

TWO OF THEM HAVE ANNEXED CROWN TWICE

Goodman, McCrary Only Living Players Who Have Won More Than 1 Title.

When the middle west's sharpest shooting amateurs gather here in June, 20 to 25, to be exact, to fire away at old man par in the thirty-second Trans-Mississippi golf tourney over the sporty Country club layout, five former champions probably will be in the field.

They are Rudolph Knepper, Arthur Bartlett and Robert McCrary, all Iowans; Johnny Goodman, Nebraskan, and James Manion, St. Louis, Mo.

And at least that many crack shot-makers who have reached the finals of this annual classic, coming to the great southwest for the first time, only to lose out in the championship struggle, will be in the field here.

Runners-Up Are Coming, Too

Bud Maytag, another Iowan; James Ward, a Kansas Cityan; John Dawson, the Chicago marksman and internationalist; Lawson Watts and Richard Bockenkamp, both of St. Louis, are chief among those who have finished second in former events who will likely tee off in the 1932 meet.

It so happens that in McCrary and Goodman, the Oklahoma City tourney will catch the only living players who have held the title more than once. Goodman first won it in 1927 and repeated last year. McCrary took it two straight years, 1929 and 1930.

The all-time record for number of championships won was held by Harry Legg, who died only a short time ago. Legg won five titles, his first four in successive tourneys, 1909, 1910, 1911 and 1912, and came back in 1916 for his fifth.

Maxwell Conditioning Course

When the linksmen from other states come to town a week or so before the tourney to familiarize themselves with the Country club course, they will find it in tip-top shape.

Perry Maxwell, one of the country's foremost golf architects, is on the job now, shaping up greens and fairways and anything else that needs attention.

Few appreciable changes will be made in the course, however, for it is an excellent test of golf as it now stands. The No. 3 hole, a par 3 of about 175 yards, will be made more difficult. A new tee is to be built, making the hole 210 yards long, a stiff wood shot.

The green on the fifth hole, a par 5 going north, is being revamped, one of the knolls in front of the green being trimmed down.

White Sand To Be Used

Carloads of white sand will be dumped into all the sand traps, giving the course a striking dress in color contrast, the rich green of the fairways and greens against the glistening whiteness of the sand.