

**Aitken, Young,
Probert gain**

Three well-known competitors in the Metropolitan Area golfing circles, Helen Aitken of Montclair, Donna Young of Springdale and Ann Probert of Somerset Hills, each won twice yesterday to advance to the quarterfinals of the 88th Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Match-Play Championship at the Montclair Golf Club in West Orange.

The quarterfinals will be played today on the demanding par-74 layout, with the semifinals scheduled for tomorrow and the 36-hole final on Friday. The defending champion, Karen Noble, has turned professional.

Susan DeKalb of Bamm Hollow came up with a hole in one on the par-three 140-yard seventh hole, using a five iron. But she lost her first-round match to Linda Schnoll of Shackamaxon, 2 and 1.

Aitken, had birdies on the first two holes and won the first five when she defeated Denise Preston of Echo Lake, 6 and 5.

"After getting off to that start, I had some problems concentrating for the remainder of the match," admitted Aitken, winner of the Elizabeth Goss Round Robin in 1987 and 1990.

Her second-round match against veteran performer Rie Noble of Morris County, Karen's mother, was tougher. Aitken was 1 up at the end of 12, then captured the 13th with par, the 14th with a five-foot birdie putt and then closed out the match, 4 and 2, on the 16th with a par three.

Young seeks to claim her second

championship in as many weeks. Last week, she won the Garden State Women's Golf Association Stroke-Play championship. She also won the GSWGGA title in 1990.

Young birdied the first, second and sixth holes and was 3 up on Gail Dunn of Essex Fells in the first round. She lost the ninth with three putts but got it back on the 10th with a two-foot birdie putt. Her lead was sliced to 2 up on the 14th when she three putted. But she rallied to win the 15th and 16th holes and close out the match at 4 and 2.

In the second round against Nathalie Scarpa of North Jersey, Young, winner of the Goss in '85 and '88, trailed by one at the end of 15 but tied the match on the 16th although she double bogeyed. She rolled in a 27-foot birdie putt on the 17th to take a 1 up lead. Both parred the 18th to end the match.

"I think I got tired mentally in the second round because I haven't played 36 holes in a while," explained Young.

Probert, the qualifying medalist, who claimed the 1985 Metropolitan Match-Play crown and Stroke Play title four times among her many championships, won her first-round match against Thelma Pearson of Essex Fells, 6 and 5. Probert took the first and third holes, lost the fourth, but went 5 up by winning the fifth, eighth, ninth and 10th. Probert won the 13th and ended the match at 6 And 5.

She won the second round, 4 and 3 over Mary Holle of Essex Fells, after going 5 up on the 10th. Probert gave back the 12th and 13th but won the 14th with a par four to lead, 4 up. They halved the 15th to close the match.

Probert wasn't satisfied with yesterday's showing.

"I didn't really hit the ball or putt as well as I did when I won the medal on Monday," she said.

FIRST ROUND

Ann Probert, Somerset Hills, def. Thelma Pearson, Essex Fells, 6 and 5.

Mary Holle, Essex County, def. Sue Shankland, Bamm Hollow, 2 and 1.

Nathalie Scarpa, North Jersey, def. Kim Bonstein, 5 and 3.

Donna Young, Springdale, def. Gail Dunn, Essex Fells, 4 and 2.

Debbie Doniger, Fairview (Conn.), def. Jo Friebely, Bamm Hollow, 8 and 7.

Sue Walsh, Panther Valley, def. Gloria Karlitz, Fresh Meadow (N.Y.), 6 and 5.

Helen Aitken, Montclair, def. Denise Preston, Echo Lake, 6 and 5.

Rie Noble, Morris County, def. Valerie DePiro, Montclair, 8 and 6.

Jean Crawford, Apawamis (N.Y.), def. Deborah Hoermann, Shore Oaks, 2 and 1.

Sarah Cohn, Fresh Meadow (N.Y.), def. Mary Eichhorn, Spring Lake, 3 and 2.

Karen Durkin, Westchester (N.Y.), def. Lyn McCarthy, Montclair, 6 and 5.

Lisa Griffin, Greenwich (Conn.), def. Mary McCurdy, Baltusrol, 8 and 7.

Lee Ann Vogel, Southward Ho (N.Y.), def. Norma Kugler, Alpine, 8 and 7.

Linda Schnoll, Shackamaxon, def. Sue DeKalb, Bamm Hollow, 2 and 1.

Reggie Hawes, Westchester (N.Y.), def. Barbara Hulke, Roxiticus, 6 and 5.

Meredith McGowan, Montclair, def. Derby Campbell, Canoe Brook, 1 up.

SECOND ROUND

Probert def. Holle, 4 and 3.

Young def. Scarpa, 1 up.

Doniger def. Walsh, 1 up.

Aitken def. Noble, 4 and 2.

Crawford def. Cohn, 4 and 2.

Durkin def. Griffin, 4 and 3.

Vogel def. Schnoll, 2 up.

Hawes def. McGowan, 1 up.