

"GUESS WHAT?"

"I WON THE OPEN"

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"Hello, honey.

"Guess what.

"I just won the Open.

"Are you still there?"

The speaker was Mrs. Murle MacKenzie Lindstrom. Holding the telephone receiver on the other end was her husband, Fred, who was home minding the store at the Cape Girardeau Country Club in Missouri where he is the professional.

Fred's wife, calling from the press headquarters at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, S. C., on June 30, had achieved the grandest upset in the 10-year history of the USGA Women's Open Championship by tapping in a short putt on the 72nd green for a 72-hole total of 301.

Mrs. Lindstrom, who had never won a professional tournament before, entered the Women's Open with the intention of making it her last competition of 1962. She planned to return home to celebrate her first wedding anniversary on July 3 and then to settle down to the job of assistant professional to Fred Lindstrom.

An outstanding high school athlete in St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. Lindstrom has been a professional since 1956. She was regarded around St. Petersburg as something of a prodigy both as a golfer and as a second-baseman on girl's softball teams.

Her triumph in the 1962 Women's Open was a paragon of consistency. With the exception of the 550-yard 13th hole, Mrs. Lindstrom recorded no score higher than 5 on any hole — a feat unmatched by any other player in a field of 67.

"A Funny Feeling"

Five strokes behind entering the last round, Mrs. Lindstrom said she

first became aware of the proximity of victory while walking down the 10th fairway after playing the first nine in par 36. "It gave me a funny feeling in my stomach."

Her reaction was to birdie the 10th and then to lose only one stroke to par for the next seven holes despite the annoyance of a persistent rain. She scored 5, one over par, on the last hole to finish two strokes ahead of her closest pursuers, Miss Ruth Jessen and Miss JoAnn Prentice.

The Champion's rounds were 78, 74, 76 and 73. Her deficits were six, four and five strokes after each of the first three rounds.

The Dunes course, measured at 6,400 yards for the Women's Open, was expected to be a stringent test for the women even during serene weather. High winds, however, confronted the field for three rounds. Some contenders welcomed the rain during the fourth round as a pleasant alternative to the wind which presented grave tactical problems on many holes, particularly those on which water is a factor.

No account of a tournament at the Dunes course would be complete without some mention of the 13th, aptly named "Waterloo", and surely the most demanding of the water holes. To begin, it requires that a player place an accurate tee shot in a zone bounded by a lake to the right and a ditch to the left.

When this is accomplished the player must then determine how much of the lake he can carry en route to the green — a route which bends sharply to the right. The more water traversed, the shorter the third shot will be.

"Waterloo" took a terrible toll dur-



Mrs. Murle MacKenzie Lindstrom, left foreground, receives applause of officials and players as she accepts first place check and trophy after winning USGA Women's Open Championship at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, S. C. Mrs. Henri Prunaret, Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee, partially hidden by microphone, makes presentation.

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ing the Women's Open. During the first round it yielded up but eight pars and one birdie from among the 68 starters. The birdie, the only one at No. 13 during the entire tournament, was made by Mrs. Helen Sigel Wilson, of Philadelphia, an amateur, who was forced to withdraw after the first round because of illness.

Even Miss Mickey Wright, whose normal approach to par-5 holes is that of a hungry lioness happening upon a gimp antelope, was not able to cope with No. 13. She recorded scores of 6, 5, 6 and 7 there. Last year Miss Wright's cumulative total for Baltusrol's par-5 holes was 7 under par.

81 Stops Mickey

Miss Wright, who hoped to become the first four-time winner of the USGA

Women's Open, seemed ideally placed to just do that after 36 holes, when she was tied with Miss Jessen at 148. On Saturday morning, however, she soared to 81 and then made 77 in the afternoon to conclude with 306, in a tie for fourth place with Miss Louise Suggs.

Miss Jessen, the first-round leader with 72, tied for the lead after 36, and again was the sole leader after 54 holes with 223. She relinquished her advantage to Mrs. Lindstrom on the final nine. She, too, came to grief at No. 13 with 7 when 5 would again have tied her for the lead.

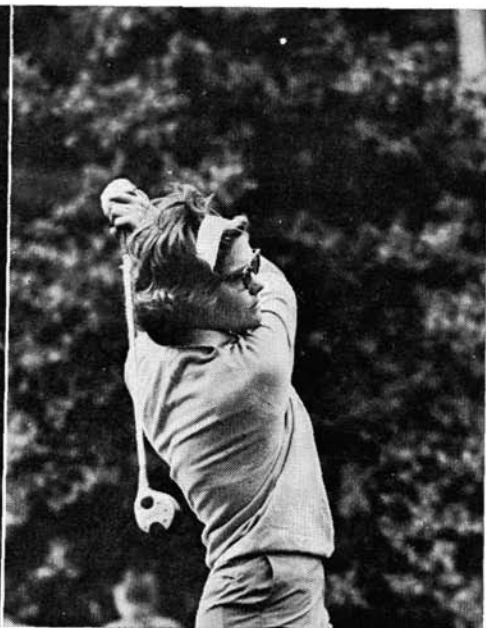
Miss Prentice who, like Mrs. Lindstrom had never won professionally, approached the final nine with a one-stroke edge over both Mrs. Lindstrom and Miss Jessen but then lost one stroke to par on four of the final nine

Mrs. Lindstrom's hole-by-hole scores, with par:

Par	4 4 5	4 3 4	4 5 3	36	4 4 3	5 4 5	4 3 4	36-72
1st	4 5 5	4 4 4	5 5 3	39	4 5 3	7 5 4	4 3 4	39-78
2nd	4 5 5	4 2 5	3 5 4	37	4 5 4	5 4 4	4 3 4	37-74
3rd	5 4 5	5 3 4	4 5 4	39	4 4 2	6 5 5	4 3 4	37-76
4th	5 4 4	4 3 4	3 5 4	36	3 5 2	6 4 5	4 3 5	37-73



RUTH JESSEN



JO ANN PRENTICE

Photos by James Drake

holes to lose her chance.

Miss Suggs, whose first-round score was 80, played commendably thereafter with rounds of 77, 74 and 75. By doing so she continued her record of being the only player to finish in the leading ten ever since the USGA adopted sponsorship of the tournament in 1953.

The purse for the winner was \$1,800. Miss Jessen and Miss Prentice both won \$1,000. Miss Wright and Miss Suggs earned \$575 each. In all, there were 18 money prizes awarded totaling \$8,000.

Gunderson Low Amateur

Miss JoAnne Gunderson, the Women's Amateur Champion in 1957 and 1960, was the low amateur at 313. Second among the amateurs was Miss Clifford Ann Creed, of Alexandria, La. Her score was 316. Miss Mary Anne Lopez, of Miami, Fla., and Miss Nancy Roth, of Hollywood, Fla., tied as third low amateurs with totals of 220.

The tournament marked the first

national Championship at the Dunes Club which has been in existence only since 1949. It is unquestionably a test that would serve well as the site for any Championship.

The USGA is indebted to the members of the Dunes Club for the hospitality accorded the players and members of the Women's Committee. The General Chairman was G. W. (Buster) Bryan. The USGA records its gratitude to him, to the committee chairmen, to Jimmy D'Angelo, the professional, and to Ken Hill, the course superintendent.

Round-by-round scores of leaders with 72-hole totals:

Mrs. Murle Lindstrom	78-74-76-73—301
Miss Ruth Jessen	72-76-75-80—303
Miss JoAnn Prentice	75-77-73-78—303
Miss Louise Suggs	80-77-74-75—306
Miss Mickey Wright	75-73-81-77—306
Miss Shirley Englehorn	81-72-79-75—307
Miss Mary Lena Faulk	78-74-78-77—307
Mrs. M. Bauer Hagge	76-75-81-76—308
Miss Shirley G. Spork	77-77-79-75—308
Miss Mary Mills	78-79-77-75—309
Miss Kathy Whitworth	80-78-73-78—309