

April 28, 2019 – Rachel Heck, 17, of Memphis, Tenn. and Sadie Englemann, 16, of Austin, TX

Q: How do you feel about what you've accomplished these first two days?

Englemann: I feel great about it. We've played such good team golf. If one of us got in trouble the other one would be there to save it. I think we both played solid golf overall, so I'm really proud of us.

Heck: It's such a fun format. We're best friends and we always have to play against each other, so to actually be able to play on a team together, we're having so much fun.

Q: Is this your first official four-ball event together?

Englemann: For the USGA it is, but we have a tournament in Texas that I brought her down for, so we have played it together. It's called the Greenwood Cup at River Oaks in Houston.

Q: What do you find the most fun about playing this format?

Heck: I feel like we both have a ton of confidence, because even if one of us hits a bad shot, I have so much confidence in Sadie that she'll hit a good shot that I don't get down on myself. We're always staying positive and lifting each other up.

Englemann: And sharing the successes with each other is even more fun because we get to high-five and hug. If someone hits a bad shot, we just pump each other up for the next hole and don't get down on ourselves.

Q: How hard is it to be in the moment and not thinking of what your teammate is doing?

Heck: I definitely struggled coming in and Sadie was keeping my head up. We kept having fun all the time.

Englemann: I know that she's one of the best golfers in the country and I know that she has my back, no matter what. I can trust my game because I trust her game, too.

Q: This is known to be a pretty challenging course and you two shot 12 under for 36 holes. How difficult do you think it is?

Englemann: A lot of the tee shots are challenging just to get it on the fairway, and on the greens, a two-putt is never guaranteed out here. In match play, I'm not sure what the difference will be; I think we'll be going for more putts.

Heck: I think match play will be fun because the greens are definitely tough. Sometimes in stroke play you want to play center of the green, but in match play you can be aggressive and go at pins, so I think it will be really cool.