

# Adams signs pair to National Letters of Intent

## Two Tennessee natives to join women's golf team

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### **MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -**

The Blue Raider women's golf team is pleased to announce that Lacie York, from Kingsport, Tenn., and Samantha Gotcher of Clarksville, Tenn., have signed national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at Middle Tennessee, as announced by head coach Chris Adams Wednesday.

"I think they (York and Gotcher) could be impact players right away," Adams said. "They both have a lot of playing experience, and I'm excited about both of them. They're both very different personality wise, but I think they're going to be a good mix with the current team I have."



York, a senior at Sullivan South High School, finished as the Region 1-AAA champion in 2011 and runner-up in 2010 and 2012. York finished 10th at the TSSAA state tournament after a 23rd place finish in 2011. As a sophomore, she managed a fifth place finish.

"I've watched her for two or three years now, and she's a taller, stronger player, probably moreso than the girls that I've signed in the past. But she hits it a very long distance," Adams said. "With her being long already, it prepares her better for the college level, so I'm extremely excited about that. Her length is going to be a huge asset to have coming into the college courses."

York was named the Big 8 Conference Player of the Year three straight years (2009-2011), all-conference from 2009-12 and earned all-state honors in 2010 and 2012.

"I think more than anything, she really wants to be here," Adams said. "Anytime you can get a player who really wants to be here, it's a really good mix. I'm very excited about her."

Gotcher, a 2012 TSSAA individual state champion, was a four-time letter winner at Clarksville High School and helped her team win back-to-back state titles in 2011 and 2012.

"Samantha Gotcher is a very highly ranked player and was recruited by a lot of schools," Adams said. "She is a fireball. She is going to show you everything she's done, get mad at bad shots and get really excited with good shots. She wears her emotions on her sleeve, but that's exciting as well."

Voted the 2010 Middle Tennessee Player of the Year, Gotcher was a runner-up at the state tournament in 2010 and 2011 and won her district in 2009 and 2011. Regionally, Gotcher helped Clarksville nab three team titles while individually medaling in 2009, 2011 and 2012. She was also named the Clarksville Player of the Year three straight years (2009-11).

"I'm very excited about Samantha, just for the fact that I feel like, for her, she's going to want to come in and make a difference immediately," Adams said. "She wants to come here to be a difference maker. She wants to be the first team to do certain things-advance to nationals or whatever it is; she wants to be a difference-maker. Somebody with that kind of personality and that kind of confidence at this level could make a difference immediately."

Apart from her high school career, Gotcher qualified for the USGA Women's Amateur Public Links in 2011 and 2012, the USGA Girls U.S. Junior in 2012 and was one of three players in the world to qualify for the USGA national championships in 2012.

"She's just very strong in every part of her game," Adams said. "I've watched her more than a lot of players I've recruited in the past because I felt like I had to win her. I'm definitely excited about her."

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