

U.S. Senior Women's Amateur

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Troon Country Club

Karin Luxon Quick Quotes



Q. You just defeated Alison Taylor in the longest match of the championship so far in 21 holes.

KARIN LUXON: Yes, that was quite a battle. Epic, yes?

Q. Yeah, you started off 1-up after two holes, and then never held the lead again until winning the match.

KARIN LUXON: We were very steady. First I think she showed some nerves. I started off and thought, 'Oh, I could get 2-up.' That's when I started to show some nerves. And then came that stupid par 5 [third], which I just can't seem to manage and mess up every time. After that, I was like, 'Karin, come on. Get your act together and just do what you did yesterday. Then the flow started coming, which was great.

Q. Did you know Alison previously?

KARIN LUXON: We know each other from playing in European championships and are staying together this week in an AirBnB. When she asked me if I was coming here, I told her we had a house rented with two spare bedrooms, and she was more than happy to stay with us. She said, 'Yes, why not? That's a good idea.' We've really had a great time.

Q. So what did you think when you saw the pairings for the Round of 64 and you were playing each other?

KARIN LUXON: We saw it and I thought, 'How, with 132 players, can it be that Alison and I have to play against each other?' My husband and our friend made jokes the whole evening, like who is going to poison whose breakfast, right? Things like that. All in good fun and good spirit.

Q. Does that make for a different match? Facing not only someone you know, but someone you're staying with?

KARIN LUXON: Yes, it does, really. I learned it a little bit at the European championship. In the first match I played kind of a friend, and I was a little bit too friendly. You have to try to separate yourself a little bit mentally, and I was able to do that much better now. I had my caddie, so you have like a little unit and you separate yourself. You really have to stay in your own little bubble.

Q. How did you win the last hole?

KARIN LUXON: I said on the tee box, 'Par 5, No. 3, you owe me something. You really owe me something.' I was 5-over the last two days there, and I said, 'You really owe me something, little hole.' I'm glad it gave it back to me.

Q. This is your first appearance in this championship, correct?

KARIN LUXON: Yes. It's been on my bucket list for quite a few years. I was going to come back and qualify in Florida, which fortunately I did not have to do. So, when I got an exemption for being top-30 in the WAGR, I was very happy.