

GOLF.

Honours for Cheshire Amateurs.

LANCASHIRE DOWN IN BOTH MATCHES.

Lancashire and Cheshire amateurs have always been keen rivals in their annual inter-county golf matches, and invariably they have had close contests. Previous to this year Lancashire had a little in hand on the series, but Cheshire on this occasion took full honours by winning both encounters. On the aggregate of foursomes and singles they had a margin of 14 matches to four, while four weeks earlier at Heswall they took 11 as against five.

Play in the latest match was on the Manchester club links at Hopwood Park. The foursomes were played in the morning, when Cheshire gained a useful though not assured lead, of four matches to two. In the leading match R. H. Hardman, the Lancashire champion, was partnered by G. L. Q. Henriques against H. W. Heslop, the new Cheshire title-holder, and J. Walters, the runner-up, who was making his first appearance for his county. Cheshire were one up at the turn, three up at the twelfth, and won by four and two.

W. Sutton, the ex-English champion, and I. Sidebottom were also a winning combination for Cheshire against C. E. Hardman, the runner-up in this year's English close, and C. H. Reid. They were three up at the seventh, but reduced to one hole lead at the twelfth. From the fifteenth to the seventeenth matters were square, then Cheshire won the last hole with a none too brilliant five. Lancashire's combination, H. Critchley and J. H. Catterall, put a better complexion on matters by beating J. Braid and J. Woollam in a match in which there was some remarkably good putting, and the other home county win was gained by L. S. Potter and J. C. Law.

Lancashire, though without D. E. B. Soulby, S. Robinson, and H. G. Bentley, had a strong side, and one in which they relied on players with local knowledge and experience. On the other hand, Cheshire's chosen were mainly young ones discovered in the recent championship.

Lancashire, in the singles, were not only defeated by the big margin of ten matches to two, but the majority of the individual matches finished early on. They lost the top six. R. H. Hardman and G. L. Q. Henriques were beaten by the time the fifteenth was played. Against Hardman, Cheshire's new title-holder was taking his place at the top for the first time. He gained an early lead and never surrendered it. Heslop was round in an average of fours.

W. Sutton played brilliant golf against Henriques. He was out in 35 and two up at the turn. He finished in two under fours. J. Braid, junior, did well to beat J. H. Catterall. He won the first three, then lost the next four, and did not take the lead again until the seventeenth. J. Sidebottom, against A. M. Goodwin, was two up at the seventh and dormy at the thirteenth, and though he had two bad holes, each of which cost him a six, he finished level fours. J. Walters, the Wallasey artisan, was square with H. Critchley at the seventh, five of the holes having been halved, but then played brilliantly to be dormy at the thirteenth and finish at the next. M. Schunck was two under fours to beat C. H. Reid by five and four, after winning the first five holes.

E. Mycock, one of the Manchester members, had a great struggle with J. Woollam, but gained one of the Lancashire victories. He was taken to the seventeenth after being three up at the eleventh. L. S. Potter, of Manchester, was the other winner for the home county. His experience stood him well against H. N. Fogg, of Royal Liverpool, who was one of this year's Oxford University team. The match was generally level and Potter never had more than one hole in hand. He took the lead for the last time at the sixteenth, then holed putts of twelve yards and two yards for halves to keep in front.

J. C. Law, who, with Potter, was one of the two successful in the foursomes, was four down at the thirteenth to J. E. Hassall, then won the fourteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth, and hit the hole on the home green for a win which would have given him a halved match. D. Eadie, for Cheshire, avenged his defeat by C. Wall in the earlier match, leading almost from the start and winning by six and five. Dr. T. D. Burt, of Reddish, who played in the singles only, in the place of C. E. Hardman, lost to a very promising young Royal Liverpool player, G. E. Jones, whose chief forte is an abnormal length from the tee.

Lancashire.		Singles.		Cheshire.	
R. H. Hardman, Birkdale	0	H. W. Heslop, Bromborough (4 & 3)	1	W. Sutton, W. Arts. (4 & 3)	1
G. L. Q. Henriques R. Lytham and S.A.	0	J. Braid, Ringway (1 up)	1	I. Sidebottom, Disley (5 & 4)	1
J. H. Catterall, Royal Lytham and S.A.	0	J. Walters, Wallasey Hill (5 & 4)	1	M. Schunck, Sandiway (5 & 4)	1
A. M. Goodwin, Swinton Park	0	J. Woollam, Chester	0	J. E. Hassall, Bromborough (1 up)	1
H. Critchley, R. Lytham and S.A.	0	D. Eadie, Wilmslow (6 & 5)	1	H. N. Fogg, Royal Liverpool	0
C. H. Reid, N. Manchester	0	J. D. O'Hanlon, Bowdon (2 & 1)	1	G. E. Jones, Royal Liverpool (5 & 4)	1
E. Mycock, Manchester (2 & 1)	1	J. C. Law, North Manchester	0		
G. Wall, Birkdale	0				
S. S. Potter, Manchester (1 up)	1				
W. B. Pilling, Manchester	0				
Dr. T. D. Burt, Reddish Vale	0				
Total	2	Total	10		
Foursomes.		Singles.		Cheshire.	
Hardman and Henriques	0	Heslop and Walters (4 & 2)	1	Sutton and Sidebottom (1 up)	1
Hardman and Reid	0	Braid and Woollam	0	Hassall and Schunck (1 up)	1
Catterall and Critchley (5 & 4)	1	Eadie and Fogg (2 up)	1	Jones and O'Hanlon	0
Goodwin and Wall	0				
Mycock and Pilling	0				
Law and Potter (2 & 1)	1				
Total	2	Total	4		
Aggregate	4	Aggregate	14		

GOLF IN SIAM.

Royal Professional Wins Open Title.

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BANGKOK, JUNE 17 (BY MAIL).

The open golf championship of Siam was played this week-end over the three courses in Bangkok. Twenty-six competitors entered—15 Europeans and Americans, 10 Siamese, and one Japanese. The final eighteen holes were played over the King's private course at Chitlada Palace, and for this stage the number was reduced to eighteen—twelve Europeans and six Siamese. There was never any doubt as to the result, and Nai Tim Kanrai, the professional of the Royal Hua-hin golf course, finished 25 strokes ahead of the runner-up, G. M. Park, a Scotsman. Nai Tim Kanrai's aggregate for the 72 holes was 297, the runner-up taking 322.

A special attraction on this occasion was a trophy offered by the King, who is himself a keen player, and watched part of the play in the final. The Queen was also present. After presenting the royal trophy and garlanding the champion and runner-up, the King expressed his gratification at seeing the championship won by a Siamese, and his hope one day was to see a Siamese beat "Bobby" Jones.