Full Day of Matches at WWGA Junior Championship

Thursday dawned with a full slate of matches to be played at the Women’s Western Golf Association’s 89th National Junior Championship at Hope Valley Country Club in Durham, North Carolina.

First off the 1st tee was the Round of 16 in Championship Flight. Medalist Tess Hackworthy, Madison, WI, defeated Savannah Grewal, Mississauga, Ontario, CA, 3 & 2. Hackworthy was up 5 after the 8th hole, only to lose the next 5 holes to get back to even on the 14th tee. She won the next three holes to take the match. Her father played on the golf team at Iowa State University so she started golf at the age of 3 while the family was living in Appleton, WI. Hackworthy’s opponent in the afternoon quarterfinal match was Sarah Fite, Maysville KY, who defeated Natalie Peterson, Holly Springs, NC, on the 19th hole in the morning round.

Defending Champion Annika Bovender lost her match to Madison Moosa, Charlotte, NC, 3 & 2. In the afternoon, Moosa played Isabella Rusher, Salisbury, NC, who had defeated Sirena Walsh, VA, 7 & 5 in her morning match.

Emilia Magliaccio, Cary, NC, played Louise McCulloch, Wilmette, IL, in the Round of 16. Magliaccio won the match 3 & 2, but Magliaccio described the match “as relaxed as we were both playing very well”. After the match, Emilia’s mother described watching the match “as two Professionals going head to head with each other”. Magliaccio’s afternoon opponent was Joliana Elias, Jamestown, NC, who earlier defeated Lauren Freyvogel, Gibsonia, PA, 2 & 1.

Haeley Wotnosky, Wake Forest, NC, needed 19 holes this morning to defeat Julia Alhemoud, Jabriya, Kuwait. Wotnosky described this match as hard fought being 2 down to Alhemoud on the 12th tee. She quickly won holes #12 and #13 to make the match even. After splitting holes #14 and #15, they halved the next three holes to send their match into extra holes. Wotnosky’s second shot was in the right green side bunker while Alhemoud was just off the front of the green. Wotnosky hit a spectacular shot from the bunker to about 2 feet from the cup. Alhemoud needed 3 putts and lost the match. Wotnosky’s opponent in the afternoon session was Anna Buchanan, Athens, GA, who had defeated Nichole Cox, Empire, MI, 2 & 1 in the Round of 16.

In the afternoon rounds, Tess Hackworthy was really on her game to defeat Sarah Fite, 8 & 6. Madison Moosa defeated Isabella Rusher, 2 & 1. Joliana Elias took an early lead in her match with Emilia Migliaccio but Migliaccio had birdies on holes #13, #14, #15 and #17 to eke out a 2 & 1 victory over Elias. Anna Buchanan defeated Haeley Wotnosky, 4 & 3. After the match, Wotnosky admitted she was tired from playing three tournaments in a row.
Final Matches were held in First and Second Flights. In First Flight, Gypsie Hutchinson, Lexington, KY, defeated Morgan Brown, Lafayette, IN, 5 & 3. In Second Flight, Jaclyn Fanola, Monroe, MI def. Ally Ross, West Lafayette, IN, 2 up.

Championship Flight Consolation and Championship Flight will play their Semifinal matches starting at 7:30 am on Friday. The matches as scheduled as follows:

**Championship Flight Consolation**
- 7:30 am
  - Amelia Root, Jacksonville, FL
  - Georgette Garcia, Davie, FL
- 7:39 am
  - Sarah White, Caledonia, MI
  - Anna Kramer, Spring Lake, MI

**Championship Flight**
- 7:48 am
  - Tess Hackworthy, Madison, WI
  - Madison Moosa, Charlotte, NC
- 7:57 am
  - Emilia Migliaccio, Cary, NC
  - Anna Buchanan, Athens, GA

The Final Matches in Championship Flight Consolation and Championship Flight will be played Friday afternoon starting at 12:30 pm. There will be an Awards Ceremony following the conclusion of the matches. The public is welcome to attend at no charge.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.WWGA.org](http://www.WWGA.org).

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