

Britain Wins the Curtis Cup

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June 7, 1952, will be a date to remember for the British Curtis Cup Team, for it broke through to win the Cup for the first time in 20 years, and it was a well deserved victory. With one exception, it was the same British team that played the Americans at the Country Club of Buffalo in 1950. The exception was a Scottish girl, Miss Moira Paterson, the new British Champion. The Captain, Lady Katherine Cairns, did a fine job in pairing the girls for the four-somes, and it was evident that a lot of

thought and work were behind their play.

The American girls never could get going in the form they had displayed in practice rounds at Muirfield. The weather was something to remember, for a gale blew on both days of play. The Muirfield course was a wonderful test of golf, with rough weather added. The fairways are unusually narrow, and 200 bunkers are placed to catch any drive or second shot that is the least bit off line. One bunker on the seventeenth hole is 12 feet deep. The greens are very large, compared



The 1952 USGA Curtis Cup Team posed in "Golf House" with the trophy which later passed to the British at Muirfield, Scotland. From the left, Miss Patricia O'Sullivan, Miss Dorothy Kirby, Miss Polly Riley, Miss Marjorie Lindsay, Mrs. Frank Goldthwaite, the non-playing Captain; Miss Mae Murray, Miss Claire Doran and Miss Grace DeMoss.

with American greens, and twice as fast.

There was one bright spot on the American team: Miss Claire Doran was the only girl to win both foursome and singles matches. Claire teamed with Miss Marjorie Lindsay in foursomes and defeated Miss Philomena Garvey in singles.

In the foursomes Miss Dorothy Kirby and Miss Grace DeMoss lost, 3 and 2, to Miss Jean Donald and Miss Elizabeth Price, who gave a wonderful display of foursome golf. Miss Polly Riley and Miss Pat O'Sullivan had a tight match against Miss Philomena Garvey and Miss Moira Paterson but lost, 2 and 1.

The singles were played under the same weather conditions, and Miss Kirby beat Miss Donald, 1 up, after having been 5 down at the 25th hole. Miss Lindsay lost to Miss Frances Stephens, 2 and 1, after having been even at the 18th hole. Miss Riley played the best golf of the day to beat Miss Paterson, 6 and 4. Miss Mae Murray lost to Miss Jeanne Bisgood, 6 and 5, and Miss DeMoss was beaten by Miss Price, 3 and 2.

Miss Murray played beautifully in the British Women's Championship at Troon and surprised us all by going to the semi-final round before she was beaten by Miss Stephens, 5 and 3. Miss Stephens eventually succumbed to Miss Paterson on the 38th hole of the final, after having twice been 5 up.

On her way, Miss Murray defeated Miss Garvey and Miss Bisgood, both members of the British Team. Miss Murray, in fact, had been beaten by Miss Bisgood in the Cup play, but had the pleasure of turning the tables, at the 19th hole, in the quarter-finals. Both Miss Doran and Miss Riley reached the fourth round before they were eliminated, by Miss Paterson and Miss Bisgood, respectively.

The American Team has no alibi. We were just outplayed this time. We will be ready for them in 1954.

In the meantime, we hope that the words of Miss Enid Wilson, a member of the British Team in 1932, fairly reflect British feelings about the Match. She wrote:

"First and foremost, your Team won the hearts of all the people who have been fortunate enough to meet them, and it would have been impossible to imagine a happier atmosphere than that which prevailed at Greywalls, where the two Teams were staying.

"Muirfield and the weather were the contributing factors in the defeat of your side, and to them must be added the superb captaincy of Lady Katherine Cairns, who got our girls onto the first tee cool, calm and collected, a feat that has never been achieved before."

		FOURSOMES	
British Isles	Pts.	United States	Pts.
Miss Jean Donald and Miss Elizabeth Price (3 and 2)	1	Miss Dorothy Kirby and Miss Grace DeMoss	0
Miss Frances Stephens and Mrs. George Valentine	0	Miss Claire Doran and Miss Marjorie Lindsay (6 and 4)	1
Miss Moira Paterson and Miss Philomena Garvey (2 and 1)	1	Miss Polly Riley and Miss Patricia O'Sullivan	0
<i>Total</i>	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>
SINGLES			
Miss Jean Donald	0	Miss Dorothy Kirby (1 up)	1
Miss Frances Stephens (2 and 1)	1	Miss Marjorie Lindsay	0
Miss Moira Paterson	0	Miss Polly Riley (6 and 4)	1
Miss Jeanne Bisgood (6 and 5)	1	Miss Mae Murray	0
Miss Philomena Garvey	0	Miss Claire Doran (3 and 2)	1
Miss Elizabeth Price (3 and 2)	1	Miss Grace DeMoss	0
<i>Total</i>	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
<i>Grand Total</i>	<u>5</u>		<u>4</u>
Captain—Lady Katherine Cairns		Captain—Mrs. Frank Goldthwaite	
Reserve—Mrs. P. J. McCann			