

REACH SEMI-FINALS IN MET. GOLF PLAY

Miss Stirling and Mrs. Feitner
Continue to Win—Mrs.
Toerge Also Advances.

MISS ORCUTT DEFEATED

Sixteen-Year-Old Star Loses to Mrs.
Heckscher on Home Hole
After Uphill Fight.

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RYE, N. Y., June 13.—From indications that made their appearance immediately after the first round of match play was completed in the women's metropolitan golf championship, Miss Alexa Stirling, the present district titleholder, and Mrs. Quentin F. Feitner, who has held the championship on six occasions in past years, are headed for a clash in the 1923 final. If their plans are not upset in tomorrow's semi-final round, and it is by no means certain that they will not be, Friday's closing-day finish ought to be one of the most spectacular of any in recent years.

In the third round matches at the Westchester Biltmore Country Club here this morning Miss Stirling, national titleholder in 1917, 1919 and 1920, won her match against Mrs. George Hite Jr. of Apawamis by the decisive margin of 5 up and 4 to play. Mrs. Hite, whose career as a golf star was begun only a few years ago and who lacks the tournament experience of the former Atlanta girl against whom she was pitted today, was against hopeless odds and the match was carried no further than the fourteenth green. Mrs. Feitner, held on even terms for the first four holes of her match against Mrs. F. E. Du Bois of Englewood, was 3 up at the turn. She won the tenth hole, increasing her lead to 4 up, and that was the score when the match ended at the sixteenth.

Mrs. Norman K. Toerge of Nassau, playing against Mrs. Philip Stevenson of Piping Rock, started out with wins at the first two holes, and by the time that the ninth was passed she had two additional holes to her credit. She won two more out of the next four, giving her the match by 6 up and 5 to play. Tomorrow she will meet Miss Stirling to see which one of them gets into the final on Friday. The other winner was Mrs. G. M. Heckscher of Piping Rock who, after being 4 up against young Miss Maureen Orcutt of White Beeches, the "baby" of the 1923 tournament, with only five holes remaining, saw her sixteen-year-old opponent change, chameleon-like. Miss Orcutt won back three holes out of the next four by a display of golf that would have done credit to Glenna Collett or Alexa Stirling, and she looked likely to win the home hole, evening the match.

Miss Orcutt Eliminated.

Being short on a long and at the same time difficult approach putt over the spacious putting surface of the home green cost Miss Orcutt the match, for it enabled Mrs. Heckscher to halve the hole and by so doing win by 1 up. She will play Mrs. Feitner tomorrow and so the Long Island district has attained an honor seldom attained in district golf championships, for the insular district is certain to get three honors—champion, runner-up and medalist. Miss Stirling, the medalist, is a member of the North Hempstead Country Club at Port Washington, Mrs. Toerge is a member of Nassau, Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Heckscher are both members of the Piping Rock Club at Locust Valley.

The gallery, or what there was of it for galleries have been minus quantities thus far, centred its interest on only two matches today. Without disparagement to Mrs. Hite, it was expected that Miss Stirling would win from her less renowned and less experienced opponent, and it was also expected that Mrs. Toerge, who has generally figured in district affairs, although she has never won a title, would be returned a winner over Mrs. Stevenson, whose rise to the top is comparatively recent. And so the main matches from the standpoint of uncertainty were those in the lower half of the championship flight.

From the dramatic point of view, the Mrs. Heckscher-Miss Orcutt match held the centre of the stage. Here was an experienced player pitted against a newcomer, a mere youth of sixteen summers, whose prowess has been such as to warrant the prediction that within the next few years Miss Collett will have a formidable opponent to dispute her championship taking ways. It was a case of the overconfidence of a youth unaccustomed to the ways of championship golf. Miss Orcutt, who hits out her tee shots fully as long as does Miss Collett, and a fine long iron player, should have won the match had it not been for ragged, sometimes careless looking work around and on the greens. Two up in the early stages, she dissipated her opportunities and was 1 down at the turn.

Mrs. Heckscher Takes Lead.

The next three holes settled the match, for Mrs. Heckscher won all of them and stored up a lead which stood her in good stead when Miss Orcutt, in a final flourish that expressed her golf ability in unmistakable language, made a finish that proved her courage. That it failed in accomplishment of its purpose was no fault of hers, for, at the last hole, with Mrs. Heckscher's ball lying on the green, Mrs. Heckscher brought off a wonderful approach shot and got down a trying putt for a hole, and that settled it. Unable to cope with the New Jersey girl on the long shots, Mrs. Heckscher made up for the physical difference by playing a wonderful short game and by deadly putting. It was her putter really that saved her, for on green after green she got down three, four, five and six-footers with a regularity that must have been wearing to Miss Orcutt, whose own putter was behaving badly.

A par 4 gave Miss Orcutt the first hole and after halving the second in 6s she became 2 up by winning the 454-yard third with a fine birdie 4. After another halved hole, playing over the ravine, Mrs. Heckscher got her first win when she secured a par 5 on the Alps hole, where Miss Orcutt was lucky to find her ball at all after a wayward shot. As it was, she had a short putt for a half, but missed it. Miss Orcutt reached the 380-yard fifth hole with a drive and a jigger shot which left her ball on the green hole, high and no great distance away from the cup. Mrs. Heckscher was short of the green after her second, and then, by putting far past the cup and wide, opened the door for her opponent. Miss Orcutt, however, was four feet short on her approach and she missed the putt, getting only a half where, by a little more caution, she might well have had a win.

Mrs. Heckscher won the seventh hole despite a badly sliced drive which ended up in the rough with a tree shutting off the path to the green. Miss Orcutt had none too good a drive but she had a clear shot for the green. But she hooked her iron into a road, beyond a stone fence, dubbed her next and took two more to get up to the pin. Mrs. Heckscher's ball was caught by the limb of a tree, dropping back into the rough but she reached the green with a fine iron shot and was down in two putts for a 5. Mrs. Heckscher was trapped below the eighth green but Miss Orcutt, with opportunity beckoning to her, topped her iron and overplayed the green on her next so that she was worse off than her opponent who played out of the trap with a straight faced iron but was several yards short of the pin. After their third shots Miss Orcutt had the shorter of the two putts but she failed on her try while Mrs. Heckscher succeeded in hers. This made the Long Island player 2 up.

Neither ball was on the fairway after the drives going to the ninth but Miss Orcutt was just short of the green after her second while Mrs. Heckscher was still short after her third. Here, as usual, approaching and putting made the difference. Miss Orcutt was far past the hole on her approach while Mrs. Heckscher was up, not exactly close but within holeable distance and she sank the putt for a 5 which gave her a half which she had little reason to expect.

The New Jersey girl hit two great shots going to the tenth and she was

only a few yards from the 471-yard green after playing her second. Mrs. Heckscher's second was on the mounds and her next was still short. Here again was Miss Orcutt's opportunity, but she flubbed her approach, failed to get her next up close and missed a putt. Mrs. Heckscher chipped up almost dead and holed out for a win in 6, making her 2 up. There was no advantage after the tee shots at the short tenth which Miss Orcutt, with haste that was fatal, hashed up badly. Her approach left her as far away as she was in the beginning and it took her three more shots to get down. That made her 3 down and she was 4 down a hole later. Here, instead of playing safe, she went boldly for the green and, failing to make it, she was left with a difficult approach from the rough. Her pitch went over the green and her next failed to get up the bank. Her fifth left Mrs. Heckscher a partial stymie, but the Long Island player got her ball past on a ten-foot endeavor.

The next hole was halved in 4s, Miss Orcutt getting away a great drive that almost got home, but wasting it with a poor approach that was nowhere near the hole. Mrs. Heckscher was in the rough and saved herself only with a great recovery.

From this point on Miss Orcutt was as finished a golfer as one could wish to see. With a great approach and a five-foot putt she won the short Eagle's Nest hole, leaving her 3 down with four holes left to play. They halved the fifteenth and the match was dormit, but Miss Orcutt won the sixteenth, where Mrs. Heckscher was trapped, and she also won the next, a 531-yarder. She was almost home in two, ran her approach past, but almost holed her putt from the fringe of the green for a 4. Mrs. Heckscher was in trouble most of the time, taking five to the green and a 7 for the hole. No finer shots have ever been made than the two that Miss Orcutt played going to the home hole, but they went for naught when Mrs. Heckscher chipped up and got down in one putt.

The cards:

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| Out— | Mrs. Heckscher.....5 6 5 4 5 5 6 4 5—45 |
| | Miss Orcutt.....4 6 4 4 6 5 6 5 5—45 |
| In— | Mrs. Heckscher.....5 3 4 4 4 6 5 7 5—43—88 |
| | Miss Orcutt.....6 5 5 4 3 6 4 5 5—43—88 |

Mrs. Feitner Triumphs.

There were two outstanding holes in the match between Mrs. Feitner and Mrs. DuBois—the fifth and the fourteenth, both of which were won by the South Shore Field Club star. With the match all square going to the difficult fifth, 497 yards long, Mrs. Feitner, after two wonderful shots, was left with a short pitch to the green. Her ball landed five feet away from the cup and she holed the putt for a birdie 4. She became 2 up by winning the next, 5 to 6, Mrs. DuBois being over the green and taking three putts. The seventh was halved rather peculiarly, for, after the drives, Mrs. Feitner enjoyed an advantage of almost a hundred yards, Mrs. DuBois topping her ball. The New Jersey woman overplayed the green on her third, but chipped back dead for a half in 5. Mrs. Feitner became 2 up by winning the eighth, 3 to 4, when Mrs. DuBois's tee shot failed to get up the bank. Mrs. Feitner was twice in the rough playing the ninth, but got her half. Her card showed a 41, only 5 over par, to Mrs. DuBois's 45.

A topped drive lost the tenth for Mrs. DuBois but the next two were halved. Playing for the thirteenth, a water-hole, Mrs. DuBois, pressing to get the green, topped her ball into the water just in front of the tee but her ball ricocheted out into the rough. Mrs. Feitner likewise topped her ball and was far short of her destination. With a fine brassie, Mrs. DuBois got home, short of the hole, and Mrs. Feitner's pitch landed beyond the flag, ten feet from the hole. Mrs. DuBois putted and her ball stopped a foot from the cup, laying Mrs. Feitner a stymie. There was, however, a slope in the green and Mrs. Feitner, after studying the situation, curved her ball into the hole for a win—one of the finest putts of the entire tournament and one that brought forth applause from the watchers perched up on the rocks.

Mrs. DuBois Sinks 12-Foot Putt.

Mrs. Feitner played the next hole badly, topping her brassie and hooking her iron into the rough at the right of the green. Mrs. DuBois was in the rough on her drive but she holed a twelve-foot putt, giving her the hole, 5 to 6. The New Jersey player frittered her chances away at the next hole where the match ended when she topped her ball into the rough and then overplayed the green, taking a 5 to Mrs. Feitner's 4.

The cards:

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| Out— | Mrs. Feitner.....5 5 5 4 4 5 5 3 5—41 |
| | Mrs. Du Bois.....4 6 6 3 6 6 5 4 5—45 |
| In— | Mrs. Feitner.....5 3 5 6 3 6 4 |
| | Mrs. Du Bois.....7 3 5 4 4 5 5 |

Mrs. Hite won only one hole from Miss Stirling, who was out in 43 and 3 up at that point.

The summaries:

Championship Sixteen, Second Round—Miss Alexa Stirling, North Hempstead, defeated Mrs. George Hite Jr., Apawamis, 5 and 4; Mrs. N. K. Toerge, Nassau, defeated Mrs. Philip Stevenson, Piping Rock, 6 and 5; Mrs. G. M. Heckscher, Piping Rock, defeated Miss Maureen Orcutt, White Beeches, 1 up; Mrs. Quentin Feitner, South Shore, defeated Mrs. F. E. DuBois, Englewood, 4 and 2.

Second Sixteen, Second Round—Mrs. Thomas Hucknall, Forest Hills, defeated Mrs. G. J. S. Fraser, Westchester Biltmore, 5 and 4; Miss Georgianna M. Bishop, Brooklawn, defeated Mrs. W. P. Anderson, Hackensack, 8 and 6; Mrs. H. Blumenthal, Fairview, defeated Miss Martha Otley, Nassau, 3 and 2; Mrs. W. D. Goss Jr., Baltusrol, defeated Mrs. J. J. Thomson, Siwanoy, 4 and 2.

Third Sixteen, Second Round—Mrs. Albert MacDonald, Cherry Valley, defeated Mrs. E. Seligman, New York, 4 and 3; Mrs. Lee Richardson, New York Golf, defeated Mrs. E. C. Koempel, Glen Ridge, 2 up; Mrs. W. L. Whittemore, Englewood, defeated Mrs. Jay Lee, Hackensack, 5 and 3; Mrs. G. Harrington, Garden City Country, defeated Mrs. E. C. MacMillan, New York Golf, 5 and 4.

Fourth Sixteen, Second Round—Mrs. J. S. Irving, Englewood, defeated Miss Dewitt Peterkin, 7 and 6; Miss K. E. Ingalls, Piping Rock, defeated Mrs. H. B. Salmon, Glen Ridge, 6 and 4; Mrs. J. C. Morris, Pomozok, defeated Mrs. C. M. Bacon, Scarsdale, 5 and 4; Miss Adele Marsh, Glen Ridge, defeated Mrs. Vance McCarthy, Siwanoy, 6 and 4.

Consolation Division, Second Round—Mrs. J. Mager, Deal, defeated Mrs. G. S. Studwell, Ardsley, 1 up; Mrs. S. S. Laird, Wykagyl, defeated Mrs. Muriel Smith, Hackensack, 4 and 2; Mrs. M. C. W. Yates, Westchester Biltmore, defeated Mrs. J. H. Drake, Morris County, 1 up (22 holes); Mrs. C. L. Mothersels, Yountakah, defeated Mrs. J. C. Fireman, Bellelaire, 5 and 4.

Beater Eight, First Sixteen, First Round—Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson, Greenwich, defeated Mrs. Courtland Smith, Glen Ridge, 1 up; Mrs. Walter MacGowan, Glen Ridge, defeated Mrs. Jack Renwick, Bedford, 3 and 1; Mrs. J. H. Lapham, Apawamis, defeated Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Cherry Valley, 2 up; Mrs. E. H. Arnold, Greenwich, defeated Mrs. John Langlands, Yountawah, 4 and 2.

GOLFERS TO PLAY BENEFIT.

Proceeds to Help Defray Expenses of Public Links Team.

Pat Doyle, Pat O'Hara, former North and South champion; Bobby Cruickshank, former Scottish amateur star who is now golf professional at the Shackamaxon Club, and Joe Ford, a product of Van Cortlandt Park, have offered their services for a four-ball exhibition match which will be played at Van Cortlandt on Sunday. The proceeds of the match will be devoted toward defraying the expenses of the New York team of public links golfers which is to play in the National Public Links Championship at Washington the latter part of this month.