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WINNING, VINCE LOMBARDI ONCE SAID, isn't everything, it's the only thing. Don't tell that to Jerry Courville Jr. Because in a year that he did just about everything but win, Courville (photo, below) nearly lapped the field en route to his fifth MGA Jerry Courville Sr. Player of the Year Award in just the last eight years.

Among Courville's top local finishes, he placed third at the New York City Amateur, in a tie for third at the Ike, third at the Connecticut Open, and in the final eight of the Met Amateur. Nationally, he qualified on site at the U.S. Amateur—for the ninth straight year—and won his first match. And he made his memorable run at the U.S. Mid-Amateur (see this story).

Andrew Svoboda, 22, of Winged Foot, placed second in the standings by winning the Westchester Amateur and advancing to the final of the Met Amateur, where he lost to the reigning champion Johnson Wagner (who turned pro this year one week before the Met Open).

As for George J. Zahringer III, the 2002 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion? He managed a third-place finish in the standings, largely because of his performance at Stanwich. For the top finishers in the MGA, Met PGA, NJPGA, and WMGA Player of the Year races, turn to page 9.

