

# LESLEY CUP TEAMS WILL BE STRONGER THAN LAST SEASON

## Keystone State Golfers Must Set Fast Pace to Retain Famous Trophy

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PENNSYLVANIA now holds the Lesley Cup, won last fall on the National Links. The Keystone State golfers may retain possession of the tri-State trophy at least another year, but if there be any virtue in the penmanship on the wall to do so they will have to overcome two stronger teams this year than they did last.

Under the leadership of the aggressive, hustling F. C. Newton and with Francis Ouimet and Jesse Guilford again active, Massachusetts will certainly make a harder fight to regain the cup than she made to hold it in 1919. There are some great players in Massachusetts and Newton is the type who will get them out.

The Metropolitan district golfers could not seem to get started last year. With a group of highly-rated players, New York was lost in the National Amateur Championship shuffle early in the week. Following this amazing upset—for that is just what it was—the Metropolitan team succumbed in the Lesley cup matches.

Lightning does not strike twice in the same place, however, and it is not to be expected that New York's group of stars will again be dimmed to the extent they were last season. Add to Oswald Kirby, the Metropolitan champion, such players as Gardner White, Sawyer, Kammer, Lewis, Conley, Stearns, Peacock, Sweetser, Walker, Reekie, Kerr, Van Vleck and there is timber for a mighty formidable golf team.

It isn't all told yet. Connecticut and Rhode Island are anxious to enter a combination team in the Lesley competition, and there is every chance that they will be permitted to do so. With three opponents to beat instead of two and all teams working at 100 per cent. efficiency the Pennsylvania outfit will have to step at Merion on October 1 and 2.

What of the Pennsylvania team? The winning 1919 aggregation has been pronounced by no less an authority than John G. Anderson as one of the finest balanced teams that ever played for the Lesley trophy. Philadelphia supplies the brilliancy of youth with Platt, Hoffner, Grant, Tewkesbury, Maxwell and Marston. Pittsburgh, for the most part, contributed experienced ex-champions and the title-holder, Dave Herron.

The winning members of the team were, for the most part, the younger and newer players of this group. They were good enough to win last season, and this year they should be even better, and they will have to be to win. Everyone of those mentioned above is coming—everyone should be on the threshold of his greatest season.

The Pennsylvania Lesley Cup team will have to be better this year than last, and there are logical reasons for believing that it will be.

One swallow does not make a summer, nor does one golfer make a team. It may be that the Harvard links aggregation will once more step into the limelight next fall if the rumor that Bobby Jones, the National runner-up, is to matriculate there is the goods. Jones is now a student at Georgia Tech., where his presence has stimulated the sport.

Harvard has been sort of snowed under in a golf way for the past fifteen years. The last time the Crimson combination showed the way in the Intercollegiate Golf Association championship was in 1904 at Myopia, when the Johnnies won for the third consecutive year. Harvard also won in 1898, 1900 and 1901. If Jones should go to Harvard and if he should succeed in winning the National title (note the "ifs") he will not be the first man who has done so after wearing the Crimson. H. Chandler Egan, who was a student at Harvard, won the amateur championship at Baltusrol in 1904 and defended suc-

cessfully at the Chicago Golf Club the following year.

While on the subject of things that are hard to do it might be mentioned that Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbeck, Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, Miss Mildred Caverly and the other women golfers of the United States who will go abroad this spring to compete in the British championship have put their shoulders to a real task. With such performers as Miss Leitch, Miss Gladys Ravenscroft and the Misses Dodd in the picture upholding the Union Jack, the going will be rough and rugged for the visitors.

If the invading party succeeds in securing some measure of vengeance for the tribute exacted by British women on trips in bygone years, everyone will be satisfied. On four or five occasions Englishwomen have taken part in championship tournaments in the United States, and they lugged away just three titles.

It was just a decade ago that the first of these American titles was taken abroad, and Philadelphia is particularly interested, as the thing occurred on the links of the Merion Cricket Club, and Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, of Merion, was party of the second part.

On that occasion Miss Dorothy Campbell (now Mrs. J. V. Hurd) met Mrs. Barlow in the final and the latter succumbed 3 to 2. At that time Miss Campbell was the leading woman player of Great Britain, having won both the British and Scotch championships. After annexing the U. S. G. A. title, Miss Campbell added the Canadian crown. She defended it successfully in this country the following year.

In 1913 Miss Gladys Ravenscroft, the British champion, invaded this country and on the links of the Wilmington Country Club won the American title. Miss Marion Hollins, now Metropolitan champion, was the victim on this occasion, going down in the finals by the margin of two up.

Therefore it requires no soothsayer gifted with second sight to deduct that both Mrs. Barlow and Miss Hollins have more of a score to settle with their British sisters than the other invaders.