

# AIG Women's Open

Mixed Zone

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## Chiara Tamburlini



**Q. Maybe a slow start. 3-under. How are you feeling the last two days?**

CHIARA TAMBURLINI: I feel like I played pretty solid. In the beginning I was quite shaky this morning, I'm not sure why. I was quite nervous, and I saw a lot of trouble left and right. Hit a couple of really poor shots but managed to kind of keep it together. Around the turn made a good putt on 8, and that kind of got momentum going. Obviously eagle on 13 helped a lot as well. Had a bit of a hiccup on 16, but I managed to save bogey, so that was good.

I have to say that overall it's been really solid tee to green. I feel like last week already I played really solid but just didn't really make any putts. It's nice to see some putts drop now today.

**Q. Talk to me about the eagle. We didn't catch it on the live. Talk me through how it went.**

CHIARA TAMBURLINI: I hit a big drive, and I had a 7-iron in and hit that to like 10 feet and made a putt.

**Q. Did you hit many drivers out there today? I saw you hit an iron on the 2nd.**

CHIARA TAMBURLINI: I hit a couple of 3-irons, but I feel like on the back it's a lot of drivers, except maybe 17. A lot of drivers on the back because there's a couple holes downwind where you can really use the distance, and a couple in through, there's just no question. Not too many drivers, though.

**Q. Just talk to me, last year you made the AIG Women's Open, you missed the cut. A year on you're right in contention after two days. What's been the biggest difference?**

CHIARA TAMBURLINI: I've had a -- I don't want to say love-hate relationship because it's more of a hate relationship with links golf really my entire career. The last year, I had a good prep camp for Scottish and British with my coach and felt like I was actually starting to kind of get the game of it more, how to hit the shots on links, but kind of couldn't put together a score.

Did the same training camp again this year with my coach just for a couple days and felt like I had a good week in Scottish, and obviously playing good now.

I think I'm just kind of learning to see a few different shots and give up a bit on my normal yardages and these kinds of things. It's more about seeing and feeling it than a number really. I think that's been the big difference.

**Q. Bringing Byrne in for this week on the bag, he's a very experienced caddie. He's been with Leona Maguire. How big of a help has he been?**

CHIARA TAMBURLINI: He's been good. I think especially he's quite used to lot about links golf being from Ireland. There was a couple lies where he was like, no, it looks all right, but be careful because it's thicker than what it looks, and a couple of chips as well. He's been pretty good at helping me read some of the lies where maybe I would have gone with the wrong one.

No, I feel like we're working really well together, making good decisions. So that's been nice.

**Q. Finally, I see your mom and your sister walking, I think, every hole out there with you. How nice is that?**

CHIARA TAMBURLINI: It's so nice. I love it when they're here. They're both just so positive always and keep going with a smile. It's so nice having a familiar face here rooting for you. Also off the course it's been great to have them here.

**Q. I would just say the position you're in, you're basically guaranteed a big group going into major Saturday. How excited are you for the challenge?**

CHIARA TAMBURLINI: I'm just so excited. I think it's incredible to play in front of big crowds. Hopefully it will be that tomorrow. There's been a lot of people out here yesterday and today really already. Yeah, I love to play in front of big crowds. I'm very excited about that.

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