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Old Layouts Fairer to Women Golfers

By MISS CECIL LEITCH Ex-British Ladies' Champion

WELL-KNOWN golf course architect told me recently that one of his ambitions is to lay out a golf course entirely for women. I was unable to follow up the remark with a discussion as to his ideas on the subject, but he gave me food for thought. Shortly after this brief conversation, an important women's meeting was played over a modern course, and during this event a competitor said to me, "Isn't this an ideal course for women?" I could not agree with this opinion, and my negative answer caused surprise with the result that my reasons were solicited. It was then that I ventured to point out that the course was laid out for "tigers" (the term now used to describe the best performers of the male persuasion). My inquirer still adhered to her original opinion, so further explanation was necessary. Her attention was then drawn to several incidents which had already occurred in the event then in progress.

Let me give one of these here to illustrate my argument. At a certain hole on the course, A, representing one side, and B, representing the opposing side, were all square at the end of eighteen holes and the match had to be played out. A hit a very poor drive to the next hole and the ball finished in a much better position than it deserved in thin rough. B had a perfectly struck long tee shot on the true line and



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This is one of many holes on this particular course to which similar remarks apply, and I maintain that a hole which cannot be reached with two good shots from a long hitter and is still within reach. of three mediocre shots from a moderate performer is not a hole for a woman. The perfect "par five" is a very different matter, as at holes of this type the moderate performer must hit three of her best to reach the green and, having done so, she deserves to halve with her more powerful opponent.

Cross bunkering is considered by many to be out of fashion, but as far as women are concerned it would appear to be the best form of trouble through the green.

Looking more closely into the question one cannot help thinking that the older courses-those laid out in pre-war days as intended for the best men players-are much more suited to women's lesser length than the actual present-day first-class course.

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Women's golf and men's golf are two entirely different forms of the game despite what may be said to the contrary.

During the past year I have played over several, to me, new courses, laid out on modern lines, and the thing which was most noticeable was the lack of holes of the "drive and approach" length. There appears to be a tendency nowadays to make a hole either very long or "one-shot," with the result that the moderate player has an excess of wooden-club play and recovery work.—Golf Illustrated, London.

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