

**2022 Western Amateur
Exmoor Country Club
Highland Park, Illinois**

Day 1

Weather: Swirling wind

Tee time: 1:40pm

Round up -

Got off to a poor start in some challenging conditions, was +2 through 8 which wasn't terrible and I knew I could make a few birdies on the back 9 to get it back to under par. However, I made a terrible 3 putt bogey on number 9 which put me at +3 through 9 and not in a good spot. Another couple bad mistakes on the back 9 gave me 3 more bogeys but managed to make a couple good birdies back-to-back on 14 and 15. I ended up shooting +4 which put me around T100 going into the 2nd round. This is the best field in amateur golf so you can't afford to be shooting those kinds of numbers. It was a good experience though as it was definitely the toughest course I've played with really long rough and some tough pin positions.

The numbers:

75 +4

2 birdies, 6 bogeys, 10 pars

Strokes gained -

Driving -2.50 (5/14 fairways)

Approach +.09 (11/18 greens)

Around the green -1.01 (2/7)

Putting -.92 (33)

Day 2

Weather: Swirling wind

Tee time: 8:40

Round up

Played really nicely today, drove the ball well, hit the irons ok, not great, struggled a bit on the greens but happy with how I played considering how tough it was. Ended up with +1 and my only bogeys were 3 3 putts, 1 of them was from 70ft+ so I wasn't too concerned with that one but made 2 other sloppy ones which cost me a really solid round. It wasn't enough to make the cut, missing it by 4.

The numbers:

72 - +1

2 birdies, 13 pars, 3 bogeys

Strokes gained-

Driving +2.12 (9/14 fairways)

Approach -.78 (16/18 greens)

Around Green - -.73 (2 out of 2)

Putting - -1.64 (35)

Wrap up - +1 ended up making the cut after 36 holes and then -7 got in the sweet 16 for the matchplay after 4 rounds. Unfortunately, average golf accompanied with a tough side of the draw that averaged 6 shots less than our side didn't help. Next up I will be flying to France for the Eisenhower in about 3 weeks time. I'll be practicing hard until then to try and bring some game with me to France, I'm looking forward to it.