

For Presto,^{MATCH} it's not magic,^{PLAY} but dedication

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Dedication — n. 1. a dedicating or being dedicated 2. an inscription, as in a book, dedicating it to a person, cause, etc. 3. whole-hearted devotion.

HUNTINGTON, N.Y. — Aside from the given Webster's Dictionary definition, a more specific meaning might be: *n. Playing 36 holes of golf in sweltering heat on Tuesday, 18 on Wednesday and getting out of bed at 4:15 a.m. on Thursday, traveling for over an hour and teeing-off at 7 a.m., all to win the Womens Metropolitan Golf Association championship at the par 35-36—71, 5,792-yard Huntington Crescent course.*

Golf

A m a n d a Presto of Lake-over Country Club, who lives in Greenwich, Conn., rose Thursday

morning at 4:15 to meet Gail Flanagan of Scarsdale and the Westchester CC in the semifinal round of the WMGA championship. Presto took the match 2 and 1.

"I played well on the front nine," said the 20-year-old Presto. "I didn't do as well on the back nine."

Presto was four up with four holes remaining, but Flanagan, a 19-year-old Arizona State student — who was awake at 4:15 — won the 15th and 16th holes, before a tie on the 17th gave Presto a win and a berth in the final round.

Flanagan had trouble on the front nine, snap-hooking her shots and winding up under the trees. "The strong point of my game is hitting it straight," said Flanagan. "I was spraying my shots, I've never been under so many trees."

"I started playing my normal game on the back nine."

The two have known each other for four years and have played against each other three times. "Gail and I are good friends and its hard to play against each other," said Presto.

Flanagan, who lost to B Bower in the semifinal last year, is looking toward the Met Stroke Play tournament on June 15 at Quaker Ridge and the State Amateur, July 7-through-11 in Rome, N.Y.

Presto, who is playing in her first WMGA championship, plays Barbara Jones of Ridgewood, N.J. today in the 36-hole championship round.

Jones, who has forgone the traveling to and from Jersey each day and is staying with a friend in Etons Neck, L.I., upset Judy Cooperstein of North Shore 2-up in Thursday's semifinal round. Cooperstein won the tournament in 1962, '73 and '77.

Presto and Brown were set to tee-off at 8:30 a.m. this morning to decide the 78th winner of the WMGA championship.