

# Beard rallies to take Met Women's junior

ROCKVILLE CENTER, N.Y.—Kendra Beard of the Essex Fells, N.J., Country Club overcame a five-shot deficit yesterday to win the Metropolitan Women's Golf Association Junior Championship with a 158 on the Rockville Links.

It was the second straight championship in eight days for the 17-year-old West Essex High School graduate headed

for Wake Forest College on a golf scholarship.

Kendra, a tall, attractive youngster, had been out of competition with an ankle injury and she's still undergoing therapy. It would be hard to tell from the results of the eight-day swing which started last Friday in her first return to competition with the New Jersey state junior championship at Springdale.

She won with a closing-round, 38-37-75 on the 5,731-yard layout. And she gave all the credit to her pro at Essex Fells, Russ Helwig. Helwig came out Thursday night, although he was competing in the New Jersey Open, to help Kendra correct some problems with her swing that had led to a series of double bogeys and an 85 on opening day in the Met Junior.

"I was pulling everything," she explained. "But Russ Helwig straightened out my swing. Today, I concentrated on what he told me—swing thoughts—and that really helped. I putted really well."

Maureen Fisher of Smithtown Landing, who held the first-day lead with a 78, shot 86 yesterday and finished second at 164.

Beard sank a 20-foot putt on the fifth hole for a birdie, then chipped in from off the edge at the par-five seventh for another bird.

She hit a four-iron to the green on the par-three 10th and canned another 20-foot putt for another birdie.

"No double bogeys today," grinned the happy youngster. "I concentrated on what Russ told me and it worked."

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

Kendra Beard, Essex Fells	83-75-158
Maureen Fisher, Smithtown Landing, N.Y.	78-86-164
Adrienne Gilmartin, North Hempstead, N.Y.	82-85-167
Nathalie Scarpa, North Jersey	87-87-174
Karen Gray, Pelham, N.Y.	84-93-177
Charlaine Tatz, Ash Brook	86-91-177
Leslie Probert, Somerset Hills	97-83-180
Tracey Hauth, Wheatley Hills, N.Y.	89-92-181
Jean Bartholomew, IBM, N.Y.	99-91-190
Patricia Manna, Garden City, N.Y.	93-101-194

#### NET LEADERS

Fisher	69-77-146
Scarpa	73-73-146
Caroline Schmidt, Garden City, N.Y.	75-74-149