

# U.S. Senior Open

Flash Interview

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## Deane Pappas



**Q. (No microphone.)**

DEANE PAPPAS: Yeah, I just, my routine was a bit of a debacle. I hit it right down the middle of the fairway and then just made a couple of mental errors. Ended up with a double. I think on the back nine, I mean, it was playing tough, but I did, I felt like I made three mental errors that cost me more than anything else and then kind of scrambled a little bit going out on the starting out the front nine and then finished it off nicely with three birdies in the last four holes.

**Q. When you were going through 10, after the way you played yesterday, you're saying, how am I going to get this back, what are you saying to yourself?**

DEANE PAPPAS: Yeah, I mean, I knew it was going to be a tough back nine, so it was real disappointing to start off with a double, especially from the middle of the fairway. But just like yesterday, I said, well, I'm still even par, it's still right in contention, so just try to buckle down. I came back with a birdie on the next hole, I think I went birdie, par, birdie and then followed it up with two bogeys. And then bogeyed 18, which two of them were just bad decisions. And so I tried not to do that on the front nine, which we selected a lot better clubs on the front nine, and then just had some good yardages and basically had two of them go in and made a nice put on 9.

**Q. How is the course today compared to yesterday?**

DEANE PAPPAS: Definitely tougher. A little firmer, the fairways were running out a little bit, so I had some run into the rough. Played a little longer with the wind blowing. The holes going back into the wind were way longer than they were yesterday.

**Q. Given where you are on the leaderboard now, you're within six shots, that's definitely climbable distance, right?**

DEANE PAPPAS: Oh, yeah. I mean, you can get on a little run here. Still got to play it like a U.S. Open, you got to be patient, try not to shoot at some silly pins, and then just try to take advantage when you get your chances.