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Binkiewicz captures WMGA title, 7 and 6

PURCHASE, N.Y.— Playing some of the best golf of her young career over a five-day span, Colleen Binkiewicz of Forest Hill in Bloomfield, N.J., clinched the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Match Play Championship with a 7 and 6 victory over Mary Gabriele of Westchester, N.Y., in the scheduled 36-hole final at the Century Country Club.

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Miss Binkiewicz, a seven-shot winner of the Women's Garden State Golf Association's Stroke Play Championship last week, shot a 75 in the morning for a 3-up lead and boosted her advantage to 7 up after 27 holes.

Miss Binkiewicz and Miss Gabriele, a 20 year-old junior at Franklin & Marshall College who plays on the men's team, halved the 28th with pars. The 23-year-old New Jersey standout double bo-

geyed and lost the 29th when her second shot landed in a bunker. But she turned in a par to win the 30th hole and the championship, finishing the day at two over par.

Although Miss Binkiewicz, a blue-eyed blond, never had to go 18 holes in her four matches before the final, she played each round out and had set the Century course record with a five under par 36-33-69 on the 5,988-yard layout on Thursday.

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"I was tired today," admitted Colleen. "I played a lot of golf this week and that's why I stopped after 30 holes."

The only time Miss Binkiewicz didn't break 80 was in the qualifying round when she carded a 40-40-80 and placed third, two shots behind medalist Mrs. Ann Probert of Somerset Hills in Bernardsville, N.J., who was victimized by the champion

in the semifinals, 6 and 5.

Miss Binkiewicz, who plans to either turn pro in September or enter the ministry, will play in the Goss Round Robin tournament July 12th at Somerset Hills and then head for the U.S. Open qualifier in Norwalk, Conn.

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Colleen Binkiewicz suffered a bit of a letdown Friday but she was probably the only one who noticed.

Just one day after setting the women's course record at Century Country Club in Purchase in the 80th Women's Metropolitan Golf Association match play championship, Binkiewicz won the title by defeating Mary Cabriele 7 and 6 in the 36-hole final. She was one stroke over par through the first 18 holes and 3-up, even par for 27 holes and 7-up and still she was not completely satisfied when the last putt had dropped.

"I think I was just tired," said Binkiewicz, who plays out of Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, N.J. "Playing this many (seven) competitive rounds can get to you. I played real well yesterday but today I was golfed out."

In Thursday's semifinal, Binkiewicz shot 69 on

Century's par 37-37—74, 5,988-yard layout. She made nine birdies in that marvelous round and perhaps raised her expectations too high.

"I felt like I was just hacking it after yesterday," Binkiewicz said.

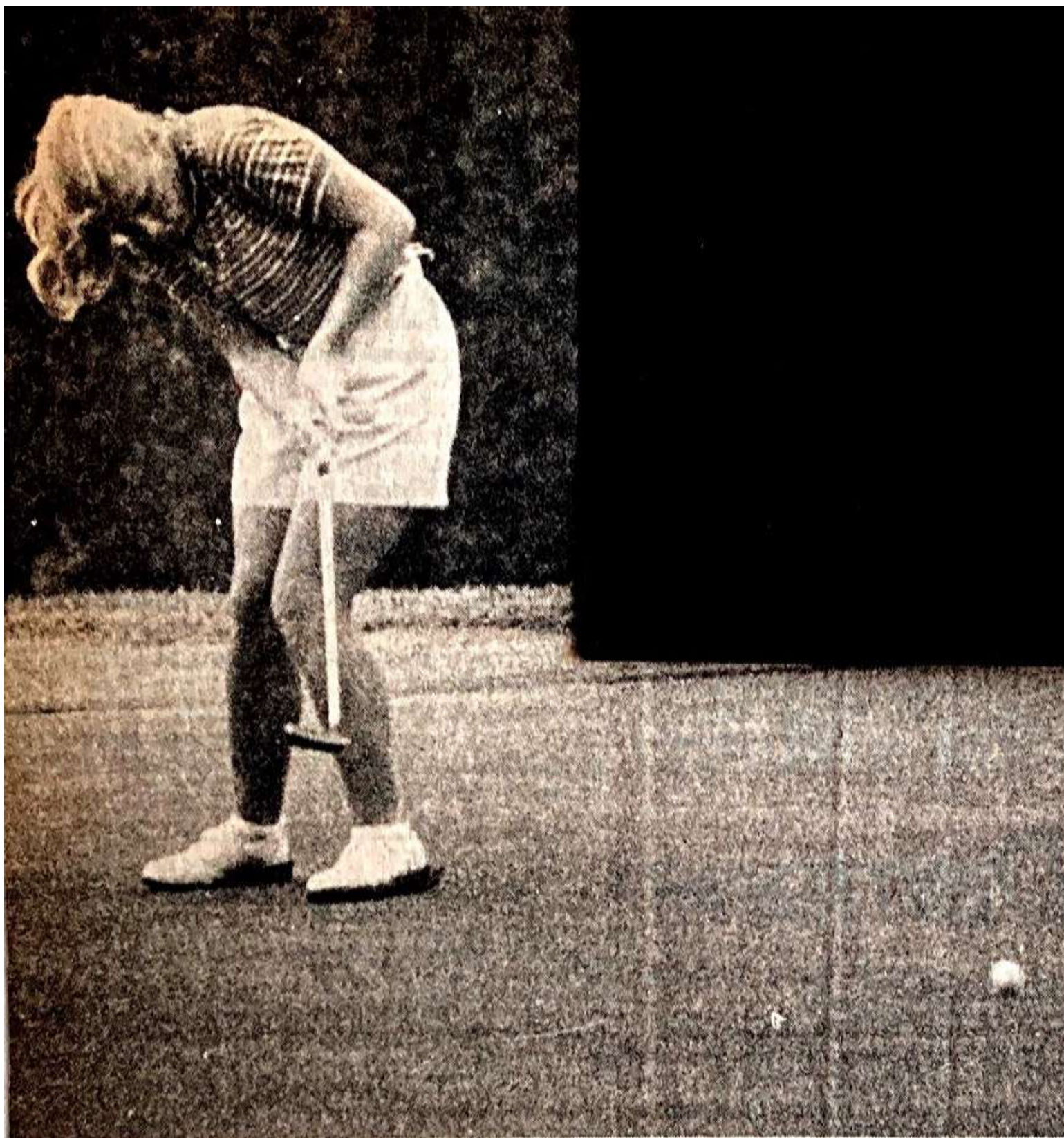
If her play left anything to be desired, Cabriele, a spunky youngster playing out of Westchester CC, didn't notice.

"I couldn't do anything today and when I made a mistake it was like the domino effect," said Cabriele. "Colleen was never out of it. She got it up and down. She played great."

Binkiewicz' triumph in this event was her second, the first coming in 1979, but she said this win held greater significance because she plans to try the pro circuit in the fall. Last week she won the Garden State Stroke Play championship.

"I just want to win everything this summer," Binkiewicz said, "and shoot good numbers."

In first flight competition for the Sanford Cup, Yvonne Thiel of Whippoorwill defeated Mary McCurdy of Canoe Brook by 4 and 3.



Colleen Binkiewicz watches ball head toward the cup on the 9th green Friday.



WMGA MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP COLLEEN BINKIEWICZ 1983 CHAMPION

The Century Country Club in Purchase, New York, was the site of the 80th WMGA Match Play Championship. Eighty-seven players teed off on Monday, June 13, in the qualifying round. The 5,988-yard par 74 course was in top-notch condition. Barbara Jones, the defending champion, was not competing as she had turned professional.

Ann Probert was medalist with 44-34-78 making birdie putts on three of the last four holes. Susan Wise was one stroke off the pace with 42-37-79, while Colleen Binkiewicz had 40-40-80.

The field of 32 was narrowed to 16 after the Tuesday morning round. There were two 19-hole matches. Dana Aydelotte defeated Barbara Israel and Barbara Finkelstein topped Susan Wise. The day was extraordinarily hot but the afternoon matches were not generally close except that of Linda Schnoll defeating Eleanor Siebert 2 and 1.

In the quarterfinals on Wednesday Ann Probert beat Barbara Young, Colleen Binkiewicz won over Sarah Koepfel and Mary Cabriele defeated Gwen Fisher. However, Linda Schnoll scored a stunning upset over Hatsy Hart former LPGA pro and 1970 WMGA Match Play Champion, by a mere 1 up on the 18th hole.

Thursday's semifinals saw Mary Cabriele edge Linda Schnoll by 2 and 1, while Colleen scored an astounding, record breaking 69 to defeat Ann Probert by 6 and 5. Not only was this the best for Century's women's course, but it was also Colleen's personal best.

The two survivors of this long hot week were two of the under-25 set — Colleen with imminent plans to turn pro and Mary, a week long escapee from the Quaker Ridge Golf shop! Colleen took an early lead of 4 up after 9 holes and survived the back nine while Mary threw 8 pars her way. They finished 18 with Colleen 3 up, having shot 75, and Mary a 79.



Top Row L to R: Mary Cabriele, runner-up Match Play Championship; Barbara Israel; Tournament Chairman, Yvonne Thiel, Sanford Cup Winner. Bottom L to R: Lois McTurk, WMGA President, Colleen Binkiewicz, Mary McCurdy, Sanford Cup runner-up.

After lunch Mary dug in her heels and got it to 2 down until Colleen settled down to a one-under par front nine. At that point Mary was 7 down but she held on until the 30th hole where Colleen made a par 4 and became the 80th WMGA Match Play Champion. Her putting had been phenomenally good and the ease with which she handled the course an inspiration to all.

The Sanford Cup finals were between the one and only WMGA 1st V.P., Mary McCurdy, and a most powerful opponent, Yvonne Thiel. Mary's long week of work and play came to an end as they tied with pars on the 15th hole and Yvonne won the Sanford Cup by a 4 and 3 margin.

Many thanks are in order to all those who made this tournament a success. Special mention goes to Jim Fulwider, our genius Green Superintendent, who had the course in the most wonderful condition imaginable. All the employees at Century were so willing and helpful and thanks to the Century tournament committee for their long hours and good natures. To Lois McTurk and Mary McCurdy, a special thank you for being so generous with your time and advice. Pictures courtesy of Alice Walter and J. Tiso.

BARBARA ISRAEL
1983 WMGA Match Play
Chairman
Century Country Club

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Opp: Mary

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14	386	4	5		5	7
15	457	5	5		5	7
16	427	5	4	+4	5	11
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Binkiewicz beats Probert in Women's Metro Golf

BERNARDSVILLE — Colleen Binkiewicz of Forest Hill won the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association's one-day event held at Somerset Hills Country Club yesterday with a 39-38—77 over host club member Ann Probert at 45-36—81.

Isa von Hessert of Knickerbocker won low net with 86-13—73 in a match of cards over Mary Ann Farmer of Glen Ridge, who had 85-12-73. Nancy Burke of Somerset Hills was third with 85-11—74.

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