

# U.S. Women's Amateur Championship

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Southern Hills Country Club

## Maria Jose Marin

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. You ran into a bit of a health issue. What happened on 13?

MARIA JOSE MARIN: So I had around 220 into the pin, and I was down of course. I was going to go for it. I don't know what I did or what happened there. I had a little bit of an uphill lie and, yeah, my knee -- I felt it pop or like kind of stretch more than it should.

It hurt really bad, like if something was not broken, but something was going on there, and I just like went to the floor and couldn't move. Yeah, that's pretty much what happened there.

#### Q. How would you describe the pain of something like that happening during the semifinals?

MARIA JOSE MARIN: I mean, it's of course a huge pain because I wanted to be until the final so bad. After getting to this point, I knew I was capable of doing something better.

I was doing really good. I was still holding on. I was down but I still got like, what, six more holes to go. I knew I could maybe do what I've been doing the last two days. So it's like I'm 1-down and I could maybe win it in extra holes or win it 1-up on the 18th.

It feels also bad for my knee because this kind of injury, it's been over a year -- it didn't happen in over a year.

#### Q. How difficult was it to say I can't play any longer?

MARIA JOSE MARIN: It was really difficult because as I said, I knew I could have done a lot more. Of course going into the finals. U.S. Am it would've been so good and would've been -- would've felt so nice to be there.

I looked at my dad and just said, I can't. I can't do this anymore. He was like, okay. Just take care of yourself.



As my coach said, I was smart on my decision I think for the rest of the season.

#### Q. As a whole how would you describe the emotions of this week, medalist, making it to the semifinals, and then unfortunately having to deal with the knee?

MARIA JOSE MARIN: Overall this week I felt really good. I came with low expectations coming into this week of course because of the course; this is a championship course; it's really tough.

And I said it a million times but I'm going to keep saying it: I wanted to make the cut and have a good chance into match play.

I was medalist. It felt really nice, and making it into the semifinals and having to retire, it's just things that happened, but I'm really proud of myself. I'm happy that I made it this far.

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