

Weather Delays Second Day of Qualifying Round

ELMHURST, Ill. – On the second day of qualifying round, the dreaded Thor Guard blared and play was halted due to lightning in the surrounding area. After a 2-hour delay, play was resumed at 6:00 p.m. Four groups were unable to finish due to darkness so once again play was stopped.

With a majority of the field having completed their round, the low score prior to the delay was 1-under 71 posted by Jaclyn Lee, Calgary, Alberta, Canada and Dylan Kim from Sachse, Tex.

“I started off playing pretty steady then had a bogey on the 6th hole. On the back nine I put a couple shots close and birdied the 13th and 15th,” said Kim who shot a 1-under 71 for a 2-day total 143.

Asked if the weather delay had bothered her she stated, “No, I had a great time chatting it up with some of the Northwestern Team.” Kim was GolfWeek’s and Women’s Golf Coaches Association All-American in 2015.

“I was 1-over on the 10th fairway and called in,” said Lee. “After the suspension of play, I birdied 10, 13 and 14 and parred in,” her combined 2-day total was 143.

Shooting even par 72 for both rounds, Mary Parsons, Delta, B.C. Canada said, “Through the first five holes I had 3 birdies. We were on the 12th tee when we saw the dark clouds rolling in and knew it was going to be called. When we returned I had a couple bogeys, one on 12 and 17. I needed to get warmed up in-between (delay) because I had lost a little of my rhythm then got it back.” She continued, “I had even par yesterday so I was happy to have it again today for a total 144.”

The women’s course record 68 was set by former LPGA player Alison Finney in the early 2000s when she was playing from the Gold Tees, 6,481 yards.

River Forest Country Club is well-known for its fast and sloped greens and is testing the patience of players with its precision shot-making. Recently the course had an extensive bunker renovation that was completed in the spring.

Some highlights of the day ... Last year’s Finalist, Mikaela Fortuna from the Philippines posted a 2-day total 148. After posting an 80 on Monday, Sarah Shipley, Hastings, Mich. shot an even par 72 for a 2-day total 152. Two players improved their Tuesday’s round by 11 strokes, Erica Kerr, Peoria, Ill. 89-78-167. Ryan Bender, Louisville, Ky. 92-81-173.

Tournament Format: Match Play begins on Wednesday, June 14 with the low 64 qualifiers going into Championship Flight – all other players will be placed into Flights of 16. **Second Round Match Play Thursday, June 15** with **Third Round Match Play Thursday** afternoon for Championship Flight only. **Quarterfinals – Championship Flight Friday morning June 16**; all other Flights Semifinals. **Friday afternoon Championship Flight Semifinals**; all other Flights Finals. **Championship Final – 36 holes on Saturday, June 17.**

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Weather Issues Play Havoc

ELMHURST, Ill. – When Tuesday’s round was suspended due to darkness, four groups had to complete their second round of qualifying this morning. There were 12 players tied for 5 spots in Championship Flight requiring a play-off before match play could commence. The Championship Flight consists of the low 64 players, all others are placed into flights of 16.

The women’s course record 68 at River Forest Country Club was established by former LPGA player Alison Finney in the early 2000s while playing from the Gold Tees or 6,481 yards. The 68 will remain although Allisen Corpuz from Waipahu, Hi. came close when she finished her round this morning on 18. “Overall I played pretty solid (on Tuesday) and got more putts to drop. After the weather delay it was a little hassle then I got in a rhythm,” she said. If she had not had a bogey on 18, Corpuz would have tied Finney’s record. On the front nine she parred the first 3 holes, birdied the 4th and 8th holes and a lone bogey on the 7th for a 35. Her back nine was outstanding, four pars, birdies on the 3rd and 17th holes and an eagle 3 on the 497 yard 13th for a 35-34-69. Her 2-day total of 142 claimed the Medalist honors.

Corpuz qualified for the 2016 LPGA Lotte Championship presented by Hershey, won the 2016 AJGA Heather Farr tournament and the Hawaii H.S. AA State Championship. She will be a sophomore at University of Southern California in the fall.

In her first match against Giovana Maymon, Huixquilucan, Mexico, Corpuz was 6-up after 9. After losing the 10th she continued to defeat Maymon 5 & 4.

Stephanie Lau, Fullerton, Calif. defeated Alyssa Burritt from Dayton, Ohio. Lau started playing golf when she was six. She attends Northwestern and was the 2016 Big Ten Freshman of the Year, 2016 First Team All-Big Ten, 2016 GolfWeek Third Team All-American with the second lowest single season scoring in program history, best every by a rookie. Burritt will be a sophomore at University of Cincinnati. She was salutatorian of her high school graduating class in 2016

Weather delays plagued yesterday and again today's rounds. Play was halted at 4:23 p.m. and resumed at 3:28 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. play was once again called due to rain and thunderstorms.

Play will resume tomorrow at 7:30 am for all players who were on the course when weather conditions prevailed.

For players who had not yet teed off (on Wednesday afternoon) play will begin at 7:37 a.m. with 7/8 minute intervals.

Championship Flight will be the first flight to start Thursday's rounds, others will follow in order, flights 1 through 5.

Press releases will continue with updated information as players complete their rounds.

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