The British Walker Cup Side

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Four Englishmen, two Scots, two Irishmen and two Welshmen will play under the standard of Great Britain in the fourteenth Match for the Walker Cup at the Kittansett Club, Marion, Mass., over Labor Day week-end. The Team will consist of:

Joseph B. Carr, Ireland Norman V. Drew, Ireland John D. A. Langley, England Roy C. MacGregor, Scotland Gerald H. Micklem, England John L. Morgan, Wales Arthur H. Perowne, England Ronald J. White, England James C. Wilson, Scotland

Lt. Col. A. A. (Tony) Duncan, a Welshman who now lives in England, will be the Captain.



Lt. Col. A. A. Duncan The Captain

This selection represents a weighting on the side of experience in Walker Cup play, for seven of the ten players have participated in previous Matches. These are Carr, Langley, Micklem, Morgan, Perowne, White and Wilson. Only Duncan. MacGregor and the youthful Drew are untried in this international competition.

Carr and White, mainstays of the last three Teams, will represent Great Britain for the fourth time, the second time in this country. Three others also have played here-Langley, a veteran of two Matches, in 1936: Micklem, also a veteran of two Matches, in 1949; and Perowne, too, in 1949. Wilson was a member of the 1947 Team; and Morgan, a professional for four years, played only in 1951.

Veteran teams are, of course, not young teams; and most of the British players are in their thirties. There are, however, two notable exceptions. Drew is only 21, and Perowne is 23.

The British side is therefore, on the average, slightly older and more experienced than the United States side.

Five of the players were selected by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, last winter - Duncan, Carr, Langley, Morgan and White. Carr supported the validity of the choices by winning the British Amateur Championship last May. The remainder were selected after that Championship, in which Perowne reached the semi-finals and Mac-Gregor gained the round of sixteen.

The British Team will fly to this continent and land at Montreal, Canada, on Friday morning, August 21. The players will go immediately to the Kanawaki Golf Club, where the Canadian Amateur Championship will start on Monday, August 24, and they will participate in that event. As they are eliminated, they will be driven to the Kittansett Club in private cars. so that they will have about a week to get acquainted with that course on the shore of Buzzards Bay.

Members of the British team have been invited to compete also in the USGA Amateur Championship, which will be played at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. Oklahoma City, Okla., from September 14 through 19, and arrangements have been made to fly them

there and return them.







Norman V. Drew



John D. A. Langley

The Captain of the British Team, Duncan, has not previously participated in Walker Cup Matches, but he was runner-up to Alex T. Kyle in the 1939 British Amateur Championship and has won the Army Championship four times and the Welsh Amateur three times. His father, his mother and his aunt all won Welsh Championships, too.

Col. Duncan is a graduate of Balliol College, Oxford, was commissioned into the Welsh Guard and is now an instructor in the Army Staff College at Camberley. He is 38, married and has a 3-year-old son.

Sketches of the others follow:

Joseph B. Carr

Mr. Carr, the British Amateur Champion, is a veteran of the last three British Teams and played in the 1949 Match at the Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y., and in the subsequent Amateur Championship at the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N. Y. He is a clothing manufacturer, aged 31 and lives in Dublin, Ireland.

In the recent British Amateur, he defeated Harvie Ward, 2 up, in the final and beat William C. Campbell in an earlier round. He was a semi-finalist in each of the two previous Championships, losing to Richard D. Chapman in 1951 and to Ward in 1952. In our 1949 Amateur Champion-

ship, he lost to James B. McHale, Jr., in the third round.

Mr. Carr has won twice and lost once in Walker Cup singles play. He defeated Ted Bishop, 5 and 4, in 1947; lost to John W. Dawson, 5 and 3, in 1949; and defeated Frank R. Stranahan, 2 and 1, in 1951. His record in foursomes shows one victory, one tie and one defeat. He and Ronald J. White played in the No. 1 match in each of the last two series, defeating Raymond E. Billows and William P. Turnesa, 3 and 2, in 1949 and halving Messrs. Campbell and Stranahan in 1951.

He is married.

Norman V. Drew

Mr. Drew is the youngest member of the British Team and is appearing for the first time in Walker Cup play. He has just turned 21 and lives in Belfast, County Down, Northern Ireland.

In 1949 he won the Ulster Boys' Championship and was runner-up in the British Boys' Championship, and the following year he took the North of Ireland Amateur.

John D. A. Langley

Mr. Langley took his first golf lesson from his father at the age of 3, won the British Boys' Championship in 1935 and was a member of the Walker Cup Team which played at the Pine Valley Golf Club. Clementon. N. J., in 1936. He was again selected for the Team in 1951; and so, although he is only 35, he will be playing



Roy C. MacGregor



Gerald H. Micklem



John L. Morgan



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Ronald J. White



James C. Wilson

in his third Match over a span of seventeen years. He attended Trinity College. Cambridge; lives in London, and is a director of a building trades firm.

He lost in the second round of this year's British Amateur.
In the 1936 Match, Mr. Langley lost to

Ed White in singles, 6 and 5, and he and Jack McLean lost to Mr. White and Reynolds Smith in foursomes. 8 and 7. During the subsequent Amateur Championship, he won four matches and then lost to John Goodman. After service as a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force in the Pacific area during the war, he resumed golf and won the English Amateur in 1950. In the 1951 Walker Cup Match, he dropped his singles match to Mr. McHale, 2 down; but he and R. Cecil Ewing halved with Mr. McHale and Charles R. Coe in foursomes.

He is active in cricket and squash racquets and is married.

Roy C. MacGregor

Mr. MacGregor is the third newcomer to the Team, but he has become one of Scotland's foremost players in recent years. He is 39, an iron and steel merchant and lives in Glasgow, Scotland.

In the British Amateur last spring, he reached the round of sixteen for the second time, but he lost there to Mr. Perowne. He was a semi-finalist in the Scottish Amateur two years ago.

He is married and has two children. Mrs. MacGregor also is a golfer of some renown.

Gerald H. Micklem

Mr. Micklem won the English Amateur Championship for the second time this year, defeating Mr. White in the final, 5 and 3, and he played with the 1947 and 1949 Teams. A member of the London Stock Exchange, he attended Oxford, lives in Sunningdale, Berkshire, England, and will turn 43 this month.

Following war service as a major with the Grenadier Guards in North Africa and Italy, he went to the semi-final of the British Amateur in 1946 and won the English Amateur in 1947. He lost in the second round of the recent British Amateur.

In previous Walker Cup appearances, Mr. Micklem has lost singles matches successively to Robert H. (Skee) Riegel and to Mr. McHale, and he and Mr. Ewing dropped their foursome to Messrs. Bishop and Riegel in 1949. While here with the 1949 Team, he was beaten by MacGregor Hunter in the first round of our Amateur Championship.

John L. Morgan

This will be Mr. Morgan's second appearance with a Walker Cup Team, and his first in this country. He is 35 and a sales engineer in Walsall, Staffordshire, although he was born in Wales.

Mr. Morgan's golf career was interrupted by five years of Army service but he has won the Midlands Amateur in three of the last four years and the Welsh Amateur in two of the last three years. In the 1951 Walker Cup Match, he lost to Mr. Chapman in singles, 7 and 6; and he and James Bruen bowed to Mr. Turnesa and Sam Urzetta in foursomes, 5 and 4.

He is married.

Arthur H. Perowne

Mr. Perowne was the youthful sensation of the British Team which played here in 1949. He went to the fourth round of our Amateur Championship at the Oak Hill Country Club, outlasting all his teammates, before bowing to Mr. Campbell. Now 23, he is a farmer and lives in Norwich, Norfolk, England.

In the British Amateur last spring, he lost to Harvie Ward in the semi-finals. He won the Swedish Amateur in 1947 and the Norfolk Amateur in 1948, 1951 and 1952.

Mr. Perowne lost his singles match to Charles R. Kocsis and he and Kenneth G. Thom dropped their foursome to John W. Dawson and Bruce McCormick here in the 1949 Match.

Ronald J. White

Mr. White has never been defeated in three Walker Cup Matches, and in spite of his rare appearances in competition he is often rated Great Britain's best amateur. He is a 32-year-old solicitor and lives in Birkdale, England.

Legal responsibilities prevented him from competing in the 1951 and 1952 British Amateur Championships, and he neglected to file his entry in time for the 1953 Championship. He lost to Mr. Micklem in the final of the recent English Amateur, an event which he won in 1949. He was defeated by P. J. Boatwright in the second round of the USGA Amateur in 1949.

The list of Mr. White's victims in Walker Cup singles play is impressive. He beat A. Frederick Kammer, Jr., 4 and 3, in 1947; Mr. Turnesa, 4 and 3, in 1949; and Mr. Coe, 2 and 1, in 1951. He also won his foursomes in 1947 and 1949, but he and Mr. Carr had to settle for a half with Mr. Campbell and Mr. Stranahan in the No. 1 foursome in 1951.

He is married and was an RAF pilot during the war, retiring with the rank of flight lieutenant.

James C. Wilson

Mr. Wilson is a veteran of the 1947 Team and has represented Scotland four times in the home internationals. He lives in Westerton, Dumbarton, Scotland.

In the match six years ago at St. Andrews, Scotland, he lost his singles match to Smiley L. Quick and he and Alexander T. Kyle bowed to Messrs. Kammer and Turnesa in foursomes. Two years ago he was runner-up in the Scottish Amateur.