

# U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship

## Quick Quotes

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## Ellen Port

### **Q: That was a bold putt on your last hole.**

Ellen Port: Yes, I actually practiced that for fun. During the practice round I was about twenty yards behind that and I hit it really nicely with a wedge and I said, "Guys, watch this!" I took the putter and almost put it in. I didn't really know if I had the guts to do it. I was happy. I would have loved for that to go in. It would have been an eagle. I needed it because I hacked around on the front-9 a little bit.

### **Q: What was that about?**

Ellen Port: It was waiting. We waited on every shot and I have not played waiting golf. I got quick. I had some wedge shot touches ahead of greens ahead of clubs. I fended one into the green and got a double. Then from the middle of the fairway I yanked a pitching wedge on number 14. That was my double. I really yanked it over the green. I just really did not like to play slow. On the back it picked up more. We were able to step up and hit. I don't know if that is an excuse, but I was quick on some swings. My tempo was off on a few swings.

### **Q: Today was really a day of positioning, but do you care about the medal?**

Ellen Port: No. Not at all. I want to go against the golf course and learn some things. Lara (Tennant) was saying that she missed more greens today and that will serve her well. You have to get a feel for it. I missed some shots. It's a reminder to respect hole locations. You have to reacquaint yourself with the golf course and learn. I just look at qualifying as a day of learning. Somewhere down the road something that happened will serve me well... distance, speed of the green, a mistake I made before, waiting. You never get too old to learn.

### **Q: Martha (Leach) was joking that being the medalist was a bit of a hot potato and they didn't want it. Do you feel like that?**

Ellen Port: No. I want to play my best golf. I've won the whole thing when I'm the medalist and I've won when I'm not the medalist. It's all how you play. It doesn't have anything to do with your position here. It's not the medalist. You just don't know. I'm trying to get medalist and I'm trying to play the best golf I can. If I get medalist, I say that I played the best golf of all the people here for two days. It's a game within a game. A tournament within a tournament.

### **Q: The group you played with was a comfortable grouping.**

Ellen Port: Yeah. We all came back. We had some hiccups. Judith played steady today. Lara missed a few more greens but had some great up and downs. Her back was bothering her a little bit. We all pull for each other and root for each other.

**Q: In looking at the leaders there are quite a few USGA champions there. Will something about being there before make a difference for tomorrow?**

Ellen Port: You have to win sometimes. Sometimes someone's hungry for it. I don't hang my hat on anything like that. We all have a lot of experience here. People who are playing here are 50-plus years old. They have been playing a lot of golf. I do think when you're trying to win your first you wonder if you're going to do it, but if its your week its your week. I don't think about that too much. You can't ride on your experience. Every day is a new day. It doesn't hurt. It doesn't make a difference though. I don't think it will. I play four or five tournaments a year and resurrect the game every year. I finally worked really hard to where I think my game is competitive. I don't feel like it really has been since I won in '16. I'm so happy to be playing better golf.