

The Walker Cup Match

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Every now and then one hears isolated queries as to whether the Walker Cup series should be continued. The thirteenth Match in the series was held last month, and the United States has won all but once from the British amateur teams.

Those who have ever had the fun of being in the show know that the value of the Walker Cup competition far transcends the mere winning and losing of a handsome silver trophy. It has been demonstrated repeatedly that the event serves a wonderful purpose in friendly international relations, so sorely needed today.

The recent Match demonstrated not only that point but also that Great Britain has some really fine amateur golfers with which to challenge us in future. Ronnie White is perhaps as proficient an amateur as there is in the world, as he showed in both the 1949 Match at Winged Foot and

the recent event at the Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, England.

He was 3 under 4s for the 35 holes of his singles victory over Charley Coe. Ian Caldwell is a very promising youngster, just 21. John Langley and John Morgan will bear watching in the future with their sound styles of play. Certain it is that the British have come upon and have developed some very fine players under the watchful eye of their splendid Walker Cup Team Captain, Raymond Oppenheimer.

If the British amateurs were to practice as diligently and to play in competition as extensively as do our boys, the Walker Cup might have a different inscription for 1951. In play from trouble, particularly with the wedge from bunkers, and on the putting green, our fellows have an edge, primarily because they expend a great deal of effort in practice. On the other hand, it is rare to find a British golf

A Pat on the Back for a Good Comeback



Photo by Alex Bremner

Harold D. Paddock, Jr., of U. S., is warmly congratulated on 18th green at Birkdale by Totton P. Heffelfinger, a Vice-President of the USGA, for the remarkable rally which squared 36-hole single match with Ian Caldwell, promising British star. Crowd on this day exceeded 8,000. Picture graphically reveals dunes and links-land on which Birkdale course is laid out near Irish sea.

course with practice facilities such as are common in our country.

British amateurs do not sharpen their games in tournaments nearly as much as we do. Only a few of this year's British Walker Cup Team entered for the British Amateur Championship. With us, it would be almost unthinkable for a Walker Cupper to miss our Amateur.

The British are frank to tell you that economics enter largely into the question of how much tournament golf they may play. When Max McCready, former British Champion, finished his Walker Cup single at Birkdale, he remarked: "Well, that winds up my golf for the year. I've got a job I must attend to. It's a good one, but I've a house to keep and, besides, I'm only 32, and so I've tons of time for tournaments."

The result at Birkdale was 6 to 3,

with three matches halved, and it was a well-deserved victory for our side. It was far closer than the score indicates.

On the first day we won two of the foursomes, with two halved, but it was a struggle. After the first 18 holes of the foursomes, the British were leading in three matches and the fourth was even.

The foursomes could have gone quite differently — and perhaps the entire Match also — had it not been for a courageous finish by Charley Coe and Jim McHale, of our Team, against the long-hitting John Langley and veteran Cecil Ewing. McHale and Coe found themselves 2 down with three holes to play. But they played those last three in two under par and finished the match all even to save a half for our side.

Bill Campbell and Frank Stranahan teamed almost perfectly to manage a halved match against the highly regarded

1951 WALKER CUP MATCH

FOURSOMES

United States	Pts.	Great Britain	Pts.
Frank R. Stranahan and William C. Campbell (halved)	0	Ronald J. White and Joseph B. Carr (halved)	0
Charles R. Coe and James B. McHale, Jr. (halved)	0	R. Cecil Ewing and John D. A. Langley (halved)	0
Richard D. Chapman and Robert W. Knowles, Jr. (1 up)	1	Alex T. Kyle and Ian Caldwell	0
William P. Turnesa and Sam Urzetta (5 and 4)	1	James Bruen, Jr., and John L. Morgan	0
Total	2	Total	0

SINGLES

Sam Urzetta (4 and 3)	1	S. Max McCready	0
Frank R. Stranahan	0	Joseph B. Carr (2 and 1)	1
Charles R. Coe	0	Ronald J. White (2 and 1)	1
James B. McHale, Jr. (2 up)	1	John D. A. Langley	0
William C. Campbell (5 and 4)	1	R. Cecil Ewing	0
William P. Turnesa	0	Alex T. Kyle (2 up)	1
Harold D. Paddock, Jr. (halved)	0	Ian Caldwell (halved)	0
Richard D. Chapman (7 and 6)	1	John L. Morgan	0
Total	4	Total	3
Grand Total	6	Grand Total	3

No. 1 British pair of Joe Carr and Ronnie White. Campbell holed from six feet on the 36th green to tie.

Dick Chapman and Bobby Knowles were even going to the 35th green against Alex Kyle and Ian Caldwell. Here reliable Dick ran in a 25-footer to put his side 1 up. Again on the 36th he saved the day with a spectacular bunker shot which came to rest five feet from the hole. Knowles calmly tapped this one in for a 1-up victory.

Sam Urzetta, our national Champion, and I trailed for 27 holes, then found our groove and won by 5 and 4 from John Morgan and Jimmy Bruen. Bruen had the misfortune to injure a wrist.

This 2-0 lead in the foursomes, with two matches halved, stood us in good stead, for the British came out the next day for the singles and pushed us hard. We won four singles and they won three, with the eighth halved.

Our winners were Urzetta, McHale, Campbell and Chapman. Little Harold Paddock, the pride and joy of our team, was 3 down with 4 to go and 2 down with 2 to go against Caldwell, but he saved a half with a 3-4-3-4 finish.

My congratulations to the British for a gallant effort, and to the Americans for a victory well earned both on and off the golf course.

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Their Plucky Struggle Was in Vain



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British Team which lost after a stirring contest. Left to right, front row: Ronald J. White, R. Cecil Ewing, Raymond H. Oppenheimer, non-playing Captain; Alex T. Kyle, James Bruen, Jr. Second row: S. Max McCready, John D. A. Langley, John L. Morgan, Joseph B. Carr. Top row: Ian Caldwell, Dr. F. W. G. Deighton, David Blair, reserve.