

Round 2 – July 14, 2017 U.S. Women’s Open Course Setup Notes from Shannon Rouillard

		Weather	<p><i>Here is the 5 a.m. forecast from Thor Guard Chief Meteorologist Josh Nagelberg and Jake Swick:</i></p> <p>Due to USGA email issues, please see Jake and Josh’s forecast emailed to you directly.</p>
		Setup Specifics	<p>We received .30 inches of rain yesterday and .30 inches this morning. Last night’s maintenance only allowed for a single cut on the putting greens. All short grass was cut this morning and greens were double-cut and rolled. On average, we achieved Stimpmeter readings in the mid-to-upper 12’s. We anticipate speeds settling out in the low-12s by the afternoon.</p> <p>Wind will be coming out of the east today, but we do not anticipate it playing much of a factor in today’s round.</p>
Hole	Par	Yardage	
1	5	552	We pushed the tee back 5 yards from the post on this par 5 today. Today’s hole location is at (34-5L), in the back-left third of the green. If the player happens to miss their third shot left, a recovery short-sided from the left rough could be difficult. The play on this hole is hole-high right side.
2	4	373	The second hole will play back from the original teeing ground (384). The first fairway bunker on the right may be in play for the longer hitters, but not the second fairway bunker. Today’s hole location is at (9-4L), probably one of the easier hole locations on this putting surface. I would anticipate some birdies on this hole.
3	4	400	This very demanding, uphill par 4 will play even longer off the tee due to the wet conditions today. Players will need to “dial in” their second shot to a location at (13-3R). Players will need to hit enough club to get past the

			false front. However, since the slope of this portion of the green funnels toward the hole, they may be able to use the contour to their advantage.
4	3	171	We are using the alternate tee at (167) today and have placed the tees on the far left side of this wide tee to a hole location at (28-4R), nestled in the middle-back portion on the third tier. As such, the player will be hitting slightly across the green to this hole with the closely mown area lurking just right. The best place to miss is under the hole, putting up the ridge or hole-high left.
5	4	375	This is the second demanding uphill par 4 that will play longer due to the wet conditions. A tee shot up the right side would yield a second shot that would avoid the need to carry the left greenside bunkers as today's hole location is at (8-4R) and accessible. A miss just short of the green should be a fairly easy up-and-down.
6	4	410	This downhill par 4 will not play as short as it did yesterday. The best play off the tee is a drive down the right side for a better angle of attack into this large putting surface. Players will have a slightly longer club in their hand as the hole location is at (23-6L) nestled next to the only bunker around this green. The best putt toward this hole is one from under it or beyond it coming back.
7	3	165	This downhill par 3 will require a precise tee shot to the back portion of this green. Today's hole location is at (26-5R) with a fall-off right of the hole that slopes toward the water hazard. If the player misses left of the green hole high, she may get a favorable bounce toward the hole. If not, she will have a downhill putt/chip that will require some touch.
8	5	533	A tee shot right of the two fairway bunkers will be in order to set players up for their second (shot) over the creek at the bottom of the hill on this dogleg-left par 5. Today's hole location is at (13-5R) just over the false front on the right side of this boomerang putting green. Fairly flat putting around the hole, birdies should be attainable.
9	4	414	This par 4 hole is tied for the longest par 4 today. The tees were pushed 2 yards behind the post as today's hole location is just short of middle at (17-3L), jammed next to the greenside bunker. A second shot from the right side of the fairway would be optimum to provide a better angle of attack to this flag. There is plenty of room to miss this approach on the right side, leaving a fairly easy putt at the hole. If missed left, an up-and-down from the bunker will make for a great par.
10	4	414	The 10th hole will play from the alternate tee (368) again today, just using the back portion. This hole will play with a cross breeze if any at all. Today's hole location is at (46-7L), 4 paces from the back edge. Not only will this hole be difficult to access, but also more challenging to putt due to the strong left-to-right slope. An approach short left under the ridge will have a sweeping left-to-right touchy putt. The best place to putt from will be hole-high right side of the hole.
11	4	382	This relatively short par 4 will play slightly back of the post today. Today's hole location is at (20-4L), nestled in the back-left portion of the green. Players should not have an issue getting back to this hole as a shot hit to the

			front/middle of the green should funnel back toward the hole. However, a shot hit long left will be faced with a pitch back up the hill to a tight location.
12	4	341	This picturesque short par 4 will play more uphill due to the rainy weather. Therefore, we may see more drivers hit off the tee in getting further up the hole. Today's hole location at (8-7R) is accessible and the player may use the backstop behind the hole and the mound to the right of the hole to her advantage if she desires.
13	4	402	This sharp dogleg-left par 4 will require a solid tee shot that would ideally end up on the left side of the fairway. This hole location will appear to be off the green at (15-7R) as the bunker fronting the right-hand portion of the green only allows the player to see half of the flagstick. From the left-hand side of the fairway, the player will have the best angle of attack. An approach finishing right of the hole will yield an uphill putt back to the hole.
14	3	153	This par 3 will play from the alternate tee at the 155-yard teeing ground. The tee markers have been placed 7 yards behind the post on the far right-hand side of the tee, providing an optimum angle to the hole. Today's hole location is at (15-5L) near the left greenside bunker, forcing the player to hit alongside the bunker to get close to the hole. The green slopes right to left (toward the hole) off the ridge in the middle of the green. Most putts will be downhill.
15	5	506	The tee markers were pushed back 5 yards on this slightly uphill, dogleg-left par 5 today. This hole is shorter on the score card today due to the very front hole location at (10-4R). Even with the wet conditions, it will be interesting to see if any of the longer hitters get close to this very accessible hole location. There is a subtle spine down the middle-to-front portion of the green. Therefore, a third shot missed hole-high left of the flag may fall off the green to the collection area. A third shot left above the hole will be left with a touchy putt coming down to the hole. This hole is waiting for a birdie to be made if the player understands the green contour.
16	3	168	The tee markers on this mid-range par 3 were placed on the far left-hand side of the teeing ground to have a straight look at the hole at (18-8R) in the middle of the green. Players will need to be mindful of the greenside bunker just behind the flag approximately 10 yards away. If in the bunker, the player will be faced with a downhill bunker shot, looking at the water to a tight hole location. Therefore, club selection will be essential.
17	4	401	The tee markers were placed 2 yards behind the post on this 400-yard plus par 4 today. With the hole not playing downwind today, I would expect a longer club in the player's hand. In addition, today's hole location is at (23-3R) nestled near the back-right greenside bunker and collection area. This approach would be best played from the left side of the fairway with room left in the middle of the green if missed in that direction. Missing right of the hole will present a difficult recovery to make par.
18	5	527	The final hole of the day, this par 5 has the tee markers pushed forward of the post 5 yards. Today's hole location is past the middle of the green on top of the ridge at (34-5L). One of the flatter parts of this green, this hole location will be challenging to get close. An aggressive third shot could be gobbled up by the collection area

			behind the hole. If the approach shot is missed short of the ridge, the player will be faced with a swinging, uphill left-to-right putt. A third shot finishing hole-high right will yield the easiest birdie opportunity.
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Front 9 - 3,393

Back 9 - 3,294

Total - 6,687