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IN pre-war golf the most successful rival of John Ball was H. H. Hilton, who was only twenty-three when he won the Open Championship at Muirfield in 1892. This was the first Open in which four rounds were played, and Hilton's score of 305 remained unbeaten until Vardon won with 300 at Prestwick in 1903.

With seven major championships to his credit, not to mention innumerable less important tournaments, Hilton would almost

PLAYERS WHO HAVE MADE GOLF HISTORY

No. 9. H. H. HILTON

Royal Liverpool G.C. Born 1869

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| BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP— | |
| Winner (2) : | 1891-97. |
| Runner-up (1) : | 1911. |
| BRITISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP— | |
| Winner (4) : | 1900-1-11-13. |
| Runner-up (3) : | 1891-92-96. |
| AMERICAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP— | |
| Winner (1) : | 1911. |
| IRISH OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP— | |
| Winner (4) : | 1897-1900-1-2. |
| ST. GEORGE'S CUP— | |
| Winner (2) : | 1893-94. |

certainly come second to Ball in any ranking list of British amateur golfers. Some of his performances are unique in the annals of British golf. In 1911, for example, he won the British and American Amateur Championships, a feat no other Briton has accomplished, and was runner-up in the British Open Championship at Sandwich, only a single stroke behind the winner.

It may be noted, too, that he not only won the American Amateur Championship, but also finished first in the qualifying competition. During this visit to the United States he won the tournament arranged to celebrate the opening of the famous National Golf Links, Shinnecock Hills.

On ten occasions Hilton played for England v. Scotland, usually as No. 2 in the English side, winning half his matches; but he was, perhaps, more formidable in a stroke competition than in match-play, a rare characteristic.

With such a record it is not necessary to state that a microscope would have been required to discover the defects in Hilton's game,



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but one point of super-excellence should be mentioned: he was an artist with a spoon. In an age of multiple irons a spoon is regarded merely as a means of getting a little extra distance from a poor lie, but in Hilton's hands the spoon was very much more than that.

As a writer on golfing matters and editor of a leading journal of the game, Hilton has shown that a golfer can make history as easily with a pen as with a club.

No. 10. JAMES BRAID

Walton Heath G.C. Born 1870

GOLFERS who are old enough to remember the closing years of the nineteenth century and the opening years of the twentieth, will not need to be reminded of the predominance of the famous triumvirate—John Henry Taylor, Harry Vardon and James Braid.



A G.O.M. OF GOLF : " Even to-day, aged 64 and handicapped by impaired eyesight, Braid can go round Walton Heath in a score capable of making the huskiest 'tiger' hustle "

Vardon and Taylor had each won three Open Championships before Braid won his first in 1901, but in the next decade he was undoubtedly the top-dog. In ten years (1901-1910) he won five Open Championships, and in three other years of the period finished second. No professional golfer can point to a record as consistently successful as Braid's during these ten years.

Early in his career Braid's game had a weak spot—his putting was unreliable. But the Mills aluminium putter and persistent practice removed this flaw. In the long game he was the Tolley of the era. The spectacle of Braid putting his back into a drive, or lashing home a full brassie shot to the green, was a sight to inspire awe and envy in lesser mortals. And in those days even professionals had to play full brassie shots at long holes. The rubber-core of 1906 was very far from being as perfect an instrument as its descendant of 1934.

One of Braid's performances will always be historical and wonderful. At Prestwick in 1908 he won the Open Championship with a score of 291 for the four rounds—three over fours! The magnitude of that record will be realised when it is remembered that this return was not beaten until R. T. Jones returned 285 at St. Andrews in 1927, and that it has only

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| BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP— | |
| Winner (5) : | 1901-5-6-8-10 |
| Runner-up (4) : | 1897-1902-4-9. |
| Third (2) : | 1900-12. |
| FRENCH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP— | |
| Winner (1) : | 1910. |
| Runner-up (2) : | 1909-13. |
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| Winner (4) : | 1903-5-7-11. |

been beaten three times in spite of the improvement in clubs, balls and courses.

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A great golfer—and a great man!



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