

Ferro gains on Linney in women's golf

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Intermittent downpours forced nearly half of the field to withdraw but failed to halt Miss Cindy Ferro of Forest Hill from making a serious bid for the second round lead yesterday in the 41st Women's Metropolitan Golf Association 54-hole Medal Play championship.

Miss Ferro, a Furman college student, toured the Rumson Country Club course with a 79, six over par for the round, but the best card of the day. The only thing separating her from the two-day leader, Plainfield's Kathy Linney, was a triple bogey recorded on the par-five, 15th hole.

As the remaining field of 53 begins the final round today at

the Deal Golf & Country Club, Miss Linney's leading aggregate is 160. Mrs. Walter Cooperstein of Glen Oaks is at 161 and Miss Ferro is at 163.

Miss Ferro, who has won the Met Father-Daughter championship six times, started slowly over Rumson's 5,670 test, recording a double bogey on the opening hole. She had started the day six strokes behind Miss Linney.

In fact, a 25-foot putt at four gave Miss Ferro her only birdie on the front nine. But then the 5-2 20-year-old made her move. She began by sinking birdie putts of 10 and 20 feet on the 10th and 11th holes, respectively. After a par at 13, a bogey and then the triple bogey interrupted her skein.

But she recovered for a 12-foot birdie putt at 16 and parred the remaining two holes.

"I played in worse weather than this," Miss Ferro noted. "On the front nine, I couldn't get close enough to the pin with my chip shots."

Miss Linney, the recent winner of the Elizabeth Goss Round Robin event, shot an 82 in a round hurt by eight bogeys and one double bogey and noted the clubs occasionally slipped in her hands.

"I hit a lot of good shots and I felt an 82 was a good round on a day like today," she noted.

Mrs. Cooperstein, a winner in this tournament in 1970 and 1972 and the Met match play titlist in 1962 and 1973, missed a couple of chances to gain the lead when she failed to convert three short putts. She shot an 80.

“The rain bothered me enough not to keep my concentration,” Mrs. Cooperstein said. “I had difficulty in reaching the greens in regulation or making short putts when I had to.”

- Kathy Linney, Plainfield, 78-82-160**
Mrs. Walter Cooperstein, Glen Oaks, 81-80-161
Cindy Ferro, Forest Hill, 84-79-163
Mrs. Albert Bower, Pelham, 82-84-166
Mrs. Percy Pyne, Somerset Hills, 82-89-171
Mrs. Vincent Larkin, Nassau, 85-87-172
Mrs. Hyman Winik, Hollywood, 82-91-173
Mrs. Sanford Goldzier, Cold Spring, 83-91-174
Mrs. Norman Kelly, Somerset Hills, 85-90-175
Susan Fried, Old Westbury, 86-90-176
Mrs. Henry B. Cross, Essex County, 87-89-176
Mrs. Pat Cici, Cedar Brook, 92-85-177
Mrs. Edward Kuller, Crestmont, 83-97-180
Mrs. Ruth Antman, Apple Ridge, 89-91-180
Regine Hawes, Westchester, 88-93-181
Mrs. Seymour Holub, Shackamaxon, 89-92-181
Mrs. Pat Brooke, Woodlake, 94-89-183
Mrs. Henry Doubilet, Hollywood, 87-97-184
Mrs. Leonard Rosenzweig, Cold Spring, 90-94-184
Mrs. Irving Sofferman, Crestmont, 87-101-188