the field. He advanced to match play in 2014. Paxton, who also reached the Round of 32 in the 2014 U.S. Amateur Public Links, won last year's Junior North & South Amateur. He is a three-time Wyoming Class 4A state high school champion and twice received the Wyoming State Golf Association Player of the Year. Paxton, who is inspired by his mother who passed away from brain cancer two years ago, earned all-conference honors in basketball.

**Adrien Pendaries**, 17, of France, won the 2015 Irish Boys' Amateur Open Championship to become the first French winner. He posted a 72-hole score of 2-under 286 to win by eight strokes. Pendaries tied for fifth in this year's French Amateur and tied for fourth in the Junior Orange Bowl.

**Cullen Plousha III**, 17, of Carlsbad, Calif., is part of an athletic family. His father, Cullen, served in the U.S. Marines and played football at the University of Arizona, while his mother, Mary, won four varsity letters as a member of the Wildcats' basketball team. Cullen, who is competing in his second U.S. Junior Amateur, was chosen All-San Diego Section first team by the *San Diego Union Tribune*.

**Reese Ramsey**, 17, of Austin, Texas, is playing in his second U.S. Junior Amateur after advancing to the Round of 32 last year. In 2016, Ramsey was sixth at the AJGA Haas Family Invitational and tied for ninth at the Western Junior. He fired a final-round 61 to win last year's Hale Irwin Colorado Junior. Ramsey tied for 11th in the 2016 UIL Texas 6A state championship after tying for third the previous year.

**Jack Rhea**, 17, of Jonesborough, Tenn., qualified for the U.S. Junior Amateur and won the East Tennessee Amateur in the same week (June 27-July 3). He shot 69-65--134 to earn medalist honors by

five strokes in the Murfreesboro, Tenn., sectional qualifier. His second-round 65 included eagles on Nos. 2 and 10 at Old Fort Golf Club. Rhea, a senior-to-be at Science Hill High School, tied for sixth in the 2015 TSSAA Division I, Class AAA state championship.

**Anton Serafini**, 17, of Lake Mary, Fla., is competing in his second U.S. Junior Amateur after advancing to the Round of 16 in 2014. Serafini, who was chosen All-Central Florida three times, helped Lake Mary Prep to a pair of FHSAA Class 1A state titles (2013, 2015). Serafini, who has already enrolled at Georgia Tech, has recorded three top-five finishes in the FSGA Boys' Junior Amateur.

**Davis Shore**, 17, of Knoxville, Tenn., is playing in his third U.S. Junior Amateur. He advanced to match play last year and reached the Round of 16 in 2014. Shore, who started playing golf at age 2, won the A/AA state championship with a birdie on the first playoff hole and was chosen *Knoxville News Sentinel* PrepXtra Golfer of the Year for a second time. Shore captured the AJGA Rolex Tournament of Champions on July 1 with a 72-hole score of 10-under 274. In 2015, he claimed the Junior Jones Cup Invitational. Shore won the FCG World at age 13 and was presented his trophy by Al Geiberger, the 1954 U.S. Junior Amateur runner-up.

**Nicklas Staub**, 13, of Boynton Beach, Fla., is the youngest player in the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur field. Staub shot 67-69--136 to win medalist honors by eight strokes in the Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., sectional qualifier. He won the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship, held at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, at age 8 and captured the Doral/Publix Junior (ages 10-11). In 2015, Staub won four Hurricane Junior Golf Tournaments. He tied for sixth in FSGA Boys Junior (ages 13-15) on July 8. His father, Peter, is director of tennis at Valencia Pointe.

**Daniel Thompson**, 13, of Phoenix, Ariz., is the second-youngest player in the U.S. Junior Amateur field. He has recorded four top-five Junior Golf Association of Arizona finishes this year. In 2015, Thompson won the Phoenix Metro Junior, Mesa City Junior and Chandler City Junior. He was selected JGAA Player of the Year in 2014 (boys 11-12), 2013 (10 under) and 2012 (10 under).

**Spencer Tibbits**, 17, of Vancouver, Wash., won this year's Oregon Junior Amateur after finishing runner-up the previous year. He also won the Pacific Northwest Junior PGA on the third extra hole and his second WIAA Class 3A state title in the last three years. Tibbits, a rising senior at Fort Vancouver High School, is a two-time *The Columbian* All-Region Boys' Golfer of the Year.

**Travis Vick**, 16, of Houston, Texas, is a three-sport athlete at Houston's Second Baptist School. In addition to golf, he is a quarterback/linebacker on the middle school and junior varsity football teams and a pitcher/third baseman on the baseball squad. He also played basketball through eighth grade. Vick, who reached match play in last year's U.S. Junior Amateur, finished ninth in the 2016 Texas State Amateur and fourth in the AJGA Western Junior. He has been counseled by family friend Hal Sutton, who competed in 18 U.S. Opens and won the 1980 U.S. Amateur.

**Andrew Walker**, 17, of Battle Creek, Mich., is playing in his third USGA championship. He was the fifth-youngest competitor (age 14) to qualify for the U.S. Amateur when he played in 2013. Walker, who wears a straw hat, won his second consecutive MHSAA Division I state championship in a playoff in June. Walker, who will attend Michigan State University in the fall, was selected Mr. Golf as the state's top player by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association for the third consecutive year. Walker lived in South Africa (ages 2-5) where he studied karate (Goju-Ryu style) and now has a green belt.

**Patrick Welch**, 16, of Providence, R.I., is playing in his third U.S. Junior Amateur. He won the inaugural Drive, Chip & Putt Championship at Augusta National in 2014 (ages 13-15) as an eighth grader. Welch became the youngest Rhode Island Amateur champion when he won in 2013 and successfully defended his title the following year. Welch, who is a three-sport athlete at Classical High, also won the 2015 New England Junior Amateur.

**Shuai Ming Wong**, 16, of the People's Republic of China, is competing in his third U.S. Junior Amateur. He tied for 13th in this year's Texas State Amateur and tied for seventh in the 2015 Texas State Junior.

Wong, a rising senior at The John Cooper School, and Frankie Capan formed the second-youngest team in this year's U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship at Winged Foot, where they advanced to the Round of 16. In 2015, Wong, whose nickname is Ben, won the Shell Houston Open Junior Championship by 12 strokes. He finished third in the Byron Nelson Junior on June 30.

**Norman Xiong**, 17, of Canyon Lake, Calif., is competing in his first USGA championship. He was chosen 2016 *Riverside Press-Enterprise* Golfer of Year after winning the CIF-Southern Section title as a member of the Temescal Canyon High School squad. He also fired a course-record 9-under-par 62 at Canyon Lake Country Club to win the Titan Invitational. Xiong, who was born in Guam, won this year's Thunderbird International Junior and tied for third in the Toyota Junior Golf World Cup.

**Wocheng Ye**, 15, of the People's Republic of China, is competing in his first USGA championship. He became the youngest player (age 12) to qualify for a European PGA Tour event when he played in the 2013 Volvo China Open. In 2015, Ye won the AJGA TaylorMade-adidas Golf Junior at Innisbrook with a 54-hole score of 2-under 211 and tied for 19th in the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship.

**Teddy Zinsner**, 17, of Alexandria, Va., is competing in his second U.S. Junior Amateur Championship. Zinsner shot a personal-best 66 in the Annapolis, Md., sectional qualifier. A rising senior at Gonzaga College High, he led his high school team to the 2016 Western Catholic Athletic Conference title as the medalist and was chosen first team All-Met by the *Washington Post*. His older sister, Addie, will be a sophomore midfielder on the Yale University lacrosse team.

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