

First major title in sight

# Israel's big chance

By JOHN M. BRENNAN

A year ago, 29-year-old blonde Barbara Israel of Century and Bea Bower of Pelham injured their backs and were forced to foresake their favorite sports. All sorts of dyathermy was used along with the services of several osteopaths in order to help both get in condition for the 72nd Women's Metropolitan Golf Association title chase over the impeccable Meadow Brook Club layout.

In spite of their infirmities of 1974, Barbara, who has never won a major title, and Bea the defending champion and holder of titles in four states — N.Y., Massachusetts, Kentucky and Maryland, are oddly playing the best golf of their careers and meet today for the title.

Barbara, winner of the medal with a one-over 73, continued her devastating play, much to the displeasure of Jean Cici of Cedar Brook, a former Met champion, who lost 5 and 4.

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"**BARBARA** richly deserves to win this championship," said Jean, wife of Pat, the Cedar Brook pro, "She has complete authority over all phases of the game."

Barbara was using 12 sticks in her bag until she arrived at the third hole,

where a count disclosed two of her clubs were left at the practice green. Once she had all of her clubs, Barbara went ahead two-up going to the fourth. She took the first hole with a neat chip that left her a gimmie for a birdie.

Another birdie, a three, at the fifth gave her a three-up edge. She reached the turn in 36 to match play and was three up. As Jean's putter turned traitor, she continued taking holes, winning the 10th and 11th with pars.

Some kind of record might have been set as Bea Bower, seeking her third Met crown, beat Sara Sage of Piping Rock, 3 and 2. Sara didn't take a hole. Bea won at the second when Sara was trapped and she had a par four. Sara hit into the water at the sixth and lost the hole to par three. Bea was two up at the turn with a three-over 39.

The match ended with Bea clubbing a six iron to within eight feet of the cup. She rammed in the putt for the victory.

In the Sanford Cup semis, Luisa Silverstrone of Pike Brook defeated Chris Desch of Baltusrol, two up and Joanne Parker of Bedford trimmed Ellen Baxst of Fresh Meadow, one up. Luisa dropped a 35-foot putt go win the 17th and then took the 18th with a par 5.

# Mrs. Israel, Mrs. Bower Gain Final in Met Golf

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JERICHO, L.I., June 19—  
Barbara Israel of Century,  
the medal winner, will face  
the defending champion, Bea  
Bower of Pelham tomorrow  
in the 36-hole final of the  
72d Women's Metropolitan  
Golf Association champion-  
ship at Meadow Brook Club.

Mrs. Israel, continuing to  
control her prodigious tee  
shots and exerting complete  
control over her putter, eli-  
minated Jean Cici of Cedar  
Brook, 5 and 4, in the semi-  
finals. Mrs. Cici, who won  
the Metropolitan title in  
1967, faltered on the greens  
while her rival continued to  
pile up holes with her steady  
putting. The Westchester  
player dropped a three-footer  
for a birdie 4 to win the  
first and went 2 up at the  
third.

A birdie 3 won the sixth  
for the 29-year-old Mrs. Is-  
rael and she held that margin  
at the turn, where she had  
a par 36 to a 40 for Mrs.

Cici. After winning the 10th  
and the 11th with pars, Mrs.  
Israel won the match with  
a bogey 5 and halved the  
14th.

Mrs. Bower, a 40-year-old  
performer who started play-  
ing golf at 12 in her native  
Kentucky, did not lose a hole  
as she beat Sara Sage of  
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state titles of Kentucky, Ma-  
ryland, Massachusetts and  
New York, won the second  
and sixth with pars for a  
2-up lead at the turn with  
a 39.

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# Cici Lose's To Israel In Met Golf

By George Usher

Jericho—Being beaten, 5 and 4, by a comparative newcomer was no disgrace to veteran golfer Jean Cici of Cedar Brook in the semifinals yesterday of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association match play championship at the Meadow Brook Club.

Cici had played only a few holes with 29-year-old Barbara Israel of Pelham when she discovered why those who had been eliminated by Israel were so impressed with her game. "She's great," Cici said. "There was no way I was going to beat her."

Israel's best tournament golf was played three years ago when she lost in the semifinals of the Tri-County Championship in Westchester and she has never won a major women's tournament. Her inexperience has been showing in this tournament because for the past two days she has forgotten clubs and had to send her caddie back to the clubhouse for them.

Today she'll face Bea Bower of the Pelham Country Club, the defending champion, in the 36-hole final.

Bower came in shortly after Israel yesterday with a 3 and 2 victory over Sara Sage of Piping Rock. Bower, about 20 years Israel's senior, is similar to her younger opponent in that she also hits a long ball and is smooth on the greens.

They have something else in common—a list of daily exercises prescribed for back injuries. Israel injured her back performing gymnastic a little over a year ago and did not play at all last season. Bower said she got her injury last winter “overextending myself” and was laid up for three months.

In golfing experience, however, the two have different backgrounds. While Israel, for all her talents, never has won anything of note, Bower has won four state championships. At 16, she won the women's title in Kentucky and then the Massachusetts, Maryland and New York State championships. She is a two-time winner of this tournament, and has been acknowledged throughout the week as the one to beat.

While each golfer has been flirting with par, 36 in and out, all week, Israel scored better than Bower yesterday. She matched par on the front nine and was one over when the match ended after the 14th hole.

Bower shot a 39 on the front nine and was six over par when she eliminated Sage after the 16th hole. She took the lead one up on the second hole with a par four as Sage hit into a trap and two-putted for a bogey. Bower went 2 up on the sixth with par three, and won the match on the 125-yard 16th with a birdie two to Sage's par.

# Met. Golf Title To Mrs. Israel

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OFFICIAL SCORE CARD

Morning Round

PLEASE POST ALL SCORES

Self Bower, Bea  
 Opp. Israel, Barbara  
 Won \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lost \_\_\_\_\_

Holes	Yards	Par	Self	Opp.	Won	Lost
1	462	5	6	4		
2	402	4	5	4		
3	331	4	4	4		
4	317	4	4	3		
5	305	4	4	3		
6	197	3	4	5		
7	340	4	4	4		
8	406	5	5	5		
9	135	3	3	3		
OUT	2895	36	39	35		

OFFICIAL SCORE CARD

Afternoon Round

PLEASE POST ALL SCORES

Self Bower  
 Opp. Israel  
 Won \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lost \_\_\_\_\_

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10	481	5	5	5		
11	351	4	4	4		
12	402	5	5	5		
13	158	3	3	3		
14	380	4	6	5		
15	346	4	5	5		
16	125	3	3	4		
17	350	4	4	6		
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