

Probert, Schnoll in Match Play final

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SUMMIT — Ann Probert of Somers Hill will pit her considerable golf skills against the tenacious Linda Schnoll of Shackamaxon in today's 36-hole final of the Women's Metropolitan Match Play Championship.

In yesterday's semifinals, Probert ousted Canoe Brook's Derby Campbell 3 & 2, while Schnoll had a more difficult task in a 2-up victory over medalist Kendra Beard of Essex Fells. Each finalist has won the Goss Round Robin title and the windup here should be fairly even.

Probert, who lives in New Vernon, was a quick 3-up, dropped to plus-one, then birdied seven to match Campbell, as both were on the par-five in two, and birdied the eighth from four feet to make the turn 2-up. Campbell won 10 but Probert chipped stiff on 11 to regain a two-hole advantage.

"I felt that was a real sort of turning point," Probert said, noting the importance of winning that hole she easily could have lost and opening some room. When Campbell went over the 13th green, Probert won again and had her eventual winning margin.

"I felt I was really hitting the ball well today," said Probert, "except for a few pushed drives, and I made the putts I had to make."

She was not concerned about the 36-holes possibly in store today, saying, "If you can get this far, you're

certainly going to be pumped up and 36 holes is best for determining a champion. I'm thrilled to be in it."

Schnoll, who hits a long ball despite her petite size, won the 17th hole to go 1-up and came to the 18th tee in familiar fashion.

"That's the same as two other times in this tournament but I love the 18th hole and so psychologically it's nice to be on that tee and 1-up," she said.

"I didn't expect to beat Kendra, so I was really relaxed the whole round," Schnoll noted, despite the fact that Beard finished runnerup to her last year in that Round Robin tourney.

After the quarterfinal match, in which Schnoll edged Garden State Stroke-Play champion Sybil Whitman of Mountain Ridge by just 1-up, the Shackamaxon woman spent two hours practicing, mostly with her pro. She was having trouble scheduling time yesterday afternoon to repeat that, since her husband was planning on taking her to a wedding on Long Island.

In the Sanford Cup competition, which is a flight of 16 players who just missed qualifying for the Championship Flight, two Morris area women will contest an 18-hole final today. Manie Ferguson of Mendham defeated Paula Yeager of Braidburn, 7 & 6, yesterday and Ann Lanyi of Roxiticus defeated Linda Castner of Beaver Brook, 5 & 4 to reach their confrontation today.