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## TODAY'S PAIRINGS

### Upper Bracket

Semifinals—Mrs. Thorne Dempsey, Meadow Brook, vs. Mrs. A. Sherburne Hart, Essex County.

### Lower Bracket

Semifinals—Mrs. Albert B. Bower, Pelham, vs. Mrs. Gordon McGrath, Piping Rock.

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The Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Championship reached its semifinal round this morning and who do you suppose will play in tomorrow's 36-hole final at Essex Fells Country Club?

Will it be Mrs. Thorne Dempsey of Meadow Brook, the tall, stately, auburn-haired grandmother of three who won the championship last year?

"The one thing that disturbs me is that I couldn't hit a decent drive all day," said the suntanned Mrs. Dempsey after beating Mrs. Murray Gordon of Elmwood, 4 and 2, and Mrs. Charles Crawford, of Apawamis, 2 and 1 yesterday.

Or will it be Mrs. A. Sherburne Hart of Essex County, the brunette New Jersey champion friends call "Hatsy?"

"I would have to call my play spotty at best," smiled Mrs. Hart in a classic understatement. The mother of four, and lone New Jerseyan among the four surviving golfers, eagled two holes and flirted with par in disposing of veteran Maureen Orcutt of White Beeches, 3 and 3, and Kathy Linney of Plainfield, 1 up.

Will it be Mrs. Albert B. Bower of Pelham, the 1966 champion with the light, classic swing, wide-brimmed straw hat and cool, cultured voice?



### Putted Poorly

"I'm a magnificent putter but today I putted so poorly and it worries me," said Mrs. Bower following 2-up and 1-up conquests of Mrs. Allan Ryan of The Creek and Mrs. Manny Doppelt of Brae Burn.

Or will it be Mrs. Gordon McGrath of Piping Rock, the willowy, bespectacled, pig-tailed mother of three tennis-playing children?

"My game? I played fine for me. Just fine," said Mrs. McGrath, sipping a glass of Gatorade and relishing her 5-and-3 victory over Mrs. Harold Fink of Hampshire and 2-and-1 upset of Mrs. James Noble of Morris County.

There you have the four women who teed off this morning in the 18-hole semifinals of the 67th championship. It was Mrs. Dempsey vs. Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Bower vs. Mr. McGrath in two matches which promised to be tense. It was nobody's guess who tomorrow's finalists would be.

Mrs. Hart generated the chief excitement during yesterday's sunny, breezy 36 holes of play. She shot 36-43-79 against par 37-38-75 in the morning with five birdies and an eagle on the 419-yard eighth hole.

"What a way to lose," laughed her opponent, the youthful Miss Linney. "I birdied the hole and then she hit a four wood six feet from the pin for that eagle."

Against the indefatigable 63-year-old Miss Orcutt, who has won the tournament 10 times, Mrs. Hart hit a five wood pin high to the green on the 428-yard 16th hole and tapped in a 10-foot putt for her eagle three to win the match.

"I'm so happy," said the smiling Mrs. Hart. "Imagine, two eagles in one day, I'll never do that again."

Mrs. McGrath, a former Long Island champion, had some anxious moments before eliminating the resurgent Mrs. Noble, whose putting was her bane in the early going. The petite Morris County golfer, five down after holes, eagled the 395-yard 14th



with a deft four wood and birdied the next two holes. But she drove into a trap and three-putted the 17th, propelling Mrs. McGrath into the semifinals.

### Seals Victory

Mrs. Dempsey sealed her quarter-final victory over Mrs. Crawford, a former national amateur champion, with a four-foot birdie at the 15th hole.

Mrs. Doppelt, a youthful brunette with sweptback hair, carried the more experienced Mrs. Bower to the 18th hole, where the New Yorker played to par and Mrs. Doppelt hit a five-foot birdie putt a trifle too hard in an effort to even the match.

"I just couldn't read the putt right. I couldn't make up my mind how to hit the ball," said Mrs. Doppelt, who in her 3-and-1 morning conquest of Mrs. Lee Beard of Essex Fells had shot a marvelous two-under-par 35 on the front nine.

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

#### Upper Bracket

**Second Round** — Mrs. Thorne Dempsey, Meadow Brook, defeated Mrs. Murray Gordon, Elmwood, 4 and 2. Mrs. Charles Crawford, Apawamis, defeated Mrs. Karl Clement, Nassau, 8 and 6. Mrs. A. Sherburne Hart, Essex County, defeated Kathy Linney, Plainfield, 1 up. Maureen Orcutt, White Beeches, defeated Mrs. William Tracy, Essex Fells, 1 up.

**Quarter-finals** — Mrs. Hart defeated Miss Orcutt, 3 and 2. Mrs. Dempsey defeated Mrs. Crawford, 2 and 1.

#### Lower Bracket

**Second Round** — Mrs. James Noble, Morris County, defeated Mrs. Justine Cushing, Meadow Brook, 2 up. Mrs. Gordon McGrath, Piping Rock, defeated Mrs. Harold Fink, Hampshire, 5 and 3. Mrs. Albert B. Bower, Pelham, defeated Mrs. Allan Ryan, The Creek, 2 up. Mrs. Manny Doppelt, Brae Burn, defeated Mrs. Lee Beard, 3 and 1.

**Quarter-finals** — Mrs. McGrath defeated Mrs. Noble, 2 and 1. Mrs. Bower defeated Mrs. Doppelt, 1 up.