

# U.S. Senior Women's Amateur

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## Ellen Port Quick Quotes



### **Q. A 3 and 2 win today, could you walk me through the round? How was it out there?**

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: You know, it was actually a very tough match. We both played, I thought, very well. It was a tough match. I think I played a very good player today. It was a battle. She made a couple mistakes on the back nine coming in, and that made the difference.

### **Q. What was the pressure like with both of you playing at such a high level?**

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: It was nerve-racking for me. I actually hit my irons very well today, my drives I had no clue where they were going, but my irons were really good. Even when I missed my drive and I was in trouble, I would hit a good iron shot and have it, you know, in the vicinity of 20 feet.

### **Q. Was there a highlight? A specific shot that comes to mind with your irons?**

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: Yes. On hole 12, I totally missed my tee shot. I mean, I thought it was going to be in the jung. And I ended up in grass with a total blind shot. I couldn't see a thing. The pin was tucked, and the green has a 'u' shape, and I hit a blind 7-iron and put it to about 15 or 20 feet. She made par also, but that made a big difference in the match.

### **Q. In terms of match play, what is your mentality compared to stroke play?**

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: So, I haven't played match play in a long time, because I literally have not been playing. So, I took advice from Carol Semple Thompson, who told me that she basically plays the course. She doesn't play her opponent; she just plays the course. Obviously, there's a couple of moments, like on the short, driveable par 4 on the front [nine], where she hit her driver in the junk. So, I took a hybrid out and just put it in play. So, that type of thing changes the mentality, but for the most part I really try to concentrate on just playing the course.

### **Q. And did you play both practice rounds coming in?**

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: I did.

### **Q. Where did you feel your comfort level was at out on the course today compared to the rest of the week so far?**

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: I'm a nervous wreck every time I step on that tee. This is not how in the old days you were just excited to go to the first tee. This is hard. It's hard to compete again. So, you know, I literally just try to go out there and hit the best shot that I can, and if I miss it, I miss it. And I'm going to go find it and hit it again. So, I'm trying to put no expectations on my game. There are none.

**Q. And playing without a caddie, how's that experience been? Especially when it comes to reading greens and stuff of that nature.**

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: You know what? I have to tell you, because of the way the course is – there's such long drives between greens to tees. I think having a caddie, I'd be worried about the caddie having to walk to get there. This course in particular I think is very caddie-challenging. Because only one person can ride [in a golf cart], so the person's riding and the caddie is just trying to catch up. So, I'm glad I don't have one because of that. And I like the greens. There are a couple of times where I'm like, 'Oh, eenie meenie minie moe, alright, let's go straight on this one.' But for the most part, I feel like I can tell what's happening. But of course, having a local caddie would've been great.

**Q. Last question, you're finished up pretty early. What are your plans for the rest of the day, for preparing for tomorrow?**

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: I am going to go have some lunch. I'm going to go see if I can hit some tee shots. I'm going to hit some bunker shots, just chip and putt a little bit, and then I'm going to go home and take it easy. I'm tired.