

U.S. Senior Women's Amateur

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Troon Country Club

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Quick Quotes



Q: How did your first round go?

PAMELA KUONG: Well, first of all, I had the best pairing and that makes all the difference in the world. I hit some really quality shots and when I missed, I had some pretty good chips and I was putting pretty well, which is what's needed here. I made one boo-boo on the eighth hole, but other than that, I was really solid.

Q: So you were really just able to recover well when you made mistakes?

PAMELA KUONG: Well, actually, I hit a lot of greens and then I made some putts. So, I don't know how many greens I missed but my putting was pretty good.

Q: So you were able to recover from mistakes well on the green?

PAMELA KUONG: Definitely, definitely. I mean, I had no three putts which is unbelievable on this golf course to have no three putts.

Q: And the short game is so important...

PAMELA KUONG: Yeah, especially with me because I'm a short hitter. So, if I'm hitting a long club in and, if I do miss the green, I need to be able to get up-and-down. I was fortunate I hit it pretty well. But tomorrow is another day, so we'll see what happens.

Q: The wind was coming in and out today. Did that effect your round at all?

PAMELA KUONG: Yes, it's funny because I thought- especially when I was downwind- it was going to take off, and it didn't. And then, so I thought- this was on our back nine, which is the front nine- that I was into (the wind). So, then I'm like, maybe I don't have the club up as much. And then I did after, so

that was some of the ones where you're just trying to figure out winds here, but I had just a great pairing and that makes it a very easy, casual, fun round.

This is a challenging golf course, and you have to be on, on the ball striking but I had such a fun pairing that it was a very comfortable round.

Q: Tell me a little more about the golf course. It's not an easy course, lots of desert. I don't know if you have a lot of experience with that?

PAMELA KUONG: No, definitely not. I'm from Boston so we don't have desert. But yeah, you've got to be apt, you have to keep it straight and there's no question with the greens- depending on where you are- can be super fast, even if you're uphill. So every time we get a round in, we're trying to say 'well, okay, is this a fast putt, a slow putt?' Course knowledge helps a lot.

Q: Hopefully you're settled in after 18 holes. What's the strategy going into tomorrow?

PAMELA KUONG: The goal is to be top 64 so I can get in match play, and nothing more than that. So hopefully, I put myself in a good enough position that I can make match play.

Q: What was the best shot you hit today?

PAMELA KUONG: The best shot I hit was on 9. And I was like, 'well, I was short the last hole into the wind,' so I'm just going to hit this and it almost went off the green because I hit it so well. Then I had a 60-foot putt and it almost went in. That was my favorite shot because I couldn't believe I hit it that far.