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MIKAELA SCHULZ TRIUMPHS IN WWGA 91st NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AT DUBUQUE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Dubuque, IA – This morning's Semifinal matches teed off on time on a cool summer day. Speedy Kent, Mequon, WI, defeated Canadian Kiley Rodrigues, Kingston, Ontario 3 & 2 while Mikaela Schulz, West Bloomfield, MI continued her winning ways against Kira Wolf of Mattoon, IL 2 up.

The Final Match Play round for the Championship teed off at 12:30PM and pitted Speedy Kent against second seed Mikaela Schulz. Kent went 1 up on the first hole, they halved the second hole, and were all square through the third. Schulz went 1 up on the fourth hole and Kent tried, but just couldn't catch her.

The probable turning point of the match came on the ninth hole. Schulz was 2 up through eight holes. Her approach shot was short and her ball was on the ninth green in 3, while Kent was on in two. Schulz turned a likely 2 putt for bogie into a long downhill putt for birdie and Kent missed her birdie putt. What might have been a two shot swing the birdie put Schulz 3 up.

Schulz won the 14^{th} hole and proceeded to #15 dormie. On the 15^{th} green she dropped a 5 foot putt in for birdie and won the match 5 & 3.

Following the Awards Ceremony Speedy Kent soon to be high school senior said, "I tried to do my best with what I had this afternoon. I came up short." Mikaela Schulz who will be a junior in the fall said, "I came into this tournament with confidence and as the stroke and match play rounds went on, that confidence built to the point I was determined to win. I will plan on returning to the WWGA Junior Tournament next year to defend my title."

The 92^{nd} WWGA Junior tournament will be held Mid-July at Cincinnati Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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