

## The Ladies Look to Muirfield

The Captain and seven players who will represent the USGA in the seventh Match for the Curtis Cup will assemble at "Golf House" on May 21 and travel as a Team to Scotland. The ceremonies at "Golf House" will be brief, and they will board the MV Britannic in New York the same day.

The Match, against a women's amateur team representing the British Isles, will be played over the Muirfield course, near Edinburgh, June 6 and 7. There will be three foursomes at 36 holes on the first day and six singles at 36 holes on the second day. The USGA Team will be defending the Cup, which it won at the Country Club of Buffalo in 1950 and in fact has never relinquished since it was donated by the Misses Harriot S. and Margaret Curtis, of Boston, in 1932. However, the only previous Match played in Scotland, that at Gleneagles in 1936, was halved.

### The Muirfield Course

Muirfield, the home of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, has rarely felt the tread of feminine feet. The British Ladies' Amateur Championship has never been played there, and the Scottish Ladies' Championship but once, in 1914. Consequently, there is no yardstick by which it can readily be measured as a test for women golfers. When the men's championship tees are used, there are eight holes of more than 450 yards and the 18 holes total 6,806 yards. It is unlikely that it will be stretched to such length for this Match.

The course, which is set apart from the hurly burly of traffic and noise, is laid out in a broad oblong on gently undulating ground and no hole impinges even remotely on another. The layout is such that it is necessary, in the course of a round, to play shots to every point of the compass. No matter from what direction the wind blows, and it can howl down the Firth of Forth or across from the

hills of Fife, it makes every hole a different test in wind judgment. It is a course on which the player can never let up.

All the Curtis Cup players have entered the British Championship, which will be held a week later at Troon, June 16 through 20. Miss Louise Suggs, a member of the 1948 Team which played at Birkdale, England, won the British Championship in the course of her trip abroad with that Team. The winner last year was Mrs. P. G. MacCann, of Dublin, Ireland, who defeated Miss Frances Stephens in the final.

The Team is scheduled to arrive at Liverpool, England, on May 30 and go directly to Edinburgh in order to have six days of practice at Muirfield. The ladies will be free to travel or practice for the Championship, as they prefer, in the week immediately following the Match, and they will have another free week following the Championship.

### The Players

Mrs. Frank Goldthwaite, a member of the River Crest Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas, and Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee, is non-playing Captain. She represented the USGA in singles at the Chevy Chase Club in 1934 and also was a member of the Team which halved at Gleneagles, Scotland, in 1936. In the USGA Women's Amateur Championship, she reached the quarter-finals in 1938 and the semi-finals in 1941, and she has won the Southern and Texas Championships. She is the mother of three children, one of whom, Aniela, will accompany her.

This will be Mrs. Goldthwaite's first experience as Captain, and five of the seven members of the Team will be enjoying their first experience as players. Only Miss Kirby and Miss Polly Riley, a clubmate of Mrs. Goldthwaite's, have previously represented the USGA, as the following biographical sketches reveal:



Mrs. Goldthwaite



Miss DeMoss

**Miss Grace DeMoss** is a senior at Oregon State College and the youngest member of the Team. Her home is in Corvallis, Ore., and she is a member of the Corvallis Country Club.

She is particularly attracted to the challenge of hitting a long iron shot to a green and does it so successfully that she reached the semi-final round in the 1950 and 1951 USGA Women's Amateur Championships, losing to the subsequent winner each year. She won the Canadian Ladies Open Championship in 1949 and gained the final again in 1950. In sectional competition, she has taken the Pacific Northwest and Arizona Championships and is the present Oregon State and Oregon Women's Golf Association Champion. A fine stroke player, she has led qualifying rounds in the Canadian, United States Collegiate, Trans-Mississippi, Western Open and Pacific Northwest Championships.



Miss Doran



Miss Kirby

**Miss Claire Doran** has both bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Reserve University and devotes part of her time to teaching. Her home is in Cleveland, Ohio, and she represents the Westwood Country Club.

She was runner-up in the 1951 USGA Women's Amateur Championship and was Ohio Champion a year ago. She holds the stroke-play title in the Cleveland District and has won the match-play title there six times. In Women's Western Golf Association competition, she has gained the semi-final round of the Open and the quarter-final round of the Amateur

Championships. She has been playing in Florida this winter and won the Palm Beach tournament. The pitch to the green is her favorite stroke.

**Miss Dorothy Kirby**, who won the USGA Women's Amateur Championship in her 13th attempt last summer, works in the sales department of a radio station in Atlanta, Ga., where she makes her home. She is a member of the Capital City Club.

Her golfing career was successfully launched when she won the Georgia Championship at the age of 13, and it has included membership on the last two Curtis Cup Teams, two previous appearances in the final of the USGA Championship and victories in the Southern, North and South and Titleholders tournaments. In addition, she gives generously to the game through service on the USGA Women's Committee and has held various offices in the Women's Southern, Western and Eastern Golf Associations. Opponents customarily fear the worst when she plays a chip shot.

In the 1948 Match at Birkdale, England, she lost to Miss Jean Donald, 2 down, in singles, but she and Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Jr., defeated Miss Philomena Garvey and Mrs. Zara Bolton, 4 and 3, in foursomes. She also reached the quarter-final round of the British Championship that year. In the 1950 Match at the Country Club of Buffalo, she and Miss Dorothy Kieley defeated Miss Garvey and Miss Jeanne Bisgood, 6 and 5, in foursomes.



Miss Lindsay



Miss Murray

**Miss Marjorie Lindsay** has devoted much of her time to both the playing and administrative phases of golf since attending Gulf Park College. She represents the Country Club of Decatur, Ill., where she lives.

Last season she won the Western Amateur and the Illinois Championships and reached the semi-final round of the Western Open, Trans-Mississippi and North and South tournaments. She was the 1950 Trans-Mississippi Champion and had won four previous Illinois Championships. In the last three USGA Women's Amateur Championships, she has reached the fourth round twice and the third round once. She also serves the Women's Western, Women's Trans-Mississippi and Illinois Women's Golf Associations. Her pet weapon is the No. 4 iron.

**Miss Mae Murray** is a desk clerk in a mid-southern resort, but she has achieved her high place in golf as a representative of the Rutland Country Club in Rutland, Vt., where her Scottish-born father is the professional. Miss Murray's trip with the Team will take her to her father's native land.

She won five Vermont Championships and was runner-up in the Women's Eastern Amateur Championship as a youngster before an unusual season in 1950. That year, in the fourth round of the USGA Women's Amateur Championship, scheduled at 18 holes, she and Miss Fay Crocker of Uruguay played 27 holes in three less than women's par before Miss Murray earned the victory; it was the most extra holes ever played in the Championship. Miss Murray went on to become runner-up. She was also runner-up in the Western and Eastern and a semi-finalist in the North and South tournaments that year. Last season she was runner-up in the Eastern and North and South tournaments, a semi-finalist in the Canadian Ladies Open Championship and reached the third round in the USGA Women's Amateur Championship. The chip shot is her favorite.

**Miss Patricia O'Sullivan** works with Miss Murray as a desk clerk in the mid-southern resort but she, too, is a New Englander. Her home is in Orange, Conn., and she plays at the Race Brook Country Club.

Last season she won her third successive Connecticut Championship, her second successive North and South tournament, her second Eastern, the Titleholders' tournament and was runner-up in the Western Open. She lost in the third round of the USGA Women's Amateur Championship. Between rounds she enjoys knit-

ting. In contrast to the majority, she has a fondness for playing from bunkers.



Miss O'Sullivan



Miss Riley

**Miss Polly Riley** is a bookkeeper in Fort Worth, Texas, and plays at the River Crest Country Club.

In addition to playing with the last two Curtis Cup Teams, she has won the Southern Championship three times, the Western Amateur, the Trans-Mississippi and the Texas Amateur and Open Championships. She has been a quarter-finalist three times in the USGA Women's Amateur Championship but lost in the third round last year. She, too, played in Florida this winter and was a member of the winning team in the four-ball tournament at Hollywood, Fla. She is particularly adept at playing wood shots off fairways.

In the 1948 Match at Birkdale, England, she defeated Miss Maureen Ruttle, 3 and 2, in singles, but she was later beaten in the second round of the British Championship. In the 1950 Match at the Country Club of Buffalo, she defeated Mrs. George Valentine, 7 and 6.



A scene on the Muirfield links