

Golf

CHESHIRE DEFEAT YORKSHIRE

Gent Again Does Well

Cheshire, who were rather unkindly beaten at Fixby, Huddersfield, earlier in the season, when they won only three of the eighteen games, defeated Yorkshire in the return golf match at Mere on Saturday by 11½ to 6½—four to two in the foursomes and 7½ to 4½ in the singles. This result was to be expected, for Yorkshire, like their opponents in the first engagement, had only half a dozen players who are usually selected for such an important match as this. Two members of the side, A. Smith and E. Hall, both of the South Leeds club, had been chosen for their county for the first time, and others had been called upon to fill vacancies because of the inability of players with greater claims to make the journey. On the other hand, Cheshire, determined that the Fixby disaster should not happen twice in one season, had prepared one of their strongest sides of the year, including four members of the home club, one of whom, R. O. Booth, was appearing for his county for the first time. Booth played for Cambridge last year and has recently had some excellent rounds at Mere with the result that his handicap has been reduced from three to one. He was perhaps a little over anxious in his first singles game, which he lost on the seventeenth green, but he was a valuable partner in the foursomes.

Yorkshire had only one win in the foursomes, and a splendid win it was too. J. E. Gent, their county champion, and S. E. Banks defeated C. W. Timmis and M. White, both of Royal Liverpool, on the fifteenth green, after being three down at the sixth. From this point Gent and Banks won seven holes, five in succession, all with the exception of the thirteenth, where Cheshire took four from near the green, in good figures. A similar fate almost befell the two Sandiway players, M. Budd and L. G. H. Copley, who were somewhat lucky to square their match with N. G. Baxter and R. H. Briggs after turning three up. Yorkshire won four holes from the eleventh in 4, 2, 5, 3, lost their narrow lead at the fifteenth, and then when Budd had put his side's second shot into trouble at the last hole Copley snatched a half with a third which reached the green through a bunker.

Gent's form in the afternoon was again good. He is without doubt Yorkshire's most consistent player, which makes one wonder why he was overlooked in the selection of the English international team. Against H. E. Walker, the Cheshire champion, he controlled his shots perfectly in the strong north-easterly wind and putted so accurately that Walker, in spite of his steady golf, found that he was unable to wipe off two holes he lost early by hitting his tee shots out of bounds.

SINGLES

CHESHIRE		YORKSHIRE	
H. E. Walker, Sale	0	J. E. Gent, Bradford	1
C. W. Timmis, Royal Liverpool, 3 and 1	1	S. E. Banks, Hallamshire	0
W. Sutton, Mere, 2 and 1	1	W. V. Sinclair, Palford	0
J. Abraham, Macclesfield, halved	½	J. Rutherford, Halifax, halved	½
G. L. Sleath, Walkesley	0	J. W. Butler, Halifax, 3 and 2	1
W. P. Lee, Mere	0	E. Collinson, Lees Hall, 3 and 1	1
M. White, Royal Liverpool, 3 and 1	1	H. Sowden, Shipley	0
J. Brink, jun., Mere, 6 and 5	1	D. J. Baxter, Oatdale	0
L. Copley, Sandiway, 2 up	1	A. Smith, South Leeds	0
M. W. Budd, Sandiway, 2 up	1	E. Hall, South Leeds	0
R. O. Booth, Mere	0	R. H. Briggs, West Bowling, 2 and 1	1
E. G. Tweedie, Sandiway, 3 and 2	1	H. G. Baxter, Oatdale	0
Total	7½	Total	4½

FOURSUMES

Walker and Sutton, 3 and 2	1	Butler and Rutherford	0
Timmis and White	0	Banks and Gent, 4 and 3	1
Lee and Abraham, halved	½	Collinson and Sinclair, halved	½
Sleath and Brink, 4 and 3	1	Hall and Smith	0
Copley and Budd, halved	½	N. G. Baxter and Briggs, halved	½
Tweedie and Booth, 2 and 1	1	D. J. Baxter and Sowden	0
Total	4	Total	2
Aggregate	11½	Aggregate	6½