

Heath Chipping Through College

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Florida State's golf program embodies the diverse culture of the Florida State athletics department. Both men's and women's teams are surrounded by hard working individuals chasing their dreams of becoming professional golfers.

Sophomore Charlotte Heath is one such individual who has recently become a part of the FSU golf family.

Heath, an England native, has become a star for the women's golf program. She was one of the top recruits before committing and has proven why since the spring of her freshman year.

Heath grew up playing golf in England and was awarded many times for her play there. She played in many individual tournaments, placed in the top five and was part of the U18 England Girls National Team.

Moving from a lifestyle across the globe to the states is not easy. After arriving here during the COVID-19 pandemic, Heath took the fall semester off and did not competitively play golf for the Seminoles. She settled into life in the states and began her college career in the Spring of 2021.

Heath's love for golf comes from her father, and the constant motivation is found from her extended family members, her coaches and teammates. Golf is just as rigorous and competitive as other sports. While it may seem laid-back, the time commitment and concentration to perfect a golf swing does not come easily.

Heath decided to attend Florida State because of the sports community and coaches. On her visit, she quickly felt a connection to the program and knew this was home for her.

"The coaches were a huge factor for me," Heath said. "I knew before coming here how I like to practice and what I wanted from the coaches and they said exactly what I wanted to hear. From the first day I came it's exactly what I expected."

Heath has been a dominant force on the course for the Garnet and Gold. After an impressive freshman season, she earned All-ACC Honors and All-American Honorable Mention honors by Golfweek.

Her play has helped the Seminoles grab several top 10 victories. During her first season, she found her way into the record books. At the Valspar Augusta Invitational in March of 2021, her first-round score was 65. That tied her for the lowest round performed by an FSU women's golfer.

As she prepares for her spring 2022 season, she has quite a bit to look forward to. From maturing through freshman year and the tournament schedule, Heath is excited to keep the success going.

"We're going to be playing better teams and better courses," Heath said. "The ACC regionals will be at home, I'm really looking forward to seeing how well we can perform against good teams."

Along with the coaching staff, she is surrounded by talented golfers who push her to become a better player and person each day.

"Beatrice Wallin is definitely a role model for me," Heath said. "When I came here, she was in the top 10 in the world, and I wasn't ranked, so I wanted to be in her position one day."

Heath knows what is required of her for the long-term goal of becoming a professional golfer in the LPGA. The tools and resources she needs are present at FSU.

With endless support from coaches, teammates, her family and fans, there is constant motivation for her to strive each day on and off the course. Along with that, she has the chance to play and practice at the recently renovated Seminole Legacy Golf Course.

Heath is only a sophomore, but she has already left a notable impact so far on the FSU women's golf team as she enters her second campaign.