

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — When Lisa Griffin of Greenwich, Conn., walked off the 18th green of Winged Foot Golf Club's East Course yesterday afternoon she thought she had lost her chance to win the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association's Stroke-Play Championship.

The 37-year-old Griffin double bogeyed the 36th hole of the championship when she failed to get her third shot out of a greenside bunker and onto the green. She then took three to get down from there.

"If I lose by one, I'll just kill myself," said an angry Griffin as she headed to the score board to sign for a four-over-par 77 and a 160 total on the 5,927-yard course.

Griffin, who played in the third to last twosome of the day and didn't know where she stood in relation to the lead, should not have worried. Her final round was the low score of the day and helped earn her a three-shot victory over Laura Algiero of Bonnie Briar (81-163).

New Jersey's Diana D'Alessio of Newton, the 1994 Stroke-Play champion, closed with a 78 for a 164 total to finish third while fellow New Jersey golfer Sherry Herman of Shore Oaks (78) finished in a fourth-place tie with Lee Ann Vogel of Southward Ho (83) at 165. First-round leader Ann Enstine of Shinnecock Hills struggled yesterday and shot 89 for a 169 aggregate.

Maura Quinn of New Jersey's Spring Brook captured the net title. The 12 handicapper shot 90-177 for a net total of 153.

The victory gave Griffin her second WMGA major title since 1994 when she captured the Women's Met Open. Griffin reached the final of the WMGA Match-Play Championship earlier this summer, but fell to D'Alessio, 2 and 1.

"This was a great win because I've never won this tournament," said Griffin, who had several top five finishes in the Stroke-Play. "I wanted this one especially after losing to Diana in the Match-Play."

Griffin has had a solid summer of play as she qualified for the British Amateur and advanced to the second round. She also earned her way into the quarterfinals of the North-South Amateur in Pinehurst, N.C. The veteran has been tournament tested this year, and the fact that she was three shots behind the leader starting the final round, didn't seem to bother her. She had a

plan.

"I figured if I shot even par I'd win," said Griffin, who needed just 31 putts. "I came close and it would have been a lot closer if I hadn't doubled the last hole."

Griffin took control of the championship when she went out in one-over-par 38 to take a one-shot lead over Algiero, who was playing in the twosome ahead of her. Meanwhile, Enstine played the third through seventh in nine over en route to an outgoing 47.

Griffin stretched that advantage to four shots when she played the first five holes of the back nine in even par, including a five-foot putt for birdie at the 374-yard 14th. She maintained that four-shot lead over the rest of the field until the final hole when she suffered the double bogey. However, Algiero could not capitalize as she bogeyed the final hole.

Lisa Griffin, Greenwich (Conn.),	83-77-160
Laura Algiero, Bonnie Briar,	82-81-163
Diana D'Alessio, Newton (N.J.),	86-78-164
Sherry Herman, Shore Oaks (N.J.),	87-78-165
Lee Ann Vogel, Southward Ho,	82-83-165
Ann Enstine, Shinnecock Hills,	80-89-169
Barbara Poanessa, Bonnie Briar,	82-88-170
Caroline Salas, Piping Rock,	87-83-170
Gail Flanagan, Westchester,	88-82-170
Becky Montgelas, Wee Burn (Conn.),	85-86-171
Helen Stovell, Fairfield (Conn.),	86-89-175
Elyse Workman, North Shore,	83-92-175
Allison Kucinski, Plainfield (N.J.),	89-87-176
Missy Crisp, Piping Rock,	86-91-177
Maura Quinn, Spring Brook (N.J.),	87-90-177
Mary Eichhorn, Spring Lake (N.J.),	88-89-177
Betty Ann Vallick, Nissequoque,	90-87-177
Helen Bernstein, Alpine (N.J.),	88-90-178
Jean Schob, Winged Foot,	84-94-178
Lyn McCarthy, Baltusrol (N.J.),	88-91-179
Mercedes LaCroze, Meadow Brook,	90-89-179
Lyn Cook, Round Hill (Conn.),	89-91-180
Denise Martorana, Southampton,	90-90-180