



SEMIFINALS SET FOR INTERNATIONAL DUAL

LONG GROVE, III. (July 19, 2019) – Maria Bohorquez, Brook Tyree, Antonia Matte, and Sarah Shipley punched their tickets to the semifinal match for the 119th Women's Western Amateur at Royal Melbourne Country Club.

Bohorquez of Bogota, Columbia, No. 8 seed, defeated Caroline Wrigley of Wexford, Pennsylvania, No. 17 seed, 5 and 4 Friday afternoon.

Earlier Friday morning, Wrigley upset the No. 1 seed, defeating stroke-play medalist Ela Belen Anacona 3 and 4.

Bohorquez expressed how important it was for her to stay hydrated through 90-plus-degree weather.

“Since this morning, my caddie and I have been preparing for the heat,” said Anacona, 17. “It was really humid, but I think we managed it well.”

Bohorquez credits her caddie, Andres Echavarria, a golfer on the PGA TOUR Latinoamerica, for some of her success. He has played in the Western Golf Association's Junior and Amateur tournaments.

“I have learned a lot from him,” said Bohorquez, a high school junior. “We share the same swing coach. He teaches me a lot about course management.”

Bohorquez said her strategy was to play aggressively to win her second match and advance to the semifinals.

“I want to keep up the way I have been playing,” she said. “I hope to keep my strategy and my patience.”

Closing out the upper bracket, Shipley of Hastings, Michigan, defeated first round leader, Julie Houston of Allen, Texas, two-up.

“With college golf, I was used to playing 36-hole rounds,” said Shipley, 21, a senior at the University of Kentucky. “Once I get to two-up, I feel pretty confident. I love match play.”

Tyree of Sulphur, Louisiana, defeated last year’s finalist, Tristyn Nowlin of Richmond, Kentucky, one up.

“I haven’t sweat this much in a long time,” said Tyree, a sophomore at Texas A & M. “It is hotter here than in Louisiana.”

For tomorrow, Tyree’s plan is to keep up her good play and stay calm. “If I lose and I play well, it’s not a big deal to me,” said Tyree, 19. “I would just want the other girl to win.”

Rounding out the lower bracket, Matte of Santiago, Chile, No. 3 seed, defeated Daphne Chao of New York, New York, No. 11 seed, 5 and 3.

Matte, 16, a junior in high school, expressed how hot the conditions were today.

“I drank a lot of water in between holes and shots,” she said. “My approach shots to the green were good today, but I wasn’t making putts.”

Matte hopes to continue making greens and regulation for the rest of the tournament.

The first semifinal match will be Boroquez versus Tyree at 7 a.m. Saturday. Following that match, Shipley will challenge Matte. The final match will take place after the first two matches conclude.

Contestants from 30 states and 12 countries are vying for the W. A. Alexander Cup, which was first presented in 1901 in honor of his wife Maude Alexander, the first president of the Women’s Western Golf Association.

The list of past champions spans more than a century, from legendary stars Patty Berg (1938, 1946, 1947), Nancy Lopez (1976), Beth Daniel (1978) and Cristie Kerr (1994) to modern stars such as Brittany Lang (2003), Stacy Lewis (2006) and Ariya Jutanugarn (2012).

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