Seldemirova, Shears Named WGCA All-American Scholars



Two members of the Ohio State women's golf team were named Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholars.

Sofia Seldemirova and Adeena Shears received the honor, exceeding the minimum of a 3.50 grade-point average.

Seldemirova, who became a WGCA All-American Scholar for the first time, was also an Academic All-Big Ten selection for the Buckeyes in 2018-19 as a sophomore. She is a two-time OSU Scholar-Athlete and is studying marketing.

As a freshman, Seldemirova posted a 79.3 scoring average, competing in 14 rounds with two counting toward the team tally. She carded her season-low three-over 75 in the opening round of the East & West Match Play Challenge.

Improving as a sophomore, Seldemirova played in six events with six rounds counting toward the team tally, while recording a 75.5 scoring average. The Sofia, Bulgaria, native tied for fifth place at the Dayton Flyer Invitational in October with a 5-over 145.

Prior to Ohio State, Seldemirova was a three-time Bulgarian National Junior Championship winner (2015, 2016, 2017) and two-time Croatian International Ladies Championship winner (2015, 2016).



Sofia Seldemirova. Courtesy of OSU Athletics.

Shears, a two-time All-American Scholar, is also a two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection. She studies human development and family science, earning recognition as a three-time OSU Scholar-Athlete.

After rarely cracking the lineup as a freshman, Shears finished her sophomore season in 2017-18 with the team's fourth-best scoring average (75.9), with 22.5 of her 31 rounds counting toward the team total.

As a junior, Shears played in 11 tournaments, with 23.5 of her 31 rounds counting to the team total. The Parkersburg, W.Va., native totaled a 75.4 scoring average with one round under-par and four at even-par.

Before coming to Columbus, Shears was a two-time West Virginia Women's Amateur Champion (2014, 2015). She also won the USGA Girls Junior Qualifier at Silver Lake Country Club in 2015, then advanced to the Top 32 in the USGA Girls Junior Championship.



 $\label{eq:courtesy} \mbox{ Adeena Shears. Courtesy of OSU Athletics.}$

The 2018-19 Buckeyes advanced to NCAA Regional appearance No. 25 in a row while winning Big Ten championship No. 18 in program history.

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