

# QUAKERS LOOK DANGEROUS.

## Philadelphia Promises Strong Golfers for Lesley Cup Matches.

One significant feature of the national amateur golf championship held recently at the Oakmont links in Pittsburgh was the fine showing made by youngsters from the Philadelphia district, which forecasts a formidable team from the City of Brotherly Love in the Lesley Cup matches, which will take place in October over the difficult national course near Southampton. Usually the Lesley Cup contest is strictly a New York-Boston affair, and the principal part of Philadelphia in the program has been generally confined to taking a graceful defeat and furnishing the trophy for the winners, as Robert W. Lesley, donor of the cup, is one of the oldest of Philadelphia golfers, and a moving spirit in the Merion Cricket Club.

When Howard Perrin was elected to the Presidency of the U. S. G. A. in 1916 he admitted the weakness of his home section in prominent players at that time, but he spoke enthusiastically of the younger element which he saw developing, and he predicted the rise to prominence of the youngsters who have lately rushed to the fore. Of the four youthful Philadelphians who made such a good showing at the national title tilt, three only are really products of the Quaker City training ground, George Hoffner of Bala, E. D. Cleary of the same club, and J. Wood Platt of North Hills. The fourth stellar member was Paul Tewksbury of Aronimink, but although he is now a member of a Philadelphia club and a resident in that district, he is properly a New England golfer, as he learned the game and was quite a shining light in the Boston area a few years back. He attained publicity, if not prominence, by being included in the famous ruling of the U. S. G. A. which barred himself, Jack Sullivan and Francis Ouimet from playing amateur golf under the jurisdiction of the parent golf body.

Tewkesbury was the only golfer in the qualifying field to break 80 twice over the difficult Oakmont course. He scored two 79s and tied for the medal with J. S. Manion of Forest Park, St. Louis, and "Davie" Herron, the new amateur champion. When Manion left Pittsburgh without waiting for the play-off, Tewkesbury fell heir to the medal, as Herron concluded he had gained enough honors by winning the championship and the American golfer team trophy with Grant Peacock.

In addition to these four golfers, who figured so prominently at Oakmont, Philadelphia has at least two good youngsters in reserve, Norman Maxwell, now playing from Woodbury, and Fred Knight of Atlantic City, without counting the veteran, Maurice Risley, who holds a hereditary right to win the Atlantic City Spring tournament each year. Taken all in all, this improvement in the golf prospects of the Quaker City team should furnish fine competition at the National links, as Francis Ouimet will undoubtedly lead a strong band of determined Bostonians to Southampton. And even if the metropolitan stars were somewhat dim at Oakmont, it is not to be expected that Marston, Kirby, White, Anderson, Travers et al. have permanently retired as high-class golfers.

Just how deleterious prolonged teaching can be to the game of a good professional is showing in the case of Frank Eastman of Van Cortlandt Park. Not so long ago Eastman was playing a fine game that promised much for future open competitions, but teaching the average Van Cortlandt "dubs" year in and year out, without much competitive play to keep him in shape, has put him off his game. He explains much of it himself by saying that he is so used to showing beginners their faults that he unconsciously imitates them himself nowadays. With hardly a single letup, he instructs all Summer on the hillside above the thirteenth tee, and through the Fall, Winter, and Spring he is industriously endeavoring to persuade the duffers to "keep that head down" in the combination indoor-outdoor school which is placed between the golf shop and the lake.

The many experts, most of whom are self-styled, who have been debating for years over the position of the left hand and the fingers in the interlocking and overlapping grips, to the great advantage of the white paper trade, will have a chance at the Engineers' links to realize how little they know about the royal and ancient game. In fact, this was shown at Shackamaxon, but as the discussions still continue, it is probable the experts kept to their usual courses and disregarded all facts that ran counter to their theories. The rift in the hute is the playing of Louis Martucci, the White Beeches professional, who was one of the twelve pros from the metropolitan section of the P. G. A. to qualify for the championship of the association and the Wanamaker Trophy over the Engineers' links this coming month. Martucci plays without any left-hand at all, as his entire left arm was lost in an accident when he was a small boy. In spite of this handicap, he does everything that experts say cannot be done without use of the left hand. He gets fine distance, has good control, and putts well, thus totally disarranging the highly technical chart drawings and force diagrams of "those who know."