

U.S. Senior Women's Amateur

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Troon Country Club

Ellen Port

Quick Quotes



Q: You shot the only subpar round of the tournament. How does that feel?

ELLEN PORT: It feels great because it's been a long time coming. I struggled- I hesitate to say the last 10 years because people will say 'yeah right, Ellen.' But everybody knows their golf game and I've had to fight to get my swing better and my putting better. (Be) a little more positive when things are happening on the golf course, so it was really rewarding today. My goal was to try and better my position and get in the top-10, top-5. Really, it was to play against old man par and try to play within myself and try to take care of the issues and the battles I need to win, so that was the victory- is just kind of bettering in the area of personal goals.

Q: How were the course conditions today? It didn't seem as windy as yesterday?

ELLEN PORT: It was still tough. This golf course is tough. It's relentless. We were talking about it... I really want to play with blinders on. I don't want to look right or left because I want to look center where I want to hit it. If you're too far right or too far left, you're in the gunch. And then once you get on the greens, it's a whole other story. But the highlight of my round, too, was hitting out of the bunker. I was getting a little skittish and ready to be done. I hit the right bunker on 18. I took a 5 hybrid and stuck it to the middle of the green. So that's what I love- is when you make a not quite so good shot and then you're able to come back

with a really good swing. And that's kind of what golf is. It's about managing your misses and staying positive, playing the way you're capable of. I get a little tentative in these qualifying rounds and I need to be full throttle and more aggressive. I just play sometimes to not make mistakes, instead of playing the way I know I can.

Q. How does it feel to go into match play as a favorite?

ELLEN PORT: That's great. It's an honor that anybody in this field- and my friends who are playing- feel like I'm a favorite. I'm just honored that they think that highly of me.