

Mrs. Cici and Mrs. Beard Gain Final in Metropolitan Title Golf

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BERNARDSVILLE, N. J., June 23 — Mrs. Pat Cici of Cedar Brook and Mrs. Lee Beard of Essex Fells will meet tomorrow in the 36-hole final of the 64th annual Women's Metropolitan Golf Association championship.

Mrs. Cici moved into the final by defeating Mrs. Marge Mason of Ridgewood, 2 and 1, today. She played the hilly 5,640-yard par-72 Somerset Hills course in seven over par. Mrs. Mason was the only former winner left in the tournament, having won in 1952 and 1960.

Mrs. Beard, the former Ann Rutherford of Carlisle, Pa., started off brilliantly against another newcomer, Mrs. Edward Probert of the home club, but had to work hard before winning finally on the 19th hole.

Mrs. Beard is the daughter of a pro, Ken Rutherford. Mrs. Cici is the wife of the head professional at Cedar Brook. This is her second appearance in a metropolitan women's championship. The last time was in 1959 when she lost in the final.

Mrs. Cici, who won the medal on Tuesday with a 79, was two down after three holes. Mrs. Mason won the short second hole with a birdie 2 and the third with a par 4. However, Mrs. Cici came back to win the fifth with a birdie putt of 10 feet and the seventh, eighth and ninth holes in par. This

brought her to the turn in 39 to Mrs. Mason's 43 and she came from being 2 down to 2 up.

Mrs. Mason became 3 down when she 3-putted the short 12th but managed to win the 14th in par with a good chip, and the short 16th with a par 3. This put her only 1 down playing the 17th hole.

It was here that Mrs. Cici had a bit of luck. She pushed her drive, hit a tree with her second, but hit her wedge third shot to within inches of the pin for a par 4 that closed Mrs. Mason out of the tournament.

Mrs. Probert, the former Ann Linen, winner of the Metropolitan and New Jersey State junior titles, squared the match with Mrs. Beard at the turn by winning the 7th, 8th and 9th holes in par. Both players scored a two-over-par 39.

Both players continued to play some fine golf. A good chip on the doglegged 362-yard, par-4 11th hole put Mrs. Beard 1 up again. She became 2 up by winning the 15th in par.

The Somerset golfer returned the favor by taking the short 16th in par when her opponent was short, and sent the contest into extra holes when she won the 18th with another par. Mrs. Beard found trouble in a trap guarding the green. Each player had tallied 78 for the 18 holes.

On the first extra hole, after both players had sent their second shots into the rough, Mrs. Beard managed to hit a fine third shot to the green. Mrs. Probert tried to hit her shot over the trees but failed and the match went to Mrs. Beard with a par 5.

Mrs. Beard, Cici In Women's Final

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BERNARDSVILLE — Today's 36-hole final in the 64th annual Women's Metropolitan Golf Association championship at the beautiful Somerset Hills Country Club offers a classic contrast in golfing styles.

Cast as protagonists are 5-3, 103-pound Mrs. Lee Beard of Essex Fells, a short, but accurate shotmaker, and 5-8, 140-pound Mrs. Pat Cici, of Long

Island's Cedarbrook, a big girl with a big swing, who really can move the ball.

The "Mutt and Jeff" contest was set up yesterday when Mrs. Beard pared the 19th hole with a five to defeat another lightweight, Mrs. Edward Probert of Somerset Hills. Mrs. Cici earlier had taken the measure of Mrs. Marge Mason of Ridgewood, 2 and 1, as she rallied from a

two-hole deficit at the fourth hole.

Mrs. Beard, the former Anne Rutherford of Carlisle, Pa., is the daughter of Roselle pro Ken Rutherford and the niece and granddaughter of two other professionals.

Mrs. Cici, the former Jean Stuhler, is the sister of six pros and she is married to Pat Cici, pro at her club and a former president of the Metropolitan PGA section. Both women are excellent examples of good schooling in the links game.

Mrs. Beard, returning to the golf wars after the removal of a kidney last February, had her game at its peak yesterday to defeat Mrs. Probert, the former Ann Linen, winner of both the New Jersey and Metropolitan Junior Girls' championships in 1956.

Fast Start

Mrs. Beard jumped off to a fast start with birdie wins at the first, second and sixth holes. But Mrs. Probert evened the match by taking the seventh, eighth and ninth with pars.

Both golfers made the turn in fine two-over-par 39s.

Despite the sudden change in her fortune, Mrs. Beard came back to win the 11th with a par four when she pitched close with a wedge and the 15th with another par four following a stoney chip.

Then the tide shifted again as Mrs. Probert found the green with her five iron tee shot on the pretty, 130-yard 16th and two putted for a par while Mrs. Beard was short.

The Somerset Hills golfer sent the match into extra innings with a steady par four on the 18th as Mrs. Beard became involved in a bunker and took a bogey five. Each posted six over par 78s for the picturesque, 5,640-yard course in the Somerset County hills.

The match was Mrs. Beard's as three wood shots brought her to the front of the green on the 444-yard opening hole and when her lag stopped two feet from

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the hole, the issue only was momentarily deferred.

Mrs. Probert, after driving in the rough, hitting an apple tree with her second and needing four shots to reach the green, missed from 10 feet. Mrs. Beard then stepped up and canned the two-footer to assure her entry to the final.

Marge Starts Fast

Mrs. Cici, initially taken aback when Mrs. Mason won the second hole with a birdie deuce and the third with a par four, won four of the next six holes with pars to make the turn, two up. Jean was 39 to that point; Mrs. Mason, 43.

Mrs. Mason, twice a titleholder in this event—in 1952 and 1960—and a many-time winner of every major local championship, long has rated as one of the finest chippers and putters in local annals.

But her "misery iron" was cold as ice yesterday. She three-putted the 12th to go three down and despite par wins at the 14th and 16th, ultimately was beaten at her own game.

The coup de grace came at the 320-yard 17th where Mrs. Cici pushed her drive, hit a tree with her second, then lofted a wedge to within 18 inches of the hole for a sure par. Mrs. Mason pulled her second in a bunker, flew her third 10 feet past the hole and when she missed coming back, that set the stage for today's encounter between Mrs. Cici and Mrs. Beard.

Also to be resolved today is the 18-hole final in the first flight, which is certain to engender much interest at this club.

Carrying the banner for Somerset Hills will be 21-year-old Barbara Frelinghuysen, who will tangle with Mrs. George Van Tassel of Glen Ridge. Miss Frelinghuysen gained the final, defeating her mother, Mrs. Joseph Frelinghuysen, 5 and 3. Mrs. Tassel advanced, 4 and 3, at the expense of Mrs. Richard Wade of Colonia.



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FINALIST—Mrs. Pat Cici drives from eighth tee during yesterday's semifinal round of WMGA tourney at Somerset Hills. The Long Islander defeated Mrs. Marge Mason (background), 2 and 1, and will meet Mrs. Lee Beard for title in today's 36-hole final.

Mrs. Cici Wins Met Golf Title

BERNARDSVILLE (AP) — Mrs. Pat Cici from Cedarbrook Country Club in Long Island won the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association championship yesterday.

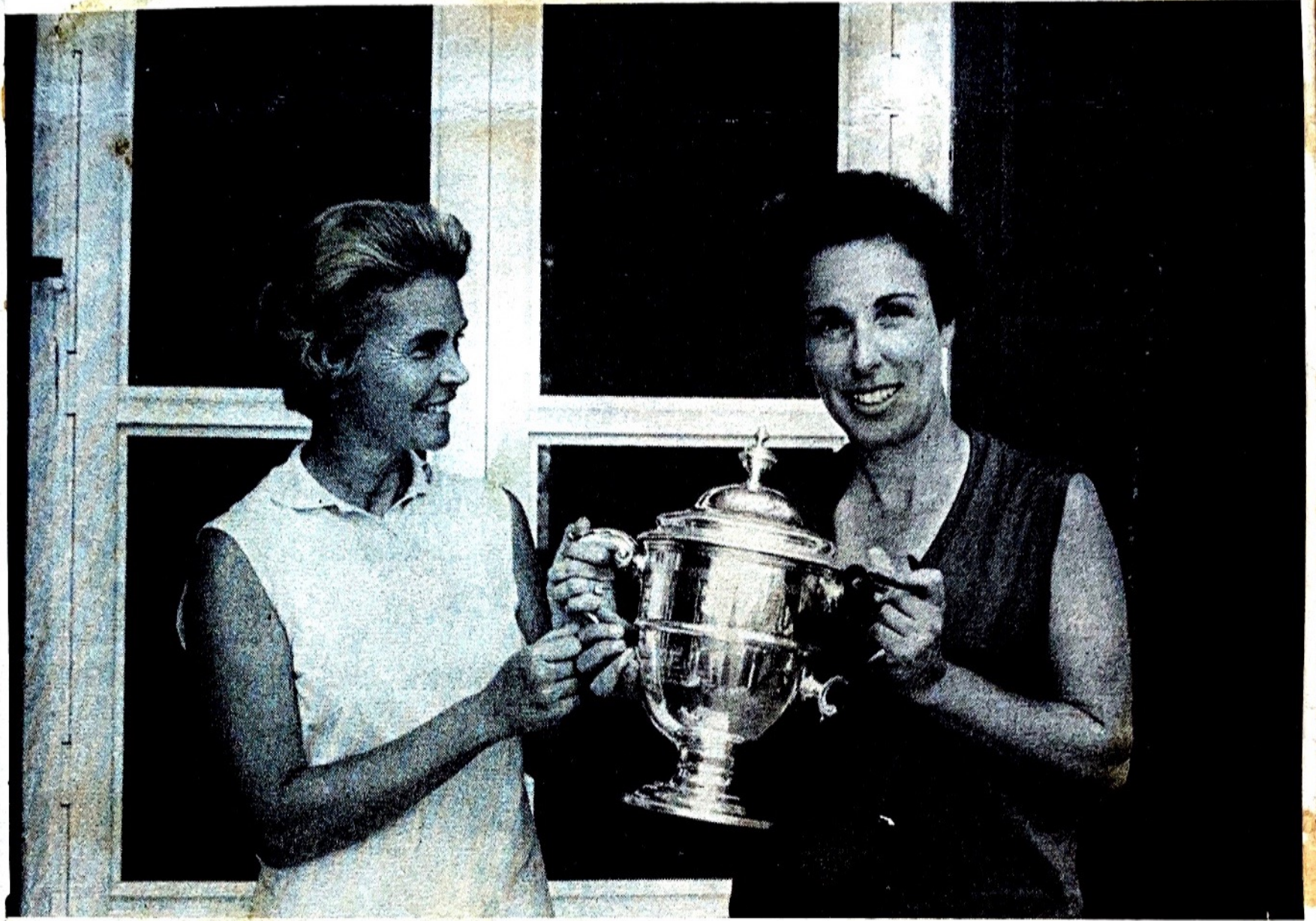
She defeated Mrs. Lee Beard of Essex Fells 8 and 7 in the 35-hole final of the match play at Somerset Hills Country Club.

It was a long-sought victory for the 41-year-old Mrs. Cici who last reached the final of the annual event 18 years ago, in 1949. On that occasion she was beaten by Miss Maureen Orcutt whom she eliminated in the quarterfinals of the present tourney.

Mrs. Cici was 6 up after the morning round with a 79 score to Mrs. Beard's 85. Mrs. Beard fought back in the afternoon and for a time was 5 down but Mrs. Cici won the 5th, 6th and 7th holes to go 8 up. The pair halved succeeding holes, allowing Mrs. Cici to close out the match on the 11th.

In the other flight, 21-year-old Miss Barbara Frelinghuysen of Somerset Hills defeated veteran Mrs. George Van Tassel of Glen Ridge 4 and 3.

**MRS. PAT CICI WINS 64th WMGA CHAMPIONSHIP
AND THE SHORE TOURNAMENT**



Mrs. DeWitt Alexander presents Mrs. Pat Cici of Cedarbrook her trophy. Mrs. Cici won WMGA Championship and the Shore Tournament.