

reunited Stan Pidgeon

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Colleen outlasts Paula

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Colleen Binkiewicz of Forest Hill, a 19-year-old Palm Beach Junior College sophomore, defeated her college roommate with a decisive 25-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole to become the 76th Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Match Play champion yesterday at the Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell.

Binkiewicz, who had never won a tournament before, defeated her close friend at the Florida school, Paula Slivinsky of Salem (Westchester), 2 and 1, in a double round. The finalists were both members of Palm Beach's Women's National Junior College championship team two weeks ago.

Binkiewicz went one up when she put her tee shot on the 107-yard, par-three 16th 25 feet from the cup and sank the putt for a birdie and closed out the match with a par at the 455-yard, par-five 17th after Slivinski missed a four-foot putt for a bogey.

Ironically, it was not the first time the two girls have faced each other in the finals of a major championship. Two years ago, Paula won the Met Junior title in a playoff with Colleen at Echo Lake.

Slivinsky came into this championship after taking the Women's National Junior College individual title at the Midland Country Club in Hogan Park, Tex. Binkiewicz placed fifth.

It appeared Paula would win this one, too, in the morning. But Binkiewicz, who lost five of the first nine holes, battled back to be only two down after 18.

"I was just hitting the ball poorly and Paula was playing very well," Binkiewicz explained. "But on the back nine, I started playing better and it just continued in the second round."

In the afternoon, Colleen cut Slivinsky's lead to one on the par-four first (19th) hole after Paula drove into the rough and was bunkered after her second shot on the way to a double-bogey six.

Binkiewicz squared the match on the 131-yard, par-three seventh, striking it to within two feet for a birdie. She then went one up on the eighth with a par five.

Colleen conceded the ninth when she hit her tee shot beneath a tree, and lost the 10th on a double-bogey six, but took the lead for good with a par three on the 14th and the birdie on No. 16.

Colleen, who wants to play golf for Florida State after finishing at Palm Beach next, gave some thought to turning pro.

"I would like to go to Florida State, but if my golf improves, then I'd turn pro," she revealed.

Slivinsky, a resident of Brewster, N.Y., also has a pro career in mind, but will likely attend a four-year college before joining the pro ranks.

"It all depends how I'm playing," she explained. "If I can improve my game and shoot consistently in the low 70s, then I'll turn pro. But if I don't, I'd like to play at a four-year school in Florida or Arizona."

The girls will compete next week in the WMGA Stroke Play championship next week, but in different districts. Colleen will play at Canoe Brook while Slivinsky tees it up at the Woodway Country Club in Connecticut.

First 18 was lost.

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19	1	402	4	6 +1 5	
20	2	416	5	5 +1 5	###
21	3	271	4	4 +1 4	
22	4	187	3	4 +1 4	
23	5	326	4	5 = 4	###
24	6	437	5	5 +1 6	### ###
25	7	131	3	3 - 2	0
26	8	442	5	6 -1 5	### ###
27	9	457	5	7 - 5	
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Holes	Yards	Par	Score	Stroke	Result
28	10	390	4	5 +1 6	### ###
29	11	343	4	5 0 4	###
30	12	287	4	5 +1 6	### ###
31	13	399	5	5 +1 5	### ###
32	14	152	3	4 0 3	
33	15	353	4	4 0 4	
34	16	107	3	3 -1 2	
35	17	455	5	6 +2 5	### ###
36	18	431	5	2 + 1	
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