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WWGA 92ND Junior Championship First Round Match Play Cincinnati Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio

Cincinnati, OH. (July 18, 2018) Match play commenced this morning .

In the Championship Flight matches: Emma Carpenter, DeKalb, IL, Medalist and No. 1 seed defeated Alex Voight-Shelley, State College, PA., 6 & 5. Alex said, "I didn't want to think too much about playing the No. 1 seed, but it was a bit stressful. I played my best, believed in myself and had a good birdie, but it wasn't enough." Emma commented, "I think we both had a case of nerves on the first tee. We missed short putts on No. 1; it was back and forth, and was even through six holes. I birdied No. 7 and went 2-up after the ninth hole. I made more birdies finishing 6 & 5, but Alex was making good pars that put pressure on me to birdie." Alex concluded: "I love this event and I will be back next year."

The second match of the morning featured Lexie McKay, Aurora, Ontario, Canada and Kira Wolf, Mattoon, IL. Wolf was 5-up after the twelfth hole. McKay battled back winning holes No. 13, 14 and 16. Wolf prevailed closing out the match on hole No. 17, 2 & 1.

Macy Hanus, Bowling Green, OH, defeated Abby Thielbar, Zionsville, IN. 3 & 2. Hanus had a great start draining a 30 foot putt on No. 1. Hanus followed that up with birdies on No. 3 and 6. She was 5-up through the sixth hole.

Claire Solovic, Imperial, MO. who led the field in Monday's First Round, and was seed No. 2, lost to Stephanie Su, South Barrington, IL. in extra holes. The players traded the lead each going 2-up on the other in the match. Su won the match on the twentieth hole.

Maddie Dittoe, Indianapolis, IN. defeated Anna Jensen, Dubuque, IA., 5 & 4. Maddie repeated yesterday's eagle on hole No. 11.

Addison Klonowski, Naples, FL. , age 13, was the youngest competitor. This was her first match play competition. Kristen Giles, Georgetown, Ontario Canada, defeated Klonowski. Kristen played in one other match competition at the 91st WWGA Junior Championship. Kristen is attending Drake University this fall.

A First Flight match ended on the twenty-second hole. Nicole Kramer, Charlotte, NC. defeated Mara Flaherty, Naperville, IL.
In the Second Flight, Meghan Zambruno, Mt. Pleasant, PA., defeated Margot Osterman, Scituate, MA., also on the twenty-second hole.

The L.B. Icely Cup is awarded to the Champion. Mr. Icely donated the trophy when he was President of the Wilson Sporting Goods Company. Medals are awarded to the Champion, Finalist and Semifinalists, Flight winners and runners-up.

Match play continues tomorrow. Championship Flight will tee off at 8:00 a.m. Winners of the morning matches will advance to the Quarterfinals and compete in an afternoon match. The afternoon matches will start at 1:00 p.m. First and Second flights will play their semi-finals with finals on Friday morning. Third Flight will play their final match on Thursday. Championship semi-finals matches will be Friday morning and the 18-hole Championship match will tee off at 1:00 p.m.

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First-Round Match Play Results

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

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Par: 70 Yardage: 5,608