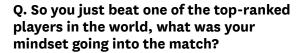
#### **U.S. Girls' Junior**

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 Colorado Springs, Colo., USA Eisenhower Golf Club, Blue Course

#### **Audrey Rischer**



AUDREY RISCHER: I've been hitting the ball really well all week, so I was just thinking about having the same swing thoughts and playing my own game, and whatever happens, happens.

# Q. Did you take an underdog mentality playing against someone who has that kind of reputation?

AUDREY RISCHER: Yeah, I've played with her before, and I knew that she was a really good player. I was just thinking, 'I'm just going to go out and do what I can and hopefully it's enough.'

#### Q. Where had you played with her before?

AUDREY RISCHER: I played with her in an AJGA event.

### Q. Would you consider this one of your biggest wins as a young player?

AUDREY RISCHER: Yeah, it feels good.

#### Q. What are some of your career highlights?

AUDREY RISCHER: I won an AJGA event last year in Illinois, and obviously qualifying for this event, making match play and winning my first match. That's a huge deal, this is my first USGA event, so this feels pretty good.

## Q. How did you treat coming in as a first timer, what kind of expectations did you have?

AUDREY RISCHER: I've been playing really well recently, so my goal was just to make it to match play. Not get ahead of myself, but now that I'm here, just keep winning.



### Q. In terms of the course, how did it feel today compared to some of the other rounds?

AUDREY RISCHER: Pins were tough, quite a few tucked pins, as you can see. It felt like it was in great shape, greens are firm so you have to keep that in mind, and there's a lot of break, so just getting really good at lag-putting, not really hitting it to go in but just hitting it to get close when you're far away from the hole.

# Q. Was there a key moment in the match where you started to feel like you were taking control?

AUDREY RISCHER: Yeah, so, I made the turn at 2-up, I birdied 9, and then I also birdied 10, so then I was 3-up, and I was more comfortable. Made a few mistakes, lost my lead a little bit, but coming into 18 my heart was racing so fast, so I was just thinking, 'just play steady golf, play smart golf, don't do anything stupid'.

#### Q. When you got to 3-up did you feel like you changed your approach at all?

AUDREY RISCHER: A little bit, yeah. Because I went for it on 11 and I hit it in the water because I didn't have a great lie in the fairway. I was like 216 [yards] out, so I really wanted to go for it, which I probably wouldn't have done if I wasn't 3-up. But that's about it, I tried to play the same as I would.

### Q. Do you think you found something about yourself in these last couple of days?

AUDREY RISCHER: Yeah, definitely. I think my mental approach is a lot different now, I feel like I can tell myself I belong here, and I'm good. Just

changing that mental switch where you just believe in yourself a little more, that's happened a lot.

### Q. What's your mindset going into your next match?

AUDREY RISCHER: Just not really focusing on what anyone else is doing. I can't control what they do, so just do my best and play my own game.