

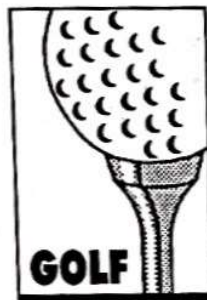
New Jersey stars in Women's Metropolitan event

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Five points doesn't seem like a lot, but it was "not really all that close," according to New Jersey's **Mary Eichhorn**, in the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Golf Illustrated team matches last week at Arcola Country Club, Paramus. New Jersey scooped up its second straight victory, having won the tri-meet over Westchester and Long Island last year on Long Island's Glen Oaks.

New Jersey racked up 39 points to Westchester's 34, a relative blowout when it comes to this rivalry. Long Island rarely competes with these heavy hitters.

"We kind of go back and forth with



Westchester in this event," said Eichhorn. "It's been a half point here, half point there. A few years ago, we tied them and Westchester retained the title."

Eichhorn, the club champion at Spring Lake, recorded 5½ points, wiping out Westchester's **Ellen Letterman** and taking away all but a half-point from Long Island's **Sarah Cohn**. Eichhorn shot 78.

Montclair CC's one-two punch of **Helen Aitken** and **Maura Waters**

rolled perfect sixes for New Jersey as well.

And after a few deep breaths, the mighty conclusion of the unofficial spring team season reaches the Griscom Cup this week at CC of Fairfield (Conn.), where the Women's Met super seven play the best from the Golf Association of Philadelphia and the Massachusetts GA. Eichhorn, Aitken, Young and **Sherry Herman** of Shore Oaks make up four-sevenths of the WMGA team in the Griscom.

"The Griscom is a notch higher than the Golf Illustrated," said Eichhorn, who is still recovering from shoulder surgery she had in January. "Here, you're talking about the three sections playing against each other.

Now, you're talking about taking these 30 women and taking it down to seven and an alternate."

With the WMGA Match Play championship on its way in two weeks, slated for Cherry Valley (N.Y.), all this team competition ought to be serving as quite a bit of prep work.