

# VETERANS COMPRISE AMERICAS CUP TEAM

William J. Patton  
To Captain Team  
at Olympic C.C.

The United States will rely on experienced international players to defend the Americas Cup in the fourth series at the Olympic Country Club, San Francisco, Cal., in the week preceding the Amateur Championship in September. The Team will comprise:

- William J. Patton, Morganton, N.C., Captain.
- Rex Baxter, Jr., Amarillo, Texas.
- Charles R. Coe, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- William Hyndman, III, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Hillman Robbins, Jr., Memphis, Tenn.
- Dr. Frank M. Taylor, Jr., Pomona, Cal.
- E. Harvie Ward, Jr., San Francisco, Cal.

The Americas Cup Matches, started in 1952 and played biennially among amateur golfers representing the Royal Canadian Golf Association, the Asociacion Mexicana de Golf and the United States Golf Association, have completed the first cycle, one match having been played in each country.

The first three series have all been won by the United States, but not without a fight. In 1952 at the Seattle Golf Club, Seattle, Wash., Canada made a very strong showing. The result: United States, 12; Canada, 10; Mexico, 5.

In 1954 in Canada, the home team again ran us so close that the result was in the balance to the last and was resolved by a single point: United States, 14; Canada, 13; Mexico, 0.

On home soil in 1956 the Mexicans not only proved genial hosts but sprang a big surprise when they ousted Canada from second position. With an altered format the result read: United States, 29½; Mexico, 13; Canada, 11½.

The matches are played over two days with the Teams playing three 18-hole three-ball "sixsome" matches in the morning and six 18-hole three-ball matches in the afternoon on each of the two days. Each match won is scored as

one point. Matches which finish all square are counted as half a point for each side.

The perpetual trophy, a sterling silver cup bearing the flags of the three competing nations in colored enamel, was donated to the three ruling bodies by Jerome P. Bowes, Jr., of Chicago, a former president of the Western Golf Association, who laid the foundation for the tripartite matches.

The inscription on the cup states the purpose of the international competition, which has been fully amplified in the first three encounters. It reads: "Towards greater international understanding through the sportsmanship and good will of friendly competition among the amateur golfers of the Americas."

The members of the three Teams, who are exempt from qualifying, all are expected to compete in the Amateur Championship which will follow on the same Olympic Country Club course in San Francisco.

This year's Amateur will be vital for candidates for the first United States Team to compete in the new World Amateur Team Championship over the Old Course, St. Andrews, Scotland, in October. The four nominees to travel under the non-playing captaincy of Robert T. Jones, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., will be selected at the Olympic Country Club. Thus 1958, which also saw the tenth Curtis Cup Matches at the Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton, Mass., becomes the first year in the history of the USGA to require three international amateur teams.

This is the first time that Patton, who played on the 1954 and 1956 Americas Cup Teams and the 1955 and 1957 Walker Cup Teams, has acted as a Captain.

Although his record weighs heavily in favor of stroke play—he was first amateur in the 1954 and 1957 Opens and in the 1954 and 1958 Masters—it was he who inspired last year's Walker Cup victory when he fought back from a five holes

lunch-time deficit to defeat the British Champion, R. Reid Jack, on the 36th green.

All members have had previous experience on Walker or Americas Cup Teams.

Biographical briefs on the United States players follow:



**REX BAXTER, JR.**

REX BAXTER, JR., a member of the 1957 Walker Cup Team and first alternate on the 1955 Walker Cup and 1956 Americas Cup Teams, is the youngest member at the age of 22. Last year he won the Trans-Mississippi and the National Collegiate Championships and reached the semi-finals of the Amateur. He was a quarter-finalist in the 1956 Amateur. He was the USGA Junior Amateur Champion in 1953.

A graduate of the University of Houston, he is married and lives in Amarillo, Texas.



**CHARLES R. COE**

CHARLES R. COE, 1949 Amateur Champion, played on the 1949, 1951 and 1953 Walker Cup Teams and was non-playing captain in 1957. He captained the first Americas Cup Team in 1952 and played again on the 1954 Team. He was Trans-Mississippi Amateur Champion in 1949 and 1956 and this year was leading amateur in the Open.

Mr. Coe, an oil broker and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, lives in Oklahoma City, Okla. He is 34, married and has three children.

WILLIAM HYNDMAN, III played on the 1957 Walker Cup Team. He reached the final of the Amateur in 1955 and was runner-up in the North and South Amateur in 1956. Last year he was a semi-finalist in the North and South and second amateur in the Open.

Mr. Hyndman, who was graduated from Penn State College, owns an insurance agency in Philadelphia, is married and has three children.



**WILLIAM HYNDMAN, III**

WILLIAM J. PATTON, finished first amateur in the 1954 and 1957 Opens and the 1954 and 1958 Masters. He played on the 1955 and 1957 Walker and the 1954 and 1956 Americas Cup Teams. He won the North and South Amateur in 1954 and reached the semi-finals in 1956.

Mr. Patton, a 36-year-old lumber broker from Morganton, N.C., and former President of the Mimosa Hills Golf Club, is a



**WILLIAM J. PATTON**  
(Captain)

graduate of Wake Forest College. He is married and has three children.

HILLMAN ROBBINS, JR., a lieutenant on active service in the Air Force, won the Amateur Championship at The Country Club, Brookline, Mass., last September. He had been a semi-finalist in 1955. He won the North and South Amateur in 1956 and reached the final last year. He was on the 1956 Americas Cup Team and the 1957 Walker Cup Team.

Lt. Robbins is a native of Memphis, Tenn., and a graduate of Memphis State College. He is 26, married, and has one son.



**HILLMAN ROBBINS, JR.**

DR. FRANK M. TAYLOR, JR., a dentist from Pomona, Cal., capped his debut on the 1957 Walker Cup Team by reaching the final of the Amateur. He also reached the final of the California Amateur and the semi-finals of the North and

South last year. He has twice won the California Amateur and been runner-up on three occasions.

A graduate of the University of Southern California, Dr. Taylor spent five years in the Army. He is 41 and married.



**DR. FRANK M. TAYLOR, JR.**

E. HARVIE WARD, JR., won the Amateur in 1955 and 1956, and the British and Canadian titles in 1952 and 1954. He played on the 1953 and 1955 Walker Cup Teams and the 1952, 1954 and 1956 Americas Cup Teams. He finished as second amateur in this year's Open.

Mr. Ward, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, is 32, married with one son, and lives in San Francisco.



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