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### Girls Golf: Somin Lee meets, beats her match to take CWGA title

*Overland High School standout wins CWGA Junior Match Play championship on 18th hole*

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**AURORA** | Somin Lee only played No. 18 at Meadow Hills Golf Course twice over four days, but she made both trips to the final hole count.

In Monday's qualifying round of the Colorado Women's Golf Association Junior Match Play Championship, a birdie on the par-4 18 tied her with rival Shinwoo Lee for medalist honors and put them atop the championship flight.

The last hole decided the title on the final day. Somin Lee made par after rolling a clutch putt within a few inches of the cup and cracked a huge smile after her opponent's tying putt went wide.



Aurora's Somin Lee, a junior-to-be at Overland High School, reacts as her putt comes inches from going in on the par 4, hole No. 18 on July 8 at the Meadow Hills Golf Course in Aurora. Lee parred the hole to defeat Shinwoo Lee and capture her second straight Colorado Women's Golf Association Junior Match Play Championship victory. (Heather A. Longway/The Aurora Sentinel)

"It feels really good, I really didn't want to lose," said Lee, a junior-to-be at Overland High School, after winning the match title for the second year in a row.

"She played really good and she made me nervous, but it was really fun," added Lee, who won the CWGA junior stroke play title in June.

Lee didn't play 18 on the two previous days as she ended both of her matches at least three holes early. She beat Mary Good 5 and 4 in the first round of the championship flight on Tuesday and defeated Claudia Davis 5 and 3 in Wednesday's semifinals round.

Shinwoo Lee — a standout at Cherry Creek High School — rallied from a hole down to square the match on 16. It remained even after both players made par on the short 17th hole, sending the match to the decisive 18th, which played at 382 yards.

Somin Lee outdrove her opponent off the tee by 25 feet, dropped her second shot just onto the green below the hole and put the pressure on with a 20-foot putt that missed right by inches. The normally reserved Lee yelled "get in, get in!" as her putt traveled.

"I didn't know how I was going to play it, I just hit my driver, hit my second shot and had to make my putt," the Overland star said.

Shinwoo Lee won her semifinal match on the final hole on Wednesday, but she couldn't pull out any magic this time.

The Cherry Creek star's second shot on 18 landed in the rough, forcing her to chip onto the green. Her 10-foot putt to send the match to an extra hole slid wide.

"I didn't even hit it, I knew it right away," said Shinwoo Lee, who couldn't hold a two-hole edge she had through the first six holes.

The result ended a business-like match between two players very familiar with each other.

They were both near the top of the Centennial League for the entire season in the spring and they finished in a tie for third place at the Class 5A state tournament in May, though Somin Lee led by two strokes after the first round.

The two rarely spoke during the match play final, other than to acknowledge a good shot.

"We didn't really talk to each other the entire day, except to say 'good shot' or 'good putt,'" Somin Lee said. "We each did our own thing. It was still really fun."

Another player with Aurora ties, Regis junior-to-be Sara Shafer, lost in the second flight consolation match, as Mikayla Tatman defeated her 6 and 4.

## **2009 CWGA JUNIOR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **July 8 at Meadow Hills Golf Course**

#### **Championship Flight Final**

Somin Lee, Heather Ridge CC def. Shinwoo Lee, Kennedy GC 1 up

#### **Championship Flight consolation**

Emily Wood, Salida Wga def Kristin Kempton, Lone Tree GC 1 up

#### **First Flight**

Christina Spinzig, Hiwan Wga def. Michelle Harrison, Collindale Wga, 1 up

#### **First Flight Consolation**

Amy Carlson, Boulder CC def. Calli Ringsby of Denver CC, Forfeit

#### **Second Flight**

Olivia Garard, Englewood Wga def. Andrea Hibbert, Applewood GC 1 up

#### **Second Flight Consolation**

Mikayla Tatman, Twin Peaks Golf Course def. Sara Shafer of CC at Castle Pines 6 and 4

#### **Third Flight**

Bailey Waddell, Ptarmigan CC Wga def. Courtney Lawson, Rolling Hills CC Wga 3 and 2

#### **Third Flight Consolation**

Lindsay McGetrick, Colorado Golf Club Wga def. Natalie Klee of Raccoon Creek GC 3 and 2

#### **Fourth Flight**

Callie Hodgkinson, Ute Creek GC def. Kasha Scott, Vail Wga, Forfeit

#### **Fourth Flight Consolation**

Kaycee Villanueva of Columbine CC def. Marina Beach, Glenmoor CC Wga 19 holes

#### **Fifth Flight**

Jennifer Kupcho, Legacy Ridge GC def. Jocelyn Harmon, Fox Acres CC Lga 6 and 5

#### **Fifth Flight Consolation**

Lacee Floyd of Highlands Ranch GC def. Joanna Kempton of Lone Tree GC and Hotel 6 and 5

— *Results courtesy of Colorado Women's Golf Association*

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