

GOLF TITLE TAKEN BY MRS. DIETRICH

Victor Halts Mrs. Kirkland by 1 Up on 36th Green in Metropolitan Final.

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HEWLETT HARBOR, L. I., May 30.—By the power of her putter, Mrs. Henry H. Dietrich defeated Mrs. William R. Kirkland Jr., 1 up, on the thirty-sixth hole at Seawane today and became the 1936 women's metropolitan golf champion. Runner-up to Mrs. Jonathan Thorne last year, when she was Miss Betty Pietsch, Mrs. Dietrich acquired the title after a match filled with much spotty play but many dramatic moments.

The victor finished the morning round in 88, with a one-hole advantage over Mrs. Kirkland. She started the afternoon session with a winning streak which left her 5 up at the end of the seventh, and she kept this lead around the turn, which she reached in 42, until she stood 5 up and 5 to play approaching the fourteenth.

Victor Excels on Greens

Here the tide of battle turned, and a match which should have ended on that hole continued, amid growing excitement from the gallery, to the very end. Mrs. Kirkland won four holes in a row until she was only 1 down coming to the home green. Here, after a magnificent approach from the rough, she three-putted, while Mrs. Dietrich, who was on in 4 after a trapped drive, rescued a title which

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PRESENTATION OF TITLE GOLF TROPHY

Miss Josephine F. Windle, chairman of the tournament, handing trophy to Mrs. Henry H. Dietrich just after latter had defeated Mrs. William R. Kirkland Jr. (left) in final for metropolitan crown.

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for a few bad minutes had seemed to be slipping away from her by calmly holing a five-foot putt.

Throughout the two rounds there was a piquant contrast in the long and short games of the two contenders. Mrs. Kirkland outplayed Mrs. Dietrich both with her drives and long approaches by often as much as forty yards.

But once they neared the green the cup seemed to be a magnet for Mrs. Dietrich's irons and putter. Until she began missing at the fourteenth it seemed she could do no wrong, which Mrs. Kirkland threw away her hitting advantage by under-chipping and inaccurate putting.

The seventh of the second round demonstrated the way the play went. Here both balls were on the far edge of the green in 3, lying side by side. Mrs. Dietrich almost holed out, while Mrs. Kirkland rolled her's past the cup and then missed a two-footer coming back.

At the short holes Mrs. Kirkland was not reaching the green from the tee. At the eighth, when she clubbed up and then holed a 14-foot putt, a look of pleased surprise crossed her face. It was the first time she had done that all day.

Again at the twelfth Mrs. Dietrich took her magic putter to hole out from eighteen feet and save a halved 5 after a degree of trap trouble that should in ordinary circumstances have given Mrs. Kirkland the hole. It was clearly discouraging to the loser, and once more at the thirteenth Mrs. Kirkland chipped short to halve in 5 after a substantial driving lead.

At the short fourteenth Mrs. Dietrich gave her first sign of faltering after a tiring week of competition. She trapped her tee shot, failed to get her niblick well out and 2-putted for a 5. Mrs. Kirkland won with a boggy 4.

At the fifteenth, Mrs. Dietrich played her third shot way short, trapped her fourth, and took 2 to get out. So Mrs. Kirkland took the hole even after losing a stroke on a bunkered drive.

When Mrs. Dietrich's putter also began to falter and she three-putted to lose the sixteenth, even after Mrs. Kirkland had dubbed her iron shot for the water carry, it looked as if it were anybody's match. At the seventeenth Mrs. Kirkland played two tremendous wood shots for a par 5 while Mrs. Dietrich reduced her margin to one by playing her approaches short.

But the denouement at the eighteenth saw a complete return to early form as Mrs. Kirkland lost her hitting advantage by three-putting and Mrs. Dietrich holed out.

By far the best hole of the final was Mrs. Dietrich's seventeenth of the morning round. She followed a dead-straight drive with a spoon shot that curved between two traps. Then taking a No. 3 iron she actually hit the pin from 120 yards and was left with a 2-foot putt for a birdie 4.

THE CARDS

Morning Round

Out—									
Par5	4	4	4	3	5	5	3	5-38
Mrs. Dietrich	.5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	6-45
Mrs. Kirkland	.5	7	4	4	6	5	5	3	5-44
									Mrs. Kirkland leads, 2 up.
In—									
Par4	3	4	5	3	5	5	5	4-38-76
Mrs. Dietrich	.5	4	4	4	4	6	6	4	6-43-88
Mrs. Kirkland	.6	4	4	5	4	6	7	6	4-46-90
									Mrs. Dietrich leads, 1 up.

Afternoon Round

Out—									
Mrs. Dietrich	.4	5	5	4	4	6	5	3	6-42
Mrs. Kirkland	.5	6	6	4	4	6	6	3	6-46
									Mrs. Dietrich leads, 5 up.
In—									
Mrs. Dietrich	.5	3	5	5	5	7	6	6	5-47-89
Mrs. Kirkland	.4	4	5	5	4	6	5	5	5-43-89
									Mrs. Dietrich wins, 1 up.