

YALE'S GOLF COURSE TO BE READY SOON

New 18-Hole Layout at New Haven Is Now Fast Nearing Completion.

IS ON TRACT OF 700 ACRES

This Will Also Be Used for Development of Other Sports for Yale Men.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 8.—Yale is just completing and within a few weeks will throw open one of the largest golf courses in America. It includes nearly 700 acres, almost seven times the acreage of the usual eighteen-hole plant, and it was transformed from the largest forest preserves in Connecticut, the John Milton Greist woodland estate, devoted for two decades to use as the home of deer, elk and other animals of the wilds; to fish breeding in two ponds that now form water golf hazards, and to bird sanctuaries. The entire 700-acre estate is set off by a heavy wire fence 9 feet high.

It is now a memorial to one of Yale's greatest early athletes, Ray Tompkins of Elmira, N. Y., captain of the 1884 football eleven, and has been presented to Yale by his widow.

The course was designed by Seth J. Raynor, one of the foremost golf architects, and the building of it has been under the supervision of Charles B. MacDonald. When finished it will be one of the finest golf courses in the United States. This is made possible because of the wide latitude given the architect. Most courses are constructed on a given acreage running as high as 100 or a little more, but in the making of the Yale course the entire tract of over 700 acres was at the disposal of Mr. Raynor. The possibilities, therefore, were great, and after a study of the big tract the course was laid out, the architect selecting that part of the memorial best adapted to the purpose.

Work on the course, which has taken shape in a vast region of rock and forest, the whole, in a few years, to be turned into a great playground for Yale men, started in January, 1924, and has been going on steadily ever since. Today, a little over a year and a half after the first pick was swung on the job, beautiful fairways, velvety greens, fascinating water hazards and other features of a great course spread out before the eyes of the visitor, where once were huge boulders, ledges of rock, swamps, rocky areas and acres and acres of woodland.

120 Acres Have Been Used.

In all, 120 acres have been utilized and about 100 acres have been cleared of timber and rock, or treated in some manner in the building of the course. The finishing touches are being put on the course this Summer by a small band of men, and it is expected that by October of this year the entire course will be playable.

In the near future other parts of the Ray Tompkins Memorial are to be used by Yale men on the development of an out-of-doors program of sports, including tobogganing, skiing, skating and tramping.

It is noteworthy that in the memorial Yale University, through her alumni, is opening up a magnificent playground and athletic centre within twenty minutes of the New Haven green and three hours of downtown New York. It will be some time before the full playground plans are consummated, but when they are, Yale students and alumni will have one of the most attractive spots of its kind in the country to go to.

A clubhouse for golfers will be built on the knoll to the east, overlooking the Greist pond and over which holes Nos. 1 and 9 will be played. At present, however, the Golf Committee of the Athletic Board of Control is bending its energies in the effort to make golf playing possible on the new course soon after the opening of the next college year. Yale is one of the few universities in the world to own its own eighteen-hole golf course, and that it will be an important feature of undergraduate athletic activity as well as a great source of pleasure to many hundreds of the alumni of the university is certain.

The Committee in Charge.

The committee having in charge the building of the course is made up of the following: George T. Adee, '95, Chairman; George H. Nettleton, '96; Mortimer N. Buckner, '95; George Parmly Day, '97; John T. Blossom, '14; Harold F. Woodcock, J. Frederic Byers, '04; Robert A. Gardner, '12, and Jess W. Sweester, '24 S.

The course, in its general characteristics, is unique and wholly unlike any course in America. Two foreign courses, the Midocean at Bermuda and the Gleneagles in Scotland, were built to take advantage of the wide and bold variation of contour, as has the Yale course, but these other two courses are in such different settings that any faithful comparison is impossible.

The Yale course is long in water holes, for six of the eighteen have water play wholly or in part. Each of the eighteen holes has three tees or their equivalent in teeing space, the three tees permitting three more or less distinctive courses. These courses will be known as the long, the regular and the short courses, the long course being planned for championship play, but play will not necessarily be confined to one of the three courses. The player may choose his favorite tee on any hole, by agreement with his group.

The yardage over the long course is 6,552, with par of 71; for the regular course 6,107, par 69, and the short course 5,548, par also 69. The following table gives the distance and par of each hole:

No.	Long. Yds. Par.	Regular. Yds. Par.	Short. Yds. Par.
1.....	410 4	390 4	379 4
2.....	365 4	349 4	338 4
3.....	380 4	370 4	310 4
4.....	440 5	426 4	284 4
5.....	135 3	131 3	117 3
6.....	350 4	342 4	318 4
7.....	368 4	348 4	323 4
8.....	415 4	409 4	372 4
9.....	225 3	210 3	190 3
	<u>3088 35</u>	<u>2984 34</u>	<u>2631 34</u>
10.....	405 4	373 4	342 4
11.....	425 4	370 4	295 4
12.....	406 4	340 4	340 4
13.....	190 3	190 3	190 3
14.....	372 4	335 4	320 4
15.....	188 3	170 3	135 3
16.....	445 5	420 4	410 4
17.....	425 4	415 4	415 4
18.....	608 5	510 5	470 5
	<u>3464 36</u>	<u>3123 35</u>	<u>2917 35</u>
Totals.....	6552 71	6107 69	5548 69

BRITISH GOLFER IS DEAD.

Hunter Helped Oxford Beat Cambridge by 69 Holes to 0 in 1900.

Following a visit to Lord's cricket ground, where he caught a chill, T. Mansfield Hunter, at one time a leading British golfer, died in London in his forty-eighth year. He captained the most renowned of all university teams in England—the Oxford side of 1900, which went through sixteen months without losing a match and beat Cambridge by the record margin of sixty-nine holes to none.

Hunter appeared three times for Oxford against Cambridge, and was one of the players in the university match which was stopped by a blizzard at Sandwich in 1899. The blizzard subsided and in the evening, when the players were in evening dress, they went out again and completed their round. In 1906 he won the King William Medal of the Royal and Ancient Club.