



# Augusta National Women's Amateur

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## Bailey Shoemaker

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Talk about your final round at Augusta and thinking about it every morning you wake up and how you're gearing up for another shot this week.**

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: Yeah, a lot of people would take that week as a little bit of disappointment, especially when I played just about as good as I could have. I told my caddie, I told my parents and everything, there honestly isn't a shot that I could pick out that I could have done better on on that final round. Honestly, all I can do is take that as motivation.

I'm a very gritty and dedicated person, so I just took that entire day as more things to build off of, and honestly, I'm more happy that I didn't pull out the win so now I can come back this year and be ultimately gritty and just know what I'm capable of at this point and just use it as fire to light me up a little bit.

Yes, I do think about it most mornings when I wake up, and I'm absolutely so proud to say that. It's been such a good motivation for me to just get up every morning, go to practice, go grind eight hours a day and just know exactly what I need to work on and exactly what I need to do to be here and ultimately win.

**Q. How does being in that moment and having those experiences help you for this year?**

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: Yeah, being in the position where all cameras are on you, everybody is watching you, galleries galore, I feed off of that, and it's great to know what will happen if I'm in that position again.

I've always been a person with a lot of reps under my belt, so having more reps under that pressure, under that tension is only going to help me more. So now knowing exactly what it's like, and it will probably only be more stressful if I do hold the lead a little bit longer into the clubhouse. Obviously just the more reps I have under my belt, the better.

**Q. How do you feel like your game is coming into this week?**

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: So pumped, so excited. I've been working hard with my coach Dana Dahlquist and my coach Justin Silverstein and my dad, and just absolutely grinding it out, and we've put in a lot of work, a lot of effort, a lot of time, blood, sweat and tears into this week. I'm very happy with where my game is at, and I look forward to this.

**Q. Who's on your bag this week?**

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: Brian Drennan. He actually caddies for our old AD at USC Pat Haden, so he's got some USC in him, and he certainly knows a whole bunch of us. He used to caddie for my head coach at the time back in the day when he came out here. He knows the USC players quite well.

**Q. Talk about the course changes out here after the storm.**

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: Yeah, oh my gosh. We kept walking up to the hole, like, I remember that tree. Not there anymore. Of course especially on No. 4 and No. 9, our last hole of the day. It's so similar. Greens are hard as ever. Such a treat to be out here always.

The course is in immaculate condition. It takes water well. But yeah, the trees being gone is certainly a lot different. They're missed. They're missed. I stepped up on No. 4 today, I was like, I don't know where to hit it; I used to aim just right of the tree but now there's all this space, so what do I do. So it's a little bit of an adjustment but nothing too crazy.

**Q. You have quite a few teammates, don't you, out here?**

BAILEY SHOEMAKER: Half the team, technically. Technically half the team. There's only three of us here. Small team this year, and we're a very tight-knit group. It's so lovely to have Jasmine and Cathy out here. I love Cathy to death, and it's been awesome having Jas here this year. So many memories being made and of course more this week. I know I've said it a thousand times, but this week last year with Amari and Cathy was the best week of my life, and the memories we had together was unbelievable. I'm very blessed and grateful to have her here.

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