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The seventeen-year-old player of Portland, Oregon, who eliminated George Von Elm in the California Amateur

Golf on the Coast

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Two of the very best women golfers in the United States, one the present and the other a former National champion, hooked up in a final battle for the Annual Pebble Beach Women's championship, and it was the National champion who bowed to defeat. Miss Marion Hollins, National champion in 1921, defeated Mrs. Miriam Burns Horn, the present champion, on the twentieth hole.

For years to come there will be a debate over the results of this duel. The many who considered Miss Hollins lucky to win will probably never change their mind. Neither will those who contend that the breaks are not always evenly divided and anyone who can hold a National champion even for eighteen holes and then go on and win, deserves victory even though it may have been the immediate result of a topped brassie shot. If Miss Hollins had not been the powerful player she is, that topped brassie would never have made the green on the 20th hole, giving her a par 4 and victory when Mrs. Horn took a 5.

This was the fifth win of the Pebble Beach trophy for Miss Hollins. She does not play much golf by reason of being such an industrious real estate salesman on the Monterey Peninsula, but she does take off enough time to play in this particular event. Only once has she failed to win it. Ever since Miss Hollins reached the final of the National Women's championship fifteen years ago, she has been a strong match player. Although she defeated Alexa Stirling in 1921 for the National crown, her friends do not consider that this was necessarily the peak of her game. The soundness of her strokes and her excellent golfing disposition must be acknowledged when one considers how little she plays but how well.

There was a marked difference in personalities in the qualifying round and in the final of this year's Pebble Beach championship. Miss Hollins and Mrs. Horn qualified together, and although Miss Hollins knew the Monterey Peninsula course and its tricky sand dunes thoroughly, she was able to turn in a card no lower than 82. Mrs. Horn, who had only had a couple of practice rounds over the course, was medalist by six strokes with her brilliant 74. From then on both the former and present National champions waded through their op-

ponents with comparative ease until they met again in the final. Then it was that the contrast in their personalities was most conspicuous to the huge gallery, some of whom travelled hundreds of miles to witness this clash of fair combatants. Miss Hollins calm, deliberate, unruffled; Mrs. Horn quick-moving, animated and giving the appearance to some extent of being nervous. Miss Hollins outdrove her opponent from the tee on nearly every hole (she hits a wood shot as far as an ordinary good man player) and Miss Hollins held her own in putting. Her steady nerves kept her in the game until the final break which gave her victory.

Mrs. Horn was the favorite and played the more spectacular game, and appeared to have the match won more than once. Had Miss Hollins shown any tendency to blow up, the match would have ended long before it did. The present titleholder was out in front until the very end. She was 2 up and 3 to go at the 16th tee; her own errors cost her the 16th. Miss Hollins won the 17th with a beautiful spoon shot. Both took 6's on the 18th, but Mrs. Horn's was due to an interference on the part of the gallery. The 19th was a jumble of errors for both and on the next hole the famous topped brassie brought the contest to a close. The medal scores were 87 and 90 in favor of Miss Hollins for the twenty holes played. Mrs. Horn states that it is her intention to live in California.

The only other golfing event of general interest around the Bay Cities during February was the Lincoln Park Municipal championship. In the finals George Studinger defeated George Ritchie, present Northern California champion, by the score of 4 and 3.

San Francisco is still debating whether or no they will stage an Open tournament for the exhibition professions next winter. One plan which has met with considerable favor, is that the city of San Francisco put its Harding Park Municipal course in first class championship shape and turn it over to the pros for an Open tournament, which they themselves would be expected for the main part to arrange. A subscription list passed in their behalf would undoubtedly result in quite a sizable purse.