

**SOME OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PLAYERS WHO SUCCEEDED IN RETAINING THE SILVERWARE**  
 Left to right—Walter H. Reynolds, J. Wood Platt, Eben M. Byers, George Ormiston, Robert W. Lesley, (donor of the cup), W. C. Fownes, Meredith Jack, S. D. Herron, F. W. Kemble, Max Marston. Those not in the picture are N. H. Maxwell, G. W. Hoffner and L. M. Washburn.

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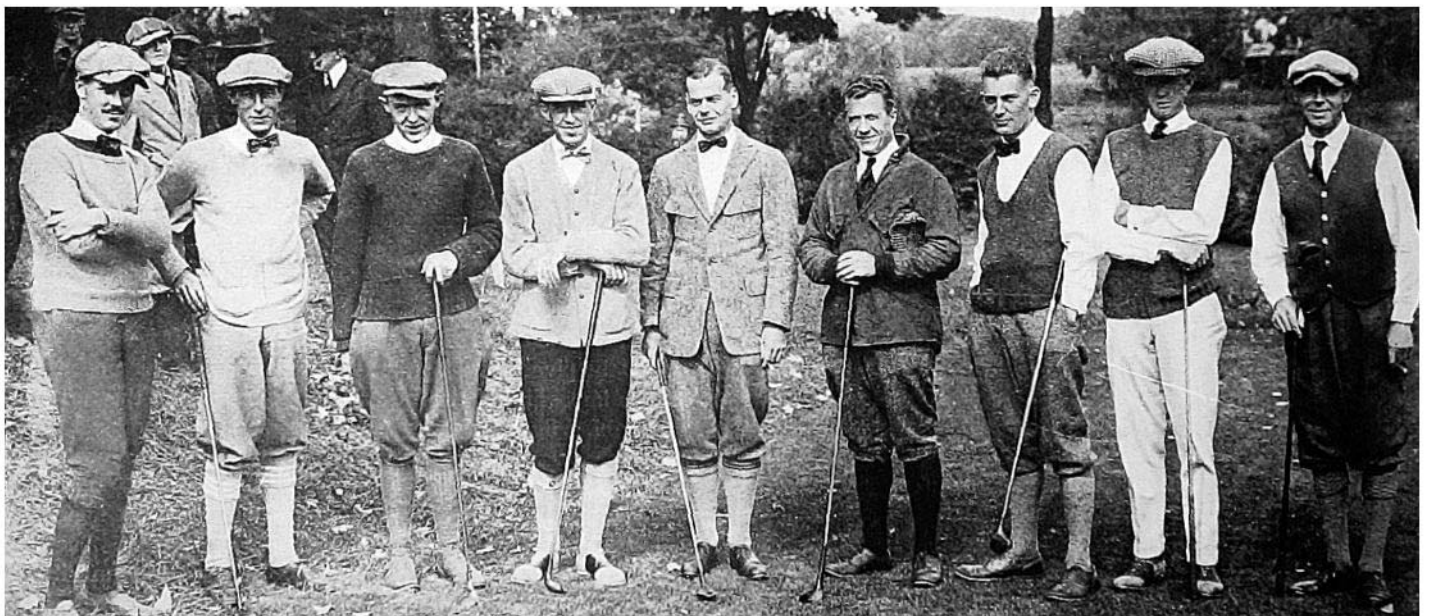
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IT would take a lot of delving into musty records of past performances to discover any more spirited play than that which took place this year for the Lesley Cup, emblematic of the golf team championship of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and the Metropolitan District. Pennsylvania emerged the winner for the second successive year after two days of thrilling play, which saw the amateur mark for Merion, which staged the 1916 national championship, lowered to 68 by Francis Ouimet, saw S. Davidson Herron, ex-national champion, come home in an approximate 31 to win his match the second day, and which saw the issue decided each day by one point, after three extra hole matches.

New York defeated Massachusetts the first day when Jesse Sweetser pitched a marvelous shot from a bunker to the green against Fred Wright, Massachusetts champion, on the twentieth hole, and Pennsylvania defeated New York the following day when J. Wood Platt, Philadelphia champion, dropped a mashie shot

almost dead to the nineteenth flag to score a birdie 3 and win from Gardiner White, Metropolitan finalist, in what proved to be the decisive match, though Jesse Sweetser and W. C. Fownes, captain of the Keystone State team were still struggling in the twilight of the 21st hole, ahead. The golf alone was more than worth while but the officials of the Merion club deserve a fair share of praise for making the whole affair one of the most enjoyable golf events of the season.

Just to make it a thoroughly enjoyable golf carnival week for the rehearsing players, and the gallery throngs, Merion was host at a 72-hole medal play invitation tournament, on the two days preceding the Lesley Cup matches. There were splendid prizes for many different angles of the tourney, for the 72-holes, the best 36, the best 18, special prizes for Lesley Cup players, and so forth. J. Wood Platt won this tournament, Jesse Guilford, Max Marston, Maurice Risley, and others sharing in the special prizes. Then



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**A GROUP OF MASSACHUSETTS AND METROPOLITAN PLAYERS AT START OF THEIR MATCH**  
 Left to right—F. Dyer, Oswald Kirkby, Jesse Guilford, Francis Ouimet, A. L. Walker, R. Gorton, F. Schofield, Fred Wright, Jr., A. F. Kammer.

came the annual classic meeting between the ten best amateurs of the three great golf sections of the East. Pennsylvania drew a bye the first day by virtue of its final win the year before. The Metropolitan team therefore, played Massachusetts for the right to dispute Pennsylvania's title. The Lesley Cup play consists of five foursome matches in the morning and ten singles in the afternoon.

Massachusetts was conceded to have the strongest pair in Francis Ouimet and Jesse Guilford, and New York decided that safely was the better part of valor against that combination. It therefore "sacrificed" its weakest team as the lead-off pair. Peter Harmon, a young public links sensation of the year and Cornelius T. Sullivan, president of the "Met" golf association, and present more from interest than to play, were the "martyrs." They lost, of course, 5 and 4, but the system enabled New York to move down its other four teams and win three of the four remaining foursomes. A. F. Kammer and A. L. Walker was the only other pair to lose for New York, being defeated by Tom Claflin and William C. Chick, Massachusetts, 4 and 3. Each match in both singles and foursomes counted one point to the winner, and the Gotham golfers thus had a 3-2 lead at the start of the singles in the afternoon.

There was considerable disappointment, and indeed no little indignation by members of the other teams, when New York chose to "sacrifice" Young Harmon again in the afternoon, when he was stacked against Ouimet, in the lead-off match.

"It's against the spirit of Lesley Cup matches," said one veteran. "Everyone knows that Harmon is not the best player on New York's team, and heretofore it has always been the custom to play the men in order."

New York was again able to move its whole team down one place by this move, which was certainly a wise one, despite the spirit of the matches, for it is almost a certainty that no one would have beaten Ouimet that afternoon, who played out a 68. He defeated Harmon, 7 and 5, and then played out the bye. During the round he failed to hole out but two putts, both easy ones which were conceded by Harmon. Ouimet was out in 34 and back in the same. Except for two birdies, every hole was played in par. His most remarkable hole was the sixteenth where by this time the following to see the famous amateur lower the course mark had reached large proportions. The hole calls for a long carry on the drive in order to make more comfortable the carry across a quarry to the green. Ouimet pulled his drive badly, sailing clean around a fence corner and trees to the rough. He crashed into his second getting the quarry from which he pitched not four feet from the pin and got his four.

Jesse Guilford, Tom Claflin and R. W. Brown, also had turned in victories for Massachusetts at this stage of the game while Frank Dyer, John G. Anderson and A. F. Kammer were winning for New York, which tied the matches at 6 points each. The attention of those present was now turned to those grim matches as one after the other came to the eighteenth, only to hole out

and then march silently to the nineteenth, to decide the matter. P. W. Whittemore, Mass., went to the 21st with Gardiner White, New York, where White downed the winning putt. Chick and Walker went to the twentieth. Walker, ex-intercollegiate champion, here put his second so close to the fence as to be virtually unplayable. Chick, a Massachusetts star, put his in the same general district but was able to get a shot from there which decided that struggle.

All eyes were then turned on the tussle between Fred J. Wright, young Massachusetts champion, and Jesse Sweetser, intercollegiate title holder, playing for New York. Both sank intricate putts at the eighteenth and nineteenth but Wright was bunkered on his drive to the twentieth. The best he could get was a short out from there. Sweetser got good length with his brassie but the shot was pulled slightly, winding up in a trap. Wright then played a beautiful brassie, long and straight for the flag. Thus suddenly was the shoe on the other foot and it was distinctly up to Sweetser. Cut the eighteen-year-old Yale star was equal to the occasion. He got such a long iron from the sand that the ball found the green and the best Wright could hope for then with

his ball thirty yards short of the green, was a half. The twilight sun shone directly in his eyes as he stood up to the chip shot and this, or the excitement of the moment, may have accounted for the flub that followed for Wright took too much turf and the ball popped but a few feet. Though he got close with his next, Sweetser sank in two putts for a par 5 and the match, which put New York in the finals, 8 to 7.

FOURSOMES					
Massachusetts					
Francis Ouimet and Jesse Guilford	.....	1			
F. Wright and P. Schofield	.....	0			
P. W. Whittemore and R. W. Brown	.....	0			
R. Gorton and F. C. Newton	.....	0			
T. M. Claflin and W. C. Chick	.....	1			
Total	.....	2			
Metropolitan					
W. J. Sullivan and P. Harmon	.....	0			
J. G. Anderson and J. Sweetser	.....	1			
R. M. Lewis and O. Kirkby	.....	1			
G. W. White and F. W. Dyer	.....	1			
A. F. Kammer and A. L. Walker	.....	0			
Total	.....	3			
Ouimet and Guilford defeated Sullivan and Harmon, 5 and 4; Anderson and Sweetser defeated Wright and Schofield, 3 and 1; Lewis and Kirkby defeated Whittemore and Brown, 6 and 4; White and Dyer defeated Gorton and Newton, 2 up; Claflin and Chick defeated Kammer and Walker, 4 and 3.					
SINGLES					
Massachusetts		Metropolitan			
Francis Ouimet	.....	1	Peter Harmon	.....	0
F. Wright	.....	0	Jesse Sweetser	.....	1
Jesse Guilford	.....	1	Oswald Kirkby	.....	0
T. M. Claflin	.....	1	R. M. Lewis	.....	0
P. W. Whittemore	.....	0	Gardiner W. White	.....	1
F. C. Newton	.....	0	Frank W. Dyer	.....	1
R. R. Gorton	.....	0	John G. Anderson	.....	1
P. Schofield	.....	0	A. F. Kammer	.....	1
W. C. Chick	.....	1	A. L. Walker	.....	0
R. W. Brown	.....	1	C. J. Sullivan	.....	0
Total	.....	5	Total	.....	5
Ouimet defeated Harmon, 7 and 5; Sweetser defeated Wright, 1 up, 20 holes; Guilford defeated Kirkby, 5 and 4; Claflin defeated Lewis, 5 and 4; White defeated Whittemore, 1 up, 21					

holes; Dyer defeated Newton, 4 and 3; Anderson defeated Gorton, 2 and 1; Kammer defeated Schofield, 5 and 3; Chick defeated Walker, 1 up, 20 holes; Brown defeated Sullivan, 7 and 6.					
FOURSOMES					
Pennsylvania		Metropolitan			
Marston-Fownes	.....	1	Lewis Kirby	.....	0
Hoffner-Platt	.....	0	Anderson-Sweetser	.....	1
Herron-Ormiston	.....	0	White Dyer	.....	1
Maxwell-Reynolds	.....	1	Harmon-Peacock	.....	0
Kemble Jack	.....	1	Kammer-Walker	.....	0
Total	.....	3	Total	.....	2
Marston and Fownes defeated Lewis and Kirby, 2 and 1; Anderson and Sweetser defeated Hoffner and Platt, 5 and 4; White and Dyer defeated Herron and Ormiston, 3 and 2; Maxwell and Reynolds defeated Harmon and Peacock, 1 up; Kemble and Jack defeated Kammer and Walker, 5 and 3.					
SINGLES					
Pennsylvania		Metropolitan			
S. D. Herron	.....	1	Oswald Kirkby	.....	0
W. C. Fownes	.....	0	Jesse Sweetser	.....	1
Max Marston	.....	1	Reggie Lewis	.....	0
J. Wood Platt	.....	1	Gardiner White	.....	0
J. H. Maxwell	.....	1	Frank W. Dyer	.....	1
George W. Hoffner	.....	1	John G. Anderson	.....	0
Francis W. Kemble	.....	0	A. F. Kammer	.....	1
Walter H. Reynolds	.....	0	Peter Harmon	.....	1
Meredith Jack	.....	1	Grant Peacock	.....	0
L. M. Washburn	.....	0	A. L. Walker	.....	1
Total	.....	5	Total	.....	5
Herron defeated Kirkby, 3 and 2; Sweetser defeated Fownes, 1 up, 21 holes; Marston defeated Lewis, 2 and 1; Platt defeated White, 1 up, 19 holes; Dyer defeated Maxwell, 5 and 4; Hoffner defeated Anderson, 3 and 2; Kammer defeated Kemble, 1 up; Harmon defeated Reynolds, 1 up, 19 holes; Jack defeated Peacock, 1 up; Walker defeated Washburn, 3 and 2.					

defender of the cup, returned its team a winner the following day over New York by exactly the same margin, 8 to 7, which New York had gained over Massachusetts the day before. Curiously enough the singles matches were again split, five apiece, and the winning team again was that which won three of the five foursomes. The metropolitan team added Grant Peacock to its line-up against Pennsylvania but the former college expert's putter refused to do his bidding and he was unfortunate enough to lose both the matches in which he took part. New York was unable to have the services of such players as D. E. Sawyer, champion of its district, J. S. Worthington, and one or two other players on whom they counted for strength, but this was neutralized when Pennsylvania started without Dwight Armstrong, Paul Tewksbury, Edward C. Clarey, and others, playing with eight Philadelphia residents and but two Pittsburghers in the singles.

New York reverted to its proper order, Kirkby and Lewis leading off in the foursomes against Max Marston and W. C. Fownes. The "met" team looked like winners till down to the close of the match where Fownes got in some excellent putting to supplement Marston's fine long game. Fownes sank a brilliant fifty-foot putt uphill over a terrace at the sixteenth for a birdie, one of this team's best holes, which won at the next flag. Anderson and Sweetser went out in a stroke over (Continued on page 50)

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par against Platt and Hoffner, No. 2 team for Pennsylvania, and putted in sensational style to win. Gardiner White and Frank Dyer also finished S. D. Herron and George Ormiston, Pennsylvania, but the last two Keystone State teams came through for a win.

It was then up to New York to win six of the single matches in the afternoon and for a time George Hoffner looked like the sole Pennsylvania winner. After some spirited contests the result was tied "six all" and a large gallery, congregated at the seventeenth tee and sixteenth green, was in a great state of excitement. It was reported that Grant Peacock, New York, was three up on Meredith Jack, Pennsylvania, at the fourteenth so that everything seemed to hinge on the see-saw matches being played between W. C. Fownes and Jesse Sweetser, as well as Gardiner White vs. Platt. Fownes teed off at the seventeenth one up and two to play but Sweetser ran down a putt for a win at the seventeenth, which squared that match and made him look like an eventual winner. Platt was one down at this tee after White had won two straight but Platt got his 3 at the seventeenth and that match was also squared. The whole gallery came in with it. White ran down a ticklish putt for a half and they followed the Fownes-Sweetser match to extra holes. Those who lingered at the eighteenth were amazed, following the previous report, to see Jack come in with a margin of one up over Peacock. The Merion youth had played line golf and had won out which then meant that the victor's spoils belonged to Pennsylvania if it won either of the extra-hole matches then out, or to New York if it won both. Platt's superb mashie shot to the nineteenth as previously described, settled the matter and Fownes' long face as he came in from a 21st hole defeat by Sweetser changed to a broad grin. Thus was this matter of the custody of the Lesley Cup for 1920 settled.