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### THE SANDWICH MEETING.

AT no previous competition for the Open Championship has the gathering of professional and amateur players been so great, and, on the whole, so representative, as during the past week at Sandwich. It was a sort of golfing Olympiad, whither flocked players from all the corners of the United Kingdom, and even beyond the seas. The week of finely varied Golf which has just closed marks a very important point in the history of the development of the game, and notably of the game as it is being fostered in England. It has been too much the habit of the Scotch-bred golfer to pooh-pooh the efforts of his English brother, and to view his attempts to acquire the St. Andrews swing with a supercilious and by no means tolerant and sympathetic eye. But if the English golfer, in the earlier days of his novitiate in the game, lacked style, he certainly did not lack enthusiasm; and it is this essential quality which has made the late meeting at Sandwich so marked a success, and so popular with professionals and amateurs alike.

The body of golfers who arranged the late meeting have shown themselves to be fully abreast of the spirit of the times. They have been the first to give ear to the oft-repeated wish that an opportunity should be afforded to test the relative value as match-players of the professionals and the amateurs by the institution of a formal match on the cricket analogue of "Gentlemen v. Players." No one can deny that the new feature was a popular one, and that the results were looked forward to with great interest. The amateurs have, as was expected, been rather soundly beaten, but no doubt they have profited in many ways by the new experience of the match. At any rate, the experiment has been tried, and it has been a success. Criticism, of course, has not been wanting as to the correct principle on which to conduct such a match. Golfers of the old school, who much dislike new-fangled systems of scoring, were all for a team-match between the two respective sides, the victory to be declared by the total number of holes won by the winning team. This also, we believe, is the view taken by a number of the professionals themselves, certainly of a few of the leading competitors among the professionals on Thursday and Friday. Others thought that the most educative ordeal, at least, for the amateur, was to play on the tournament principle carried out in this initiatory match. As will be seen from another column, Mr. Laidlaw Purves favours the American tournament principle. While it is impossible to declare positively which is the best and most convenient method to adopt in the settlement of the match—each of

the three being equally satisfactory as variants of the match-play system—the chief point to urge at present is that the experiment of "Gentlemen v. Players" having now been tried with success, it ought to remain an annual fixture at all the future meetings of the Open Championship. One great advantage results from the match. It will now be a coveted honour for both amateurs and players to strive hard to get their names on the selected list. Each class of player will play all the better Golf for this healthy rivalry between the two classes. Not the least commendable feature of the competition is the fact that it rescues another important fixture from the almost overwhelming tendency to govern all matches by the scoring card. Honour, more than lucre, is also more predominant in a match like this, than even in the Open Championship itself.

### A PARSON'S SOLILOQUY.

I own I'm much in doubt,  
And I can't quite make it out,  
There's something wrong about  
That last stroke!  
The club is it?—or ball?  
What *could* have made it fall  
Inside the Churchyard wall  
For a joke?

I struck it from the tee  
And sent it spinning free  
As straight as straight could be  
To the hole;  
The next stroke, just as good  
It seemed from where I stood  
The ball went as it should  
To its goal.

Each stroke, in fact, seemed true,  
As far as then I knew,  
I'd got on half-way through,  
Spite of Hades.  
(I've heard some language there  
Which I own I shouldn't care  
To repeat verbatim where  
There are Ladies.

It's usually some cad  
That's profane, or uses bad  
Words, as when a Rad  
Swears at Tories!  
Hushed is the big, big D,  
Wherever there's a She,  
For the Fair sex always E-  
-Mollit mores).

"A man is never wise,"  
The proverb says, "who cries  
"Over spilt milk"—or a prize  
That is gone.  
My ball is gone, I fear—  
Golf-balls are not so dear—  
And I'll—now I've got one here—  
Hurry on!

I've twenty minutes more  
That, at least, is a good score,  
And, unless my luck is poor,  
Or I'm nervous,  
I'll rattle o'er the ground,  
And, although the Church bells sound  
I'll have another round  
Before Service!

St. Ives, April 21st.

THE SANDWICH MEETING.  
GENTLEMEN V. PLAYERS.

The remarkably interesting programme of play provided by the St. George's Golf Club at Sandwich was appropriately brought to a close on Friday by the decision of a new fixture in golfing events of the year. Over and over again in these columns has the idea been suggested of a match between picked teams of amateurs and professionals, and it has been the privilege of the leading English club in the South to give effect in a practical form to the suggestion. Following the rain and somewhat bad weather of the earlier days, the green was in fine condition, and the large gathering of spectators were witnesses of as fine an exposition of Golf on both sides as the heart of the most fastidious player could desire. The gentlemen who were to constitute the team representative of the amateurs were chosen by the committee of the St. George's Golf Club, while the professionals were picked by old Tom Morris, of St. Andrews; Charlie Hunter, of Prestwick; Jack Morris, of Hoylake; and Ramsay Hunter, of Sandwich. The amateur team was slightly weakened by the absence of such players as Mr. J. E. Laidlay, Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville, Mr. Everard, and Mr. Blackwell; while, on the other hand, the professional committee experienced considerable difficulty in making a selection which would give satisfaction. They were reluctantly compelled to exclude players of the standing of Hugh Kirkaldy and B. Sayers. The play was by holes, each game to consist of one round, and the matches to proceed as in the Amateur Championship. The winner of the tournament, if an amateur, receives plate of the value of £20, and £30 is divided among the eight professionals, according to the place taken in the tournament. If a professional won, he received a proportion of £50, and the remainder is divided among the other professionals, according to the place they take in the tournament. The result of the first day's play strengthened the conclusion generally drawn from the prize-list at the Open Championship competition. Only on two occasions has an amateur occupied first position, and, generally speaking, the professionals have the competition pretty much to themselves. Only two amateurs survived the first round, and only one, Mr. F. G. Tait, was left among the quartette to whom the decision of the contest was left on Friday.

After a tremendous struggle, Rolland overcame Mr. F. G. Tait at the twentieth hole, and then, in the final, the victor over Willie Park met the Open Champion. But on this occasion, Rolland was fairly on his metal, and he avenged the defeat administered to him the other week by Taylor, at Mitcham. Rolland won his match, and the principal stake, after a ding-dong match, by 2 and 1 to play.

FIRST DAY.

The following was the result of the first round:—

Mr. John Ball, jun. (Royal Liverpool), beat Willie Park, Musselburgh, by 1 hole.

J. H. Taylor, Winchester, beat Mr. H. H. Hilton (Formby), 4 up and 3 to play.

A. Herd, Huddersfield, beat Mr. A. D. Blyth (St. George's), by 1 hole after a halved match.

Andrew Kirkaldy, St. Andrew's, beat Mr. Charles Hutchings, (Royal Liverpool), by 7 up and 6 to play.

W. Auchterlonie, St. Andrew's, beat Mr. S. Mure-Fergusson (St. George's), by 2 up and 1 to play.

Douglas Rolland, Limsfield, beat Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson (Royal North Devon), by 3 up and 1 to play.

Willie Fernie, Troon, beat Mr. Alexander Stuart (Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers), by 4 up and 3 to play.

Mr. F. G. Tait (Royal and Ancient), beat Archie Simpson, Carnoustie, by 3 up and 2 to play.

The weather showed a remarkable improvement upon that experienced the previous day. Then a perfect storm of wind and rain caused the utmost discomfort to players and spectators alike. On Thursday bright sunshine and a cooling breeze made outdoor exercise particularly pleasant. The number of spectators was scarcely so large as might have been expected at so important a gathering. Those who were present witnessed an extremely interesting series of matches. In each

of the contests the winner was required to play perfect golf in order to succeed, and it is extremely doubtful whether so many splendidly played matches were ever witnessed on any golf course. The couple who opened the tournament were Willie Park and Mr. John Ball, jun., both ex-Champions. This was expected to be a close and interesting match, and the anticipation proved to be well founded. An excellent match was just won on the home green. The Musselburgh professional opened badly by missing his tee shot, and as the amateur played perfectly in 4, he easily won the first hole. On the green in 3, at the second hole, Mr. Ball putted very weakly, and allowed the professional to square the match. A weak approach at the third hole was improved upon by a splendid run to the hole, which enabled him to obtain a half. The amateur played perfect Golf to the fourth hole, and secured it rather early, as Park was rather weak in his approach. Driving to the fifth, the professional landed in a bunker, but recovered very cleverly to the edge of the green. He was then short in his putt, and gave Mr. Ball a chance. The amateur failed to take advantage of his opportunity by missing a fairly easy putt, and a half resulted. Although Park cleared the Maiden hazard, he drove to the bunker beyond the green, but he extricated himself from his difficulties very cleverly, and was enabled to obtain another half. After admirable long play, both showed indifferent form on the putting green at the seventh for a half in 6. The two succeeding holes were halved, although at each Park was rather unlucky, finding his ball resting just on the edge of the hole.

The turn was taken with the amateur a hole to the good. The professional now began to play a particularly strong game, which won for him the eleventh and twelfth holes, and for the first time gave him the lead. The amateur exhibited magnificent form to the long-fence hole, putting in a 4, which again squared the match. Mr. Ball's game also proved too strong for Park at the river, where he became 1 up. At the succeeding long hole the amateur made acquaintance with the bunker, and the match was again level. The sixteenth hole was halved, but at the seventeenth Park experienced a bad lie from his drive, which spoiled his approach, the hole being won by the amateur in 5 to 6. The last hole being halved, Mr. Ball won by a single hole. The scores were:—

Mr. John Ball, jun.—

4 6 4 5 5 4 6 4 4 5 5 5 4 3 7 3 5 4=83

Willie Park—

5 5 4 6 5 4 6 4 4 5 4 4 5 6 5 3 6 4=85

J. H. Taylor, this year's Open Champion, found himself opposed to Mr. H. H. Hilton, himself the Open Champion of two years ago, and winner of the St. George's challenge vase. They both played splendid Golf, and although the amateur was fairly beaten, it was only because his opponent played an extremely strong game. After halving the first two holes, Taylor secured the third in 4, the amateur's putting being scarcely up to his usual standard. Mr. Hilton was again slightly weak in his putting at the seventh hole, which Taylor placed to his credit in 5. The last two holes of the outward journey were halved, so that the professional started homeward with 2 holes in hand. The eleventh Mr. Hilton played perfectly in 3, and reduced his opponent's lead to 1. Taylor again increased his lead to 2 at the twelfth, and thereafter playing a strong game at the long holes, closed the match at the fifteenth by 4 up and 3 to play. The scores were:—

Mr. Hilton—

Out ... .. 5 5 5 5 4 3 6 3 5=41

In ... .. 5 3 5 6 5 6

Taylor—

Out ... .. 5 5 4 5 4 3 5 3 5=39

In ... .. 5 4 4 5 5 5

The match between A. Herd and Mr. A. D. Blyth was the closest fight of the day, but here again a professional came off victorious. The contest from beginning to end was a matter of give and take. The amateur opened by securing the first hole, but Herd took second; Mr. Blyth gained the third, and Herd took the fourth and fifth. The amateur made the match square at the seventh, but the professional again came to the front at the eighth, and, halving the ninth, turned one to the good. Mr. Blyth drew ahead at the tenth, lost the eleventh and twelfth, which Herd negotiated in 3 each, halved the thirteenth, and won the succeeding two, again squaring the match. The professional, playing a perfect game, won the sixteenth, but he lost the seventeenth, so that the match stood in the interesting position of being all level with a hole to play. At the home green, both lay within holing distance in 4, Mr. Blyth, playing the odd, was weak, but, unfortunately, for Herd, laid a stumie. The professional was unable to negotiate the difficulty, and only halved the hole. On playing another hole to decide the tie, Herd won in 5 to 6, Mr. Blyth losing by missing a putt.

Herd's score— 5 3 4 4 4 4 7 4 5 5 3 3 5 5 6 4 5 5=81.

Andrew Kirkaldy, the strong St. Andrews professional, proved rather too much for Mr. Charles Hutchings. The amateur secured the fourth hole, but thereafter had no chance with his opponent, who played a perfect game. From the score it will be seen that Kirkaldy took the



next eight holes in the remarkable aggregate of 30, a feat which was sufficient to dispose of the amateur by 7 up and 6 to play.

Kirkaldy's score—Out ... 5 4 5 5 4 4 4 3 4=38  
In ... 4 3 4

W. Auchterlonie proved to be in better form than he displayed in the Championship competition. The St. Andrews professional secured a hold of Mr. Mure Fergusson from the beginning, and maintaining his lead all through, won at the last hole, but one by 2 up and 1 to play. The professional covered the first nine holes in 38.

Douglas Rolland started auspiciously against Mr. Hutchinson by securing the first two holes, at which the amateur showed only fair form. Thereafter Mr. Hutchinson settled down, and after a couple of halves, reduced Rolland's lead to one, by an admirable 3 at the "Maiden." The succeeding two were steadily halved in four and three, but Rolland was again two ahead at the turn. Mr. Hutchinson brought down his leeway to one at the tenth, and by laying a stinnie squared the match at the twelfth. Rolland came away with a strong game, and taking the fourteenth, fifteenth, and seventeenth, won the match by 3 up and 1 to play.

Rolland's score:—

Out ... .. 5 4 4 4 5 4 4 3 5=38  
In ... .. 5 4 5 5 5 4 4

Fernie was in capital form and Mr. Stuart, notwithstanding that he played an excellent game, was well defeated by the Troon professional. The amateur opened by taking the second hole, but the professional ran off with the succeeding six, playing a very strong game. Mr. Stuart captured the ninth, and turned home 4 to the bad. The amateur held his opponent very closely at this point, and by collaring the tenth and twelfth reduced the professional's lead to 2. Fernie's game at the long holes was, however, too strong for the amateur, who succumbed by 4 and 3 to play.

Fernie's score:—

Out ... .. 5 5 4 5 4 3 5 3 4=38  
In ... .. 5 4 5 5 5 5

At the opening of the match between Archie Simpson and Mr. F. G. Tait it seemed as if Mr. Ball would be the only amateur left in the second round. Archie, playing steadily, ran away with the second and third holes. The amateur held firmly to the professional thereafter, and at the turn secured a lead of 1. He increased his advantage by winning the eleventh and twelfth, now standing 3 up and 6 to play. The succeeding four holes being halved, the amateur entered the second round by 3 up and 2 to play. Scores:—

Mr. Tait—

Out ... .. 5 6 5 6 4 3 5 3 4=41  
In ... .. 6 4 4 6 5 5 3

Archie Simpson—

Out ... .. 5 4 3 6 4 4 5 5 5=41  
In ... .. 6 5 5 6 5 5 3

#### RESULT OF SECOND ROUND.

J. H. Taylor beat Mr. John Ball, jun., by 4 up and 3 to play.

A. Herd beat A. Kirkaldy by 3 up and 2 to play.

D. Rolland beat W. Auchterlonie by 2 up and 1 to play.

Mr. F. G. Tait beat W. Fernie by 2 up and 1 to play.

The survivors of the forenoon's play entered upon the second round at two o'clock. The Champion found his opponent somewhat off his game. Mr. Ball entirely failed to show the form he displayed against Willie Park in the forenoon, and fell an easy prey to the strong Winchester professional. The amateur was particularly weak on the putting-green, throwing away stroke after stroke. Taylor was 3 up at the turn, and gained another before the match finished at the fifteenth hole, with the professional 4 up and 3 to play.

Taylor's score:—

Out ... .. 5 4 4 5 5 4 5 3 5=40  
In ... .. 5 4 4 6 6 5

As was to have been expected, the two St. Andrews men, Andrew Kirkaldy and A. Herd, had a very tough match. There was little between them, as they both played a capital game until they reached the long holes on the way home. Here Herd came away with a phenomenal game, winning the fourteenth in 4, the fifteenth in 4, and the sixteenth in 3. Kirkaldy was unequal to the task of competing with this remarkable game, and succumbed by 3 and 2 to play.

Herd's score:—

Out ... .. 5 4 5 5 4 3 5 4 4=39  
In ... .. 5 4 6 5 4 4 3

W. Auchterlonie, last year's Champion, again exhibited splendid form and gave Rolland a very stubborn fight. It was a most remarkable game, no fewer than fifteen of the seventeen holes played being

halved; the other two, being the fourth and sixteenth, were taken by Rolland, who won by 2 up and 1 to play.

Rolland's score:—

Out ... .. 6 4 4 4 4 4 5 5 5=41  
In ... .. 5 5 4 5 5 5 4 5

Willie Fernie found Mr. Tait in excellent form. The amateur lost the first hole, but he went to the front at the second, and turned home-wards with two holes in hand. The Troon professional reduced the amateur's lead to 1 at the tenth, but Mr. Tait, playing very strongly, secured the 2 up again at the twelfth. After a couple of halves Fernie took the fifteenth, and still stood a chance of at least squaring the match. The amateur, however, secured the sixteenth, and now stood dormy 2. The seventeenth being halved, Mr. Tait secured the match by 2 up and 1 to play.

#### SECOND DAY.

The Sandwich meeting was brought to a close with the finish of the competition between the amateur and professional players on Friday. As matters have turned out the professionals have proved that they are still at the top of the tree, but their amateur rivals have certainly no reason to be ashamed of the appearance they made. After the first round two amateurs survived, Messrs. Ball and Tait. It is to be kept in mind that the teams were selected with a view to their being representative of both classes, and the committee are to be congratulated on the way in which they have gone about their work. It is unfortunate that Mr. Laidlaw was not to be found among the amateurs, but he was unable to be present at Sandwich this year. His presence would have certainly helped to strengthen the team. Mr. F. G. Tait's play was of the finest description, as is shown by his surviving both the first and the second heats, beating in the first instance Archie Simpson, of Carnoustie, and afterwards so redoubtable a player as Fernie, of Troon, and only being displaced by Rolland, whom he met in the third heat after a tie on the round and playing two extra holes to decide the match. The weather was fine and bright, a trifle warm for the players, but all the more enjoyable to the spectators on this account. The green was again in splendid condition, owing to Ramsay Hunter's excellent and judicious care.

#### TAYLOR AND HERD.

On Friday a start was made at 10.30, when J. H. Taylor and A. Herd faced the tee, the second couple consisting of Rolland and Mr. F. G. Tait, both of whom left the tee a quarter of an hour later. There was a fairly large gathering of spectators, most of whom followed the first couple; but towards the end of the round, when it became known that Mr. Tait was running Rolland very close, a large number transferred their attention to the second couple.

In the match between Taylor and Herd the first named secured a hole at the outset, getting down a long putt. At the second hole Taylor had some luck, a strong approach hitting the sandbox at the far side of the green, and saving the ball from rolling over into rough country. Herd's approach was also strong, but, laying the odd dead, the hole was halved in 4. Herd had the better drive at the third hole, Taylor being short. The former had a good chance for 3, but his putt wanted strength, and the hole was halved in 4. At the fourth hole Herd lay on the green in 2 off his cleek, Taylor being short. Taylor, however, holed out off his approach, and Herd's putting being weak, the Englishman secured the hole in 4 to 5. At the fifth hole Herd played a pretty approach, getting a 3, while Taylor was strong and his putting loose, requiring 5 to hole out. Playing the Maiden, Herd again had a perfect 3, and Taylor, not getting his drive away well and lying to the left, took 4. The match was now all even. The seventh hole was halved in 5, Taylor getting down a good long putt, and Herd missing a shorter one for 4. The eighth hole went to Taylor, by superior putting, in 3, although Herd, who took 4, lay better on the green. The ninth also went to Taylor. Both were in the bunker guarding the tenth hole; Taylor, lying badly, had to play back, and Herd, taking the advantage offered, won the hole in 5 to 6. The eleventh again saw the Englishman victorious. Both players were on the green in 2, but Taylor got down his putt, and had a 3 to Herd's 4. A half at the twelfth hole. The thirteenth hole virtually decided the match, for Herd put his second into the bunker, and, playing out strongly, went over the fence into the field, requiring 6. Taylor played the cautious game, and got down in 5, making him 3 up. The fourteenth and fifteenth holes were halved in 5 each. At the sixteenth Herd's approach ran over the hill, and lay on a heap of loose earth. Lifting, dropping behind, and playing 2 more, he was never within sight of a half, as Taylor laid his third shot dead, and won the match by 4 up and 2 to play.

The players were about to walk in, when Andrew Kirkaldy suggested that Taylor should play in and try to break the record. This he did, taking 5 and 3. The scores were :—

Taylor—												
Out ...	...	...	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	3	4=37	} 77
In ...	...	...	6	3	4	5	5	5	4	5	3=40	
Herd—												
Out ...	...	...	5	4	4	5	3	3	5	4	5=38	} —
In ...	...	...	5	4	4	6	5	5	5	5		

Taylor played beautiful Golf, and, had it not been for his missing a short putt at the fifth hole, his round would have been a stroke less. The putt was practically dead. The feature of his game was his putting. Herd played well; his long game was perfect. He generally outdrove his opponent, but did not seem to be at home on the greens.

ROLLAND AND MR. TAIT.

The match between Rolland and Mr. F. G. Tait, partaking of an amateur v. professional character, excited a large amount of interest. It was a contest in which, so far as long play was concerned, the competitors were perfectly equal, a yard or two which Rolland gained occasionally being absolutely of no account. It was, accordingly, in the short game that the match was lost and won. The first three holes were halved. At the fourth, Mr. Tait only secured a half by a pretty loft across the bunker to the green. Mr. Tait took the lead at the fifth. After a half in 4 at the "Maiden," the amateur improved his position at the seventh hole by running down a long putt, and eventually the turn was taken with Mr. Tait, 2 up. Rolland reduced the amateur's lead to 1 at the tenth hole, owing to a weak putt on Mr. Tait's part for a half. The match was squared at the fourteenth. Mr. Tait, lying short of the fifteenth green in 2, took his driving iron and ran the ball beyond the hole into the rushes. Rolland, reaching the green in 3 easily, finished in 5, and secured the hole. At the fifteenth, both were on the green in 3. Rolland, playing the odd, ran down a remarkably long putt, which not merely secured him the hole, but for the first time the lead. At the sixteenth, Mr. Tait was again even. At the seventeenth, after playing a better game than his opponent displayed, Mr. Tait had the misfortune of finding a stymie barring his way to a dead putt. What should have been a win for the amateur accordingly resolved itself into a half. In approaching the home hole, Mr. Tait landed in the bunker close to the bank. He, however, was not yet defeated. He extricated his ball most dexterously from the bunker and followed this feat up by running down a putt of fully eight yards. Rolland managed to halve. The players re-started to decide the tie. At the first hole Mr. Tait pulled his drive, and on the green was at a great disadvantage compared with his opponent; but another magnificent putt secured him a half. The amateur's drive to the second hole landed him in very heavy ground, and the bad lie cost him the hole. The amateur was next short, while Rolland ran dead with his third. After playing two more, Mr. Tait gave up the hole and the match. The scores for the round of eighteen holes were :—

Mr. Tait,	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	5	4	4	6	6	5	4	5	4=81.
Rolland,	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	6	5	4	5	5	4=81.	

THE FINAL.—TAYLOR AND ROLLAND.

The final between Taylor and Rolland was entered upon at 2.30. The number of spectators had considerably increased, and about five hundred golfers followed the match. The captain of the club, the Hon. R. Grosvenor, was present, and personally saw that the players were not interfered with by too eager followers. At the outset both men started badly by getting bunkered off their second shots. Taylor played 2 before he extricated his ball, but his opponent missing a short putt, the hole was halved. Rolland secured the second hole in 4, laying Taylor a stymie. The third hole was halved in 4. At the fourth, Rolland, lying on the green in 2, while Taylor was short, had the advantage, and he secured the hole in 4 to 5. The fifth hole went to Taylor in 3, Rolland's putt being too strong. Rolland drove the "Maiden" with his mashie cleek past the flag. Taylor, lying to the right of the green, should have had a 3, but missing what appeared to be a simple enough putt, a half in 4 was the result. Going to the seventh, Taylor was bunkered off his drive, and did not reach the green with his third, while Rolland, whose drive lay heavy to the left, recovered well, and had only to play an approach for his third. The Englishman had a long putt for a half, but failing to get it down, his opponent secured the hole in 5. The eighth hole was halved in 4, but Taylor secured the ninth in 4 by getting down a long putt. The match now stood Rolland 1 up. The tenth hole was halved in 5, although Rolland had a distinct advantage through Taylor's second being bunkered; but Taylor getting well out, and Rolland missing a short putt, the result was as stated. Rolland secured the eleventh hole by better putting, Taylor's

putt being weak. At the twelfth hole Rolland's second got into the pot bunker near the green. Playing out he was a good bit past the flag; his fourth was very short, Taylor lying dead in the same number. A long putt by Rolland saved the hole, and a half in 5 resulted. The Scotchman increased his lead at the thirteenth by getting down a long putt, and securing the hole in 4. He was now 3 up and 4 to play. Going to the fourteenth hole Rolland visited the field to the right, and Taylor, playing steady Golf, secured the hole in 5 to 6. A half at the fifteenth hole sustained the interest in the match, Rolland here having a good chance of making himself "dormy," but missed his putt. The sixteenth was halved in 4, Taylor holing a very difficult putt in great style. Rolland's ball lay almost a stymie, and Taylor's just grazed it before going down. The seventeenth hole saw the finish of the match. Rolland missed his second stroke, but Taylor, using his cleek, did not reach the green with the like. Rolland laid his fourth dead, and Taylor had a long putt to save the hole. He was not on the line, and a half in 5 resulted, Rolland winning by 2 up and 1 to play. The scores were :—

Rolland, out,	6	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	=40;	in,	5	4	5	4	6	5	5.
Taylor, out,	6	5	4	5	3	4	6	4	=41;	in,	5	5	5	5	5	5	5.

Taylor's play in the afternoon was not so good as in the early part of the day. There was a marked difference in his putting, which was not nearly so sure.

At the close, the Hon. R. Grosvenor, the captain of the club, presented the prizes to the winners in a few well-chosen words. Rolland received the first prize of £20; Taylor, the runner up, £10; and Herd, who was the only other professional in the semi-final, £5. Each of the other five professionals who competed received £3. Mr. Grosvenor thanked the players for their attendance, and for the exhibition of skill which they had given.

Reviewing the whole week's play, we have only congratulations to offer to the committee of the St. George's Club for the way in which the whole proceedings have been conducted, and for making arrangements which have given the greatest satisfaction to all concerned.

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We hear that Sayers is not at all pleased with his exclusion from the select eight at sandwich, and that in North Berwick golfing circles no small degree of sympathy is extended to him. It is urged that as Sayers has now played first-class Golf for a considerable period, and his record in the way of open tournaments and big-stake matches, is at least equal, if not superior, to that of some of the professionals chosen, his name ought to have been selected. Again, consistency of form at the Championship meeting should have been taken into account, and that in such a case he had a preferable claim over some of his brother-professionals. Where so many are on a footing of practically equal merit, it is indeed no easy task to adjust the balance of claim to recognition; but the North Berwick representative evidently considers himself a victim to premature selection, believing that a choice subsequent to the result of the Championship contest would have been more satisfactory.

In our report of the Open Championship competition we were in error in stating that Mr. Alfred Schacht, of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, retired after the first round on the second day. Mr. Schacht played out pluckily to the end, his scores being, for Monday, 185; Tuesday, 91 and 89=180; grand total for the two days, 365. This is the same total as Mr. Alexander Stuart, of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, or twenty-eighth on the list, and one stroke more than his fellow-clubman, Mr. Ireland. For the first appearance in such an exacting competition Mr. Schacht's score is an exceedingly creditable one, and taken together with the fact that he was seventh on the list for the St. George's Challenge vase on Wednesday, in all probability we shall hear better things of Mr. Schacht anon. He has certainly made rapid progress in his play.

The *Daily News* of June 15th chronicles a remarkable performance of Andrew Kirkaldy's, in the recent Amateur-Professional tournament at Sandwich, which other papers do not seem to have noticed. According to this paper, "At the nineteenth hole, after a halved match, A. Kirkaldy, of St. Andrews beat Mr C. Hutchings, Royal Liverpool, by 7 holes up and 5 to play." We fancy this is superior to anything Andrew (or anyone else, for that matter) has previously accomplished.

The settlement of the St. Andrews Links case ought to be satisfactory to all concerned. When the compromise was arranged in the Commons Committee between the Corporation and the Royal and Ancient Club, it appears that the plan (as we remarked lately of Gullane) simply showed the line from hole to hole, and did not indicate the seaward limits of the new course. This was a curious oversight on the part of Messrs. Thornton and Blyth, who adjusted the plan. It is now rectified. The Commissioners allow forty yards of elbow-room and a neutral zone of ten yards more on the seaward side as a margin, and it is mutually agreed that balls accidentally played across the line which marks this ten yards of neutral ground may be followed and played without lifting. For the safe piloting of the Bill through the Commons much credit is being given to Mr. Graham Murray, M.P., ex-captain of the Royal and Ancient, who was entrusted with the responsibility. Under

the new order a great future is, we hope, in store for the grand old city of Golf, with the double links now in view and the Corporation restored to the guardianship which their impecunious predecessors in an unlucky hour threw away. It may be added that in the whole matter the Royal and Ancient Club have behaved in the most generous way towards the town.

The House of Commons having, we suppose (but of politics we know nothing), passed all the measures mentioned in the Queen's speech, instead of sitting down Alexander-like to weep, has been allowing a conversation about Wimbledon Common and its Golf, to go on among the members. Mr. Cumming-Macdonald (a name familiar to golfers) introduced the subject in connection with the Army Estimates, pointing out that golfers, especially in playing to the ninth hole, were in danger of being "putted out" by balls other than gutta-percha, from the rifle-shooters. It was refreshing to hear Colonel Nolan, at a time when the world has gone after Golf (led by the leader of the Opposition), coming down with his heavy artillery upon the whole golfing army. "It was desirable," said Colonel Nolan, "that the efficiency of the army in shooting should be maintained. When not only golfers, but acknowledged dufers, were unable to get into the ninth hole because they were stopped by rifle-shooting, he really thought that in the interests of that shooting, it would have been very much better if the leader of the Opposition had never taken up Golf, and given it such a stimulus." *Nolan's volens*, Golf is likely to hold the Commons for some time, and it is a question whether they might not be worse occupied.

East Lothian has no cause to make any contrast between the winning of the Derby by the Premier, and the winning of the Parliamentary Golf match by the Leader of the Opposition. The country claims a proud interest in both events, for Matthew Dawson, the trainer of the famous Ladies, is an old Gullane man, and first won fame for his work as a trainer over the ground at Gullane, and in the Park now occupied by the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers. Mr. Balfour, as every one knows, is an East-Lothian laird, and, unlike the proverbial prophet, he is nowhere more honoured than in his own country. East-Lothian, therefore, rejoices over both events without any Nonconformist conscience or any regard for the political significance of either event. It was pleasing also to see that in the Stanmore Professional Tournament Mr. J. A. Begbie, an East-Lothian golfer of repute, who has recently taken up residence at Stanmore, and business in London, was to the front in superintending the arrangements of the meeting, and those who remember his services as secretary of the East-Lothian Golf Club were not surprised to hear that with his assistance the Stanmore competition was a great success.

Mr. R. B. Haldane, M.P., has intimated his intention to present a silver cup for competition among East Lothian golfers, and the Dirleton Castle Club are to make arrangements for the cup being competed for over Gullane green. This is good news for Gullane and no doubt the supposed lessees of the course will give the annual competition "the courtesy of the green." It is also a good stroke of business on the part of the member for the county to conciliate the graces of his golfing constituents. But East Lothian has already a county cup which is annually competed for over Luffness by four representatives from each county club. In the circumstances it is to be hoped that those who are entrusted with the arrangements will see that the Haldane Cup is played for under different conditions from those which regulate the Wemyss Cup competition, and that it is not a mere repetition of the same contest, which would certainly be absurd.

The Gullane Golf Club have been unfortunate in the selection of their first tax-gatherer, and have dismissed that official for not giving a correct account of his receipts. The case is likely to be heard of in the Sheriff's Court. The club, for their meeting last Saturday, very modestly asked for "the courtesy of the green" on the occasion. This does not look like claiming the privilege of a private course supposed to be granted by the

lease. A proposal was recently made to carry the putting-green of the slope hole away from the billiard-table recently made across the bunkery ground below, but this was not agreed to, owing, it is supposed, to difficulty with the rabbit-warren tenant. The green just now is in the pink of condition.

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*Truth* will out—upon Golf. *Apropos* of the Rolland-Park match, it professes to doubt whether such matches are conducive to the best interests of the game. "They are," says *Truth*, "becoming more popular, and Golf clubs find the purses in the same way as a club puts up money for a prize-fight. With subscriptions, sweepstakes, caddies, clubs and balls, a golfer's expenses are heavy enough, and if money is to be found by members for such matches, there is another heavy item added. As for the professionals themselves, they will in the long run be spoiled by such prizes. Then the degradation of the game is completed. Golf down South is being played less every year for the game itself. Either there is a prize to be won, or else men must be paid to play to make a spurious golfers' holiday." What *Truth* does not seem to see is that in a new club, say, such as Stanmore, no better plan could be taken to inspire members with a high ideal of the game and create an interest in it for its own sake than to have a good professional competition, and to have such it is absolutely necessary to offer good money prizes. To witness such a match is no "spurious golfers' holiday," but the holiday of a true golfer who loves to see the game played at its best.

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This gentleman, who writes the sporting column in *Truth*, appears to have peculiarly warped ideas about Golf and all that pertains to it, while he apparently turns his blind eye to the games of his own country. How does payment in professional Golf compare with the payments in professional cricket, with its £1,000 for gate money as a benefit to one player, and £5 a day to each of the other players? In a good cricket season, a player of not so high standing as either Rolland, Taylor, Sayers, Fernie, or the two Kirkaldies can earn £200 and more, with the chance of a Colonial tour to finish off with. What about the absurdly high payments, retainers, and maintenance for so-called professional football players, the enormous gates, and the prevalence of high betting, and its elements of attendant black-guardism? And yet this censorious critic speaks of a match for £50 as being a degradation of Golf! Pooh! Let him turn his attention to cricket, football, and jockeys, if he wants to tilt against high payments and the degradation of sport. No other game is played so much for its own sake as Golf; but if style and skill in the game are not to be a lost, decadent art, professionals must be maintained, and in order to live they must eat a little of the cakes and drink a little of the ale which the critic of *Truth* is so wishful they should not enjoy.

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The great glut of Golf during the last fortnight, for which Sandwich is chiefly responsible, seems to have set all the newspapers to talking in leading articles about the game, for we are not by any means allowed a monopoly of talk on the subject, though that is our special trade. Space fails to quote our many contemporaries who have been writing on the subject lately, but perhaps we may give, as an antidote to *Truth*, the following sensible sentences from the *Edinburgh Dispatch* of June 11th:—"This match (Rolland v. Park) was for £50 a-side, and perhaps this fact may serve as a subject for a sermon by Mr. Shaw, M.P. [*Vide* GOLF, May 4th, 1894, p. 135], when next he preaches at Galashiels. Reasonable people will not be likely to see any harm in such a stake. In order to stimulate professionals to attain the highest perfection some pecuniary encouragement is necessary, and if they are unable to provide it themselves—and their status and worldly prospects have wonderfully improved during the past few years—they have supporters who are ready to help them, and to whom the loss, if it be a loss, is trifling."

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Mr. J. Henderson, the winner of the Bass Rock Club medal, presented by Mr. P. Fyshe, of Newtonlees, now possesses both the scratch and handicap medals of his club. Mr. Henderson is also almost entitled to be regarded as the present champion of his county, as, whilst he was one of the team who carried off

the Wemyss cup when last competed for at Luffness, he at the same time gained the individual prize offered to the members of the champion team. Probably Mr. Henderson's only rival for the distinction is Mr. A. M. Ross, who last season tied for the Hope challenge medal with Mr. Henderson, the competition being open to members of East Lothian Clubs. It appears rather singular that the tie for so important an honour should up to the present time remain unplayed. If arranged now, no little interest would be taken in the match between the Bass Rock medallist and Mr. Ross.

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We hear that Mr. Henderson intends to enter the ranks of the professionals, and is on the outlook for some English green. He is one of the best North Berwick amateurs, and for several years has been a member of the team that won the County cup at Luffness.

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The Musselburgh Town Council have refused to cancel the by-law which prohibits the fishermen carting their nets on to the links to dry and repair them, although the men pleaded that they did not injure the ground. At last meeting of the Council a letter was read from Mr. Almond, Head Master of Loretto School, applying for a suitable place on the links where games other than Golf could be played. The Council are to pay a visit to the links and to consider the application at a future meeting.

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At the general meeting of the Prince's Golf Club, Mitcham, held at the club-house on June 13th, Mr. J. B. Lubbock was unanimously elected captain for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. R. Hutchison, who has been captain since the opening of the club, for the great ability and trouble he has taken in promoting the success of the club.

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Mr. O. J. Trinder writes:—"The score of 75, referred to in your notice of the Needles Golf Club of June 8th, is the record in competitions, but the actual record of the green is 69, and was made by Mr. F. W. W. Graham, playing against me on May 28th, 1894, and was made up as follows:—Out, 3 4 5 3 4 4 4 3 5=35; in, 4 5 4 3 4 4 4 3 3=34; total, 69"

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"Golf on Wimbledon Common" (writes the London Correspondent of the *Scotsman*), "his, it seems, more danger for the player than for the public. Possibly some cynic may say, very likely—that nothing else could be looked for when the game is so far removed from its proper *habitat*, and is played with all those eccentricities that are growing up round it like obnoxious parasites. But there is in this case no call for cynicism. Golf is played at Wimbledon for the most part by seasoned players—mostly Scotsmen, some of them the fathers of the game in the London district. A little while ago the Conservators issued a decree converting every player into a danger signal. They ordered that no one should go out with his clubs and caddy unless he wore a red jacket. They did this, it was understood, for the protection of certain maiden ladies of mature years, who insisted on walking between a cross-fire of balls, and who constantly wrote complaining that they could not see where the danger came from. The Conservators considered the matter fully, and came to the conclusion that these timid fair ones would see the balls better if the men who drove them wore coats of a particular colour. The club very wisely did not attempt to argue so obscure a point, beside which the death duties become transparently simple; but the decree was submissively accepted. Now, however, Mr. Cumming Macdonald has come forward to aver that it is the golfer, and not the elderly maiden, who is actually battered. It is by no means uncommon, I am informed for bullets to drop among players when they are putting out at the ninth hole. The bullets are fortunately spent, otherwise there would be more holes than the golfer bargains for; but even a spent ball glancing off the trees, suffices, I am assured, to put you considerably out, if it chances to hit you in the small of the back. Such was the experience of a golfer at the ninth putting-green not long ago. In another case a player was carefully taking the line for his putt when a bullet embedded itself in the ground which he was critically examining."



## THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP AT LITTLESTONE.

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Miss PEARSON.

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Miss STARKIE BENCE.

Mrs. STEWART.

Mrs. WHITLOCK.

Miss SOUTH.

## THE LADIES' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

The question of the arrangement of the draw for the Ladies' Golf Championship has produced some complications and not a few misunderstandings which it will be satisfactory to have cleared up. The sub-committee for the management of the Championship proposed to arrange matters so that the gold and silver medallists should be unable to meet each other until they had been successful in disposing of all other competitors. The Council, however, strongly disapproved any such arrangement, and the proposal was withdrawn.

An erroneous idea prevailed, however, apart from the action of the Council, that the silver medallist was not to meet any antagonist until she met the Champion, and that, in fact, this lady was to be kept fresh until the final round, thus having a distinct advantage in coming up fresh for the fight. This was by no means the object of the proposed arrangement, which has, however, quite distinct from the misunderstanding which arose on the subject, its *pros* and *cons*, which should be thoroughly considered and presented to the approval of those concerned before it be either adopted or entirely discarded. The misunderstanding arose mainly from the fact that the proposal was too hastily brought forward, and without giving

sufficient explanation to make the matter clear. Many members of the Council felt that they could not give their approval to a course the results of which they felt might lay them as a body open to the stigma of favouring the chances of any single player above the others, and several of them spoke very strongly on the subject from this point of view. And it is on this point that the chief difficulty lies.

The position of runner-up is indeed one of great distinction, but, *prima facie*, it seems scarcely fair that this position should be in any way secured to any single player by any arrangement however strictly impartial. This would scarcely be the case, however, in the proposed arrangement. The silver medallist would merely be placed in a different half of the draw to the Champion, and in order to maintain her position as runner-up she must fight her way, as Miss Issette Pearson had to do this year, through all the competitors in her half until she met the survivor of the other half; it should then be an understood and clearly expressed proviso that the bronze medallist who had encountered the Champion, should be free to challenge the silver medallist for the second honour. Thus Miss Starkie Bence, who was this year only beaten by Lady Margaret Scott, should have challenged Miss Pearson for the silver medal—a challenge which the silver medallist has expressed her willingness to have met had such an arrangement been suggested sooner. It would be a pity to abolish the bronze medals, as they provide an incentive to the younger and more promising golfers, and



generally fall to players who deserve some distinction. It is impossible entirely to eliminate luck from the draw, and it would scarcely be fair to arrange any draw to a fine point. Another matter which should not be overlooked, lies in the fact that every twelve months new golfers appear, who having practised during the past year, are by the excellence of their play likely to show good form. No arrangement should be made whereby the chances of any rising golfer should in any way be handicapped. The Ladies' Golf Union is a national and not a local body: it must act for the good of the majority and not on behalf of any single individual, however talented. If the Ladies' Golf Union should ever so far forget its national character as to act with any semblance of partiality, it would lose its authority and sign the warrant for its own disintegration.

It is not enough to avoid all personality, but the lines followed must be so wide as to prevent any "possible, probable shadow of doubt, any shadow of doubt whatever." There are always mischievous tongues to be considered, and unless care be taken misunderstandings will arise even among those most loyally inclined. Questions arise in connection with golfing matters which are not always easily understood by those inexperienced in such matters, and it is only right that all intricate and difficult subjects should be thoroughly and openly discussed at the meetings of the council, and that the delegates of the Council should then carefully explain such matters to the members of the club which they represent. Every member of the Council has a right to his or her opinion, and is at liberty to vote on whichever side of a question their judgment leads them to support, and no member is acting wisely who votes for a motion without understanding thoroughly what it involves.

To so arrange matters in connection with the draw that no really inferior player can by mere luck obtain the position of runner-up, thus making ladies' Golf a mere bye-word, is a subject which requires consideration; but on no account should the matter be discussed or placed on merely personal grounds, being one which involves every competitor concerned. This explanation of the matter being given, it remains only for every member of the Council to thoroughly review the subject before deciding definitely the line which she would wish adopted in the future.

A word in season, to the effect that Miss Stringer, the captain of the Littlestone Ladies' Golf Club, was present when the course was arranged for the Championship, except at the first and second tees, may do away with the impression that she knew nothing of the arrangements.

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ANOTHER of London's suburbs has secured a Golf course, the Hampstead Golf Club having been lately formed with a course of nine holes at the Spaniard's Farm, extending to about forty acres and beautifully situated between Turner's Wood and Bishop's Wood. The Captain of the club is Mr. Francis Hoare, the Banker, and the present limit of membership, 125, has been reached. The opening meeting, of which we give a short account elsewhere, was held on Saturday last, and several other fixtures have been arranged. Ladies are admitted as associates, and are entitled to play on certain days.

THE lads who act as caddies at Monifieth Golf Course have become dissatisfied with their remuneration, and have struck work. The customary fee for the round has been hitherto 6d., and they now demand 1s. In consequence of this numbers of gentlemen who used to indulge in the luxury of caddies have resolved to go without them.

ON Wednesday, Mr. Alex. Hutchison, the oldest member of the Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club, entered upon his eighty-fifth birthday, and, in company with a friend, played a round of the links, his card showing a total of 103 strokes for the eighteen holes. Details:—Out, 6 5 6 7 7 6 6 5 8 = 56; in, 5 3 5 5 5 6 7 6 5 = 47; total, 103.

## OPENING OF THE PRINCE'S LADIES' GOLF CLUB, MITCHAM.

Warm, sunny weather favoured the opening day of the Prince's Ladies' Golf Club, and a goodly gathering of golfers assembled to do honour to the occasion. Close to the Mitcham Junction, and on the opposite side of the rail to the men's links, stands the Ladies' club-house, looking down that portion of the Common allotted for the ladies' links. In the uncertain weather, which is our lot for more than half the year, a club-house is no small item in the necessities of Golf. Mr. Hippisley Cox, to whose energy and excellent organisation the existence of the now famous Prince's Golf Club, Mitcham, is due, has provided the ladies with a club-house more spacious and luxurious than can be found on any other links in England. A wide, strongly-built verandah provides shelter to the north-east. The reading-room or drawing-room, is broad and lofty, with a bay-window commanding a pretty view of the links. Every comfort, in the shape of easy-chairs, writing-tables, and a wide fireplace are generously provided. The lockers are quite a work of art, resembling oak panels, and run round the entire room. The dressing-room, across the hall, is fitted up in a most luxurious style, and is double the size of the dressing-rooms usually considered sufficiently large. On Saturday, great bowls of flowers, chiefly roses, made the rooms charming with their beauty.

The links are not large, but the nine holes have been most cleverly arranged, and ladies will find them difficult enough to suit their most ambitious aspirations. Furze bushes, rough ground, and two artificial bunkers, make the course most thoroughly sporting. The longest hole is about 175 yards, and there are two excellent short holes, where undulating ground is filled in with furze and rough stony spaces, about 70 yards from the tees to the greens. The fourth hole is an especially pretty one. A thick cluster of furze bushes must be carried in the drive about 80 yards, then a neat iron shot over another cluster of somewhat higher and more varied bushes is necessary to reach the approach to the green. The fifth hole, also a very good one, admits of a long and lofted drive over furze and rough ground. When it is remembered that these links have been made out of a wilderness of furze and coarse rough turf, great credit must be accorded to Mr. Hippisley Cox and the committee of ladies, whose names were last week given in full.

Mrs. Fisher, the wife of the popular captain of the Tooting Bec Golf Club, opened the links by driving the first ball, after which a great number of ladies and gentlemen, members and visitors played, especially during the afternoon. A competition, by medal play, took place among the ladies for a half-crown sweepstakes and a pretty cleek and pearl brooch, a lovely bouquet of shower roses being also prepared for the winner. A similar bouquet of exquisite yellow roses was presented to the Hon. Mrs. Rowley, captain of the ladies' club.

The visitors were welcomed with great kindness, and luncheon was provided for them on a royal scale in the handsome committee-room of the men's club-house, tea being served afterwards in the ladies' verandah by a smart little page-boy in a scarlet coat and brass buttons, who is likely to be a very popular feature in the new club. Mitcham Common is one of the prettiest of those wide and airy stretches which Londoners find such a delightful and healthy change from their smoky town, and being less than twenty-five minutes rail from Victoria, the Prince's Ladies' Golf Club, under Mr. Hippisley Cox's able and untiring exertions, should become one of the most popular ladies' clubs in the metropolitan district. Among many other ladies who were playing on Saturday, were Mrs. Tennent, Miss Langley, Miss Miles, Mrs. George Banbury, Miss Ramsay, Mrs. Stanley, Miss Sherlock, Miss Blanche Martin, &c., &c., and very hearty approval of the links, mingled with admiration at the most imposing and comfortable club-house, was accorded by all the visitors. All applications for further information should be made to the Steward, Prince's Golf Club, Mitcham Junction.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT INSURANCE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition was played on June 12th, at Musselburgh. Result:—1, Mr. A. Bonthron, 92, less 9=83; 2, Mr. W. M. Ritchie (scratch), 89; 3, Mr. W. Monteith, 104, less 14=90.



### ANNUAL GENTLEMEN v. PLAYERS' MATCH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It would give me pleasure to have your support in a proposal which I have very much at heart, viz., the institution of an annual Gentlemen v. Players' match, to be played immediately after the Open Championship, eight players on either side, in four matches of eighteen holes; the aggregate number of holes won, with some allowance for each match won, to decide the victors.

The details are matters for any committee appointed to arrange the match to settle, and if the committee appointed to arrange the Championship meeting would undertake the duties of arrangement and selection for this match also, it would be very satisfactory.

For a time the players would, I think, have the best of it, but that is a matter of little moment. To be one of the eight would be a coveted honour, and the knowledge gained by playing against player after player would assist the gentlemen to acquire that indescribable something which seems to be wanting in nearly all amateur play.

As eight matches would probably be considered too tedious, I would propose that four gentlemen and four players be placed in each half of the draw, and that they play as in an American tournament. By this method the match would be comprised in seventy-two holes, each gentleman having played a round of eighteen holes with the four players drawn in the same half.

I am, etc.,  
W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

June 13th.

### THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As this is the first occasion that an English professional has won the Championship, I think some special notice should be taken of the event. I know that you would be the first to encourage proficiency in this particular department, whether it shows itself in a Scotchman or an Englishman, or even in a tinker or a Taylor. I therefore suggest that a purse should be got together for presentation to this year's winner; and if you, sir, will consent to receive subscriptions, I shall certainly send my mite.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
DELIGHTED.

[It is primarily a question for our readers to decide. The Editor will undertake the duty gladly if there is any disposition to give effect to the suggestion of our Correspondent.—Ed.]

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

B. W. D.—There is play at Tooting, Epsom, Eltham, Neasden, Raynes Park (no caddies), Stanmore (no caddies), Richmond, Mid-Surrey (Richmond), and Beckenham.

DR. MANLY.—George Forrester, Golf club and ball maker, Elie, Fifeshire.



### THE ST. GEORGE'S CHALLENGE VASE.

The amateurs had the course at Sandwich to themselves on Wednesday, the event being the competition for the St. George's vase. The excitement of the previous day gave place to quietness, and the professionals were either acting as caddies or having a round of the nine-hole course at Deal, where a competition for their benefit was arranged for Saturday. The St. George's vase contest is open to all amateurs who care to pay half-a-guinea of entry money, and the conditions are that two rounds have to be played, the winner getting as a memento a cup of the value of twenty guineas. Mr. John Ball, jun., has had his name engraved on the vase several times, and in 1892, when the Amateur Championship was played at Sandwich, Mr. F. A. Fairlie, won the honour, establishing at the same time a record for the green—79—which was equalled on the first day of this year's Championship by A. Kirkaldy and Rolland. Last year Mr. H. H. Hilton, ex-holder of both the amateur and the Open Championships, had the best record for the two rounds, namely, 82 and 83. This year the entries numbered fifty, and included all the amateurs who entered for the Championship and a considerable number of local men. The order of play was as follows:—

Mr. E. Lehmann, Royal and Ancient, and Mr. J. Osvald, Royal and Ancient.

Mr. John Ball, jun., Royal Liverpool, and Mr. C. Hutchings, Royal Liverpool.

Mr. D. S. Curtis, St. George's, and Mr. P. M. Lucas, Royal Blackheath.

Mr. C. E. Hambro, Cambridge, and Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson, Royal North Devon.

Mr. W. Carr, Royal Blackheath, and Captain Urmiston, St. George's.

Mr. H. C. Blyth, St. George's, and the Hon. H. Finch Hatton, St. George's.

The Hon. R. C. Grosvenor, St. George's, and the Hon. A. Grosvenor, St. George's.

Mr. S. H. Golding and Mr. F. T. Welman, St. George's.

Captain Cowper Coles, Royal Epping, and Mr. A. Schacht, Royal Blackheath.

Mr. A. Boyd and Mr. W. E. Dunsford, Royal North Devon.

Dr. Bruce Goff, Royal and Ancient, and Mr. W. D. S. Pell, Royal Blackheath.

The Hon. S. Finch-Hatton, Felixstowe, and Mr. W. Pousonby, St. George's.

Mr. A. D. Blyth, St. George's, and Mr. C. E. Dick, Royal Liverpool.

Captain Austin, St. George's, and Mr. H. L. Forbes, Guildford.

Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, Aberdeen, and Mr. C. G. Broadwood.

Mr. F. S. Ireland, Royal Blackheath, and Mr. C. Lake.

The Hon. Ivo Bligh, St. George's, and Mr. T. R. Mills, St. George's.

Mr. S. Mure Fergusson, St. George's, and Mr. W. Mure, Honourable Company, Edinburgh.

Mr. H. E. Acklom, Brighton and Hove, and Mr. C. O. Walker.

Mr. H. H. Hilton, Formby, and Mr. F. G. Tatt, Royal and Ancient.

Rev. A. H. Cochran, Royal and Ancient, and Mr. W. Bouch.

Mr. C. A. Pidcock and Mr. R. Clutton, St. George's.

Mr. J. C. M'Laren and Mr. A. W. Christie.

Mr. J. Low, Royal Perth, and Mr. Alexander Stuart, Honourable Company, Edinburgh.

Mr. Garden G. Smith, Neasden, and Mr. Percy Henderson, Edinburgh University.

The weather was of the worst possible description. The morning broke fine and clear, with a slight haze from the north-east. As the forenoon advanced, however, the wind changed to the north-east, and the weather changed with it. The wind blew throughout the day with



great force, while at intervals heavy showers of rain fell. To the players with little experience this meant disaster, and even some of the older golfers came to grief in the heavy traps which abound on the course.

Of the earliest players to experience the difficulties of the course under the existing weather conditions was the Amateur Champion himself, Mr. Ball, who played, as he frequently does, with Mr. Charles Hutchings, also of the Royal Liverpool Club. To a golfer like Mr. Ball, 6 is distinctly too many for the first hole, especially with a partly following wind; but he took, giving on the green an indication that, if improvement did not set in, his shot game, seldom his strongest point, would be responsible for the loss of a few strokes on the round. This proved to be the case, for while he was in grand driving fettle, and played the approaches in telling style, he did not hole out with anything like confidence, and seemed, in fact, to be far from at home on greens which are "ticklish" and difficult. Particularly was this the case at the thirteenth, the first of the long triangular holes, for which he required an 8, after being well up with the long game. Mr. Ball's card of 88 left him with some leeway to make up in the afternoon, though with the second round to play he had a lead of as many as 4 from another prominent player, Mr. Horace Hutchinson, who, after playing the nine holes out very prettily, fell off coming home, and, getting into difficulties, ran up a score of 51 for the last half, with a 7 and 8 in it for the thirteenth and "River" holes respectively. Mr. A. D. Blyth was the first player to displace Mr. Ball, his 87 being only marred by a 7 for the long hole going out, where traps abound; but Mr. Blyth was in turn beaten by Mr. Mure Fergusson, a player who can do himself justice in almost any sort of weather. With a 6 to the long hole out, Mr. Mure Fergusson got to the turn in 1 over his own excellent performance, and, maintaining his form well to the end, he was a stroke better than Mr. Blyth. A good deal of interest centred in the game of Mr. Hilton and Mr. Tait, who played together. The Scotsman lost a little ground at the outset by fozzling his first ball, and he came to grief at the Maiden, his drive just catching the top of this veritable slough of despond. The hole, like the first, was a 6 for him, and his score out was 44, whereas his opponent was four strokes better, he having been in a more formidable game than he was on the opening day of the Championship. There was really little to choose between the play of the couple for the last half, and when the last green was reached, and the balls were down, Mr. Tait, with a total of 87, had reduced Mr. Hilton's lead by a stroke, the Hoylake player's card being 84. Mr. A. D. Blyth maintained the fine fettle which gained for him a highly creditable place in the Championship, and in the afternoon he did still better, his 83 then enabling him to share with Mr. Tait the honour of second place in the tournament. Mr. Ball showed the way to the other players in the afternoon. He began the second round in great style, with 11 for the three opening holes, and reached the turn in 39, which left hope that he might still wipe off the leeway he had made in the earlier part of the day. Golf is nothing if it is not full of ups and downs, and this the Amateur Champion found to his cost coming home. He made a mistake at the tee going to the tenth hole, and paid dearly for it. He was bunkered from a topped drive, and began the homeward journey with a 7. From this point he fell away from the grand game he had been playing, and his score gradually crept up till he was clearly out of the running. He had rather a curious experience at the "River," where, taking his second very low and very hard, the ball struck the water. Instead of remaining in the hazard, however, the ball ploughed its way through, and rising again, carried to the turf on the other side. Players, as a rule, found it hard work to improve on their morning scores, and, eventually the competition resolved itself very much into a single between Mr. Hilton and Mr. Tait. The game between them was very interesting, because very close and full of good points. There were only a stroke or two between the players at the turn on the day's play, the advantage lying to that extent with Mr. Hilton, who had gone out in the strongest fashion in 39, against the other's 40.

When the last half-round was entered upon, the tug-of-war began in earnest. There was no change in the situation at the tenth hole, which was halved in 5, a hard half for Mr. Tait, who was in a trap; but at the next the match was invested with a new interest, for there the Scotsman knocked 2 strokes off his opponent's lead of four. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that Mr. Hilton himself lost the strokes, for while Mr. Tait got a pretty 4, the Hoylake player got his second heavily away from rather a nasty lie, and was bunkered, the hole being a 6 for him. Mr. Tait was now playing the very strongest of games, and the probability seemed to be that he would give his opponent a neck-and-neck race. The play on both sides, indeed, had been remarkably pretty, and nothing could have been finer than Mr. Tait's long game in particular. He excelled himself in his second to the Gingerbeer Hole, almost reaching the green, and this grand effort apparently caused his opponent to press, for he did not get the ball well away at all, and Mr. Tait, putting splendidly, ran off with the hole

in 4 against the Englishman's 5. Three raking drives carried Mr. Tait safely to the next green, one very difficult of approaching; and Mr. Hilton made amends for a poor second by a picture of an approach. With his fourth, however, Mr. Tait laid a long run-up dead, and winning the hole in 5, he stood on equal terms with his opponent on the day's play. The fourteenth is the "River" hole, and a disastrous one it proved for the Scotsman. The best of players will make errors in judgment, and most of those who saw the play must have been convinced that in this instance Mr. Tait made a mistake in choosing his club. He drove a long tee shot, and his ball lay very nastily on the side of a hillock, in such a way that he had to stand above it. Motives of discretion, not to say safety, would have suggested the use of the cleek; but in order to be on the green in 3, all he had to do was to get across the "River." Mr. Tait over-estimated his abilities, as it seemed, in the use of the play club on any lie. He took it, and missing the stroke, as most other men would have done, came to grief in the water. He had, of course, to drop and lose a stroke, and Mr. Hilton profited by the mistake. He was wide somewhat in his third; but he had a neat recovery and a good putt, which gave him the hole in 5, against Mr. Tait's 7. With but four holes to play, Mr. Tait, by reason of a magnificent second, regained part of the lost ground at the fifteenth hole, which he had in 4; and the third last was halved prettily. A slightly pulled drive at the next hole gave the Royal and Ancient representative a heavy lie. He lost another stroke there very much as a result, and his approach to the home hole being faulty, he dropped still a third stroke there, Mr. Hilton finishing in the strongest fashion with three 4's, and achieving victory in the competition twice in consecutive years.

The following are the best scores:—

Mr. H. H. Hilton (challenge vase and £20 cup)—First round, 5 4 4 5 4 3 6 4 5 6 5 4 5 6 5 4 5 4=84; second round, 5 4 4 5 4 3 6 3 5 5 6 5 6 5 5 4 4 4=83; grand total, 167.  
 Mr. F. G. Tait—First round, 6 5 4 5 4 6 5 4 5 5 4 6 6 5 5 3 4 5=87; second round, 5 4 4 6 3 3 5 4 6 5 4 4 5 7 4 4 5 5=83; grand total, 170.  
 Mr. A. D. Blyth.—First round—5 4 4 4 4 5 7 4 4 4 4 5 6 6 6 4 5 6=87; second round—5 5 3 4 4 3 6 4 5 5 5 5 5 6 4 4 5 5=83. Grand total, 170.

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Tl.		1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Tl.
Mr. C. E. Hambro...	88	85	173	Hon. S. Finch-Hatton ...	91	95	186
Mr. J. Ball jua. ...	88	86	174	Mr. W. Bouch ...	96	92	188
Mr. S. Mure Fergusson ...	86	89	175	Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	94	94	188
Mr. A. Schacht ...	89	88	177	Mr. Garden G. Smith	93	96	189
Mr. C. E. Dick ...	89	89	178	Mr. W. J. Mure ...	98	92	190
Dr. Bruce Goff ...	88	91	179	Mr. P. M. Lucas ...	95	97	192
Mr. J. Law ...	88	92	180	Rev. A. H. Cochran	98	95	193
Mr. J. Oswald ...	90	91	181	Capt. Urmiston ...	103	93	196
Mr. Chas. Hutchings	90	92	182	Mr. H. C. Blyth ...	101	90	197
Mr. H. G. Hutchinson	92	90	182	Mr. W. O. S. Pell...	102	97	199
Hon. Ivo Bligh ...	90	94	184	Mr. W. Carr ...	99	99	198

ARDEN v. SUTTON COLDFIELD.

A match was played on Wednesday, June 13th, between the above clubs, on the Arden links. Sutton Coldfield were not fully represented, and the home team won by twenty-seven holes.

ARDEN.		Holes.	SUTTON.		Holes.
Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne	...	2	Mr. J. Jennings	...	0
Mr. O. Airy ...	...	6	Mr. J. W. Wilson	...	0
Mr. A. G. Tonks ...	...	2	Dr. C. Balmer ...	...	0
Mr. E. P. Wright ...	...	5	Mr. P. A. Bourke	...	0
Mr. M. C. Lord ...	...	7	Mr. A. L. Lloyd	...	0
Mr. H. H. Wright ...	...	0	Mr. J. H. Chavasse	...	2
Mr. J. L. Wright ...	...	7	Mr. J. S. Smith	...	0
		29			2

CHESTERFORD PARK GOLF CLUB.

Competition for monthly medal, Monday, June 11th.

Second competition for the Ashford challenge cup.—Gentlemen:—Mr. A. Wentworth Stanley, 122, less 21=101 (winner of the medal and holder of the Ashford challenge cup); Mr. Pickersgill-Cunliffe, 127, less 24=103; Mr. S. W. Egerley, 113, less 9=104; Mr. W. Waterhouse, 113, less 3=110. No returns from Messrs. Marshall Taylor, H. Neville, J. C. T. Smith, W. N. Cobbold, and Rev. G. G. Egerley.

First competition for the Charterhouse challenge cup.—Ladies:—Mrs. Waterhouse, 124, less 21=103 (winner of the ladies' brooch and holder of the Charterhouse challenge cup); Mrs. A. Shafto Brothropp, 116, less 12=104; Miss Burrell, 118, less 12=106; Mrs. Pickersgill-Cunliffe, 115, less 7=108; Mrs. Bellingham, 138, less 27=111; Miss F. Burgess, 156, less 36=120.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The eighth competition for Mrs. Tyrer's medal was played for on Tuesday, the 12th inst. A strong gale was blowing the whole day, which greatly interfered with steady play. This is the second time Miss Grace Cogswell has been the holder of the medal. The following were the returns handed in:—Miss Grace Cogswell, 94, less 7=87 (winner of medal and first sweepstake; Mrs. Swetenham, 110, less 16=94; Miss C. Greenhall, 115, less 20=95 (winner of second sweepstake); Miss Frost, 112, less 16=96; Miss Shind, 120, less 24=96; Mrs. Neville, 118, less 15=103; Miss F. Shind, 123, less 18=105; Mrs. James G. Frost, 116, less 9=107. Several ladies made no returns.

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' medal competition of the above club for the month of June was played over the six-hole course on Tuesday, the 12th inst., with the following results:—Miss M. Bradbury, 34, less 1=33; Mrs. Greenfield, 39, less 4=35; Miss Bradbury, 44, less 9=35; Miss A. H. Bradbury, 45, less 5=40; Miss Brookes, 48, less 4=44; Miss Russell, 57, less 11=46.

DIDSBURY v. WITHINGTON.

A very pleasant match was played at Didsbury on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst, between teams representing the above clubs. Didsbury won by 18 holes to 9, and five matches to three. The following are the results of the respective matches:—

DIDSBURY.		WITHINGTON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. Ross Coubrough	0	Mr. J. M. Eaton	2
Mr. W. C. Adamson	1	Mr. A. Clegg	0
Mr. R. G. Adamson	2	Mr. F. Lee	0
Mr. G. A. Brown	6	Mr. J. M. Leike	0
Mr. J. W. Hulse	6	Mr. E. Ratcliffe	0
Mr. F. D. Smith	3	Mr. E. Bayley	0
Mr. A. Galbraith	0	Mr. Z. A. Ward	6
Mr. W. H. Young	0	Mr. G. Barton	1
	18		9

FORFARSHIRE.

The monthly competition of the Arbroath Club for the Bruce medal was played on June 6th and 9th, at Elliot, when Mr. Thomas Douglas was found to be the winner with 97 (3 below). The following players also came in under the century:—Mr. W. B. Mair, 94; Mr. James Duncan, 93; Mr. Thomas Lindsay, 98. The greens at present are in capital order.

The tie for the scratch medal of the Kirriemuir Club was played off on Saturday between Mr. John Duncan and Mr. Peter Graham. As this was the close of the competition for this medal, more than an ordinary interest was manifested in the event, and a good number went the whole round. At the close it was found that Mr. Duncan was the winner by 2 strokes, he finishing with 83, against Mr. Graham's 85.

FORRES.

An interesting competition took place on the Forres Golf course at Kinloss, on Thursday, for prizes presented to the club by Sir William Gordon Cumming, of Altyre. The terms of the conditions of the contest were that half of the competitors would be first-class, and the other half second-class, according to their odds as fixed by the committee. A first-class and a second-class player were then partnered by ballot, receiving half of the aggregate of their odds. The strokes were counted, and the couple doing the round in fewest strokes, minus their handicaps, were to win the prizes. Being the first merchants' half-holiday there was a large attendance of members, and the weather was exceptionally fine. The winning couple were found to be Mr. R. B. Stephen, rector, and Mr. John Harren, British Linen Bank, their total scores being 102, less 13=89. The second best couple were Mr. Alex. Fraser, chemist, and Mr. D. M'Bain, Kinloss, whose score was 108, less 12=96. At the conclusion of the competition Sir William, who arrived on the course from Gordontown during the progress of the game, presented the prizes to the winners, and expressing his pleasure at being present and stating, amid loud applause, that owing to the success of the competition he would be glad to make it an annual institution.

HAMPSTEAD GOLF CLUB.

The open meeting and competition (handicap), was held on Saturday, 9th June, in very favourable weather, about twenty couples competing. The winner of the first prize (value two guineas) was Mr. John George Glover, who also took the sweep. Score, 114, less 12=102. Mr. Horace Field and Mr. T. L. Livingstone received the second and third prizes, with respective scores of 121, less 17=104, and 123, less 18=105. The next best net scores were as follows:—Mr. Howard

Figgis, 107; Mr. F. R. Hoare, 107; Mr. R. T. Glover, 109; Mr. E. M. Beach, 109; Mr. R. Pearce, 111; Mr. Weeden Dawes, 111, and Mr. Bertram P. Stedall, 114.

HAYLING LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A match was played at Hayling on June 11th between teams of Alverstoke Ladies and Hayling, resulting in a victory for the home team. Two points added for each match won.

HAYLING.		ALVERSTOKE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss V. Savill	1+2 3	Mrs. Heathcote	0
Mrs. Bonham Carter	9+2 11	Miss Ne'son	0
Miss Langley	0	Mrs. Baker Brown	0
Mrs. Bryans	0	Miss E. Luckraft	3+2 5
Mrs. Savill	5+2 7	Miss Preston	0
Miss K. C. Hunt	1+2 3	Miss Churchill	0
Miss E. Hunt	0	Miss Haynes	2+2 4
Miss C. Turner	0	Miss Meares	4+2 6
Miss Sandeman	5+2 7	Miss M. Luckraft	0
Miss Craufurd	0	Miss N. Meares	3+2 5
	31		20

Foursomes were played in the afternoon, in which Hayling had again somewhat the best of it.

HAYLING.		ALVERSTOKE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mrs. Bonham Carter and Miss K. C. Hunt	5+2 7	Mrs. Heathcote and Miss Churchill	0
Miss V. Savill and Miss E. Hunt	0	Miss Preston and Miss M. Luckraft	3+2 5
Mrs. Savill and Miss Turner	0	Mrs. Baker Brown and Miss Haynes	0
Mrs. Bryans and Miss Craufurd	0	Miss E. Luckraft and Miss Meares	4+2 6
Miss Langley and Miss Sandeman	5+2 7	Miss Nelson and Miss N. Meares	0
	14		11

June 12th.—The monthly medal was played for, as well as the secretary's and Langley prizes, and held as follows:—

Medal.—Miss Sandeman, 86, less 15=71; Miss E. Hunt, 89, less 14=75; Mrs. Savill, 82, less 4=78; Mrs. Bryans, 83, plus 1=84; Miss Isolda Craufurd, 100, less 14=86; Mrs. Lauder Warren, 120, less 30=90; Miss K. C. Hunt, 95, less 4=91; Miss E. Lynch, 115, less 20=95.

Secretary's prize (scratch).—Mrs. Savill, 3 up; Mrs. Bryans, 1 up; Miss Sandeman, 1 up. All others down with "Bogey."

Langley prize (handicap).—Miss Sandeman, 9 up; Mrs. Savill, 5 up; Mrs. Bryans, 1 up; Miss Isolda Craufurd, 1 up; Mrs. Lauder Warren, all even; Miss E. Hunt, 1 down; Miss K. Hunt, 5 down; Miss E. Lynch, 7 down.

HITCHIN AND NORTH HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on June 14th. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. A. Walls	110 30 80	Mr. E. L. Lindsell	108 15 93
Mr. G. Hicks	94 10 84	Mr. H. Woodbridge	128 35 93
Mr. W. J. Hughes	87 scr. 87	Mr. W. H. Lucas	121 25 96
Mr. W. Hill	121 35 86	Mr. C. Lucas	120 25 95

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

OPEN MEETING.

The fourth annual meeting of the above club took place on Thursday, June 7th, and the following days. The event set down for competition, on the first day being a competition for professionals—for which twelve entries were obtained, and the moderate number of spectators who followed the players round the links, were rewarded by seeing some remarkably fine play on the part of H. Vardon—the winner of this event last year, who negotiated the 36 holes in two rounds of 74 each, grand total 148; A. Herd and Tom Vardon tied for second place with 158.

The following professionals entered and played:—H. Vardon (£5), Bury, 148; A. Herd (£2 5s.), Huddersfield, 158; T. Vardon (£2 5s.), Ilkley, 158; F. Gandin (£1), Ilkley, 164; Butel (£1), St. Andrews, 164; G. Lowe (10s.), St. Annes, 166; R. Kirk, Wallasey, 167; W. More, Chester; H. Redman, Bradford St. Andrews; H. Strachan, Harrogate; H. Taylor, Cleveland; J. Lambert, Wakefield, also competed.

The second day's play was characterised by beautiful weather, fine and warm with no wind. The morning's event was the Ilkley challenge bowl, for which only four entries were obtained, and the Huddersfield Club repeated their victory of the two previous years,



Mr. A. E. Learoyd sending in the excellent return of 80, which, previous to Thursday, was two strokes better than the amateur record for the links. This was, however, lowered on Thursday, by Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, with a score of 76.

In the afternoon, the amateur scratch competition subsequently took place, Mr. L. Stuart Anderson winning first prize, a silver goblet, value £5. 5s., with a score of 80. Ilkley Challenge Bowl Competition:—

HUDDERSFIELD.			ILKLEY 1ST.				
Out.	In.	Tl.	Out.	In.	Tl.		
Mr. A. E. Learoyd	38	42	80	Mr. R. S. Backhouse	46	43	89
Mr. T. E. Woodhead	43	44	87	Mr. P. N. Lee	46	47	93
Mr. T. Lumsden	48	47	95	Mr. S. M. Yoxall	46	49	95
Mr. H. Crosland	48	49	97	Mr. F. C. Shaw	51	55	106
359			383				
BRADFORD ST. ANDREWS.			ILKLEY 2ND.				
Dr. MacVie	43	44	87	Mr. W. M. Barwick	48	42	90
Mr. H. Steel	46	45	91	Mr. H. B. McCarthy	48	44	92
Mr. A. Priestman	50	48	98	Rev. J. H. Frodsham	48	49	97
Mr. T. G. Greig	55	50	105	Mr. A. W. Godby	62	49	111
381			390				

Amateur Scratch Competition.—Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, Aberdeen, 80; Mr. T. E. Woodhead, Huddersfield, 83; Mr. H. Crosland, Huddersfield, 86; Mr. T. Lumsden, Huddersfield, 87; Mr. C. G. Broadwood, Scarborough, 92; Mr. H. Steel, Bradford, 93; Mr. J. H. Exley, Huddersfield, 94; Mr. T. G. Greig, Bradford, 96; Dr. MacVie, Bradford, 98.

The concluding day opened with most unfavourable weather, and the number of returns made in the open handicap suffered in consequence. The handicap limit for this event was 16, and the result was a tie for the first place between Mr. L. Stuart Anderson (plus 7) and Dr. McDowall (15). On playing off, another tie was the result, the net scores of both players reading 83. Scores below:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Dr. McDowall, Ilkley	98	15	83
†Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, Aberdeen	76	+7	83
†Mr. S. M. Yoxall, Ilkley	92	8	84
Mr. R. S. Backhouse, Ilkley	87	2	85
Dr. Bampton, Ilkley	99	14	85
Mr. F. R. Kitson, Ilkley	98	12	86
Mr. W. M. Barwick, Ilkley	96	10	86
Mr. H. Steel, Bradford	90	3	87
Dr. Macvie, Bradford	94	6	88
Mr. A. L. Booth, Ilkley	104	16	88
Mr. A. Potter, Ilkley	106	16	90
Mr. B. Waterhouse, Wakefield	104	14	90
Dr. Murray, Wakefield	99	8	91
Mr. T. A. Carpenter, Ilkley	108	16	92
Mr. A. W. Godby, Ilkley	100	8	92
Dr. Dunlop, Bradford	110	16	94
Mr. D. T. Douglas, Ilkley	109	12	97
Mr. T. K. Hattersley, Ilkley	117	16	101
Mr. J. Hall, Wakefield	116	14	102

\* Wins first prize, £5. † Wins £2 and first sweepstake.  
‡ Wins £1 and second sweepstake.

Fourteen players sent in no returns.

ILKLEY v. HEADINGLEY.

A match between these clubs was played at Ilkley on Wednesday afternoon, the weather being beautifully fine and warm. Ilkley winning by 21 holes.

ILKLEY.		HEADINGLEY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. Salmon Backhouse	11	Mr. J. D. Cornack	0
Mr. S. M. Yoxall	0	Mr. R. Crosland	7
Mr. P. N. Lee	0	Mr. H. T. Eddison	0
Mr. J. Cooper Shaw	0	Mr. F. H. Mayo	0
Mr. W. M. Barwick	1	Mr. C. E. Dawson	0
Mr. A. W. Godby	5	Mr. J. M. S. Lister	0
Rev. G. H. Frodsham	10	Mr. E. T. Hirst	0
Dr. Bampton	3	Mr. J. Hollis	0
Mr. H. Russell Smith	0	Mr. A. Farquhar	2
30		9	

LEICESTER GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for on Thursday and Saturday, June 7th and 9th. Owing to a heavy thunder shower, which came on in the middle of Saturday's play, several players made no returns. Result:—Mr. C. A. Thompson, 97, less 15=82; Mr. W. Whetstone, 105, less 21=84; Mr. F. M. "Payne," 113, less 21=92; Mr. C. E. Hare, 115, less 23=92.

KINGSTON v. OTTAWA.

Played on the Ottawa Links, Saturday, June 2nd.—

KINGSTON.		OTTAWA.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. T. M. Harley	0	Mr. A. Simpson	2
Prof. Cappon	0	Mr. A. Z. Palmer	7
Mr. G. A. Robinson	0	Mr. W. A. Fleming	3
Mr. J. B. Carruthers	0	Mr. E. C. Grant	1
Lieut.-Col. Colton	0	Mr. S. H. Fleming	6
Dr. Walkem	0	Mr. J. A. Grant	5
Capt. Lee	0	Mr. C. J. Jones	6
Mr. Hewat	0	Lieut.-Col. Irwin	0
0		30	

In the afternoon Mr. Harley, of Kingston, played a round with A. Ricketts, professional of the Ottawa Club, the latter winning by 3 holes.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE HERMON PRIZE.—The second monthly competition for the Hermon prize, presented to the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, took place on Saturday, June 9th, on the links at St. Anne's, in very fair golfing weather, there not being any wind, though it was at times somewhat damp. The greens were in perfect condition. The attendance of members was not quite so large as usual. The best gross scores were:—Mr. T. S. Turnbull, Manchester, 92; Mr. J. Jones, Manchester, 93; Mr. J. Hargreaves, Blackburn, 95; Mr. J. H. Hulton, Bolton, 96; Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's, 97; Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's, 99; and the best net scores under 100 were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. T. S. Turnbull, Manchester	92	7	85
Mr. M. Taylor, Blackburn	101	14	87
Dr. F. Booth, St. Anne's	103	16	87
Mr. E. Holt, Prestwich, Manchester	105	18	87
Mr. J. H. Hulton, Bolton	96	8	88
Mr. I. Jones, Manchester	93	4	89
Mr. F. W. Walker, Bury	106	16	90
Mr. J. Brooks, Eccles	108	18	90
Mr. J. Hargreaves, Blackburn	95	4	91
Mr. W. A. Scholes, Rochdale	100	9	91
Mr. T. H. Rushton, Bolton	104	13	91
Mr. F. Topp, Bolton	103	12	91
Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore	104	12	92
Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Singleton	109	16	93
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's	97	3	94
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's	100	6	94
Mr. A. Entwisle, Bolton	105	11	94
Mr. I. Corbett Lowe, Liverpool	106	12	94
Dr. Eason, Lytham	102	7	95
Mr. P. Musgrave, Bolton	106	11	95
Col. C. A. Birley, Bartle Hall	112	17	95
Mr. E. H. Kay, Bury	113	18	95
Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's	109	13	96
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, Lytham	99	1	98
Mr. R. S. Jewison, Lytham	118	20	98
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park	108	9	99

Mr. T. S. Turnbull therefore put in the win for the prize; the first optional sweepstakes was also won by Mr. T. S. Turnbull; and the second and third were divided by Mr. M. Taylor and Mr. E. Holt.

Ladies' competition.—The second monthly competition for the prize presented by Mrs. William Cross, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, to the lady subscribers of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, took place on Wednesday, June 6th, over the ladies' links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. The greens were in excellent order, and the weather all that could be desired, a cloudless sky with little wind. Miss Ada Turnbull, Sale, Manchester, made the win with the excellent score of 93, less 6=87; and she was followed second by Miss A. H. Thompson, St. Anne's, with 98, less 3=95. The win in the first competition was made by Mrs. Ernest Catterall, St. Anne's, with 93, plus 4=97. The prize will be played off for at the ladies' autumn meeting, by the six winners.

MINEHEAD GOLF CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The summer meeting of the above club came off on Wednesday and Thursday, June 6th and 7th. On the first day there was a competition (under handicap) for the St. Audries challenge cup, with two-thirds of the entrance-fees; the latter being open to all, but the cup to members of the club only. There was also a second prize, given by the club, and one-third of the entrance-fees went for the third prize, both being open. On Wednesday the weather was distinctly unfavourable, and play was not good, owing to the rough wind. The first prize was won

by Mr. O. T. Sadler, the second by Mr. W. H. Fowler, and the third fell to Mr. J. P. Herringham. Scores:—Mr. O. T. Sadler, 92, less 7=85; Mr. W. H. Fowler, 89, plus 1=90; Mr. J. P. Herringham, 109, less 16=93; Mr. C. R. Rodwell, 107, less 12=95; Capt. Fox, 117, less 20=97; Mr. G. Hayward, 113, less 16=97; Mr. T. Williams, 119, less 19=100. No returns from Rev. T. Crump and Rev. J. Utten Todd, and Messrs. G. Fowler, J. Bond, H. O. Brown, and G. Richardson.

On Thursday the monthly medal was competed for by members of the club only, under handicap (match play against "Col. Bogey"), a memento of the value of one guinea being added to it. Open to all were one-half sweepstakes for best score under handicap and one-half sweepstakes for best scratch return. The day was fine, but with the better weather a proportionate improvement in play was not apparent. Mr. W. H. Fowler won the medal and memento and the whole of the stakes, his score being the best scratch and best under handicap. Scores ("Col. Bogey" 88):—Mr. W. H. Fowler, 2 down; Mr. O. T. Sadler, 4 down; Mr. T. Williams, 4 down; Rev. J. Utten Todd, 9 down. No returns from Messrs. G. Richardson, G. Hayward, and J. Bond.

**MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM v. FURNESS.**

Played at Foxfield, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, June 9th. The match consisted of two rounds of the course (eighteen holes), singles, and one round (nine holes), foursomes. The result proved a victory for the Morecambe and Heysham Club by twenty-three holes. Scores.—Foursomes:—

MORECAMBE & HEYSHAM.		FURNESS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. Stewart and Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	0	Mr. Swan and Mr. Younge ...	0
Capt. Le Feuvre and Mr. H. A. Paley ...	0	Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Bell ...	1
Mr. Leeming and Mr. Charnley ...	0	Mr. Huthwaite and Rev. R. S. Hulbert ...	1
Mr. Preston and Mr. Satherthwaite ...	3	Mr. Ainslie and Mr. Jackson ...	0
	3		2

**Singles:—**

	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. Stewart ...	8	Mr. J. Swan ...	0
Capt. Le Feuvre (capt.) ...	0	Mr. M. Kennedy ...	2
Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	6	Mr. Young ...	0
Mr. H. A. Paley ...	0	Mr. W. Bell ...	1
Mr. J. Leeming ...	0	Mr. G. H. Huthwaite (capt.) ...	1
Mr. A. Charnley ...	1	Rev. R. S. Hulbert ...	0
Mr. F. Bannister ...	6	Rev. A. C. Franklin ...	0
Mr. R. Preston ...	3	Mr. F. S. Ainslie ...	0
Mr. S. M. Satherthwaite ...	2	Mr. Jackson ...	0
	26		4

**NAIRN v. MORAY.**

The Nairn and Moray Golf Clubs met on the course of the latter club at Lossiemouth, on June 11th. The weather was rather wet, but there was a good game, and the following are the scores:—

MORAY.		NAIRN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. McIsaac ...	0	Mr. J. J. Annan ...	2
Colonel Underwood ...	0	Mr. W. Murray ...	1
Mr. W. Christie ...	0	Mr. J. Birnie ...	1
Captain Ladds ...	0	Mr. W. Laing ...	0
Mr. F. W. Gibb ...	0	Mr. R. Robertson ...	4
Mr. J. L. Gordon ...	2	Mr. W. Robertson ...	0
Mr. James Falconer ...	0	Mr. P. Park ...	3
Mr. D. Cameron ...	5	Mr. D. Adam ...	9
Rev. D. M. Ross ...	2	Mr. C. F. J. Brown ...	0
Mr. D. West ...	0	Mr. F. R. Walker ...	4
Captain Swan ...	0	Mr. A. W. Simpson ...	2
Mr. W. Spence ...	6	Mr. J. Milne ...	0
Mr. John Sim ...	6	Mr. J. Finlayson ...	0
Mr. H. A. Fraser ...	6	Mr. D. King ...	0
Mr. John Adams ...	13	Mr. D. Sutherland ...	0
	40		26

**RHYL GOLF CLUB.**

Ladies' monthly medal competition, June 6th.—Mrs. Hewitt, 130, less 50=80; Mrs. Owen Watts, 122, less 20=102; Miss Mainwaring, 113, less 5=108; Mrs. J. V. Lewis, 142, less 26=116; Miss Crowther, 180, less 60=120; Miss Watts, 139, less 14=125. Monday, June 11th being very wet, the completion was postponed till Wednesday.

**ROCHDALE GOLF CLUB.**

The scratch competition for the challenge cup, presented by the president, Mr. J. Griffith-Dearden, Lord of the Manor, took place on the links at Lobden, on Saturday, June 9th. Mr. Padwick was successful, for the second year in succession, in carrying off the cup, and with the same score, viz., 87. The following are the returns handed in:—Mr. F. G. Padwick, 87; Mr. Wm. Arthur, 89; Mr. Wm. S. Petrie, 91; Mr. Ed. R. Petrie, 93; Mr. G. D. McLennan, 96.

Ladies' Competition.—At the ladies' competition held at Lobden, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., Miss Kate March won the Club prize, with a score of 135, starting from scratch. Miss Winifred Berry was second, with a score of 154, less 15=139.

**ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Major H. Y. Hext ...	112	30	82	Mr. Melvill Sandys ...	105 13 92
Mr. C. H. Hext ...	95	7	88	Mr. Matthews ...	114 21 93
Mr. E. M. Banner-				Colonel Parkyn ...	133 37 96
man ...	89	scr.	89	Mr. H. J. Wilkinson ...	134 25 199
Captain Johnstone ...	128		37 91		

Colonel Gillies and Brigade-Surgeon Elliot, no return. Played June 1st; weather bad.

**ROYAL CORNWALL LADIES' CLUB.**

Monthly medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Bannerman ...	93	19	74	Miss Fenwick ...	99 15 84
Mrs. Young Jamie-				Mrs. C. Hext ...	95 7 88
son ...	86	6	80	Mrs. Simpson ...	94 6 88
Miss C. Burgess ...	103	20	83	Mrs. Salmon ...	92 scr. 92
Miss Alms ...	98	14	84	Mrs. Every ...	147 39 108
Miss Every ...	92	8	84		

Played June 5th. The day was dull and showery and the green slow. The play, however, was unusually good.

**ROYAL NORWICH GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly medal was played for on June 14th, with the following result:—Rev. A. T. Farquharson, 99, less 12=87; Mr. C. H. A. Lock, 113, less 20=93; Mr. T. A. Ireland, 104, less 10=94; Mr. W. E. Hansell, 111, less 14=97; Mr. E. Orams, 114, less 16=98. Others were over 100 net, or made no returns.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT v. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

This match was played on Saturday, June 9th, over the links of the Sheffield Club at Lindrick, and ended in a victory for Notts by 14 holes. Many of the matches were exceptionally closely contested. The feature of the match, however, was Mr. Hemingway's fine play, he going round in 89, which beat the previous amateur record for the green by 1 stroke. After the match some interesting foursomes were played. The following was the result:—

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.**

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. W. Leader ...	1	Mr. J. Hall ...	0
Mr. C. R. Hemingway ...	4	Mr. J. C. Warren (capt.) ...	0
Mr. W. L. Ruxton ...	0	Mr. J. M'Veeking ...	5
Mr. A. Allan ...	2	Mr. E. A. Coutts ...	0
Mr. T. W. Sorby ...	0	Mr. A. M. Bromby ...	2
Mr. H. Littlejohn ...	0	Mr. J. Bowes ...	2
Mr. H. P. Smith (capt.) ...	0	Mr. E. Williamson ...	12
Mr. T. P. Lockwood ...	0	Mr. E. T. Jeffrey ...	0
	7		21

**WEST DORSET v. LYME REGIS.**

A most enjoyable match was played between the West Dorset and the Lyme Regis Clubs on the picturesque links of the latter, on the 13th inst., the visitors being victorious by ten holes, as will be seen by the following score. The weather was all that could be desired, and, considering the short time the Lyme Regis Club has been started, they are much to be congratulated on the condition of their course, especially considering the difficulties that had to be overcome:—

**WEST DORSET.**

**LYME REGIS.**

	Holes.		Holes.
Rev. F. W. Crick ...	2	Mr. B. A. Harvey ...	0
Rev. J. L. Templar ...	0	Mr. H. E. Wauchope ...	3
Mr. J. T. Stephens ...	3	Mr. T. B. Blathwayt ...	0
Rev. St. J. Methuen ...	0	Mr. W. M. Wynch ...	2
Mr. J. A. Stephens ...	0	Rev. P. A. C. Ellis ...	3
Mr. A. W. Temple ...	13	Mr. W. A. Eckesley ...	0
	18		8



WESTON-SUPER-MARE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, June 9th, a match was played by the above club with the Burnham Golf Club, and resulted in a win for the Weston Ladies by 9 holes up. The match was played on the Weston Links:—

BURNHAM.			WESTON.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Miss Akerman ...	...	0	Miss Allen ...	...	11
Mrs. Akerman ...	...	0	Miss K. Cox ...	...	3
Mrs. Colhurst ...	...	8	Miss Cox ...	...	0
Miss Sinclair ...	...	2	Miss Heap ...	...	0
Miss Edwards ...	...	0	Miss Lovell ...	...	5
		—			—
		10			19

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.—The second monthly competition for the handsome gold medal, presented by Bailie Cunningham, took place on the links at Millport on Saturday, June 9th. There was a good turnout of competitors, and besides these a large number of enthusiasts patronised the links prior to the match. The course and greens were in fine condition. The Lag. lein hole caused a good deal of excitement, while the Malakoff troubled not a few. The following is the result, and a few of the best scores:—Mr. T. Russell, 117, less 18=99; Mr. Archibald Hunter, 110, less 16=94; Mr. John Reid, 97, less 2=95; Mr. J. H. Martin, 114, less 18=96; Mr. J. C. Sharpe, 100, less 2=98; Mr. George Hunter, 120, less 18=102.

CUMBRAE—LADIES' COMPETITION.—The monthly competition for the handsome gold bracelet presented by Lieutenant Macleod Robertson took place on the 13th on the Millport course. When the cards were handed in Miss Hendry was found to be the winner with a net score of 99.

NORTHERN MERCHANTS' GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition in connection with the above was played over the Kinghorn links on the 13th. There was a good turnout of members. Result:—Mr. A. Breck, 91, less 3=88; Mr. D. W. Matthew (scratch), 89; Mr. J. Jackson, 92, less 2=90; Mr. T. Davidson, 96, less 5=91.

SOUTHWOOD GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday, the 9th inst., a foursome match against "Bogey" was played for prizes presented by Mr. R. Nugent and Mr. W. Crimmen. The winners were Messrs. W. Whytock and A. W. Ellis. The other entries were the Rev. E. L. Hickling and Mr. H. Hickling, Messrs. C. J. Waller and D. R. Gooding, J. Crimmen and J. B. Gooding, S. W. Woollett and W. Crimmen.

LUNDIN LADIES' CLUB.—The private course of the Lundin Ladies' Golf Club, laid out and kindly handed over to the club by Mr. Gilmour, of Montrave, was formally opened by the donor on June 12th. The course, which extends to twelve holes, immediately adjoins Lundin Links station and the new feuing ground recently laid off by Mr. Gilmour, is pleasantly situated, and promises to be one of the finest on the Fife coast. The various ladies' clubs in the district were invited to take part in the day's proceedings, and a large and gay assemblage turned out. Handsome prizes were presented by Mr. Gilmour and the club. In the open competition for ladies, eighteen couples started. On cards being handed in, Miss Jessie Fortune, Lundin, and Miss Wilkie, Leven, were found to have tied for the first prize with a score of 54. Another round left them in the same position. Six holes were then played to decide the matter, when Miss Fortune was declared the winner. For the third prize, Miss N. Ronaldson, Lundin, and Miss G. Williamson, Leven, also tied with 55. Another round being played left Miss Williamson the successful competitor. For the gentlemen associates' prizes, ten couples entered. Mr. James Wilkie, Leven, and Mr. J. W. Marshall, Lundin, tied for the first prize with a score of 40. The tie being played off left Mr. Wilkie the winner. The next best scores were:—Mr. D. W. Walker, Lundin, 42; Mr. Boase, Leven, 43; Mr. M'Gibbon, Leven, 43; Mr. Davidson, Lundin, 44; Mr. Fortune, Lundin, 45. Mr. Gilmour being obliged to leave before the winners were declared, General Briggs, captain of the club, in a felicitous manner, handed over the prizes to the fortunate winners. Lunch was thoughtfully provided by Mr. Gilmour, and afternoon tea by the ladies of committee. The weather was fine, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

WHITEHOUSE GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The above club held a competition at Musselburgh on Saturday, June 9th, for the monthly medal, captain's prize, and club prizes. On the cards being handed in, it was found that Mr. Waddell had won the medal with a score of 83, less 9=74; 2nd, Mr. W. Proudfoot, 97, less 12=85; 3rd, Mr. R. B. Small (scratch), 88. Other scores:—Mr. D. Renton, 89; Mr. J. Melville, 100, less 10=90; Mr. C. E. Grant, 101, less 10=91.

WEST LOTHIAN CLUB.—This club's competition for the monthly medal was held on the course at Bonnytown Hills on Saturday, June 9th, in favourable weather. There was a large field, and the greens being in splendid condition, some very fine play resulted. The winner of the medal was Mr. James Forbes, with a score of 92; and following

him were Mr. W. Swan, 95; Mr. J. C. Liddle, 96; Mr. A. Turnbull, 97; Mr. F. O. Mickel, 98; with many others, whose scores were greater. Along with the medal competition, a sweepstake match for prizes was played, the first prize being won by Mr. James Russell, with a score of 86. The scores of the other three prize-winners were considerably over Mr. Russell's, whose game was remarkably steady.

NEW CLUB, MUSSELBURGH.—The last ties of a tournament for six handsome prizes, and which has been causing no little interest amongst the members during the last two months, have just been played off. The prize-winners are:—1, Mr. Marcus I. Brown (plus 1); 2, Mr. James St. C. Stevenson (less 3); 3, Mr. William J. Gulland (less 5); 4, Dr. Gray (scratch); 5, Mr. James Paul (less 3); 6, Mr. William Tait (less 4).

NORTH BERWICK.—The final round of the annual tournament amongst the members of the Bass Rock Club for the Fyshe handicap medal and badges took place over the North Berwick course on the 12th. Five rounds had already been played, and as a result the couple left to contest the final for the trophies were Mr. James Henderson (scratch) and Mr. Andrew Thorburn (allowed 2 strokes). A good deal of interest has been manifested in the match, Mr. Henderson being the scratch medallist and one of the county representatives of the club, and Mr. Thorburn being one of the most promising of the younger members. The scratch man commenced finely with a 4 and a 5 for the first two holes, at once assuming the lead. The Dyke and the Trap were halved, Mr. Thorburn losing a chance of reducing his opponent's lead by weak putting. The Angle was halved actually in 4, but as he had a stroke here, Mr. Thorburn was now only 1 down. With a perfect 3 at the Low Bent, Mr. Henderson was once more 2 up, but he was short with his second at the Far Bent, and his opponent was again only 1 down, holing out faultlessly in 3. After the Hole Across had been well halved, the match was all square at the Quarry-out, where Mr. Henderson half-topped his iron shot and got into the quarry, giving up the hole. The younger player secured the end hole, and for the first time in the match was 1 hole up, his score for the out half being 43, against 44 by his opponent. Mr. Thorburn increased his advantage at the Quarry-in, where a drive and an iron placed him nicely on the green, and he had no difficulty in winning in 3. Halves with two 4's and a 3 followed, representing faultless play on each side. Mr. Henderson drove the Redan splendidly, and won in 3, his opponent being short with his cleek from the tee and requiring 4. The match was again all square at the Gate, where Mr. Thorburn missed his second, and ultimately gave up the hole. At Pointgarry Mr. Thorburn was dormy 1, getting down here in 5 to 6, but he missed a fairly easy putt for a half at the home hole, and the result was accordingly a halved match. The scores were approximately as follows:—Mr. Henderson—Out, 4 5 5 4 4 3 4 3 6=44; in, 4 4 4 3 3 4 6 4=32; total, 76. Mr. Thorburn—Out, 5 6 5 4 4 4 3 3 4 5=43; in, 3 4 4 3 4 6 5 5=34; total, 77. The tie in the final round of the tournament for the Fyshe handicap medal and badges of the Bass Rock Club was re-played over the North Berwick course on Wednesday evening, June 13th. On the previous night the finalists, Mr. James Henderson and Mr. Andrew Thorburn, halved their match after some close play. The game ruled very equal at the start, and Mr. Thorburn, who used one of his two strokes at the Angle, held his own with the scratch man for the first six holes. The former lost the Far Bent, however, by playing his cleek tee shot into the wood, and at the Quarry-out he fooled his iron shot amongst long grass, and stood 2 down. The scoring was not so good as on the previous evening, the putting of both being particularly faulty. Mr. Henderson was, however, driving and approaching finely, and he completed the first nine holes in 38. Each required a 7 at the end hole owing to loose play on the green, the scratch player turning in 45 and 2 holes up. From this point the match went all in favour of Mr. Henderson, who was dormy at the High Bent, and won at the Perfection by 5 and 4 to play. The medal and gold charm accordingly fall to Mr. Henderson, and the second prize to Mr. Thorburn.

WEST LOTHIAN CLUB.—A record score for both single and double rounds of this club's course was made on Wednesday evening by the captain of the club, Mr. William Russell, solicitor, Linlithgow, who in a game with Mr. Liddle, the secretary of the club, had 39 for the first round and 40 for the second, or 79 in all. The previous records were 41 for the single and 87 for the double round. The details of Mr. Russell's scores are:—First round—3 4 5 3 5 6 3 5 5; second round—4 2 5 4 5 6 4 6 4. The last hole is on a service green, the ordinary green being under repair, and this almost always means the loss of at least a stroke a round, but otherwise the course is in fine order, and the greens faultless.

HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The fourth of the present season's monthly medal competitions was held on the 13th, with the result that Mr. W. M'Currah and Mr. J. Paterson tied with scores of 49, less 5=44. The next best scores were:—Mr. W. M'Queen Smith, scratch, Mr. R. Rodger, 49, less 4, and Mr. J. Scott, 52, less 7=45 each; Mr. W. K. Smith, 54, less 7=47; Mr. R. Coutts, 53, less 5, and Mr. J. Begbie, 57, less 9=48 each; Mr. W. Menzies, 56, less 7=49. Twenty-three members competed.

**A NOVEL MATCH.**—On Friday evening, June 8th, an interesting match was played over Muirfield course between Messrs. Campbell Gibson and Thomas Hutchison, members of the Royal Company of Archers, and Messrs. W. T. Armour and Gordon Robertson, both well-known amateur golfers. The former couple played with bow and arrow, and the latter with their clubs. The match had been much talked of in the district for some time past, and the foursome had a considerable following of spectators, including several ladies. The evening being a calm one, gave the players every opportunity of playing a good game. At the fifth hole the match was even, but the sixth fell to the archers in a magnificent 3, and as they took the following three holes, they stood 4 up at the turn. The next two holes were halved, but the archers succeeded in securing the twelfth hole in 5, which left them 5 up and 6 to play. The thirteenth and fourteenth were halved in 4, and the fifteenth was secured by the archers in 3. The scores are appended, from which it will be seen that the archers finished 6 up on the round. Mr. James Reid, W.S., acted as referee, and notwithstanding the novel nature of the match, gave every satisfaction in deciding any points upon which he was called upon to give a decision. Scores:—Golfers—Out, 4 5 3 5 4 5 6 6=44; in, 5 5 6 4 4 4 4 3 6=41; total, 85. Archers—Out, 4 5 4 4 4 3 5 5 4=38; in, 5 5 5 4 4 3 4 4 5=39; total, 77.

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