



Augusta National Women's Amateur

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Ingrid Lindblad

Quick Quotes

Q. Do you want to discuss this round today?

INGRID LINDBLAD: Well, I feel like I've been out there for like seven hours. What part do you want to hear?

Q. Let's start with the really bad first.

INGRID LINDBLAD: The really bad, on hole 12 I hit three good shots, hit a good putt. Nothing wanted to go in. So that was kind of just, it's a bogey.

14, I have a really hard time committing the shot to the right pin over the bunker with the wind swirling, so I just hit a very not-committed shot in the bunker, flew the bunker shot over the green, hit an okay chip but missed like a seven-footer for bogey.

Q. Did you have to sub your ball out there?

INGRID LINDBLAD: Yeah, so I scuffed it after the bunker shot and I asked our scorer if I could switch it out but it was like borderline because it wasn't scuffed through the shell, but there was a little bit of the shell sticking out of it, so a little thing was flaring. He was like, I don't know, so he called the rules official. She had to call the head rules official, and she mentioned there was a little thing sticking out on it, so she allowed me to switch it out. I don't know if I would have made the putt with the other ball. I don't know if it mattered.

Then on the next hole, I flared it in the right bunker off the tee. It's a long way to that bunker, but kind of up by the lip, couldn't hit it very far.

Hit the next one down the right bunker and had to have one foot out of the bunker and one in the bunker, so it was everything on three holes.

Q. Was it difficult playing once you guys got on the clock there?

INGRID LINDBLAD: I didn't think it was too bad. I was just trying to read my putts while the others were putting. It actually was kind of nice because you didn't overthink anything. Yeah, it felt a little stressful, but I think it was probably worse for Rachel because she couldn't find a sprinkler head with numbers on it on 18 so she got a bad time because of that. Alex, her caddie, told the rules official about that. I was like, that's not your fault, really.

Q. How would you rate the conditions here?

INGRID LINDBLAD: It's definitely the windiest we've had in the past four years. I want to say, as I said, I teed off on

the back, some of the holes on the back aren't crazy. They aren't too bad. But then you turn on the front and have a couple holes downwind, and then suddenly you have everything into the wind the last couple holes.

I think that stretch, 6 through 9, those are -- if you walk away even par there today, that's pretty good.

Q. The wind is probably going to stay going into Saturday. How aggressive do you think you can be on Saturday?

INGRID LINDBLAD: Well, I guess we'll see tomorrow how the greens are. They could be receptive like they've been here, or they could be very firm. I have no idea. You don't really get reports on how Augusta National is playing.

If it's soft enough, I think you can be pretty aggressive with it. We know they usually put some pins in bowls and you can be pretty aggressive, hit it a little right of it, hit it a little left of it, and it was funnel down to the pin. Either way you can be aggressive depending on the greens.

Q. Of the 14 straight pars you made to close your round today, what one are you most proud of?

INGRID LINDBLAD: That's a good question. 17 and 18 I got about eight- to ten-footers for par. I hit it up on the sleep just long right of the pin on 17, and in previous years some of the times I've been coming back, but it kind of stayed up there.

I thought I hit a good putt, but it ran eight or ten feet past it. Made that putt coming back.

On 18 I think I caught my wedge a little heavy, so I had a putt all the way from the front of the green to that back pin. I know from previous years how quick that putt is when you get up on that last tier, so I hit that one 10 feet past it but made the come-backer. Those were two pretty good pars.

Q. Was there anything that stood out yesterday after you did your stats?

INGRID LINDBLAD: I hit the ball very close to the pin yesterday. We have something called percent error index, so you base it on how far you have left after your shot, you divide that by how far you had. So I was at 3 percent something, which is from 100 meters, I average three meters. It's really good.

Q. Is that the best you've had ever?

INGRID LINDBLAD: At Clemson I had a 3.1 in round 2 or something. But under 5 is really good. Even if you're at 5, that's pretty good.

Q. Did that feel just as impressive considering the wind?

INGRID LINDBLAD: I mean, putting-wise it was good speed on everything, but if I hit everything two feet more, I probably would have made three birdies. Just putting is fine. Probably a little defensive on the greens. But it's all right. You don't want to be too aggressive in this wind, either, having four-footers in gusty winds.

Q. Do you like your position going into tomorrow?

INGRID LINDBLAD: Yeah, can go out and hunt a little bit.

Q. Are you keeping the same caddie?

INGRID LINDBLAD: Probably. He's caddied two tournament rounds there, I think. I think we'll be good. He has caddied for me the past three years here, so he has caddied every round out here. Obviously you have a local caddie tomorrow, but he caddied in '21 and '22 when I played that final round at Augusta.

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