

MET. GOLFERS AFTER LESLEY CUP HONORS

Local Team Will Be Favored if Matches Are Played on Long Island Course This Year.

From present indications there is going to be a merry struggle for honors in the Lesley Cup matches this year. According to rotation, a golf course in the metropolitan district is in line for the assignment, and a Long Island club will probably get the award. These matches have not been held since 1916, when they were decided over the Brookline links in Massachusetts.

The metropolitan team has eight scalps tied to its belt in the twelve years the matches have been played. Massachusetts won three times, while one victory is recorded to the credit of the Pennsylvania golfers. The local combination will have one thing in its favor, and that is that the men will be playing over a home course. In addition, it is said that Flindley Douglas, the Captain, will have the strongest team that ever represented the metropolitan district.

That playing over a course in the team's own locality is a decided advantage may be seen by the fact that the three wins credited to Massachusetts were won over Bay State links, and that the one time Pennsylvania came to the front was at Huntingdon Valley in 1912.

From 1902 until 1909 the metropolitan combination won without a break. Then in 1910, at Myopia, the Bay State team broke the "hoodoo," winning over Pennsylvania and New York. Three years later, at Brookline, the Bay State players again retrieved the trophy. At the same club, in 1916, Massachusetts won again.

The question asked by many golfers in Massachusetts is this: Can the Bay State Lesley cup team, under the captaincy of Francis Ouimet, upset precedent in 1919 and win away from home? It is said that Ouimet will lead a better team than ever carried Massachusetts colors, with all the 1916 men available, and Ouimet himself added. Not much is known of the makeup of the Pennsylvania aggregation, which will probably be captained by W. C. Fownes, Jr., or Eben Byers. Robert Lesley, donor of the trophy, and President of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, claims the Penn team will be very much in the running.

Courses for the championship tournaments of the Massachusetts Golf Association have been practically decided upon, although as yet no dates have been announced. The open will go to the Worcester Country Club, the amateur to Brookline, while the junior event is a toss-up between the Winchester Country Club and Commonwealth. The amateur will doubtless be held early in July.