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## Miss Fordyce Takes Title From Miss Collett

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**A** NEW North and South champion for women was crowned for the season of 1926 at the conclusion of the 18-holes final played over the No. 3 course on Tuesday last. Miss Louise Fordyce, of Youngstown, Ohio, carried away the laurel wreath of victory, snatching it from the expectant hands of the favorite and so worthy a contender as the reigning champion of these United States, Miss Glenna Collett, of Providence, Rhode Island, by the tender margin of 2 up and 1 to play.

The newly made champion won the title worthily and on the merits of her game, for she not only outplayed the national champion but she returned a very respectable medal card approximating 82 which is the bogey for the course. Here are the cards:

Miss Fordyce

Out 4 5 5 4 4 3 5 5 5—40

In 5 4 5 5 5 4 4 6 x

Miss Collett

Out 4 4 5 5 3 4 4 6 5—40

In 7 5 5 4 5 6 4 6 x

An intermittent rain fell during the final round but it did not deter

a gallery of a thousand or more of wildly enthusiastic golfers from hurtling over the rolling terrain in the wake of the fair contestants. In this gallery were champions of every grade and variety, even including one who has often been hailed as the champion of the world. And this same champion, Walter Hagen by name, we saw peeping through the human interstices in humble fashion much like a small boy stationed at a convenient knot-hole at a world's series baseball game.

### CHAMPIONS IN THE GALLERY

And there were other champions, and golfers galore from all parts of the world, rushing hither and thither to points of vantage, and there was also the familiar clarion call of "fore," which we have heard, for these many years at national championships—a warning call which by common consent is passing in popularity.



Miss Louise Fordyce, Ohio State Champion and runner-up to Miss Collett in the North and South event in 1924, was more successful this year and defeated the National Champion on the seventeenth green, thereby retaining for the West the title won last year by Mrs. Melvin Jones, of Chicago.

Miss Collett, in the final, was not the champion of the qualifying round when she took the medal with a record 77 through the display of a flawless brand of golf. In the final she was licked through her own sins of commission, for she missed shots through the fairway at the tenth, eleventh, and fifteenth holes which in each instance cost the hole, and in the end the match.

Miss Collett was noticeably ill at ease after she left the tee at the turn until the end came at the seventeenth green. She got poor value from a hanging lie second on the 365-yard tenth, and the ball found the guarding water hazard below. She essayed a full wood second shot on the 419-yard eleventh—rather into the teeth of the mild breeze—and missed it badly, overreaching the ball and scalping to the rough. Her tee shot on the dog-leg, upgrade 340-yard thirteenth was half topped, but the ball ran well, and then she showed her appreciation by playing a magnificent spoon shot to within five feet of the cup. The champion was two down at the time, and this great shot helped.

She didn't need to hole a 3 for Miss Fordyce had pulled her iron second to the sand trap near the green and could do no better than 5.

The finalists hashed the 138-yard pond hole, naiving it in 5. Miss Collett played a really lovely iron shot dead on the pin here but it proved a bit too strong and the ball ran to the trap behind the green. Miss Fordyce pulled to the left bunker. Miss Collett, away, failed to get out in her first attempt and was not pleased, taking a good healthy swing at the ozone as she stood in the sand. Miss Fordyce let the champion in on the halve by also failing to get out in her first try.

### THE DECISIVE SHOT

Miss Fordyce really won the title on the over the hill and far away 371-yard fifteenth, aided and abetted by Miss Col-

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