

Philadelphia third as New York captures women's Griscom Cup

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With the bottom half of its "batting order" scoring two-thirds of its points in the second day singles competition, New York's team registered a decisive victory in the Centennial Inter-City Matches for the Griscom Cup on Merion Golf Club's East course June 3-4.

The New York women racked up 40 1/2 points against Massachusetts' 35 and Philadelphia's 32 1/2. It was the biggest point total over the past decade in the tournament honoring the Merion member who won the Philadelphia women's title in 1900 and 1907.

Hoping for its first outright triumph since 1991, when it won at Merion, Philadelphia was only half a point behind New York's 12 1/2 in the first day's better-ball competition. But when the last four members of the New York lineup registered 14 1/2 at the outset of the second day, Philadelphia was out of it. Of that cluster, New York's Allison Kucinski scored the day's only six-point sweep.

Liz Haines was Merion's top point-maker in the singles with 5 1/2. Lisa

McGill, a second-year member of Sunnybrook GC, playing No. 1 for Philadelphia, racked up 4 1/2. Whitford's Kathryn Yard made four and Merion's Nancy Porter 3 1/2. McGill's 76 included five birdies.

New York's first outright triumph since 1993 – it tied with Philadelphia two years ago – brought that team's Griscom victory total to 35. Philadelphia is second with 32 and Massachusetts, which had won three of the past four years, has 24.

Haines and McGill also were the big point-makers the first day for Philadelphia, scoring two three-point sweeps.

Better-Ball Matches

Laura Hammond & Kathryn Yard, Phila. 2; Tracy Welch & Abigail Vernon, Mass. 1; Sherry Herman & Adriene MacLean, N.Y. 3; Hammond & Yard, Phila. 0; Herman & MacLean, N.Y., 3; Hammond & Yard, Phila. 0; Herman & MacLean, N.Y. 2; Welch & Vernon, 1.

Lisa McGill & Liz Haines, Phila. 3; Anne Marie Tobin & Donna Glazer, Mass. 0; McGill & Haines 3; Gail Flanagan & Allison Kucinski, N.Y. 0; Flanagan & Kucinski, N.Y. 3; Tobin & Glazer, Mass. 0.

Pam Brown & Nancy Porter, Phila. 1 1/2; Karen Richardson & Laura Torrisi, Mass. 1 1/2; Brown & Porter Phila. 2; Caroline Salas & Lee Ann Vogel, 1; Richardson & Torrisi, Mass, 2 1/4; Salas & Vogel, N.Y. 1/2.

Loren Milhench & Mary Gale, Mass. 3; Sue Pregartner & Amanda Yates, Phila. 0; Mary Eichhorn & Kate Fisher, N.Y. 2 1/2; Pregartner & Yates 1/2; Milhench & Gales, Mass. 2 1/2; Eichhorn & Fisher, N.Y. 1/2.

Singles Points

Karen Richardson, Mass. 2; Sherry Herman, N.Y. 2 1/2; Lisa MacGill, 4 1/2.

Donna Glazer, Mass. 0; Gail Flanagan, N.Y. 5; Kathryn Yard, Phil. 4.

Loren Milhench, Mass. 5; Adriene MacLean, 2; Laura Hammond, Phila. 2.

Tracy Welch, Mass. 3 1/2; Kate Fisher, N.Y. 0; Liz Haines, Phila. 5 1/2.

Abigail Vernon, Mass. 1 1/2; Caroline Salas, N.Y. 4; Nancy Porter, Phila. 3 1/2.

Laura Torrisi, Mass. 2 1/2; Allison Kucinski, N.Y. 6; Pam Brown, Phila. 1/2.

Anne M. Tobin, Mass. 5 1/2; Lee Ann Vogel, N.Y., 3; Amanda Yates, Phila. 1/2.

Joanne Catlin, Mass. 3 1/2; Mary Evnin, N.Y. 5 1/2; Bonnie George, Phila. 0.