



Golf Team, 1918

T. S. PRESCOTT *Captain*

F. J. HOWDEN *Manager*

TEAM

ADAIR, P. (1)

WATKINS, E. (3)

PRESCOTT, T. S. (2)

HOWDEN, F. J. (4)

Golf History, 1918

Last year marked the first season that Tech ever turned out a golf team and it met with marked success in the matches with the Eastern colleges.

To get to the personnel and work of the team. Very little time was had by the men to practice, but they went to it with a will and when the time for the first match with Columbia came around, a formidable quartet was on hand. Perry Adair, one of the foremost golfers in the South, was number one man. Adair has been playing golf around Atlanta since twelve years old and holds many of the course records in the South. Fred Howden of Savannah, was elected manager. Howden had a score of notable records to his credit there. Ewing Watkins, one of the best golfers in Tennessee and said to be the longest driver in the South, and Tom Prescott of Atlanta golf fame, comprised the other two members of the team.

TECH 15—COLUMBIA 0

Tech opened her invasion of the East with a match with the University of Columbia. Scoring in this match as in all the contests which followed, was kept on the Nassau system, the winners on the first nine being awarded one point, the same being true for the second nine holes, and an additional point being awarded for the best ball of the match.

The first matches were played in the morning, Tom Prescott and Perry Adair playing the best ball against A. L. Walker (Junior Inter-collegiate and Staten Island champion), and A. J. Boyd, also a golfer of collegiate fame. Ewing Watkins and Fred Howden were paired up against Bigin and Straumberg of Columbia.

Adair and Prescott had little trouble in taking the measure of the Easterners and defeated them handily, 5 up with 4 to play. Perry Adair played the course in 76, a most excellent score as a high wind was blowing. The results of this match netted the Tech team 3 points, Nassau.

Watkins and Howden showed their opponents little sympathy for their teammates defeat and the Tech golfers won 5-3, giving Tech 3 more points.

In the afternoon Perry was matched against A. L. Walker, the inter-collegiate champion, to decide the singles championship. This match was fairly even until the twelfth green where Walker laid Adair a stymie. The Tech golfer pitched over his opponent's ball into the cup for a win, this seemed to upset the Eastern champion, and Adair had easy sailing from then on, capturing the match 5-4. Adair's win added 3 more points to the Tech score for the day.

Tom Prescott and Bigin of Columbia also were matched in the afternoon play. In this match the only chance Columbia had of scoring was thwarted by Prescott on the ninth hole. Prescott was one down through the eighth hole, and came back and captured the ninth making the score even at the turn. Having pulled out of the hole Prescott continued his good playing and won the match 5-4. This gave Tech 2 additional points.

Fred Howden locked horns with Straumberg. Howden was two down at the end of the seventh green but played excellent golf at this point in the match and captured the next five holes in succession, playing the second nine holes in 37 strokes. This

was the last match of the meet with Columbia, and Tech had totaled 15 points against none of their opponents.

TECH DEFEATS YALE 17 TO 1

The next day Tech was scheduled to play the Yale golf team. They had time only to play the course, on which the match was to take place, around once. When the match took place the next day a high wind was blowing which was another handicap, but in spite of the two disadvantages scored heavily on the Bull Dog golfers. The Jackets scored 17 out of a possible 18 points.

Adair and Prescott were matched against Moorkwell and Balch in the morning doubles. The Tech pair had the best ball for the entire match and scored 3 points by their complete victory.

Howden and Watkins defeated Joffrey and Davis in the best match of the day. Watkins terrific drives and the consistent putting of Howden were too much for the Bull Dogs.

In the individual matches the Yale team met with little more success. Adair was matched with Moorkwell and won easily, 6-5, the winner playing consistent golf at all times during the contest. Perry had the best ball on all occasions and his win netted Tech 3 points.

Fred Howden turned in the best card of the day in his match with Joffrey, and defeated the latter, 8-7. Howden shot a 76 on the round and led his opponent throughout the entire match, giving Tech an additional 3 points.

The only score of the day was made in the match between Watkins and Davis. Watkins defeated his opponent handily on the first nine and on the second nine the score was all even through the seventeenth hole. On the eighteenth hole a small pebble on the green turned Watkins ball while putting for a win, this resulting in the only score made by the Yale golfers during the day.

PENN DOWNED 14 TO 3

The last contest of the Jackets in the East came when the University of Pennsylvania was played. After Penn was defeated a successful invasion was brought to a close.

Ewing Watkins and Prescott met and defeated Kundt and McNeal in a close match, the former pair winning, 2-1. The Southerners lost on one nine but captured the other and had the best ball of the contest. Tech was awarded 2 points in this match.

Perry Adair and Fred Howden played Jacks and Webster of Penn and won to the tune of 4 up with 3 to go. The Tech pair completely outclassed the Penn pair and scored 3 points for Tech.

In the individual matches Adair tied up with Jacks and won 6-4. The Quaker golfer was at the mercy of Adair at all times and Tech annexed 3 more points by the results of this match.

Tom Prescott defeated Kundt in a fairly close match winning 2 points for Tech, while Watkins had little trouble in downing McNeal, 6-4, giving the White and Gold golfers 3 points.

Fred Howden lost a close match to Webster, the Penn man winning 1 up. This was the last score made by Penn and the match ended with Tech on the big end of a 14 to 3 score.