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Binkiewicz tops Probert in semi

PURCHASE, N.Y.— With a record-setting display of chipping and putting, Colleen Binkiewicz of Forest Hill in Bloomfield, N.J., made her way to the championship round of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association's Match Play Championship yesterday.

She defeated Ann Probert of Somerset Hills in Bernardsville, N.J., 6 and 5, at the Century Country Club.

In the other semifinal match, Mary Cabriele of Westchester ousted Linda Schnoll of Shackamaxon in Scotch Plains, N.J., 2 and 1.

Binkiewicz and Cabriele will tee off in the 36-hole final today at 8:30.

Binkiewicz, who had won the Garden State Women's Golf Association Stroke Play tournament by seven strokes last week, set a woman's Century course record with a 36-33-69—five under par, the best round she's ever recorded. Sophie Untermeyer, a club member at Century, and one of the finer woman amateurs in the Westchester County area, had the former record, a 70, scored 15 years ago.

"I first played this course Monday when I qualified for this tournament

and I love it," smiled Binkiewicz, who was graduated from Tulsa last month. "I really don't know why but I just feel comfortable playing on it."

Binkiewicz was one up on Probert, winner of the WMGA's Stroke Play crown in 1980 and 1981, at the end of seven holes and won the eighth with a 15-foot birdie putt for a birdie, the ninth with a par and the 10th with a bogey to extend the margin to four holes.

They halved the 11th in par.

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But Binkiewicz went five up on the 12th when she belted an eight iron four feet from the cup and made the putt for a birdie. The match drew to a close on the 13th when Binkiewicz rolled in a 20-foot putt for a birdie.

However, she continued in pursuit of the course record. Binkiewicz parred the 14th, chipped up and sank a five footer for a bird on the 15th, parred the 16th, rammed home a 15-foot birdie putt on the 17th and parred the 18th, finishing the return side with a blistering 33 and the record.