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GOLF BOOKS

How to Coach and Play Championship Golf. Dave Williams. Prentice-Hall, Inc. Englewood Cliffs, N. J. 253 pages. Price: \$5.65.

"Building a championship golf team is similar to developing an outstanding football team," says Dave Williams, the man who coached the University of Houston golfers to a record-breaking string of five consecutive NCAA championships between 1956 and 1960.

In his new book, "How to Coach and Play Championship Golf," Coach Williams points out that golf is a team sport in high school and college. "Before taking notice of this," he admits, "I figured all you needed were a lot of good players. It's nice to have the players, but that's only a start. You have to do something with them after you get them."

When Dave Williams volunteered to coach the University of Houston golf team at the close of the 1951 season, it had won only a single match in the past year. At that time, Williams was an associate professor of engineering with no

previous experience as a coach. For him, the golf team was an extra duty that brought him no increase in salary.

"To prove the seriousness of my intentions," he declares, "I formulated a goal and announced it publicly: It was to win the National Collegiate championship!"

During the next five years, Coach Williams made a lot of real mistakes—but he profited from every one of them. By 1956, he had learned enough to pilot his team to victory at the NCAA matches and bring home to the University of Houston its first national championship in any sport.

This feat was repeated every year for the next four years, to establish a modern NCAA record!

In his book, Dave Williams digests all his experiences of the past 10 years in order to give high school and college coaches a complete guide to building a championship golf team—even if they have to start from scratch.

The book contains a step-by-step program for attracting players, organizing a squad, finding a place to play, instilling

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team spirit, setting up training rules, selecting the first team and conducting tournaments. Also covered are the all-important techniques for gaining recognition and building local pride through newspapers and other publicity media.

A major portion of "How to Coach and Play Championship Golf" deals with the game of golf itself and how to teach it, starting from the fundamentals and working up to the finer points of strategy and tactics that separate the champions from the runnersup.

Included is a discussion of what Coach Williams calls the "reproductibility factor" that enables a top-notch player to repeat his best shots time and time again.

Byron Nelson is among those who gives Williams' book a strong recommendation.

The Anatomy of Golf. John Stobbs. Emerson Books, Inc., 251 W. 19th st., New York City. Price \$3.95.

Here is a book that analyzes golf play in action and comes up with specific answers to the problems that every golfer runs into. The things that can go wrong, as any

golfer knows, are myriad. From his own experience, and from extensive observation and study, a noted writer and golf analyst here deals effectively with the many and varied aspects of the game.

Full Coverage

Covered fully are: the different strokes; how and when to use each club; how to hit the ball; the simplest shot in the world; using the iron; driving; hitting the ball straight; timing; ways of getting out of trouble; style and method; putting; the proper use of spin; the ten crooked shots of golf; recovery play; the tactics of match and medal play, etc. Psychology and temperament as factors in the game are dealt with, as well as such subjects as how to make best use of a pro and how to benefit from watching professional tournaments.

Anyone who has ever gone out for a round of golf and felt he wanted to better his game should profit from this book, says the publisher.

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