

Walter Emery, junior law student, became the second best amateur golfer in the United States when he was runner-up to Lawson Little in the national amateur tournament at Cleveland.

Putter There, Walter

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CLEVELAND, Ohio, is a long way from Batavia, Java, Dutch East Indies.

In fact, as Walter Emery, junior lawyer and the nation's number two amateur golfer, put it, Batavia, Java, is a long way from practically any place you can name, excepting her neighboring city of Tandjong, Priok, and if you can name that you're a better man than I am, Gunga Dean.

Java, which Professor Paxton will tell you is not really a Greek word for coffee, but the name of an island, was the scene of Walter Emery's first golf training. His father, who happened to be in the oil business there, was Walter's first teacher, and still gives him advice when he needs it.

And speaking of coffee, the Ryder Walker cup team will probably have an Oklahoman on it for the first time next spring. The team, which is made up of what the officials of the United States Golf Association think is the nation's ten best amateur golfers, will be selected next May, and will more than likely include Emery, although you couldn't get him to admit it.

The tall, likable, modest twenty-three-year-old Sooner, who recently was runner-up to Lawson Little for the national amateur golfing championship played at Cleveland, won't talk about his own chances to make the team, but forecasts that Little, Charley Yates, Johnny Goodman and Francis Ouimet will be members.

Emery won his first tournament in 1928, the Duncan high school tournament which he entered as a dark horse and finished with a score-card showing 14 under par for 72 holes.



In 1932, at the urging of Maury Hankinson, his fraternity brother, Emery entered the University of Oklahoma.

Since coming to Soonerland, Emery has lettered three straight years on the golf team and played in several tournaments, including the Oklahoma collegiate, which he has won twice, and the national collegiate, which he won in 1933.

Besides the recent national amateur matches, Emery's biggest thrill came when he was playing in the Western Amateur matches at Memphis in 1933. In three straight matches he came from behind to win in the extra hole playoffs.

Always playing better when the underdog, Emery likes match play better than

medal play, although he has been medalist in the state open and champion of the state open match play in 1933.

Putting is the hardest battle for Emery, and although he is not considered a good putter at home, his performances at national tournaments have earned him the reputation as an exceptional putter. His favorite clubs are the driver and the one-iron.

He credits Arthur Jackson, Oklahoma City, with teaching him the most about the sport, and adds that he was also instructed by Henry Bailey of Duncan and Joe Kirkwood, the trick-shot artist.

Although busy catching up on his law, Emery still plays twice a week.