

Women's Golf at Home and Abroad

Glenna Collett Gains Permanent Possession of Griswold Trophy

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THE outstanding feature of the recent tournament at the Shenecossett Golf Club at Eastern Point was the splendid golf of Mrs. H. D. Sterrett, of Hutchinson, Kansas.

So little heralded had been her game in the East that the fight she put up against Miss Glenna Collett in the final came as the greatest surprise to most of the onlookers. To others who had watched her play in the South last winter her achievement in holding Miss Collett until the eighteenth green, where her wonderful nerve seemed to break a little and she failed to hole a three-foot putt, did not seem so surprising. The good feminine golfers of today are numerous and ever - increasing, but the number who can combine a game such as that of Mrs. Sterrett with a fighting spirit of equal strength is exceedingly small.

Theoretically, comparisons are supposed to be odious but it is only by deduction that people can arrive at a conclusion, and during the final round at Shenecossett it was impossible not to compare the swings and methods, widely divergent, of the two players.

While Miss Collett's length from the tee is gained by a long and very fast swing, accompanied as a rule by excellent timing, Mrs. Sterrett



MISS GLENNA COLLETT RECEIVING TROPHIES From J. P. Taylor Armstrong, President of the Shenecossett Country Club. Winner third consecutive year



THE IRONY OF THE GAME
Amazing the gallery time and again by her remarkable putting throughout the match, Mrs. Sterrett, on the eighteenth hole, barely a yard away with one putt to tie, lost by a fraction of an inch

kick. Although only a few yards from the safety zone the ball was in a place that would have taken the courage from most players as the lie and stance were equally bad, and the green is conical in shape and guarded by traps on three sides.

With a mashie-iron Mrs. Sterrett played a superb shot on to the green, which landed with such back spin that it only rolled a few feet, enabling her to halve the hole. On the last tee Mrs. Sterrett's club head was again a little late, and her ball ran into a trap to the right. After playing out well she had to make her third shot with the disheartening consciousness that Miss Collett was on the green in two, with the greatest probability of making a four. It is on occasions such as these that a player's tired nerves urge her to give up the struggle, accept defeat and end the exhausting tension that they have

undergone. If Mrs. Sterrett felt any such temptation she pushed it aside, and after careful consideration she played a faultless approach on a direct line for the hole. It looked for a moment as though the ball were going to hit the flag, and then it rolled three feet away. Afterwards Mrs. Sterrett said that she felt so sure of the putt that when she took back her putter she was already planning how



MISS HELEN PAYSON
Maine State champion, who brought herself into the foremost ranks by carrying Miss Collett to the eighteenth hole in the semi-finals

achieves almost as great a length and more accuracy by a much shorter swing and a supremely clever conservation of her hitting powers. Her strength seems to be concentrated in her hands and wrists, she pivots only a little and her follow-through is conservative and excellently well controlled. As yet the Kansas player is not Miss Collett's equal with a brassie, nor does she excel with a mashie or mashie-niblick, but with long irons she is unquestionably the Providence girl's superior, as she is also on the putting green. Again and again, Mrs. Sterrett holed putts of nerve testing length in order to hold her formidable opponent at bay, and the two 2's which she made on rain-soaked greens that were not too smooth will remain in the memory of those who witnessed them for a long time to come. But her two last approach shots were the real incidents of the game. On the seventeenth tee she was all square (and there had never been more than one hole between the players) and her drive found the rough to the right of the fairway, from the combination of a slightly late club head and an adverse

to play the nineteenth hole. Perhaps her mind did waver a little or perhaps the tension of her nerves forced her putter off the true line; at any rate, the ball slid to one side and gave Miss Collett the victory.

Another player to cover herself with glory by holding Miss Collett to the last green was Miss Helen Payson, of Portland, champion of the State of Maine. A natural athlete, Miss Payson has improved her game out of all recognition during the past few months. Last year she was scoring in the hundreds; at Belleair in March she was usually in the nineties, and now she can play in the low eighties and carry America's greatest player to the home green!

The excellence of Miss Payson's game is evidently the outcome of her good timing, and her length is achieved by her courage in starting her hands back before the head of her club, a mannerism of nearly all the leading male players but of only a very few feminine golfers. The most noticeable feature of this game was the deadliness of Miss Payson's short approaches and her courage in hitting



MRS. H. D. STERRETT
Kansas State champion, whose brilliant playing furnished the closest and most exciting finals of any Shenecossett tournament

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ting her putts. Both at the thirteenth and fourteenth holes she made perfectly straight putts that caught the back of the cup and remained a bare inch from the edge. With Miss Collett, Mrs. Sterrett and Miss Maureen Orcutt, who made a beautiful 81 in the qualifying round, Miss Payson made up the quartette which gained the glory of the tournament.

The summer months are the quietest of the year in British tournament golf and the only event of note is that Miss Joyce Wethered recently opened the new putting green at Wembley.

Most of the county championships have already been played, and all the American golfing friends of Mrs. W. A. Gavin will be interested to hear that she has added the title of Middlesex champion to her other honors.