

# Beatriz Recari

The young Spaniard, who hit the shot of the year, talks to Mark Townsend

## 1 How did you get into golf?

When my dad stopped playing football he took up golf and I caddied for him. I liked it so much that he signed me up for some junior groups. Growing up my heroes were Annika Sorenstam, of course, and then Tiger Woods.

## 2 You played on the Junior Solheim Cup side in Indiana - how was that?

It was great, I think we did well. We were tied going into the singles but then they ran away with it. Morgan Pressel was their star player while Anna Nordqvist was part of our side.

## 3 How difficult was it to combine your first year on the LET with studying for a degree in economics?

It was very demanding and it required a lot of sacrifices. I didn't sleep much, especially during the months of May and June, but it was worth it as it made me more mature. I am now focused on my golf full time although I will finish my degree at some time for sure.

## 4 In Finland you equalled the course record and then went one better on day two. How nervous were you going into the final round with a five-shot lead?

It was a new situation for me. I had a nice chat with my mother in the morning and obviously I had some butterflies but I didn't let it affect me too much and tried not to put too much pressure on myself.

## 5 What were you thinking when Iben Tinning drew level after 15?

I said to myself I had fought really hard for this and I wasn't going to let it go. Maybe it helped to give me that little push.

## 6 What happened then was shown around the world as you holed a 4 iron at the first play-off hole...

On the way to the tee for the play-off, my caddy and I joked about it as my 4 iron, 10 minutes earlier, at the same hole had come up short. But when we got to the ball we both agreed straightaway it was the right club and it was just incredible when the crowd reacted.

## 7 Have you got a history of holing such shots?

I have holed a 7 iron and a 7 wood but this 4 iron is going to hang from my wall as soon as the season finishes.

## 8 A few weeks later you were trying on jewels worth €1m with Christina Kim in the Damiani boutique in Milan. Did you treat yourself?

It was part of the promotion for the Ladies Italian Open. I can safely say that I didn't buy anything other than a coffee next door though I always promised my mother I would buy her a nice present if I did win.

## 9 You are from Pamplona. Have you ever been tempted to join in the famous Running of the Bulls?

I was always tempted but then I saw a girl fall on the ground and she broke all her front teeth so I decided not to join in the fun. I think it is only for tourists!

### About Beatriz

Age: 22

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after a play-off with Iben Tinning

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