

Yank Team Reaps Harvest on Australian Tour



In far-off Australia these six Yankee golf aces have yet to be defeated by "down under" competition. They are shown here with their wives just before disembarking at Sydney. Left to right: Paul and Mrs. Runyan, Craig and Mrs. Wood, Ky Laffoon, Leo and Mrs. Diegel, Mrs. and Harry Cooper, and Mrs. and Denny Shute.

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SMART business management at this end of the trip and good play at the other accounted for the financial success of the 20,000 miles journey the American PGA team made to the Antipodes and way stations this fall.

The boys on the team split six ways evenly, by agreement. The windup was that each fellow collected around \$4,000 for his two months "down under." Meanwhile, Sarazen, Kirkwood and Ezar were picking up good pieces of dough and Jimmy Thompson, winner of the Melbourne open got \$5,000 for his win. These four were not team members.

Here's the dope on how the team did:

	Melbourne open	Melbourne match	Peninsula open
Diegel	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$ 500
Shute	50	1,000	62
Wood	150	500	125
Runyan ..	150	125	500
Cooper	312	125	62
Laffoon ..	312	50	37
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	\$2,974	\$4,300	\$1,286
Total, above 3 tourneys.....	\$ 8,560		

Taken at Honolulu.....	350
First match, Sydney.....	2,500*
Match at Melbourne.....	2,500*
Match at Adelaide.....	1,500*
Second match, Sydney.....	1,500*
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	\$16,910
Honolulu, on return.....	1,000
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	\$17,910

*—and expenses

Dividing this total six ways means that each member of the Yankee team will collect \$2,985, but you can add another grand to each man's take because the team was scheduled for 75% of the gross gate receipts at six matches in leading Australian and New Zealand cities, and there was some cash to be picked up for articles, store appearances, etc.

Expenses were light. Boat fare, first class, for each man was \$640, and while on location the team got all rail expenses save one jump from Sydney to Melbourne, about \$20 each.