

FIRST WOMAN OLYMPIC
CHAMPION IN HISTORY

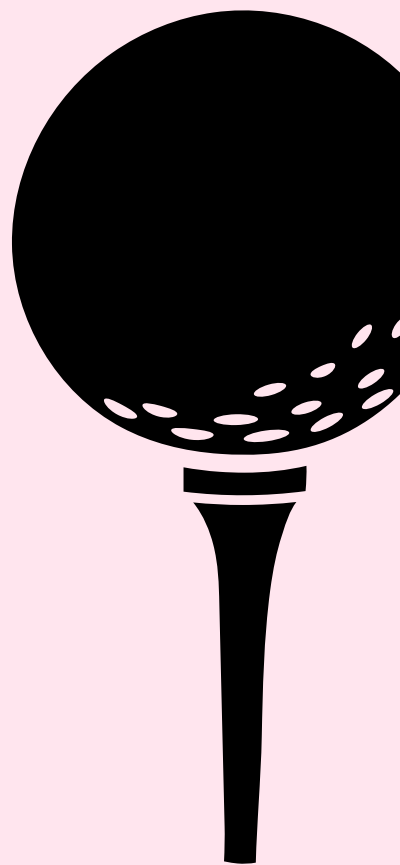



MARGGARET


ABBOTT

BIOGRAPHY

- Born on June 15th, 1878 in Calcutta.
- Daughter of the writer Mary Perkins Abbott.
- She studied art in the French capital.
- Thanks to the cultural context in which she had grown up and which she regularly attended, she had the opportunity to play golf.



GOLF

- Golf was a sport in which she excelled and she won numerous competitions in America.
- In 1900 she read a newspaper where they were looking for players for a tournament. He signed up and convinced some French friends to do the same.
- She was not aware that she would participate in the first women's Olympic competition.
- In 1896 only men participated, but then the competitions of golf, tennis and croquet were opened and women had the possibility to participate.



Margaret's passion

- She started when she was young.
- Influenced by her mother.
- Her love for this sport grew in a family environment.
- The combination of skill, patience, and perseverance required by golf was what she enjoyed the most about the sport.

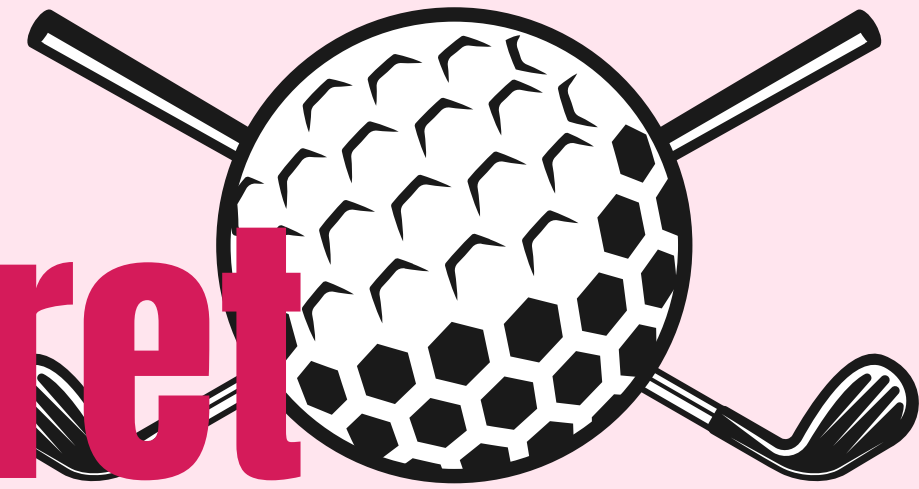


1900 Olympics

- In 1900 the Olympic Games were held in Paris.
- The games included a wide variety of sports and the event was less organized.
- The women golf competition was held at the Sporting Club de Paris and only 10 women participated.
- Margaret Abbott won with a score of 47.
- Many athletes, including Margaret, did not realize they were participating in the Olympic Games.



No medal For Margaret



- The prize was a porcelain bowl, the ugliest prize in sports history.
- Medals were not intended for women because they had to be rewarded with decorative objects for the house.
- Pierre de Coubertin (the founder of Olympic games) was not in favour of women's participation at the Olympics, considering them inferior.
- Margaret died in 1955, without knowing that she had won an Olympic title.
- Margaret was the first woman winner of the Olympic Games, she was the Champion who paved the way for women emancipation in the world of sports.



Why was Margaret Abbott important in sport?



- This achievement remained unique for a long time, as golf was not regularly included in the Olympics until 2016.
- Her story is now a symbol of determination and progress for women in sports.

