

GLENNA COLLETT HEADS PARTY OF FEMININE STARS

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International Match Against
British Women to Start at
Sunningdale May 1

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Glenna Collett's unofficial international team, with a party numbering altogether about twenty-six, including chaperones, mothers and friends, will sail aboard the Berengaria on Tuesday to take part in team matches against their British golfing rivals at Sunningdale on May 1.

There will not be much margin of time left for practice over the purple heather-bordered Sunningdale golf course from the time of the arrival of the team on April 29 until they swing into action on May 1. Likewise it is conceded that weather conditions in England around the first of May are not likely to be as favorable as our girls were accustomed to during the tournaments in which they took part during the past few months in Florida and at Pinehurst.

Robert Browning hadn't a golf game in mind when he wrote "Oh to be in England now that spring is here." However, he might have been thinking of our United States women's team of 1930 when he spoke of "the first fine careless rapture," for it is with exactly that spirit that our girls are going into their first international encounter by way of golf team matches.

Face Clever Foes

The members of the United States team have no illusions as to the calibre of opposition they will meet at the hands of the British women's golf team, for, like a good Captain, Glenna Collett has warned them "there are a greater number of good women golfers in the British Isles than we have in the States, and Miss Milly Gourlay's picked British team is greatly to be feared. We will have no easy matches at Sunningdale."

We are in high hopes, nevertheless, of giving a good account of ourselves over there with a line-up consisting of Glenna Collett, Captain; Helen Hicks, Edith Quier, Mrs. Leo G. Federman, Virginia Van Wie, Mrs. O. S. Hill, Mrs. Stewart Hanley, Louise Fordyce, Peggy Wattles, Marian Bennett and myself. Also on hand in case they are called upon will be Bernice Wall, Fritz Stifel, Virginia Holzderber and Rosalie Knapp.

The fact that Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd may want to accept the invitation issued to her to play with the American team just preceding the British ladies' open championship may raise complications as to her eligibility to play also on the United States team. It will be a great loss to the United States if Mrs. Hurd decides in favor of her native land as against the land of her adoption. We want and need Mrs. Hurd on the United States team.

Many Rooters

There will be plenty of moral support afforded to our team by those who are accompanying the expedition. Besides Mrs. Burch Foraker of Detroit we also will have with us Mrs. Earl Ross of New York, Mrs. E. Quier, Mrs. Frank Wattles and Mrs. Duane Wallick.

A great program is mapped out for the entertainment of the party, starting with a dinner to the members of both teams at the Hotel Savoy in London, on May 1. During the team matches at Sunningdale, the party will make the Hotel Savoy its headquarters, motoring back and forth to the matches. Private cars will be at the disposal of the party at all times and during the British Ladies' Championship beginning May 12, at Formby.

Following the British championship an invitation tournament will be held near London, to which all the visiting players will be invited. A short visit is also planned to the famous courses of Scotland, including Troon and Gleneagles.

Following the completion of the British program the party will proceed to France, where Paris will be the headquarters. Miss Collett received a cable from Mme. Vazliano, Vice President of the French Women's Golf Association asking her if the American team would play a team match against the French girls. Glenna replied in the affirmative, and although all the details of the match have not been arranged, it has been decided that these matches will take place on some course near Paris, on May 27. It seems too bad that our schedule does not include the French women's golf championship, which begins about June 15. By that time, however, the party of United States golfers will be back on American soil, since they plan to return on the Mauretania on May 31.

To Be Feted

On Monday, April 21, the whole American team will be entertained at the Knollwood Country Club by L. O. Haines. The girls will arrive at the club in time for lunch and in the afternoon a preliminary practice will take place. This will be the last opportunity the team will have to practice before reaching Europe. The practice round will be played in Scotch foursomes with the following teams probably lining up:

Glenna Collett and Marion Bennett against Bernice Wall and Fritz Stifel.

Virginia Van Wie and Virginia Holzderber against Mrs. Stewart Hanley and Edith Quier.

Mrs. O. S. Hill and Louise Fordyce against Mrs. Leo G. Federman and Mrs. Lee Mids.

Helen Hicks and Mrs. Hazel Martelle against Peggy Wattles and Rosalie Knapp.

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