



IN the interregnum betwixt high summer and winter Lakewood holds a unique position. Its situation on the belt line of two zones of temperature insures that whatever may be the deterrent conditions in the North, and however premature it may be to go to the extreme South, there will be suitable conditions within its borders. Lakewood is indeed an oasis on which those who toiled through the heat and burden of the summer may meet with perfect assurance and try conclusions yet once again ere the stern hand of a Northern winter bars the road to outdoor sports. So it has come to pass that every year the gathering of the clans at Lakewood has become more marked, and we have to look upon its fall tournament as the sifting-out place in the final settlement of the year's scores.

This year has been no exception to its predecessors in this respect, except that, to use a commonplace, it has been "more so" for this year the greater number of the prominent players have gathered at it to play their trying-out games and bid good bye to tee and green for many a day.

No year that has gone before has seen such a gathering, and never before has the glorious uncertainty of golf been more sharply defined. In proof of the former, it is only necessary to say that among the contestants were such doughty champions as H. M. Harriman, Findlay S. Douglas, W. J. Travis, F. W. Menzies, I. T. Burden, James A. Tyng, A. T. Dwight, J. G. Thorpe and A. A. Robbins, and in proof of the latter, that Harriman, who carried all before him, from the Garden City contests in the spring to the championship at Chicago, not only failed to qualify in the first sixteen, but also failed to win even the Consolation Cup, and that Douglas, who failed to maintain his championship and missed other honors, but always by the closest margin, carried everything before him at Lakewood in a manner that more than justifies the estimate of his friends that he is, accidents notwithstanding, entitled to the premier rank in golf.

Yet another seeming anomaly was made apparent in the defeat of W. J. Travis, whose perseverance and brilliance for two years have made his name a synonym for success. Covered with trophies won on a hundred fields against the best players of the two years, he must, we think, notwithstanding his eclipse at Lakewood, be placed high on the roll of honor, and no player ever worked harder for or more deserved the niche which he has attained.

The details of the Lakewood tournament, played December 1st, 2d and 3d, reduced to mere figures, read tame beside the brilliant spectacle they were in actual performance, yet

to those who read with discrimination and with a golfer's memory, they are rich in lessons.

The sixteen who qualified in the medal play round were:

W. J. Travis, Oakland—									
Out.....	3	5	5	4	4	5	5	4	5-40
In.....	5	6	5	4	6	4	3	5	4-42-82
C. S. Ransom, Albany Country—									
Out.....	5	5	6	5	4	4	5	3	4-41
In.....	5	5	6	5	7	4	4	4	4-44-85
Findlay S. Douglas, Fairfield—									
Out.....	5	6	5	4	6	5	5	4	5-45
In.....	6	6	5	4	5	5	3	4	3-41-86
F. W. Menzies, St. Andrew's—									
Out.....	4	4	6	4	5	5	5	3	7-43
In.....	5	6	6	4	7	3	4	4	4-43-86
John Morehead, Jr., Pittsburg—									
Out.....	6	5	6	4	5	5	5	4	5-45
In.....	5	6	5	6	6	4	3	4	4-42-87
F. P. Kimball, Lakewood—									
Out.....	5	4	4	4	6	5	5	3	4-41
In.....	7	6	6	4	7	4	4	4	4-46-87
R. C. Watson, Jr., Westbrook—									
Out.....	4	6	6	4	5	5	7	3	4-44
In.....	5	6	6	4	4	4	7	4	4-44-88
A. E. Hedstrom, Buffalo—									
Out.....	4	6	5	4	4	5	5	4	5-42
In.....	7	6	6	5	6	4	3	4	5-46-88
A. T. Dwight, Yale—									
Out.....	4	5	5	7	6	5	3	5	5-46
In.....	5	6	5	4	5	5	4	5	4-43-89
I. T. Burden, Jr., Newport—									
Out.....	5	6	5	4	5	5	3	5	5-43
In.....	5	7	6	5	6	4	4	4	4-40-89
Arden M. Robbins, St. Andrew's—									
Out.....	4	6	5	6	4	6	5	4	5-45
In.....	5	5	6	5	7	4	3	4	5-44-89
James A. Tyng, Morris County—									
Out.....	4	6	5	6	5	6	3	5	5-44
In.....	5	7	6	5	6	4	4	5	4-46-90
L. T. Pratt, Nassau County—									
Out.....	5	4	4	5	5	6	6	3	7-45
In.....	6	6	5	5	6	4	4	5	5-46-91
J. Gordon Douglas, Oakland—									
Out.....	5	4	5	7	5	5	6	4	5-46
In.....	5	5	6	7	6	4	3	5	4-45-91
P. A. Proal, Ardsley—									
Out.....	5	5	5	6	5	5	6	3	6-46
In.....	5	6	7	5	7	4	3	4	4-45-91
C. M. Hamilton, Baltusrol—									
Out.....	5	6	5	4	4	6	6	4	5-45
In.....	5	7	6	4	6	5	5	5	3-46-91

The second day, Friday, was medal play, and in the first round.

J. Gordon Douglas, Oakland, beat Charles S. Ransom, Albany Country, 4 up and 4 to play; James A. Tyng, Morris County, beat L. T. Pratt, Nassau County, 5 up and 2 to play; R. C. Watson, Jr., Westbrook, beat Paul A. Proal, Ardsley, 7 up and 5 to play; Findlay S. Douglas, Fairfield, beat C. M. Hamilton, Baltusrol, 1 up; F. W. Menzies, St. Andrew's, beat I. T. Burden Jr., Newport 3 up and 1 to play; John Morehead, Jr., Pittsburg beat Amos T. Dwight Yale, 2 up and 1 to play; F. P. Kimball, Lakewood, beat A. E. Hedstrom, Buffalo, 4 up and 2 to play; A. M. Robbins, St. Andrew's, beat Walter J. Travis, Oakland, 2 up and 1 to play.

In the second round Gordon Douglas beat Tyng, 3 up and 1 to play; Findlay Douglas beat Watson, 1 up (20 holes); Menzies beat Morehead, 5 up and 4 to play; Kimball beat Robbins, 1 up.

On Saturday Findlay S. Douglas beat Gordon Douglas and Kimball beat Menzies. The cards were:

Findlay Douglas.....	4	0	4	5	4	5	5	3	3-39
Gordon Douglas.....	4	7	6	6	5	5	6	5	5-49
Findlay Douglas.....	5	6	6	5	4	2	4	4	4-41-80
Gordon Douglas.....	6	6	4	4	6	*	*	*	*-26-75
*Byes not played.									
Kimball.....	4	4	5	6	4	5	6	4	6-44
Menzies.....	6	5	5	5	5	5	3	6	6-45
Kimball.....	5	7	6	4	4	4	4	4	4-42-86
Menzies.....	6	6	4	4	6	6	4	5	4-45-90

This left Douglas and Menzies in the finals, and in the result Douglas won easily, as the following figures testify, 6 up and 5 to go.

Douglas.....	4	6	5	4	6	4	4	5-42	
Kimball.....	5	6	3	5	6	5	5	5-46	
Douglas.....	6	6	5	5	*	*	*	*-22-64	
Kimball.....	5	7	6	*	*	*	*	*-25-71	
*Byes not played.									