

# Letter from Britain

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MEMBER OF 1950 BRITISH CURTIS CUP TEAM

Mrs. Kitty MacCann's victory for the British Ladies' Championship was a surprise. True, we in Great Britain had heard of her before. In 1949 she won the Irish Championship and was runner-up for the same title in 1947 when she was Miss Kitty Smye. She has played only once before in the British Championship, but for some years now she has played for Ireland in the Home International Matches.

The new Champion came through a comparatively easy part of the draw, but she always seemed to go a long way to win her matches. Two of them she won on the last green, one at the 19th, and the semi-final against Miss Jeanne Bisgood at the 22nd. Jeanne, you will remember, was in our Curtis Cup Team when we were with you in America last year, and it was she who had the satisfaction of beating Bev Hanson in the quarter-finals this year.

### Grace Lenczyk Missed

We were very pleased to have Bev with us, but feel her remarks at the airport were, if true as reported, a little unfortunate, to put it mildly. Dot Kielty, an old friend, was not at her best and it was a pity for her that she should meet Mme. Abbeloos, the Belgian Champion, and a very good golfer, at an early stage of the Championship. We were sorry that Grace Lenczyk couldn't make it. We hear that she is hoping to finish with college soon and then perhaps we shall hear more of her again.

It is a little difficult when writing this to know which names you will have heard of. Lady Katherine Cairns is no new name to us and it was not a very great surprise to us to find her in the last eight, although on her way she had to beat Mrs. Holm, the Scottish Champion, and Philomena Garvey, another member of the 1950 Curtis Cup Team and the reigning Irish Champion, before being beaten

by Miss Frances (Bunty) Stephens.

Bunty had been playing her usual steady golf while at Broadstone and had been winning her matches by such margins as 3 and 2, but the course demanded stronger physique than Bunty has, and by the time she reached the final she was dead tired. Her golf was not up to the standard we now expect of her and Kitty McCann went ahead from the beginning. She was 3 up at lunch and after that, although Bunty put in a good burst, Kitty was always on top.

### International Matches

As soon as the Championship was over, the British team to play France at St. George's Hill and to play Belgium at Wentworth was announced. The winner and the runner-up were asked but both refused. To play International matches before a Championship and then to be expected to play more immediately afterwards is too much. The matches resulted in a win for British Isles by 8-1 each time.

There are a lot of competitions still to be played before we have a short break for the summer. The most interesting is the South Eastern Championship, which is the only competition we have in Great Britain to be decided on 54 holes stroke play.

We are looking forward to seeing your women pros over here, and quite a few matches have been arranged for them, the first being a match against a team selected by Diana Critchley, to be played over two days at Sunningdale. We are looking forward to comparing ourselves with these girls.

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### No Sin

Golf may be played on Sunday, not being a game within the view of the law, but being a form of moral effort.

STEPHEN LEACOCK  
(In Praise of Golf)