

The Chevron Championship

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Memorial Park Golf Course

Farah O'Keefe

Quick Quotes



Q. Joining us after the third round of the The Chevron Championship is Farah O'Keefe. Farah, a good even round today. Can you just talk a bit about if you're still having fun out here and what the experience has been like?

FARAH O'KEEFE: Yeah, I'm having a great time. Today was a little bit of a tougher day. I feel like I missed couple shorties. Today I missed three putts inside of six feet. I wouldn't say it's like me, so that was a little bit frustrating.

I was still able to say positive. Bentley and I were joking down the fairway on almost every hole. There was a pretty big crowd out there which I always love, so it was great to see all the kiddos following.

I think getting that younger generation interested in golf is really, really cool, and I'm kind of happy to be in that position.

Q. You played in the Augusta National Women's Amateur so you're no stranger to crowds and kids asking for your autograph. What does it mean to you to have a group following you out here is and to be genuinely inspiring kids in your home state?

FARAH O'KEEFE: It's really cool. I mean, think it's win the things you that always want to do. You want to be the person that they look up to, so I try to be a good role model in every way I can. Like I said yesterday, I try to be authentic and just myself. I think that any time I see kids, actually I had a mom walk up to me and she gave me a wristband for Heaven's 27, which is the group girls that passed away in the floods here in July. I am carrying a couple other things on my bag to represent that.

I think it's -- I just like the fact that, I don't know, that I'm in a position where I can be a voice for that. It touches my heart. I knew one of the girls personally and I had a couple others that I had connections to, so I don't know, pulls at your heart strings.

So there is that aspect, and also the little kids out here

having fun. I just want to be someone who will talk to them and give them fun along the way and not be someone who just walks by and gives them a fist bump when they're reaching for a high five and signature.

This is an experience for them, too. It's not just me up here. I get to play the golf, sure, but they're watching and having fun, and maybe they're going to go ask dad to go buy them a set of clubs when they get back home and they want to go play. So it's cool.

Q. We were talking about Pauline a little bit earlier just about the way the leaderboard is stacking up. She is like I look at it, Pauline is doing Pauline. I know that is something that rings true to you. Can you talk about how you're continuing to be just be Farah out there?

FARAH O'KEEFE: Yeah, I don't know, the thing that I do is just play my game. However it stacks up against everybody else is the way that it happens to finish. So tomorrow is the last day, and I'm going to give it the best that I got.

There is a couple things that I can sharpen up today and get ready for tomorrow. I think I'm not going to watch the leaderboard. I'm not going to be stressed about it. Of course I want to finish top 15 so I could get that second LEAP point, but that's just the end goal.

Those things happen by making sure I do all the small goals in between.

Q. Did you go to an LPGA event as a kid?

FARAH O'KEEFE: I didn't. I went the Dell Match Play in Austin, which is a PGA TOUR event. I went there. I guess the first time I went I was in sixth grade. I had like a bobbed haircut and braces. It was great.

I watched Tiger Woods in person in 2019, which was very, very cool for me. I felt like that sparked some emotion and wanting to play golf at a higher level.

Two weeks later he won the Masters, so that was kind of -- it was full circle for me because I was like, oh, my gosh,



you really can achieve anything. I just saw that guy do that thing and he's the greatest player of all-time.

So, I don't know, just those couples times I got to go out there and watch I felt like it was so good for my game and my interest.

Q. How has playing in the Augusta National Women's Amateur atmosphere, the galleries helped prepare you for this week?

FARAH O'KEEFE: Yeah, that's a great question. It's fantastic. Any time you go out there, Champions Retreat always a little bit slower, then onto Augusta and all of a sudden a wall of people that walk in the front gate while you're warming up. It's just the coolest experience, and that's really neat.

I was lucky enough at Darius where I had a pretty good following there as well. A lot people there on their bikes just hanging out watching golf. So it's getting bigger. The amateur game, a lot more people showing up to watch, which I think is really, really special.

But I remember the first time I played in front of cameras I was definitely -- I was in too deep. I was so nervous. I didn't know what to do. Kept looking straight into the camera. It was very awkward.

I would be on the green looking straight into the camera and I caught it a couple times on the replay. Like what are you doing? So there is that part.

So just learning to be a little bit more comfortable, act natural, and be a authentic.

Q. When was that, when you first played in front of cameras?

FARAH O'KEEFE: I was 16. That was at the Volunteers of America which used to be in McKinney, so I got a sponsor's exemption into that by finishing second and they had an STPGA event up there that they gave exemptions to the top two finishers, so I was lucky enough to finish second in that and get that exemption.

My dad was on the bag for that one. Made the cut, which was pretty cool. So I had a really great time.

Q. At 16?

FARAH O'KEEFE: At 16, yeah. It was kind of -- told you, I was in too deep. It was scrappy golf. Didn't hit it very far. I was -- all I had was chipping and putting. I just kind of hung around the entire week. I played the course prior

which was like -- that helped a lot, because I was able to go out there and be like, okay, I'm probably more comfortable than everybody else. The conditions were pretty good that week, too. They were soft. The greens were soft that that favored me, somebody who doesn't hit it as long.

Now I feel like I'm one of the longer hitters, so I can fare on I feel like any golf course. Played the U.S. Open over the summer and it was almost 7,000 yards and I felt like I was okay. Didn't have a lot of long irons into those greens which was probably not the norm that week, and I feel like even this week I heard a lot of people talking about having mid-irons in and I feel like I've had quite a bit more wedges, which is super helpful at the end of the day, especially if they firm up the greens. If they get the greens firmer for tomorrow afternoon it will be interesting.

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