

# Aitken gains semis on 20-hole victory

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — Helen Aitken of the Montclair Golf Club came from behind and went two extra holes for a victory to advance to the semifinal round of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Match Play Championship at the Cherry Hill Club.

Aitken, who has shared in three Garden State Women's Golf Association better-ball championships and last year won the Garden State Pinehurst title, ousted the defending champion, Jean Bartholomew of Garden City, with a winning par on the 20th hole.

"She gave it to me," said Aitken, "when she three putted."

Bartholomew was 1 up going into the 18th. But Aitken, who observed "I was putting so badly," pitched to within four feet and birdied the par-five hole to square the match.

Aitken had a chance to close it out on the first extra hole.

"I had a seven-foot putt for a birdie and I left it hanging," she said.

Aitken, who had never made it past the quarterfinal round, will play Bonnie Tyler of Innis Arden in today's semifinal round. Tyler beat Betty Ann Valick of Nissequogue, 5 and 4.

The other semifinal will pair Sara Page of Piping Rock with Barbara Young of Aspetuck Valley.

Helen Aitken, Montclair, def. Jean Bartholomew, Garden City, N.Y., 1 up, 20 holes

Bonnie Tyler, Innis Arden, Conn., def. Bette Ann Valick, Nissequogue, N.Y., 5 and 4.

Sue Wolf, Harbor Hills, N.Y., def. Nancy Ivers, North Hempstead, N.Y., 1 up.

Sara Sage, Piping Rock, N.Y., def. Barbara Young, Aspetuck Valley, Conn., 1 up.