

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Brentwood, Tenn., Friday, June 19, 2015 ... Match play continues at the 115<sup>th</sup> Women's Western Golf Association's National Amateur Championship being held at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club in Brentwood, Tenn. The scenic course is set at 6,073 yards, par 36-36-72.

In the quarterfinals played this morning, **Molly Skapik**, Miamisburg, Ohio defeated **Shannon Gramley**, Sharon, Pa. 5 & 4. Skapik and Gramley attend the University of Louisville and wore their red Cardinal team shirts. When giving the results of their match, both were smiling and said they didn't mind playing against each other.

**Lydia Gumm**, Radcliff, Ky. defeated **Karen Chung**, Livingston, N.J. who attends the University of Southern California. Gumm will be a Junior at Florida State University in the fall; although she is right-handed she plays golf left-handed. **Lauren Hartlage**, Elizabethtown, Ky. defeated **Pauline Del Rosario** from the Philippines 1-up. Hartlage who will be a senior in high school in the fall and has made a verbal commitment to the University of Louisville in 2016. It took 19 holes for 15-year-old **Fai Khamborn** from Thailand to defeat University of Central Florida **Ashley Holder** from Orlando, Fla.

The afternoon rounds were delayed for close to an hour due to an intermittent rain showers. Once the Championship Flight semifinals were underway, the five other Flights were headed for their final matches, but not before both the Fifth Flight semifinalist matches had to proceed to the first tee for extra holes to complete their morning rounds.

The first Championship Flight semifinal match was won by **Lydia Gumm**, Radcliff, Ky. She defeated **Molly Skapik** from Miamisburg, Ohio 5 & 4. Gumm stated, *"It was a good match, Molly is a great player. I am proud of myself for finishing with three birdies in a row and I am so looking forward to playing in the finals tomorrow."* Gumm said she played steady and was 3 up at the turn; Skapik made birdie on the 10<sup>th</sup>, they tied the 11<sup>th</sup> and then the birdies fell one, two, three and Gumm won the match.

Late in the afternoon another storm delayed play for the second time of the day.

The second match was won by the 2012 Women's Western Junior Champion, **Fai Khamborn** from Thailand. Khamborn's opponent was Lauren Hartlage, Elizabethtown, Ky. Fai said, *"I had fun with her during the entire match. The whole match was pretty even, if we had kept score on the front side, I would've had a 39 compared to her 37. On the back side I said to myself, 'relax and do my best'. Lauren missed a 2 or 3 foot putt on 18 that made us go (to an) extra hole. I won on the 19<sup>th</sup>. My Aunt Chang has been a great caddie, she's been with me all seven rounds this week, she keep me loose, made me laugh. I'm so excited to be in finals tomorrow."*

### ***Some highlights from the Thursday matches ...***

In the Championship Flight morning round of 32, Medalist **Sierra Brooks**, Sorrento, Fla. defeated **Rinko Mitsunaga**, Roswell, Ga. by a 5 & 4 margin but lost to **Shannon Gramley**, Sharon, Pa. who won 1 up in the afternoon.

During the hot and steamy Thursday afternoon, out of the clear blue skies there was a huge clap of thunder and the heavens let loose; the storm blew in with 30 mph winds, it was raining hard from all angles. The Women's Western Directors stepped into action, got golf carts and went out and evacuated the entire course. **Erin Carney**, Mission Hills, Kan. and **Susan Kirchenman**, Huxley, Ia. were just finishing the 13<sup>th</sup> hole when the rain hit. Being transported back to the clubhouse Carney said, *"The downpour happened so fast we weren't even able to get to our umbrellas. Susan and I were soaked through and through."* No sooner did the storm blow in that within 45 minutes the skies were clear again and since the course drains so well play resumed.

**Riley Rennell**, Columbia, Tenn. who has committed to play at University of Georgia and **Ashley Holder**, Orlando, Fla. who is attending the University of Central Florida, match ended when Holder birdied the 14<sup>th</sup> hole. Rennell, whose father Robert was the Pro at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club a number of years ago, said, *"It was a good match. I was focused on my own game but was impressed with Ashley's because at one point she was 5 under through seven holes."*

It took 20 holes before **Princess Mary Superal** from the Philippines defeated **Hally Leadbetter**, Bradenton, Fla. in their Championship Flight match. Leadbetter said, *"Overall it was a good match, I was so close but she made birdie on the last hole and I had a par."*

**ALL RESULTS FOR FRIDAY'S ROUND WILL BE POSTED ON WWGA website.**

**The Championship 36-hole Finals will start at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 20.**

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