

# Mrs. Mason Tops Miss Swift, 1 Up, To Gain Metropolitan Golf Crown

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MONTCLAIR, N. J., June 21—In one of the keenest finals in the history of the competition, Mrs. Joseph Mason of Ridgewood captured the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association title today

by beating Roslyn (Cookie) Swift of Glen Oaks, 1 up, at the Upper Montclair Country Club. This thrilling final of the forty-ninth annual tournament carried to the thirty-sixth green. Mrs. Mason, three-time winner of the New Jersey State match-play championship and current holder of the state match and medal play crowns, became the first New Jersey golfer to take the Metropolitan title since 1947, when Mrs. Laddie Irwin Homer triumphed at Century.

The 21-year-old Miss Swift, a

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fine competitor, just as the champion, battled Mrs. Mason tenaciously. The match was so close that the winner led by 1 up at the end of the first nine holes and 1 up when the first eighteen was concluded. At the end of twenty-seven holes the New Jersey state champion was still 1 up.

The finalists were even three times on the outgoing nine in the afternoon. The thirty-fourth hole was the turning point. After sending her approach shot to within ten feet of the pin, Mrs. Mason canned the putt for a birdie 3 to go 1 up, the Long Island girl taking a 4.

They halved the thirty-fifth with 3's. The tenseness of the gallery following the contestants was evident as Mrs. Mason and Miss Swift went to the thirty-sixth tee. The champion put her second shot on the edge of the green to the left of the pin. Miss Swift's second landed just off the front edge of the carpet, the ball just missing a sand trap.

Miss Swift chipped 15 feet past the pin. Mrs. Mason, playing it safe for a par, putted to within a half-foot of the cup. Miss Swift conceded the putt and they posted 4's as the match ended.

After Miss Swift bagged a birdie 4 on the tough first hole in the forenoon, Mrs. Mason evened the match on the second when she sank a ten-footer for a birdie 3. Miss Swift birdied the third to go 1 up again, but Mrs. Mason squared it on the fifth. They halved the next two. Mrs. Mason took the eighth as her opponent three-putted and they halved the ninth in 5. Each had a 40 for the nine.

Mrs. Mason took the tenth and twelfth to go 3 up and then they halved the thirteenth and fourteenth. Then the champion appeared to lose her putting touch. Miss Swift, whose short game was clicking nicely, won the fifteenth and eighteenth in 4's to cut Mrs. Mason's margin to 1 up. Both shot 39's for a first eighteen of 79 each.

Mrs. Mason's approaches hit the mark time and again in the afternoon. After Mrs. Mason won the nineteenth to go 2 up, Miss Swift sank a 20-footer on the twentieth for a birdie 3 and got a birdie 4 on the next hole after chipping to within a foot of the cup to square the match.

After halving the twenty-second and twenty-third, the champion got a birdie 3 to go 1 up again. A fine approach that landed five feet from the pin led to the birdie on the twenty-fourth. The next





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**Mrs. Joseph Mason (left), the winner, and Roslyn Swift before they met at the Upper Montclair course in metropolitan championship final.**