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## Meaning of the North and South

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**S**OMETIMES those who are intimately connected with any given event fail to grasp its full significance. This may or may not be true of the nationally known North and South Tournament at Pinehurst with its three big fixtures, including the women's, professionals' and the amateur championships, the first of which starts March 25.

Whether the golfers who come from the four corners of the earth to participate in one or the other of these events from year to year fully appraise their significance as feeling the national golfing pulse, and setting the golfing styles for the season north, west, and east, it is nevertheless true that the stay-at-homes everywhere turn their eyes to Pinehurst to see just who is tuned to concert pitch for the big events just ahead, both in Britain and in the United States.

In like manner attention will be focused upon our national woman champion, Glenna Collett, to see if the standard of her game holds up after a year of brilliant play and almost continuous competitive golf. They will be watching to discern as far as possible if the Providence "queen of the links" has not grown a bit stale, and will be fit and keen to enter the summer arena just ahead where the real test is staged. Then there are others coming to dispute the sway of the popular champion, golfers who have brought their games up to her level, at least on their best days.

Helen Payson, the Portland, Maine, miss who defeated Miss Collett but recently, will be here and we are hoping that the season's sensation, 17-year-old Virginia Van Wie, of Chicago, will also stop off and show us her game. She showed Glenna a game good enough to defeat her when the champion admitted that she had not played as well since she met Joyce Wethered. Mrs. J. Raymond Price of the Oakmont Country Club, the present champion of the Western Pennsylvania



*Miss Glenna Collett, National Woman Champion and former holder of the North and South title, arrives this week and will be a leading factor in the renewal of this event which starts March 25.*

Golf Association, a title which she has held often, and defended many times, is here and is sure to be a factor in the tournament as will her former club-mate and links companion, Mrs. M. Johnson Scammell, nee Miss Mary Fownes, a sister of the president of the United States Golf Association.

One hundred and thirty-one women started in the 1925 event, and the championship went to Mrs. Melville Jones of Chicago, with Miss Marian Bennett runner-up. Miss Louise Fordyce, the Youngstown star who has been sojourning at the Highland Pines Inn, and practicing over the Southern Pines course, won the qualifying medal last year, but was defeated in the penultimate match round, 1 up, by the ultimate champion, Mrs. Jones. Miss Fordyce is out for the championship this year.

With Collett, Fordyce, Payson, Price, Scammell, Mrs. John D. Chapman, Mrs. Emmett French and others of their class competing, this year's event should be one of the best in its history.

It is altogether likely that MacDonald Smith the exponent of the old St. Andrews full flat swing, will be back to defend the title of Open North and South champion which he so brilliantly won a year ago. Smith stepped out in front of a field of sixty-seven pros and seven amateurs, returning a card total of 281 strokes, compiled over the No. 2, or championship course. Among his rounds was a choice 68. The modest Mac led the next man, Walter Hagen, by eight strokes.

As this is written the entry of the diminutive Bobby Cruickshank, the former Scottish amateur, barrister, and all-around college athlete, has been received among the first of the professionals for the North and South. Bobby battled another Bobby at Inwood for the open title three years ago, and lost by a putt on the home green after a brilliant and