

U.S. Senior Women's Amateur

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Tara Joy-Connelly Quick Quotes



Q. You won 4 and 3, can you walk me through the match? How did you feel out there today?

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: You know, it was okay. Both of us were trying not to make mistakes, so kind of conservative. I felt good with the numbers I picked, left myself some good looks. It took a while to get my speed dialed in, but...

Q. Did you feel that that was a result of the green speeds? Or still just the adjusting of your game to the course overall?

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: It was more how I was approaching the putts. I hit it close a little bit in the beginning, and I wouldn't have to make it, so then my speed got a little messed up.

Q. How were the overall feelings of pressure during the match, whether on you or her?

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: I felt like I put pressure on her and just stayed there.

Q. What was your mentality coming into the match?

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: I always play match play like the other person is going to do everything right. They could be off in the desert, and 'Oh, they're going to make that shot.' Then, you don't ride an emotional rollercoaster. You just go, 'Okay, I have to make this next shot.' Each shot is its own piece, almost.

Q. Any specific highlights in your game out there today?

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: You know, I just hit it steady. And I recovered on 10 from yesterday's debacle. I hit a good drive, then a good short iron right up under the pin, so I was happy with that. Just shake that off and move on.

Q. How are you feeling as you look ahead toward the rest of the week?

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: Good, you know, the rest of the week you just have to make some putts when you need them. So, you'll see everyone hanging around here [practice putting green].

Q. Lastly, you mentioned hanging out here [practice putting green], but what else are you going to do to prepare heading into tomorrow when you could potentially play two matches instead of one? Anything specific?

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: Yeah. Nap. I'm still on east coast time, so I've been waking up at 2:15 every morning. So, definitely a nap and an early dinner.

