

Met Women's Golf Final Matches the Old and New

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RYE, June 29.—The final of the 59th Met Women's championship today at the Apawamis Club matches the old against the new.

Mrs. Allan A. Ryan of The Creek Club represents the venerables, meeting 24-year-old Mrs. Walter Cooperstein, the former Judy Mintz, who won two Met junior girls crowns before getting married five years ago.

Skips Wedge

Mrs. Ryan, tall, thin and limping from a hip broken in 1945, which forces her to wear a built-up right heel, doesn't get anywhere near the tee distance of her sturdy young finalist rival. But the former Grace Amory hits it straight,

and when she gets anywhere near the green, she takes over.

Grace learned to play golf in the mid '30s when any wedge but the flanged club to ease the ball out of traps was a rarity. Even today, she doesn't carry a pitching wedge, the miracle club of the tour pros.

Instead she uses her No. 9 iron for the delicate approaching duties, mainly the chip and run shot, not the modern stop-dead type. As in her 19-hole victory over favored Mrs. William Tracy in the semifinals yesterday, Mrs. Ryan is almost uncanny in her control of this facile scoring method.

Won't Lose Poise

Mrs. Ryan, in fact, is using a set of old clubs, dating back at least to 1948, when she was

out of golf with her long-healing broken hip. She has tried new sets but hasn't yet found one which feels as good, or works as effectively, as the rusty old weapons.

Mrs. Ryan's virtuosity with the No. 9 and the putter, provided the margin to beat Mrs. Tracy, particularly with birdie 2s on the 12th, (to halve), and the 17th which enabled her to come out ahead.

It would be a signal victory for Grace if she could prevail over a lass 20 years her junior some 22 years since she last reached the final of the Met, and after her freakish accident.

There is one thing sure she will not lose her poise, either mentally or on the course. Anyone who has overcome the physical handicaps as she has couldn't be bothered by adversity on the fairway.

Mrs. Cooperstein Defeats Mrs. Ryan, 6 and 4,

for Metropolitan

Golf Title

CHAMPION INJURES LEG AFTER MATCH

Mrs. Cooperstein Trips on
a Clubhouse Step—Long
Shots Lead to Victory

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RYE, N. Y., June 29—The new champion of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association is 24-year-old Mrs. Walter Cooperstein of Harbor Hills County Club in Port Jefferson, L. I.

In the scheduled 36-hole final of the fifty-ninth annual championship today, Mrs. Cooperstein defeated Mrs. Allan A. Ryan of The Creek Club, 6 and 4. She was long off the tees all day on the 5,753-yard, par-73 course of the Apawamis Club.

Mrs. Cooperstein was 5 up after the 18-hole morning round. Her medal score was a two-over-par 75 to Mrs. Ryan's 80. Mrs. Ryan made it closer in the afternoon, but by then it was no contest.

This was Mrs. Cooperstein's first big championship victory, although she has won two metropolitan junior titles and took the Cross County match-play title in 1958. Since then, the former Judy Mintz hasn't played much golf, taking time out to raise a family.

Wire From Mrs. Cudone

During the presentations, a wire was received from Mrs. Philip Cudone of the Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, N. J., congratulating the new champion.

Just after receiving the big championship trophy, Mrs. Cooperstein tripped on a small step entering the clubhouse and fell so hard on her knee that a doctor was called. He said there was no fracture, but ordered an X-ray.

The new champion was introduced to golf by her parents when she was about 15 years old. She is now 24. She was a long hitter from the start, but her father insisted she pay attention to her putting, and apparently she has.

Against Mrs. Ryan, a former New York State and Eastern champion, Mrs. Cooperstein hit the first five greens in regulation figures. She was one under par and 5 up after five holes.

But Mrs. Ryan, who limps as the result of an automobile accident twelve years ago, never gave up. She birdied the sixth hole. So did her rival however.

Putting Falls Off

The first hole won by Mrs. Ryan was the seventh, but by the time the turn was reached she was 6 down. On the incoming nine, Mrs. Cooperstein lost the eleventh, twelfth and fourteenth holes by three-putting on each. Mrs. Ryan also won the seventeenth.

Mrs. Cooperstein began the afternoon round by getting home easily in 2 on the nineteenth hole, which helped put her 6 up.

After that Mrs. Ryan played her even. A long putt for a par 4 won the twentieth for Mrs. Ryan. A fine second shot to the twenty-first green gave her another hole when Mrs. Cooperstein took three shots from the edge. Mrs. Ryan was now 4 down. It was the closest she could get.

At the twenty-seventh hole, Mrs. Ryan needed a short putt for a half in par. While she was trying to make it, Mrs. Cooperstein's caddie got into an argument with a photographer. Mrs. Ryan missed the putt and went 6 down.

The argument arose because the photographer had snapped a picture while Mrs. Cooperstein was trying for a birdie. Asked if she objected to having the photographer along on the remaining holes, she said she didn't. But her caddie said, "If he comes along, I quit." And quit he did.

FINAL ROUND

Championship Flight—Mrs. Walter Cooperstein, Harbor Hills, defeated Mrs. Allan A. Ryan, The Creek, 6 and 4.

Second Flight—Mrs. Alfred Kohn, Briar Hall, defeated Mrs. James Hand, Winged Foot, 2 up.

Third Flight—Mrs. Clarence P. Greer, Fairview, defeated Mrs. Percy E. Johnson, Whippoorwill, 2 and 1.

Fourth Flight—Mrs. Charles Harmon, Englewood, defeated Mrs. Albert Sarnoff, Metropolis, 22 holes.

Fifth Flight—Mrs. Warren C. Agry, Apawamis, defeated Mrs. Hoyt P. Steele, Woodway, 2 and 1.



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IT'S IN THE CARDS: Mrs. Walter Cooperstein, right, winner of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association championship, checks scores with Mrs. Allan A. Ryan. Mrs. Cooperstein defeated Mrs. Ryan, 6 and 4, in tournament final at Apawamis Club course.