

Expert Declares Miss Van Wie Premier Woman Golfer of World

**Defeat of British Women's
Champion Paves Way to Brilliant Victory at Exmoor**

By Golfer

Miss Virginia Van Wie, of Beverly, is the premier women's golf champion of the world. We might as well claim this distinction for her as no woman has a better claim to the title even though she does not hold the British women's title. She defeated Miss Enid Wilson, British women's champion, in the semi-final round at Exmoor, and then went on to win her second consecutive U. S. G. A. women's title by defeating Miss Helen Hicks, of Lido, Long Beach, L. I., by 4 up and 3 to play in the thirty-six hole final round last Saturday.

Miss Van Wie played the most consistent golf of the tournament. Her 73 made during a practice round established a new women's non-competitive record for the course, and her scores during the entire tournament were of championship class. In her march through the field Miss Van Wie defeated Miss Elizabeth Dunn, of Indianapolis, 7 and 6; Mrs. Leo Federman, of Great Neck, L. I., 4 and 2; Mrs. L. D. Cheney, of San Gabriel, Calif., 1 up; Miss Enid Wilson, of England, 6 and 5, and Miss Helen Hicks, of Lido, 4 and 3. Miss Van Wie played through the toughest part of the draw and her win was clear cut and decisive.

British Threat Fails

Interest in the early play naturally centered in the play of Miss Enid Wilson, British women's champion, and in the golf of Miss Ada MacKenzie, Canadian women's champion. Miss Wilson won the qualifying medal with a card of 76, and the British women's champion proved herself to be a real golfer and a sports-woman of the highest class. Her golf up to the semi-final round was flawless. She is exceptionally long off the tee, plays her irons beautifully, and is an exceptionally sound putter. In her match with Miss Van Wie she lost all sense of touch on her short approaches and this fault was responsible for her defeat. Miss Ada MacKenzie qualified well with an 85 but was defeated by Miss Peggy Wattles, of Buffalo, 3 up and 2 to play in the first round of match play. This disposes of the two international entries.

Miss Glutting a Coming Star

Miss Charlotte Glutting, of West Orange, N. J., defeated Miss Helen MacMorran, of Indian Hill, 5 and 3 in the first round, and Miss Peggy Wattles, of Buffalo, 3 and 2; but lost to Miss Wilson by 2 and 1, in the third round. We were impressed by Miss Glutting's play and she will be heard from later. The first two rounds served to weed out the weaker players and we question if there are eight finer golfers in the world than Miss Wilson, Miss Glutting, Miss Van Wie, Mrs. Cheney, Miss Orcutt, Mrs. Hill, Miss Hicks, and Miss Robinson. Four girls had to lose Thursday and, at the close of the day's play, Miss Wilson, Miss Van Wie, Miss Orcutt, and Miss Hicks names were posted as winners.

These four girls were unquestionably the class of the tournament. We would have been satisfied to draw a name from a hat and bet on any one of them. Miss Orcutt has the finest golfing form of any woman we ever saw, and there was not a thing in their play on which to pick an outstanding preference. All were exceptionally long off the tee. All hit their iron shots well, and all putted

soundly. Friday's matches were extremely thrilling and, if Miss Wilson and Miss Orcutt did not do their game justice, it was due to an off day rather than to any lack of skill.

Semi-Final Round

In her match with Miss Van Wie, Miss Wilson was playing the champion stroke for stroke. There was nothing to choose between them off the tee or through the green, but when it came to the little pitches and chip shots Miss Wilson simply could not get her golf ball near the hole and Miss Van Wie won by 6 and 5. Miss Hicks seemed to have a bit of an edge on Miss Orcutt. She won the second hole with a birdie 4 and Miss Orcutt squared the match with a 4 on the fifth. Miss Hicks won the sixth, seventh, and ninth. She was 3 up at the turn and never gave Miss Orcutt a chance to catch her.

The finals between Miss Van Wie and Miss Hicks carried a thrill at every hole. Miss Van Wie gave the finest exhibition of emergency putting we ever saw and she owes her win to her putter. During the morning round Miss Hicks' play was faultless. She was out-driving Miss Van Wie consistently and her iron shots to the green were masterpieces. The high wind made approaching extremely difficult and Miss Hicks was clearly playing the best golf. Miss Van Wie's approach putting was bad. Time after time she ran her ball ten or fifteen feet past the cup and on the third, fourth, seventh, twelfth, and fifteenth greens she holed putts of ten feet or more.

Miss Hicks 4 Up

Miss Hicks was 4 up at the fourteenth and they halved the fifteenth in 4. Miss Hicks had been playing easily and Miss Van Wie plainly showed that she was carrying the load. We might almost accuse Miss Hicks of carelessness. She missed a little 14 inch putt on the seventh green and again on the eighteenth she missed a short putt from directly below the cup that she should have made. Miss Van Wie won both the sixteenth and eighteenth holes and was only 2 down when they stopped for lunch. Miss Hicks topped her spoon shot at the sixteenth, putting her ball in a trap, but there was no excuse for her losing the eighteenth and she should have been 3 up at the end of the morning round.

We asked Alex Stupple who he favored and his reply was, "If the wind holds Miss Hicks should win. If it dies down I'd pick Miss Van Wie." Well! The wind gradually lessened and at 2 o'clock it was not strong enough to be a factor in the match. Failure to get her ball out of a trap at the right of the second green cost Miss Hicks the hole, but she won the third with a birdie 4 and was again 2 up. A fine chip shot and a seven foot putt won the fourth hole for Miss Van Wie and a stymie cost Miss Hicks a chance to win the fifth. Miss Van Wie won the sixth when Miss Hicks missed a 5 foot putt and the match was all square.

Careless Putting Costly

Miss Van Wie ran down a 50 foot putt for a birdie 2 to win the seventh, and she laid Miss Hicks a dead stymie at the ninth. Miss Van Wie was 2 up at the turn and she became 3 up when a beautiful mashie-niblick pitch placed her ball 2 feet from the twelfth hole. Miss Hicks played the best shot of the day at the short thirteenth. She had pulled her iron shot to a trap at the left of the green and her recovery with a niblick was a masterpiece. It won her a half in 3, and they halved the fourteenth in 4.

"Under Dog"



Richard Barthelmess, who gives another great portrayal of an "under dog" character. This time he's starred in "Heroes for Sale," attraction at the Wilmette theater Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Vibe K. Spicer of 312 Essex road, Kenilworth, who is spending the summer at her home at Westport Point, Mass., has been giving her garden talks through the east. Mrs. Spicer is an experienced gardener and her lectures are both delightful and instructive. She is giving one in New Bedford on September 20.

Robert E. Pickard of Exeter, Ontario, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Pickard of 111 Central Park avenue. Mr. Pickard's son, Allan, came on to Chicago from his home in Regina, Canada, to visit A Century of Progress exposition with his father.

Bob Zech and his brother, Arthur, 918 Forest avenue, left Monday to spend a week at the Four Seasons club on Mescauno Island in Wisconsin. Donald Zech and Edward Thurston and Vincent Daly of Chicago left Wednesday for Ishpeming, Mich.

Miss Van Wie was 50 yards short of the fifteenth green in 2 but she played a pitch and run shot that placed her ball within a foot of the cup. Miss Hicks was on the green 40 feet from the cup in 2 and she tried so hard to hole out that her ball ran 5 feet past the hole and she missed on her next attempt.

It is easy to criticize, but Miss Hicks owes her defeat to carelessness. Up to the green she was Miss Van Wies' master, but she did not take time enough with her putts. Many of Exmoor's greens are rolling and Miss Hicks utterly failed to make a proper allowance for these rolls. She would walk up to her ball, take a quick look, and putt, and it was on the greens that the title was won and lost. The tournament was well conducted, the weather was ideal and the scores were the lowest ever made in a national event. This was due to the dry spell wilting the rough so that it did not penalize the players and is no reflection on the Exmoor course. The field was exceptionally fast and the 1933 women's championship will go on record as the greatest tournament in the history of the event.

WOULD LIMIT TAX

George F. Nixon, Board of Appeals Member, Makes Plea for Home Owner at Realty Session

Enactment of a one per cent tax limitation to keep taxes within the ability of property owners to pay them and the preservation of the right to appeal unjust taxation were demanded by George F. Nixon, a member of the Board of Appeals, in a talk to an overflow meeting of the Chicago Real Estate board and civic leaders recently at the board headquarters, 32 W. Randolph street Chicago.

"I have been thunderstruck," Mr. Nixon stated, "with the patience of the public. Hundreds of persons, who have lost almost everything they ever owned, came to the Board of Appeals and patiently pleaded for a little relief from overburdening and unfair taxation. They were not militant. They were orderly. I am surprised they were not hard-boiled."

Mr. Nixon declared that 105,000 complaint cases already have been heard by the Board of Appeals. He said:

Must Revive Confidence

"Many claimed it could not be done. Others said it should not be done. But I am glad to say now that it has been done! And it had to be done, if the confidence of the people in their local government was to be revived."

"From these complaints we have learned two things. They are: that taxes must be kept within the ability of people to pay them and the right of appeal to unfair taxation must be preserved."

Mr. Nixon also reviewed the demand of the Board of Appeals for a 15 per cent tax cut on all homes and small apartment buildings under the 1931 assessment, and in addition the order for a 20 per cent tax reduction on all properties under the 1932 assessment. These recommendations, he declared, were made only after "extremely serious consideration of all factors involved."

Must Stop Overflow

He attacked the small "special privilege class attempting to defeat the 15 per cent tax cut and pointed out that the Board of Appeals could not be held responsible for any tax collection delays caused by this agitation.

"We can cry our eyes out," he continued, "over the terrible state of affairs in our local government. But nothing will be accomplished until a one per cent tax limitation has been effected. Hundreds of little taxpayer groups throughout the city, county and state are beginning to realize this."

"It is not until we can stop this overflow of cash into local government coffers that we can expect to obtain sane reductions in the cost of government. What we need is not so much a study of cutting down terminals for accepting and employing money raised from taxes, as in studying ways to reduce the source from which taxes are raised. Then we shall really get somewhere with economy in local governments."

Fred Brummel, the other member of the Board of Appeals, also addressed the gathering and thanked the Chicago Real Estate board for the "brains and energy" it contributed to intelligently carrying out the hearings on tax complaints.

Henry G. Zander, Jr., of Kenilworth president of the Chicago Real Estate board, presided at the meeting.