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Name of Jones Will Again Be Topic Of Conversation at National Open

Jones is "the man to beat." That familiar cry from out of the past once again will echo at the 51st annual USGA Open this summer. Only no longer does the warning pertain to Robert Tyre Jones, the incomparable Bobby Jones who won four Opens and was runner up four other times all in the space of nine years.

The current Jones who has the boys worried is Robert Trent Jones and he isn't even a contestant. This Jones is a widely recognized golf-course architect, a man who appears destined to play an important behind-the-scenes role at the 1951 classic.

The retooling of traps was done on the basis of Jones' theories about modern design scientifically based to keep up with the changes in golf equipment in the last 20 years.

"A score of 297 was good enough to win the Open here in 1924, and it was 281 in 1937," Jones points out. Oakland Hills didn't change in the meantime but golfing styles did. And now, 14 years later, styles have changed enough to make that 281 might have been too high to win.

The biggest change over the years has been the ability of the pros to hit the ball longer and harder. Since many top courses had their fairway traps out to 200 to 250-yard range, those traps were meaning less and less to the big boys who flew over such trouble with ease.

From extensive studies, Jones has determined that a field of 200 traps would be better for the Open, will average better than 230 yards of the tees, with a dozen players carrying beyond 250 yards. Thus came the conviction that traps must be out to 240 and 260 yards to be effective.

TRENT JONES DIRECTED the major remodeling program which has turned Oakland Hills Country club into one of the most exciting courses in the country. This will mark the third time the Open has come to Oakland Hills—but those veterans of 15 earlier visits will find these links far different at their homecoming June 14-16.

While Oakland Hills definitely will be tougher, by as much as three strokes a round in Jones' opinion, it still won't be anywhere near as tough as some rumors have made it. When Jones started the face-lifting process last fall, word spread fast and there was exaggeration in transmission.

And, THAT'S EXACTLY where they are planted at Oakland Hills. Every one of the 14

par-4 and par-5 holes has been lightened up with bunkers strategically planted at the new range. Some of them are in the middle of the fairways, some of them stepped along the sides. A strong premium has been placed on accuracy, with severe punishment waiting for the long hitter who gambles and loses. The other major changes have been around the greens. Trap patterns have been changed there too, with the accent on small fringe traps which require players to land into the green instead of playing short and running up. Several greens also were enlarged to offer more pin positions.

Add the new bunkering setup to Oakland Hills' regular length of 6,227 yards and its noted rolling contour greens, and you get some idea of why the Open field will believe that Jones actually has become "the man to beat."

Byron Nelson, 1939 Open Champion, came out for a look at the revamped layout, and praised it strongly.

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In fact, one USGA official heard such wild reports that he asked for a hasty checkup on Jones' activities. James D. Stands, Jr., USGA president, made a personal inspection, and satisfied everyone when he called the new Oakland Hills "as great, as far as an exciting test of golf as an Open possible could be played on."

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Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

After the Matter of the Estate of Otto Park, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that a petition praying that an instrument filed in said court, to-wit: a will, be admitted to probate and that the said will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of the estate of said estate be granted to Donald McCarty, Jr., some other person, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is Ordered, That the 28th day of May, A. D. 1951, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, in the Birmingham City Court, be and is hereby appointed for the hearing of said petition, and that notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham City Court, and in the Birmingham City Court, and that notice be given to the unpaid creditors and legatees and creditors whose claims have been allowed but not fully paid by personal service of a copy of this order, or by serving the same by registered mail, with return receipts demanded, addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this case.

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