

Cardiac Kids *to club it out*

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The Cardiac Kids are at it again. Paula Slivinsky and Pam Darmstadt, who met in the semifinals of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Championship last year, will do so again in the 77th running of that tournament today at the Apawamis Club in Rye.

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Neither got this far without reaching back for a little extra and Slivinsky had to work over-time.

The easy way was more to the liking of the venerable B Bower, a three-time victor in this competition. Bower, of Pelham CC, ran Gen Lanyon of Westhampton off the course Wednesday, 9 and 8, and will meet Gail Flanagan of Westchester CC, a 5 and 4 winner over Jean Crawford of the host club.

Slivinsky, who almost succumbed on the back nine during Tuesday's action, rallied from 4-down after 10 holes to top Debbie Jamgochian of Winged Foot, 1-up in 19 holes. While Slivinsky, a steady and long hitter, bogeyed just one of the last nine holes, Jamgochian lost her touch after a birdie on the 10th and bogeyed five of the next six holes.

Jamgochian, of Winged Foot, is a newcomer to competitive golf in the area. She steamed merrily around the Apawamis layout during the grueling 36 hole round Tuesday, winning her first match 7 and 6 and her second when her opponent defaulted after seven holes (trailing by five). The back nine, however, proved to be her undoing in the quarterfinal round.

She landed in traps on 11, 12, and 13, then landed her ball in a rut just shy of the water on the 14th. She bogeyed all four holes. Slivinsky then ran in a beautiful 15-foot downhill putt on the 16th hole for par to tie the match, and won it with par on the first playoff hole with an eight-foot putt.

"Usually I fall apart on the back nine," said Slivinsky, the 20-year-old from Brewster and the Salem GC. "I did that the last two days but I think I'm better as a comeback player than when I'm ahead. I felt confident I would turn it around."

The previous day, Slivinsky was 5-up after nine holes but had to hang on against Barbara Jones to win 2 and 1.

Darmstadt, usually a superb putter, had to scramble a bit in her match against Liz Maloy. Darmstadt stood 2-down after 13 holes but birdied the 14th and holed out with a wedge from the trap on 16 to even the count. She went ahead on 17 when Maloy hooked her drive badly and bogeyed.

"I didn't make a putt all day," said Darmstadt, who will be a sophomore at Rollins College. "I was a little upset about my putting. My timing was just a little bit off. And I couldn't hit the ball any worse than I did today."

This is Slivinsky's fourth crack at the WMGA championship.