

## **Championship Finals Set for Women's Western Amateur**

ELMHURST, Ill. – After several days of rain and thunderstorms that played mayhem with delays, the Championship Flight quarterfinals and other flights semifinals began in the morning with a light mist that soon turned into a perfect day.

In the Championship Flight quarterfinals, Sarah White, Caledonia, Mich. defeated Stephanie Lau, Fullerton, Calif. on the 19<sup>th</sup> hole. Dylan Kim, Sachse, Tex. had a close match with Jackie Chulya, Oakland, Calif. defeating her 1-up. Maddie Szeryk, London, Ontario, Canada defeated Francesca Olivarez-Illas, Muntinlupa, Philippines 3 & 2 and Sophia Schubert, Oak Ridge, Tenn. defeated YuWen (Tina) Lu, Shanghai, China 4 & 3.

The Lone Star State was well-represented in the Semifinals with all four players having an attachment or bond to the great state of Texas including Sarah White playing Dylan Kim and Maddie Szeryk's opponent Sophia Schubert.

White will be a junior at Texas State University. Kim is a native Texan, and although Szeryk hails from Canada, she has a dual citizenship and is part-time in Allen, Tex. Schubert will be a senior at University of Texas/Austin.

At the turn Kim was 3-up and by the 12<sup>th</sup> hole was 6-up. White won the 13<sup>th</sup> hole and pars rounded out the match on 14 with Kim the winner, 5 & 4.

"I played really steady overall and didn't make any mistakes, it was good," said Kim. "It wasn't a close match but competition wise I think that it could have gone either way. She made a lot more putts and she literally stuck it on every green," said White. "She started out with a birdie from the trees," White said. "I had a tree overhanging but I was able to hit it low enough to get it on the green. I started out pretty fast so that was helpful," reiterated Kim.

It took 20 holes in the second semifinal match between Maddie Szeryk and Sophia Schubert to produce a winner. The match was mainly all square until the 4<sup>th</sup> hole when Schubert birdied the 5<sup>th</sup> hole. By the end of nine the match was back to all square and stayed until Szeryk made a birdie putt on the 13<sup>th</sup>, only to make bogey 6 on the 17<sup>th</sup> taking the match to extra holes.

In the semifinals, Szeryk said, "We both played very well and didn't make a bogey until 17, winning holes with birdie, nobody was ever more than 1-up so it was a really good match."

Kim will meet Szeryk in the 36-hole hole final tomorrow. Some of Kim's memorable accomplishments in 2017 include winning the Big 12 Championship in 2017 and Academic All Big 12 First Team. She was the Big 12 "Freshman of the Year" and Golfweek All American in 2015.

Szeryk's achievements include winning the Alamo Invitational in 2014, Lady Buckeye Invitational in 2017, the NCAA College All American in 2016 and 2017 and the All Big 12 Team in 2016 and 2017. She was the Rolex All American in 2012 and 2014 and Golfweek College All American in 2015.

## **FLIGHT RESULTS:**

In the First Flight semifinals, Adeena Shears, Elizabeth, W.V. defeated Jacquelin Biggs, Englewood, Colo. 4 & 3. It took 19 holes for Jacquelyn Eeley, Quincy, Mass. to win her match with Kaho Monica Matsubara, San Diego, Calif. In the finals, Eeley defeated Shears with a 3 & 2 margin.

In the Second Flight semifinals, Lizzie Win, Sylvania, Ohio won her match over Samantha Martinez, Pasig City, Philippines 2 up while Ciara Rattana, Burr Ridge, Ill. defeated Dakota Limkemann, West Point, Illinois 6 & 5. Rattana claimed victory over Win in the finals by a 1 up margin.

In the Third Flight semifinals, Eric Kerr, Peoria, Ill. won over Emma Carpenter 4 & 3 and Christine Portillo, Eden Prairie, Minn. defeated Hannah Griffith, Lexington, Ky. 3 & 2. In the finals it was Portillo over Kerr 3 & 1.

Fourth Flight semifinals had Brooke Kochevar, Glen Ellyn, Ill. defeating Elyse Emerzian, Deerfield, Ill. 1 up and Jasmine Yi, Arlington Heights, Ill. 2 up over Emilyee McGilles, Orland Hills, Ill. In the finals Kochevar had a 1 up victory over Yi.

Fifth Flight played their finals in the morning with Annalee Dannegger, Wheaton, Ill. defeating Natalie Long, Godfrey, Ill. by a 3 & 2 margin.

On Thursday, Tina Lu had a hole-in-one on the 174-yard par 3. "I hit a thin shot and didn't know it went in, I saw the ball go really, really close to the hole. My caddy/coach used the Bushnell to look and it was in, I was like oh my gosh!" Lu is 14-years old and has been playing golf for 8 years. This is her second hole-in-one; she had another one when she was 10 but this one is special because it was achieved in tournament play.

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