

U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship

Quick Quotes

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Thoughts on the course: "Somehow it reminds me of when I played in Germany: a euro course, bent grass, very firm. It brings back good memories. I love to go there and I love playing here. I'm from Atlanta so we only play Bermuda grass. This is pretty fast. The bent we played back there was pretty slow."

On overcoming the limitations of her back surgery: "On Sunday, I didn't know if I was going to be able to play. Last year I got back surgery. The 2017 Mid-Am... right after I lost my match to Kelsey Chugg, I went straight to the hospital. I didn't get surgery right away, but almost a year later I did.

That pushed me back about a year and a half. I'm happy to be here and be back at the tournament that I left it at. I had a herniated disk. L5 was one. It was pretty painful. On Sunday, I didn't know if I practiced too much, but my body locked up tight. I couldn't do anything. I was in tears. I didn't know if I could come here and sit on a plane. I put golf out for four or five days to stretch and heat and ice. I did anything I could to try and play today.

Since the surgery last August, I haven't had anything go wrong. It's been good progress. Since then I barely played any golf. I knew if I wanted to do good in this tournament I needed to put in a good practice. I just maybe overdid it.

After practice round I iced it and then I heat it in the mornings. I have a pretty intense foam roller. I rolled out my thighs my legs and all over. When I tee it up I have to squat down. Every movement I do I just have to be really careful. One wrong move could take me out. Progress has been good every day."