

## THE MONTH AT A GLANCE

"WHAT do you think of the team?" seems to be a universal question these days. The national interest in the players selected by the Professional Golfers' Association to compete in the British Open Championship is a gladsome note in the long strain of getting the money together to make their trip possible. What is more pleasing is that, generally speaking, the opinion is that President George Sargent and Secretary Alec Pirie, with the assistance of Vice-President Robert Gardner, of the U.S.G.A., made a good job of it and chose a team that will be in every respect representative and able to uphold the prestige of the country they represent.

The team will sail on the Aquitania on May 24, headed by Emmett French, and will be composed of the following members: Emmett French, Youngstown Country Club, Youngstown, Ohio; Walter Hagen, Detroit, Mich.; Jock Hutchison, Glen View Country Club, Chicago; Jim Barnes, Pelham Country Club, New York; Harry Hampton, Brooklands Country Club, Detroit, Mich.; Clarence Hackney, the Country Club, Atlantic City, N. J.; Freddie McLeod, Columbia Country Club, Washington, D. C.; Eddie Loos, Ravisloe Golf Club, Chicago; Charles Hoffner, Philmont Country Club, Philadelphia; George McLean, Grassy Sprain Golf Club, Bronxville, N. Y.; Tom Kerrigan, Siwanoy Country Club, Bronxville, N. Y.; William Melhorn, Shreveport Country Club, Shreveport, La.

The American team is American in every aspect and those little differences such as being of foreign birth were really submerged long ago through contact with citizens of Uncle Sam. Therefore, virtually speaking, every member of this team is an All-American, and they are going to do their best to bring back the title. Carrying with it, as it does, the official sanction of the Professional Golfers' Association, the team should go a long way in its struggle, and everyone wishes them all the success that their efforts warrant. With an American-born professional as their captain and several others as members who are homebreds, the haunting fear that the team might be composed largely of pros from the British Isles has been dissipated.

The only disappointment registered in the selections was that Leo Diegel, Bob Macdonald, Mike Brady, Tom McNamara, John Black and Jack Burke were not chosen. Diegel, McNamara and Macdonald notified the selection committee that they could not get away. The players selected are delighted to have the opportunity to represent United States, and they are all practicing hard for the tournament. Walter Hagen was off form in the South this Winter, but he is practicing daily at Detroit to get back into his stride, and all the others are doing the same with the exception of Jim Barnes. Barnes has been having a terrible time with a sore neck, but he believes it is now succumbing to medical treatment. If it does, he will resume practice next week, and he will be ready to take up the task which he so efficiently tackled last year. Barnes is very eager to go and is worrying considerably over the time he is losing because of his ailment. The team will compete in the Gleneagles tournament on June sixth before going to St. Andrews, which opens on June 20.

Now that the team is selected and final preparations are being made to send the team over GOLF ILLUSTRATED feels sure that the amount of money still needed to make the trip a complete success will be forthcoming. They have tried to make this a national and popular subscription fund and in a large measure they have succeeded. It has taken six months of hard work, but the officials who engineered it do not regret one moment of it in their desire to provide something that would tend to better the game. But they do regret that some clubs have not responded in the way it was expected they would. In some cases it is felt that minor officials in the club have lacked the initiative to take hold of the idea and have let it drop. For the members of those clubs it is a crying shame, and it is to them that GOLF ILLUSTRATED is making this final appeal to have a share in this huge undertaking. The money is urgently needed and donations will be appreciated. *If you have not given before do so now.* Send in your cheque to the British Open Championship Fund at this office on or before May 10.

W. C. Fownes, of Pittsburgh, captain of the United States' amateur team, is to be highly complimented on the fine team that he has succeeded in getting to cross the ocean. It was a task that threatened to give him a large amount of work and very little results, but he got results in his own way and the golfers of America are thankful to him that his efforts were so fruitful. The official list of entries forwarded includes Charles Evans, Jr., Chicago; Francis Ouimet, Boston; Robert Jones, Atlanta; Dr. Hunter, Los Angeles; Fred Wright, Boston; W. C. Fownes, Pittsburgh-M. V. Manley, Pittsburgh; W. C. Hunt, Houston, Texas; L. B. Patton Danvers, Mass; Ray Thompson, New York; Jesse Guilford, Boston, and J. S. Douglass, Cambridge University, formerly of Princeton University.

It will be seen from the above list that Davidson Herron, of Pittsburgh; F. C. Newton, of Boston; Parker W. Whittemore, of Boston; J. Wood Platt, of Philadelphia; Oswald Kirkby, of Englewood, N. J.; Max Mars-

ton, of Philadelphia, and Robert Gardner, of Chicago, are not included. With the exception of Whittemore and Platt the others were forced for various reasons to call the trip off, but the latter two may go, and if they do, they will enter individually.

The official list of women who are to compete is as follows: Miss Alexa Stirling, of Atlanta; Miss Marion Hollins, of New York; Mrs. Quentin Feitner, of Bayshore, L. I.; Miss Edith Cummings, of Chicago; Mrs. R. H. Barlow, of Philadelphia; Miss Sarah Fownes, of Pittsburgh; Miss Louise Elkins, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Thurston Wright, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Rosamond Sherwood, of New York. Miss Eleanor Mellon, of Morris County, recently sailed and may compete in Scotland, but Mrs. F. E. DuBois, who will sail some time this month, will not reach the British Isles in time to compete at Turnberry, but will probably enter the French championship.

Two of the scheduled tournaments at Pinehurst, which were overshadowed by the North and South Open and Amateur title events, saw Parker W. Whittemore, of Brookline, and Frank Dyer, of Upper Montclair, returned winners. The former captured the Tin Whistle Tournament by a margin of thirteen strokes on the three days' play, while the latter corralled the honors in the Mid-April tournament by defeating L. A. Hamilton, of Garden City, in the final by 4 and 3. Dyer also annexed the qualifying medal. H. C. Fownes, 2d, of Oakmont, and his grandfather, H. C. Fownes, took part in the round. The grandson tied for last place in the first sixteen but was relegated to the second division in the playoff while grandfather Fownes qualified comfortably for the first sixteen, with only six men ahead of him.

Joseph H. Kirkwood, the Australasian champion, of whom much is expected in the coming British Open Championship, showed a flash of his real form in the open tournament at White Sulphur Springs on the first day, when he led with a total of 144. Cyril Walker, of Englewood, was second, with 146, and Walter Hagen, of Detroit; Jock Hutchison, of Chicago, and Emmett French, of Youngstown, Ohio, tied for the third with 147. But Hutchison set such a pace in the third round, tallying a 67 and breaking the course record, that he finally finished three strokes to the good over Walker, who had 291. Freddie McLeod, of Washington, was third, with 292, and Kirkwood, who slumped in the final thirty-six holes, fourth, with 293.

The Winter championships of Florida played at St. Augustine saw George James, of the Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, returned as the winner when he defeated L. J. Hopkins, the left-handed star of the Old Elm Club of Chicago, by 5 and 4. George Morse of the Ekwanok Golf Club, Vermont, was the qualifying medal honor victor, but the jinx was operating and he went out in the second round after Rokuro Akahoski, the Japanese star from Princeton University who had tied for second in the qualifying round, was eliminated in the first.

The first annual amateur championship at White Sulphur Springs was a big success, and Chris J. Dunphy, of the Woodland Country Club, Boston, was the ultimate winner, defeating in the final A. J. Mendes, of Siwanoy, the Palm Beach champion, by 3 and 1. Dunphy was able to survive despite the fact that he also won the medal honors with a cord of 75, Mendes being second, four strokes behind. In the second round Dunphy registered a 3 and 2 victory over R. C. H. Cassells, of Toronto, a former Canadian champion, after a hard fight.

When it comes to persistency the performance of Tom Kelley, of Southern Pines, in a recent tournament over Thistle Dhu, the miniature course attached to the Pinehurst residence of James Barber, of Englewood, seems to take the prize. The fifth hole is a par 3 and calls for an approach shot over a gate. Kelley failed in twenty-two attempts to pitch over the gate, and then holed out in one for a snappy twenty-three.

By winning the Southwestern championship for the third time Dr. Vance, of El Paso, became the permanent holder of the S. G. A. trophy. This year's championship was played over the San Marcos course at Chandler, Ariz., and in the final the champion defeated H. Corbett, of Tucson, by 9 up and 8.

The sympathy of all golfers and sportsmen is extended to Horace L. Hotchkiss, the founder of the United States Seniors' Golf Association, in the recent death of his wife. Mr. Hotchkiss is one of the most ardent of golfers and is a great-grandfather.

Jock Hutchison, of the Glenview Club, Chicago, scored 278 to win in the open tournament at Asheville, N. C., after two rounds of 69 each on the first day.

Speaking of the floating ball after the test at Sunningdale, Cyril Tolley, the amateur champion, said it was just as practicable to penalize a good putter as it was to penalize the long driver. One might as well count two strokes for holing a putt of more than six yards as penalize the player who could drive the ball an extra fifty yards as compared with the ability of many of his fellow golfers. He considered that the introduction of the floating ball would be a retrograde step, and one (Continued on page 40)

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might as well suggest going back to the solid tired bicycle as adopt the floater. He thought that any advantage that the long driver might be able to get by means of extra length should be allowed, for the long driver might not be a good putter, and, in very many cases, the long driver might be beaten by a lady or long handicap player.

Harold H. Hilton, writing in *Golf Illustrated* of London, says: "I heard the other day that a sporting golfer had laid 10 to 1 to considerable money that an American golfer would not win the big event at Hoylake. I was asked whether I considered the odds were fair, and I could only reply that to my mind they appeared extremely generous, as even without "Chick" Evans and Ouimet I do not think that it is 10 to 1 against the American invaders. I would be inclined to take these odds about Bobby Jones on his own. If "Chick" and Ouimet are in the party I do not think that it is more than 5 to 2 against the American combination."

With eighteen events on the Spring schedule, as announced by the committee recently, it looks as if the members of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association are about to embark upon one of the busiest seasons in the history of that organization. The competition will start with a team match between Westchester and New Jersey golf women at the Arcola Club on May 3, and from then until the one-day tournament at Shackamaxon on July 1, it will just be one competition after another. Interspersed with the ten one-day tournaments that appear on the schedule are three three-team match events which will result in the selection of the team that will represent the New York district in the Griscom Cup competition and a two-day tournament at the Scarsdale Country Club. In addition to these there will be four championship events.

The first of these will be the Women's Eastern Golf Association Championship at the Brookline Country Club, Brookline, Mass on June 6 and 7. This event, held last year at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, was won for the fifth time by Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, of the Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia who completed the thirty-six holes with a score of 170, three strokes better than the score made by Mrs. W. A. Gavin, of New York. The Philadelphian however, will be unable to defend her laurels this year, as she is a member of the American team of women golfers to compete in the British ladies championship event at Turnberry on May 30 to June 4.

George Philpott, a British writer, says: Golfers in America will be delighted to hear that Abe Mitchell and George Duncan have made arrangements to cross in time to compete in the American Open Championship this year. Their visit will give our friends on the other side an opportunity of seeing the leading exponents of the younger school of British golf. It is rumored in certain quarters that every effort will be made to induce one if not both, of the English visitors to settle permanently in the States. This is a disquieting suggestion which all British golfers will believe has no foundation in fact. Already too many English pros have succumbed to the call of the almighty dollar and although one cannot blame our fellows for going where the money is most in evidence, it would be nothing short of a calamity if either Mitchell or Duncan "fell" in the same way George and Abe are the natural successors to Vardon, Braid and Taylor, and we can only hope that the two former will follow the lead

of the famous triumvirate in stick July 20, Open Championship, Wash-unbroken, if unwritten, rule among the champions on both side of the water."

Golf ball manufacturers are not a trifle anxious these days at the possibility of the substitution of another type of standard ball of such a decision involved merely the converting of the present-sized ball into a floater the problem presents no difficulty, but if larger ball be the vogue, then it would mean the scrapping of many thousands of moulds, and a further heavy outlay to secure new ones. Our legislators in these matters would do well to ascertain the views of the manufacturers before taking definite action, otherwise all kinds of trouble will threaten.

According to report there is a considerable amount of disappointment among Irish golfers at the moment. It appears that a certain well-known English pro was to play a series of exhibition matches over some of the Dublin courses, but apparently there was an eleventh hour hitch in the arrangements, as a result of which the tour will not take place. The clubs concerned have gone to no little trouble in making the necessary arrangements and, naturally, there is a keen sense of disappointment among all concerned. N. B.—This refers to Abe Mitchell.