U.S. Senior Women's Amateur
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Portland (Ore.) Golf Club
Round of 64

Ellen Port, 19 holes

Q: Extra holes needed today. Describe the battle with Stacy (Slobodnik-Stoll) out there?

PORT: "It was fun. She is so delightful to play with. We played each other last year and that's when I got to kind of know her a little better. So when I saw who I was playing, I thought, this is going to be a good match, because I know she had a great senior women's open, and she is loose and just has a beautiful game. So, I knew I had to play well. We both hit the ball well. Each had a couple errant shots and didn't make putts. Then I made a nice putt on 16, a long putt, but then I three putted and gave it right back. I went 1-up, then, and then had to make a good two putt, and then one on that last hole. At first... Anyway, I, yeah, this course is challenging. I missed on the number one this morning, I thought I hit a perfect shot, caught the lip of the bunker, had plenty of club in the day. You know, I was able, on the second time around, to learn from that, and make a little adjustment. So it was a great match."

Q: What is it about this format that excites you the most?

PORT: The people, knowing that it's going to be good golf. I came here knowing that I was going to probably be in a bracket where I'd have to play great people from round one on. And that's what's happened. I played Stacy, and now I'm playing Lara, you know, three time champion, and so I just enjoy playing. I've worked hard on my game. I have not played well for a few years, so I'm looking forward to having a good match with my dear friend."

Q: What's it gonna be like tomorrow, teaming up with your four-ball partner you were a team just months ago?

PORT: "We know each other very, very well. And both of us are going to try our best to win that match and be happy, no matter who wins. That's kind of the way I feel. You know, if we both play our best, that's what I really want us to do, is both of us to play well, and just have someone play just a little better, make one little better shot, or a better putt. it's going be great."