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Making My First Professional Cut!

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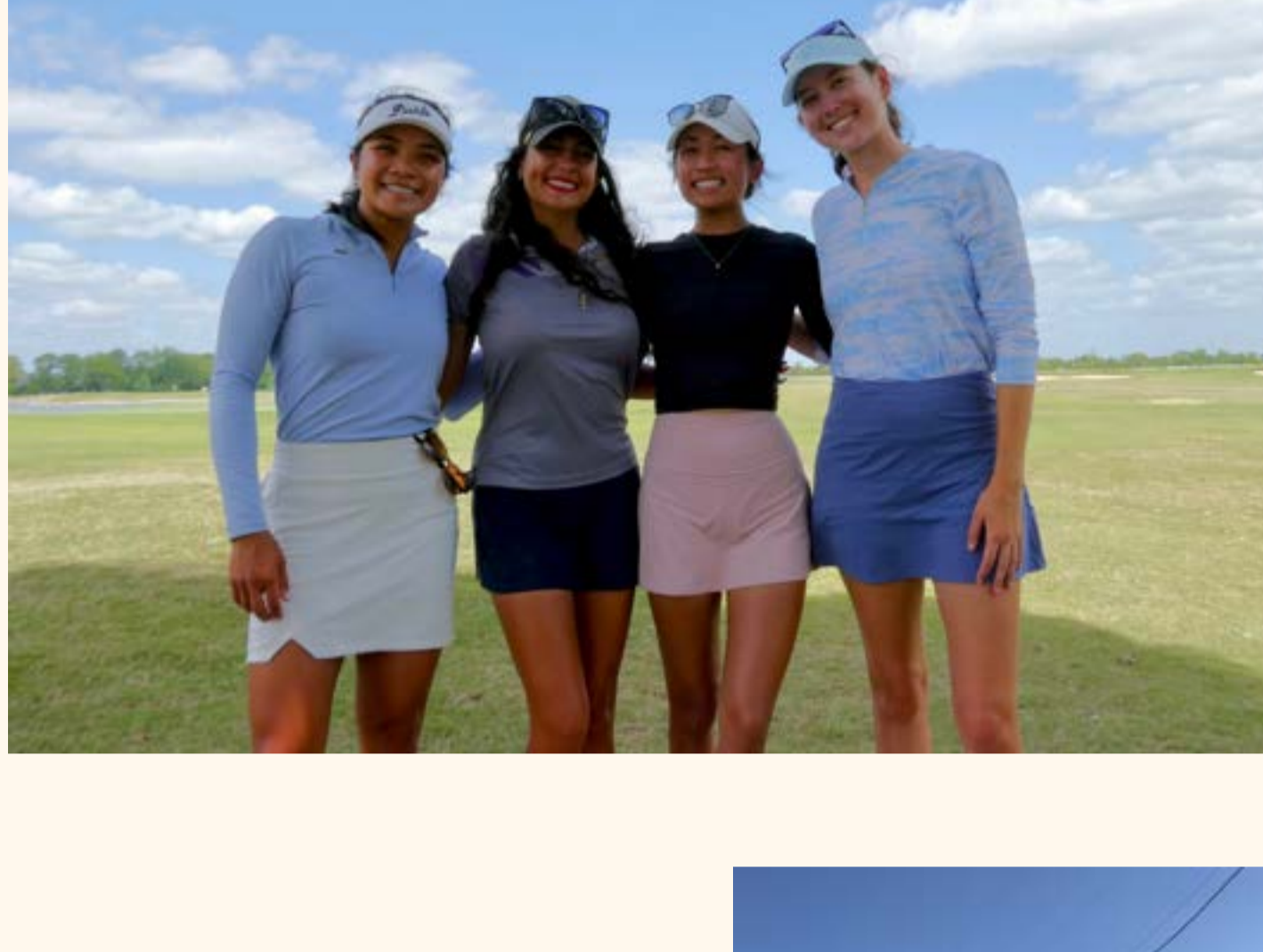
ON THE COURSE

I just completed my first stretch of official mini tour tournaments in Louisiana! I made the cut at the first tournament of the season at the Lake Charles Championship, but just missed the cut by one shot at the Coke Dr Pepper Open. At the first tournament in **Lake Charles**, I shot 72-71-77-71=291(+7) to end up in 47th place. On the second day, I opened up my front nine with a 32 (-4), which was exciting to go low. At the second tournament in **Alexandria**, I shot 73-71=144(E) to end up T51, but unfortunately they only took the top 48 (and ties) to advance to the third day. Both fields were 130-140 players, which provided great competition on two very different courses. Overall, I'm really glad to be more consistent and to be right in the mix as I start out my professional career :)



OFF THE COURSE

During this stretch I was able to travel with three other girls, one of whom I competed against during college (Hannah Jugar from Redlands University), and the other two are friends of Hannah's—Venecia Zaia and Kailee Welch—who I had just met for these tournaments. I had a wonderful time traveling with them and it often reminded me of college golf again! We shared Airbnbs and roadtripped between Lake Charles and Alexandria, which was a quick hour and 45 minute drive. In our downtime, we got to watch a variety of movies, which unintentionally ended up seeming like we were going through Zac Efron's filmography, as The Greatest Showman, Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates, and Ricky Stanicky made our movie list. I rediscovered my love for card games where we played a couple called Piles and Palace.



We befriended a group of kids at our first Airbnb who would open the gate to our driveway for us when we'd return from the course. One evening, we played basketball with them, which was just a very sweet moment I'm grateful to have been part of.



Lastly, of course I have to give my food review!! I got to try local Louisiana food like Gumbo, Crawfish Etoufee, and Beignets!! My favorite by far are the beignets, which I've never had a traditional one before. It reminds me a lot of malasadas, which are a local dessert from back home in Hawaii.



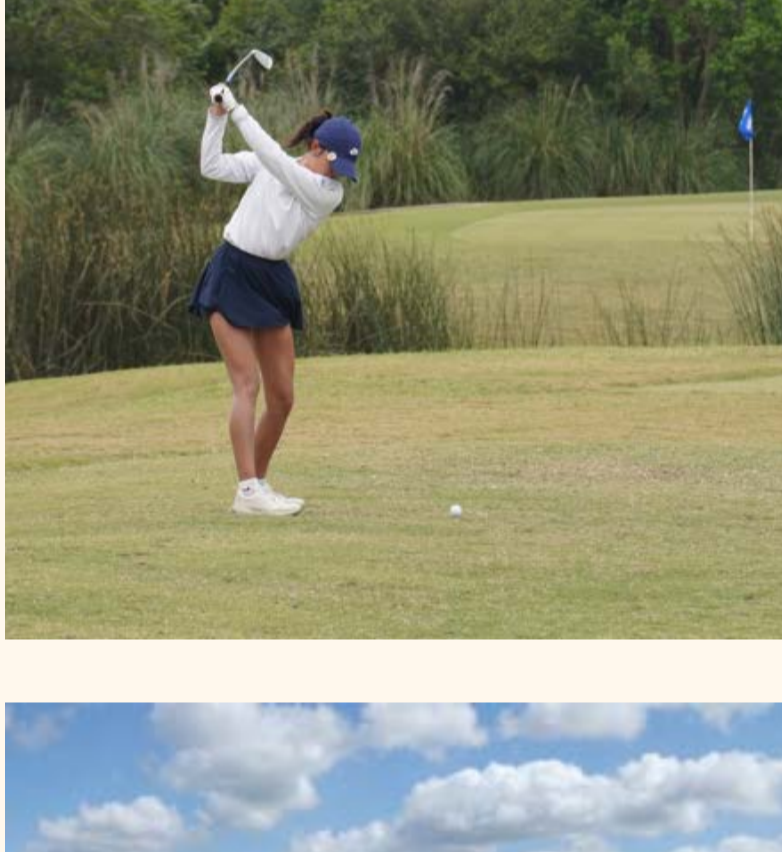
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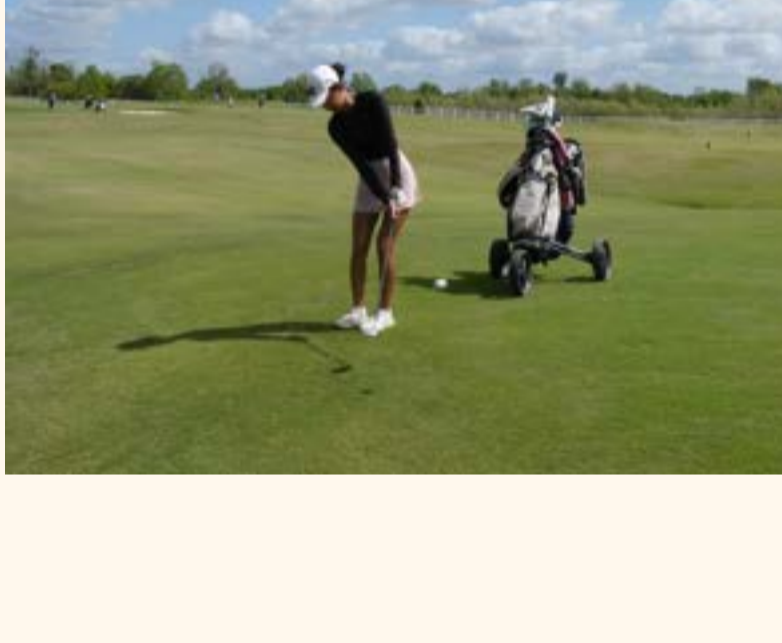
Malasada

INSIDE THE ROPES

As I mentioned, the two courses were very different. The names of the courses are Contraband Bayou Golf Club and Links on the Bayou. Links on the Bayou, a links-style course, is very open with a lot of gusting wind, which was different in layout to densely-forested Contraband Bayou. We were dealing with wind at both events, but at the second, the ground was so much firmer, which made ball-striking a little more difficult for me off the tight lies. If a lie is "tight," that means the grass is typically shorter or "pressed down," resulting in a concrete-like texture. This is common at links-style courses because of how much wind gets blown through.



(Top photo - Contraband Bayou
 Bottom photo - Links on the Bayou)



I'm also happy to announce that ECCO has graciously agreed to become a product sponsor for me this year! These tournament photos show me in the shoes they previously sent me. They're so comfy I didn't even need to break them in like I do for most golf shoes.

NEXT ON THE TEE

This is what my May stretch will look like as I continue earning points on the Annika WAPT Tour! I'm excited to go home to compete in my first US Women's Open Qualifier! I've only previously played the Women's Amateur qualifier, where I qualified back in 2022 to play in the Championship at Chamber's Bay. This Women's Open Qualifier will be a one day, 36-hole qualifier at Honolulu Country Club. I've played in junior tournaments at that course growing up so I have some familiarity with it. The US Women's Open will be held June 2-7, 2026 at the Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, CA.

Immediately following the conclusion of the US Open qualifier, I'll be traveling to Oklahoma for the WAPT FCA Women's Championship. The first round of this tournament is also a qualifier for the Destination Grapevine Texas Women's Open at the end of the month.

Late Spring 2026	
MAY 8	USGA US Women's Open Qualifier Honolulu, HI
MAY 13-15	WAPT FCA Women's Championship Broken Arrow, OK
MAY 27-29	WAPT Destination Grapevine Texas Women's Open Grapevine, TX

Late Spring 2026 Schedule | [A-MONEY CLUB](#)

*Note! - I will be watching the George Fox Women's Golf team compete in the NCAA Division III National Championship, which takes place May 19-22 in Palm Desert, CA! I was able to help the girls out with putting drills during my short time back in Oregon in between tournament swings, and want to be there to support them!

[Link to US Women's Open Qualifying Leaderboard :](#)

Looking forward to June, I have been invited to play in the Golf For Joy Pro-Am Tournament hosted by JoyRx, one of the wonderful programs of the Children's Cancer Association, that helps kids who are fighting cancer and serious illnesses. It will be out at Pumpkin Ridge in Oregon, and I'm looking forward to being part of a cause that impacts children's lives for the better :)

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

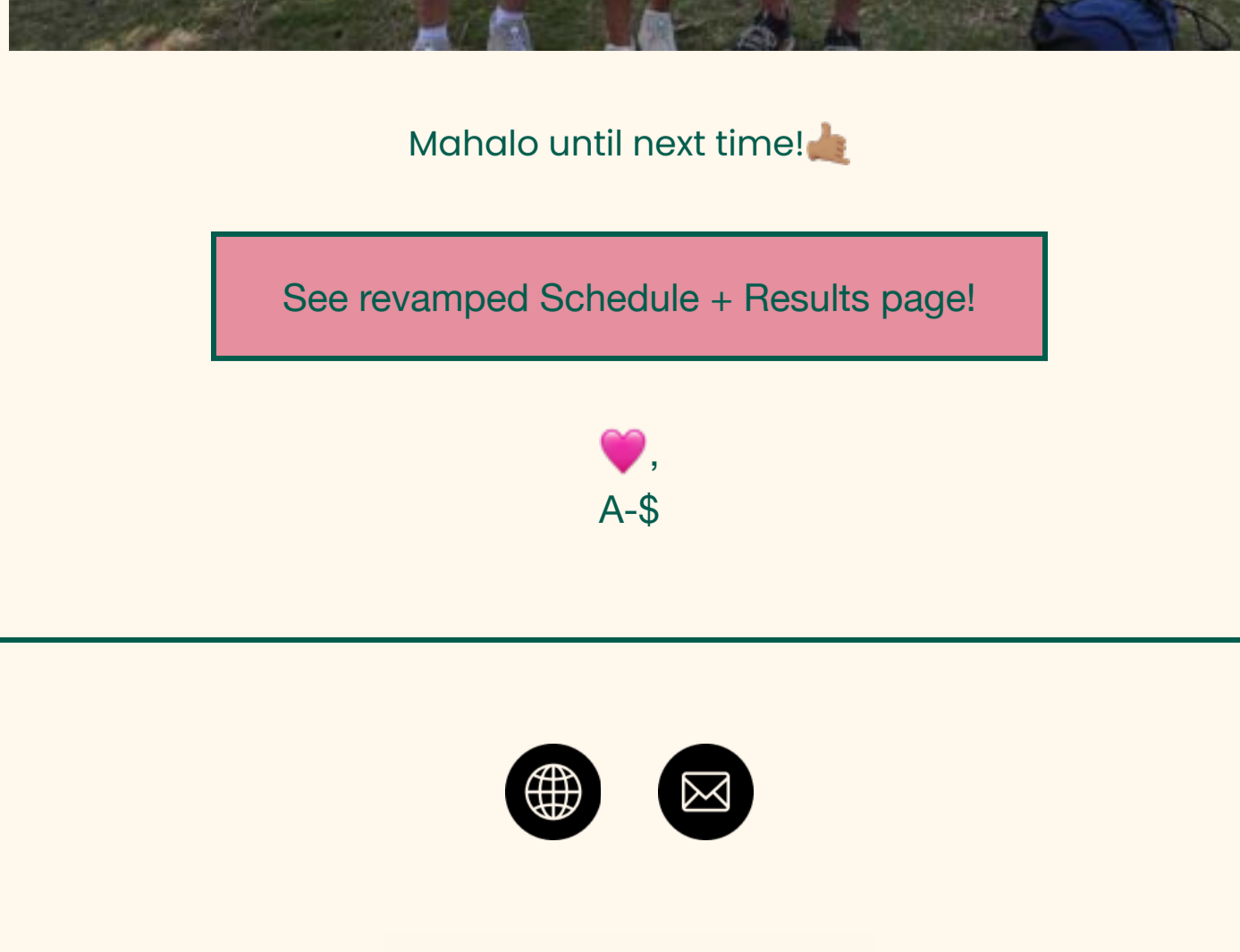
Making the cut comfortably at my first event was a rewarding feeling. Coming from Oregon, where the course and weather conditions are vastly different, I felt proud of how I managed to quickly adjust to Louisiana. Many of the other girls in the field have played the courses for multiple years, and I proved to myself that I can compete out there!! Moving forward, I just want to keep building confidence and trust in myself, and playing in these events were the perfect starting point!

While no one wants to miss the cut by one shot, it makes it all the more apparent that I am right there!! I've learned what my tendencies are under pressure, where I need to remind myself to take extra time to calm my heart rate. It's never a straight line to the top, but the lessons learned at these two events are only going to propel me forward as I get closer to starting on the Epson Tour!

I've also enjoyed sporting the GFU logo on my bag and wearing some of my college gear as I compete on a bigger stage. It's really fun to be able to share my story with the girls I meet out on tour :)



My list of thank you's is extensive. First, thank you to Caddy Dad and Spectator/Agent Mom for all the support and love, regardless of the outcome. Thank you to my new friends, Hannah, Kailee, and Venecia for making my first couple of weeks on the road filled with memories I'll always cherish. Lastly, thank you to everyone who has sent me notes of encouragement and my coaches who I can call for a quick mental pep talk in between rounds. I feel grateful to have your support and am ready to see how things play out next!



Mahalo until next time! 🙏

[See revamped Schedule + Results page!](#)

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