

# U.S. Senior Women's Amateur

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Troon Country Club

## Kathy Hartwiger Quick Quotes



**Q. Your winning score today, 8 and 7, ties the largest margin of victory in a Senior Women's Amateur match. What are your thoughts?**

KATHY HARTWIGER: Wow, that's excellent...

**Q. You had three birdies across both rounds of stroke play, and today you had four. What was working for you out there?**

KATHY HARTWIGER: Well, I think for me personally, when I go from stroke play to match play there's just a freeing that happens. Especially on a course like this, where unplayable is something you have to take sometimes. There's just a freeing feeling, and I'm just continuing trying to improve. Yesterday, I was uncomfortable, but it was okay. I felt like I grew and learned from being uncomfortable, similarly to at the [Senior Women's] Open. Today, I saw that trend of getting uncomfortable, and I just got back to swinging the way I know I wanted to swing. Don't protect, don't try to steer it, just go with it and see what happens, instead of being a little more fearful about what could happen. And, I mean, this course is just an incredible test, because it can make you want to steer, and you just have to let it go. And the birdies, I just got really great yardages those three holes in a row, and I just hit it exactly like I wanted to. And the last hole, I had a 39-foot putt, which I made, and it was just another freeing putt.

**Q. How would you describe your comfort level on the course after these last few days?**

KATHY HARTWIGER: Oh, it's grown. Definitely. And the attitude I have is, obviously you have to have a really good game. You're going to have some tough matches and stress in these things – which I learned at the [Senior Women's] Open too, that stress is fine – and then you have to have some luck. So I think I'm just having that attitude, that ultimately what happens happens, and it's okay.

**Q. Would you say that that's your mentality as you approach your next matches?**

KATHY HARTWIGER: Yes, yeah. And just knowing it's okay to be uncomfortable. Ultimately, that's the mentality. I can play a little reserved, I can try to control it so that nothing bad happens, but a lot more bad stuff happens when you try that, and that's what I'm seeing. And it's no fun to play like that, it's way more fun to play like today, even if I hadn't won.

**Q. What are you going to do to prepare for tomorrow?**

KATHY HARTWIGER: Just eat and drink lots of water. Nothing special. We'll rest, find a funny movie to watch, that's it.