

# Golfer Margaret Platt draws nothing but praise

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Golf professional Jim McLean says Margaret Platt is "the best junior golf prospect I've ever seen."

Margaret Kirk Platt, a 16-year-old student at the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, says Jim McLean of Quaker Ridge is the "best teaching professional in the whole, wide world of golf."

They're both on target, of course.

Platt, the reigning Metropolitan Junior Champion who plays out of the Knollwood Country Club, went down to Ashland, Ky. recently and finished second in the annual Blue Grass Junior Invitational with rounds of 84 and 77 over one of the tougher layouts in the Blue Grass state.

But that was duck soup

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compared with Platt's performance in the National Junior Golf Invitational in Ohio over the summer, where she fired 72-75—147 in taking runnerup laurels against one of the strongest junior fields of the year.

Dead serious about the game, the young lady with a super long game ("driving and my middle irons are my favorite weapons") is eyeing a collegiate and then professional career.

Meanwhile, she will continue to concentrate on the junior circuit, and she plans to compete in the American Junior Golf Classic at Innisbrook, Fla. and the Doral and Orange Bowl Classics in Florida over the course of the next few months.

And as long as the weather holds out here, Margaret Kirk Platt will continue to work

under McLean every chance she gets. She's been schooling under the popular Quaker Ridge pro for more than two years, and credits her success to the blond bomber from Scarsdale.

Platt has been challenging par ever since she got serious about the game. Her performance in the Metropolitan Junior, staged by the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association at the Shackamaxon Club course in New Jersey this summer, was of classic proportions. Tied after the first day's play, she fired 36-39—75 with two birdies and an eagle down the stretch to romp to the title. It was one of the more dramatic triumphs in the history of the event.