

Putter and Irons

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CALDWELL, N.J.—“My putter was behaving nicely and my short game was quite satisfactory,” said Mrs. Thorne Dempsey of Meadow Brook, the defending titleholder in the 67th Women’s Metropolitan Golf Association Championship at Essex Fells CC following two rather easy triumphs yesterday.

“I have two more hurdles today and tomorrow—and both opponents are about the tops around the East,” said the hard-hitting Mrs. Dempsey as she teed up against Mrs. A.S. Hart, the reigning New Jersey State Champion.

In the other penultimate round match, Mrs. Gordon McGrath of Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley, is matching strokes with Mrs. Albert Bower of Pelham CC, a former holder of the crown and champion in five states within the past decade.

Mrs. Dempsey, following an extra-hole match in the first round was in command throughout both matches played yesterday. She eliminated Mrs. Murray Gordon of Harbor Hills CC, Port Jefferson, 4 and 2, in the second round, then stopped one of Westchester’s finest players, Mrs. Charles Crawford of Apawamis Club, Rye, 2 and 1.

After stopping blond Kathy Linney of Plainfield CC, one up, Mrs. Hart upset Maureen Orcutt, the White Beeches veteran who has won the Met crown 10 times during her meteoric career. Miss Orcutt clobbered Mrs. William Tracy of the host club, 8 and 7 in the morning action.

“I just ran out of gas, that’s all,” said Maureen. “But Mrs. Hart well deserved the victory. Her short game was just great.”

Mrs. McGrath created a stir by defeating Mrs. James Noble of Morris County, the medalist, 2 and 1.

Curiously, Mrs. Noble had eliminated Mrs. McGrath's sister, Justine Cushing of Meadow Brook Club, Jericho, two up in the morning action while Mrs. Harold Fink of Hampshire lost to Mrs. McGrath, 5 and 3.

Mrs. McGrath's superior iron play and putting proved the difference in the quarterfinals.

Former Eastern titleholder Mrs. Alan A. Ryan of Creek Club was a victim of Mrs. Bower in the morning. It was a two-up squeaker. In the quarterfinals, Mrs. Bower edged Mrs. Manny Doepelt of Brae Burn CC, Purchase, one up.

The Summaries:

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. Thorne Dempsey, Meadow Brook, defeated Mrs. Murray Gordon, Harbor Hills, 4 and 2; Mrs. Charles Crawford, Apawamis, defeated Mrs. Earl Clement, Nassau, 8 and 6; Mrs. A. S. Hart, Essex County, defeated Kathy Linney, Plainfield, one up; Maureen Orcutt, White Beeches, defeated Mrs. William Tracy, Essex Fells, one up; Mrs. James Noble, Morris County, defeated Mrs. Justine Cushing, Meadow Brook, two up; Mrs. Gordon McGrath, Piping Rock, defeated Mrs. Harold Fink, Hampshire, 5 and 3; Mrs. Albert Bower, Pelham, defeated Mrs. A. A. Ryan, Creek, two up; Mrs. Manny Doppelt, Brae Burn, defeated Mrs. Lee Beard, Essex Fells, two up.

QUARTERFINAL ROUND

Mrs. Dempsey defeated Mrs. Crawford, 2 and 1; Mrs. Hart defeated Miss Orcutt, 3 and 2; Mrs. McGrath defeated Mrs. Noble, 2 and 1; Mrs. Bower defeated Mrs. Doepelt, one up.