

# U.S. Women's Amateur

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Bandon Dunes

[Rianne Malixi, 68, -5]

**Q:** You could be medalists, and it would be the first time the defending champion has been medalist in 49 years.

**Rianne Malixi:** Oh wow, I didn't know that.

**Q:** Beth Daniel 1975, 1976.

**Rianne Malixi:** That's a long time ago.

**Q:** I was in like elementary school then. So just talk about the conditions today. Obviously there's no wind out here, the scoring, everybody, it's reflecting on what they're doing on the scoreboard.

**Rianne Malixi:** Yeah I was looking at the morning scores and there were some pretty low scores out there in the morning, but I was expecting the wind to pick up in the afternoon, but instead it got warmer so my ball actually flew further than what I expected today. So yeah, I think give or take it was a good set up for me, so I took advantage of it and yeah, I was able to shoot 5-under today.

**Q:** And you made a couple of bogeys today. You didn't have any bogeys yesterday.

**Rianne Malixi:** Yeah zero versus two.

**Q:** Yeah, I guess on 11? What happened on 11?

**Rianne Malixi:** 11, that's my second hole. I missed my shot on the right and then had a...

**Q:** Actually number 2 would have been, yeah...

**Rianne Malixi:** Yeah, number 2 yeah. It was a difficult chip for me, I left it short and then just two putted. Then on 8 I 3-putted on that one.

**Q:** OK.

**Rianne Malixi:** Yeah.

**Q:** And I know obviously you want to win every event you tee it up at, that's part of being a golfer, but what is it about this event you enjoy so much because obviously you win last year and now you're probably gonna have a chance to share medalist honors this year, so what do you enjoy so much about this competition?

**Rianne Malixi:** I mean, I've been playing this event since I was like 14, so I've always loved to come back to this event, see some familiar faces and what I really look forward to this week is really the match play set up. I think it really suits well with my game and that's what I've been really looking forward to these kind of events.

**Q:** What have you come to really enjoy about this course now that you've got

got a couple of rounds underneath your belt?



**Rianne Malixi:** Yeah, I'm very lucky to have my coach on the bag. He's played this course a couple of times out here, he knows where to miss it and where to place it and just this course is just really about placement. It can be really pin- irrelevant this week. And then, yeah, I think just really hitting targets all week long will definitely help.

**Q:** How about your pairing? You got paired with two other Girls' Junior champions, including the one girl that beat you a couple of years ago. Was that fun? Was that a—did you guys talk a lot out there?

**Rianne Malixi:** I mean, I'm very honored to play with them and it is a really good group, and yeah, I've talked to Kiara and Aphrodite a bit. You know my coach is the one really carrying the conversation all day, he pulled out a couple of dad jokes today and made it really interesting, so yeah.

**Q:** OK, well congratulations.