

**Platt edges Heuschneider
for Women's Met Open title**

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Youth was served in the inaugural Women's Metropolitan Open golf championship yesterday at Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale.

Margaret Platt, a 20-year-old amateur from Hastings and the Westchester Country Club, won the title with an 8-under-par total of 152. And 25-year-old runnerup Anne Heuschneider of Smithtown Landing, who was one shot back, collected the first prize (a check for \$5,000 from sponsoring NYNEX) as the top professional.

The tournament was a joint effort of the Metropolitan PGA and the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association.

Of course, it wasn't so simple. It came down to the two golfers who shared the first-round lead at 3-over 75, dead even with six holes to go, playing in the final twosome of the tournament.

Heuschneider, a pro on the LPGA's Futures Tour who will attempt to qualify for the LPGA Tour in two weeks, had fallen back quickly to a treacherous golf course. She bogeyed each of the first four holes and six of the first nine. Platt, who bogeyed four of the first nine, was two shots up at the turn.

But when Heuschneider birdied the par-4 11th with a 20-foot putt, and Platt double-bogeyed the 12th (while Heuschneider bogeyed), they were even again.

They weren't sure if they were alone.

"I saw the standard bearers (mobile scoreboards) in front of us," Platt said. "I wasn't worried about (the twosome) in front of us, but I was worried about the ones ahead of them. I didn't know."

Then it became clear. Heuschneider, as the pro, had the paycheck, her biggest ever, wrapped up.

"The money didn't mean much at that point," she said. "I wanted to win."

"The last couple of holes, we started to play like it was match play," Platt said. "I knew it was me against her. I knew if I played the course, I'd slack off a little bit. I needed that pressure to play well."

And she did. Platt, a former Southeastern Conference champion at Auburn (she begins her senior year next week) hit a 4-iron to within 15 feet and two-putted to birdie the 417-yard, par-5 16th for

FINAL SCORES

Results after yesterday's final round of the inaugural Women's Metropolitan Open golf championship at the 6,007-yard, par 36-36-72 Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale. (a-denotes amateur).

a-Margaret Platt, Westchester	75-77-152
Anne Heuschneider, Smithtown Landing	75-78-153
June Staton, Cedar Brook	80-77-157
a-Ann Probert, Somerset Hills	77-81-158
Barbara Pendergast, Quaker Ridge	81-78-159
Debble Lessel, Ridgewood	79-80-159
Susie Berdoy, Ridgeway	79-80-159
Amy Lane, Navesink	79-81-160
a-Sarah Koeppl, Fresh Meadow	79-82-161
a-Lisa Griffin, Greenwich	84-78-162
Patti McGowan, Glen Oaks	82-80-162
a-Janet Haire, Rockaway Hunt	80-82-162
a-Reggie Hawes, Westchester	80-82-162
Sharon McQuillan-Nolletti, Sleepy Hollow	79-83-162
Jan Klefer, Montclair	84-79-163
Susan Grams, Edgewood	83-81-164
Angela Aulenti, Metropolis	80-84-164
a-Courtney Myhrum, Waccabuc	85-80-165
Susan Morgan, North Shore	84-81-165
a-Yvonne Thiel, Whippoorwill	84-82-166
a-Linda Schnoll, Shackamaxon	82-84-166

the lead. She made a crucial par-saving shot on 17 to maintain it. Her tee shot on 17 was wide left, and she had a free drop off a cart path.

"I had a clear shot," she said. "There were no significant branches, only leaves. No limbs."

Platt hit a 9-iron through an opening, rattling some leaves and landing softly within 30 feet. After her first putt sailed past the cup, she nailed the 7-footer to save par and close the day at 40-37-77.

Heuschneider played well, too, down the stretch. She parred the last six holes ("I was burning the edge on a couple") to finish at 42-36-78 for the day.

"This is one of the best golf courses around," Heuschneider said. "And there's none in better condition. I think it's in the top 50 in the country, isn't it? But I wouldn't want to have to play it every day."

So tough was the course that the champion Platt made two birdies for 36 holes. Pro June Staton of Cedar Brook tied Platt's best final round, a 5-over 77, to grab the second-place check of \$3,000 at 157, one better than amateur Ann Probert of Somerset Hills. Three others, Barbara Pendergast (Quaker Ridge), Susie Berdoy (Ridgeway) and Debbie Lessel (Ridgewood), each took home \$1,500 at 159.

Platt will return to Auburn, where she won the SEC individual crown as a sophomore in '86. She hopes to turn pro in two years.

Heuschneider, who missed an LPGA qualifying cut by a single shot in Kansas last month, goes to Venice, Fla., for another crack at it Sept. 20. If she survives that tournament, she can qualify for the LPGA Tour in the finals at Houston in October.

SCARSDALE, N.Y.—Amateur Margaret Platt took the title, but Anne Heuschneider got the money in the first-of-its-kind tournament for women golfers in the New York metropolitan area. Platt, from Westchester CC shot 75-77—152 to beat Heuschneider by a stroke in the NYNEX \$20,000 Women's Metropolitan Open at Quaker Ridge CC which attracted 84 golfers from the greater New York City area and Northern New Jersey and Southern Connecticut. Platt, 20, the 1987 Southeastern Conference champion from Auburn and twice a contestant in both the U.S. Women's Open and Amateur, led all the way after opening with a three-over-par 75 for the 6,007-yard course. Heuschneider, an assistant pro at Long Island's Smithtown Landing Club, kept pace for 20 holes until she bogied the second where Platt parred.

—Red Hoffman

SUMMARY

152—*Margaret Platt, 75-77. 153—Anne Heuschneider, 75-78, \$5,000. 157—June Staton, 80-77, \$3,000. 158—*Ann Probert, 77-81. 159—Susi Berdoy, 79-80; Debbie Lessel, 79-80; Barbara Pendergast, 81-78, \$1,500 each. 160—*Amy Lane, 79-81. 162—Patti McGowan, 82-80; Sharon Nolletti, 79-83, \$875 each; *Sarah Koeppel, 79-83; *Lisa Griffin, 84-78; *Reggie Hawes, 80-82; *Janet Haire, 80-82.

NYNEX WOMENS OPEN

	SCORE	HOLE
PLATT	8	36
HEUSCHNEIDER	9	36
STATON	13	36
PROBERT	14	36
PENDERGAST	15	36
BERDOY	15	36
LESSEL	15	36
LANE	16	





