

Hart's Play Pushes Queen Off Throne

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CALDWELL, N.J.—Mrs. Thorne Dempsey of Meadow Brook Club, Jericho, L.I., was dethroned as Women's Metropolitan Golf Association champion yesterday but it took a spectacular brand of golf to accomplish the feat in the 67th title chase over the undulating Essex Fells CC course.

"It is doubtful anybody could have beaten her today," was the comment of Mrs. Dempsey after being routed, 6 and 5, in the semifinals. Her conqueror was Mrs. A. Sherburne Hart of Essex County CC, who was runnerup in the 1966 championship.

Singularly, Mrs. Hart will be facing in the 36-hole final today, her conqueror, Mrs. Albert Bower of Pelham CC, in the 1966 event staged at Meadow Brook Club.

"If I can continue a reasonable facsimile of the semifinal performance, I feel I can take Mrs. Bower and make amends for the setback of four years ago," Mrs. Hart said. "I never played such a round, after getting off to an unbelievable start."

Mrs. Hart birdied six of the first nine holes. She was five under par for the nine with a 31. Playing the back holes, she added a 39 for 70.

Another Long Islander, Mrs. Gordon McGrath of Piping Rock Club, was eliminated in the other semifinal test. She lost at the 16th, 4 and 2, to Mrs. Bower, who has won distaff titles in Kentucky, Massachusetts and Maryland in addition to New York.

Mrs. Hart used only 11 putts on the outward nine holes. She dropped a 25-footer for her fourth birdie at the seventh, knocked in a two-footer for another at the eighth and a five-footer for the third successive birdie at the ninth.

Mrs. Dempsey played par 38 to the turn, yet was five down. Her brilliant rival annexed the 10th with a par to go six up and finished off her rival at the 13th.