

OAK HILL COUNTRY CLUB.							
		Date		1903.			
Self							
Opponent							
Hole	Name	Dist.	No. of Holes	OUT 1ST NINE.		IN 2ND NINE.	
				Self	Opp't.	Self	Opp't.
1	Waterloo	173	3				
2	Erie	366	5				
3	Punch Bowl	235	4				
4	Big Oak	457	5				
5	The Twins	280	4				
6	Midway	284	4				
7	The Lane	323	5				
8	Genesee	337	5				
9	Sweet Home	233	4				
		2688	39				
Out							
In							
Gross							



**HOLE NUMBERS:** A 1903 scorecard lists distances, “bogey” (the equivalent of par at the time), and nicknames—including “Big Oak” and “Genesee”—of Oak Hill’s original nine holes. The course was converted to 18 holes in 1910.

### PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

## Course of History

When the eyes of the golfing community tune in to watch the PGA Championship this summer, they will be watching some of the world’s elite golfers play the home course of the Yellowjackets golf team. While the Oak Hill Country Club is today located in nearby Pittsford, the course was originally built on what is now the River Campus. In the early 1920s, as University leaders looked for ways to expand beyond the Prince Street campus, support from community members and from philanthropist George Eastman helped finance a campaign for a new campus on the banks of the Genesee River. In exchange for the country club’s land, the University purchased 355 acres in Pittsford for two new Oak Hill courses, which were designed by now renowned architect Donald Ross, as well as a new club house at the Pittsford site. As part of the arrangement, Rochester’s golf team gets to host visiting teams on the Pittsford course—that is, when the likes of Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, Phil Mickelson, and other stars of the game are not in town. The PGA Championship runs from August 5 to 11.

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**STRONG FINISH:** Golfers playing Oak Hill before the course became the home of the River Campus would have teed off and finished just north of Strong Auditorium. The map superimposes today’s buildings over an outline of the earlier golf course.





**TEE TIMES:**  
 Oak Hill's original club house (above, center) was still standing when construction on the River Campus began (above, right) and the golf club moved to nearby Pittsford (below), where the Yellowjacket golf team still plays its "home" meets.

