



Augusta National Women's Amateur

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Laney Frye

Quick Quotes

Q. How do you feel like you played today?

LANEY FRYE: I felt good. Yeah, it was a beautiful day for it. Wind didn't pick up until late in the back nine. I was happy with my ball striking. Still learning the greens, but I've got a local caddie to help with that.

Q. When we talked to you yesterday, you weren't for sure you were going to make the cut, you were right on that line. Can you describe the emotions when it was official?

LANEY FRYE: Yeah, I saw it keep trending that way, so we were feeling better and better. Once it was official, it was like, nice, we can breathe. We can start getting excited about Saturday.

I didn't want to start getting excited before it happened, but that's where your mind goes, you kind of start thinking that way. So it was good.

Q. How are you feeling heading into tomorrow?

LANEY FRYE: I feel good. I'm going to go out there and have some fun. I have some friends and family coming out to support. Just a fun day of golf around Augusta National, doesn't get much better.

Q. This has been a goal for you for at least two years. How does it feel that you've checked that off here and it's official?

LANEY FRYE: It's good. There's not much else to say. I'm thrilled to be here, to compete. Never know what can happen. I'm a little bit out of the hunt for the lead, but you never really know.

The course is in perfect shape. If the putter got hot and the approaches are close, anything can happen.

Q. Have you won a tournament in your career -- Junior, Amateur, or College -- where you've come back from a significant margin?

LANEY FRYE: No, I haven't.

Q. What's the biggest margin you think you've come back from?

LANEY FRYE: I don't know. I haven't won since junior golf.

Q. Steve still going to be on the bag tomorrow? Change of plans, Teddy didn't come?

LANEY FRYE: No, I texted Ted and offered him a ticket to come and watch. He's like, it kills me not to be here. It kills me not to caddie for you. But I hadn't asked him. We're running with Steve this week.

Q. How would you describe the freshman version of you, getting to school, maybe confidence-wise, game-wise?

LANEY FRYE: Oh, it's changed so much. College golf has helped a lot and competing in the SEC with the best of the best.

Yeah, I was just a nervous little girl. I think I showed up on campus, I was still 17, but playing in that competition over time, it's developed confidence and kind of just learning who I am and what kind of misses I can tolerate and which ones -- let's avoid this significantly, like put an emphasis on not hitting it here.

It's confidence but also just understanding how I play golf.

Q. How much have you played with Ingrid?

LANEY FRYE: I've played probably four or five rounds with her.

Q. When was the most recent, do you think?

LANEY FRYE: We played at the last event, the first round.

Q. The one where she won by ten, right?

LANEY FRYE: Yes. We played the first round together. She shot 66, I shot 76.

Q. Statistically, she said that was her best ball striking tournament. What was it like watching that up close?

LANEY FRYE: It was just a look on every hole. I can't remember her chipping, honestly. On the last hole, it was straight -- it was like down 15, a significant dropoff on a par-3, and it's in the air, and she's like, Oh, I'm sorry, G, talking to her coach.

I was like, What's she sorry about, it's like 10 feet from the pin? And he's like, Well, if she made it, it would have been a new school record. I'm like, Who holds the school record? He goes, I'll give you one guess.

It's incredible. It's scary she hit it to 10 feet.

Q. Is she scary out here for you guys competitor-wise?

LANEY FRYE: I wouldn't say scary. I enjoy my time with Ingrid. We have fun together, tell jokes. My caddie is known for his dad jokes around this course.

Q. Intimidating?

LANEY FRYE: She doesn't strike me as intimidating, but that may just be me. We have a funny relationship.

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