

From Head Coach Shauna Taylor

On today's finish...

I thought everyone was a little nervous out of the gate, we haven't played at home since 2012, and it was a very difficult day out there but I'm super proud of our group. I think we finished incredibly strong and put us in a good position. We want to represent Razorback nation well and have fun doing it, and we have a special group out there. We're just going to take it day by day and shot by shot.

On Kaylee Benton and Maria Fassi...

They're the foundation of our team and we lean on them a lot. They've gotten smarter over the years and they've pretty much seen it all so they know how to play and not panic if they make mistakes. They're two fantastic players.

On things she's never seen at Blessings...

I told the girls to practice on nine. In my whole career, I've only seen one ball over the green and we had three on the back fringe today. The hole location for 11, we played it out to the left and used the slope to go back to the hole. Just crazy stuff like that.

On momentum for the coming days...

You can't win it on the first day, but you can lose it on the first day. All we can do is put ourselves in contention to win, worry about Arkansas, and play our game. We have a fantastic game plan and know the course pretty well, which we can't take for granted. There's a quick turnaround so we just have to take it day by day.

Maria Fassi, Arkansas, finished -1

On today's conditions...

Today was tough. I don't think we've had rounds lately with the amount of wind we had today. There were some really tough holes that we haven't seen in a while, but we're ready.

On today's round...

I didn't play the way I would have liked through five and seven, but I think overall it was a pretty nice round. I hit a lot of pars and I tried to play smart but be aggressive when I could. I knew coming down the stretch that I would have some birdie opportunities and was able to make two birdies in the last three holes so I'm excited with that finish and the momentum going into tomorrow.

On the team's performance...

We just have to keep playing Arkansas golf. I know that what we have is going to be good enough to get us to match play, so I'm excited to see that we're tied for first. There's a lot of teams that are playing close to us, so we just need to focus on ourselves. I know it's going to be a great day tomorrow.