



Tyler Strafaci celebrates after winning the U.S Amateur at Bandon Dunes

Bandon, Oregon - In the finest U.S Amateur contested in recent memory,

and 85 years after Frank Strafaci Sr. won the 1935 U.S. Amateur Public

Links, his grandson, Tyler Strafaci of Davie, Fla., captured the 120th

U.S. Amateur Championship in dramatic fashion at Bandon Dunes

Golf Resort. The fifth-year Georgia Tech senior rallied from an early

5-down deficit to defeat the SMU power hitter - junior Charles "Ollie"

Osborne of Reno, Nev., 1 up, in the 36-hole championship final.

It was Strafaci's fourth consecutive match to be decided on the final

hole. This time, he laced a 4-iron from 245 yards to 25 feet to set up

a two-putt birdie, the 25th of the match between the two finalists.

When Osborne, who pushed his 5-iron second from 212 yards to the

right of the green, failed to convert his birdie from 18 feet, the match

was over.

An emotional Strafaci embraced his father/caddie, Frank Jr., his mother,

Jill, and his older brother, Trent. He also was congratulated by 2021 USA

Walker Cup captain Nathaniel Crosby, himself the 1981 U.S. Amateur

champion, for earning a place on the team that will face Great Britain

and Ireland May 8-9 at Seminole Golf Club in Juno Beach, Fla., just a

short drive from Strafaci's home. There were tears of joy and several

primal screams of excitement, knowing he had fulfilled a lifelong dream

of winning America's oldest amateur competition and play in a Walker

Cup, something his decorated grandfather never achieved.

"That's why I always wanted to be the first Strafaci to make a Walker

Cup," said Tyler. "It's been a rough couple of years because I've been

pretty close to it, and now that I'm on that team, I feel like I've made

[my grandfather] proud, and I feel like it's just unbelievable. I mean,

it's something I've dreamt about and something that my father has told

me about, stories about my grandfather. So it's awesome.”

Match Score: Tyler Strafaci, Davie, Fla. def. Charles Osborne, Reno, Nev. 1 up

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