

MRS. HART GAINS GOLF FINAL AGAIN

Defender, Mrs. Tracy Win
Metropolitan Semifinals

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—Mrs. A. Sherburne Hart of Baltusrol and Mrs. William Tracy of Essex Fells will meet in the 36-hole final of the 68th annual Women's Metropolitan Golf Association championship tomorrow.

Mrs. Hart, the defending champion and medalist, had to rally today for the second day in a row. Three down at one point, she defeated Mrs. Thorne Dempsey of Piping Rock, the 1969 champion, on the 20th hole over the 6,083-yard, par-74 Stanwich course.

In the other semifinal Mrs. Tracy got ahead early and stayed there, beating Mrs. Joseph Ruvane of Canoe Brook, who was playing in her first Metropolitan championship, 4 and 3.

Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Tracy will be playing in their third Metropolitan final. Mrs. Hart has won once. Mrs. Tracy has never won.

It will be a long hitter against a good short-game player and Mrs. Tracy seems to like the rolling Stanwich greens.

Mrs. Dempsey started out as if to avenge her defeat in this same round last year. She won three holes in a row, the second with a birdie 3, and was 3 up after four holes.

Beginning her comeback at the eighth, Mrs. Hart squared the match by winning holes in rapid succession and went 1 up for the first time on the 11th. Mrs. Dempsey came right back to win the 12th in par and the short 13th in par to go 1 up again.

Mrs. Hart's par 5 squared the match for the third time on the long 13th. Five holes later, on the second extra hole, Mrs. Hart won.

Mrs. Tracy, a former New Jersey State champion, won five holes after losing the second and was up 4 at the turn.

Mrs. Ruvane was able to win only one more hole, the 10th.

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Mrs. Tracy rally wins Met golf

GREENWICH, Conn.—Mrs. William Tracy of Essex Falls rallied from the brink of defeat yesterday to dethrone Mrs. A. Sherburne Hart as the match-play champion of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association.

Mrs. Tracy was two down with two holes to go. But she won the last two regulation holes, then closed out the match on the first extra hole at the Stanwich Club. Mrs. Hart, playing out of Baltusrol in this all-New Jersey final to the 68th WMGA championship, flirted with traps all day on the difficult course.

She found 10 traps in her 37 holes of final-round play, and that made the difference. Mrs. Tracy had her short game working well, and it paid off in her first champion-

ship in three trips to the final. She lost in 1953, was beaten on the final hole by Maureen Orcutt of White Beeches in 1968.

Mrs. Hart looked like a sure winner going into the 35th with a two-up lead. But she hit her second shot into a pond parallel to the course, then hit over the green and conceded the hole to Mrs. Tracey's par-five.

Mrs. Hart still needed only a half on the 36th hole to retain her championship. But Mrs. Hart hooked into a trap, then hit over the green. She came back well to within four feet of the pin.

Mrs. Tracy canned a 20-foot uphill putt to win the hole and square the match, sending it into overtime.

The 37th, first on the course, is a dogleg to the left, with traps to the left and the pin placed in the left side of a green — not the easiest of problems.

Mrs. Tracy drove down the middle while Mrs. Hart hooked into some trees, then came out into a trap. But she blasted out well to within 10 feet. Mrs. Tracy took a five on the hole, and Mrs. Hart had a chance. But she three-putted from 10 feet and lost both the hole and the championship.

The morning half of the match saw the two contenders swap hole after hole. They were even after nine and even at the mid-point. Each shot an 84 on the 6,083-yard, par-74 course.

The 17th hole, that cost Mrs. Hart so heavily in the afternoon, was a problem for Mrs. Tracy in the morning. She hit into that enticing pond and lost the hole to fall back into a tie with the defender.

Mrs. Hart took the lead for the first time when she won the 20th hole. But she couldn't stay in front until she took the 27th and 28th holes for a two-up margin.

Another victory at the 30th stretched the margin to three holes.

But Mrs. Tracy started back by winning the 31st after Mrs. Hart found another of those ubiquitous traps.

Mrs. Tracy's Rally Wins Area Title on 37th Hole

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GREENWICH, Conn., June 25 —Mrs. William Tracy of Essex Fells won the 68th annual Women's Metropolitan Golf Association tournament today, defeating the defending champion, Mrs. A. Sherburne Hart of Baltusrol, on the 37th green. Mrs. Hart had a 2-up lead after 34 holes.

Mrs. Hart, the medalist, had a great advantage in length off the tee on the 6,083-yard, par-74 Stanwich course, but Mrs. Tracy's great chipping and putting gave her the title for the first time in three finals.

They were even after the morning round. Mrs. Hart's long game is usually steady, but she found nine traps and several drives went into the water. Both players were 10 over par at the lunch break.

In the afternoon Mrs. Hart, with a par on the 20th, went 1 up for the first time. A 20-foot putt for a birdie 4 on the 23d squared the match for Mrs. Tracy. On the next few holes Mrs. Hart took command, reaching the 27th 1 up with a 39

and winning the 28th and 30th to go 3 up.

Mrs. Tracy was 2 down with two holes to go, but she won the 35th with a par when her opponent put her second into the pond and she squared the match with a 20-foot putt for a par on the 36th when Mrs. Hart hit a trap.

On the 37th Mrs. Hart needed three putts from five feet. After a great shot out of the trap, she went for victory on a tricky downhill putt. It rimmed the cup and spun downhill five feet and she missed again.

Mrs. Tracy had an 83, Mrs. Hart an 81.

At the presentation Mrs. Hart said, "If I had to lose to anyone, I'm glad it was you."