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Miss Kathy Linney of Plainfield broke through for her first major golf championship yesterday when she defeated Mrs. Judy Cooperstein of Long Island's Glen Oaks, 84 to 85, in an 18-hole playoff for the 41st Women's Metropolitan Golf Association 54-hole stroke-play title at the Deal Golf and Country Club.

"It's a thrilling moment," the Jersey girl noted, at the finish of an unusual match in which she almost gave back all of a five-shot lead over the final seven holes.

Miss Linney, twice winner of the Garden State Women's Golf Association's Round Robin title, shot nines of 40 and 44 on the par 37-37-74 course while two-time champion Mrs. Cooperstein experienced a nightmare on the 11th hole, where she took a five-over nine, en route to a 39-46 card.

The pair had tied at 242 on Thursday after 54 holes, which were played in successive rounds at Hollywood, Rumson and Deal.

Mrs. Cooperstein, who likes to hit her shots quickly, had worked into a 40-39 edge over the first nine, and her experience figured to prevail over the younger Plainfield girl down the stretch. Worried about a recent problem with shanked shots, Miss Linney had taken to hard concentration on every blow.

But the Long Island player four-putted the 10th hole, missing a two-foot third, to swing the one-shot lead over to Miss Linney. And that was only the beginning of disaster.

On the par-four 11th, probably still thinking about that four-putter, Mrs. Cooperstein drove out of bounds and hit her next into a fairway trap. Bare-

ly out, she stuck an iron shot into another trap, finally got home in seven and two-putted for the nine.

Altogether, she lost eight shots to par on those two holes, propelling Miss Linney into a five-stroke lead.

“What happened to her had an effect on me, too,” Miss Linney recalled. “I got to thinking I better not do the same thing.”

She avoided anything like a nine, but Mrs. Cooperstein did manage to whittle that five-shot deficit down to one, starting with a birdie three on the 13th and helped by a double-bogey six which Miss Linney caught on the 16th. Each finished 5, 4, in bogies, to give it to the Jerseyan.

Miss Linney succeeded Cindy Ferro of Forest Hill, last year's winner. Mrs. Cooperstein had triumphed previously in 1970 and 1972.

Miss Linney Wins Title in Met. Golf

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DEAL, N.J., July 26 —
Kathy Linney of Plainfield won the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association's 54-hole stroke-play championship today by outscoring Mrs. Judy Cooperstein of Glen Oaks, 84 to 85, in an 18-hole playoff at the Deal Golf Club.

Miss Linney, taking her first major title, had nines of 40 and 44 on the 5,867-yard, par 37, 37-74 course. Mrs. Cooperstein carded 39, 46 after taking a five-over-par 9 on the 11th hole.

The two-time former champion drove out of bounds on the 11th and twice hit traps before getting home in seven. Following a double bogey on the 10th, Mrs. Cooperstein went from a 1 up to 5 down.

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