

APRIL 23-25, 2021

MAINEVILLE, OHIO (TPC RIVER'S BEND)

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RECAP ROUND 3

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Saturday, April 24: Michigan State won the 2020-21 Big Ten Women's Golf Championship at TPC River's Bend in Maineville, Ohio, after firing a team score of 853 (-11; 286, 281, 286), marking the second-lowest 54-hole winning score in the history of the Big Ten Championships. The Spartans, who won their ninth Big Ten title, earned the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA Championships. Michigan State last won the title in 2018 and has now won three out of the last four championships.

Nebraska's Kate Smith captured medalist honors after finishing the event with a score of 207 (-9; 72, 71, 64). Smith's 207 tied for the lowest winning 54-hole score in the history of the Big Ten Championships. The senior from Detroit Lakes, Minn., saved her best for last, carding a 64 (-8) in the third round to record the lowest 18-hole score of the event and set a new third-round Big Ten Championships record. Smith's score of 64 in the final round marks the second-best 18-hole score in Big Ten Championships history and trails only the 63 shot by Michigan State's Sarah Burnham in the second round of the 2017 championships.

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RECAP ROUND 2

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Saturday, April 24: After two rounds at the 2021 Big Ten Women's Golf Championships, Michigan State and Maryland are tied for first place with scores of 567 (-9). The Spartans opened the day with a one-stroke lead over the Terrapins, but Maryland fired the lowest team score Round 2 (-8; 280) to pull into a tie for first. Michigan remains in third place (-2; 574), while Northwestern and Nebraska are tied for fourth place (+1; 577).

Maryland's Laura Van Respaille moved into first place (-5; 139) after carding a 69 (-3) in the second round. Michigan State's Leila Raines, the Round 1 leader, shot a 71 (-1) and currently sits in second place with a score of 140 (-4). Four golfers are tied for third place through 36 holes with scores of 141 (-3): Alice Duan (Nebraska), Kan Bunnabodee (Purdue), Xiaolin Tian (Maryland) and Ashley Lau (Michigan). Sarah Willis of Penn State entered the day tied for 32nd, but carded the best 18-hole score of the tournament (-5; 67) to jump up to seventh overall (-2; 142).

Tee times for the final day of the 2021 Big Ten Women's Golf Championships begin at 8:00 a.m. ET on Sunday, April 25.

RECAP ROUND 1

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Friday, April 23: Michigan State currently has the lead at the 2021 Big Ten Women's Golf Championships after the opening round at TPC River's Bend. The Spartans fired a team score of 286 (-2) on Friday and have a one-stroke advantage over Maryland (-1; 287) heading into Round 2 of the event. Michigan (+2; 290) finished the day in third place, while Northwestern (+3; 291) and Nebraska (+5; 293) round out the top five.

Michigan State's Leila Raines carded the lowest score of the day with a 69 (-3). Three golfers are tied for second place following the first round with scores of 70 (-2): Kan Bunnabodee (Purdue), Patricie Mackova (Maryland) and Laura Van Respaille (Maryland). Michigan teammates Monet Chun and Ashley Lau also scored under par on the day (-1; 71) and are currently tied for fifth place.

Tee times for Round 2 begin at 8:30 a.m. ET on Saturday, April 24.

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