

# AMERICAN YOUTH TRIUMPHS IN GOLF

## Victory of Ouimet Sets High Standard on Amateur Skill in This Country.

Until this year open golf honors in America have been almost exclusively reserved for players of British birth, but the victory of Francis Ouimet at Brookline yesterday has upset all precedents and marks a new chapter in American golfing annals.

It was three years ago that John J. McDermott, now the former open champion of the United States, succeeded in getting into a triple tie at Wheaton for the United States open championship and winning on the play-off the first time an American home-bred had ever achieved the distinction. Even now McDermott is very little over the quarter-century mark. At Buffalo last year American youth made itself manifest once again in the triumph of the Atlantic City professional as against the flower of the Scotch salaried brigade in America. The showing of McDermott in the British open at Hoylake caused the English critics to predict it would only be a short time before America would be as supreme in golf as it was in athletics, polo or tennis. Harry Vardon, conceded the greatest golfer that ever lived, and his compatriots, Edward Ray, British champion last year, and Wilfred Reid, a player of renown, were sent to America for the sole purpose of retrieving the name of Great Britain in at least one branch of sports. Four Canadians, two Frenchmen and one representative from Mexico supplemented the invasion of the Englishmen.

Against the formidable array of foreign talent, the flower of American professionals and amateurs were pitted. McDermott, Alec Smith, and all the rest of those who have done things in the world of golf before failed utterly, and it remained for a Massachusetts schoolboy like Schmidt to not only make a brave effort but to succeed. Francis Ouimet is the 20-year-old amateur who three years ago was unheard of, to lower the colors of the great Vardon and the almost as great Ray.

Ouimet's victory is a remarkable demonstration of the fact that American youth has come into its own. In the last decade the youthful element in golf here in America has come forward in such a fashion as to brook no denial. There was, first, the achievement of Jerome D. Travers, still a very young man, who found his stumbling block to national honors in the veteran, Walter J. Travis. Youth triumphed. Travers has been the champion four times, a splendid supplement to the achievement of McDermott in the open event. All of this has led to the climax this year, and on each occasion when golf championships have been held youth has been served. Travers, the amateur champion; Ouimet, the open champion.

All over the country to-day there is great rejoicing that the foreign invasion has been repelled; that, first of all, an American is again champion, and him a native-born player. Never before has an amateur been able to come within striking distance of the title. Ouimet has not only planted the standard of American youth ahead of anything, but has placed in the front rank the colors of pure amateurism.

One of the few of the best amateurs in the United States who was not at Brookline was Oswald Kirkby. When apprised of the result he remarked, "It is the most wonderful thing that has ever been done in golf, no matter whether here or abroad. Ouimet is a superbly steady player, a fine fellow, and deserves it. Of course, you know I caddied for Travers in his match with Ouimet at Garden City, and I had a good chance to observe his play. He is a fine golfer, and I am delighted that the championship remains here."

Perhaps the words of Kirkby more fitly express the sentiment of the majority of golfers here than anything else that could be said.

Those who have won the open championship of the United States are as follows:

Year.	Place.	Winner.
1895	Newport .....	Horace Rawlins
1896	Shinnecock ....	James Foulis
1897	Wheaton .....	Joseph Lloyd
1898	Myopia .....	Fred Herd
1899	Baltimore .....	Will Smith
1900	Wheaton .....	Harry Vardon
1901	Myopia .....	Will Anderson
1902	Garden City...	Lawrence Auchterlonie
1903	Baltusrol .....	Will Anderson
1904	Glen View .....	Will Anderson
1905	Myopia .....	Will Anderson
1906	Onwentsla .....	Alec Smith
1907	Phila. Cricket...	Alec Ross
1908	Myopia .....	Fred McLeod
1909	Englewood ....	George Sargent
1910	Phila. Cricket...	Alec Smith
1911	Wheaton .....	John J. McDermott
1912	Buffalo .....	John J. McDermott
1913	Brookline .....	Francis Ouimet