

***Schnoll gains***

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Linda Schnoll of Shackamaxon avoided an extra-hole match yesterday when she sank a three-foot putt for a birdie on the final hole to make her way into the semifinal round of the 82d Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Match Play Championship on the North Course of the Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit.

The challenge developed when Sybil Whitman of Mountain Ridge rolled in a 15-footer for a bird that threatened to square the match and require overtime.

Schnoll had beaten Whitman, the current Garden State Women's Golf Association Stroke Play champion, for the first time in the 1983 Garden State Round Robin.

Yesterday, Kendra Beard of Essex Fells, Ann Probert of Somerset Hills and Derby Campbell of Canoe Brook also won their quarterfinal matches. Schnoll will meet Beard and Probert will face Campbell in today's 18-hole semifinal. The tournament will wrap up with a 36-hole final tomorrow.

Beard defeated Kay Perrotty of Morris County, 3 and 2. Probert eliminated Yvonne Thiel of Whipoorwill in New York, 4 and 3. And Campbell beat Gretch Calvert of Morris County, 4 and 3.



“That small putt seemed much longer all of a sudden,” laughed Schnoll. “I just tried to block everything out of my mind and make that putt. My putting really kept me in the game.”

A Whitman rally had set up the drama on the closing, 385-yard, par-five hole. Whitman went to the 16th trailing by two and got a winning par to get close. They halved the 17th with bogeys.

Schnoll had tried to close out the match on the 17th, but almost met with disaster. After Whitman missed a short putt and bogeyed, Schnoll attempted a short putt for her closeout par. But she overshot the hole by three feet. She had to settle for the bogey.

“My heart was really pounding after that hole,” admitted Schnoll, club champion at Shackamaxon for the last six years. “But I had time to take some deep breaths and collect myself before the 18th.”

Schnoll dropped the ball within three feet on her third shot.

Beard, the qualifying medalist with a 78, also found strength in her putting in her victory over Perrotty. The slender 5-7 Beard started the



match with a winning 20-foot birdie putt, won the fifth and sixth with pars and then birdied the seventh with a short putt to go four up.

“After the seventh, I felt really good,” said Beard, who defeated Schnoll in last year’s Garden State Women’s Golf Association Round Robin Tournament on her way to the championship. “I was hitting and chipping well and my bogey on the fourth was more a mental error.”

#### QUARTERFINAL ROUND

Kendra Beard, Essex Fells def. Kay Perrotty, Morris County, 3 and 2. Linda Schnoll, Shackamaxon def. Sybil Whitman, Mountain Ridge, 1 up. Ann Probert, Somerset Hills def. Yvonne Thiel, Whippoorwill (N.Y.), 4 and 3. Derby Campbell, Canoe Brook def. Gretchen Calvert, Morris County, 4 and 3.