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Final Eight Players Determined in Championship Flight

The Medalist in the two day Qualifying Rounds, Mika Liu, Beverly Hills, CA, won both of her matches today. Liu started playing golf when she was 6 because she was fascinated with chipping and putting. She said “I loved watching the ball land near the hole and the excitement of seeing it drop into the hole”. She won her first tournament in Los Angeles City events when she was 8. At that time she recalled that she really didn’t care if she won, rather that she thrived on the competition, hoped to see some improvement in various aspects of the game and learned to face the pressure associated with it. She started to play more junior tournaments and was named FCWT National Player of the Year in 2011 and was an AJGA Rolex All-American in both 2012 and 2013. Over the last year she has played in Amateur and Symetra Tour events. She enrolled in the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, as a Freshman last fall and started to work with David Whelan. She feels that working with him has helped with her mental attitude and focus and well as working on fitness to making her a stronger player. Let me remind you that she turned 15 in February.

The field in Championship Flight went from 32 players to 8 players in one day. Sixteen matches were played this morning. The 2nd Seed Allison Cooper, Harrisburg, PA, fell to Heather Ciskowski, Barrington, IL, by a score of 5 & 4. The 3rd Seed Princess

Superal, Dasmarias City, Cavite, The Phillipines, was defeated by Aliea Clark, Carlsbad, CA, 7 & 6. August Kim, St. Augustine, FL, defeated 5th Seed Morgan Ransom, Blacklick, OH, 3 & 2. Delaney Howson, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada, defeated 6th Seed Niki Schroeder, Avon Lake, OH, 3 & 2. Naomi En Young Ko, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, defeated Liz Breed, Waynesboro, PA, 6 and 4.

Eight matches were played this afternoon. Top Seed Mika Liu defeated Emily McLennan, Jimboomba, Queensland, Australia, 2 & 1. McLennan is enrolled at the University of Tennessee (Chattanooga) where her coach Colette Murray took a chance and offered her a college scholarship. Her team won the Southern Conference this year.

The 4th Seed Josee Doyon, Beauceville, Quebec, Canada, defeated Allison Emrey, Charlotte, NC, 1 up. The 9th Seed Sirene Blair, South Jordan, UT, defeated Halley Morell, Brecksville, OH, 3 & 2. 10th Seed Naomi En Young Ko, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, lost to Cammie Gray, Northport, AL, 1 up. Delaney Howson, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada, defeated 11th Seed Sierra Sims, Austin, Texas on the 22nd hole. The 12th Seed Karen Chung, Livingston, New Jersey, lost to August Kim, 3 & 2.

Quarterfinal Matches will be played Friday morning starting at 7:00 AM. Semifinal Matches will be played in the afternoon. The Championship Flight Final will be held on Saturday. The first 18-hole round will start at 7:30 am. The finalists are allowed to take up to an hour before they start the second 18-hole round. Often they agree to 20 to 30 minutes for their break.

Meanwhile Quarterfinal matches were played today in the subsequent flights. Those Flights will play their Semifinal matches in the morning and their Final matches in the afternoon.

We apologize for the omission in yesterday's Press Release of the side event winners which were announced on Wednesday.

The Margaret Lenz Cup is given to the Medalist Mika Liu whose 36-hole qualifying scores equaled 144.

The Derby Cup is awarded to two players from the same member club with the lowest combined gross score from the 36-hole qualifying round. The winners this year is Lonnie Poole Golf Course in Raleigh, North Carolina represented by Ana Menendez and Lindsay McGetrick with a combined score of 308.

The Maschmeyer Cup is awarded to four players from the same state or foreign country with the lowest combined gross score from the 36-hole qualifying round. The winner is Canada with a total of 594. The four lowest scores are Josee Doyon (147); Valerie Tanquay (147); Naomi Eun Young Ko (149); and Taylor Kim (151).

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