



10th Mid-Atlantic Challenge (Junior Girls Team Matches)

Mid-Pines Inn and Golf Club,

Southern Pines, NC

July 30-31, 2011

Virginias/Maryland 7 1/2

Carolinas 4 1/2



The eight-player Virginia-Maryland team posted a one-point win in final day singles matches to come away with a three-point triumph (7½-4½) over their Carolinas counterparts to capture the 10th Mid-Atlantic Girls' Challenge at Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club. Owners of a one-point lead following Saturday's first day four-ball encounters, Virginia-Maryland notched a one-point victory, 4½-3½, in Sunday's concluding singles matches.

Virginia-Maryland's victory ended a seven-year dry spell in the matches. The team recorded its second win in the series since scoring its only victory in the event in 2003 at Pinewild Country Club in Pinehurst, N.C. All told, the two teams halved the first four matches, but Virginia-Maryland won two matches and halved another the remainder of the way to outscore Carolinas by one point, 2½-1½, en route to the triumph.

In the early matches, northern Virginian Karishma Thiagaraj (Haymarket) continued her strong play, ousting Taelor Rubin (Raleigh, N.C.), 3 and 2. Meanwhile, central Virginian Lyberty Anderson, 15, of Chesterfield posted a 2 and 1 win over Emiley Pagrabs (Wilmington, N.C.) in match four. Anderson, the three-time reigning Richmond Women's Golf Association Amateur champion, won Nos. 16 and 17 to score an important win for

Virginia-Maryland. Carolinas claimed encounters two and three, with Chelsey Couch (Ware Shoals, S.C.) and Sarah Bae (Cary, N.C.) each contributing wins. Couch was a 3 and 1 victor, while Bae won 1 up.

With Virginia-Maryland's two-point edge still intact heading to the late stages, in match five, Sarah Brown (Severna Park, Md.) halved Kelsey Badmaev (Blythewood, S.C.). One match later, Kelli Murphy (Elgin, S.C.) delivered a 3 and 2 comeback win over Clare Connolly (Chevy Chase, Md.). But Virginia-Maryland would have the final answer, capturing the final two matches to secure victory. Maia Schechter (Takoma Park, Md.) posted a wire-to-wire 4 and 3 win over Allison Emrey (Charlotte, N.C.) in match seven. In the concluding match of the day, despite trailing early, Chesapeake's Lauren Coughlin, playing in the event for the final time before heading off to the University of Virginia ousted Elizabeth Thompson (Charleston, S.C.), 6 and 4. Coughlin took a one hole up lead in the late stages of the first nine before rolling to victory. Thompson, a record five-time event participant, is bound for Wofford (S.C.) College. *Photo: The 2011 Carolinas Junior Girls Team. From left: Allison Emrey, Taelor Rubin, Chelsey Couch, Elizabeth Thompson, Kelsey Badmaev, Emily Pagrabs, Sarah Bae and Kelli Murphy.*

Four-Ball Matches

Carolinas	Points	MD-VA	Points
Taelor Rubin-Emily Pagrabs	0	Ju Hee Bae-Karishma Thiagaraj	1
Chelsey Couch-Allison Emrey	1	Sarah Brown-Maria Schechter	0
Elizabeth Thompson-Sarah Bae	0	Clare Connolly-Lauren Coughlin	1
Kelli Murphy-Kelsey Badmaev	0	Lyberty Anderson-Jordan McElvin	1
Round 1	1		3

Singles Matches

Carolinas	Points	MD-VA	Points
Taelor Rubin	0	Karishma Thiagaraj	1
Chelsey Couch	1	Jordan McElvin	0
Sarah Bae	1	Ju Hee Bae	0
Emily Pagrabs	0	Lyberty Anderson	1
Kelsey Badmaev	1/2	Sarah Brown	1/2
Kelli Murphy	1	Clare Connolly	0
Allison Emrey	0	Maria Schechter	1
Elizabeth Thompson	0	Lauren Coughlin	1
Round 2	3 1/2		4 1/2
Match Total	4 1/2		7 1/2

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Date	Winner	Score	Site
2002	Carolinas	9 - 7	Independence GC, Midlothian, VA
2003	Maryland/Virginia	8.5 - 7.5	Pinewild CC (Holly), Pinehurst, NC
2004	Carolinas	23 - 13	Independence GC, Midlothian, VA
2005	Carolinas	20.5 - 15.5	Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, Southern Pines, NC
2006	Carolinas	8 - 4	Independence GC, Midlothian, VA
2007	TIE	6 - 6	CC of North Carolina (Cardinal), Pinehurst, NC
2008	Carolinas	6.5 - 5.5	Danville Country Club, Danville, VA
2009	Carolinas	6.5 - 5.5	Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club, Southern Pines, NC
2010	Carolinas	9 - 3	Independence GC, Midlothian, VA
2011	Maryland/Virginia	7.5 - 4.5	Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club, Southern Pines, NC

Scenes from the 2011 Mid-Atlantic Challenge

