



Augusta National Women's Amateur

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Lottie Woad

Quick Quotes

Q. Lottie, what's your mindset going into tomorrow's round?

LOTTIE WOAD: I'm feeling pretty good. I think just I've got a game plan for this course that I know I can play and works well. So I think I'm just going to feel comfortable with that and look to maybe get off to a good start, maybe put some pressure on.

Q. What is that strategy that you have laid out? What is the essence of your game plan?

LOTTIE WOAD: I think it's a pretty positional course in terms of like the greens. There's certain pins you can access, certain ones you can't. The greens are a little firmer this year so you've got to be careful with a few shots that you maybe can't go at the pin, just take your par there. Just stuff like that really.

Q. Do you ever use data to kind of lay out your plan? What resources are you using to figure out each hole here?

LOTTIE WOAD: A little bit. I've got the yardages and clubs that I played last year and the run-outs and stuff I was recording today, like how far the ball pitches and lands. I can use that a bit tomorrow.

Q. Lottie, who's going to be on the bag tomorrow?

LOTTIE WOAD: My same caddie I've had every year, Steve Robinson, our England coach.

Q. Obviously you prefer him over taking a local caddie. Has there ever been a consideration that you'll take a friend or a coach?

LOTTIE WOAD: He is a coach. He's our England coach.

Q. Has there ever been any consideration to take a local caddie then?

LOTTIE WOAD: Not really. He's been here quite a lot, so he knows.

Q. Can you take us back to last year and your preparation before the final round; how does it compare to this year?

LOTTIE WOAD: Pretty much the same, to be honest. Obviously played the course, and I didn't play the par-3 last year. I'm not going to play again this year. I'm probably just going to go putt and hit some balls and keep it the same really.

Q. Those sensations still feel the same even though you've done it before?

LOTTIE WOAD: It feels a little bit different. I've got kind of the memories from last year, but still feels like the same golf tournament really.

Q. Talked to your coach, and she was so thrilled describing what your Saturday practice looks like. She had really good detail about how you are so distinct from any other person that's gone through the program. She said you practice putting from 8:00 to 12:00 specifically and then practice at a low, medium, and high rough. How would you describe your Saturday getting ready for a tournament?

LOTTIE WOAD: I mean, that's pretty specific she said that. I guess it depends what I need to work on.

I do spend a lot of time in the practice area and the putting green. I'm very into my stats. So just kind of depending wanting to work on really.

Q. What are the stats now that you're sifting through?

LOTTIE WOAD: What ones I need to work on? Going into this week it was kind of inside 15 feet, so I did a lot of work last week on that. It seems to be getting better.

Q. Did you let your mind wander at all as you played 15, 17, and 18, thinking of last time you played those holes and where you were and the putts you made? Did you let yourself look back on the year and enjoy what you did as you played those holes for the first time since the championship?

LOTTIE WOAD: Oh, like watch it back? I haven't really watched it back, to be honest. I mean, I've watched the putt on 18 like quite a lot, but that was about it.

Q. Where was the hole set today? Was it in a similar place?

LOTTIE WOAD: They had it at the back today, so they might have it in the same position tomorrow probably.

Q. Is it hard to come here without any expectations? Most golfers say they hate expectations and need to go out with a clear mind. But you're defending champion. You have a chance to become the first two-time, back-to-back winner here. Is it hard to be here without any expectations and keep your mind clear?

LOTTIE WOAD: I think it was harder leading up to the event, the first round. I just wanted to get off to a good start; managed to do that.

Obviously I want to try and win, but I think just being in contention the last few holes would be a pretty good goal.

Q. Do you have certain memories to pick from, maybe a shot or something behind the scenes that we don't get to see? What is your best memory at Augusta National Golf Club?

LOTTIE WOAD: Probably the last putt to win it, yeah.

Q. If you haven't rewatched it much, did today make you almost relive it a bit?

LOTTIE WOAD: Well, in the practice group, we put the ghost hole there and we tried to make it, but I missed, so... (laughter.)

Q. What will it feel like stepping on that 1st tee tomorrow as the champion?

LOTTIE WOAD: I guess I won't know until I do it, but last year it was a pretty nervous tee shot. I feel better prepared this year. Hopefully I feel good.

Q. What would it mean for you to win it for a second time after that?

LOTTIE WOAD: It would mean a lot. This week's definitely different to last year, coming in with bigger expectations and stuff like that. I'd be very proud of how I dealt with that if I could manage to win it.

Q. Nana is not with you?

LOTTIE WOAD: No, she's back home. She didn't make the trip this year, but she's going to be watching on TV.

Q. Did you notice anything different with the course with the storm damage or anything on the greens that felt different than last year?

LOTTIE WOAD: Definitely firmer greens, and there's quite a few trees. Like you can see the miss and just it looks a bit thinned out, which on some holes is a bit more inviting.

Q. With how loaded the field is with what Mirabel has been doing, did you feel like you came in under the radar as much as a defending champ could come in under the radar, and did that help with the leadup?

LOTTIE WOAD: I wouldn't say it was under the radar, but I guess it helps that everyone is playing well. So even if you play your best, you might still get beaten.

Yeah, in a lot of college events -- I mean, every college event I'm playing against Mirabel. A lot of the time you're trying to beat your teammate, and she's been playing amazing. So it's been a good test.

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