

# DUKE AND WAKE FOREST WIN IN SEMIFINALS; MEET FOR NCAA DI WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2 PM CT WEDNESDAY AT BLESSINGS

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – No. 2-seeded Duke and No. 5-seeded Wake Forest emerged from the field of 24 teams to face off in the championship match in the 2019 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championship, teeing off at 2 p.m. Wednesday (today) at Blessings Golf Club (par 73, 6,397). This is the first advancement to the match play championship for either team.

Wake Forest punched its ticket to the match play championship first, downing Auburn 4-0-1. Jennifer Kupcho posted an early win against Auburn's Kaleigh Telfer, 6&4. Emilia Migliaccio set an NCAA match play record for largest winning margin, defeating Brooke Sansom, 7&5. Also posting wins for the Demon Deacons were Laura Bagnoli edging Elena Hualde, 1-up, and Vanessa Knecht over Mychael O'Berry, 3&2.

Duke advanced past No. 6-seed Arizona 3-2 in dramatic fashion, as Gina Kim, leading by one going to the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, matched Bianca Pagdanganan's birdie, sealing the Blue Devils' advancement to the final match. Virginia Elena Carta recorded the first win for Duke, defeating Sandra Nordaas, 2&1, and Ana Belac defeated Ya Chun Chang, 2&1. Arizona's Haley Moore defeated Jaravie Boonchant, 4&3, and Yu Sang Hou picked up the other Wildcat win, defeating Miranda Wang, 2&1.

#### **GOLF Channel Wednesday schedule (ET)**

1PM – 2:30PM NCAA Women's Golf Championships Semifinals (Replay)

2:30PM – 4PM Golf Central Pre Game (Live)

4PM Back to regular scheduled programming with NCAA Women's

**Golf Championships Finals (Live)** 



## 2019 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

## **MATCH PLAY SEMIFINALS**

Blessings Golf Club, Fayetteville, Arkansas Wednesday, May 22, Par 73, 6,397 yards

## **SEMIFINALS QUOTES**

## Kim Lewellen, Wake Forest head coach, Wake Forest defeated Auburn 4-0-1

On Jennifer Kupcho and Emilia Migliaccio's rough starts...

In the beginning, we definitely had a rough start. Even with the research we did and the walkthroughs, you get a little nervous when you play targets you aren't sure about. But as the week goes on and they become more comfortable with the targets and the golf course, they can become a little more aggressive. They're both awesome players and competitors, so once you know the golf course it becomes a bit easier.

### On her first impression of the team...

I thought they were phenomenal players. There was a lot of talent here, so it was just a matter of getting some of their scoring errors down and tightening up their game.

#### On Wake Forest's depth...

I think there are some phenomenal teams in the field and other teams in the top eight had a lot of depth to get here. We've been able to overcome being down, sometimes we just need to take a moment and regroup. We're pinging and ponging very well, and that's what you need to do in this type of championship.

#### On today's performance...

They all went out and played very well. It's a lot of golf and to have them come out and play as strong as they did just shows that they are competitors. They can compete, they want it, and I can't be more thrilled with what these young ladies did today.

### Dan Brooks, Duke head coach, Duke defeated Arizona 3-2

On pairing Jaravee Boonchant with Jennifer Kupcho...

It's going to be a tough match, Jennifer is a First-Team All-American. Jaravee hasn't won but I never question how she's going to play. She's a formidable opponent for anyone so there was no question in pairing her with Jennifer.

### On Ana Belac in the anchor spot...

She's a fighter. She had to come back today but once she decided it was time to take care of business that was it.

#### On his message to the team...

We've already done it. We're going to talk about how it's easy to feel a little bit of relief right now because it's been a long and hard fight, but we can't yet. We have to remain uncomfortable and fight for every hole until this is over.