

Slivinsky

plays

two angles

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Six summers ago Paula Slivinsky began the two sides of her involvement with the game of golf. And since the now 17-year-old Brewster High junior first set her sights on caddying and playing, there has been a marked improvement at both levels.

As a player Slivinsky's young career reached a new high when she reached today's scheduled semifinal round of the 74th Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Championship at Metropolis Country Club in White Plains. She reached that stage Wednesday with a 1-up quarterfinal victory over Mrs. Charles (Jean) Crawford of Apawamis.

In other quarterfinal matches, defending champion Mrs. Albert ('B') Bower of Pelham CC defeated Mrs. Gordon McGrath of Piping Rock, 3 and 2; 23-year-old Chris Desch of Southampton edged Cindy Ferro of Forest Hills, 2 and 1; and Mrs. Walter (Judy) Cooperstein of Glen Oaks eliminated Lise Ann Russell of Hawthorn, 2 and 1.

Three-time titlist Bower was to meet Desch while two-time champ

Cooperstein was pitted against Slivinsky. A 36-hole finale is listed for Friday at the 5,779-yard, par 37-36—73 layout.

In Wednesday's quarter-test, Slivinsky was even after 14 holes against Crawford, a former U.S. Amateur champion.

"It was on and off," said Slivinsky, who harbors dream of possibly playing professionally someday. "She (Crawford) would take a hole, then I would. She'd go up, then it would go back to even."

Slivinsky, a seven handicap who played No. 1 for her high school golf team, won the 15th with a par-three when both players were short but Paula's chip left her with a two-foot tap. And she won at No. 16 with a bogey to go 2-up. Crawford pulled to within one with a par-four on the 275-yard 17th when Paula bogeyed, but the match was over when the pair halved the 18th with bogey-fives.

Paula, who has six brothers and one sister, first got into golf through the influence of two older brothers who were caddying at Salem Golf Club, where she now both plays and caddys herself.

"I started out carrying just single bags," said Slivinsky, who won the

Met Junior golf championship last year at Innis Arden and a one-day local Pro-Lady event with Salem assistant Jeff Foxx. "I started to carry doubles three years ago. I enjoy it, it's fun. And the money is good, too."

Paula says she has not met another female caddy this season (although several area clubs do have them). She says there was one girl carrying bags last summer at Salem, but "I guess she didn't like it."

Slivinsky credits her playing success to Salem pro Clarence Fogal, and last summer she won a PGA and Chevrolet co-sponsored trip to Orlando, Fla., where she placed 20th at Disneyworld in the 72-hole National Junior Golf Championship.