

4 teens gain match-play semis

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Teenagers have taken over in the 76th Women's Metropolitan Golf Association's Match Play championship.

Four of them played their way yesterday into today's semifinals at the 5,985-yard Mountain Ridge Country Club course in West Caldwell.

Pam Darmstadt of Winged Foot, 17, will meet 19-year-old Paula Slivinsky of Salem and Colleen Binkiewicz of Forest Hill, 19, will match up with 15-year-old Jennifer Steiner of Huntington Crescent.

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Only Binkiewicz, a teammate of Slivinsky's at Florida's Palm Beach Junior College, the national team champion, represents a club from the Garden State. The rest are from New York.

Darmstadt, who graduates tonight from Gorton High, Yonkers, N.Y., and

will attend Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., beat Jean Cici of Classic, at the 19th hole. Cici was a semifinalist last year.

Slivinsky, the National Women's Junior College champion, continued to play aggressively, beating Gretchen Calvert of Morris County, 6 and 5.

Binkiewicz, also easily won her match with Barbara Glucksman of Bound Brook, 6 and 5.

Steiner, who lives in Huntington, N.Y., and will begin her junior year at Howey Academy in Orlando, Fla., concluded her match on the 17th hole and beat the formidable Susan Stockfish of Deal, 2-up.

Steiner, who mastered the game in three years, has the credentials to back up a strong performance. A finalist in the Stanford Cup and in the second flight of the Women's Met Match Play champion-

ship last year, she recorded top-10 finishes in the LPGA Championship, the Tournament of Champions and the Junior World Tournament in California in 1978.

Although Howey Academy does not have a golf team, Steiner perfected her game at the nearby Mission Inn Country Club.

She grabbed the early advantage with pars on the two opening holes but turned the front nine two down, losing the third, fourth, fifth and seventh holes. Stockfisch made a birdie-three on No. 5 and a par on No. 7 against Steiner's bogey from the trap to take the lead.

However, Steiner went to work on the back side, winning the 10th and 11th holes with pars to even the match, and parring 14 and 15 to go two up. The match was hers when she matched Stockfisch's pars on 16 and 17.

"The only thing I knew about Susan

was that she's an excellent golfer and I knew I had to play well." Steiner said.

Adding it was her first trip around the Mountain Ridge course, a par 75, she explained, "I had to rely on my caddie and I had to study the hole as I played it."

Darmstadt, with a 96.6 grade average and recipient of two academic scholarships, was two up after 16 holes and appeared to have the match in hand, but she three-putted the 17th and 18th greens for bogeys and the match went an extra hole.

"I figured today's match would be tough. Cici is a very good player," admitted Darmstadt. "I thought I played rather well, but I still could be happier with my putting."

The championship ends tomorrow.

QUARTERFINALS

Pam Darmstadt, Winged Foot, def. Jean Cici, Classic, 1 up at the 19th hole. Paula Slivinsky, Salem, def. Gretchen Calvert, Morris County, 6 and 5. Colleen Binkiewicz, Forest Hill, def. Barbara Glucksman, Green Brook, 6 and 5. Jennifer Steiner, Huntington Crescent, def. Susan Stockfisch, Deal, 2 up.