

# Elizabeth Hicks Drops Match

CHICAGO, June 30 (AP).—Elizabeth Hicks, who won the duration National Amateur championship in 1941, beat herself Wednesday in the Women's Western Open Golf Tournament on the nineteenth hole of her quarterfinal match with Dorothy Kirby.

The petite pro of Long Beach, Cal., tried a five-foot putt for a win but the ball stopped six inches from the cup. In a moment of irritation, she knocked her ball off the green.

Going to the twentieth tee, she remarked to Mrs. Charles Dennehy, official referee of the match, that "I don't believe my six-inch putt was conceded by Miss Kirby. Guess I lost the hole."

Miss Kirby, Atlanta, Ga., star who had dropped a 12-foot putt for a birdie on the eighteenth to square the match, said she didn't remember if she conceded the putt or not.

"I don't want to win by a technicality and I'll give her the putt now," insisted Miss Kirby.

Referee Dennehy had no alternative but to award the decisive hole to Miss Kirby under rules of match play which make it imperative for each putt to be holed out unless definitely conceded on the green.

Advancing with Miss Kirby to Thursday's 18-hole semifinal round were Patty Berg, winner of the national title in 1938 and the Western Open in 1940, and two brilliant newcomers from the East, Catherine Fox of Glen Ridge, N. J., and Dorothy Germain of Philadelphia.