

Bellis captures Match Play golf

Shawn Bellis of Aurora defeated Denver's Tom McGraw 3 and 2 yesterday in the finals of the 85th annual Colorado Golf Association Match Play Championship at Bear Creek Golf Club near Morrison.

Bellis, 31, is a former University of Arizona golfer who competed on the mini-tour before regaining his amateur status in 1983. McGraw, 35, is a banker and a perennial member of the Colorado Amateur Cup Team.

Bellis held a 2-up lead at the turn yesterday and then birdied the 11th hole, a 380-yard par 4, to take a commanding 3-up lead. McGraw had birdie putts on the 14th and 15th holes and a chance to get back in the match, but missed both times. The players made only two birdies all day.

Bellis beat University of Colorado golfer Matt Potter 3 and 1 in the semifinals and McGraw beat Eric Hoos 3 and 2.