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Match Play Underway at Women's Western Championship

Romeoville, Ill., June 28, 2018 ... After a two-day stroke play qualifying round, match play is underway at the Women's Western Golf Association's 118th National Amateur Championship being held at Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, Ill. The field of 120 contestants was reduced to the low 32 players who qualified for match play.

Surviving their morning matches were Medalist Emilee Hoffman (135), Folsom, Calif. defeating Alexis Miestowski (147), Schererville, Ind. on the 18th hole. Hoffman was never more than 2 up on the front side; on the back nine she got to 3 up then Miestowski charged back. Hoffman said, "Alexis is a great player. Our match was tight the entire way, she really pushed me." Mikhaela Fortuna (145), Dasmaringas City, Philippines, the 2016 WWGA Amateur Finalist when the tournament was held at Dayton Country Club, Dayton, Ohio, defeated Elizabeth Win (145), Sylvania, Ohio, 2 & 1. Brianne Bolden (140), Mokena, Ill. defeated Madeline Sager (147), Charleston, S.C. 6 & 5. Bolden stated, "Usually match play is really intense, but this (match) was really calm and a lot of fun."

Other morning match results include Maggie Ashmore (141), Kingston, Ga. number 9 seed defeating Samantha Staudt (146), Coatesville, Pa. number 24 seed by a 2 & 1 margin. Adeena Shears (140), Elizabeth, W.V. margin over Pinya Pipatjarasgit (147), Sylvania, Ohio was 4 & 2. Janet Mao (145), Johns Creek, Ga. defeated Mary Joiner (143), Franklin, Ky. 5 & 4. Doey Choi (141), Greenacre, Australia defeated Aya Johnson (146), North Muskegon, Mich. 6 & 5.

It took 21 holes for Brigitte Thibault (141), Quebec, Canada to defeat Lauren Chappell (146), Charleston, Ill. Magdalena Simmermacher (145), Buenos Aires, Argentina over Linda Wang (143), Plainview, N.Y. 2 up. Katharine Patrick (140), West University, Tex. defeated Stephanie Bunque (146), Melbourne, Australia 1 up.

The 2015 WWGA Junior Champion, Emilia Migliaccio (144), Cary, N.C. defeated Ximena Gonzalez Garcia (145), Queretaro, Mexico 1 up. Tristyn Nowlin (142), Richmond, Ky. over Marissa Kirkwood (146), New Castle, Pa. 3 & 2. Julie Houston (140), Allen, Tex. number 3 seed over number 30 seed Kenzie Wright (147), McKinney, Tex. 4 & 2. Ellie Szeryk (145), Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada defeated Sarah White (144), Caledonia, Mich. 3 & 2. Szeryk's sister Maddie, the 2017 WWGA Amateur Champion, is currently playing in the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship in Southport, England. Abegail Arevalo (141), Paranaque City, Manila, Philippines over Britta Snyder (146), Ames, Ia. 5 & 4 and Allisen Corpuz (142), Waipahu, Hi. defeated Ellie Nachmann (145), Boca Raton, Fla./Germany 1 up.

Following conclusion of the morning matches, the field was reduced to 16 players who played their afternoon matches under warm sunny skies. Medalist Emilee Hoffman continued her march, after 12 she was 4 up over Mikhaela Fortuna. When the match ended, it was Hoffman 4 & 3. Brigitte Thibault was 3 up through 15 over Maggie Ashmore, Thibault prevailed by a 4-2 margin. Magdalena Simmermacher defeated Adeena Shears 2 up.

Janet Mao was 1 up over Katharine Patrick after 12; the match was even at 18 and took 22 holes for Patrick to win the match. Knowing Mao, Patrick commented, "It's always harder to play a match against someone you know." Mao said, "Although I lost, it was a good match, and fun." At the turn, Brianne Bolden was 2 up over Emilia Miglaccio winning the match 3 & 2.

The Doey Choi - Tristyn Nowlin match was even after 12, it took 19 holes for Nowlin to claim the match. Julie Houston - Ellie Szeryk match concluded with Szeryk being victorious, 1 up. Corpuz triumphed with a 4-2 margin over Abegail Arevalo, she stated, "This is always a well-run tournament, I played well and felt good about my game."

The Third Round will commence tomorrow morning with eight players striving to make it to the afternoon round of four. At completion of play Friday, the Finalists will be competing in the 36-hole final Saturday; only one will claim the Women's Western Golf Association's 118th Amateur Champion.

The Champion will have her named inscribed on the W. A. Alexander Cup. In 1901, Mr. Alexander presented the WWGA with the Cup named in honor of his wife, Maude Alexander, the first President of the WWGA. Names engraved on the Cup include: Patty Berg, Betty Jameson, Dot Germain, Louise Suggs, JoAnne Gunderson Carner, Catherine Lacoste, Debbie Massey, Nancy Lopez, Mary Hafeman, Amy Benz, Joanne Pacillo, Moira Dunn, Cristie Kerr, Grace Park, Meredith Duncan, Brittany Lang, Jennifer Hong, Stacy Lewis, Ariya Jutanugarn, Ashlan Ramsey, and Mika Liu to mention a few.

Match play results, press releases and pairings appear on www.WWGA.org which also has Real Time Scoring.

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