



**The Country Club of Rochester**

# Articles

# 1913

# F. K. ROBESON IS SHUT OUT IN TITLE TOURNEY

Oak Hill Youth One Stroke  
Shy of Qualifying.

## BAY STATER LEADS FIELD

Frank Cumet, a Youth, Turns in  
75 for Low Score, Beating the  
Veteran Travis by One Stroke.  
Travers Has One Very Poor Round



City Championship

# Forty Golfers Enlist in Tourney for City Title

## Expert Field to Start Qualifying Round on Links at Oak Hill To-day.

Play in the qualifying round of the sixth annual tournament for the city golf championship will open to-day on the links of the Oak Hill Country Club with forty competitors. The contenders will be permitted to suit their own convenience in the hour of starting, and it is expected that not all the forty will find the time to make their first circuit to-day.

Originally, the Country Club of Rochester was to have entertained the contesting golfers this season but the incomplete reconstruction of its course compelled the rescinding of its invitation. Men entered for the 1913 tournament who played before on the Oak Hill grounds, however, are authority for the opinion that the Oak Hill links are the equal of any in the city and that they give every chance to the golfer to show his skill in all departments of the game.

The present champion of Rochester is William M. Reekie, of Oak Hill, who has won in his last two appearances. He deprived Gurney T. Curtis, of the Country Club of Rochester, of the crown in 1911 and has held the coveted distinction since that time. Last year Fillmore Robeson, a clubmate, was runner-up to Reekie.

Robeson again is in the lists this year, having drawn Joseph Curtis, of the Coun-

try Club, for the qualifying round. Pairings:

- A. R. Hendley, Oak Hill, and W. E. Nagle, Genesee.
- G. French, Oak Hill, and Roy P. Chadsey, Genesee.
- C. M. Lane, Oak Hill, and Emil Brocker, Genesee.
- E. J. Kelly, Oak Hill, and Thomas Pierce, Genesee.
- W. W. Bennett, Oak Hill, and S. Pierce, Genesee.
- J. McCauley, Oak Hill, and H. Weber, Genesee.
- A. L. Stern, Genesee, and M. E. Mosher, Genesee.
- W. H. Swanton, Genesee, and A. B. Perkins, unattached.
- R. Walker, Genesee, and C. E. Heckman, Genesee.
- F. W. Esterheld, Genesee, and W. S. Johnson, Genesee.
- H. G. Swan, Oak Hill, and P. Ogden, unattached.
- F. K. Robeson, Oak Hill, and J. Curtis, Country Club.
- I. S. Robeson, Oak Hill, and G. T. Curtis, Country Club.
- J. T. Sage, Oak Hill and I. H. Bier, Genesee.
- J. R. Kelly, Oak Hill, and G. S. Montgomery, Genesee.
- W. W. Whang, Oak Hill, and H. N. Plunnessy, Genesee.
- H. F. West, Oak Hill, and Andrew Laddell, Genesee.
- Ezra Bolter, Oak Hill, and E. McKenna, Genesee.
- T. J. Swanton, Oak Hill, and J. C. Waller, unattached.
- V. Murphy, Oak Hill, and Robert Milmack, Genesee.

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# WALTER HAGIN IN TIE FOR SEVENTH IN NATIONAL OPEN

## Form Displayed by Former Master of Caddies at Country Club of Rochester One of Surprises of the Brookline Tournament.

# VARDON AND REID EVEN UP FOR LEAD

The brilliant form displayed by Walter Hagin, who is the sole representative from this city left in the national open golf championship at Brookline, has been one of the surprises of the tournament. Hagin is one of the youngest players competing in this annual fixture; in fact, it is his virgin experience in tournament play. He is a homebred "pro" in every sense that the word implies. Living in Brighton near the links of the Country Club of Rochester young Hagin secured a position as caddy. Eventually he was promoted to the position of master of the caddy boys. When A. J. Christie, the club professional, left the Country Club of Rochester Hagin stepped into his shoes. He had meantime become so proficient in playing the royal and ancient game that he was urged to become a competitor in this year's national championship.

Brookline, Mass., Sept. 18.—Harry Vardon and Wilfred Reid tied for first each with 147 strokes; Edward Ray tied third at 149 strokes.

That is how the record stands for the first half of the national open championship played here today, and all the honors with the three Englishmen. Though the success of Vardon in the first qualifying round and that of Hagin in the second were indications of the strength of the visitors before play began today, the home professionals showed the way in the morning round and when all of the first round scores were in, it seemed as though the British golfers were to be beaten in their attempt to lift the American championship cup.

At the end of the first 18 holes of the championship test McDonald Smith, of Wyandott, and Alex Brown, of Bay View, tied the field of sixty-nine with 71. Then came Jack Crook, of Chicago, with 72, Walter Hagin, of Rochester,

### Ray Nowhere in Morning

That made a list of eight before Vardon and Reid, the two leading Englishmen, were ranked at the 70 mark, along with several home players, including Fred Herreshoff who led the amateur contingent. Ray was nowhere as far as the top of the list was concerned for he took a 70 for the round.

With their backs to the wall the Englishmen then began to play, and a wonderful feat they made. First Reid came in with a 72 and went to the top with his total of 147. A little later Vardon's 72 was posted and his 147 went up beside Reid's. Then came a long wait for Ray, one of the last to start and in the meantime one after another of the leading Americans turned up with stellar scores, for each and every one of them had drifted back instead of improving.

McDermott was 79, McManara was 80 and so it went on with Vardon and Reid in the lead. Things looked blue enough but Ray had gone out in 35 and was getting better, every report of his progress thereafter showing that he was playing extraordinary golf, and when his bulky figure finally came into sight on the eighteenth tee, it was learned that he had a four for a 70.

### Crowd Banked Around Home Green

The crowd banked deep around the home green, saw a long drive followed by a perfect approach that stopped but three feet from the cup. It looked as though the big Englishman was going to score a 69, but that triumph was denied him.

He was hot and tired as he played the shot; he putted hurriedly and missed. But there was glory enough in any case for he had pulled himself from a point

far back in the pack to third place and only his fellow Englishmen were ahead of him.

The cards of the four leaders and the stroke scores of the others left in the tournament follow:

<b>Harry Vardon, England:</b>	
Morning round.	
Out. 1 1 4 4 2 2 4 4	2-38
In. 3 4 3 4 2 2 2 2	3-38-76
Afternoon round.	
Out. 3 1 4 3 1 1 4 4	2-37
In. 2 4 4 4 1 2 3 4	3-33-74-111
<b>W. F. Reid, England:</b>	
Morning round.	
Out. 3 4 4 4 2 4 2 2	4-28
In. 2 2 2 4 2 4 2 4	4-37-75
Afternoon round.	
Out. 1 4 4 4 2 4 2 4	4-34
In. 2 2 2 4 4 4 2 2	4-36-74-111
<b>Edward Ray, England:</b>	
Morning round.	
Out. 1 2 2 4 2 4 2 4	4-40
In. 2 2 2 2 2 4 4 4	4-32-72
Afternoon round.	
Out. 4 2 2 4 2 2 2 4	4-35
In. 3 4 2 4 2 2 2 4	4-33-70-110
<b>Herbert Strong, Ireland:</b>	
Morning round.	
Out. 2 4 4 4 2 4 2 4	4-34
In. 2 2 2 4 2 2 2 2	4-37-71
Afternoon round.	
Out. 2 2 2 4 2 4 2 4	4-33
In. 2 4 1 2 2 2 2 4	4-30-101-149
A.M. P.M. T.T.	
Macdonald Knith, New York	71 19 120
J. M. Harney, Tacoma	71 18 120
Walter Hays, Rochester	71 18 121
Jim Ross, Bushara	71 20 121
Frankie Gilson, Woodland	71 21 121
Geo. Hargind, Cherry Chase	72 18 121
C. Thom, Skaneateles	74 18 122
Louis Teller, Trumansburg	74 18 122
Paul Herreshoff, Niagara	74 18 122
J. J. McDermott, Atlantic C.	74 19 122
Jack Heflin, Albany	77 18 122
W. C. Larnes, Pittsburg	78 15 122
Jack Dooling, Searsdale	77 21 121
J. Shippin, Baldwinsville	77 21 121
J. Crook, Calumet	77 21 121
J. Donaldson, Glen Wood	78 18 122
H. D. Travers, Upper Meriden	78 18 122
E. Lovig, Arcata	78 20 122
R. Anderson, New Haven	79 18 124
Jack Hays, Englewood	79 18 124
M. J. Brady, Wadsworth	80 14 121
Alex Campbell, Canastota	80 12 121
Alex Smith, W. Cayuga	82 13 122
J. Anderson, Oakmont	82 13 122
T. Doyle, Myopia, Kansas	82 16 124
H. Hampton, North Andover	82 16 124
D. Galvin, Morris County	83 17 124
R. Macdonald, Cincinnati	83 17 124
Tom McManara, Boston	83 17 124
Peter Robertson, Fall River	83 18 124
Herbert Tucker, Rochester	83 18 124
C. R. Murray, Montreal	83 18 124
George Cummings, Ottawa	83 18 124
J. R. Thomson, Glen Ridge	83 18 124
George Low, Baltimore	83 18 124
I. Taylor, Lakewood	84 16 121
J. J. Irvine, New York	84 16 121
J. Fenargo, Okla.	84 16 121
T. Bellwood, Gardentery	84 16 121
T. Vardon, Arcata	85 14 121
K. Neber, Montreal	85 14 121
R. Thomson, Philadelphia	85 14 121
Ch. H. Evans, Belmont	85 14 121
Willie Hauler, Houston	85 14 121
W. McManara, Canastota	85 14 121
Tom Ross, Rochester	85 14 121
J. O'Brien, Westbrook	85 14 121
F. McLeod, Columbia	85 14 121
*Amateurs.	

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**MAKES SUDDEN LEAP TO PROMINENCE.**



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Photograph Taken Especially for the Democrat & Chronicle.

**Walter Hagen.**

Professional of the Country Club of Rochester who competed in the national open golf championship last week at Brookline, Mass., finishing in a quadruple tie for fourth place, only three strokes behind Francis Ouimet, the young Massachusetts amateur, the eventual winner of the tournament on a play-off of a triple tie for premier honors with Edward Ray and Harry Vardon, the British pros. It was Hagen's second attempt at tournament competition, having played in the Canadian championship last year.



# LOCAL GOLFERS WIN AND LOSE ON UTICA LINKS

## Oak Hillers Beat Buffalo in Morning Match.

### SYRACUSE IS TOO STRONG

Rochester Team Beaten, 17-13 to 12-13 (Nassau System) — Have Yet to Engage Home Club—Burton, Reekie and Green Are Best

Utica, June 27.—At the close of the first day's play in the golf tournament of the League of the Trojans on the links of the Yahnondasia Golf Club, in this city, the Oak Hill Country Club, from Rochester, stands third. The record of the teams thus far is: Yahnondasia, 11th; 2nd, Onondaga, Syracuse, 9; 1st, Oak Hill, Rochester, 25; 4th, Waukegan, Buffalo, 21.

This league was organized last winter and the four clubs are represented by teams of ten men each, with two additional as substitutes. Play today and tomorrow's matching is given over to the team matches, the scoring being according to the Nassau point system. Thus the team with the highest total of points will win the cup which is offered as a team trophy. In addition, the members of the winning team will receive individual lapel buttons, bearing the seal of the league in enamel and gold.

#### Individual Competition To-day.

After the completion of team play tomorrow there will be in the afternoon a handicap match to which the team members and substitutes from the four competing clubs will be eligible. There will be a cup for the winner, offered by the president of the league, H. C. Murray, of Utica, and a gold fist with the league seal, for the contestant with the lowest gross score, who will be considered the league champion.

In the evening the visiting golfers will be entertained at the Yahnondasia club house, when the prizes will be awarded after a banquet.

Play today was advanced rapidly for the course was in fine condition, although the weather was oppressively warm. Sherrill Sherman, of the Yahnondasia, playing against Fred Peck, of Syracuse, furnished the feature of the day's play when he turned in a 71, which defeated Peck by 2.

A large gallery followed some of the players and much interest is taken in the tournament by local golfers.

#### Score of the Team Matches.

Results of play follow:

Yahnondasia (Utica)	Onondaga (Syracuse)
T. M. Sherman 11½	Ayling 11½
F. Sherman 11	Peck 11
Grant 11½	Callthrop 11
Hillsman 11½	Nash 11
Westcott 11½	Starr 11
Pugh 11½	Harold 11
Wheeler 11	Butler 11
Murray 11	Fales 11
Moore 11	Loon 11
Loon 11	Tracy 11
<b>Totals 111</b>	<b>Totals 111</b>
Oak Hill (Rochester)	Waukegan (Buffalo)
Reekie 11	Ugry 11
Hobson 11	Mary 11
Beckett 11	Steele 11
Murphy 11	Harlow 11
Burton 11	Abbott 11
Green 11	Hirshy 11
Jane 11	Comstock 11
Bryan 11	Allan 11
Kavanaugh 11	Carler 11
Bolly 11	Gardner 11
<b>Totals 111</b>	<b>Totals 111</b>
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Burton 11	Starr 11
Green 11	Harold 11
Loon 11	Butler 11
Wheeler 11	H. Will 11
Wheeler 11	Fales 11
Williamson 11	L. Will 11
	Tracy 11
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# YOUNG FILMORE ROBESON BEATS GURNEY CURTIS FOR CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

After Being 5 Down at End of Morning Round  
Former Title Holder Picks Up Three Holes,  
But Eventually Loses, 7 and 5.

## LONG AND ACCURATE DRIVING OF WINNER GIVES HIM BIG ADVANTAGE

The recent golf drama at Brookline—the defeat by Francis Ouimet, an amateur, of two English professionals, Ray and Vardon, who were held to be but a grade lower than the angels—was duplicated in a way at the Oak Hill Country Club course yesterday when the youthful Filmore K. Robeson defeated Gurney T. Curtis, twice title-holder, 7 up and 5 to play. Curtis was outriven and outlucked at all times.

Seemingly put out of the running by his smooth-checked adversary in the morning, when the eighteen holes were concluded with Curtis 5 down, the Country Club veteran spurred in the afternoon and won the first three holes. The aggravating pitfall at the fourth hole arrested his sprint, however, and he required six strokes to make the cup while Robeson was using four. From then on the coolness and accuracy that had marked his afternoon play disappeared, and Robeson went on to win as he pleased.

### Robeson Twice Stymies Curtis.

Curtis went on the links a slight favorite over the boy who opposed him. Once champion of Western New York and the Lower Lakes, twice holder of the Rochester championship and a golfer of the first water, Curtis had all the attributes, it was thought, which would break the backbone of his less seasoned opponent. But the methodical sureness usually present in Curtis's play was lacking, and to further handicap him Robeson drove in almost unbeatable style. Twice, too, the Oak Hill youth stymied the Country Club man.

"There isn't anyone in the city who can equal Robeson in driving," commented a member of the gallery, after Robeson had made a particularly fine drive to the short ninth hole and in one blow placed his ball within eight feet of the cup.

### Shows Flash of His Old Form.

The decision of the afternoon gallery that Robeson was to win quickly lost its freshness early, for Curtis showed a momentary flash of the form which has carried him to any number of dignities on the links. He won the first hole with a 3, while Robeson took 4. The second was Curtis's hole, and likewise the third, and the gallery began to take more interest.

Going over to the fourth hole got into the sand snare. Robeson was out of the trap and on the green in three and he ran down a short putt for a 4. Meanwhile Curtis was having a disconcerting time. On his first shot the ball rose to the top of the trap and then dropped back again; the same result was had on the second shot.

### Sand Snare Costly to Curtis.

Perhaps the two failures took some of the iron out of Curtis's nerve. Any way, he gave the ball a thump that sent it spinning to the edge of the green on the other side. Finally, the thing dropped into the cup, but the damage was done. Curtis never recovered from the setback, and Robeson won the next two holes.

Coming up to the ninth Curtis went into the rough, while Robeson sent his

ball to within eight feet of the goal. Getting out of the pitfall, Curtis went short of the green, and Robeson easily won the hole. Curtis's win of the tenth hole only prolonged the match. Halved holes at the eleventh and twelfth ended the match.

### Loser Congratulates the Winner.

"You're deserving of the match," was what Mr. Curtis said as he shook hands with his opponent at the twelfth green and congratulated him on his success. "You certainly played a dandy game."

Robeson rounded out the eighteen holes in the morning in 78, or one under par, while Curtis used 83 in playing out and in. Scores by holes of the afternoon round follow:

Robeson—	Out .....	4	3	6	4	3	3	2	2	3	—16
In .....	4	3	4								
Curtis—	Out .....	3	6	3	4	4	2	2	6	4	—43
In .....	3	4	4								

### At Country Club Next Year.

The city championship tournament in 1914 will be played on the course of the Country Club of Rochester. It was scheduled there this year, but some readjustment of the holes caused the transfer of the tournament from the Brighton links to Oak Hill.





## NEW CITY GOLF CHAMPION.



**Filmore K. Robeson.**

Youthful Oak Hill Country Club golfer who yesterday defeated Gurney T. Curtis, of the Country Club of Rochester, a former title holder, for the city championship. William Reekie, who won the championship last year, did not play in this year's tournament.