

U.S. Girls' Junior

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Eisenhower Golf Club, Blue Course

Kaitlyn Schroeder



Q. Strong first match performance, good start to the week. Could you walk me through it?

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: I just got off to a really good start. I birdied the first after my opponent made a 15-footer for par, and I was just hitting the ball really well. I was in really good positions, on the second hole I had 15 feet for birdie, the next hole I had like 6 feet, next hole I had like 10 feet, so I was just hitting it really well to start off, and I think that's what helped finish the match too.

Q. Did you feel the strong start helped boost your confidence?

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: Yeah, it really did. Just to go up early in match play, that applies more pressure to your opponent. If you can go make pars, that means they have to go make birdies just to try to get the match back to even. So I think it's really important to get off to a good start in match play.

Q. What do you think you need to do to make a deep run this week?

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: I think I just need to keep doing what I'm doing. Try not to make too many mistakes, because if you don't hand holes to your opponents it's hard for them to beat you. And I'm going to try to keep being aggressive, I feel like I've been aggressive this week and it's been paying off for sure.

Q. How do you think playing less holes today and getting off the course earlier is going to help you?

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: I was really happy with the early tee time today. To be able to get off the course around lunch time is really nice, to be able to relax this afternoon because I know I'm going to have an early one tomorrow, I'll be able to go to bed early and get some rest.

Q. In terms of the course this week, how has it been playing for you?

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: It's been playing short, which is nice. Since I'm from Florida, the altitude is very different, so the ball is going really far which I think has been a really big advantage for me this week so far.

Q. Have you felt that energy preservation has been difficult this week?

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: I feel like it's actually been pretty good so far. The course, for being in Colorado, isn't too hilly, which is nice, but yeah, I've been feeling good so far.

Q. Since you finished early, what are your plans for the rest of the day?

KAITLYN SCHROEDER: I'm probably going to go practice for 30 minutes and then go watch some Netflix.