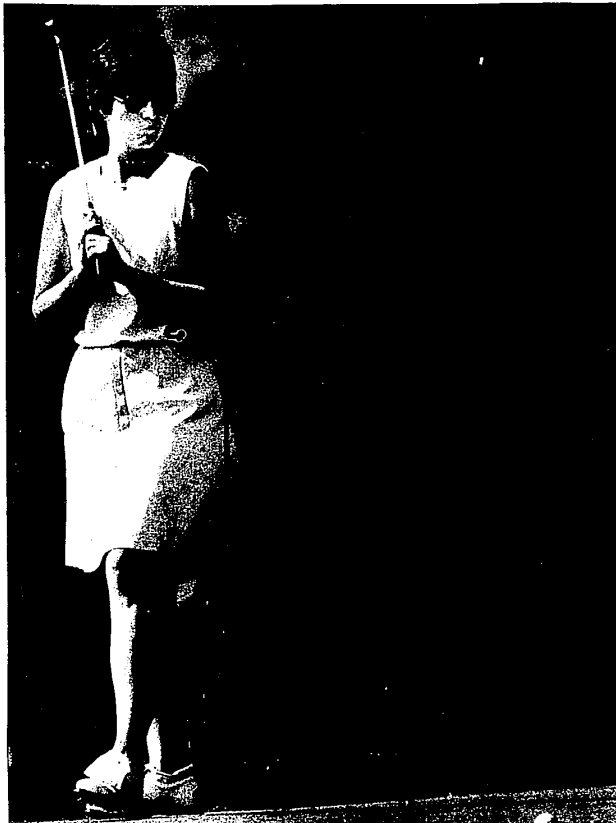


Ex-Spartan leads lady linksters



The putting green was Trish Lapham's albatross all week at the state women's amateur championship at Tam O'Shanter Country Club in West Bloomfield.

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By Marty Budner
staff writer

A pair of former Michigan State University golfers were matched in the championship round of the Michigan Women's Golf Association state amateur tournament Friday at Tam O'Shanter Country Club in West Bloomfield, and, as one would expect, the "greens" were the difference.

Joan Garety, a 26-year-old certified public accountant from Grand Rapids, won the state amateur title, 5-and-3, over Sue Conlin of Barton Hills. Conlin conceded the match after missing a putt on the par-3, 175-yard 15th hole — the third shortest hole on the par-73, 6,266-yard course. The win was Garety's first state amateur title ever.

Ironically, Garety, who roomed with Conlin throughout last week's tournament, was captain of the Michigan State Spartan golf team in 1978 when Conlin was a junior. Conlin was named co-captain the following season after Garety's eligibility expired.

"We're really good friends, and that's why it was a tough match for me," said Garety. "It's kind of funny, but, after the qualifying round, we looked at the

bracket and saw that we had a chance to be paired against each other in the finals.

"We talked about how we were hoping it would work out that way, and that's what happened. I'm just really pleased because I didn't think I had a chance coming into the tournament.

"I HARDLY HAD any time for practice because I've been working a lot, and golf is not the only thing I do. That's why I'm so pleased. It's just one of those things that worked out for me."

"Once I started playing the tournament it just came back to me. I putted very well, and, every long putt I had was close enough to the hole that I had some 'gimmies'," she said. "When you're putting well, it really puts the pressure on the other player."

Garety, who defeated Sally Yoder, Sydney Wells and Pam Othen in her previous match-play rounds, started fast in the championship match by winning three straight holes on the front nine. She went 4-up on the eighth hole, but Conlin sank a beautiful 40-foot putt on the ninth hole to reduce the margin to 3-up entering the back nine.

CONLIN, WHO HAD rallied the pre-

vious day on the final nine to defeat Birmingham's Meg Mallon in the semifinals, seemed to regain some momentum heading into the back nine.

Each player parred the 10th and 11th holes, but Garety moved to 4-up by winning the 12th hole thanks to a good chip shot up to the cup. Conlin won the 13th hole, but Garety won the 14th and 15th for the match.

"I was kind of nervous starting out today, and I never really got back on top," said Conlin, who won the state women's amateur title in 1975 at Bay Valley Country Club in Bay City.

"My putting was just too erratic, and she was just hitting the drives a little further than I was," she said. "I thought maybe I had a chance after sinking that putt on the ninth hole, but it's tough playing against someone who's playing 2-under golf for most of the tournament. It really doesn't give you a chance to catch up."

Garety, who shot a 37 on the front nine, works for the Arthur Anderson & Co. firm in Grand Rapids. She said her next big tournament will be in Grand Rapids later this summer.

Garety said she plans on defending her championship next year at the Atlas Valley Country Club in Flint.

A near miss: Lapham stopped in 1st-flight final

By Marty Budner
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It was a week of 'almosts' for Farmington golfer Trish Lapham at West Bloomfield's Tam O'Shanter Country Club.

One of more than 125 golfers entered in the Women's Michigan Golf Association state amateur tournament, Lapham narrowly missed a berth in championship flight play.

On Monday, she lost a special four-way playoff for the 16th and final qualifying spot in championship flight to Birmingham's Meg Mallon.

Then, Lapham lost Friday in the first-flight finals to Stacy Dutcher of Caseville, 5-and-3.

"I expected to be in the championship flight," said Lapham, who's a member of the Meadowbrook Country Club, Northville.

"But, you have to have a real good wedge game on this course and that's

not my strong suit. She (Dutcher) putted real well, and I didn't. We had a close match until the eighth hole, then I double-bogeyed.

"After that, I lost my golf swing and I don't know what happened. I putted pretty poorly all week, and that's what eventually cost me.

"It's just too long of a course . . . all you can hit are woods and wedges," said Lapham, 28, who graduated from Farmington High School in 1971. "I prefer to play on a course where you can hit every club in your bag."

LAPHAM WON her semifinal match, 3-and-2, over Lee Hilkene of Bloomfield Hills. The first-flight consolation champion was Dorie Scripsma of Cascade Hills.

The championship flight winner was Grand Rapids' Joan Garety, who defeated Sue Conlin, 5-and-3. The championship flight consolation winner was Kathy Teichert, who, like Conlin and

Garety, is an ex-Michigan State University golfer.

The other flight winners included Heather Westphal (second) of Midland Country Club; Betty Richard (third) of Barton Hills; Marcia Dresser (fourth) of Sturgis; Sue Sprague (fifth) of the Country Club of Detroit; and Cindy Fisher (sixth) of Ann Arbor.

The consolation winners included Sandra Brokmeyer (second) of Farmington; Barb Stadtmiller (third) of Barton Hills; Sue Smith (fourth) of Riverwood; Margaret Roach (fifth) of Twin Beach; and Joan Shattuck (sixth).

The three previous women's state amateur champions include Patti Boice (1979), Sue Scripsma (1980) and Elaine Crosby (1981). Crosby turned professional within the past year and was not eligible to defend her title.

The state women's amateur championship will be held next year at the Atlas Valley Country Club in Flint.

What does Bo have in mind for Vince Bean?

By John Raby
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Former Southfield High School football standout Vince Bean knew he made a good investment when he

signed a letter-of-intent in 1980 to play at the University of Michigan.

After all, his broker is G.E. Schembechler. And when Bo talks, Vince listens. Bean, a junior split end, hasn't

received the attention or playing time given to other Wolverine offensive stars like All-American Anthony Carter.

But the Southfield product has visions of becoming a pass-catching

threat for Michigan in 1982.

If that happens, Michigan could have two of the most-feared pass-catchers in the Big Ten in Carter and Bean.

In a recent interview, Bean didn't hesitate to give The General credit for teaching him the fine art of playing college football.

"Bo's very knowledgeable," Bean said. "He knows what he's doing. The best thing I can say about him is that he's a very honest man. He's fair. I like him."

But, Bean was asked, isn't Bo hard to please? Doesn't he yell at you?

"Oh, all the time," Bean answered. "He yells at everybody on the field all the time. You know how coaches are."

BEAN CAUGHT Bo's eye as a blue chipper at Southfield High in 1979, the season he scored 18 touchdowns for the Blue Jays. Bean also was an all-league selection in basketball and a record-setting long jumper in track.

With Schembechler's blessing, Bean decided to pursue football and track at Michigan.

But Bean suffered torn ligaments in his right hand in a fall a week before the opening game of his freshman season. The injury sidelined him for six weeks and resulted in his being red-shirted.

In the spring of 1981, Bean went out for track and was an instant success. He placed third in the long jump at the Big Ten outdoor meet behind teammates James Ross and Derrick Harper. But spring football practice found him still a second-stringer behind Carter on one end and Fred Brockington on the other.

To his surprise, Bean found he was Michigan's No. 1 split end when he reported in the fall. "I didn't know the job was mine, because they told me earlier that it wasn't mine," he said.

Bean was a starter in the first game, but his nervousness showed.

"Wisconsin," Bean remembered, "That was the toughest.

"It was my first game and (Wisconsin's) defensive backs just killed me

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BEAN ENDED the 1981 season with 16 catches for 336 yards (21 yards per catch) and one touchdown. His longest catch went for 48 yards.

Carter, by comparison, had 50 catches for 952 yards (19 per catch) and eight touchdowns. His longest play went for 71 yards.

Bean recalled a play that sticks in his mind. "It was in last year's Iowa game," he said. "It was a crucial third-down situation. We were losing at the time, but moving the ball, trying to get into field-goal range."

"I caught a pass. The official in front of me ruled that I was in bounds. The referee behind me called me out. So I was finally called out of bounds. The coaches argued about that for a long time."

Michigan lost that game, 9-7. The Wolverines finished third in the Big Ten with a 6-3 record.

Michigan receiving coach Bob Thornbladh emphasized Bean's steady improvement.

"In track, they worked hard to improve his running form and make him a more efficient runner," Thornbladh said. "That made him a faster runner. I think he had trouble getting into the pass routes as quickly as we would have liked."

"Vince has a very good mind. He understands his position and what we're trying to do. He has real fine hands and is a great leaper. He's improved dramatically as a blocker.

"He still has to continue to improve

overall. He's not yet a finished product."

MICHIGAN'S SWITCHING from a running game to a pass-oriented offense has been an advantage to Bean, who said Schembechler had no choice but to drop the traditional triple-option offense.

"Other teams forced Bo to pass, because they moved everybody else up on the defensive line," Bean said. "You can't run into all that. You're going to have to throw the ball."

Bean also has the advantage of having Carter as a fellow receiver. Carter is often double-teamed, making Bean more accessible.

Bean said he thinks the key to Michigan's success in 1982 is a balanced offensive attack. Last year, the team moved the ball well but failed to score at crucial times, he said.

"We had good runners and a good passing attack," Bean said, "but we never seemed to combine them. Either we'd run the ball all the time or pass it all the time. We never had a balance."

Bean is studying film and video at Michigan and hopes to work in television editing and production after graduation — unless there's a professional football opportunity.

"If a chance comes for a pro career, that's fine," Bean said. "If it doesn't, that's fine too."

Bean said the introduction of the United States Football League "put a lot of smiles on a lot of peoples' faces."

Schembechler, however, has said he will not allow USFL scouts on the Michigan campus if the new league plans to hold a December draft.

Right now, Bean is relaxing at his parents' Southfield home, conditioning himself for the Aug. 18 start of practice. The General may growl at him, but Bean says he'll love every minute of it.

"Football players had better enjoy what they do, because it's a lot of hard work," Bean said. "But it has its rewards."



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