

# Medalist Hex Faces 2 In Women's Golf Play

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SCARBOROUGH-ON-THE-HUDSON, N. Y., July 11.— Medalists for reasons not readily detectable frequently are summarily dispossessed from a tournament once its match-play phase gets under way.

Sometimes the leader of the band goes all the way through the brackets but more often than not ill fate lies in his or her pathway.

A most prominent recent instance was the second round defeat of Sam Snead in the PGA championship at Scioto. Lured by a \$250 stake which went to the pacemaker, Snead went all out for the little pot and then, even though his play lost little of its brilliancy, became the tournament's big misfortune.

## TWO MEDALISTS.

The Women's Metropolitan Golf Association championship now in progress at sylvan Sleepy Hollow has two medalists and it will be interesting to see how long they can ward off the jinx or hex or whatever it is that customarily stalks in their wake.

Interesting, too, is the knowledge that both Mrs. William R. Kirkland Jr. and Mrs. Sophie Untermeyer whose 78's led the qualifiers through yesterday's subterranean tour of Sleepy Hollow's hills and dales, have never won a Metropolitan in all the long years they have been contending for one.

Mrs. Untermeyer was runner-up to Mrs. Harry McNaughton 11 years ago at Cherry Valley and Mrs. Kirkland in her only appearance in the final round three

years ago at Century was defeated by Laddie Irwin.

It may be that the fates will reverse the usual course of events and convey both Mrs. Kirkland and Mrs. Untermeyer into the ultimate test since they are in opposite sides of the draw. The scores they extracted from the harrowing conditions which floundered and confounded so many others would seem to justify just such a denouement but golf is a funny game. It pats you on the back one moment and knocks you on the flat of your back the next.

The choice and still champion, of course, is the redoubtable Mrs. Ruth Torgerson whose 80 in the dismal circumstances was marred only by a seven which waylaid her at the 16th or "punch bowl" hole. Since it was made at a par five hole it was not as woeful as it seemed and was due primarily to a depressed lie in which Mrs. Torgerson found her ball in the fairway.