

## **Katie Cranston – Round 2 Stroke Play - 2023 U.S. Women's Amateur**

**A great round today. Can you take us through that stretch you had between seven and nine? It seemed like it was off the charts there for you.**

Yeah, it was crazy. The funny thing was after my round yesterday, those were the two holes, seven and eight, that I talked through with my coach here because I didn't really like my game plan yesterday. And then today, I don't know, just everything went perfectly. I holed out on No. 7 from 90 yards and then hit a really good 5-iron into the green on eight to a couple feet.

**What club did you use on No. 7?**

I hit my 58 degree. Yeah, it was 90 yards and it bounced like once before the pin then came back and rolled in.

**They said a 5 iron and then had eight feet in?**

A 5 iron to like two feet.

**Then birdied No. 9 as well.**

The birdie on nine was really good. I made probably an eight or nine footer so it was really solid putt.

**Now you've played in this championship before up at Westchester? How can you use that past experience, the experience you gained at Auburn this year, to hopefully propel you now in match play as we turn the page from a great performance you had in stroke play, sitting in second place, to a totally different kind of golf than stroke play?**

Yeah, I think one thing that college really helped me with would be the match play because other than college and at the U.S. Am a couple of years ago, I'd never really played in match play. So just kind of having some tools in my bag on how to play match play rather than stroke play, maybe be a little bit more aggressive, sometimes, not so cautious. But yeah, definitely both of those experiences have given me a lot of insight, but also a lot of confidence to kind of show me that I belong a little better out here.

**And how would you say your game is going to fit this course, you know, coming here, obviously right now, second place out of 156, so playing pretty well. What is it about Bel-Air that kind of fits your eye so far?**

From the moment that I played it, I really liked it. I feel like the fairways are pretty generous and I hit it farther and sometimes a little bit more crooked, but I feel like the big fairways really suit me. I don't think that it's playing too long. I feel like I have a lot of nice wedges in my hands. It honestly all around, just kind of suits my eye.

**And then who's caddy for you this week and who's here with you this week?**

I have a club caddy called OB, so I met him when I played my practice round. He's great. He's very positive, which is good. And then both my parents are here watching me.