

FRIDAY AFTERNOON USA QUICK QUOTES

CAPTAIN ROBIN BURKE

I feel very fortunate that it's 3-3. GB&I came out strong and my girls had to fight this afternoon for their points. They did fight. It came down to the bitter end. Everyone's been asking for great matches and I think that's what we had today. They were close – some of them. Some of them were lopsided, but most of them were close.

It was huge. If we'd have lost all three, I think it would have been hard to get my girls to pick themselves up. It is huge. It was a one-point difference over three. That's like night and day. Tardy and Vaughn have really stepped up to the plate. They're playing well together and they're both long hitters and they like to have a lot of fun and they're fun to watch. I'm glad to see them do well.

It gives everybody hope and excitement. They know they've got to get out here and get the job done and prepare themselves. When the tee goes in the ground, it's game on. I told them, GB&I team is here and they're focused. They're ready to go, so you need to be ready yourself. It's a big event here in Ireland and with the Irish players as well as Great Britain.

(Hannah) I'm sure was disappointed this morning losing her point. Hannah said she's ready go and Mariel and I had faith in them that they'd get the job done this afternoon as they did. She's a competitor. That's why she's the U.S. Amateur champion. She knows how to get the job done. She showed us what a champion she is again today. She can handle the pressure.

You have to respect your competitor. In any match, it doesn't matter where you're playing. If you don't respect the other player, you're going to find yourself in trouble. Our girls do, and I'll say the GB&I team looks strong. Their swings look good and they're hitting it a long ways. They're hitting it solid. They're making putts. As I said, they came prepared. They mean business. And our girls are prepared as well. I just think we're going to see close matches and great matches all week. It's always about the putt.

Hannah O'Sullivan and Mariel Galdiano

Won, 1 up, over Charlotte Thomas and Olivia Mehaffey

O'Sullivan: It's an incredible feeling. I knew that there were a lot of people watching and standing over the putt, I saw the line really well. I knew Olivia had a really good chance for birdie. I didn't want to give her that opportunity, so I just said good stroke and get it rolling on my line and it exactly hit my line. I loved watching it roll in.

Galdiano: It feels really good being able to bring it back to square. A new start tomorrow, so being able to play again is a huge opportunity and we can't wait to represent the U.S. again in the morning.

O'Sullivan: It's so special to be able to be here in Ireland and see all my relatives. To have them out here cheering for me and able to come support me means so much. It's really a special event.

O'Sullivan: Charlotte made a fantastic putt on 16. She made a 35-, 40-footer. We were 1 up at the time. I didn't want to bring it back to square because with two holes left, anything can happen. I saw my line and hit it, and it was really cool to see it go in.

O'Sullivan: That was huge. We all came out and watched the close of the match. I know Andrea, Mika and us, we played well out there in the morning but unfortunately weren't able to get the points. To be able to see Bailey and Monica get that point was really awesome and it gave us that momentum to go out charging in the afternoon.

O'Sullivan: It's a huge momentum boost, but at the same time we have to stay focused on each shot we have in front of us, don't get ahead of ourselves because as you said, it's all tied so anything can happen. It's golf and match play, so we have to go out there and do our best and play with our hearts.

Bailey Tardy and Monica Vaughn

Won, 2 and 1, over Meghan MacLaren and Alice Hewson

Vaughn: Robin made a good choice when she put us together. I think we work really well together, alternate shot and best ball. We fought hard out there and we're ready with the momentum going into tomorrow.

Tardy (*on their strength as a team*): I think it's our length. Sometimes we come off as a little intimidating because we hit it so far. We probably hit it about the same. We might be the only alternate-shot pairing that can hit par 5s in two, at least on our team, which really gives us a big advantage. It forces them to throw a good shot into the green knowing that we would have a chip around the green or a putt.

Vaughn: And we have fun. We laugh a lot. We get pumped up. We go for it. We high five and hug and fist bump and everything.

Vaughn: I think if we just keep playing the way we have the last two days, maybe tomorrow we'll shake off some of the nerves to start with and get some momentum starting off. Other than that, I think that everything we did today is what we want to carry over into tomorrow and Sunday.

Tardy: We have so many people here. Just to see all of our fans and family, coming all the way over across seas to support us... It's just so much fun to be out here with everyone. I think the biggest surprise is how many people are here. You have six deep almost at all times of fans. It can be a little scary, but it's fun just to see everybody out here.

Vaughn: Just the whole being able to play in the Curtis Cup with all its history, just walk-of-a-lifetime kind of thing. We feel really honored to be on the team.

Vaughn: I think it was huge to get that point in the morning. We started off slow, but we said, hey, let's go. There's lots of golf left. That momentum going into the back nine was huge for us. And I think that our point in the morning maybe helped our team in the afternoon.

Tardy: We were both hitting the ball well. I think there was a couple mistakes putting wise that we just need to correct. Knowing that going in, we can play our game instead of having to play from another person's



shot, it's just easier almost in four ball. It was nice knowing that we had confidence in our games from a successful match to go and win the next one.

Vaughn: I made a birdie putt on 10. From there, we got pumped up. It was the first time since the first or second hole that we'd been up in the day. From there, we each just made pretty solid putts throughout the day. I made a putt on 13 and then I also made a putt on 15. 13 was more like 30 feet and 15 was maybe 10 or 12, straight up the hill. We halved that with birdies. Alice made a good birdie putt there.

Tardy: But for the record, my shot was closer, so I didn't have a chance to make the birdie putt.