

TO A WOMAN GOLFER GOES THIS FIRST DISTINCTION

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THREE champion of Canada, once by defeating Mrs. W. G. Fraser, of Ottawa, formerly Miss Alexa Sterling, of Atlanta, Georgia, Miss Ada Mackenzie, representing the newly-organized Toronto Women's Golf and Tennis Club scored the triumph of the season for Canadian golf when she captured the medal of the United States Women's Open Golf Championship which was held on the course of the Cherry Valley Country Club, Long Island. The importance of her victory during the initial test of the championship, lies in the fact that she is the only Canadian golfer with a medal of a United States championship to her credit since golf became a major sport in America.

Miss Mackenzie won the qualifying test of the tournament from a field which included Miss Maureen Orcutt, Metropolitan champion; Mrs. Miriam Burns Horn, Trans-Mississippi champion; Mrs. Fraser, three times champion of the United States before she married and took up her residence in Ottawa; Miss Virginia Van Wie, Chicago's outstanding golfer among her sex; Miss Glenna Collett, former champion of the United States and Canada; Mlle. De La Chaume, of France, champion of Great Britain and France; Miss Dorothy Campbell Hurd and a host of contenders who entered the tournament with sectional crowns and records. Miss Mackenzie played a faultless round of golf, half of it through a downpour of rain, scoring a 77 and equalling the low qualifying record for a United States women's championship made by Mrs. W. G. Fraser, two years ago in St. Louis. Miss Mackenzie also established a record for the Cherry Valley course which was 6,443 yards in length and for the purposes of the championship had been given a par of 82.

While Miss Mackenzie had established herself among the leading golfers of America by reason of her contest with Miss Glenna Collett, by whom she was defeated in one of the closest matches of the United States championship of 1925, the feeling persisted that the most dangerous of the

invaders at Cherry Valley was Mlle. De La Chaume. However, when the qualifying test had been concluded and after the field had entered match play, it became apparent that the menacing entrants were Miss Mackenzie and Mrs. Fraser. Escaping every bunker of the many scattered about the course and seldom in the rough, Miss Mackenzie went out in 39 strokes and came back over the more difficult half of the course with her card of 77. Her card contained one birdie on the first nine. On her way in, she wrecked the Cherry Valley par repeatedly scoring six birdies, playing one hole in par and slipping one stroke on two holes. Such was the remarkable round of the Canadian title-holder. Although lightly built, Miss Mackenzie met the distances with a long ball. Her short game was perfect and her putting beyond criticism. Mrs. Fraser, the other Canadian entrant to qualify, returned with a card of 82 and stood fourth in the field when the test had been brought to an end.

Miss Mackenzie and Mrs. Fraser were, however, eliminated at Cherry Valley in the semi-finals, just when it looked as if at least one Canadian woman golfer would go into the finals. They were defeated by their United States opponents, Miss Maureen Orcutt, of Haworth, N.J., metropolitan champion of New York and Mrs. Miriam Burns Horn of Kansas City, trans-Mississippi champion.

The Canadians went down to defeat in two close matches. Mrs. Fraser was defeated by Mrs. Horn one up and Miss Mackenzie was two down to Miss Orcutt at the 17th.

The Canadian champion made a brave rally in the closing holes and succeeded in cutting down a lead of holes to a margin of one at the 16th. Her chance vanished on the 17th hole when Miss Orcutt laid a perfect mashie to the green and scored a four, one below women's par, while Miss Mackenzie played five.

The close, hard struggle between Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Horn found the latter one up after the 14th although Mrs. Fraser had drawn to even

terms for a moment by taking the 12th and 13th. A five was good enough to win all three of these holes. Both women were playing with taut nerves and the greatest concentration. Mrs. Fraser was most deliberate, taking two or three practice swings before each shot.

Here's the sad story:
Cards of the Orcutt-Mackenzie match.

Women's par out: 454, 545, 355-40; Miss Orcutt out: 445, 554, 465-42; Miss Mackenzie out: 554, 645, 555-44; Women's par in: 655, 543, 554-42; Miss Orcutt in: 646, 554, 54; Miss Mackenzie: 755, 473, 45.

Left: At the Cherry Valley contest for the Woman's National Golf Championship two Canadians, Ada Mackenzie, Toronto, and Mrs. W. G. Fraser, Ottawa, went into the semi-finals. Mrs. Fraser, left, defeated Glenna Collett. Miss Mackenzie, right, who holds the Canadian Women's championship, won the qualifying round at Cherry Valley with a record smashing score of 77.

