

One Big Golf Event Left on List

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Finalist in 1915 Amateur Golf Championship

WITH the close of the amateur and the women's championship, the tournament season for 1915 is closed, with one exception. Philadelphia, on the Merion Cricket Club courses, is to stage the Lesley Cup contests and this year they promise to be bigger, better, and brighter, for it is the tenth anniversary of the team matches started by Robert W. Lesley, of Philadelphia, and also the fiftieth anniversary of the Merion Cricket Club. These two events falling at the same time will mean that the interest in the play will be doubled, if that is possible. Arrangements are being made, so I understand, whereby all past records for good times and perfect pleasure will be broken by the hospitable Pennsylvanians. The two-day tournament for the Lesley Cup players will not be the only feature, for there will be a big three-day tournament, beginning on Tuesday, to which have been invited most of the

CRACK PLAYERS OF THE COUNTRY.

The Greenwich C. C. in Connecticut, will also hold a tournament about that time, which will take away a few of the Massachusetts fellows, but there will be a fine field on hand when the time comes to tee off at Merion. The match on Friday will be between the Pennsylvania and Boston teams and the winner will play against New York, the winner last year, on the Saturday. It is expected that there will be a contest on the Friday between the members of the New York team and those members of former Lesley Cup teams who have graduated from the ranks of the crack golfing brigade and are no longer quite able to match their skill with hopes for success against those of their younger friends. It may be, however, that a surprise will be sprung by the so-called old-timers, who will be selected from all the teams, and it is not too much to hope that they will do as well against the New York team as the winner of the

BOSTON-PHILADELPHIA STRUGGLE.

The play, by the way, is by singles in the morning, ten on a side, and by foursomes in the afternoon, making a total of 15 points, with eight at least sure to be gained by one side. It is always problematical who will play on the teams; the matter is usually left to the discretion of the captain of the team or a group appointed by the executive committee of the association. But a guess in light of past years and present performances can be made and a list from the Boston district would probably contain the following names: Francis Ouimet, who says that he will not play golf for a year, after this match; Paul Tewksbury, who missed by a hair qualifying at Detroit; P. W. Whittemore, H. H. Wilder, R. W. Brown, J. H. Sullivan, J. B. Chase, Percy Gilbert, Ray Gorton, C. M. Amory, A. H. Goodale, G. H. Lyall, W. C. Chick, and P. W. Schofield. The Pennsylvania team looks to be rather strong, more so than in other years,

CONTAINING AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES

Davission Herron, E. M. Byers, G. A. Ormiston and W. C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh; Reginald Worthington, G. A. Crump, H. W. Perrin, W. P. Smith, E. A. Service, a number of Pennsylvania men in college, and five of six others equally well known, some of whom will undoubtedly be members of the team. The New York selection will be harder because there have been so many who have played of an evenness this year. The open champion, Jerome Travers, will undoubtedly lead the list and others who may be on the team are Marston, Carter, Barnes, Douglas, Platt, Kirby, Anderson, Webb, Reid, Topping, Lewis, Hoyt, who formerly was a member of the Massachusetts team; White, and one or two others. From this group the winning team should be found. The Massachusetts squad looks the weakest of the lot on paper, but one never knows what a day may bring forth on the links and they may

surprise the others. I hardly think that they have a chance

TO WIN THE CUP THIS YEAR.

for the team is not well-balanced. The matches begin September 24. The victory achieved by Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck, of Philadelphia, in winning the women's golf championship was thoroughly deserved. She played, I should judge, the finest golf all through the tournament and coming as it did after her victory in the Eastern Women's Golf Association, makes it easy to rank the Philadelphian as the finest lady player in the land. The qualifying round at Onwentsia, a course which measures 6435 yards and has a par of 74, saw many high scores being made, the biggest surprise coming when Miss Elaine Rosenthal, of the Ravisloe Club, of Chicago, failed to get under a hundred after she had been playing the course consistently in less than 90. She had been picked by most of the experts to win the title, but a score of 102 was over a dozen strokes worse than the medal winner, Mrs. Clarence Vanderbeck, of Philadelphia.

IN THE FIRST ROUND

the matches went about as expected, but in the second 18 holes there were many upsets. Miss Lillian Hyde, the Metropolitan champion, was defeated by Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, of Philadelphia, Miss Rosenthal, the finalist last year, was put out of the running by Miss Marjorie Edwards, of Midlothian; Mrs. J. V. Hurd, who as Miss Dorothy Campbell, won the national title twice, fell before the game as displayed by Miss Eleanor Allen, of Boston, and Miss Caroline Painter, of Chicago, formerly a Western champion, was defeated by Miss Ernestine Pearce, of Flossmoor. There was little excitement until the semi-finals. Mrs. W. A. Gavin, of Shirley Park, England, the only foreign contender in the field, won her match quite easily, but Mrs. Vanderbeck had a terrific tussle with the coming player of the land, little Miss Alexa Stirling, of Atlanta, who, although

BARELY EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE,

plays in grand form and true golfing style. The match was all in favor of Mrs. Vanderbeck most of the way. A rally near the end reduced her lead, but when the pair came to the last hole, the Philadelphia lady had a lead of one. This seemed good enough to win, for Miss Stirling was left with a 20-foot putt to square the match. Amid the tensest silence she struck the rubber core with the utmost precision and squared. Then for four holes in a driving rain the two struggled on until finally a weak approach cost the Southern girl the match after the longest contest in the history of the women's national tournaments. The final found Mrs. Vanderbeck at the top of her game, a splendid sustained effort, and Mrs. Gavin in consequence was outplayed. The Philadelphia lady won by 3 up and 2 to play after an interesting contest. The entries numbered over a hundred, the largest in

New Official Golf Ranking

The United States Golf Association has decided to eliminate the process of handicapping the players of the United States. Instead, the Executive Committee has decided to select a list of players who are considered by the officials as being of championship eligibility. In other words, the present system applies more to medal than match play. It is planned to have various sectional associations first decide among themselves the merits of the golfers from the respective sections, naming those considered eligible to compete in the national amateur championship. The separate findings will be submitted to the parent organization and the collective list will designate the list of those eligible. It is considered by officials that the present method of handicapping has failed to cover the situation, for the reason that a man may be an indifferent medal player and at the same time a very able match player. Sectional bodies will be instructed to take into due consideration the match play ability of each of its players in considering its list of eligibles. Details remain to be worked out, but it is safe to predict that within a short time some official announcement of the method of procedure will be made.

the history of these meetings; it was a pity that the Easterners did not respond with more players.

BLOSSOM WINS COLLEGE TITLE

Francis R. Blossom no longer will be considered a substitute for the Yale varsity golf team. That was the case when the college team matches were held at the Greenwich Country Club, a week or so ago. Now, however, Blossom must be placed at number one or else near the top, for in the singles' championship for the intercollegiate title he won with a very lustrous margin to spare. The qualifying round of the tournament brought forth the usual untoward incidents, chief of which was the failure of W. H. Gardner, of Buffalo, who qualified in the national at Detroit, to turn in a card. He got into severe difficulty owing to bad drives and had given up all hope of qualifying before the tenth hole was reached. Thus disappeared early in the game one of the favorites for the championship. There was a tie at 186 for the last place, and John Marshall, Jr., of Williams College, was the lucky individual to squeeze in after three extra holes had been played. There was

A NOTED BUNCH OF GOLFEERS

in the championship division, many of whom had qualified at Detroit. But none of these lasted for long. Dudley Mudge, who led the field in the qualifying round of the amateur championship, won his

first match, a 19-hole struggle with D. C. Corkran, of Princeton, but fell down badly in the next round. There were left in the semi-finals two Yale golfers, F. C. Blossom and Louis R. Bredin; one Princeton, Grant Peacock; and one Williams, John Marshall, Jr. The matches between these players at 36 holes in the next to the last round, a new departure for the collegians, were about even in the morning. After lunch Blossom drew away from Bredin, and won by 7 and 6. Peacock, however, could not spread his plumes until the thirty-fourth hole had been reached and victory had come his way. The final round was one of the most uninteresting of recent years. Blossom was

AT THE TOP OF HIS GAME

while Peacock was floundering all the way. It was not necessary for the players to start out on the last nine holes, for when the twenty-seventh hole was reached the Yale man was 11 up, and they shook hands at that point. Blossom plays in good form and should make a worthy representative as holder of the intercollegiate title for 1916. The surprising part to most of the contestants was the failure of the Harvard golfers to qualify but one man. In the past years Harvard has been the strongest contender for the individual title, but this year only one player qualified, and he met with an early defeat. The team matches were unusually interesting, Yale regaining her old-time skill in this regard and the proceedings being heightened by the presence of the Illinois University golf team, which made a good showing for the first time in the event. The Greenwich Club entertained as sumptuously as in former years and left nothing undone which could make the pleasure of the visitors more enjoyable.

The Golf Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 21-24—Apawamis Club, Rye, N. Y., Seniors' Open Tournament.
- 21-25—Huntingdon Valley Country Club, Noble, Pa., Women's Invitation Tournament.
- 23-25—Winchester, Mass., Country Club, Open Tournament.
- 24-25—Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., "Pow Wow" Tournament.
- 24-25—Glen View Club, Golf, Ill., "Twa Day" Tournament.
- 24-27—Huntingdon Valley Country Club, Noble, Pa., Women's Invitation Tournament.
- 29-30—Wollaston Golf Club, Montclair, Mass., Open Tournament.



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