Mickey Wright Wins First Double Crown

Woman's golf has its first double crown winner.

Mickey Wright, tall 23-year-old Californian who three weeks ago captured the Ladies' PGA championship, completed the sweep Saturday at Forest Lake country club by walking away with the USGA Women's Open title.

She turned in a 74 card Thursday and a 72 Friday, then vaulted into a seven stroke lead with a 70 in Saturday's first 18 holes.

A 74 the second time around Saturday gave her a two-under-par 290 and $1,800 first prize money in the classic of all woman's golf classics.

IT IS THE FIRST time the same woman pro has copped both the LPGA and the Woman's Open the same year.

Her open winnings make her tops among the gal professionals, with her purses totaling $7,624 for the year.

Louise Suggs, Women's Open titlist in 1949 and 1952, captured runnerup honors, five strokes back of Miss Wright at 295. Her share of the purse was $1,200.

Miss Suggs finished with a 71 after 18 hole cards of 75, 74 and 75 and was two strokes ahead of Fay Crocker, third for a purse of $800.

MISS CROCKER'S accomplishments at Forest Lake included a new course record of 68, set Friday in the second round of play.

She was just one stroke back of Miss Wright and two ahead of Miss Suggs when Saturday's final 36 holes of play started, but she couldn't keep pace with the new champion's blistering third round, which included six birdies.

The winning score of 290 was also a new Women's Open record, bettering the 291 score of the late Babe Zaharias at Peabody, Mass., four years ago.

TOP AMATEUR showing in the open came from Anne Quast, a 307 that tied for 11th. Michigan's Wiffi Smith turned in a 305, good for a tie for seventh and $325.

Forest Lake's club champion, Sally Sharp, failed to qualify. She had a 94-82—176 the first two rounds.

Birmingham's Mrs. Frank Thompson qualified for the finals but finished far down the list at 359. Twelve amateurs survived the cut, 29 pros boosting the finals total to 41. Fifty-four women started.

THE OPEN scores:

Mickey Wright	74-72-70-74—290
Louise Suggs	75-74-75-71—295
Fay Crocker	79-68-76-74—297
Alice Bauer	76-77-75-72—300
Betty Jameson	75-80-74-74—303
Betsy Rawls	79-82-73-70—304
Wiffi Smith	81-76-73-75—305
Jackie Pung	75-77-77-76—305
Vonnie Colby	77-76-75-78—306
Patty Berg	78-78-77-73—306
Mary Lena Faulk	79-76-79-73—307
Beverly Hanson	79-77-76-76—307
a-Anne Quart	82-75-74-76—307
Marlene Hagge	76-79-76-77—308
Kathy Cornelius	80-74-77-77—308
Joyce Ziske	78-79-76-77—310
Barb McIntyre	83-76-77-76—312
Peggy Kirk Bell	82-79-73-79—313
Marilynn Smith	83-79-82-73—316
Betty Dodd	79-80-80-78—317
Bonnie Randolph	79-78-80-81—318
JoAnn Prentice	78-82-78-81—319
Ruth Jessen	83-81-81-76—321
Gloria Fecht	82-79-80-81—322
a-Mrs. Paul Dye	84-79-79-80—322
Murle MacKenzie	82-79-81-80—322
Betty Bush	86-76-80-82—324
a-Judith Bell	84-76-83-82—325
Gloria Armstrong	83-81-81-81—326
Jon Snyder	85-80-78-84—327
Pat Devany	88-83-79-78—328
a-Berridge Long	81-86-80-83—330
a-Meriam Bailey	84-79-85-84—332
a-Mrs. Spalding	84-84-80-84—332
a-Mrs. J. P. Lee	87-83-84-81—335
a-Sally Carroll	88-86-85-82—341
Wanda Sanches	90-81-85-85—341
Barbara Rotvig	86-84-91-81—342
a-Phyllis Preuss	84-86-89-86—345
a-Mrs. Thompson	87-83-95-94—359
a-Margaret Watkins	88-86-105-88—367

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The winnings—Mickey Wright $1,800; Louise Suggs $1,200; Fay Crocker $800; Alice Bauer $650; Betty Jameson $500; Betsy Rawls $400; Wiffi Smith $325; Jackie Pung $325; Vonnie Colby $2,50; Patty Berg $250; Mary Lena Faulk $200; Beverly Hanson $200; Marlene Hagge $100; Kathy Cornelius $100; Joyce Ziske $100.

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Mickey Wright approaches 16th green in Saturday play.

Birmingham Trips Waterford Legion After Dropping 2

A no-hitter by a Berkley mound ace and too many bobbles against Southfield quashed Birmingham's hopes of taking over the lead in the 18th district Junior Legion baseball race last week. The local club, however, came through with a 6-3 win over Waterford Sunday to keep its record at the .500 mark.

Berkley was the first of three foes in three days Friday night and Al Krumm, speedy righthander, didn't allow Birmingham a single hit while his teammates chalked up 10 runs.

KRUMM FANNED 13 in the seven-inning stint. Only five Birmingham batsmen reached first, three on walks and two on errors. Just two went as far as second, one on a steal, the other on a passed ball.

John Wischman started for Birmingham at Berkley, pitched two-thirds of an inning and was tagged with the loss. Phil Isbell took over and survived until the seventh. George Didier finished on the mound.

Ten walks and five errors, added to five Berkley hits, two of them doubles, produced three runs in the first, three more in the second, single scores in the third and fourth and two more in the sixth.

JUST ONE INNING made the difference Saturday evening at Derby as Southfield trimmed Birmingham, 7-4.

Southfield picked up six runs in the first inning on four hits, three errors and a pair of walks.

Tim Springer went the route for Birmingham and gave up just one hit after the first inning, but his teammates couldn't catch up with the visitors.

Birmingham collected six hits off three Southfield hurlers and scored twice in the second and twice in the fourth. Wischman had two of the hits and drove in one run, Pat Devine sent two runners home with a second inning single and Gary Johnson also picked up an RBI.

JOHNSON SWITCHED from the infield to the pitcher's mound Sunday afternoon at Derby and turned in a four-hitter in the Birmingham win over Waterford.

Birmingham struck for four runs in the first inning on just one hit, John Horner, Bob Arnold, Didier and Devine scoring. Bob Hawkins picked up the safety, a single.

The fifth and sixth runs came in the fifth inning. Wischman and Hawkins scored, Larry Kelly driving Hawkins home with a double.

Birmingham collected six hits. Two Waterford pitchers struck out 12 Birmingham batters.

SOUTHFIELD HOLDS down first in the 18th district standings, but the outcome of two games is still in doubt. A tie with Milford will have to be replayed. A game with Clawson, won by Southfield, will have to be replayed from the fifth inning because of an upheld protest over an umpire's decision.

Birmingham	000	000	0	—	0	5
Berkley	331	120	x	—	10	5
Southfield	601	000	0	—	7	5
Birmingham	020	200	0	—	4	6
Waterford	100	020	000	—	3	4
Birmingham	400	020	00x	—	6	6

18th District Junior Legion

Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Southfield	4	0	1.000
Clawson	3	1	.750
Rochester	3	2	.600
BIRMINGHAM	3	3	.500
Milford	2	2	.500
Royal Oak	2	3	.400
Berkley	2	3	.400
Waterford	0	5	.000

Results

Clawson at Waterford, postponed rain.

Clawson 4, Berkley 0.

Southfield 8, Royal Oak 0.

Milford 4, Royal Oak 3 (10 innings).

Berkley 10, BIRMINGHAM 0.

Royal Oak at Berkley, postponed rain.

Southfield 7, BIRMINGHAM 4.

Southfield 4, Rochester 2.

Rochester at Milford, postponed rain.

BIRMINGHAM 6, Waterford 3.

Green Medalist In Jaycee Golf

Pete Green turned in a one-under-par 35-36—71 at Birmingham country club Monday for medalist honors in this city's annual Junior Chamber of Commerce golf tournament.

Green will head the five-man Birmingham contingent defending its state Jaycee championship Tuesday and Wednesday at Barton Hills country club, Ann Arbor.

THREE PLAYERS tied at 76 for runnerup honors Monday. Tom Grace defeated Gary Mouw and Bud Badger on the first hole of their sudden-death playoff with a birdie four.

Fifth member of the Birmingham team is Mike Jackson. He carded a 79.

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After looking through my tackle box the other evening I came to the conclusion that, with today's endless variety of lures, the poor fish doesn't stand a ghost of a chance against us (we) fishermen.

Our bait manufacturers, who must have imaginations on a par with the best science fiction writers, have designed lures to imitate just about every creature that could possibly be on a fish's menu—and then some.

And on top of that, they've painted these creatures every possible color, although I have my doubts if Mr. Black Bass gives a darn whether that thing he's chasing has blue polka dots or pink stripes and orange eyes.

Every single concoction, of course, is guaranteed to catch fish by the galore. They do catch one thing by the galore—fishermen.

THERE ARE LURES that pop and lures that burp. There are lures with spinners that churn the surface like a submarine and lures that zigzag just below the surface.

There are other lures with hula skirts and lures that chugga-chug like a bubble machine. There's another gem that crawls along with a sploosh, sploosh, sploosh.

That's no all. There are lures that float on their side like dead minnows, lures that look like mice, lures that look like frogs and some lures, I'd wager, which are designed not to catch fish but to scare them to death.

No one, though, has invented a lure to catch fish when the fish just aren't being caught.

BUT IF THE FISHIN' is goin' poorly, you might try the oversized popper that worked well for this fisherman opening day of bass season—that is if you like catching 15-pound snapping turtles.

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"This lady golfer's life is for me," Julie tells Marlene Bauer Hagge. "If only I can learn to play golf." Marlene tries to help.

Reporting Glamorous? Well, Let's Talk Golf

By JULIE CANDLER
Honorary Women's Sports Editor

There I was, out at Forest lake country club talking to the lady pros, when I said to myself, "This golf is for me." No more deadlines. No more empty pages staring back at me from the typewriter.

Just the warm sun smiling down on me as I mosey along the golf links.

The dawn came when I talked to pro golfers like Patty Berg. It was just before the beginning of the USGA Women's open. At 40, Patty says, "Golf to me is my hobby as well as my livelihood."

AFTER EIGHT years as an amateur and 18 years as a pro, freckle-faced Patty still loves the game.

And even she is impressed with the way the game's popularity is growing in recent years.

"Of course," said Pat Devany later, "Patty's the Bank of America of women golfers."

But even though she's not a big money maker like Patty, Pat Devany loves the golf game. Gloria Armstrong, another pro who isn't in the money after these days, agrees.

I SAT with Pat and Gloria as the two lunched at the club house. I was practically drooling, and it wasn't over the food.

It was over Pat and Gloria's description of the ladies' pro golf circuit. It starts in January, in all the warm plush resort spots like Florida where tourists pay $100 a day. To bask in the sunshine the girl golfers soak up for free.

Then the tournaments move northward with the sun, never braving a state like Michigan before June.

FOR TEN months this goes on, the girls moving northward from country club to country club for weekend tournaments, with sometimes a week's break in between.

"Last time we had a free week," said Gloria, "a bunch of us stayed in a motel down south. Somebody got out a Monopoly game, and we started a tournament that lasted all week. Everybody was kidding about who owed who when it was over."

And there's another point. As Patty Berg put it, "I think they're a wonderful group of girls."

AS FAR AS any feeling of competition among them, it's like Patty says, "If it's my turn to win, fine. If it isn't, let it go."

Pat Devany added, "There may be a few minor squabbles, but they're usually about some ridiculous little thing that's soon forgotten."

And now about vacations.

"We usually continue playing through about the middle of October," explained Patty.

This gives them only two and a half months vacation in which to rest up for the beginning of a new year of work.

This is living.

I PROMPTLY followed that golden-tanned redhead, Marlene Bauer Hagge, as she headed for the pro shop.

"There's only one trouble with my new plan," I said. "I don't know how to play golf."

Marlene stopped long enough to give me a good look at her lightweight men's woods, custom made for her.

I didn't learn much.

But who knows? Some day I, too, may stand surveying the green as the crowd surges around, and say, "Hand me my seven iron, please, caddy."

P. S. Note to Editor: I was only kidding, boss.

Detroiters Win Tam Tournaments

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bramson of Detroit turned in the low net, 78, in Tam O'Shanter country club's two-ball mixed foursome tourney last weekend. Low gross in the 18-hole event was 91, carded by the team Mrs. George Simons and Mrs. Sid Silverman, both of Detroit.

Irving Auslander, another Detroiter, won the club's veteran's tourney with a 36-hole net of 134. He had gross scores of 98 and 94 and a 29-stroke handicap.

Cop Championship

The unbeaten Hickory Grove Indians recorded their fifth victory, 16-6, Tuesday night to capture the Bloomfield Baseball league championship.

B'ham Invitational Tops July Golf Card

Birmingham country club's 14th annual invitational tournament tops this area's busy July golf schedule, which opened yesterday at Lakepointe with the state pro-amateur championship.

The big Birmingham meet July 17-20 is one of two key tourneys at the local course. The Detroit district father-son event is set for Birmingham July 22.

Also on the area's docket for the month is the semi-final and final rounds will be played July 20.

Plum Hollow will hold its mixed invitational July 12, two days before the start of the women's Michigan closed championship. The Southfield course will also be the site of the Michigan assistant pro championship, a 36-hole event July 21.

The Detroit District Golf association will hold its club director's event July 15 at Oakland Lake and its championship meet July 31-Aug. 3 at Detroit golf club.

The Women's District Golf association's junior district meet will be held July 21 at Dearborn country club.

OAKLAND HILLS, meanwhile, is the site of the metropolitan pro-am tourney July 28 and North Hills will host the Hearst national junior sectional qualifying July 28-29.

The Michigan PGA medal play championship is carded for July 26-27, with Sylvan Glen the site.

Other July events include the Black River invitational July 24-27 at Port Huron, the women's tri-city tournament July 30 at Lochmoor and the district, pro-junior event July 7 at Lakepointe.

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Just One Swing

The Eccentric's hole-in-one club has its second member and Ray West, Bloomfield township, has a dozen golf balls, an award from the Varsity Shop for his ace. Ray scored the hole-in-one in the recent Pine Lake invitational. It was his first ace in 25 years of golf. The 170-yard shot on the 20th hole in a sudden-death playoff gave Ray and his partner, Don Patrick, a win in their match.

Capacity Crowd Sees Show Windup

A capacity crowd saw the wind-up of the 41st annual Detroit Horse show at Bloomfield Open Hunt Sunday night, with the top title, the jumper championship, going to Illinois competitor Charles Denehy, riding Pill Box. Denehy was last year's top jumper.

The list of winners in the huge 78-class six-day affair:

Thursday Morning

Michigan Hunts Perpetual Junior Challenge Trophy—Jani Bugas.

Working Hunter Hack — Viscount (George Jayne).

Model Hunters—Portage (Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sifton).

Open Equitation over Jumps, 14 to 18 years—Gordie Reif.

Maiden Equitation—Maureen Mavold.

Open Equitation, 13 years and under —Peter Sauer.

Open Equitation, 14 to 18 years—Victoria Buchen.

Equitation over Jumps, 13 years and under—Anne Kreeger.

Thursday Afternoon

Working Hunters, Joan Coulson Memorial Trophy—Centurra (Patty Cascadyt).

Green Light Working Hunters—Heartstone (Ethel W. Flynn).

Hunters Ridden by Amateurs—Avon Girl (Linda Swanson).

Knock Down and Out—Pill Box (Charles Denehy Jr.).

FEI Jumpers, Junior Exhibitors—Sad Sack (Sue Wallace).

Lightweight Green Working Hunters—Check Mate (George Jayne).

Lightweight Green Hunters—Hapwood (Mr. and Mrs. John S. Pettibone).

Thursday Evening

Ladies Working Hunter.— Modoc (George Jayne).

Green Open Jumpers—Windsor Castle (Carl Miller Jr.).

Hunter Hacks—Duke of Peonian (Mr. and Mrs. John S. Pettibone).

HOH "Big Jumping Event", FEI Jumpers—Mountain Breeze (John Wallace).

Friday Morning

Lightweight Green Hunters—Hapwood (Mr. and Mrs. John S. Pettibone).

Middle and Heavyweight, Working Hunters—Gallery Lad (Mr. and Mrs. John S. Pettibone).

ASPCA Horsemanship—Joe Racine.

Green Novice Working Hunters—Blue Monday (Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Egan).

Green Novice Hunters—Sanno Hazard (Long Acre stables).

Green Working Hunter Hacks—Blue Monday (Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Egan).

Working Hunter Hacks, Junior Exhibitors—Son Imp (Waverly farms).

Michigan Bred Hunters, Shirell Memorial Trophy—Jolly Farmer (Mrs. J. A. Blackwood).

Advanced Open Equitation, Over Jumps, Hunting Seats—Sue Wallace.

Friday Afternoon

Lead Line Class, 6 years and under—Dina Woodington.

Working Hunter Appointments, Junior Exhibitor—Cat Boots (Marilyn Cole).

Green Knock Down and Out—Windsor Castle (Carl Miller).

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LL Titles to Buc, Oriole, Indian Nine

First half titles in Birmingham Little League play went to the Indians, Pirates and Orioles, with a playoff game needed to decide the matter in the Federal loop race.

The Orioles and White Sox wound up regular Federal play with identical 7-1 records, the Orioles winning the playoff affair, 3-2, with Bob Vibbert homering for the winners.

A 10-3 triumph over the Senators gave the Athletics third place in the Federal standings. Barry Byrne had four hits in four trips to the plate for the A's.

The Red Sox and Yankees won their final tilts and wound up in a tie for second behind the American league champion Indians, unbeaten in eight outings. The Yankees trimmed the Tigers, 6-4, and the Red Sox eked out an 8-7 victory over the Jets.

THE GIANTS were victorious in their final two starts, 10-2 over the Cubs and 7-5 over the Cardinals, to cop second behind the Pirates in the National league.

Terry Heydon hurled a near perfect game as the Orioles dumped the Senators, 5-0, in their final regular game of the first half. Heydon faced just 19 batters, allowing no hits and fanning 13. He helped his own cause with a homer and a pair of singles.

Second half action last week an eight-inning National league thriller between the Pirates and Cardinals. Six Pirate runs in the top of the eighth broke a 1-1 deadlock and gave the first-half champs a 7-1 victory. Bob Roberger, Cardinal hurler, had held the Pirates to one hit, a home run by Doug Gipson, for six innings.

HERE ARE the leading batsmen for the first half season in the three major leagues (14 or more times at bat):

National

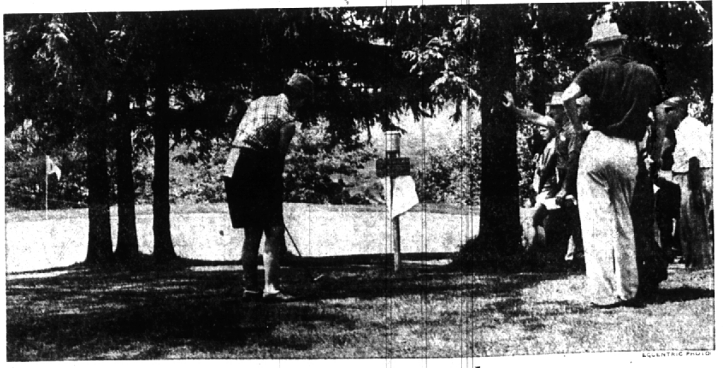
Hopwood (Pirates) .571; Buckaby (Giants) .542; Gipson (Pirates) .518; Crawford (Giants) .500; Peckham (Braves) .458; Roberger (Cardinals) .458; O'Hara (Cubs) .455; Jacobson (Braves) .341; Giles (Dodgers) .333; Nichols (Giants) .368; Wojeski (Cardinals) .364; Kaufman (Cardinals) .360; Hubbard (Pirates) .346; Windler (Cardinals) .333; Kennedy, R. (Braves) .318; Patton (Cubs) .305; Cheney, J. (Giants) .286; Petit (Cubs) .286; Wallace (Cubs) .263; Martin (Cubs) .238; Thornberry (Dodgers) .235; Wisniewski (Giants) .235; Stumpf (Dodgers) .231.

American

Hatton (Phillies) .579; T. Angell (Yankees) .526; Anderson (Jets) .500; Piliou (Tigers) .450; Oatman (Indians) .416; Owens (Tigers) .400; Horner (Indians) .381; Kalocsay (Indians) .363; Ulrich (Indians) .362; R. Heavenrich (Red Sox) .347; Egger (Red Sox) .318; Downey (Yankees) .318; Gleason (Tigers) .312; Mosher (Indians) .307; Kerr Red Sox) .304; McLaney (Phillies) .272; Frohberg (Red Sox) .267; Case (Jets) .263; Fleming (Yankees) .235; Conlan (Yankees) .235; Heft (Yankees) .235; MacDonald (Red Sox) .213; Savage (Indians) .210; Martin (Indians) .210.

Federal

Davis (White Sox) .625; Seeburger (Orioles) .578; Brandt (White Sox) .556; Lynch (Seals) .529; Sheppard (Athletics) .524; Bryne Athletics) .520; Heydon (Orioles) .500; Snyder (Athletics) .500; Garrison (Senators) .454; Pearn Seals) .450; Rapp (Madhens) .423; Roofner (Athletics) .421; Kokonas (Orioles) .416; Ruggles (Madhens) .416; Black (Seals) .409; Whitehouse (Senators) .391; Mitchell (White Sox) .385; Kwasny (White Sox) .333; Mattson (White Sox) .333; Meyer (Madhens) .333; Sonnefeld (Seals) .325; Lenker (Athletics) .316; Smith (Seals) .315; Redder (Orioles) .307; Clark (Senators) .300.



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Troublesome 17th

Forest Lake's 17th hole proved plenty troublesome for a good many of the country's top women golfers touring the layout last weekend in the USGA Women's Open. This clump of pines to the east of the green and a steep downhill slope to the west were just two of the hazards. Louise Suggs, the open runnerup, chips through the trees Saturday morning after her drive went astray. Alice Bauer sank a chip for a birdie two from almost the same spot about an hour earlier. Mickey Wright, who dropped her 17th drive into a place where sod had been removed, had to wait 10 minutes for a decision by USGA officials on the unplayable lie.