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Women's Western Tournament Match Play Begins Tomorrow

Romeoville, Ill., June 27, 2018 ... Today 120 players finished their Second Qualifying Round at the Women's Western Golf Association's 118th National Amateur Championship being held at Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, Ill. The course is set at 6,131 yards, par 71.

After two days of stroke play qualifying, the Medalist is Emilee Hoffman, Folsom, Calif. who carded a 65-70-135. Hoffman shot a 7-under 65 on Tuesday tying Mistwood Golf Club's Women's Course Record set by Aimee Neff in 2008 during the second round of the Phil Kosit Illinois Women's Open which is held annually at Mistwood Golf Club. After completing her round, Hoffman said she was grateful that all her hard work had been worth it and felt great about being part of the WWGA's prestigious history. She also realizes that being Medalist and going into match play tomorrow is no guarantee that she would win the Championship, she said she needs to remain focused for the rest of the week.

The leaderboard for an amateur championship resembled a professional tournament. The closest players behind Hoffman at 4-under were Brianne Bolton, Mokena, Ill.; Julie Houston, Allen, Tex; Adeena Shears, Elizabeth, W.V.; and Katharine Patrick, West University Place, Tex. Bolton, a rising Senior at Lincoln Way Central High School, will only play with a golf ball with #2 on it, she said that goes back to when she shot a 2-under for two days in a row with a #2 ball. Houston, a Senior to be at the University of Texas (San Antonio), won the Conference USA Women's Golf Title (both team and individual) in 2018 and was named Freshman on the Year in 2016. Shears will be a Junior at The Ohio State University where she has been named a Scholar Athlete in both 2017 and 2018. Patrick will be a Senior at the University of Virginia where her most memorable golf experience was playing in the NCAA Women's Division 1 Golf Finals with her Cavalier teammates.

Those turning in scores of 3-under were Abegail Arevalo, Paranaque City, The Philippines; Doey Choi, Greenacre, Australia; Maggie Ashmore, Kingston, Ga.; and Brigitte Thibault, Rosemere, Quebec, Canada.

At the end of today's play, the field was cut to the low 32 who will compete for the title of the 118th WWGA Champion. A play-off was required as eight players, with a two-day combined score of 3-over had to tee it up to make it into the top 32. The final four include: Pinya Pipatjarasgit, Sylvania, Ohio; Kenzie Wright, McKinney, Tex.; Madeline Sager, Charleston, S.C.; and Alexis Miesotwski, Schererville, Ind.

After the single elimination Match Play portion which will begin on Thursday and end with the final two players vying for the title of Champion on Saturday. Match Play begins at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow reducing the 32 players to 16 who will play in the afternoon

For the Media ... We look forward and hope to see you during the rest of the tournament week. If you are planning to come out, I would suggest you call Mistwood's Pro Shop at 815-254-3333 and give them an approximate time of your arrival. If you have heavy camera equipment and need help, I will try to meet you in front of the club. If there is a specific player or players you are interested in, I will give you an idea of where they are on the course.

The WWGA has certain media and spectator rules during this National Amateur Championship: if media wants to go on the course, they must be escorted by a WWGA official or WWGA representative. During the competitive rounds, photograph and video is not permitted unless being escorted by a WWGA official. Spectators are asked to walk on the cart paths or in the rough and avoid crossing a fairway and walking in the tall fescue. Please do not communicate with players as conversation may be construed as advice. Cell phones must be silenced on and near the golf course.

At the end of each day, I will continue sending daily results and a brief press release of the day's event and the next day's pairings. You can also find all results, releases and pairings on www.WWGA.org which also has Real Time Scoring.

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