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HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Steph Coverly of Huddersfield, England, holed a chip shot for a birdie on the first playoff hole Saturday (Jan. 29) as she teamed with Nicky Lumb, Bristol, England, to win the 54th annual Women's International Four-Ball Championship at Orangebrook Golf Course.

They edged Marianne Springer and Mary Hanyak of West Palm Beach, the 1995 winners. The two teams were tied after 18 holes of regulation when darkness halted the championship match Friday. Earlier in the day, Springer and Hanyak ousted Toni Wiesner, Fort Worth, Texas, and Carol Semple Thompson, Sewickley, Pa., the two-time former champions, 1-up in the semifinals.

The playoff began at the par-3 16th hole on the 6,100-yard, par-71 West course. After Springer missed her birdie putt, Coverly sank a 20-foot chip shot from in front of the green. Then Hanyak's putt to halve the hole and extended the match stopped inches short of the cup. In regulation, Coverly and Lumb were three holes ahead with four to play. Then Springer birdied the 15th and 16th holes. At the 18th, Coverly hit her second shot into the water, Lumb her third out of bounds.

The tournament, which wasn't played in 1999, resumed with 20 teams qualifying for 16 places. Wiesner and Thompson were the medalists with 66.

Quarter-Finals

Toni Wiesner, Fort Worth, Texas, and Carol Semple Thompson, Sewickley, Pa., d. Kerry Knowles, Farnham, Surrey, England, and Becky Morgan, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire, England, 2 and 1.

Marianne Springer and Mary Hanyak, West Palm Beach, Fla., d. Ronnie Hall, Hollywood, Fla., and Mary Lou Henderson, Essex, Ontario, 4 and 3.

Juli Turner, Skaneateles, N.Y., and Darcy Isaac, Cincinnati, Ohio, d. Nancy Fitzgerald, Carmel, Ind., and Reggie Parker, Hobe Sound, Fla., 5 and 4.

Nicky Lumb, Bristol, England, and Steph Coverly, Huddersfield, England, d. Marlene Streit, Wellington, Fla., and Taffy Brower, Boynton beach, Fla., 1-up.

Semifinals

Springer-Hanyak d. Wiesner-Thompson, 1-up.
Lumb-Coverly d. Turner-Isaac, 4 and 3.

Finals

Lumb-Coverly d. Springer-Hanyak, 19th hole.

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