

Bartholomew tops qualifiers with 4-over 77

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Jean Bartholomew of Garden City yesterday shot a four-over-par 77 to lead the 32 qualifiers into the 83d Match Play Championship of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association at the Elmwood Country Club.

Harriet Hart of Silver Spring, Conn., was second with 78 and Yvonne Thiel of Whipoorwill third with a 79 on the hilly 5,770-yard course.

Two rounds of match play will be contested today, one round each tomorrow and Thursday and a 36-hole wrap-up on Friday.

The leading New Jersey golfers were Linda Schnoll of Shackamaxon, who lost in the final last year to Ann Probert of Somerset Hills, and Karen Noble of Morris County, each at 82. Noble is the daughter of Rie Noble, winner of numerous metropolitan championships in the 1960s and 1970s. Probert was unable to defend her title this year.

"I used a new putter that I won at a charity tournament and I three-putted just one green," said Schnoll, winner of the Garden State Women's Golf Association Round Robin crown in 1983 and the ladies club champion the past eight years at Shackamaxon. "But my short-iron game wasn't good. I made some bogeys because of that."

Other golfers from New Jersey who made it into today's match play were Sybil Whitman of Mountain Ridge (84), Helen Aitken of Montclair (85), Adele Russo of Alpine (88), Valerie DePiro of Montclair (91) and Mary McCurdy of Canoe Brook (93).

QUALIFIERS

Jean Bartholomew, Garden City, N.Y., 77. Harriet Hart, Silver Spring, Conn., 78. Yvonne Thiel, Whipoorwill, N.Y., 79. Kitty Clements, Innis Arden, Conn. Karen Noble, Morris County, 82. Mercedes Croze, Meadow Brook, N.Y., 82. Linda Schnoll, Shackamaxon, 82.

Gwen Fisher, Fenway, N.Y., 83. Bette Ann Valick, Nissequogue, N.Y., 83. Sybil Whitman, Mountain Ridge, 84. Joann Lauder, Bedford, N.Y., 84. Helen Aitken, Montclair, 85. Lynda Nisselson, Quaker Ridge, N.Y., 86. Barbara Finkelstein, Fresh Meadow, N.Y., 87.

Carol Pitzer, Innis Arden, Conn., 88. Louise Munro, Innis Arden, Conn., 88. Adele Russo, Alpine, 88. Nancy Ivers, North Hempstead, N.Y., 91. Valerie DePiro, Montclair, 91. Lyn Cook, Round Hill, Conn., 92. Paula Fairley, Innis Arden, Conn., 92. June Ugelow, Glen Oaks, N.Y., 93. Mary McCurdy, Canoe Brook, 93.

Romey Chapman, Innis Arden, N.Y., 94. Johanna Smithers, Scarsdale, N.Y., 94. Gloria Zimmerman, Quaker Ridge, N.Y., 94. Bonnie Tyler, Innis Arden, Conn., 95. Helene Weiss, Cold Spring, N.Y., 95. Francine Finger, Montammy, 96. Joann Gow, Woodway, Conn., 96. Lenor Rosenfeld, Scarsdale, N.Y., 97.