

Quakers Retain Lesley Cup

THOUGH the sturdy, powerful Davidson Herron of Pittsburgh has been shorn of the individual amateur golf championship of these United States and adjoining provinces, the commonwealth of Pennsylvania still retains its place at the top of the list, as exemplified in the annual playing of the famous Lesley Cup matches. These matches, a tripartite struggle between Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, were staged the past week on the course of the Merion Cricket Club of Philadelphia, and official canvass of returns at the close of the second day revealed the Pennsylvanians still in possession of the emblem won at the National Links last fall.

The program called for an elimination bout between New York and Massachusetts to determine the successful aspirant to tackle the Pennsylvanians. New York won, but only after a most spirited battle, in which the result was in doubt well into the end.

The New York delegation, through failure of certain members of the team to put in an appearance, met the issue with a somewhat impromptu line-up. In fact, when Captain Oswald Kirkby came to cast his troupe for their respective parts he discovered that he could muster but nine men for the ten places. In the emergency he assigned to tenth position Cornelius J. Sullivan, president of the Metropolitan Golf Association, who had come over as a spectator with no intention of playing. Mr. Sullivan graciously agreed to go in and deliver the best he had in the shop to avoid a default both in singles and foursomes.

With Francis Ouimet, Jesse Guilford and Fred Wright, all of whom were missing from the line-up last season, on hand, the Bay State team figured as a strong possibility to land the trophy. Through his very fine showing in the recent amateur championship at Roslyn, young Peter Harmon was sent in to battle with Ouimet.

Catching the Boston star at the top of his game, as he did, Peter's role was very much that of a martyr.

He found Ouimet at his best, which is enough. The Bostonian made few misplays indeed during the round. On three greens putts were conceded him, two of no more than twelve inches, on the sixth and eleventh, and another of some three feet on the thirteenth, where he had two strokes to win, and with these concessions he scored a 68 for his round. Small wonder that Harmon was soundly beaten, though he himself had a 78.

Guilford likewise won by a comfortable margin. He was pitted against Captain Kirkby, and romped in a winner by 5 and 4.

Sweetser Meets Wright

BUT the third member of Boston's crack triumvirate, Fred J. Wright, Jr., the present Massachusetts amateur champion, met a reverse report. He was matched against Jess W. Sweetser, the intercollegiate champion. On Sweetser's part the match was by request. Wright eliminated Sweetser in the National Championship a short time ago, and the Yale golfer asked for another chance at his adversary.

It was a terrific battle that followed, and easily the feature match of the afternoon round of singles. Erratic play on Wright's part on the early holes left him 3 down as they

started for the seventh. That was halved, as was the eighth. Wright took the ninth to turn 2 down. Wright took the tenth and twelfth and halved the eleventh, to square the match.

Their exhibition through the next six holes was a thrilling affair. Neither could gain an advantage, each hole being halved. The first extra hole was also halved. But on the second Wright faltered badly. He hooked his tee shot to a trap, was out short and still short of the green in three. His fourth was flubbed and he needed five to reach the green, Sweetser pushed his second to a trap, but landed his third on and won the hole in 5, to take the match.

In the foursome of the morning Sweetser and Anderson had won from Wright and Schofield by 3 and 1,

and White and Dyer trimmed Herron and Ormiston. The other Pennsylvania combinations were victorious, Marston and Fownes defeating Kirkby and Lewis, Maxwell and Reynolds downing Harmon and Grant Peacock, who had been hurriedly summoned at the close of the first day's play; and Jack and Kemble toppling Walker and Kammer.

In the singles Herron was matched against Kirkby, and the former amateur title-holder evened an old score. In these matches last fall Kirkby administered a smacking defeat by 5 and 4 to the then new champion. This time Herron turned the tables to the tune of 3 and 2.

As in the first day's play, young Sweetser became involved in one of the sensational clashes of the program

Peacock was regarded as rather a favorite over the young Merion star. In fact he held an advantage of 2 up, at the thirteenth, but a streak of erratic putting threw him into the discard, leaving Jack winner by 1 up.

Following are the scores in all matches:

SINGLES

NEW YORK		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Pts.		Pts.
Peter Harmon.....	0	Francis Ouimet (7 and 5).....	1
Jess Sweetser (1 up 20 holes).....	1	F. J. Wright, Jr.....	0
Oswald Kirkby.....	0	Jesse Guilford (5 and 4).....	1
R. M. Lewis.....	0	T. M. Clafin (5 and 4).....	1
G. W. White (1 up 21 holes).....	1	P. W. Whittemore.....	0
F. W. Dyer (4 and 3).....	1	F. M. Newton.....	0
J. G. Anderson (2 and 1).....	1	Ray Gorton.....	0
A. F. Kammer (5 and 3).....	1	Parker Schofield.....	0
A. L. Walker, Jr.....	0	W. C. Chick (1 up 20 holes).....	1
C. J. Sullivan.....	0	R. W. Brown (7 and 6).....	1
Total.....	5	Total.....	5

FOURSOMES

	Pts.		Pts.
Sullivan and Harmon	0	Ouimet and Guilford (5 and 4).....	1
Anderson and Sweetser (3 and 1).....	1	Wright and Schofield	0
White and Dyer (2 up).....	1	Gorton and Newton.....	0
Lewis and Kirkby (6 and 4).....	1	Whittemore and Brown.....	0
Kammer and Walker.....	0	Clafin and Chick (4 and 3).....	1
Total.....	3	Total.....	2
Grand total.....	8	Grand total.....	7

SINGLES

PENNSYLVANIA		NEW YORK	
	Pts.		Pts.
S. D. Herron (3 and 2).....	1	Oswald Kirkby.....	0
W. C. Fownes, Jr.....	0	J. Sweetser (1 up 21 holes).....	1
M. Marston (2 and 1).....	1	R. M. Lewis.....	0
J. Wood Platt (1 up 19 holes).....	1	G. W. White.....	0
Norman Maxwell.....	0	F. W. Dyer (5 and 4).....	1
G. Hoffner (3 and 2).....	1	J. G. Anderson.....	0
F. S. Kemble.....	0	A. F. Kammer (1 up).....	1
W. H. Reynolds.....	0	P. Harmon (1 up 19 holes).....	1
M. M. Jack (1 up).....	1	Grant A. Peacock.....	0
L. M. Washburn.....	0	A. L. Walker, Jr. (3 and 2).....	1
Total.....	5	Total.....	5

FOURSOMES

	Pts.		Pts.
Marston and Fownes (2 and 1).....	1	Lewis and Kirkby.....	0
Hoffner and Platt.....	0	Anderson and Sweetser (5 and 4).....	1
Herron and G. Ormiston.....	0	White and Dyer (3 and 2).....	1
Maxwell and Reynolds (1 up).....	1	Harmon and Peacock	0
Jack and Kemble (5 and 3).....	1	Kammer and Walker	0
Total.....	3	Total.....	2
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Scoring a fine seventy-four for eighteen holes, Donald Edwards defeated Peter Berkey three up and two to play in the finals for the Glen View Club championship. The 74 medal score of the winner equaled par figures and against this sort of fast going Berkey never had anything but an occasional peep at the final proceedings. Edwards quickly ran up a lead and held the whip hand throughout the match, although his opponent offered stubborn resistance all the way.

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James A. McGann, Jr., carried off the biggest prize in the annual tournament of the Insurance Golf Association of Philadelphia when he turned in the low net score for eighteen holes on the course of the Overbrook Golf Club. McGann had a gross score of 93, a handicap of 18 strokes, netting him the winning total of 75.

Second prize went to Thomas E. Moore, who covered the eighteen holes in 91. He had a handicap of 20, which gave him a net of 717. Harry L. Reeves won the third prize for the 18-hole event with 105—25—80.

ANNOUNCEMENT

With a feeling of deep regret the Editor wishes to announce that the interesting series of articles on Auction, by Mr. R. F. Foster, which have been running bi-monthly in THE AMERICAN GOLFER is hereby discontinued. Mr. Foster states that the press of other matters during the winter months will preclude the possibility of his continuing the series.

Herewith is appended the solution of problem No. 11, which was submitted in connection with the article which appeared in the issue of September 25.

SOLUTION OF BRIDGE PROBLEM No. 11

The solution of problem No. 11, published September 25th, in which hearts were trumps, Z to lead, and Y-Z to win all seven tricks, is as follows:

Z opens with the spade jack, on which A plays the king, to prevent Y from discarding a diamond. Y trumps and leads the club jack, which Z wins with the queen. When Z returns the club nine, A covers, to prevent the discard, and Y trumps.

Y now leads the trump, putting Z in and catching A's trump. On this trick B has to discard, probably a club. If he does, Z leads the established club and B must discard again, losing every remaining trick.

after Harmon and Sullivan had been beaten by Ouimet and Guilford. Gardiner White and Frank W. Dyer also beat Ray Gorton and F. C. Newton, while Reginald Lewis and Oswald Kirkby defeated Parker Whittemore and Rodney Brown, though Tom Clafin and W. C. Chick defeated A. F. Kammer and A. L. Walker, Jr.

These three victories in the foursomes gave New York a lead of one point. With two victories in three matches at the top of the list in singles, Massachusetts pulled the match to even. The issue hung on the next matches at singles. Tom Clafin gave New York hopes a jolt with his defeat of "Reggie" Lewis by 5 and 4. But Gardiner White made it even again with a thrilling twenty-one-hole victory over "Buck" Whittemore. Frank Dyer defeated Frank Newton by 4 and 3, and John Anderson polished off Ray Gorton, 2 and 1. Kammer's victory by 5 and 3 over Parker Schofield won the fight for New York, in spite of the fact that W. C. Chick beat A. L. Walker, Jr., after a hard battle, 1 up, in twenty holes, and Rodney Brown defeated C. J. Sullivan in the last match.

Father Nick vs. William Penn

IN the second day's play between New York and Pennsylvania the results in foursomes also marked the margin of winning by the Pennsylvanians. They counted three wins against two defeats. Anderson and Sweetser defeated Hoffner and Platt,

He was matched with the veteran captain of the Pennsylvania team, W. C. Fownes, Jr., and the latter went Fred Wright one better on his first day's performance. One down, starting for the seventeenth, Sweetser won that to get even. They halved the eighteenth, and proceeded to do likewise on the first two extra holes. On the third Fownes found trouble with his tee shot and was still in the rough on his second. Sweetser reached the green in two and won with a 4.

Max Marston won the decision over "Reggie" Lewis without going to extra holes, but the next match in line stood even at the end of the eighteen holes. After a seesaw contest Gardiner White stood all even with Wood Platt. However, on the first extra hole White pulled his drive to the rough, and put his second in a trap, taking three to reach the green. Platt, on the other hand, was on in two and holed a putt for a birdie 3 to win.

With these two contests over there was still another extra-hole battle to be finished. Peter Harmon came to the eighteenth green 1 down to Walter H. Reynolds. With the aspect of things very unfavorable to him, young Harmon ran down a thirty-foot putt to win the hole and even the match. He followed by winning the first extra hole, 4 to 5, adding another point to his team's total.

With the issue hanging in the balance, the result of the match between Grant Peacock and Meredith Jack was needed to settle matters. Being thrown into the breach the final day,