

The United States Walker Cup Side

The amateur team which will represent the United States against Great Britain in the fourteenth Match for the Walker Cup will comprise Charles R. Yates, of Atlanta, Ga., non-playing Captain, and the following players:

William C. Campbell, Huntington, W. Va.

Richard D. Chapman, Pinehurst, N. C.

Donald R. Cherry, New York, N. Y.

Charles R. Coe, Oklahoma City, Okla.

James G. Jackson, St. Louis, Mo.

Gene A. Littler, San Diego, Cal.

Sam Urzetta, East Rochester, N. Y.

Kenneth P. Venturi, San Francisco, Cal.

E. Harvie Ward, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.

Jack Westland, Everett, Wash.

These choices represent a considerable infusion of new personalities into the competition, for five of the ten players have not previously appeared in Walker Cup play. The only veterans are Captain Yates, who played on two Teams in the Thirties, and Messrs. Campbell, Chapman, Coe, Urzetta and Westland.

The Match will be held at the Kittansett Club, Marion, Mass., on Sept. 4 and 5, the Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

In case any of the players selected cannot play, an invitation will be issued to one of the following alternates in the order named: Arnold S. Blum, Macon, Ga.; William J. Patton, Morganton, N. C., and James B. McHale, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.

In the selection of this Walker Cup Team three principles governed:

1. Merit as a competitive golfer, based upon records in tournaments of importance in recent years.
2. Sportsmanship and general ability to represent the United States in international relations.
3. Unquestioned status as an amateur golfer.

Selection of Team members is not

influenced by age, geography or any factors other than those named above.

All three factors are, of course, matters of opinion; but the final opinion is that of the USGA Executive Committee, reached after its individual members have evaluated each candidate on the basis of all three criteria.

Playing ability is a particularly difficult element to judge in a country as vast as ours where leading players of all sections rarely compete against one another. The USGA Amateur Championship is the principal national get-together. Therefore, performances in this event are given particular weight.

Over the years the USGA has developed the following method of rating players, and it seems to be as feasible and effective as any others which are suggested from time to time.

Each of the 15 members of the Executive Committee is asked to nominate as many candidates as he cares to for consideration for places on the Team. Since the members of the Executive Committee are scattered widely throughout the country, this is a means of insuring that no promising candidate is overlooked.

The names of all candidates nominated (this year there were forty-seven) are then ranged in alphabetical order and their competitive records are compiled and forwarded to a Selection Committee, comprising five members of the Executive Committee.

Each member of this Selection Committee rates the leading candidates in the order of his preference and the ballots are then tabulated. It is immediately apparent that certain players are unanimously recommended for the Team on the first ballot. It is equally apparent that certain other players have not obtained sufficient support to warrant further consideration. These names are then eliminated, and the members of the Selection Committee again rate the players



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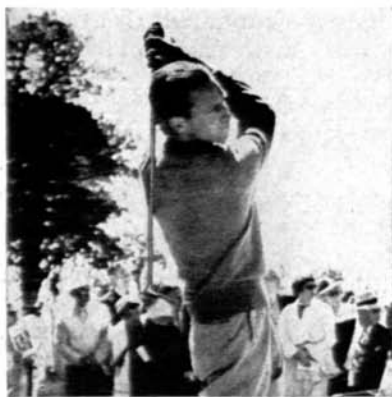
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who remain under consideration for the final places on the Team and for alternates.

The result of the Selection Committee's balloting is then presented to the full Executive Committee in the form of a recommendation. Again all members of the Executive Committee have opportu-



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William C. Campbell

nity to approve or disapprove the individual candidates.

Biographies of the players follow:

William C. Campbell

Mr. Campbell is a veteran of the 1951 Walker Cup and the 1952 Americas Cup Teams. A graduate of Princeton, he is 30 and an insurance agent and broker in Huntington, W. Va.

Since receiving his release from service as an Army Captain, he has made his presence heavily felt in amateur golf. He devoted the first part of last year to an unsuccessful campaign for a Congressional nomination, but in the latter part of the season he went to the fifth round of the Amateur Championship, to the final of the Canadian Amateur and to the third round of the Western Amateur. In 1949 he defeated Julius Boros in the quarter-finals of the Amateur Championship but lost in the semi-finals. In 1950 he reached the sixth round of the British Amateur, losing to Joseph B. Carr, and won the North and South Amateur. This year he repeated his victory in the North and South Amateur and lost in the round of sixteen of the British Amateur to Cecil Beamish.

In the last Walker Cup Match, Mr. Campbell and Frank R. Stranahan halved with Ronald J. White and Mr. Carr in foursomes; he defeated R. Cecil Ewing, 5 and 4, in singles.

He is a bachelor.

Richard D. Chapman

Mr. Chapman is the only golfer who has won the Amateur Championships of the United States, Great Britain, Canada and France, and he was a member of the 1947 and 1951 Walker Cup Teams. He is 42 and an estate executor, living in Osterville, Mass., and Pinehurst, N. C. His college was Williams.

Son of a notable golfing family, Mr. Chapman won the French Amateur in 1939, the USGA Amateur in 1940 and, after his release from service as an Army Major, the Canadian Amateur in 1949 and the British Amateur in 1951. Last year he won the French Amateur for the second time, and this spring he won the Carolinas Amateur.

In the 1951 Match, he and Robert W. Knowles defeated Alex T. Kyle and Ian Caldwell in foursomes, 1 up, and he beat John L. Morgan in singles, 7 and 6. In 1947, he and Mr. Stranahan lost to Mr. White and Charles Stowe in foursomes, 4 and 3, and he defeated Percy B. Lucas in singles, 4 and 3.

He is married and has two sons.

Donald R. Cherry

Mr. Cherry is a new-comer to the Walker Cup Team, and he earned his place by reaching the semi-final round of the Amateur Championship last summer, going to the quarter-final round of the Mexican Amateur and taking the medal in the Western Amateur. He is 29 and a native of Wichita Falls, Texas, although he now makes his home in New York City.

As a professional singer of popular songs, Mr. Cherry has cut many records and appeared on radio and television networks and in theaters and night clubs throughout the country.

In sectional play last year, he won the West Texas Amateur for the second time and was runner-up in the Metropolitan (N. Y.) Amateur. He was a semi-finalist in the 1953 Southern Amateur.

He is a bachelor.

Charles R. Coe

This will be Mr. Coe's third appearance in Walker Cup play. He is 29, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and represents the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club, where the Amateur Championship will be held in September. His business is oil investments.

Mr. Coe won the Amateur Championship in 1949 and was runner-up in the British Amateur in 1951. He was Western Amateur Champion in 1950 and last year took the Trans-Mississippi Amateur for the third time. He also was playing Captain of the 1952 Americas Cup Team.

In the 1949 Walker Cup Match, Mr. Coe participated only in singles, defeated Mr. Ewing, 1 up. In 1951, he and James B. McHale, Jr., halved with Mr. Ewing and John D. A. Langley, and he bowed to Mr. White in singles, 2 and 1.

He is married and has two sons.

James G. Jackson

A newcomer to the Team, Mr. Jackson was leading amateur in the Open Championship and went to the fifth round of the Amateur Championship last year. He is a graduate of Washington University, 30 and a salesman. His home is in Richmond Heights, near St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Jackson won the Missouri Amateur Championship in 1951 and has made a notable record in stroke-play competitions, winning the Westborough Invitational Round-Robin, the St. Louis Open and several qualifying medals.

He saw service with the Army during the war, is married and has one son.

Gene A. Littler

Mr. Littler will be making his debut in Walker Cup play at the age of 23. His home is in San Diego, Cal., and he is an Airman in the Navy, having served a little more than half of a four-year enlistment. He attended San Diego State College.

In the Amateur Championship last year, he went to the quarter-final round, and he went to the third round in 1950. His Navy duties prevented him from entering the Amateur in 1951 and from playing in many other events. He first attracted attention by winning the Junior Chamber of Commerce junior tournament in 1948, and he has been dominating amateur golf in the San Diego area, where he is stationed. This spring, for example, he won the California Open.

He is married.

Sam Urzetta

Mr. Urzetta won the Amateur Championship in 1950 and was a member of the 1951 Walker Cup Team, after which he went to the quarter-final round of the British Amateur. He was a member of The Americas Cup Team and a semi-finalist in the Canadian Amateur last year, and was tied for fifth amateur in the 1953 Open.

Following Army service during the war, he completed his studies at St. Bonaventure University and became an outstanding basketball player. He is now 27 and a button salesman, living in East Rochester, N. Y.

In the last Walker Cup Match, he was assigned the No. 1 singles position and defeated S. Max McCready, 4 and 3. He and William P. Turnesa defeated James Bruen, Jr., and John L. Morgan in foursomes, 5 and 4.

He was married last winter.

Kenneth P. Venturi

Mr. Venturi is a senior at San Jose State College and has won the California Amateur Championship and played with The Americas Cup Team. He is, at 22, the youngest member of the Team. His home is in San Francisco, Cal.

In 1948, Mr. Venturi was runner-up in the first USGA Junior Amateur Championship, and he has since earned a considerable reputation in Northern California. He

has had few opportunities to compete outside of his home area, but he has won the San Francisco, Richmond and Northern California Championships.

He is a bachelor.

E. Harvie Ward, Jr.

Mr. Ward is another new-comer to the Walker Cup Team, but he qualified by winning the 1952 British Amateur Championship and was a member of the Americas Cup Team last summer. Although he is now a stock broker in Atlanta, Ga., he is a native of Tarboro, N. C., and a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He is 27.

In addition to winning the British Amateur last year, he went to the fourth round of the Amateur Championship and to the final of the Western Amateur. He won the North and South Amateur in 1948, the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship in 1949 and this year was runner-up to Mr. Carr in the British Amateur, tied for the amateur prize in the Masters Tournament and won the Georgia Amateur.

He is married.

Jack Westland

Mr. Westland gave all veterans new hope by winning the Amateur Championship last summer at the age of 47 to climax a golfing career of thirty years. He is now 48 and represents the Second Washington District in the House of Representatives of the United States Congress. His home is in Everett, Wash.

His appearance with the Walker Cup Team this year will be his third over a span of twenty-one years. In 1932 he halved with John Burke in singles. In 1934 he and Gus T. Moreland defeated Harry G. Bentley and Eric W. Fiddian in foursomes, 6 and 5, and he again halved a singles match, this time with Eric A. McRuvie.

Before Mr. Westland had graduated from the University of Washington, he won his state championship, in 1924. He was runner-up in the Intercollegiate Championship in 1925, French Amateur Champion in 1929, runner-up in the Amateur Championship in 1931 and Western Amateur Champion in 1933. Since that time, he has confined his competitive play largely to his home area and interrupted it to serve five years with the Navy, being released as a lieutenant commander. Yet he won the Pacific Northwest Amateur four times and the Washington Amateur three times.

He is married and has one son.