

# Probables for British Walker Cup Team

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**T**HOUGH it is a far cry to Chicago next August, a speculative interest is already being taken in the composition of the British team to meet the United States in the Walker Cup match. That fresh blood, and a good deal of it, will be infused into the side is almost a certainty, but from what source the infusion will come will depend very largely upon what happens in the Amateur championship at Prestwick in May. While there is no great hope of any startling discoveries, it is not by any means unlikely that some new players of potential class will be unearthed. Ten years have now passed since the Great War, and it is in the nature of things that changes of a far-reaching kind should be taking place. It is possible that we may be on the verge of a tremendous upheaval in British golf, but where to look for it is the rub.

However, there can be very little doubt that two new personalities at least will be introduced into the next team. One is Dr. William Tweddell, the present British Amateur champion, and the other is T. P. Perkins, the English champion. To Americans their names probably mean nothing, but I can assure them that though they may never have heard of Tweddell and Perkins they are likely to do so, and in no uncertain manner, before the end of the year. I do not mean to imply that Tweddell and Perkins are "world beaters" in the sense that Bobby Jones is a golfer to whom that description can be applied. Far from it: but it can be said that they are golfers worthy of any man's steel.



**DR. WILLIAM TWEDDELL**  
Present British Amateur champion and a new Walker Cup team possibility

No one played with greater consistency, or compiled such excellent scores in round after round, as Tweddell in the championship.

Tweddell is about the same height and build as Bobby Jones, but not quite so heavy. There is a similarity of style; the feet fairly close together, a straight left arm throughout, and a beautifully compact and finely-controlled easy, flowing swing. The persistency with which Tweddell wins competitions in the Midlands, a district where most of his golf is played, and in scores that tell their own tale, is a striking testimony of his worth as a golfer. To add to his many achievements, Tweddell recently won the Midlands Open championship, and, in doing so, beat all the leading professionals of that extensive territory. Tweddell plays golf on the plan invented by Bobby Jones, making par the objective rather than bothering too much about the presence of

the opponent, or what he is doing. It is a mechanical, inhuman sort of business, requiring tremendous concentration, but it seems to pay if you are strong-minded enough. Apart from these considerations, Tweddell is long enough from the tee, and plays his irons so well that he is always giving the adversary something to think about.



## REX AND LISTER HARTLEY

**Two young brothers who for two years in succession have won the London Foursomes and are considered one of the strongest combinations for the Walker Cup team matches**

established alliances. For two years in succession they won the London Foursomes against many illustrious combinations. Rex is an ex-captain of Cambridge University and Lister is the present holder of the St. George's Gold Challenge Cup, the premier British amateur scoring event. Last year they represented England against Scotland in the International match, really the stepping stone to the greater honour—selection for the Walker Cup team. Both are unusually long hitters of the ball besides possessing a fine and delicate touch on the greens. They are very keen and enthusiastic golfers, and despite their youth have had an unusually varied and strenuous experience. So, here we have four new probables for the British team, all sound and capable golfers, thirsting to retrieve the honour of British golf.

Youth will again be represented in the person of Andrew Jamieson, whose defeat of Bobby Jones in the Amateur championship at Muirfield, provided a first-class sensation. Jamieson justifies his inclusion in the British team by defeating the American captain, Bob Gardner, by 5 and 4. That these achievements were not in the nature of a lucky (Continued on page 62)

Perkins is a different type of golfer in the sense that he takes lots of time to play the shot, pondering deeply before coming to a final decision. In his case, the end certainly justifies the means. Following his success in the English Amateur championship, Perkins tied with W. B. Torrance as first British amateur in the Open championship. These achievements indicate that Perkins is fully armed at both points of the game—match and medal. More things are unlikely than that Tweddell and Perkins will be selected as partners in the foursomes, and as a combination they will set a hot pace for any American couple. I have great hopes of Tweddell and Perkins, who, whether individually or collectively, will fight to the very last ditch.

The same may be said of the brothers Hartley, Rex and Lister, two young golfers who know as much about the art of foursome play as any of the old



**T. P. PERKINS**  
The English champion, who will be introduced into the next team

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spasm is shown by the fact that Jamieson is now the Scottish champion, a position of considerable dignity in northern golf. Tolley, Wethered and Sir Ernest Holderness are, by virtue of their positions in golf, certain to be chosen. Holderness has never been to America, and I do not suppose he will accept on this occasion, his post in a Government Office preventing him taking extended leave of absence.

Hezlet has been touring in South Africa with a British team, and it may well be that he cannot spare the time for a further trip abroad with so short an interval between. I am sure that he and George Von Elm are equally anxious to fly at one another's throats, in order to settle the little matter that was left undecided at St. Andrews on the last occasion when the countries met. It would be a thousand pities to spoil so wonderful an opportunity, one that may never occur again. Assuming that he is selected, Major Hezlet may make a personal sacrifice in order to resume the battle with his old enemy.

Much will happen before the trek is made to Chicago, and it would not be surprising if other personalities forced their attention on the Selection Committee. For example, there is Captain R. H. Robson, of Sunningdale, a great shot producer, who, on his way to the semi-final of the last Amateur championship, defeated no fewer than five international players. But for a slip in the closing stages of the match, which went to the last green, the history of the championship might very possibly have been written differently. Another young player, who is gradually forcing his way to the front is Duncan Anderson, a London golfer, whose feats in long driving are the wonder and despair of all his opponents. Moreover, he contrives to win score competitions in figures that are an eloquent testimony of consistency, thoroughness and forcefulness of purpose. In view of all the circumstances, it is more than possible that at Chicago the Americans will see a totally different team in the matter of personnel from the one they have been accustomed to meet in the past.

Though the announcement that Bobby Jones is not to defend his title of British Open champion has created a feeling of disappointment among all sections of the sporting public it has not been accepted as final, because it is remembered that Jones made a similar pronouncement last year, and yet turned up at St. Andrews unable to resist the lure. We are hoping that the same thing will happen at Sandwich in May, and that when the gong is sounded there will be Jones swinging his club, and breathing defiance to the world, including Hagen, who, it is understood, is again casting envious eyes on the title. Having won once at Sandwich, Hagen has a strong presentiment that he can win again. Anyhow, a British championship without Jones will be like a baseball match without the star pitcher. British golfers refuse to believe that Jones' decision is irrevocable.