

Mrs. Bower Gains  
Final in Met. Golf

**RYE, N.Y., June 19 —** Bea Bower, who spent one year at Rollins College in 1940, will face Pam Darmstadt, an 18-year-old freshman at the Winter Park, Fla., school, in tomorrow's 36-hole final of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association match-play championship at the Apawamis Club.

Mrs. Bower, playing out of Pelham, eliminated an 18-year-old Arizona State University freshman, Gail Flanagan of Westchester, in 21 holes. Miss Darmstadt, from Winged Foot, turned back Paula Slivinsky, a 20-year-old junior at Florida State University, 1 up, thwarting the Salem Club player in her fourth appearance in the tournament.

Mrs. Bower has won state championships in Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts and New York in addition to three Met titles. She also captured the United States Golf Association women's seniors crown in 1975.

## **Young but Experienced**

Miss Darmstadt, however, is not without experience. Besides playing at No. 1 for the Rollins golf team, she won the New York State junior girls' title a year ago at McConnellsville.

Two down at the turn, Mrs. Bower had to come from behind three times on the back nine to get even with her younger rival today. She sank a 25-foot downhill putt at the par-4 18th hole for a birdie. Miss Flanagan then dropped in her two-foot birdie tap to send the match into sudden death.

For two holes, neither player yielded, each carding pars, before Mrs. Bower clinched the victory. She sank an eight-foot putt for a par 4 while Miss Flanagan missed her bid for par on an eight-foot tap.

Of her saving putt on the 18th, Mrs. Bower said: "I had to make it or that was that. All day I had been waiting for one of those long ones to drop."

## **Winning 35-Foot Putt**

Miss Slivinsky was 1 up after 10 holes before Miss Darmstadt got even at the 11th with a par 4, went 1 up at the 14th, then lost her edge at the 17th, where Miss Slivinsky dropped in an eight-footer for a birdie 4.

**On the final hole Miss Darmstadt rammed home a 35-foot putt for a birdie 3 and the triumph.**

**“You know when you hit it good, it’s going in,” she said. “It was a little revenge match — to keep up my pride if anything.” Miss Darmstadt had lost, 7 and 6, in last year’s semifinals to Miss Slivinsky.**

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