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Janice Kim Claims the WWGA 92nd Junior Championship at Cincinnati Country Club

Cincinnati, OH (July 21, 2018): After a sweltering week of intense heat and humidity, a rain soaked Friday that was interrupted three times, and a postponed final match, the finalists met on the first tee for the championship match.

The No. 8 seed, Macy Hanus, Bowling Green, OH and No. 6 seed, Janice Kim, Edina, MN, teed off at 7:00 a.m. under cloudy skies. Hanus' drive was right and in the rough off the tee. Her second shot clipped trees and was short of the green. Kim was on in regulation and went 1-up with a par.

Hanus struggled off the tee driving into the right rough. Kim went 2-up on the No. 2, 555 yd. par 5, with par.

Hanus and Kim both drove right and left, respectively, landing in the rough on No. 3, 305 yd. par 4. Hanus' approach shot landed on the green close to the pin. Kim found her ball in the right deep rough. Her second shot hit a tree sending her farther right. Hanus birdied the hole. The match was Kim, up-1.

Hanus was long over the green on hole No. 4, a par 3. Kim won the hole with par going 2-up. Kim would continue to No.5, 325 yd. par 4, and win with par going 3-up., The players halved No. 6 and 7, and the match remained Kim, 3-up.

The 149 yd. par 3, No. 8, found both players on the green. Hanus' putt birdie putt hit the hole lipping out. Kim's birdie putt was long past the hole. Hanus won the hole with par and the match was Kim 2-up.

Hanus and Kim drove the fairway on the ninth hole, 330 yd. par 4. The second shots were just short of the green. Hanus' chip stopped on the edge of the hole. Kim and Hanus halved the hole.

Off the tee Kim found herself deep in rough on No.10, right of the cart path. Hanus was center of the fairway. Kim made a solid golf shot to the green and just above the hole. Hanus answered with her own solid shot to the green. Hanus won the hole. Kim was 1-up in the match.

Both players were center fairway from the eleventh tee a 450 yd. par 5. Kim's second shot found the green and set her up for an eagle. Hanus chip to the green was just below the hole. Her putt for birdie lipped away. Kim birdied No. 11 to go 2-up.

On the No. 12, 290 par 4, Hanus and Kim drove into the deep rough below the green. Both players executed spectacular approach shots putting themselves in position for birdie. Hanus birdied and the match was Kim 1-up.

Hanus and Kim continued to put on a clinic for second shots to the green on the thirteenth hole, 284 yd par 4. Kim birdied to go 2-up.

The final match remained Kim 2-up through No. 15. The players were in the fairway on No. 16, 315 yd par 4. Both players were just short on their second shots forcing each to chip onto the green. Hanus skimmed her par putt just past the hole. Kim made her par putt to win the match, 3 and 2.

Janice Kim said, "I was satisfied with my play all week. Macy is so good and she just kept coming back in this match. I knew I had to make that last putt to win. My hard work all summer paid off and this is another notch on my belt and helps my confidence."

Janice Kim never lost her lead through the match but there were twists and turns. She said, "Match play is unique. It gives every player a chance to come back. This tournament is what it is all about. This is my favorite tournament of the summer. Wow, it just feels surreal."

The 2019 Women's Western Association Junior Championship will be contested at Meridian Hills Country Club, Indianapolis, IN, June 17-21, 2019

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Par: 70 Yardage: 5,608 Rating/Slope: 72.4/126**