

Hamilton, Everett Bradley, and others -- all those boys have either had a severe attack of illness or an injury that has made it appear that not only their health but their whole future was blasted so far as motor activity was concerned. But through patience and perseverance every one of those boys became real champions - not only local champions, but world champions as well. And after all that is the crux of the whole thing, where a fellow can turn seeming defeat into victory, and only through courage, patience and an indomitable will can those things come to pass.

Oatman Yes, Doc, I have watched a lot of your championship teams play, and I have often wondered what it was that made them champions - whether you inspired your boys to do a certain thing or whether you told them what to do in special crises, or just what it was that made your teams great.

Allen Well, Glenn, I don't think that we have achieved any more than any other coach could with the fine material that we have had here at the University of Kansas. The big thing, Glenn, is that we have had fine boys to work with, boys who wanted to play, boys who wanted to win, boys who would give up a lot of things to achieve this victory. I attribute what success I have had to the fine material that I have had to work with, and to the splendid response that those boys gave in certain critical hours. Naturally I have had to work with a group, and it is difficult sometimes to mesh all the psychological factors of the many boys into one united whole. That is team play. Of course that is somewhat different from the individual golfer. But in your play, Glenn, isn't it true that you not only had to master your own self, but you have had to give away poundage and height and reach to an opponent? All these factors that seem to weigh against you would naturally prove to be a handicap. How did you overcome most of these mental and physical hazards, Glenn?

Oatman Well, Doc, I didn't always overcome all of them. But in golf the mental attitude plays a tremendous part. Timing and rhythm are the main essentials, and these combined with near-perfect coordination determine the efficiency of the golfer.

Allen I think I know this answer too, even before I ask it. Who is, in your opinion, the top golfer of all time?

Oatman There is no doubt about it, Doc. There is just one immortal golfer, and that is Bobby Jones. He did everything that a golfer was supposed to do. In my opinion his record will never be tied.

Allen Ah Glenn, there's the champion, Bobby Jones, who really made you a champion! I am sure that you dreamed of Bobby Jones and his prowess when you were a little fellow. Isn't that true?