

## THE BRITISH WALKER CUP CAPTAIN'S VIEW

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My good friend Joe Dey has asked me to write a little about the 1951 Walker Cup Match, and I do this with great pleasure. Naturally, what I write will be from the British point of view, but I shall hope that my understandable bias will not cause me to present an unfair picture.

Let me begin then by saying at once that there is no shadow of doubt that the right side won, but it really was a very tight squeeze, especially in the foursomes, which in the end were the deciding factor.

At one moment of the afternoon of the first day, all foursomes matches were all square. A little later Britain was one up in two matches and all square in a third. At the end there was no British weakening, but rather American brilliance.

This was instanced by the facts that in the top foursome, Ronnie White and Joe Carr of our side finished 4-3-4, and yet, due to two great putts by Bill Campbell, could only halve. Alex Kyle and Ian Caldwell finished in the same perfect figures and actually lost as Dick Chapman holed a cruelly long putt at the 35th for a 2.

And so at the halfway stage Britain was 2-0 down, instead of 2-1 up as could so easily have happened.

The second day, with eight singles matches, was always an uphill struggle for us, but at one point in the afternoon there was just a chance that with real luck we could have saved the Match.

Now just a word or two in conclusion about individuals:

Willie Turnesa proved a great captain for America, but he proved something even more than that: he lost his single after being once 5 up, but in the manner of his defeat he proved himself as graceful a loser as he has so often here been a great and graceful winner. The more often he comes back to see us, the happier we shall be.

The Coe-White match was one of the

greatest I ever saw, and for sustained accuracy I never remember one to equal it between two amateurs. Its only possible rival in my memory was that at Sandwich 21 years ago when Don Moe of America beat Bill Stout at the last hole.

And now it is time to say good-bye and to congratulate your side on yet another splendid victory. But win or lose, any days as happy as those we spent at Birkdale must always constitute a precious memory for those who took part.

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