

Carpenter cards 68 to grab Top Seed and Medalist Honors at the 92nd Women's Western Junior Championship

Cincinnati, OH (July 17, 2018)- Emma Carpenter, of DeKalb, Illinois, seized the lead Tuesday at the 92nd Women's Western Golf Association's Junior Championship shooting a 2-under 68. Carpenter attends DeKalb High School and will graduate in 2019. She is committed to the University of Minnesota.

Carpenter was in the zone. She said: "I was driving the ball well, chipping solidly. Earlier through the first 9 holes I was 2-under and feeling good about that. Then a string of birdies and at 5-under through 13, I was wow, a personal best could be tied. Then a few missed greens, a bladed chip and I finish 2-under, 68. I shot a 67 5-under par in another tournament. This 68 is on a much tougher course in a bigger tournament, is good. I'm happy even though not satisfied with the finishing holes." Emma carded six birdies on her way to the lowest round of the day.

Carpenter also won the Marion Miley Award for the lowest qualifying combined scores in the 2018 Women's Western Amateur and Junior Championships. She is a veteran of two previous WWGA Junior and two WWGA Amateur Tournaments. She said, "This is my favorite tournament to play in."

Other highlights included: four eagles on the 450-yard, par-5 eleventh hole. Maddie Dittoe, Indianapolis, Indiana, had let an eagle opportunity slip away on Monday. She said: "Yesterday I was looking at eagle and 4-putted. Today I came to the tee with a big chip on my shoulder and made eagle".

Lauren Nay, Naperville, Illinois, Sarah Arnold, St. Charles, Illinois and Kristen Giles, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada, each carded eagle on the eleventh hole.

Sydney Naro, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, made five birdies on holes #5, #7, #10, #11 and #17. Whittington, also carded five birdies on holes #11, #12, #13, #16 and #17.

The leader after the first round, Claire Solovic, Imperial Missouri, shot a 72 and is seed #2. Kristen Giles, shot 75 and is seed #3.

Match Play commences tomorrow morning at 7:30 AM. Thirty-two players qualified for Championship Flight. All other players are competing in respective match play flights.

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Second-Round Results
Tuesday, July 17, 2018
Cincinnati Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio
Par: 70 Yardage: 5,608**