

Mrs. Dempsey Hits a Pitch That Makes Birdie Sing

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CALDWELL, N.J.—“That was a shot I'll never forget,” declared Mrs. Thorne Dempsey of Meadow Brook Club, Jericho, as she described an approach that landed less than a foot from the cup in an extra-hole, first-round match in the 67th Women's MGA Championship at Essex Fells CC yesterday.

The defending champion, who won last year at St. George's G&CC, Stony Brook, tapped in the putt for a winning birdie 4 to eliminate a stubborn Mrs. George Guard of North Jersey CC.

“I might have been a bit too complacent—and learned a lesson. I experienced a slight letdown in my concentration and missed a few shots that I ordinarily make.”

In today's second round, Mrs. Dempsey, who already has won both the Women's LIGA and Women's Cross County GA medal championships, meets Mrs. Murray Gordon of Harbor Hills CC, Port Jefferson, president of the WMGA. Mrs. Gordon, the former Sue Weinsier, was pressed to the final green before sidelining Mrs. Thomas Israel of Century, two up.

The 1960 champ, Marge Mason of Ridgewood CC was upset by Mrs. Karl Clement of Nassau CC, Glen Cove. A par at the final hole by Mrs. Clement gave her the decision. Mrs. Mason's drive was bad and she took a bogey.

Another erstwhile Met queen, Mrs. Walter Cooperstein of Glen Oaks GC, Great Neck, failed to get past the open-

ing round. The former Judy Mintz lost to Mrs. Justine Cushing of Meadow Brook, 3 and 2.

Maureen Orcutt of White Beeches, who has won the title 10 times for a record, breezed by Mrs. DeWitt Alexandre of Somerset Hills, 4 and 3. Maureen, who took 83 in the qualifying round, was only two over par for the 15 holes against the Somerset Hills player.

Mrs. James Noble of Morris County CC, winner of the medal with 75 to match par, continued to sparkle as she knocked out Mrs. Henry Doublet of Hollywood CC, 3 and 1. Mrs. Noble, a former Pennsylvania titleholder, was two up at the end of the first nine.

Mrs. Gordon McGrath of Piping Rock Club, after a qualifying 79, continued to play near-par golf as she defeated Mrs. Percy Pyne III of Somerset Hills, 5 and 4.

Mrs. Alan A. Ryan of Creek Club, Locust Valley, won at the final green with a par as she edged Mrs. Hugh Kittle of Glen Ridge GC, one up.

The summaries:

First Round

Upper Bracket—Mrs. Thorne Dempsey, Meadow Brook, defeated Mrs. George Guard, North rsy, 19 holes; Mrs. Murray Gordon, Harbor Hills, defeated Mrs. Thomas Israel, Century, two up; Mrs. Karl Clement, Nassau CC, defeated Mrs. Marge Mason, Ridgewood, one up; Mrs. Charles Crawford, Apawamis, defeated Mrs. G. Whitman, Engineers, 6 and 5; Mrs. A. S. Hart, Essex County, defeated Carol Beinbrink, Piping Rock, 4 and 3; Kathy Linney, Plainfield, defeated Maureen Finnery, Essex Fells, 2 and 1; Mrs. Tracy, Essex Fells, defeated Mrs. B. L. Frank Alpine, 8 and 7; Maureen Orcutt, White Beeches, defeated Mrs. De Witt Alexandre, Somerset Hills, 4 and 3.

Lower Bracket—Mrs. James Noble, Morris County, defeated Mrs. Henry Doublet, Hollywood, 3 and 1; Mrs. Justine Cushing, Meadow Brook, defeated Mrs. Walter Cooperstein, Glen Oaks, 3 and 2; Mrs. Gordon McGrath, Piping Rock, defeated Mrs. Percy Pyne III, Somerset Hills, 5 and 4; Mrs. Harold Fink, Hampshire, defeated Mrs. George Van Tassl, Glen Ridge, two up; Mrs. Albert Bower, Pelham, defeated Mrs. Henry Cross, Essex County, 4 and 3; Mrs. Alan A. Ryan, Creek, defeated Mrs. Hugh Kittle, Glen Ridge, one up; Mrs. Manny Doppelt, Brae Burn, defeated Lynn Bollenbach, Southward Ho, 8 and 6; Mrs. Lee Beard, Essex Fells, defeated Mrs. Hoyt Steele, Stanwich, 6 and 4.