

COMPOSITE CHOICE OF GOLF STARS GIVES ALL WESTERNERS NOTICE

Jack Neville Ranked 15th in List of 16 First Choices of Experts.

QUIMET IS FIRST CHOICE

Nine Voters Cast Ballot for Him—Chandler Egan and Harry Davis Are Mentioned for Honors.

Jack Neville, the holder of the Pacific coast golf championship, is ranked fifteenth on the list of the 16 best golfers in the United States, which was compiled by William H. Stevens, a Philadelphia golf critic. Four of nine golf experts, including some of the crack western players named Neville in their selections. Harry K. B. Davis, the former Waverly Country club player, was named in the list selected by Hamilton H. Kerr, a well known player, and Chandler Egan, the former national champion, was ranked eleventh by H. B. McFarland, of the Huntington Valley club, of Philadelphia.

Francis Ouimet, who won the National amateur title of 1914, is ranked No. 1, and "Chick" Evans, the Chicago star, is given second place. Jerome Travers is No. 3 player, and W. C. Fournes is fourth. With nine men voting, the result is as follows:

- 1. Ouimet 9
- 2. Evans 8
- 3. Travers . . . 7
- 4. Fournes . . . 6
- 5. Gorton . . . 5
- 6. Herreshoff . 5
- 7. Byers 4
- 8. Kirkby 4
- 9. Travis 3
- 10. Wood 3

Get Honorable Mention.

Honorable mention—Sterns 2, Howard Seckel 2, and one each for the following: Ormiston, Davis, Whitney, Martin, Seely, Kerr, Whitmore, Lee, Worthington, Birmingham, Webb, P. Hunter, Egan and Phelps.

Eben Byers, a Pittsburg crack, and one of the two Pennsylvanians who have won a national championship, has this to say:

"I would consider the following the best on this year's play, so far as I have seen them or heard of their work. The list is not in the order of their playing ability. Ouimet, Travers, Travis, Evans, Byers, Gorton, Kirkby, Fournes, Anderson, Herreshoff, Lewis, Schlottman, Marston, Sawyer, Ormiston, Nelson, Whitney. It is a list made up almost entirely from what I have seen of these men during the year, and as I do not keep very good watch on tournaments throughout the country, my choosing and judging of merit is not very good."

Max Marston, of Baltusrol, has played in all the big tournaments, as well as the national affairs, and his selection is also based, as is Byers', on what he has seen the various men do whom he names in order in the following list:

- 1. Francis Ouimet; 2. Charles Evans; 3. Jerome D. Travers; 4. W. C. Fournes; 5. R. R. Gorton; 6. Oswald Kirkby; 7. Robert A. Gardner; 8. E. M. Byers; 9. E. P. Allis; 10. Marston; 11. Walter J. Travis; 12. John G. Anderson; 13. R. M. Lewis; 14. J. B. Hamilton; 15. T. V. Birmingham; 16. J. N. Stearns.

Anderson's Selections.

John G. Anderson, himself selected as one of the best 16 men in the country, names the following, putting them in four groups of four men each:

- "1. Francis Ouimet; 2. Charles Evans; 3. Jerome D. Travers; 4. W. C. Fournes. Second group (alphabetical): Robert A. Gardner; R. R. Gorton; Oswald Kirkby; Jack Neville. Third group (alphabetical)—E. P. Allis, Ed. Eben M. Byers, Fred Herreshoff, Walter J. Travis; fourth group (alphabetical)—Reginald Lewis; R. Marston; D. E. Sawyer; J. G. Schlottman."

Warren Corkran, of Baltimore, who, among other things, won the Lynwood Hall and the Clarence H. Gelat cups here two years ago, considers himself making the same selection as Anderson:

- Harold Weber, of Toledo, and for many years one of the most brilliant of the western players, says: "I am including in my list of the 16 best amateur golfers. The arrangement of the list for 1914 I think correct. It is a hard task to arrange the best 16, as there are so many of them. I have picked the country on a par, after 3 or 10 of the best are named."

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Harold Weber, of Toledo, and for many years one of the most brilliant of the western players, says:

"I have found it a very difficult task to rate the 16 best players in the country based on this season's playing. It is not quite so difficult to rate the first three, which is a far gone conclusion. The three in my mind are Francis Ouimet, 'Chick' Evans and Jerome D. Travers; and that is just the order in which I place them. Ouimet's record in the past 12 months has shown he is known the golfing world over, and he is doubtless entitled to the honor position. 'Chick' Evans, who for some years has been pronounced the finest finished player—and, as a matter of fact, I think he still is—should follow closely at Ouimet's heels. He has gone better than Travers this season. Jerome Travers has done very little tournament playing since his return from Europe."

The task from now on is really very difficult, for there are so many excellent golfers in the country; but I will try to be as fair as possible, and this selection is only on this year's playing. I mean there are players I can think of who are not rated among the best 16, but only because they did not play a hole about half as well as the other men in the list. The man I have rated fourth, W. C. Fournes Jr., and I think there are not a few in the country who agree with the selection of American golf stars.

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The indoor golf courts promise to become a real fad this winter. Now that several of New York's leading restaurants have installed them it is expected they will be seen all over town before the winter season is over. The Ritz-Carlton will open its courts in a few days, which will be for the exclusive use of its patrons. An uptown restaurant near the circle will devote a whole floor to the new idea and will conduct tournaments.

Last winter it was the custom of the patrons at New York's glided eating palaces to indulge in dancing before and after meals and lunches, now they retire to the indoor golf courts.

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GOLF NOTES

Mention has been made in this column for natural reasons, should be stronger in the short game than in other departments of golf, but are not. Due consideration of the subject brings out the fact that it is in the restrained shots that men, as well as women, are weakest. This is more true of putting than it is of approaching.

The only question is practice, and one could do no better than to follow the method used by Walter J. Travis. As every one knows, Travis is a marvelous putter, and in practice he uses, in play the actual cup regulation size. A hole about half the regulation size of a bucket, compared with the one he had been using, and Travis is forever holding sizeable putts, generally to the consternation of his opponent.

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