

# MISS MICKEY WRIGHT ADDS OPEN TO PGA TITLE

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This will be a year to remember in women's professional golf, largely because of the doings of Miss Mickey Wright.

She has won the big double—the USGA Women's Open and the Ladies' PGA Championships. In them she has made the remarkable scores of 290 and 288, respectively. Consider it again—two over 4s for 144 holes of the two national championships.

Her 290 was a new record for the USGA event; the old one was 291 by Mrs. George (Babe Didrikson) Zaharias four years ago. Mickey Wright's score this year was two under par for the Forest Lake Country Club, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

It is an easy matter to continue in statistical ecstasies about Miss Wright's play in the Open. She led at the end of every round, playing them in 74-72-70-74, against par of 73. She did not have a 6 on any hole. She won by five strokes.

Miss Wright is the youngest holder of the USGA Women's Open title—she was 23 last Valentine's Day. She is a prodigious hitter, having won a number of driving contests; she is said to average better than 230 yards off the tee.

Mickey Wright used to be Mary Kathryn Wright when she first appeared in national competition. In 1950, three years after starting golf, she came from her native San Diego to be runner-up in the USGA Girls' Junior Championship at Buffalo. Two years later she won that title.

She earned another USGA medal in being low amateur in the 1954 Women's Open, and yet another later that year in being runner-up for the Women's Amateur Championship.

Then she debated between studying medicine and becoming a professional golfer; the decision was made in November of 1954.

Miss Wright is a lovely young lady—tall (5 feet 8½ inches), blonde, and affable. The USGA Women's Open Cham-

pionship is in very capable and charming hands.

## Miss Fay Crocker's Record 68

Miss Louise Suggs was the runner-up at Forest Lake with 295, thanks to a closing 71. Next came Miss Fay Crocker with 297, followed by Miss Alice Bauer, 300.

Miss Crocker, the Champion in 1955, created a new single-round record of 68



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Miss Fay Crocker set a new record with a 68 in the second round.

for the USGA Open. She had seven birdies. The previous low figure was 71, made by a number of players, as follows: Miss Patty Berg in both 1953 and 1955; Mrs. Zaharias in 1954; Miss Crocker and Miss Barbara McIntire, amateur, in 1956.

Miss Crocker's record 68 as compared with par reads:

Par, out	4 4 3 4 5 5 5 3 4	37
Miss Crocker, out	4 3 2 5 6 4 4 3 4	35
Par, in	3 4 4 4 4 4 5 3 5	36-73
Miss Crocker, in	3 4 3 4 4 4 4 3 4	33-68

Miss Crocker's 68 at Forest Lake came in the second round and put her within one stroke of Miss Wright at the 36-hole juncture. But Miss Wright picked up six strokes in the third round with a 70.

Low amateur honors went to Miss Anne Quast, of Marysville, Wash., whose 307 tied her for eleventh place in the Cham-



Miss Mickey Wright's winning aggregate of 290 bettered the record set by Mrs. George Zaharias in 1954 by one stroke.

### Miss Wright's Record 290

Hole	Yards	Par	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	320	4	4	4	3	4
2	315	4	4	4	5	4
3	175	3	3	3	3	4
4	400	4	4	4	4	4
5	535	5	5	5	5	5
6	420	5	5	4	4	4
7	435	5	5	5	4	5
8	170	3	5	3	3	3
9	355	4	4	5	3	5
Out	3,125	37	39	37	34	38
10	140	3	2	3	4	3
11	365	4	5	4	4	4
12	355	4	3	4	3	4
13	395	4	4	4	4	4
14	325	4	3	4	4	4
15	370	4	4	3	4	3
16	485	5	5	5	5	5
17	200	3	4	4	4	4
18	480	5	5	4	4	5
In	3,115	36	35	35	36	36
Totals	6,240	73	74	72	70	74

pionship. Miss Quast, a Stanford student, had earlier won first amateur honors in the Women's Western Open.

Second amateur at Forest Lake was Miss Barbara McIntire with 312, and third was Mrs. Paul Dye, Jr.

Total prize money for professionals was \$7,200; the winner's share was \$1,800. Forest Lake's committees were most hospitable; the General Chairman was Blaine Eynon, with Mrs. Virgil Boyd as Co-Chairman.

Here is how the leaders stood after each round:

18 Holes		36 Holes	
Miss Mickey Wright	74	Miss Mickey Wright	146
Mrs. Jacqueline Pung	75	Miss Fay Crocker	147
Miss Louise Suggs	75	Miss Louise Suggs	149
Miss Betty Jameson	75	Mrs. Jacqueline Pung	152
Miss Alice Bauer	76	Miss Vonnie Colby	153
Mrs. Marlene Hagge	76	Miss Alice Bauer	153
Miss Vonnie Colby	77	Miss Kathy Cornelius	154
Miss JoAnn Prentice	78	*Miss Anne Quast	155
Miss Patty Berg	78	Miss Mary Lena Faulk	155
Miss Joyce Ziske	78	Miss Betty Jameson	155
		Mrs. Marlene Hagge	155
54 Holes		72 Holes	
Miss Mickey Wright	216	Miss Mickey Wright	290
Miss Fay Crocker	223	Miss Louise Suggs	295
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Miss Alice Bauer	228	Miss Alice Bauer	300
Miss Vonnie Colby	228	Miss Betty Jameson	303
Mrs. Jacqueline Pung	229	Miss Betsy Rawls	304
Miss Betty Jameson	229	Miss Wiffi Smith	305
Miss Wiffi Smith	230	Mrs. Jacqueline Pung	305
*Miss Anne Quast	231	Miss Vonnie Colby	306
Miss Beverly Hanson	231	Miss Patty Berg	306
Mrs. Marlene Hagge	231	*Miss Anne Quast	307
Mrs. Kathy Cornelius	231	Miss Mary Lena Faulk	307
		Miss Beverly Hanson	307

\* Amateur.