

The British Walker Cup Side

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The Match for the Walker Cup between amateur Teams representing the British Isles and the United States provides followers of the game here with their first opportunity to see the new British Amateur Champion, S. Max McCready, in competition. He has a game well worth studying. He proved the point by defeating Frank Stranahan and

Englishmen devoted the war years to the service of their country. Nevertheless, they now are accomplished golfers. The Team members will be:

James Bruen, Jr., Ireland
Joseph B. Carr, Ireland
R. Cecil Ewing, Ireland
Percy B. Lucas, England
S. Max McCready, Ireland
Gerald H. Micklem, England
Ernest B. Millward, England
Arthur H. Perowne, England
Kenneth G. Thom, England
Ronald J. White, England



Percy B. Lucas

A veteran of the last Walker Cup Match, Mr. Lucas will serve as playing Captain for the British Isles. He plays left-handed.

William P. Turnesa on successive days at Portmarnock, Ireland, last May.

Mr. McCready is one of four Irishmen representing the British Isles at the Winged Foot Golf Club, near New York, August 19 and 20. The other six members of the Team are Englishmen. In the group which will attempt to regain the Cup, there is not a single Scotsman, although the game was nurtured in that land.

The individuals are not so well known in this country, perhaps, as the members of prewar teams, because most of the

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They also are accompanied by Fred Robson, the professional at the Addington Golf Club in Surrey, who played against America on three Ryder Cup Teams. The larger American ball will offer few problems; they have been practicing with it abroad.

On the day after the Match, the British Isles Team will go to Southampton, Long Island, for a three-day visit at the National Golf Links of America, scene of the first Match for the Walker Cup in 1922, and then to the Oak Hill Country Club, near Rochester, N. Y., for the USGA Amateur Championship, August 29 to September 3. Its members are exempt from sectional qualifying. Following the Championship, the Team will spend three days at the Pine Valley Golf Club, scene of the 1936 Match, and it will sail on the Britannic, September 8.

Leonard G. Crawley, the golf writer for the London Daily Telegraph and a member of four previous Walker Cup Teams, will accompany the Team and seek the USGA Amateur Championship.

The expenses of the British Isles Team are being defrayed from a special per-



James Bruen, Jr.



Joseph B. Carr



R. Cecil Ewing

manent fund instituted last year, not only for the Walker Cup Teams but also for other amateur teams which meet the Dominions from time to time.

Until this year, the Amateur Championship Fund bore the cost of these commitments, but with the increases in travel and administrative costs, that source became inadequate. The Royal and Ancient Golf Club therefore invited all Clubs to contribute annually a sum not exceeding the amount of the yearly dues of one member for the permanent support of the Matches.

Biographies of the members of the British Isles Team follow:

James Bruen, Jr.

When Mr. Bruen is playing regularly, he is one of Britain's most colorful and formidable golfers.

Mr. Bruen won the Boys' Championship in 1936, the Irish Closed Amateur in 1937 and 1938, the Irish Open Amateur in 1938 and was first amateur in the British Open in 1938 and 1939. At the age of 18, he played in the No. 1 position on the 1938 Walker Cup Team; he and Harry Bentley halved John Fischer and Charles Kocsis in foursomes, and he lost to Charles Yates in singles.

He came back after the war to win the British Amateur in 1946, but he did not enter a defense of his title or play with the Walker Cup Team in 1947. He represented Ireland against England, Scotland and Wales in 1937, 1938 and last spring. Mr. Bruen, who is 29, is an

insurance broker and lives in Cork. He is married and has two children.

Joseph B. Carr

A veteran of Walker Cup competition at 27, Mr. Carr played with the British side in 1947, defeating Ted Bishop in singles and, with Cecil Ewing, losing to Mr. Bishop and Skee Riegel in foursomes. He was beaten by Dick Chapman in the third round of the British Amateur in 1948.

In earning the privilege of representing Ireland against England, Scotland and Wales since the war, Mr. Carr has won nearly all the leading Irish championships, including the Open Amateur in 1946, the East of Ireland Championship six times, the West of Ireland three times and the South of Ireland once. He was first amateur in the Irish Open in 1946 and 1948. Mr. Carr lives in Dublin, is married and is a clothing company director.

R. Cecil Ewing

Mr. Ewing is a veteran of the last three Walker Cup Matches. He defeated Ray Billows at singles in 1938 but was beaten by John Fischer in 1936 and by Willie Turnesa in 1947 and also lost in two foursomes. The oldest British Team members, at 39, he is also the only player on either side who has competed in three Matches.

A leading Irish golfer for 15 years, he was a semi-finalist in 1936 and runner-up to Charles Yates in 1938 in the British Amateur. He lost to Mel Heath in the third round of the USGA Amateur Championship at Garden City Golf Club in 1936. Mr. Ewing has been winning Irish titles regularly since he was

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20 and has represented Ireland in international matches eight times since 1934. He won both the Irish Closed and Irish Open Amateur Championships in 1948. He lives in Ballina, County Mayo, is married and has two children. He represents a brewing company.

Percy B. Lucas

The Captain of the British side, Mr. Lucas is the most prominent left-handed golfer in competition today and has competed internationally since 1936, when he played on the English teams against Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France. He was a reserve on the Walker Cup Team that played at the Pine Valley Golf Club in 1936 but did not get into

the competition. He did, however, reach the third round of the USGA Amateur Championship at Garden City Golf Club, bowing to Scotty Campbell.

Popularly known as Laddie, he is a graduate of Cambridge and served six years in the Royal Air Force, earning the D.S.O. and Bar, the D.F.C. and the Croix de Guerre and retiring as a wing commander. He won the Boys Championship in 1933, the Herts Amateur in 1946 and 1947, the St. George's Challenge Cup in 1947 and the President's Putter in 1949. In the 1947 British Amateur, he was defeated by Ted Bishop in the fourth round. Last spring, he was defeated by Ronnie White at the 20th hole in the third round.

Mr. Lucas, who is 33, was a member of the 1947 Walker Cup Team. He and Leonard Crawley defeated Bud Ward and Smiley Quick in foursomes. Dick Chapman defeated him in singles. He lives in London and is a company director, and is married and has one son.

S. Max McCready

Mr. McCready defeated Frank Stranahan and Willie Turnesa on successive days to win the British Amateur last spring and earn a place on the Walker Cup Team for the first time. He was comparatively unknown as a golfer before the war. Although he was a reserve for the British side in 1947, he did not get into the competition.

During the war, Mr. McCready served seven and a half years in the RAF. From 1940 to 1942, he was a flying instructor at Maxwell Field, Alabama, and he later saw service as a pilot in England and North and South Africa. Although he is employed in the tobacco business in London, he was born and educated at Belfast, Northern Ireland, and represented Ireland against England, Scotland and Wales in 1947 and 1949. He won the Jamaican Amateur in 1948. He is 31 and married.

Gerald H. Micklem

Mr. Micklem came into prominence by reaching the semi-finals of the British Amateur in 1946, defeating Frank Stranahan en route. He won the English Amateur in 1947 and the Prince of Wales Cup in 1948. He earned a place on the Walker Cup Team in 1947 and played in the singles, losing to Skee Riegel, and represented England in international matches in 1947 and 1948.

During the war, he was a major in the Grenadier Guards and served in North Africa and Italy. He is a graduate of Oxford and a member of the London Stock Exchange. He lives in Kent and will celebrate his 39th birthday on the Sunday before the Match. He is a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

Ernest B. Millward

Mr. Millward has represented England against Ireland, Scotland and Wales since 1947, but he came into prominence by carrying Willie Turnesa to the 18th green in the semi-final round of the British Amateur last spring. Earlier in the Championship, he had defeated Ronnie White, the English Champion, in the fifth round.

An engineering officer and Commando captain who served in India and Burma during the war, Mr. Millward won the Dorset and Southwest Counties Cham-

pionships last year and played in the United States last winter. He will be making his debut in Walker Cup play. He is a property manager and lives in Bournemouth, is 27 and single.

Arthur H. Perowne

The youngest member of the Team, Mr. Perowne is 19 and captained the British Boys side in international matches three years ago. Nevertheless, he has made a formidable record for his years. He competed in the final trials for the Walker Cup Team and won the Swedish Amateur Championship two years ago. He has represented England in international matches for the last three years and won the Norfolk Amateur in 1948.

Mr. Perowne, called Sonny, was born and lives in Norwich, where he works a farm. He is single.

Kenneth G. Thom

Mr. Thom earned his place on the Team by going to the semi-finals of the British Amateur last spring, and he carried Max McCready, the subsequent winner, to the 20th green before bowing. Although he was runner-up in the Boys' Championship and a quarter-finalist in the British Amateur in 1939, he did not establish himself as an internationalist until after the war. He served through the war as a warrant officer and bomb-aimer in a Lancaster.

In 1946, he was runner-up in the English Amateur. In 1947 and 1948 he won the Middlesex Amateur, and for the last three years he has represented England against Ireland, Scotland and Wales. He is making his debut in Walker Cup competition. Mr. Thom who is 27, lives in London and is occupied with road transport. He is married.

Ronald J. White

A veteran of the 1947 Walker Cup Match, Mr. White helped the British to two of their four points. With Charles Stowe, he defeated Frank Stranahan and Dick Chapman in foursomes; and he also overcame Fred Kammer, Jr., in singles. Last spring he won the English Amateur and the GOLF ILLUSTRATED Gold Vase, but he was defeated by Ernest Millward in the fifth round of the British Amateur.

Mr. White is a solicitor and lives in Birkdale, Lancashire. He was a pilot in the RAF during the war and was retired with the rank of flight lieutenant. He has represented England in international matches for the last three years, and captained the winning team last spring. He is 28 and married.