



April 29, 2019 – Isabella Van Der Biest, 15, of Kingsport, Tenn. and Sophia Burnett, 16, of Indian Island, SC

Q. One question I had is that this been a little bit of -- you folks got into the field last Thursday or thereabouts, so just tell us about the whirlwind of that. When did you find out and how much did you have to scramble to get here?

BURNETT: I actually missed prom, my boyfriend's birthday, and states for the high school team, so.

Q. What high school team is that?

BURNETT: Hilton Head Prep for the boys team. So, yeah, I kind of had to scramble a lot.

Q. That was all this weekend?

BURNETT: Yeah.

VAN DER BIEST: Uh-huh.

Q. Hopefully people are going to be a little understanding considering you you're now in the round of 16; you qualified. Does that hopefully make up for that a little bit?

BURNETT: Yeah, for sure.

Q. Okay. Cool. Now what can you tell us about the match today? Seemed like you got up pretty quickly?

VAN DER BIEST: Yeah, we started out getting up, and we kind of maintained that position the whole way through.

Q. Seems like you were 3-up a lot of the way.

VAN DER BIEST: It was. It was down to two once, and then we got it right back up on the next hole?

Q. What was the key to that? Did you say to each other, Let's get on top early?

VAN DER BIEST: No. We were just focusing on playing the course. My caddie told me to treat every hole as a different match, so...

Q. And his name is?

VAN DER BIEST: Tyler?

Q. Last name again?



VAN DER BIEST: Fountain.

Q. So every hole as an individual match. Great way to separate it and concentrate, put it down to just shot by shot.

VAN DER BIEST: Yeah. Not get too high, not get too low.

Q. And you won a couple of early matches then, right?

BURNETT: Yeah, we did.

Q. How did you do that?

VAN DER BIEST: We par'd and they bogeyed.

BURNETT: Yeah, I think that was the first one.

VAN DER BIEST: Uh-huh. Then I made a really long putt on the Par 5, yeah.

Q. How long was that? Any idea?

BURNETT: Probably like 35, 40-ish. It was a good long putt.

VAN DER BIEST: Yeah. It was a putt you don't usually make.

Q. Excellent. That always helps. Feel like you got a bonus a little bit?

BURNETT: Yeah.

Q. Then you kept the pressure on as well to get to 3-up. How did you do that?

VAN DER BIEST: I think it was another par and they bogeyed again, yeah.

Q. We found that especially as we turn from stroke to match play, that pars are really good to get around here.

BURNETT: Yes.

VAN DER BIEST: For sure.

Q. Have you felt a little more comfort with the course as you've played?

BURNETT: Yeah. And knowing she's here. Kind of have our backs the whole way through. So she hits a bad shot and I hit a good shot and I hit a bad shot and she hits a good shot.

VAN DER BIEST: Yeah, we balance each other out.



BURNETT: Yeah.

Q. So knowing that pars are good, did you both get to play the full practice rounds before?

BURNETT: We played 18 one day and then 13 holes on...

Q. (Indiscernible.)

BURNETT: Yeah.

Q. So comfort level growing every day with this course?

VAN DER BIEST: Yeah, for sure.

BURNETT: Yeah.

Q. What's the key? Keep it below the hole or keep it in front?

BURNETT: Pay attention to pin positions and smart yardages, yeah.

Q. Is there one that's more conservative or more aggressive?

VAN DER BIEST: No, we're both pretty conservative.

Q. Okay, that can be a really good thing.

BURNETT: Yeah. We don't really play very aggressive.

Q. Does anybody ever say, Hey, go for this one?

VAN DER BIEST: Yeah, when the right time is.

Q. So maybe you've gotten a little farther than you thought and now you're into Tuesday, round of 16.

BURNETT: Yeah.

VAN DER BIEST: Yeah.

Q. This is bonus time or what do you feel like?

VAN DER BIEST: I think same philosophy: just playing our own game and treating every hole as a different match.

Q. Any particular parts of your game that you feel like has really shown has gotten you to this point?



BURNETT: I think my putting, yeah. And both our puttings. We just made some putts.

VAN DER BIEST: Yeah, I think putting is key, especially match play.

Q. Can come down to that quite a bit, right? Well congratulations.

BURNETT: Thank you.

VAN DER BIEST: Thank you.