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WOMEN'S GOLF Women's Golf Notes – 2025 NCAA Championship

2024-25 TEAM NOTES

- Baylor is competing in its fifth-straight NCAA Championship
- After a strong start to the season, Baylor stumbled a bit down the stretch, finishing .500 by just two strokes at the Big 12 Championship (11th) to make the NCAA field
- A No. 7 seed for the second year in a row, BU advanced out of its regional for the second year in a row
- Since the NCAA went to six regional sites in 2022, six of 24 No. 7 seeds have advanced to The NCAA Championship, and the Bears have now done it twice in two years
- BU is one of nine teams to have qualified for five-straight NCAA Championships (FSU, LSU, OSU, SCAR, Texas, Stanford, USC, Wake)
- The Bears are one of seven teams to play in seven of the last eight NCAA Championships (ASU, Florida State, Stanford, Texas, USC, Wake)
- BU brings in a lineup to La Costa that includes three players who competed for the Bears at the NCAA Championship last season in Ashleen Kaur, BaiMai Seema and Silje Ohma
- The Bears added 2024 Horizon League Player of the Year, Bridget Boczar, from Oakland University this offseason and added freshman Malena Castro at the semester
- BU will be without 2023 All-American **Sera Hasegawa** for the second-straight event (back injury). The senior will finish her career 2nd in program history in career stroke average
- Boczar and Sera Hasegawa competed for BU in the 2023 US Women's Amateur
- 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
- Former University of Texas player, Maddie Luitwieler-Carua is in 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 12 of 13 full seasons and to the NCAA Championship nine times
- Responsible for 23 wins at BU and 9 of the 10 NCAA Championship appearances in program history (2004, 2012, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025)
- 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 joined Baylor after a stellar sophomore season at Oakland, where she won three times, highlighted by a victory at the Horizon League Championship
- Fired an even-par 72 in the final round of the Norman regional to clinch a tie for 17th for her best finish of the season
- Has finished inside the Top 25 in six of her 11 events this season
- 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 last 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
- Made six starts this year in the lineup for BU, highlighted by a tie for 30th in her second 54-hole event at the PDI Intercollegiate in early February
- Finished tied for 36th, contributing a counting score in all three rounds of the Norman regional after being thrust into the lineup after former All-American Sera Hasegawa was forced to miss the regional with a back injury
- Fired an opening-round 72 in Norman, becoming the first BU freshman to shoot par or better in the opening round of their NCAA regional debut since **Gurleen Kaur** in 2018
- 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



ASHLEEN KAUR (ASH-Lean "CORE")	SOPHOMORE	HOUSTON, TEXAS (CY-FAIR)
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- 2023 Rolex All-American and Annika Junior Invitational Champion
- Appeared in the lineup for nine events this season after playing all 13 team events last season as a freshman
- Missed the individual cut by just one shot (+5) in her NCAA Championship Debut last season at La Costa
- Started 71-72 in the first two rounds of the Norman Regional, putting Baylor in position to advance as a No. 7 seed for the second-straight year
- Opened the season with a tie for 6th at the Folds of Honor Collegiate, featured on Golf Channel in September
- 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
- The younger sister of four-time Baylor All-American and LPGA Tour member Gurleen Kaur.



MALLORY MATTHEWS	JUNIOR	HONDO, TEXAS (HONDO)
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- Junior corporate communication major from Hondo, Texas
- The walk-on has appeared in eight events in her three years with the Bears, tying a career-high with three events this season
- Has played a season-high seven rounds this season for the Bears
- Named the 2022 Southern Texas PGA Junior Golfer of the Year
- Was the first female in Hondo High School history to qualify for the UIL State Tournament, Finishing second as a junior in the 2021 4A State Tournament
- Finished third at the 2022 4A State Tournament, after winning the Region IV Tournament



SILJE OHMA (SEAL-yuh OHH-muh)	JUNIOR	BERGEN, NORWAY (WANG TØNSBERG)
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- Junior from Bergen, Norway, with impressive length off the tee, laying some of her best golf of her career, after a down season in 2024
- Ranked as low as 449 in the Scoreboard National rankings last year, Ohma has climbed to No. 97 this season
- Struggled last year at La Costa shooting an 82 and 78 in her debut on the North Course, but shot a 1-under 71 in her NCAA Championship debut at Grayhawk as a freshman in 2023
- Coming off a fourth-place finish at the Norman Regional, shooting three rounds in red figures at Jimmie Austin OU Golf Club
- Recorded a career-best second-place finish at the PDI Intercollegiate in February, one of two top-5 finishes this season
- Leads the team in top-10 and top-25 finishes in addition to par-4 scoring average (4.05), par or better percentage (78.8%) and total pars (366)
- 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.
- Currently ranks eighth in program history in career stroke average at 73.28, while ranking in the top-10 in career top 5s (5) and in the top 15 in career top 10s (12)



BAIMAI SEEMA (BYE-my SEEE-Muh)	SENIOR	BANGKOK, THAILAND (AMERICAN SCHOOL OF BANGKOK)
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- Has appeared in 88 rounds across 33 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
- 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
- Has made appearances in the NCAA Championship in each of her previous three seasons with the Bears
- Shot a final-round 72 in the Norman regional to help the Bears advance as a No. 7 seed for a second-straight year, helping the Bears out of the Las Vegas Regional as a No. 7 seed last year with a strong final round
- Holds the 14th-best career-stroke average in program history (74.46)

