



Fore On The Tee

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Happy New Year to all the friends of the Georgetown Women's Golf Team! Despite the blustery weather this winter, we warmed up our games for the spring season. The women's golf team is a busy group and we'd love to fill you in on what we've been up to!

After graduating three wonderful seniors last May, the Hoyas welcomed three new faces to the squad this fall: Marie Bos, Katie Dwyer, and Jenna Winokur. Marie comes to us from Orlando, Florida. She is a student in the college, currently considering a major in English. As a member of the golf team she's been getting an education outside the classroom as well. During a van ride to practice early in the season, Marie let it slip that she had never believed inner-city gangs actually existed. After we picked our jaws off the floor, we began our Marie de-sheltering project. It's hard work but someone has to do it!

Our second freshman Katie hails from Allentown, PA where she attended Moravian Academy. Katie is enrolled in the business school. Currently on a team with no lack of personality, Katie nonetheless has quickly managed to make her mark. We have noticed, however, certain similarities between Katie and Coach. It really can't be denied that for all her great qualities, Coach is a little accident prone, and it seems like Katie is following in her misguided footsteps. She was attacked by red ants at Mid-Pines, has suffered a mysterious wrist injury, and fell up the stairs of the cafeteria while trying to sneak out a cup of frozen yogurt in her jacket.

Rounding out the freshmen class is Jersey girl Jenna Winokur. Jenna is interested in the sciences and considering a major either in Biology or International Health Studies. Now we're not saying that Jenna is a gullible, but well, she is. Over breakfast one morning junior Christy Larrimore mentioned that she missed her mom. When Jenna asked why, Christy replied with a straight face that her mother was part of a study on civilian reactions to submarine warfare, and that she'd be at sea for a month. Needless to say, when Jenna got interested and asked for details on the program, we gave her a rough time. On she slid into the top-5 and consistently made an impact in fall tournament play. Her cool head under pressure and goofy quirks off the course make her a perfect fit for the team!



Recap of the Fall 2004 Season

We were fortunate enough to play both a Blue and Gray team several weekends this fall, giving all 10 girls multiple opportunities for competitive play. Kicking off the season, the Blue team attended the Princeton University Invitational and the Gray team traveled to Elon University in North Carolina. At the Sea Trail Intercollegiate golf tournament, the Gray squad came in 10th of 20 participating teams. One highlight of the weekend was an infamous cooking endeavor, which resulted in burned lasagna and chocolate chip hockey pucks, (*cough*). I mean cookies. Their teammates up in New Jersey, at a safe distance from food poisoning, shot 649 to land a third place finish behind host Princeton University and Yale University. Junior Christy Larrimore came in third as an individual in the tournament. The first weekend of competition offered a solid grounding point, for all ten girls, from which to launch the season.

Two weeks later, the Hoyas competed at the Penn State Invitational at the Penn State Blue Course. Like many of our competitions, we were scheduled to play 36 holes the first day, and 18 the second. Unfortunately, the rainy weather on Saturday resulted in a one-hour suspension of play during the second round. Play was eventually resumed, but the round was cut short due to darkness. It had to be completed the following morning. The Hoyas struggled against the elements and finished the weekend in a frustrating 12th of 15 teams.

Looking for some better weather, the team flew south to participate in the Pat Bradley Golf Tournament at the Doral Golf Resort in Miami, Florida. All seven of the upperclassmen competed in Florida (five girls for the competing squad, and two as individuals). Doral Resort is absolutely gorgeous, inside and out, and we started competition eager to play some great golf. After two difficult rounds of battling the famous Blue Monster, Georgetown came back on the third day with a 313 to finish in 11th place of 16 teams. The Blue Monster certainly proved its reputation for ferocity, but battle scars were taken in stride, and the team was incredibly grateful to play such an excellent course and soak in the Florida sun.

The weekend of October 14th-16th provided another opportunity for the entire squad to compete. The Gray team attended the Rutgers University Invitational in Piscataway, New Jersey, while the Blue team competed at the Yale University Invite in New Haven, Connecticut. Competing with only four players, the Gray team posted impressive first day scores of 76,78,79 and 85. The second day proved to be more difficult, with strong winds and foggy skies. The team hung tough and secured a 5th place performance of 16 teams, led by freshman Marie Bos. Meanwhile, their teammates up north were in fierce competition with the Yale Bulldogs and Richmond Spiders. Conditions were just as one would imagine typical of Connecticut in mid-October. At the end of the second day, Yale and Richmond were tied at 650 and the Hoyas had 652, leaving them just two shots out of a playoff. However, 652 was low enough to grab a 3rd place finish out of 9 competing teams. Shooting 81,71 Christy took second place in the individual competition.

The final event of the fall season took place at Mid-Pines Golf Club in Southern Pines, N.C. The Ross Resorts Invitational was hosted by Rollins College on November 1-2. Eleven teams competed over the weekend. The Hoyas fell shy of their expectations, taking 7th place and shooting 976 over the three rounds. Christy secured an individual 4th place by firing 78, 76, 79.

The real highlight of 2004 came well after our clubs had been stowed under our beds and local courses were hibernating under an abnormal blanket of DC snow. Coach Leland Beckel and Assistant Coach John Keyser celebrated their marriage on December 5th 2004. They exchanged vows overlooking the DC skyline, in an intimate outdoor ceremony. Since its creation, the Georgetown Women's Golf program has always been more of a family than a team, and the wedding was an incredibly special event not only for the coaches but players. The girls were there all throughout the day to show their love and support, and to celebrate. Better still, we found out at the reception that if our games ever really hit rock bottom, we definitely have a career as a dance squad!

Three Seniors: Gillian Fell, Jill Haak and Simone Petrella Graduate

Last May, we were sorry to say good-bye to three seniors who were integral to the beginning of the women's team. When Coach Beckel ran around the campus with flyers asking for any lady golfers in the fall of 2001, these three students were brave enough to come forward and give college golf a try. Each one ended up being a dynamic member of the team, and we hope each improved her golf game. Gillian Fell left Georgetown to attend Harvard University and pursue an MD, PhD. Gilly set a high bar for the team with her academic excellence and complete devotion to the team. She also won the prestigious Thomas Graham Award, a Georgetown Athletic Scholarship Award given to a graduating student-athlete who embodies the "whole" Georgetown experience. Jill Haak, team captain in her junior year, left Georgetown with a degree in Psychology, and hopes to pursue working within the golf business world. Jill was thrilled to play golf at Georgetown as she had transferred from Tulane after her freshman year. Simone Petrella graduated with a degree in government and political science and hopes to work undercover with Donald Rumsfeld. We are going to miss Simone, but maybe not her complete obsession with the Secretary of Defense. We are not sure exactly what Simone is doing, because we are not allowed to know. She is going through security clearance for something or other. We are proud that Simone finally broke 80 after she graduated from Georgetown. We sincerely hope all three former teammates will stay in close touch and will look back with fond memories on their golf team experience. We now have five alumnae of the women's golf team, more than a foursome.

Summer Highlights

The girls continued to work hard on their games over the 2004 summer months. Highlights include: Maggie Ward participating in the U.S. Public Links Championship; Connie Isler qualifying for Sectional Qualifying stage of the U.S. Open and shooting 76-79 at the sectional in Williamsburg, VA; Claire Pogue finishing 2nd in the Evansville City Championship, shooting 72 in her second round; Christy Larrimore made it to the semifinals of the Women's Southern Championship, the sweet 16 in the Women's TransNational (losing to Lee Ann Hardin, a 2 time Curtis Cup player, on the 18th hole), and she won the Maryland Amateur Championship at Congressional Country Club. Christy is now ranked 32nd in U.S. in the Golfweek/Titleist rankings.

Congratulations Hoyas for representing us with authority.



Volunteer Activities in 2003-2004

Coach Beckel believes that the team will not play well if they do not feel good about themselves, and reaching out to the community is a big part of our team and the Jesuit experience. In the fall of 2003, the team volunteered at the "Swing For The Cure" charity tournament with Chris Tschetter and Jeff Bostic. The tournament raised over \$100,000 for Lombardi Cancer Center. We also took an afternoon to become big sisters to a 2nd grade Brownie Troop and taught them how to play golf. In the spring, we fell in love with the children in pediatric oncology at Lombardi. We took putting greens, golf nets, and crafts to the inpatient ward, and worked with the children receiving treatment. The experience was so rewarding, we were invited back in August to a patient reunion party to continue our golf efforts. The team also shared the volunteer job of teaching over 50 juniors each Sunday at Army-Navy CC. We also spent time with the junior program at Columbia CC.

We look forward to continuing our work with these young groups, and we hope to reach out to more young golfers as part of the Go Girls Go Program launched this year by the Women's Sports Foundation. We call ourselves Georgetown Golf on the Go because we now have the ability to take golf into any hospital or school with our moveable golf equipment.

Spring Season '05

The spring season is in full swing, and we're really excited to tear it up and drop those low numbers that eluded us in the fall. The season kicked off on February 28th at the Birmingham-Southern Buffalo Rock Shoot-Out. One of the amazing perks of being a member of the Georgetown Women's Golf Team is the annual spring break trip to West Palm Beach in early March. This year we made a road trip up to Orlando during Spring Break to take on Rollins College at Lake Nona Country Club. After spending the week working hard on our games we got to show off our stuff at the University of South Florida Invite on March 14-15th at the Waterlefe Golf and River Club. Back near the Hilltop, we'll play in the William and Mary Invitational at Ford's Colony Golf Club on March 26-27, before hosting our third annual Hoya Invitational at Rasberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club in Leesbury VA on April 2-3 (come cheer for us!). Our last invitational competition will be at the Bonnie Hoover Invitational hosted by James Madison University on April 8-9. The Big East Championship will be hosted at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course. Pending our qualification, we'll be traveling to South Bend, IN on April 22-24. It promises to be a challenging and busy spring season. We have yet to win an invitational this school year, and we're committed to stretching our two year streak into a third. We're also looking to finally stand up to the challenges of South Bend, and put in a killer performance at the Big East Championship. Please follow us through the coming months, your support and interest means more to us than you know!

Coaches Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team, the alumnae, and all of the Georgetown family that I work with for supporting me through 15 very difficult months. If you did not know, I had 3 neck surgeries in the last 15 months, (one in which my brain stem was straightened, and the team was very glad my brain got straightened out), and I could not have survived without the unconditional support of Georgetown, Interim Athletic Director Adam Brick, Senior Associate Athletic Director Kim Simons, and all of the support in Athletics. So many alums have called to wish me well, and I appreciate Georgetown's unfailing confidence in my ability to keep the team operating. This team does so well because each young lady is filled with integrity and spirit. Knowing that I have the opportunity to continue coaching these young women gives me hope through my recovery. I also want to thank my "volunteer assistant coach", and now, husband, John Keyser, who stood by me and coached the team when I could not. He has an unflappable spirit for women's sports and gives 110 percent to this team. Thank you to all of you who stood by me and I look forward to many successful years at Georgetown.

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