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Big Surprise in Women's Western Golf Association's 91st National Junior Championship At Dubuque Golf & Country Club

Dubuque, IA – Thursday morning the Championship round of 16 was cut to 8 players. The upper bracket saw Lauren Guiao, Newburgh, IN continuing her winning ways over Claire Solovic, Imperial MO 3 & 2. Canada's Kiley Rodrigues won her match against Sophia Lau of Glenview, IL 3 & 1. The contestant with perhaps the catchiest nickname in the tournament, Speedy Kent of Mequon, WI, triumphed over Moyea Russell, Lake Orion, MI, and Jessica Hahn, Canton, OH defeated Brooke Boardman, Wauke, IA 2 up.

In the lower bracket Mikaela Schulz, West Bloomfield, MI was the victor over Megan Welch, Lakeville, MN 4 & 3. Orland Hills, IL Emilyee McGiles won her match against Janice Kim, Edina, MN 2 up. Penelope Tir, Winnetka, IL defeated Taylor Waller, Canonsburg, PA 2 & 1. And in the final match in the flight, Kira Wolfe of Mattoon, IL earned her spot in the Quarter Finals when opponent Arushi Singh was eliminated 2 & 1.

The surprise of the day came in the afternoon Quarter Final matches when it took 20 holes for Kiley Rodrigues, to shut down Lauren Guiao. In a 19 hole extended match Speedy Kent prevailed over Jessica Hahn. Mikaela Schulz was successful in her meeting with Emilyee McGiles 3 & 2. And Kira Wolf faced Penelope Tir and took that match with a margin of 2 & 1.

Tomorrow morning's Semifinal matches will begin at 7:30AM when Kiley Rodrigues will meet Speedy Kent and at 7:45AM Mikaela Schulz's opponent will be Kira Wolf. The battle for the WWGA Junior National Championship will tee off at 12 noon when the winner in each of the Semifinal matches will meet for the title.

The players and their parents have spoken very highly of the golf course and the way the maintenance crew were able to bring the course to playable condition after the big storm Tuesday overnight and the clean up Wednesday morning. The juniors enjoyed the challenge it presented, and the warm welcome extended by Dubuque Golf & Country Club and its members.

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