

Miss Orcutt Met. Victor Over Charlotte De Cozen

BY ED FRIEL

Having been forced to limit her own playing of late due to her golf writing chores, Maureen Orcutt of the Ridgewood Golf Club had to wait until yesterday to register her first victory of the year. Holder of many championships in the past and now employed as a golf correspondent for The New York Times, Miss Orcutt shot a par 77 over the Rock Spring Club layout in West Orange to win a one-day tournament of the Metropolitan Women's Golf Association.

The veteran campaigner was just good enough to hold off the current crop of Jerseyans who have been winning all of the laurels and a rising young star who had an exceptionally good day. Charlotte De Cozen of the Montclair Golf Club was the runner-up with a 78 and Mrs. William Tracy of the Glen Ridge Golf Club and Jane Goss of the Somerset Golf Club tied for third at 79. The latter, the daughter of a former star, is improving with leaps and bounds and took advantage of a seven handicap to win the net honors with 72.

Also well up were Mrs. Catherine Fox Park of Glen Ridge with 82 and Mrs. William Hockenjos of Baltusrol at 83. Mrs. T. V. Ryan and Nancy Wham of Upper Mont-

clair and Janet Kern of Out-of-Bounds, all had 84s.

Unplaced in the Women's Eastern Amateur, the only big tourney she has tried her luck in this year, Miss Orcutt started rather shakily as she went one over on the first and third holes. She picked up a stroke with a birdie on the fifth, lost it with a five on the par-four seventh and then birdied the ninth for a one-over 39 on the outgoing nine.

Improving as she went along, the playing scribe was one-under going to the 14th as she birdied the 12th and 13th but proceeded to lose that advantage with a one-over six. A finishing bogey five equalized a birdie on the 17th to give her a one-under 38 on the return nine and even par for the full 18. She also took putting honors with 29.

Miss De Cozen was away poorly with one-over bogies on the first two holes. They were more than made up with a birdie on the fifth and an eagle three on the 418-yard eighth, but a six on the ninth cut her down to a par 38 for the first nine. Trouble on the 14th and 15th were responsible for an incoming 40 and defeat by a single stroke.

Plenty of Trouble

Mrs. Tracy, the present New Jersey champion, was in plenty of trouble on the first nine to require 42 and then came home in a two under 37 for the best score of the day on the second nine. Miss Goss dropped putts for birdies on the eighth and ninth to get out in 39 and played steadily for a returning 40. Mrs. Park lost four strokes to par on the first three holes.

The Class B gross and net honors went to May Matthews of Rock River who had a 94 to go with her 21 handicap for a net 73. Since it was a net tourney, Miss Matthews took the prize and gross award went to Emily Slater of Greenbrook for her 95.