

CURTIS CUP TEAMS

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"For this year's Curtis Cup match we can have the utmost confidence and we shall be very disappointed if our girls do not win. . . . We shall give the Americans a very warm welcome, but will say right now that we don't think they stand a chance this time."

These are the words of Golf Illustrated, British golf weekly, and they typify British sentiment regarding the ninth Curtis Cup Match to be played at Prince's Golf Club, Sandwich, England, on June 8 and 9. The British are optimistic and determined to make a strong bid for Curtis Cup honors with what they consider one of their better teams.

On this side of the Atlantic, the eight women golfers carrying United States hopes for victory will board the S.S. America in New York on May 26. Led for the second time by Mrs. Harrison F. Flippin, of Ardmore, Pa., non-playing Captain, the Team is equally determined to retain possession of the Curtis Cup.

The seven playing members are:

Mrs. PHILIP J. CUDONE, Caldwell,
N. J.

Miss MARY ANN DOWNEY,
Baltimore, Md.

Miss PATRICIA LESSER, Seattle,
Wash.

Miss JANE NELSON, Indianapolis,
Ind.

Miss POLLY RILEY, Fort Worth,
Texas

Miss BARBARA ROMACK,
Sacramento, Cal.

Miss MARGARET (WIFFI) SMITH,
St. Clair, Mich.

Mrs. Scott Probasco, Jr., of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., was originally named to the team, but declined the invitation.

Mrs. Cudone, first alternate, replaced Mrs. Probasco.

Alternates named, other than Mrs. Cudone, were Miss Jacqueline Yates, of Redlands, Cal., and Miss Ann Quast, of Marysville, Wash.

In addition to Curtis Cup play, all members of the Team will compete in the British Championship at Sunningdale Golf Club, Sunningdale, England, from June 26 through 29. The Misses Nelson, Romack and Smith will also play in the French Championship at Chantilly, France, from June 14 through 17.

The British Isles will field a Team led by Mrs. Sloan M. Bolton, of Ireland, non-playing Captain. Other members are:

Miss VERONICA ANSTEY, England

Miss PHILOMENA GARVEY, Ireland

Mrs. NIGEL HOWARD (ANN
PHILLIPS), England

Miss ELIZABETH PRICE, England

Miss JANETTE ROBERTSON,
Scotland

Mrs. ROY SMITH (FRANCES
STEPHENS), England

Mrs. GEORGE VALENTINE (JESSIE
ANDERSON), Scotland

Miss ANGELA WARD, England

Of the eight prior matches, the United States has won six, British Isles one, and one match was halved.

Sketches of the United States Captain and players follow:

Mrs. Harrison F. Flippin

Mrs. Flippin, the non-playing Captain, is serving in that capacity for the second time. She was non-playing Captain of the 1954 Team, which defeated the British Isles, 6 to 3, at the Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa. She attended Bryn Mawr, lives in Ardmore, Pa., and is a member

of the Merion Golf Club. She is the United States Senior Women's Golf Association Champion and Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee.



MRS. HARRISON F. FLIPPIN

As Miss Edith Quier, she won the Eastern and Pennsylvania Championships in 1936, and has held the Philadelphia Championship on three occasions. She defeated Miss Marlene Stewart, the Canadian and former British Champion, in the first round of the Women's Amateur Championship last summer.

Mrs. Philip J. Cudone

Mrs. Cudone is the Metropolitan New York Champion, but this is her first appearance on the Curtis Cup Team. She represents Montclair (N. J.) Golf Club and lives in West Caldwell, N. J.

Mrs. Cudone was a semi-finalist in the Women's Amateur Championship in 1953, lost in the fifth round in 1954, and in the third round last year. She is the New Jersey match-play champion and has been the New Jersey stroke-play champion for the last four years. She is a member of the board of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association.



MRS. PHILIP J. CUDONE

Miss Mary Ann Downey

Miss Downey lives in Baltimore, Md., attended Chestnut Hill College, and represents the Baltimore Country Club. This is her first appearance on the Team, although she was second alternate in 1954.

She has reached the fourth round of the USGA Women's Amateur the last two years. She is the Eastern Champion, and



MISS MARY ANN DOWNEY

previously won the title in 1953. She won the 1951 Trans-Mississippi Championship and was runner-up to Miss Riley in that event last year. In 1954 she won the Maryland Championship for the third time.

Miss Downey is a member of the board of the Women's Trans-Mississippi, Southern and Western Golf Associations.

Miss Patricia Lesser

Miss Lesser, the USGA Women's Amateur Champion, lives in Seattle, Wash., where she is a senior at Seattle University and plays at the Sand Point Country Club. She was a member of the 1954 Team.



MISS PATRICIA LESSER

She is also the Western Amateur and the South Atlantic Champion and has been second amateur in the Women's Open Championship the last two years. In 1953 she won the Collegiate and Pacific Northwest Championships and was first amateur in the Women's Open. Miss Lesser was the USGA Girls' Junior and Western Junior Champion in 1950.

In the 1954 Match at Merion, she and Miss Claire Doran (now Mrs. Robert J. Stancik) defeated Mrs. George Valentine and Miss Philomena Garvey, 6 and 5, in

foursomes. She did not compete in singles competition.

Miss Jane Nelson

Miss Nelson, a teacher of social studies in Indianapolis, was runner-up in the Women's Amateur Championship last year. She attended Indiana University and represents the Country Club of Indianapolis.



MISS JANE NELSON

A first-time member of the Team, she won the Indianapolis District Championship last year for the third time and has won the Tri-State Championship (Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio) for the last two years. She lost in the quarter-finals of the Western Amateur in 1954 and was runner-up the previous year. In 1952 she was Indiana State Champion, and was runner-up in 1951 and 1953.

Miss Polly Riley

Miss Riley, who is playing on her fifth Curtis Cup Team, is employed in the manager's office of an aircraft manufacturer in Fort Worth, Texas, and plays at the River Crest Country Club.

In the 1948 Match at Birkdale, England, she defeated Miss Maureen Ruttle, 3 and 2, but did not compete in foursomes. She was beaten in the second round of the British Championship. In the 1950 Match, she defeated Mrs. Valentine, 7 and 6, and again did not compete in foursomes. In the



MISS POLLY RILEY

1952 Match, she defeated Miss Moira Paterson, 6 and 4, but she and Miss Pat O'Sullivan lost to Miss Paterson and Miss Garvey, 2 and 1, in foursomes. She lost in the fourth round of the British Championship to Miss Jeanne Bisgood, 4 and 3.

In the 1954 Match, she defeated Miss Elizabeth Price, 6 and 4, in foursomes. She has been an officer and/or director of the Women's Southern Golf Association for the last seven years.

Miss Barbara Romack

Miss Barbara Romack, the Women's Amateur Champion in 1954, and runner-up in the British Championship in 1955, is a life insurance sales representative in Sacramento, Cal., and represents the Del Paso Country Club. She was a member of the 1954 Team.

Miss Romack was the 1953 Canadian Champion and won the Sacramento Valley Open that year. In 1952, she won the North and South and the California Championships.

In the 1954 Match, she and Miss Dorothy Kirby defeated Mrs. R. T. Peel and Miss Janette Robertson, 6 and 5, in foursomes, but she did not play in singles.

She is a member of the USGA Girls' Junior Committee and a committee member of the Women's Golf Association of Northern California.

Miss Margaret (Wiffi) Smith

A new member of the Team and, at 19, its youngest member, Miss Smith lives



MISS BARBARA ROMACK

in St. Clair, Mich., and represents the St. Clair Country Club.

Miss Smith was a quarter-finalist in the USGA Women's Amateur the last two years and a semi-finalist in 1953. She reached the third round of the British Championship in 1954, losing to Miss Marlene Stewart, and was the 1954 Girls' Junior Champion. She now holds the Michigan and Detroit District Championships and was the Mexican Champion in 1953.



MISS MARGARET (WIFFI) SMITH