

# New Golf Ball Is Given High Praise by Official of National Organization

## SPHERE DECLARED "EMINENTLY FAIR"

Jaques Asserts It Is Suited to Average Player and Also to Courses.

HERBERT JAQUES, chairman of the committee on implements and balls of the United States Golf Association, reflects the sentiment of the national governing body in alluding to the new standard ball, which is soon to make its appearance, as "distinctly a refreshing ball to play better suited and eminently fair to the average golfer and complimentary to the architecture and playing values of the course."

In an article written for the American Golfer, Jaques has the following to say of the effect of the ball to the ordinary player:

"We all want to know more of the 'human' side of the ball, one must see the ball on the ground ready to be hit. It sits up and whether the fairway be long and uncut, bare, wet or burned out, one doesn't have to dig for it. It flies with a slightly higher trajectory, yet it will not zoom or climb, unless too much underpin has been imparted, sufficiently to ruin any shot. The longer shots of the average golfer will actually have a new meaning to him."

Helps Mashie Play.

"Mashie play with the new ball is a delight. The ball rises a little higher, drops with a sharper trajectory, and rolls less after striking the ground. When hit lower against a light breeze, it will hold like a spade or mashie-niblick shot and from a down hill lie it can be controlled with far greater ease. So in mashie play, also with the mashie-niblick and niblick the player will experience easier control. In the rough this ball does not burrow deeply. It is easier to explode or play cleanly from a bunker. It is a beautiful putting ball, rolls true, and if any strength is needed, it is apparent only on uphill putts."

"Now about distance. From innumerable driving machine and playing tests, records show a matter of five or six yards less than the present ball for the hard hitters—that is, those who hit 235 to 240 yards. Very little loss in the flight; it is mostly in the roll. Also there is a proportionate reduction in the loss of distance as the hitter's power decreases. A player driving around 180 yards will lose about three to four yards. Short players who have difficulty in getting the ball up may gain distance from a higher trajectory."

"This new standard ball is distinctly a refreshing ball to play, better suited and eminently fair to the average golfer, a little more exacting for the expert, and complimentary to the architecture and playing values of the course. It is the solemn contention of the United States Golf Association that it will come to be judged one of the most important contributions to the game during the next decade."

Dave Thomson Likes It.

Dave Thomson, professional at the Washington Golf and Country Club, and a deep student of the game, holds much the same view. Here is what he says of the new ball:

"I believe that the new ball, which is to be 1.55 ounces avoirdupois and not smaller than 1.68 inches in diameter, will be a benefit to the majority of golfers, more especially to those who have trouble in getting the present ball off the ground with wood clubs. The new ball will be much easier to pick up, from a low lie, easier to hold on the greens and being larger than the ball now in use, easier to hit on the center of the putter."

"The loss of distance from the tee will be very small and I believe that the moderately hard hitter will get better distance than he now gets with the smaller, heavier ball." Thomson added that he expects to receive some of the new balls shortly for trial.

## Most Important Shot in Golf



BY O. B. KELLER.

By the Associated Press.

The most important shot in golf? has produced a number of different answers, all interesting and a couple of them clever.

Willie Park, a grand putter, said: "The man who can putt is a match for anybody."

To which Harry Vardon replied: "The man who can pitch doesn't need to putt."

And one witty sophist dodged the issue by saying that the most important shot in golf is "the next one."

I like Walter Hagen's determined decision, following an era in which it seemed generally accepted that

the iron shot was "the backbone of golf."

"The drive is the most important shot," said Sir Walter. "It makes every other shot easier or harder." This is essentially a reasonable verdict, especially in these latter days of gargantuan courses, with the second shot depending almost exclusively on the long and accurate wallop off the tee.

"You must reach the green before you can begin putting," is Bobby Jones' support of Sir Walter's theory; and if anybody should know the importance of the drive it is Bobby, especially since the United States open championship of 1928 at Olympia Fields. His failure to win the championship, and, indeed, to win it by from two to eight strokes, is directly attributable to his inability in that tournament to keep his tremendous and usually accurate tee-shots in the fairway.

"The long and accurate drive makes all the difference between a pitch to the green and a hard iron or a spoon shot, sometimes from a disadvantageous position, on many of the two-shot holes which nowadays constitute the potent factor of our championship courses. On the popular holes of 400 to 440 yards, a fine drive leaves a pitch or a medium iron, where a short or partly missed drive means a poke with the longer irons or a desperate bang with the wood."

Two-thirds of a modern championship course is built on the drive with the wood.

## Helen Wills Wins Match With British Man Player

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, July 11.—Miss Helen Wills showed a select and keenly interested gallery, including the Prince of Wales, how easily she is able to beat even a first-class male tennis player, when on a private court in the west end of London, she defeated Capt. Victor Caziet, M. P., by scores of 6-2, 6-4.

Capt. Caziet, former amateur squash racquets champion of Britain and a renowned tennis player, was no match for the woman champion of three nations. The Mail, describing the match, says she played as if merely toying with him and ran away with the first five games before she allowed the captain to win two, after which she promptly ran out the set. In the second set Helen allowed the score to reach 4-all before running out.

Miss Wills' opponent declared he struggled his hardest, but his efforts were unavailing as "she was too good."

## STRAIGHT OFF THE TEE

WOMAN golfers of the city are to play July 23 at the Beaver Dam Country Club in an event sponsored by the Women's District Golf Association. Mrs. Alma von Steiner is chairman of the women's committee of the Beaver Dam Club and will act as hostess.

Two matches have been played in the second round of the championship flight in the women's municipal links title event at Rock Creek Park. Mrs. Helen Rhyne defeated Miss Nita Burger in one match, by 2 and 1, while Mrs. F. J. Godfrey downed Miss Esther Barnes in another, 5 and 3. In the second flight two matches have been played, with the following results: Mrs. T. P. Hayden defeated Miss Isabel McGree, 6 and 5; Miss Mary Dalgleish defeated Mrs. J. T. Powell, 2 up.

The final round in the competition for the Morven Thompson Memorial Trophy by members of the Seniors' Golf Association of the Chevy Chase Club lies between F. S. Ridsdale and Gen. D. C. Shanks. Ridsdale plays from scratch, while Shanks, who is chairman of the handicap committee of the senior association, has a handicap of 12 strokes.

Semi-finals in the competition for the Peter Cup, find the following pairings: C. Phillips Hill (11), or Ben S. Minor (11) vs. Maj. H. L. Rice (7); Rear Admiral H. R. Stanford (10) vs. Rear Admiral H. J. Cone (25).

Pairings for the second round of the two-ball matches among the seniors are announced as follows: B. S. Minor and Gen. M. M. Patrick (12) vs. W. L. Hill and H. D. Granitt (12); Walter G. Peter and C. Phillips Hill (9) vs. Admiral H. Cone and Gen. D. C. Shanks (19); W. G. Branley and Arion V. Cushman (13) vs. Rear Admiral H. J. Cone and J. McCann (18); Gen. Frank R. Keifer and E. M. Talcott (9) vs. G. V. Worthington and L. O. Cameron (14).

L. O. Cameron has been declared the winner of the putting tourney of the seniors, which was concluded recently, turning in a medal play card of 85, five strokes in front of his nearest competitors. Gen. William J. Nicholson and W. L. Hillier were tied for second place, with scores of 88.

Announcements of the fourth annual invitation tourney to be played at the Sherwood Forest Golf Course, were received by many Washington amateur golfers today. The tourney will start with an 18-hole qualification round on Friday, July 19, and end with the semi-final and final rounds at match play on Sunday, July 21. Entries for the event close July 17, and should be addressed to the tournament committee, 411 North Charles street, Baltimore.

Charles W. Cole, Jr., won the tournament last year, but will not be on hand to play this year, as he is in the West with a party of friends. A number of Washington golfers usually enter the tourney.

At least five local professionals are to play in the pro tourney at Philadelphia next Monday. Those who have said they will play are: Bob Barnett of Chevy Chase, Fred McLeod of Columbia, Arthur B. Thorn of Town and Country, and J. Monroe Hunter and George Dittenbaugh of Indian Spring.

Entries for MUNY NET PLAY TO OPEN MONDAY

Beginning Monday entries will be received for the annual Washington public parks tennis championships to be held on the Rock Creek courts starting July 20.

It is believed that Washington has a fine chance to obtain the national public parks tennis championship tournament in 1930.

## CONTINUE SINGLES IN D. C. TITLE PLAY

Howard-Van Vliet Battle to Be Resumed and Other Matches Decided.

COMPLETION of the quarter-final matches in the singles, halted yesterday by rain, was to feature the program today on the Edgemoor Club courts, where the District of Columbia net championships are in progress. A quarter-final doubles match, begun Tuesday and halted twice, was to follow the singles play.

Ensign Bill Howard of the Navy Leach Cup squad was leading Maj. R. C. Van Vliet, defending champion and Army Leach Cup star, by one set, 3-6, with games standing 1-1 in the second when play was suspended on the No. 1 court. Clarence Charest, in a match no less interesting although not holding the center of the stage, had gained a one-set advantage at 9-7 over Louis Kurland. Games were 1-1 in the second set of this match also.

Some Great Tennis.

Those who braved the sprinkling rainfall to stay by the side lines during the opening set of the Howard-Van Vliet match saw some of the best tennis ever exhibited on the Edgemoor courts, with Howard as the star performer. During the first seven games of the encounter his play was practically errorless, resulting in his gaining a 5-2 lead before Van Vliet could find his pace. At this point Howard held

## ARMY PICKS NETMEN; NAVY NAMES SQUAD

Having named their captain and selected their squad, Army Leach Cup netmen are all set for the annual clash with the Navy's racketeers, which is scheduled to take place Saturday, July 20, on the Chevy Chase Club courts.

Navy's 10 best players have not yet been named, but a squad of 12 from whom the 10 will be selected has been announced.

Maj. Robert C. Van Vliet has been chosen captain of the Army team, which includes Col. Wait C. Johnson, Maj. W. M. Robertson, T. D. Finley, P. C. Paschal, L. S. Robbs and Huntington Hills; Lieut. D. D. Hedekin, S. K. Robinson and Thomas Sherburne. These are not named in the order in which they will play, as that has not yet been decided.

Navy players from whom the team of 10 will be picked include Capt. W. S. Anderson, Comdr. C. C. Gill, Lieut. Comdr. Vincent C. Godfrey, Lieut. R. M. Watt, Jr.; R. H. Dole, De Witt Radgrave and C. D. Griffin; Ensigns W. E. Howard, H. J. MacRoberts, Charles Fen-ton, John K. McCue and James Farrin.

Early indications give promise of a hot clash this year between the Army and Navy.

## SHORE PLAYS SLAUBAUGH IN TENNIS SEMI-FINALS

BALTIMORE, July 11.—Frank Shore of Washington and Henry Slaubaugh, Middle Atlantic junior champion, were to face today in the semi-finals in the Maryland State junior open tennis championships here. Shore was runner-up to Claiborn in the recent Middle Atlantic championships.

Shore defeated Nathan Kramer yesterday, 6-4, 6-0, while Slaubaugh was disposing of Johnny Neale of Washington, in another quarter-final match. Aaron Miller and Billy Jacobs were to engage in another semi-final match today.

## PRO GOLFER GETS 'DODO,' A 2 ON A PAR 5 HOLE

APPLETON, Wis., July 11 (AP).—Add "dodo" to the list of golf terms.

Frank Walsh, pro at the Butte Des Morts course, yesterday made the expression, which means a hole in 3 under par.

Playing in a foursome Walsh drove from the tee of a par 5 hole, into the rough. His second shot made the green and trickled into the hole for a 2, and immediately was called a "dodo."

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