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## THE TRI-CITY TEAM MATCHES

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INTEREST in this annual event was increased very decidedly this year, because the afternoon play consisted of foursomes and not four-ball matches. The decision to settle the question of supremacy in this way had only been arrived at after considerable diffidence on the part of the New York players, and the success of the experiment was felt to be doubtful. Even now we have only contradictory opinions. A writer in one of the leading Metropolitan papers made the announcement that everyone was pleased with the experiment and that New York golfers were unanimously in favor of the foursome. It is probable that this was a premature expression of opinion, for we have since been hearing from some of those who played at Brookline and they do not talk this way. Mr. Travis is quoted as saying: "My ideas on the matter are the same as they have always been,—most decidedly in favor of the four-ball. The latter is better golf in every way. It is more sociable, less exact-

ing, and more enjoyable. Golf consists of playing your own ball from tee to hole, which is possible at the four-ball style. The other is a hybrid."

It is permissible to differ with Mr. Travis as to the four-ball match being more sociable and more enjoyable. This is purely a matter of individual opinion and is largely a question of temperament. To the writer, there is very slight enjoyment from a golfing point of view, in a four-ball match, and it is not understandable how it can be more sociable. Again, "golf does not consist in playing your own ball from tee to hole." According to the rules "the game of golf is played by two sides, each playing its own ball. A side consists of one or two players." As a matter of fact it is the four-ball match which is not recognized in the definition of the game of golf. It is difficult to see why the foursome is peculiarly un-American, as one player expressed it, seeing that the game itself is entirely an exotic. It is true you do not get so much for your

money, as you do only half the work, but then according to Mr. Travis, it is more exacting; in other words, more strenuous, and this of itself, if true, ought to appeal to our golfers. But after all, what is the good of dogmatizing? The foursome will make its way on its merits, if at all, and no amount of argument will convince a player of its advantages if he prefers some other form of the game.

The New York team were decided favorites. New York had won the two previous matches at Garden City in 1905, and last year at Merion. It was a strong Metropolitan aggregation that went to Brookline, and might well have been stronger, the omission of Max Behr, to name only one golfer of prominence, being somewhat inexplicable. Philadelphia also, considering the limited area from which to choose, was well represented, and Boston had never been so strongly represented. The prediction was that Boston would beat Philadelphia and that New York would win in the final. This was not realized, for though the Boston and Quaker City golfers broke even in the singles they were badly beaten in the foursomes, being hoist with their own petard, for it was their action that caused foursomes to be played. One of the best matches was that between Dr. Carr and Whittemore, the strongest player probably in the Country Club, and the Philadelphian won on the twentieth green. Lockwood, who has not had much success this season, was beaten by Tillinghast by 2 and 1. There was a brilliant foursome between McFarland and Carr against Anderson, the Massachusetts State Champion, and Whittemore. The Philadelphia pair played the course in 76, a foursome

record, but their opponents squared the match on the eighteenth green and won the match at the nineteenth. The summary of the play follows:

MATCH PLAY SINGLES.

Philadelphia—	Boston—
H. M. McFarland..... 0	J. G. Anderson..... 1
Dr. Simon Carr..... 1	P. W. Whittemore... 0
H. W. Perrin..... 0	J. G. Thorp..... 1
A. W. Tillinghast... 1	A. G. Lockwood..... 0
J. P. Edwards..... 0	R. Kimball..... 1
E. A. Service..... 1	H. R. Johnstone.... 0
J. L. Alcorn..... 1	G. H. Crocker..... 0
W. G. Pfeil..... 1	T. Briggs..... 0
J. S. Castner..... 0	M. Stanton..... 1
H. M. Clements..... 0	T. G. Stevenson..... 1
Total..... 5	Total..... 5

Anderson beat McFarland, 1 up; Dr. Carr beat Whittemore, 1 up (twenty holes); Thorp beat Perrin, 5 up and 3 to play; Tillinghast beat Lockwood, 2 up and 1 to play; Kimball beat Edwards, 2 up; Service beat Johnstone, 1 up; Alcorn beat Crocker, 4 up and 3 to play; Pfeil beat Briggs, 1 up (nineteen holes); Stanton beat Castner, 4 up and 3 to play; Stevenson beat Clements, 3 up and 2 to play.

MATCH PLAY FOURSOMES.

Philadelphia—	Boston—
McFarland and Carr. 1	Anderson and Whittemore ..... 0
Perrin and Tillinghast 1	Briggs and Wilder... 0
Edwards and Alcorn.. 1	Thorp and Johnstone. 0
Pfeil and Service.... 1	Kimball and Lockwood 0
Castner and Clements 0	Stanton and Crocker. 1
Total..... 4	Total..... 1

Total scores—Philadelphia, 9; Boston, 6.

McFarland and Carr beat Anderson and Whittemore, 1 up (nineteen holes); Perrin and Tillinghast beat Briggs and Wilder, 2 up; Edwards and Alcorn beat Thorp and Johnstone, 1 up; Pfeil and Service beat Kimball and Lockwood, 3 up and 2 to play; Stanton and Crocker beat Castner and Clements, 7 up and 6 to play.

Philadelphia went down to utter defeat in the final, not winning one foursome and only two singles. From a scoring point of view there was nothing remarkable in the singles, the strong northeast wind and somewhat sticky greens militating against good



THE PHILADELPHIA TEAM

cards. Travers, who played against McFarland, the Philadelphia champion, had 84 to his opponent's 85. The amateur champion lost his ball at the seventeenth. In the foursomes Arden M. Robbins and M. Whitlatch took the places of Peters and Herreshoff, the latter having a strained knee-cap. The amateur champion and the runner-up, Graham, drew a large gallery in the foursomes, and won their match easily. The cards of the foursome matches:

John M. Ward and Findlay S. Douglas—									
Out.....	5	3	5	4	3	5	3	6	3—37
In.....	3	5	5	4	5	5	4	5	4—40—77
J. P. Edwards and J. S. Alcorn—									
Out.....	4	3	3	5	3	5	5	6	5—39
In.....	4	6	5	4	5	5	3	5	5—42—81
Jerome D. Travers and Archie Graham—									
Out.....	5	4	5	4	3	5	5	6	4—41
In.....	4	4	6	4	5	4			
Dr. Carr and H. McFarland—									
Out.....	5	4	4	5	3	6	5	6	4—42
In.....	3	5	7	4	6	5			

Robert Abbott and A. M. Robbins—									
Out.....	5	4	4	5	3	5	4	4	4—38
In.....	3	5	4	4	5	5	3		
E. A. Service and W. G. Pfeil—									
Out.....	5	4	5	4	2	6	4	4	5—39
In.....	4	5	5	4	5	4	4		
Archie Reid and Marshall Whitlatch—									
Out.....	4	3	4	4	5	5	5	6	3—39
In.....	3	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	5—38—77
R. Kimball and H. M. Clements—									
Out.....	6	4	5	6	3	5	5	5	5—44
In.....	4	4	5	7	6	6	4	5	5—46—90
Walter J. Travis and George T. Brokaw—									
Out.....	5	3	5	4	3	5	5	5	4—39
In.....	3	4	4	4	6	5	3		
H. W. Perrin and A. W. Tillinghast—									
Out.....	6	4	4	4	3	6	4	6	4—41
In.....	3	5	5	5	5	4	3		

The summary:

SINGLES.

New York—		Philadelphia—	
Herreshoff .....	0	Service (2 and 1)....	1
Peters .....	0	Alcorn (2 and 1)....	1
Reid (4 and 3).....	1	Pfeil .....	0
Ward (2 and 1).....	1	Kimball .....	0
Brokaw (5 and 3)....	1	Clements .....	0
Travers (1 up).....	1	McFarland .....	0
Douglas (2 and 1)....	1	Dr. Carr.....	0
Travis (4 and 2)....	1	Perrin .....	0
Graham (5 and 4)....	1	Tillinghast .....	0
Abbott (1 up).....	1	Edwards .....	0
Totals.....	8		2



THE BOSTON TEAM

FOURSOMES.

J. M. Ward and F. S. Douglas (2 and 1).....	1	J. P. Edwards and J. S. Alcorn.....	0
J. D. Travers and A. Graham (4 and 3).....	1	Dr. Carr and H. McFarland .....	0
R. Abbott and A. M. Robbins (3 and 2).....	1	E. A. Service and W. G. Pfeil.....	0
A. Reid and Marshall Whitlatch (6 and 5).....	1	Kimball and H. M. Clements .....	0
W. J. Travis and Geo. T. Brokaw (3 and 2).....	1	H. W. Perrin and A. W. Tillinghast.....	0
Totals.....	5	Totals.....	0
Grand Totals.....	13	Grand Totals.....	2

The members of the three teams were guests of the Country Club at dinner on Friday, October 25th.

The team match was for a trophy known as the Lesley cup. It was presented by Mr. R. W. Lesley, a member of the Merion Cricket Club, and a prominent golfer of Philadelphia in 1905, and it is justly regarded as one of the leading events of the year.

