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The 76th Women's Metropolitan (N.Y.) GA Amateur was resolved at Mountain Ridge CC in West Caldwell, N.J., by a pair of teenage roommates from Florida's Palm Beach Junior College at home for the summer.

New Jersey's Colleen Binkiewicz defeated New York's Paula Slivinsky, 2 and 1, in the 36-hole final. The protagonists both are 19 and each was a member of the team which two weeks previously had won the Women's National Junior College golf championship by 50 strokes at Texas' Midland CC. Slivinsky also took the individual title.

Binkiewicz, who claimed she never had won an individual championship before, capped a daylong, uphill battle with a birdie deuce on the 34th hole when she canned a 25-footer and claimed the match when she parred the next hole with a five.

Slivinsky, with a five-up lead after nine holes and a two-hole edge after the first 18, seemed well on her way to a repeat of the victory she had scored over Binkiewicz in the 1977 Met Junior Girls. But it was not to be as Colleen made up the difference over the next nine and, despite two lead changes, finally emerged on top with her birdie-par finish.

This year's tournament was unusual in that it was dominated by teenagers and Binkiewicz was its youngest winner since Judy Frank dominated the event for three years starting in 1956. Binkiewicz had as her semifinal opponent 15-year-old Jennifer Steiner whom she defeated, 5 and 3, while Slivinsky was overwhelming Pam Darmstadt, 17, 8 and 6. Darmstadt, however, had the distinction of upsetting the medalist, New Jersey Women's Amateur champ Ann Probert, 3 and 1.

Chris Desch of New York, the 1978 winner, did not defend as she has turned pro. Binkiewicz and Slivinsky have indicated they intend to follow the same procedure as soon as they complete their respective college careers.

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