

BOB JONES TO CAPTAIN USGA FIRST WORLD TEAM

Returns to
Scene of Former
Triumphs at
St. Andrews

When the first United States Team sets out for St. Andrews, Scotland, to participate in the inaugural World Amateur Team Championship in October, it will travel under the non-playing captaincy of Robert T. Jones, Jr., of Atlanta. The four players will be selected after the Amateur Championship in September.

In a personal message to the Planning Conference in Washington, D.C., last May, Jones had said in part: "May I assure you and your guests that within the very limited ability of one individual I shall always be eager to help in any way I can."

Taken at his Word

The USGA Executive Committee took him at his word and invited him to lead the first Team.

No man is more qualified to captain a Team over the Old Course than Bob Jones. It was there that he won his second British Open Championship in 1927, retaining the title he had won the previous year at Royal Lytham and St. Anne's. It was there that he won the British Amateur Championship in 1930, the first trick of his Grand Slam and the title which had seemed to be the most elusive of all.

Twenty-eight years ago he was the idol of St. Andrews, and he once stated that if he had to play one course for the rest of his life, he would choose the Old Course at St. Andrews.

The role of captain of an international team is not new to Bob Jones. He was leader of the Walker Cup Teams of 1928 and 1930.

After his retirement as a player in 1930, Jones, with several associates, founded the Augusta National Golf Club, in Augusta, Ga. Such a project had long been a dream; Bob Jones and Dr. Alister MacKenzie, the famed Scottish golf course architect, made it a reality. The Masters Tournament, over which Bob Jones has always presided, was inaugurated in 1934,



ROBERT T. JONES, JR.

and through it he has maintained close contact with the succeeding generation of young golfers.

Welcome Awaits him in Scotland

Bob Jones is a man of broad interests—he is trained as a lawyer, he is in business, he has several hobbies, and he saw service in World War II—but he has always maintained an abiding interest in golf. He attended the 1953 Walker Cup Match in Marion, Mass., and the 1955 Amateur Championship in Richmond, Va. He can no longer jump the Swilcan Burn, nor is he likely to be carried shoulder high off the course at St. Andrews, but the name of Bobby Jones, as he was always called there, is just as much a household name in Scottish golfing circles as that of Tom Morris or James Braid. No visitor will be more welcome to the home of the Royal and Ancient game.