U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball

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Quick Quotes

Q. Talk me through the front nine. You guys birdied 2, 4 and 5. 4 and 5 seemed like big birdies because you got off to a 2-up lead and never looked back from there.

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: Yeah, I mean, it was good to have that lead. That's for sure. They made every putt that they had today, which was insane. We just kept on building confidence and we kept making our own putts to match them.

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: Yeah, I agree. Being 2-up through 5 of any match is always nice to have. It seemed like there were a lot of birdies out there between the two groups. I was just watching on 9 and you both -- Elle made a long putt and then --

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: I lipped out.

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: I lipped out, too.

Q. You both had good looks and ended up halving the hole. Is it fun to play in match like that?

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: So fun.

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: Being able to score that low on a course like this with the wind like this and the conditions is unreal. I mean, of course we don't -- we want to win, but we're rooting for them, and seeing them make all those birdies is fun, but it's fun when we do it, too.

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: It's always fun to make a clutch putt that's for birdie to tie a hole.

Q. So you knocked off the 1 seed and then you knocked off this good group in the afternoon. What does that do for your confidence heading into tomorrow and the semifinals?



BAILEY SHOEMAKER: I mean, it doesn't really change my mindset. It doesn't really -- it gives me some confidence for sure. I'm just going to treat it just like any other match this morning, just like our match with Cara and Vanessa and today.

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: I definitely agree. It definitely is a confidence booster knowing we just defeated two great teams and knowing we are playing well, and if we can keep playing like this, maybe we can go all the way.

Q. What happened on 15 and 16 there? Walk me through those birdies.

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: My partner made a lot of clutch putts.

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: On 14 it was not a good hole for us, and I missed like a six-foot par putt. Total misread and I pulled it, so that was pretty disheartening. So I just got mad, and I was like, let's go get these last two holes, and I was like, let's make it the last two holes because we did it in our previous matches, so we went birdie-birdie.

Q. How long were the putts?

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: Both of them were hers.

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: Eight to ten feet.

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: Yeah, eight to ten feet.

Q. So you both have played in the Four-Ball, just not together. Tell me about how you guys decided to play together.

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: We're just really good friends. I wanted someone who I knew I'd have fun with who I knew if I was partners with them we could compete to win the whole thing, and to have fun while doing it was a big thing for me. There was no doubt when you asked me to be partners first, but there was no doubt I didn't want to.

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: Both of our original partners are off at college. It was kind of a mutual thing we found each other, but we're just really good friends. We played a couple team events like Junior Solheim and Wyndham Cup, and just practice for that really helped us.

. . when all is said, we're done.

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: Yeah, I agree.

Q. Long day of golf today, two rounds. How tough was it?

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: I'm glad we didn't play all 36. That's all I care about. We cut two holes short. 32 holes was my max today, which definitely a long day of golf. Try to pace ourselves tomorrow again. I think we did a good job of that. Hopefully we can go all the way tomorrow.

Q. You guys have won all three of your matches 3 & 2.

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: I know, I was thinking that on the last hole. On the last hole I was like, we've got to make this to keep the record.

Q. Now that you're semifinalists you're exempt into the four-ball the next two years. What does that mean to you? Do you think you'll come back?

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: She's going to be in college a semester early, but I hope we can keep doing it together.

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