



The Country Club of Rochester

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QUALIFYING ROUND FOR CUP

Country Club Golfers Start Play for Friars' Cup—Handicap Finished.

Play in the qualifying round for the Friars' cup was held yesterday over the links of the Country Club of Rochester, sixteen men qualifying. The trophy is emblematic of the spring championship and is held by the winner for one year. G. T. Curtis is the present holder of the cup. On account of the city championship, it is unlikely that play for the Friars' cup will be finished within the next fortnight.

The following qualified as a result of yesterday's play: J. P. Palmer, W. B. Lee, J. P. Bowman, Joseph Curtis, W. W. Webb, G. T. Curtis, G. A. Carnahan, Brewster Lee, W. S. Morse, P. R. McPhail, W. W. Dake, H. K. Elston, J. A. Du Puy, H. G. Strong, J. C. Powers and Fred Will.

The final round in the club handicap tournament, started Memorial Day, was also played yesterday. H. G. Strong was the winner, with J. P. Palmer as runner-up.

*Friars
Cup*

City Golf Championship

FINAL ROUND FOR GOLF TITLE

Curtis and Dake to Play for City Championship To-Day at Oak Hill.

Gurney T. Curtis and W. W. Dake, both members of the Country Club of Rochester, will be the contestants to-day in the final round for the city golf championship, over the Oak Hill Country Club course. The final will be put on, rain or shine. Both men are capable of excellent golf and it is thought that a large gallery will be on hand to watch the play. The match will be over 36 holes, 18 of which will be played this morning, starting at 10:30, and the other 18 to be run off this afternoon, the start to be made at 2 o'clock.

After the match a committee consisting of Harry Strong, of the Country Club; C. E. Bostwick, of Oak Hill, and Edward L. Engel, of the Genesee Golf Club, will meet for the purpose of placing the tournament and fixing the dates for next year. It is believed that the Genesee Valley Park course will have the preference.

Three Tied for Cup.

More than a score of golfers started yesterday in a blind handicap match at the Country Club of Rochester. Three players—W. E. Dugan, Harry Quimby and C. D. Kiehel—are tied for cup honors and will play off the tie this week. Brewster Lee made the best gross score of the day, 85.

Curtis Wins Friars' Cup.

Golf competition at the Country Club of Rochester yesterday was confined to the playing of the final round for the Friars' cup, rain necessitating the postponement of the handicap tournament scheduled for yesterday. The handicap match, for which three cups are to be awarded, will be played next Saturday.

J. C. Powers and Gurney T. Curtis were the only survivors in the Friar's cup match, play for which was begun June 13th. The two played thirty-six holes, Curtis winning, 1 up.

IS ROCHESTER'S GOLF CHAMPION

CURTIS WINS FROM DAKE ON
OAK HILL COURSE.

TAKES MATCH, 7 UP AND 5 TO PLAY

Rochester Country Club Members
Fight It Out for Title, Curtis Run-
ning Away from Opponent in Aft-
ernoon Round—Wind Hinders

In comparatively easy fashion, Gurney T. Curtis defeated W. W. Dake, both of the Country Club of Rochester, in the final match for the city golf championship, played yesterday over the Oak Hill Country Club course. Curtis won the title, 7 up and 5 to play running away from his opponent during the afternoon play. Both men were considerably off in form, failing to show the sort of golf which featured their work in previous rounds.

*City Golf
Championship
Gurney T. Curtis
Champion*

After the match a committee composed of Harry Strong, of the Country Club of Rochester; C. E. Bostwick, of Oak Hill, and Edward L. Engel, of the Genesee Golf Club, decided upon the Genesee Valley Park course for the scene of next season's tourney, and it will probably be run off a week later than was this year's.

Though the green was in excellent shape yesterday, Tuesday's rain having softened the turf, a strong wind which blew during the day prevented good driving. Eighteen holes were played in the morning, Curtis winning, 1 up. Eighteen were to have been run off in the afternoon, but at the thirteenth hole Curtis had his opponent 7 up and play was called.

Dake started off like a winner in the morning round, taking the first hole in 4, Curtis picking up his ball. Playing for the second, after getting off a pretty drive, Dake went into a bunker and Curtis took the hole in 5. The third hole was halved. The wind began to raise havoc at the long fourth, and both players found the element disconcerting. No. 4 was halved. Dake tooped his tee shot into the bunker in playing for the short fifth hole and Curtis pulled his drive into the rough. Dake failed to lay his ball dead on his third, however, and Curtis won, 4 to 5.

The contenders finished the ninth hole with honors even and squared away for the second round. Dake showed a surprising reversal in form, making the first four holes in two under bogey, and was 3 up at the thirteenth hole. Here Curtis, after halving the fourteenth, came in strong and won the last four, taking the first half of the match, 1 up.

Though the golf in the afternoon was only ordinary for a championship match, considerable hard luck was encountered by Dake in his drives and putts on the green. Several times his ball stopped on the edge of the hole in a tantalizing manner and his long drives frequently landed in the rough. Honors were even up to the fourth hole, when Curtis began to draw away from his opponent, winning the fourth hole, 5 to 6, and reaching the fifth in three strokes, one under par, to six required by Dake.

The sixth was halved, but Curtis took the seventh, 5 to 6. Long eight required six strokes on the part of both men, but Dake fell down on the ninth hole. Curtis made it in bogey-3, but his opponent used five to tally. In playing for the thirteenth, Dake's second drive landed in the grass and in extricating the gutta-percha he lofted into a tree-top. Play ended at the thirteenth hole, Curtis having the match 7 up.

Dake made the 18 holes in . . . at the morning play, but no record of his score by holes was kept. The scores follow:

MORNING.

Curtis—

First round.....	5	5	4	6	4	6	4	5	3	—42
Second round	5	5	4	7	4	6	6	5	3	—45—87

AFTERNOON.

First round:

Curtis	5	6	6	5	3	5	5	6	3	—44
Dake	5	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	5	—40

Second round:

Curtis	4	4	4	5	—17
Dake	4	5	4	7	—20

Players from Three Clubs Meet in Qualifying Round of City Golf Championship

Field of Forty Plays Over Oak Hill Country Club Course---Low Scores Despite Slow Greens--G. T. Curtis Turns in Best Card.

Forty players, representing the three local clubs, started yesterday in the qualifying round of the first city golf championship over the course of the Oak Hill Country Club. The course was heavy as a result of Sunday's downpour and the greens were slow. A stiff wind also handicapped the players, but, notwithstanding, there was some excellent golf on the part of those who qualified. There were only two withdrawals, Dr. W. E. Dake and Thomas R. Levis, both of the Oak Hill Club.

The quality of the field augurs well for low scores in the following rounds, when the course should be in better shape. Oak Hill golfers were in the majority yesterday, twenty-one starting and ten qualifying. The Country Club of Rochester was represented by nine players, four qualifying. Ten members of the Genesee Golf Club were in the competition and two qualified.

Gurney T. Curtis, of the Country Club of Rochester, turned in the best card for the eighteen holes, an 83, thereby winning a sterling silver cup hung up for the lowest score made in the qualifying round. Butler Crittenden, Jr., of the Oak Hill Club, made the second round in 41, but his 52 for the first round put him out of the running for yesterday's trophy. Bogey for the course is 80.

Five men—E. J. Reilly, Oak Hill, and Thomas Pierce, E. L. Engel, S. S. Pierce and Ernest Glidden, of the Genesee Golf Club—turned in 98's, tying for fifteenth and sixteenth places. Reilly and Thomas Pierce qualified as the result of the play-off.

The next round, eighteen holes, match play, must be played on or before tomorrow. The eight survivors of that round will play Friday, and next Monday the semi-finals will be played. The final, thirty-six holes, match play, will be held June 24th.

Pairings for the second round follow: Dr. George Eugert, Oak Hill, and R. Mimmack, Genesee; Frank X. Kelly, Oak Hill, and Edwin S. Ingersoll, Oak Hill; J. B. Shanly, Oak Hill, and Butler Crittenden, Jr., Oak Hill; W. W. Dake, Rochester, and J. B. Bryan, Oak Hill; E. J. Reilly, Oak Hill, and L. S. Robeson, Oak Hill; Dr. J. M. Ingersoll, Oak Hill, and Dr. C. V. C. Comfort, Oak Hill; Brewster Lee, Rochester, and Thomas Pierce, Genesee; Joseph Curtis, Rochester, and Gurney T. Curtis, Rochester.

The cards of those who qualified follow:

Gurney T. Curtis, Rochester:
First round..... 5 4 4 6 3 5 6 5 4-42
Second round.... 4 4 4 6 3 4 6 6 4-41-83

J. S. Robeson, Oak Hill:
First round..... 4 5 5 5 4 3 5 7 4-42
Second round.... 5 5 5 6 4 5 5 5 4-44-96

Dr. C. V. C. Comfort, Oak Hill:
First round..... 6 5 5 5 3 4 5 6 4-43
Second round.... 5 4 5 6 4 6 6 5 3-44-87

Dr. George Eugert, Oak Hill:
First round..... 5 6 5 7 3 4 4 5 4-46
Second round.... 5 5 4 6 4 5 5 6 3-43-89

Edwin S. Ingersoll, Oak Hill:
First round..... 5 5 5 6 3 5 5 5 4-43
Second round.... 5 5 5 6 3 6 7 8 3-46-89

Brewster Lee, Rochester:
First round..... 4 5 4 5 4 6 4 6 4-44
Second round.... 4 5 6 7 4 5 5 6 4-46-90

F. X. Kelly, Oak Hill:
First round..... 5 5 5 6 6 5 5 5 4-45
Second round.... 4 6 4 7 3 5 5 5 4-48-91

W. W. Dake, Rochester:
First round..... 7 6 4 6 4 5 7 6 2-47
Second round.... 3 6 5 7 4 5 6 3 3-44-91

J. B. Shanly, Oak Hill:
First round..... 5 5 4 6 5 4 5 6 3-46
Second round.... 4 5 4 9 3 5 6 6 4-46-92

Butler Crittenden, Jr., Oak Hill:
First round..... 8 7 5 7 4 5 6 6 4-47
Second round.... 4 5 4 5 4 4 5 5 6 4-41-88

Dr. J. M. Ingersoll, Oak Hill:
First round..... 5 4 4 7 3 5 6 7 3-44
Second round.... 6 5 5 6 5 5 6 7 4-49-93

Joseph Curtis, Rochester:
First round..... 5 6 5 6 6 5 5 7 8-61
Second round.... 4 6 4 7 4 4 5 5 6 4-48-94

R. Mimmack, Genesee:
First round..... 4 7 5 6 4 5 6 7 5-49
Second round.... 5 6 4 6 4 5 6 6 4-46-95

J. B. Bryan, Oak Hill:
First round..... 4 6 7 6 3 5 7 4 6-50
Second round.... 5 5 4 6 4 6 6 5 4-46-95

E. J. Reilly, Oak Hill:
First round..... 5 6 4 6 5 7 8 4 4-51
Second round.... 4 5 4 7 3 5 8 7 4-47-98

Thomas Pierce, Genesee:
First round..... 4 5 6 7 2 5 7 8 7-50
Second round.... 5 5 5 7 3 7 8 8 5-48-98

The cards of those who took part in the play-off to determine the fifteenth and sixteenth men, but who failed to qualify, follow:

	First Round	Second Round	Total
W. C. Likly, Oak Hill.....	48	61	99
R. P. Martin, Oak Hill.....	50	51	101
W. J. Curtis, Rochester.....	50	52	102
Dr. W. W. Winans, Oak Hill.....	53	50	103
J. P. Palmer, Rochester.....	53	51	104
J. A. Du Puy, Rochester.....	53	51	104
Dr. C. E. Bennett, Genesee.....	51	52	104
John T. Sage, Oak Hill.....	56	49	105
H. G. Strong, Rochester.....	56	49	105
Ray Kelly, Oak Hill.....	52	53	105
Frank Dana, Genesee.....	51	54	105
Dr. McCaskey, Oak Hill.....	52	54	106
J. B. Frey, Oak Hill.....	56	50	106
C. E. Bostwick, Oak Hill.....	56	50	106
Dr. I. Bair, Genesee.....	52	54	106
Theodore Schelling, Oak Hill.....	53	53	106
Dr. J. D. Finnesay, Oak Hill.....	50	56	106
William Ford, Genesee.....	53	53	106
Dr. R. L. Carson, Oak Hill.....	54	52	106
Emil Brocker, Genesee.....	61	45	106
F. T. Church, Rochester.....	59	47	106

Oak Hill Champion's Defeat Surprise of Second Round for City Golf Title---Scores

Good, bad and indifferent golf marked the second round for the city golf championship, played over the Oak Hill Country Club course yesterday. The course was in excellent condition. Sixteen players, representing the Rochester Country Club, the Oak Hill and the Genesee clubs, qualified Monday for the second round, and all participated.

The match that furnished the surprise of the day was the one in which Dr. C. V. C. Comfort lost to Dr. J. M. Ingersoll, 1 down. Dr. Comfort won the spring championship of the Oak Hill Club and was picked by some as runner-up for the city championship, those favoring the Oak Hill man conceding Gurney Curtis, of the Rochester Country Club, to be probable winner of the present tourney. Honors between the two were even until Dr. Comfort, in driving from the seventeenth tee, landed the ball out of bounds. The mishap cost Comfort the match.

Brewster Lee, of the Country Club of Rochester, turned in the best card for the day, an 83. Lee was pitted against Thomas Pierce, Genesee, and his opponent was at no time in the running, the Country Club golfer taking the match 7 up and 5 to play. Lee's card follows:

First round.....	6 5 4 6 3 6 5 5 3	—43
Second round.....	4 5 4 5 4 4 3 5 4	—40—83
Bogey	4 5 4 6 4 4 5 5 3	—40

The eight matches resulted as follows:

- Dr. George Engert, Oak Hill, defeated R. Mimmack, Genesee, 1 up, nineteen holes.
- F. X. Kelly, Oak Hill, defeated E. E. Ingersoll, Oak Hill, 1 up.
- J. B. Shanly, Oak Hill, defeated Butler Crittenden, Jr., Oak Hill, 2 up and 1 to play.
- W. W. Dake, Rochester, defeated J. B. Bryan, Oak Hill, 4 up and 3 to play.
- I. S. Robeson, Oak Hill, defeated E. J. Reilly, Oak Hill, 4 up and 2 to play.
- Dr. J. M. Ingersoll, Oak Hill, defeated Dr. C. V. C. Comfort, Oak Hill, 1 up.
- Brewster Lee, Rochester, defeated Thomas Pierce, Genesee, 7 up and 5 to play.
- Gurney T. Curtis, Rochester, defeated Joseph Curtis, Rochester, 4 up and 3 to play.

TWO CLUBS LEFT IN CONTEST FOR TITLE

Results of Third Round of City Golf Championship.

Play in the third round of the city golf championship was completed yesterday on the course of the Oak Hill Country Club. The round was at eighteen holes, match play. Two cards within one stroke of bogey were turned in, both by members of the Country Club of Rochester. W. W. Dake and Gurney Curtis were the players to make the low scores, each completing the two rounds in 81.

Results of the third round follow:

Dr. George Eugert, Oak Hill, defeated Frank X. Kelly, Oak Hill 5 up 4 to play.

W. W. Dake, Rochester, defeated J. B. Shanly, Oak Hill, 4 up, 2 to play.

I. S. Robeson, Oak Hill, defeated Dr. J. M. Ingersoll, Oak Hill, 4 up, 2 to play.

Gurney T. Curtis, Rochester, defeated Brewster Lee, Rochester, 5 up, 4 to play. Curtis's card:

First round	4	4	5	5	3	5	5	6	4	41
Second round	4	5	4	6	3	4	6	5	3	40

Total										81
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Monday the semi-final round will be played, when Dr. Engert will meet W. W. Dake and I. S. Robeson will play Gurney Curtis. The championship now lies between the Oak Hill Country Club and the Country Club of Rochester. Monday's round may eliminate either club. The greens are now in first-rate shape and low scores are expected Monday and in the final round, thirty-six holes, which will be played Wednesday.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be a dinner match over the Oak Hill course between teams captained by W. C. Likly and J. Kavanaugh.

GOLFERS PLAY DINNER MATCH

Team Captained by J. C. Powers Wins at Rochester Country Club.

The golf team under the leadership of J. C. Powers yesterday defeated the players captained by Gurney T. Curtis in a dinner match at the Country Club of Rochester. The match was scored under the Nassau system, Powers's team winning by a small margin. The teams were made up as follows:

J. C. Powers, W. W. Dake, P. R. McPhail, Fred Will, Jr., J. P. Palmer, Mr. Eldredge, Mr. Poole, George Keyes, H. G. Strong, F. Bausch, Dr. Angell, D. Hoyt and Charles Gorton.

Gurney T. Curtis, Brewster Lee, Joseph Curtis, G. A. Carnahan, W. S. Morse, William Dugan, E. Perkins, Charles Angle, H. K. Elston, Mr. Winne, Fred Will, Sr., Erwin Prumb and A. Du Puy.

Play in the competition for the Friars' Cup has been held up by the city championship, the contestants not yet having finished the preliminary rounds.

visitors.

To Play Semi-Final Round.

Four players are left for the semi-final round of the city golf championship, which will be played this afternoon over the course of the Oak Hill Country Club. Considerable interest attaches to the round as its outcome may land both the championship and the runner-up cup for either the Oak Hill Club or the Country Club of Rochester, members of these clubs being the only survivors of last Friday's round. This afternoon W. W. Dake, Rochester, will play Dr. George Engert, Oak Hill, and Gurney T. Curtis, Rochester, will meet I. S. Robeson, Oak Hill.

TEN ENTERED IN TORONTO TOURNEY

COUNTRY CLUB OF ROCHESTER TO SEND TEAM.

CURTIS AGAIN TO PARTICIPATE

Local Golf Champion Will Try to Duplicate His Performance of 1906. When He Won Individual Championship of League of Lower Lakes

The links of the Toronto Golf Club will be the scene of the tenth annual tournament of the League of the Lower Lakes on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. The league is composed of the clubs of Buffalo, Detroit, Toronto, and Rochester and came into existence in 1899. Buffalo, Detroit, Cleveland and Rochester were then represented. When the tournament was held in this city in 1906 Cleveland was not represented and that city was dropped from the league, Toronto taking its place. However, Charles H. Stanley, of Cleveland, was admitted to the league and has taken an active part in every tournament.

Rochester golfers have taken fair honors in the contests, winning the team championship twice and the individual championship twice. Detroit has carried off the team championship five times and Buffalo has been victorious twice. Toronto has so far succeeded in winning only once, that city taking the individual championship at Detroit last year. W. W. Powers and G. T. Curtis, of Rochester, won the individual championships in 1901 and 1906, respectively. The first was won in this city and the second in Buffalo.

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Cleveland dropped 1908

that stymies shall be barred throughout the entire tournament, unless both players of a match prefer to play them.

A cordial invitation is extended to all visitors who may wish to use the course in advance of the dates set for the tournament.

On Saturday evening the visiting players will be the guests of the home club at dinner. Members of all the clubs are invited, whether players or not.

LANDS TROPHY IN TORONTO TOURNEY

COUNTRY CLUB GOLFER FIRST
IN CONSOLATION FINAL.

ROCHESTER MEN PLAY EACH OTHER

Will Defeats Bowman in Semi-Final
Round for Consolation Trophy and
Follows with Victory Over Buffalo
Golfer in Final—Title for Lyon

Special Dispatch to the Democrat and Chronicle.

Toronto, July 18.—The golf tournament of the League of the Lower Lakes was brought to a successful conclusion on the Toronto Golf Club links to-day.

George S. Lyon, the former Canadian and Olympic champion, captured first honors in the individual championship, defeating Ross, Toronto. In the semi-finals he beat Blackwood, Toronto, while Ross beat Carhart, of Detroit.

In the consolation final, Will, Rochester, beat Gardiner, Buffalo, after the latter had defeated Stevens. Will defeated Bowman, also of Rochester, in the semi-finals. Summary:

CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS.

Dr. Ross beat Carhart, of Detroit, 1 up.
G. S. Lyon beat T. Blackwood, 4 up and 3 to play.

FINAL.

G. S. Lyon beat Ross, 3 up and 1 to play.

CONSOLATION, SEMI-FINALS.

Gardiner beat Stevens, 5 up and 4 to play.
Will beat Bowman, 3 up and 1 to play.

CONSOLATION, FINAL.

Will beat Gardiner, 1 up.
W. H. Faust, of Buffalo, won the driving competition with drives of 187, 186 and 187 feet, respectively. Incidentally, he was the only golfer to place his drives within the prescribed space.

In the putting contest, J. Curtis, of Rochester; G. S. Lyon, of Toronto, and R. C. Cassels, of Toronto, were tied for first, with 17, and in the play-off Cassels won with 19, while the other two were tied with 20.

Laird and Moss won the foursome.

DUAL MATCH GOES TO OAK HILL CLUB TEAM

Country Club Golfers Beaten in Close Contest.

Oak Hill Country Club golfers defeated the team representing the Country Club of Rochester yesterday afternoon in a team match on the links of the latter club. Seventeen men were on each team. Oak Hill captured the match, 16 to 14, the scoring being done under the Nassau system. The match was the first dual affair between the clubs this season and the first Oak Hill has won in several years. Scores:

OAK HILL.		ROCHESTER.	
Dr. George Engert...	2	G. T. Curtis.....	0
Dr. C. V. C. Comfort.	0	W. W. Dake.....	2
I. S. Robeson.....	0	J. M. Rhett.....	3
J. B. Bryan.....	0	J. C. Powers.....	1
E. J. Reilly.....	0	P. R. McPhail.....	2
W. B. Crittenden....	0	W. B. Lee.....	2
Dr. W. E. Dake.....	1	G. A. Carnahan....	0
J. B. Shandy.....	0	B. Little.....	2
F. Kelley.....	0	Fred Will, Jr.....	0
A. E. Sutherland....	2	W. J. Curtis.....	0
J. R. Kelley.....	0	W. Boswell.....	0
C. E. Bostwick.....	1	Harry Strong.....	0
W. Trotter.....	3	M. Day.....	0
W. C. Likly.....	2	F. F. Church.....	0
J. Kavanaugh.....	3	C. Angle.....	0
Moshier.....	2	H. O. Pools.....	0
Edwin Ingersoll....	0	Fred Will.....	2
Total	16	Total	14