

Four Survive Quarterfinal Play

Flenniken, McKenna, Syms, Coles Paired in Broadmoor Invitational

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Carol Flenniken is from Boulder—Mary McKenna is from Dublin, Ireland. Nancy Roth Syms is from Colorado Springs—Janet Coles is from Salinas, Calif. Those were the pairings, obscure as they may seem, for semifinal rounds today in the Broadmoor Women's Invitational Golf Tournament.

All four took quarterfinal victories Thursday to advance to today's rounds, further pairing the Invitational field until only two remain for Saturday's finals.

Mrs. Flenniken defeated Joann Weinheimer of Arcadia, Calif., 2 and 1, and McKenna took a two up victory from Broadmoor favorite Barbara McIntire. Tournament medalist Nancy Roth Syms defeated young Carmen Piasceki of South Bend, Ind., 5 and 4 to continue her string of big wins and young Janet Coles knocked Mary Elizabeth Shea from the running with a 2 and 1 victory.

With two times at 8:59 and 9 a.m. tournament action reached a high point. Beside eliminating the final two golfers prior to Saturday's finals, all flights except championship and championship consolation have final matches.

Of the 162 golfers which started the tournament with practice rounds last Saturday, just 20 matches remain to be played.

In the championship division, finals will be played in first through fifth flights and in the Ed Dudley senior division finals will be held in first through third flights.

Nancy Syms' victory over Carmen Piasceki was a study in frustration for the young Indiana golfer. Every time she had a good shot, Mrs. Syms had a better one.

"I was pleased with the round," said Mrs. Syms after the abbreviated match. "Carmen didn't play as well as she has earlier this week. But I think we both played pretty good rounds. I won by putting, and knowledge on this course is essential. As a member I'm in a better position to know the greens than she was."

Mrs. Syms, who shot a 71 in Monday's qualifying to lead all entrants, won the first three holes with a par, a birdie and a par, won seven with a bogie and took nine with a par to go five up.

She lost 13 when Miss Piasceki came in with a birdie but took 14 with a birdie.

"Going into these late rounds, you just try to remember what you've learned about the course earlier in the week and keep doing the things you've been doing well," Mrs. Syms said.

"Now the matches are getting tougher and every stroke will count."

Mary McKenna found every stroke to count against former

tournament winner Barbara McIntire so she did the most obvious thing — she didn't use many of them.

The backbreaker for Miss McIntire came on the 18th hole. A long, par five, Miss McKenna put her second shot just three feet from the pin and would have been putting for an eagle three. Miss McIntire conceded the putt and the match to the Irish-British Curtis Cup team member.

"I just planned to get it over the water," said Miss McKenna in her heavy Irish brogue. "I hit it a little farther under the ball than I wanted to and it got up in the air. I stroked the ball quite well."

Miss McKenna went into the 18th hole with a one hole advantage after sinking a 12-foot birdie putt on 16. Previous to going ahead the match was tied after Miss McIntire birdied 12.

Miss McKenna, the longest hitter in the Broadmoor field and one of the longest hitting woman golfers in the world, said the long East Course suited her style of play.

"The ball carries very well here," she said. "The fairways are long enough here so that I can take advantage of hitting the longer ball." Janet Coles is just 17, a recent graduate from high school. She doesn't hit the ball as far as Miss McKenna, but she makes her strokes count.

"I started hitting really well today," said the California youngster after defeating fellow California Mary Elizabeth Shea. "If I had parred the last hole I would have come in with a 75."

Coles and Shea were even up after eight. Miss Coles won 10 with a birdie putt and took 13 with a par. Miss Shea lost 15 when she hit a ball out of bounds and 16 went to Miss Coles when she took a par.

They halved 17 and, with a two hole lead and one hole remaining, Miss Coles took the win.

"I was pretty nervous after eight," said Miss Coles. "Mary beat me pretty badly in the California Women's Amateur at Pebble Beach in the quarter finals. This is the first time I've reached the semifinals of a big tournament."

Carol Flenniken has been playing golf at the Broadmoor long enough to know about reaching the finals. She lost to

Natasha Fyfe in the 1965 Women's Invitational finals but now has another shot at the elusive title.

"If I missed a shot today I made up for it," she said after her 2 and 1 defeat of Joann Weinheimer. "I missed some and I made some. Sometimes I don't get it in and sometimes I do."

Mrs. Flenniken, whose husband is playing in the Colorado Open at Hiwan Country Club this week, went two down after the first two holes but won four and five to get back even.

She won seven with a par four, Miss Weinheimer won nine with a par to even the match and then Mrs. Flenniken took ten and 11 with pars to go two

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ahead. From there the remaining holes were halved and Mrs. Flenniken claimed the victory.

"I just have to play my game," said Mrs. Flenniken of her upcoming match with Mary McKenna. "I won the driving contest earlier this week but I know she's about 30 or 40 yards longer than I am. She must not have hit that ball too well."

Also on today's schedule is the final in the Ed Dudley championship flight, Minnie Lee Ashley of Gadsden, Ala., will meet Helen Mosher of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., for the Senior Division title.

Champions will also be crowned in all championship, Ed Dudley and consolation flights. Championship flight will play a 36-hole final Saturday and championship consolation will end tournament activities Saturday with an 18-hole match.



LOOKING AT THE QUARTERFINALS — While four matches in the Broadmoor Women's Invitational were being played Thursday a myriad of sights and sounds were recorded. Top, Nancy Roth Syms drives in her match against Carmen Piasceki of South Bend, Ind., while her young opponent used a fairway shot (left) late in the match. Mrs. Syms won, 5-4. Bottom, congratulations are in order

as Barbara McIntire (left) congratulated winner Mary McKenna of Dublin, Ireland. Miss McKenna was putting for an eagle three on the 18th hole when Miss McIntire conceded the match. Mrs. Syms plays young Janet Coles and Miss McKenna returns against Carol Flenniken of Boulder in today's semifinal round. (Gazette Telegraph Photo)