

***"Lightning Strikes Twice: Collegiate Women's Golfer Goes Birdie-Birdie-Birdie-Birdie...
Twice this year!!***

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In golf, a single birdie is a good hole. Two in a row gets your attention. Three? Three means things are heating up. But five straight birdies? That's pretty rare—especially for an amateur. Do it *twice* in the same year—and tie for medalist honors each time—now you are entering unreal territory.

But that's exactly what Alison Takamiya (from Honolulu, Hawaii), a standout collegiate golfer from George Fox University (Newberg, Oregon) accomplished this year.

In March, at the Westbrook Village Invitational in Peoria, AZ—at Westbrook Village GC playing at 5940 yards—Takamiya closed her final round with fireworks: *five consecutive birdies* on holes 14 through 18 to shoot a career round 66, which was also a tournament and school single day scoring record, to vault her into a tie for medalist honors.

Fast forward to the LPGA Portland Classic Amateur Open just weeks ago and she was at it again at Columbia Edgewater CC (in Portland, OR) which was playing at 6380 yards. Only this time, the fireworks came early. Takamiya came out of the gates hot with *five consecutive birdies* on holes 1-5. She went on to shoot 67 and to tie for medalist. It was the kind of start that had players, coaches—and in this case, scorers—checking the record books.

Birdie streaks like this are exceptionally rare, even among the best in the world. According to PGA Tour ShotLink data, the odds of five birdies in a row in a single round are around 0.05% range per round (about the same for a lightning strike!). Doing it *twice* in the same calendar year? That's statistical lightning striking twice—at both ends of a round.

"It was surreal," said Takamiya. "At the Arizona tournament, I just felt like I couldn't miss coming down the stretch. In Portland, it was a similar feeling but flipped. I remember thinking on the fifth hole, 'What is happening?'"

There was no playoff in Phoenix, but she did lose on the second playoff hole at the Amateur Open but still received an invitation to play in the Monday qualifier for the Standard LPGA Portland Classic in August. Takamiya's game is making serious noise. She's set to take on the first stage of LPGA Q-School later this summer, and her ability to perform under pressure is drawing attention beyond the collegiate ranks.

Regardless of where her journey takes her next, one thing is clear: you don't want to be in her group when the birdie train leaves the station. History shows, she's not stopping for five holes.