

MELROSE RETAINS ENGLISH ARCHITECT

Dr. Mackenzie, Who Headed
British Camouflage School, to Re-
vise Golf Course Plan

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DR. ALLISTER MACKENZIE, of Leeds, England, renowned golf architect, has been retained by the new Melrose Country Club to supervise the design of its course at Lawndale.

The plan for the course had been drawn already by P. D. Maxwell, an Oklahoma course designer, but the advice of Dr. Mackenzie, who is now completing a world tour, was sought in an effort to obtain the best for the new links.

The property of the club has been studied by Dr. Mackenzie and he has pronounced it an admirable location, and this after he had inspected Pine Valley and the Merion east course. Pine Valley, according to the visitor is a splendid course, "the most spectacular in the world," scientifically planned and artistically executed. Merion he terms a remarkable bit of work done on land offering little inspiration.

The charm he expects to build into the new Melrose links will be accomplished through an appeal to the eye and a challenge to skill. It is his opinion that the perfect golf course must appear natural and most appeal to the high handicap player and the plus man alike.

This approach to the problem of designing a course has actuated Dr. Mackenzie since building his first course, the Alwoodley links near Leeds, in 1906. A graduate in medicine at Cambridge, he had served in the medical corps in the Boer War and had noted the ease with which the Boers masked their offensives from the British.

After the war he began a serious study of camouflage with the result he learned the art of making the eye believe things that did not exist. He applied the principle to landscaping and then to golf course architecture. During the World War he served as a major in the Royal Engineers as head of the British camouflage school in France.

The golf course work of Dr. Mackenzie reflects this training. The courses he has designed, the new Portland links at Troon, among them, appear much as though the winds and storms of the seashore had executed the work. He came to America from Australia and New Zealand where he built and remodelled numerous courses.

In revising the plan of the Melrose course here he will attempt to provide a searching test for the star and a satisfying layout for the duffer by providing alternate routes of play wherever practicable. In no instance will the less perilous route mapped out for the duffer enable him to score in par figures. It will, however, save him from the sense of futility left him by some of the more severe courses now existing.

After submitting his suggestions, Dr. Mackenzie will leave the work in charge of Maxwell, who will supervise the work until completion. The actual construction will be done by the club

Bass' Heavier Hitting Won for Him Says Griffe.

"Bass was hitting terrific punches at close quarters and that was the reason he earned my decision," said Referee Joe Griffe at the conclusion of the Bass-Glick encounter. "I never saw Benny punch harder nor more accurately," said the third man in the ring. "Had the fans who disagreed with the decision been as close as I was and heard the way Glick was grunting and watching his desperate grabs to clinch they would have been convinced that Bass was the winner.

"I gave Benny a pretty good margin on the fight because of his body clouting. This style of punching doesn't show up so well to the general fans but to the man in there on top of them it has an important bearing on the fight and Bass certainly held the upper hand on Glick as far as punching, defensive work and effects of the blows are concerned. That's the way I gave him my decision and no doubt was the reason for the judges doing the same.

"While it was a splendid fight and the New Yorker put up a battle that certainly entitles him to a return tilt, Bass was the winner by a safe margin."

under the direction of Dean Woods.

Progress made on the course at the present time is limited to clearing fairways through the abundant woods on the property. The location of these fairways has been approved by Dr. Mackenzie but he will change materially the grading, the type of bunkers and the construction of greens.

The property is ample for an 18-hole course and lies on both sides of Tacony creek which winds its way across the land at the bottom of a ravine. The clubhouse and swimming pool need only slight renovation to be made attractive.

The building committee of the Melrose Club consists of Horace H. Francine, and Albert H. Smith, both former amateur champions of Philadelphia, William Alexander, Wayne Herkness and Charles L. Sharpless. It is hoped to open the course for play in July of next year.

Heston Wins Pro Tennis Tourney

Palm Beach, Fla., March 22.—Paul Heston captured the first professional tennis tournament ever held in this country when he defeated George Agutter, head instructor at the Forest Hills and the Palm Beach Tennis Clubs in straight sets yesterday, 6-2, 6-1 and 6-4. Heston is also instructor at Forest Hills.

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