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WOMEN'S GOLF

Women's Golf Notes – 2025 Darius Rucker Intercollegiate

2024-25 TEAM NOTES

- Baylor is coming off a fourth-straight NCAA Championship Appearance
- **Jay Goble** calls this the deepest team he has ever had
- BU is one of nine teams to have qualified for four-straight NCAA Championships (FSU, LSU, OSU, SCAR, Texas, Stanford, USC, Wake)
- The Bears are one of eight teams to play in six of the last seven NCAA Championships (ASU, Duke, Florida State, Stanford, Texas, USC, Wake)
- Baylor brings back two All-Americans (Sera Hasegawa – 2023 and Silje Ohma – 2023) and 2023 Rolex All-American Ashleen Kaur
- In addition to signing freshman Jeonghyun Lee, The Bears signed Horizon League Player of the Year, Bridget Boczar, out of the transfer portal from Oakland University
- Boczar and Sera Hasegawa competed for BU in the 2023 US Women's Amateur
- BU brings in a roster that includes five of the six players who competed for the Bears at the NCAA Championship last season (Hasegawa, Huh, Kaur, Seema and Ohma)
- Baylor went wire-to-wire winning the PDI Intercollegiate in early-February with a 30-under 834, the second-best score in relation to par in program history
- Maddie Luitwieler-Caruna beings her first season as an assistant coach, joining head coach Jay Goble and assistant coach/director of operations Collin Toner.

HEAD COACH JAY GOBLE

- 14th season at Baylor, led BU to NCAA Tournament appearances in 11 of 12 full seasons and to the NCAA Championship eight times
- Responsible for 23 wins at BU and 8 of the 9 NCAA Championship appearances in program history (2004, **2012, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024**)
- Led BU to match play berths in two NCAA Championship appearances (2015 national runner-up, 2017 tie for 5th place)
- Coached the only ten All-Americans in program history (Hayley Davis, Lauren Taylor, Dylan Kim, Laura Lonardi, Amy Lee, Gurleen Kaur, Elodie Chapelet, Rosie Belsham, Sera Hasegawa and Silje Ohma)
- Led Baylor to unprecedented success in 2015 – first Big 12 Conference Championship, first NCAA Regional title and best NCAA Championship finish (runners-up, lost to Stanford on first playoff hole). Also won the 2022 Stillwater Regional at Karsten Creek by 14 shots over host, Oklahoma State.
- 2015 Big 12 Conference and WGCA Central Region Coach of the Year.



BRIDGET BO CZAR (*BO-zar*)

JUNIOR

CANTON, MICH (PLYMOUTH H.S./OAKLAND)

- A native of Canton, Mich., Boczar is coming off a stellar sophomore season where she won three times, highlighted by a victory at the Horizon League Championship
- Spearheaded by Boczar, Oakland earned a berth in the 2024 NCAA East Lansing Regional
- Her breakout season garnered Horizon League Player of the Year honors and First Team All-Horizon League honors
- Earned All-Horizon League First team and Horizon League All-Tournament Team as a freshman in 2022-23
- In 2022-23, she also led her team in stroke average with a 73.70 across 30 rounds, and in addition to her win at the conference championship
- Has four wins in her collegiate career
- Defended her title at the Golf Association of Michigan Women's Championship this summer on the strength of a final-round 66



MALENA CASTRO (*MUH-lane-uh*)

FRESHMAN

GENERAL PICO, ARGENTINA (CLEC)

- Freshman Kinesiology major from General Pico, Argentina who joined the team in January
- Returns to the lineup after appearing in the lineup in each of the first two tournaments of the semester to begin her collegiate career
- Notched seven top-5 finishes in 2024, highlighted by a pair of second-place finishes on the Argentina Golf Association circuit
- This past November, Castro finished tied for 21st at the Women's Amateur Latin America
- Played 44 events from 2022-24, with 34 top-10 finishes and six wins
- Won the IMG Academy Junior World Florida Challenge in December and followed it up with a 10th-place finish at the First Tee Miami Doral Junior



SERA HASEGAWA (*Sarah HOS-uh-GAW-uh*)

SENIOR

GIFU, JAPAN (EAST TENNESSEE STATE)

- Enters this week ranked 131st in the WAGR rankings
- Senior transfer from Gifu, Japan, by way of East Tennessee State where she was named the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year in 2021-22.
- Was named a Second-Team All-American by Golfweek and the WGCA in 2022-23.
- Set Baylor's single-season stroke-average record in 2022-23 (71.04) and is on pace to break the career stroke-average mark (71.86), besting the current record of 72.28 set by Elodie Chapelet.
- Hasegawa owns two of the 10-lowest tournament scores in program history.
- Led the team with 18 rounds at par or better, including 15 of her 20 stroke play last spring, and leads the team with 11 this season
- Captured Big 12 All-Tournament team honors with a tie for 8th at the Big 12 Tournament last season
- Hasegawa went a perfect 5-0 in match play last season, running her career record to 11-1-0



YOONJEONG "YJ" HUH (YOON-jong Huhhh) SOPHOMORE **SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA** (SEOUL SCHOLARS INTERNATIONAL)

- Appeared in nine tournaments last season highlighted by an eighth-place finish at the Rainbow Wahine Invitational in October
- Got postseason experience last year as a sub in the Big 12 Championship and NCAA Championship in Carlsbad, Calif.
- Finished fourth on the team in par-3 scoring average last season (3.23)
- Has lived in South Korea, Hawaii and New Zealand and possesses an impressive junior resume, which includes a win at the 2020 BIIF season opener, third at AJGA Junior at Palouse Ridge and eighth at the AJGA Junior at Ruby Hill.



ASHLEEN KAUR (ASH-Lean "CORE") SOPHOMORE **HOUSTON, TEXAS** (CY-FAIR)

- 2023 Rolex All-American and Annika Junior Invitational Champion
- Appeared in the lineup in all 13 team events this season as a freshman
- Shot a 4-under 68 in her career-first collegiate round at the Annika Intercollegiate en route to a tie for 33rd last year as a freshman
- With a tie for 23rd at the Mason Rudolph Challenge, Kaur finished tied for 23rd becoming the first BU freshman since Hayley Davis to lead the team in their first two events.
- Had a team-leading seven rounds in the 60s, part of 12 rounds at par-or-better last season
- Led the team in birdie-or-better percentage (19.9%), total birdies (114) and total eagles (4).
- Missed the individual cut by just one shot (+5) in her NCAA Championship Debut last season at La Costa
- The younger sister of four-time Baylor All-American and LPGA Tour member Gurleen Kaur.



JENNY LEE **FRESHMAN** **SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA** (COLLEGIATE ACADEMY OF SEOUL)

- Freshman communications major from Seoul, South Korea, whose full name is Jeonghyun Lee, but goes by "Jenny"
- The youngest player ever to make the Korean National Team
- Has six appearances in professional tournaments including the 2022 US Women's Open
- Finished as the low amateur in the Brian Green Property Group NZ Super 6's Manawatu, Hana Financial Group Championship and Nexen Saintnine Masters on the Korean LPGA Tour



SILJE OHMA (SEAL-yuh OHH-muh) JUNIOR **BERGEN, NORWAY** (WANG TØNSBERG)

- Junior from Bergen, Norway, with impressive length off the tee
- Playing some of her best golf of her career, recording a career-best second-place finish at the PDI Intercollegiate in February
- Scored her second top-10 of the spring last week at the Bruin-Wave Invitational
- A 2023 Golf Week All-American honorable mention selection.
- Set the Baylor freshman record for season stroke average in 2022-23 at 71.90, which would have beat Gurleen Kaur's program record regardless of class at 71.97, but Sera Hasegawa and Rosie Belsham recorded 71.04 and 71.71, respectively.
- Doing her best work on the par-4s this year, leading the team in par-4 scoring average by a wide margin (3.94)
- Currently ranks seventh in program history in career stroke average at 73.08, and is working on the second-lowest season scoring average in program history (71.65)



BAIMAI SEEMA (BYE-my SEEE-Muh) SENIOR **BANGKOK, THAILAND** (AMERICAN SCHOOL OF BANGKOK)

- Has appeared in 73 rounds across 28 tournaments in four years with the Bears, and has been in the lineup for every event this season
- In the midst of the best season of her career, recording her career-best finish (3rd) at the White Sands Invitational this fall
- Holds the 13th-best career-stroke average in program history (74.29)
- Had a career-best five top-20 finishes last season including a tie for 20th at the NCAA Las Vegas regional, to help BU reach the NCAAs
- Made the cut as an individual at the NCAA Championship en route to a tie for 28th, the highest finish by a Bear in the NCAA Championship since Gurleen Kaur finished tied for 28th at the 2021 NCAA Championship
- Closed last year strong with top-30 finishes in four of her final five events
- Has made appearances in the NCAA Championship in each of her first three seasons with the Bears

