



Augusta National Women's Amateur

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Asterisk Talley

Quick Quotes

Q. Asterisk, welcome back.

ASTERISK TALLEY: Thank you.

Q. Talk about how your game is coming into this week.

ASTERISK TALLEY: I'm feeling good. I'm feeling fresh after playing Sage last week. I'm feeling good, just knowing that I think my game is in a good place going into such a great course.

Q. You've had a pretty good season it seems like so far. Talk about your spring.

ASTERISK TALLEY: It's been fun. I hope to do well this spring. I have a lot of good tournaments in me for the summer, just kind of preparation. I think from last year rolling into this year, I'm playing really well, so I'm really excited.

Q. Talk about your experience last year and how that maybe will help you this year.

ASTERISK TALLEY: I mean, it was just a great time last year. I came for pretty much just the experience. It was so much fun. I think now I've kind of gotten some course knowledge, I've gotten some preparation, so I think that's going to help me going into knowing the little quirks of the course.

Q. Changes on this course after the storm; do you notice any changes out there?

ASTERISK TALLEY: Oh, yeah. Two of the most infamous trees came down on, what was it, 16 and 4, I think. Those are like the trees that made this course hard. Now it's just like you get to -- the course is so open now, and it's so much more fun.

Q. This isn't your first time, like you said, here at this tournament and Augusta National. What's it like to come back here and compete?

ASTERISK TALLEY: It's always fun. Never gets old. The course never gets old, seeing Augusta National. I'm really excited knowing that I've played it before, and I know how the course is. So I'm really excited to get out there and shoot my best score.

Q. You played it last year. You're going to play it again this year. How can you describe how cool it is to be able to play Augusta National?

ASTERISK TALLEY: Yeah, it's surreal. It's a euphoric feeling being here and everyone waits all year for it, to get that invitation, and to get to come here and have your best time and play your best golf, and you just hope to play well on such a legendary course.

Q. Who's your caddie this week?

ASTERISK TALLEY: My caddie is one of my dad's friends and old coworkers. He caddied for me at the U.S. Girls, and we had a lot of fun, so I'm really excited to have him on the bag again, and we're going to have a lot of fun this week.

Q. Does he get to be on the bag at Augusta National, as well?

ASTERISK TALLEY: He didn't -- I don't know. He's not going to be on the bag, but just because, like, I feel like he wanted to kind of step back and give me the professional feeling kind of, but he would have had a lot of fun. He wants me to have the same caddie I had last year at Augusta National because he feels like it worked really well and he doesn't really want to get in the way and stuff like that.

Q. You're 16 now; do you have your license?

ASTERISK TALLEY: No, I don't. I don't even have my permit.

Q. How do you feel like you've matured over the last year to prep you for this week?

ASTERISK TALLEY: Yeah, I feel like myself, I've matured knowing that my expectations have changed for this tournament. I'm not coming out here just to have fun. I'm coming here to shoot a good score and try and win, and I think my game has matured, as well, just trying to play better golf all the time.

Q. What are you most looking forward to the next couple of days?

ASTERISK TALLEY: Just playing Augusta, of course. It's always so fun. When you're out here playing Champions you're having a lot of fun, and then you get to Augusta and you're having the best time of your life all week, so it's really fun.

Q. What goes into that mentality change because last year you came for fun and this year -- take us through that process. What do you tell yourself?

ASTERISK TALLEY: Yeah, just knowing that last year I came for fun and I got top 10, and now that I'm really grinding it out and trying to prepare really well, I think I can shoot a good score out there and hopefully climb up the leader board.

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