

CHESHIRE'S BIG VICTORY

By a Special Correspondent

Cheshire made an impressive start to their golf season at Chesterfield where they defeated Derbyshire 13-4, with one halved.

Such an overwhelming victory seemed unlikely when Derbyshire ended the foursomes only one down, but Cheshire failed to win only two of the singles. The home county made a brave fight of it in most of them, however, and only G. M. Edwards and A. Cliffe won their points by substantial margins. These two Cheshire players have only recently graduated from the colts and they have already confirmed the faith the selectors had in their ability.

Derbyshire were doomed by the middle of the afternoon when six singles in succession had gone against them. Clark, the Cheshire champion, Pearson, Mettam, and Billington each broke the resistance of their opponents by some strong golf coming home and Ranells struck what proved to be the winning blow during the four holes from the sixth, three of which he won in three under fours. Then Edwards made victory certain for his side by succeeding at the fifteenth.

Ball and Stevenson were the only two Cheshire players to fail. It was a discouraging first county match for Stevenson, who was concerned also with Mettam in a defeat in the foursomes. He played steadily enough after lunch, but was dealt with harshly on the greens by Barks. Cheshire's second foursomes pair, Pearson and Lambie, had an unsatisfactory ending to their match against Flanders and Dutton. They were in sight of a substantial win when they were five up and six to go. Then the holes began to slip because neither could command obedience from his putter, and Derbyshire shared the spoils. Details (Derbyshire names first):

FOURSOMES.—D. Mason and T. Mason (Buxton Artisans) beat P. Clark and S. Ball (Mere), 3 and 2; J. B. Flanders and G. Dutton (Keddleston Park) halved with M. J. Pearson (Royal Liverpool) and J. T. Lambie (Warrington); J. Sadler (Buxton Artisans) and K. D. Smith (Stockport) lost to L. J. Ranells and A. E. Billington (Stockport), 2 and 1; I. A. R. Mackenzie (Mickleover) and J. McDowall (Keddleston Park) lost to G. M. Edwards (Bromborough) and R. T. Robinson (Royal Liverpool), 3 and 1; G. Armit (Whaley Bridge) and M. J. Curran (Chesterfield) beat S. Mettam (Sale) and L. Stevenson (Hazel Grove), 4 and 2; C. Centrill (Burton-on-Trent), and B. Barks (Erewash) lost to A. Cliffe (Brackleywood) and T. B. Taylor (Winslow), 3 and 1.

SINGLES.—D. Mason lost to Clark, 2 and 1; Flanders lost to Pearson, 3 and 2; T. Mason lost to Ranells, 3 and 1; Sadler lost to Mettam, 3 and 1; Armit lost to Billington, 3 and 2; Smith lost to Edwards, 4 and 3; Dutton beat Ball, 1 up; Curran lost to Robinson, 2 and 1; Mackenzie lost to Lambie, 3 and 2; Centrill lost to Cliffe, 6 and 4; McDowall lost to Taylor, one down; Barks beat Stevenson, 4 and 3.

Cheshire have selected the following team to compete in the Northern counties golf championship and the qualifying rounds for the English championship at Seaton Carew on Saturday:

A. E. Billington (Stockport), P. Clark (Mere), E. Crimes (Bidston), G. M. Edwards (Bromborough), S. Mettam (Sale), L. J. Ranells (Prestbury), R. T. Robinson (Royal Liverpool).

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Staffordshire, who have to play Worcestershire and Warwickshire before they complete their county golf programme, just managed to preserve their undefeated record this season at Trentham, where Cheshire shared the eighteen points, eight each with two halved.

Staffordshire led by one point at the end of the foursomes and increased the gap by winning the opening two singles. This, however, was closed when J. R. Bennett, at number ten, got home by the skin of his teeth against M. Hampton, who, after winning five holes from the eleventh with an accumulation of birdies, suffered the humiliation of taking the extra putt from no distance on the last green. A great deal depended on N. D. Howard, Cheshire's number eleven, from whom half a point was needed to put his side ahead. He was one down with one to go and he holed a putt from six yards at the eighteenth, but I. Fernyhough frustrated Cheshire by producing an almost comparably strong finish.

S. Ball, the Cheshire champion, was beaten 5 and 4 by G. G. Gibberson and sustained his heaviest reverse in county matches this year. He would possibly have hunted Gibberson much nearer home if his putting had been more reliable to the turn where he was three down. A. E. Billington, three up at the twelfth, found a pugnacious opponent in J. Beddard, who thereafter had a succession of figures better than par. Then L. J. Ranells and P. Clark gave Cheshire some stimulus by winning with reasonable comfort. Details (Staffordshire names first):

FOURSOMES.—G. G. Gibberson and M. E. Morgan beat P. Clark and S. Ball, 4 and 2; H. Thirby and F. W. G. Church lost to L. J. Ranells and A. E. Billington, 3 and 1; J. Beddard and G. Marks beat S. Mattam and N. D. Howard, 2 and 1; J. Berron and M. Sherritt lost to G. M. Edwards and A. J. Cliffe, 6 and 5; E. Bishop and I. Fernyhough beat J. R. Bennett and C. Newton, 2 and 1; M. Ford and M. Hampton halved with T. F. D. Taylor and F. T. Haslam.

SINGLES.—Gibberson beat Ball, 5 and 4; Beddard beat Billington, 2 and 1; Morgan lost to Ranells, 3 and 2; Berron lost to Clark, 4 and 3; Sherritt beat Mattam, 5 and 3; Marks halved with Edwards; Church lost to Cliffe, 2 and 1; Thirby beat Taylor, 2 and 1; Bishop lost to Newton, 2 and 1; Hampton lost to Bennett, 1 down; Fernyhough beat Howard, 1 up; Ford lost to Haslam, 1 down.

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CHESHIRE GAIN REVENGE

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Cumberland and Westmorland were treated most harshly by Cheshire golfers at Delamere Forest where they were beaten 3-11 with four halved.

Cheshire, which reversed the result of last year's meeting, although this time the margin was more substantial, gained five victories in the foursomes and a half in the other, but there was some strong resistance in the singles by Cumberland and Westmorland, notably by three young new-comers to the side, J. Bendall, L. Kidney, and B. Hanson. Their matches in the afternoon were among the seven which ended on the last green.

Cumberland and Westmorland were without three of their top players, including their champion, W. R. Sharp. Nevertheless they won two of the opening three singles and in the other J. M. M. Robertson hunted Cheshire's champion, S. Ball, so resolutely that Ball, after having been dormy three, had to hole from four yards at the eighteenth to win.

Four of the other Cheshire victories in the singles were achieved by their young men. R. T. Robinson had the most substantial of all, one which ended at the twelfth, but the most extraordinary was won by T. P. D. Taylor, who had eight threes in his match with T. J. Dufton and a score of six under fours. It says much for Dufton's resistance that he was beaten only at the fifteenth. Details (Cheshire names first):

FOURSOMES.—S. Ball and P. Clark beat F. Oldfield and R. R. Farmer, 3 and 2; A. E. Billington and R. T. Robinson beat H. Bell and S. Steele, 2 up; S. Mettam and N. D. Howard beat J. H. French and L. Robinson, 7 and 6; A. J. Cliffe and T. B. Taylor beat T. J. Dufton and E. Todd, 3 and 2; A. E. Whiteman and T. P. D. Taylor halved with J. M. M. Robertson and L. Kidney; C. Newton and J. R. Bennett beat J. Bendall and B. Hanson, 4 and 3.

SINGLES.—Ball beat Robertson, 1 up; Billington lost to French, 1 down; Clark lost to Farmer, 1 down; Robinson beat Bell, 7 and 6; Howard lost to Oldfield, 5 and 4; T. P. D. Taylor beat Dufton, 5 and 3; Cliffe beat Todd, 4 and 3; Mettam beat Steele, 4 and 3; T. B. Taylor halved with Robinson; Bennett beat Hanson, 1 up; Newton halved with Bendall; Whiteman halved with Kidney.

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YORKSHIRE BEAT CHESHIRE

Yorkshire gave a further example of their power at Mere on Saturday when they defeated Cheshire 11-6 with one match halved. It was their fourth comfortable victory, one which brings them a step nearer to the achievement of getting through a second year without defeat.

FOURSOMES.—P. Clark and S. Ball beat A. Slater and G. Huddy, 4 and 3; J. T. Lambie and E. Crimes lost to M. Lee and D. Munro, 5 and 4; L. J. Rannels and A. E. Billington lost to G. Ash and R. H. Morfit, 5 and 4; R. T. Robinson and G. M. Edwards lost to C. Powell and E. Hall, 1 down; S. Mettam and G. V. Keith lost to B. Meldrum and G. L. Metcalf, 3 and 2; A. J. Cliffe and T. B. Taylor beat J. Emmett and D. Walton, 3 and 2.

SINGLES.—Clark lost to Slater, 1 down; Lambie lost to Huddy, 1 down; Rannels beat Lee, 1 up; Billington beat Ash, 4 and 3; Ball halved with Morfit; Mettam lost to Hall 3 and 2; Edwards lost to Munro, 5 and 4; Crimes lost to Meldrum, 2 and 1; Robinson lost to Powell, 4 and 3; Cliffe lost to Metcalf, 3 and 1; Taylor beat Emmett, 2 and 1; Keith beat Walton, 1 up.

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CHESHIRE TRIAL

Most of the 24 players who have been chosen by Cheshire for the county trial at Delamere Forest this week-end are those who have not been selected for the first team previously, something that has not happened in earlier trials. This is a sensible move, which should give the selectors a better idea of the capabilities of their young golfers. The first county fixture is against Derbyshire at Chesterfield on May 11. Those chosen for the trial are:

J. E. Behrend (Royal Liverpool), R. F. Barlow (Sandiway), H. C. Branch (Sandiway), S. J. Chew (Bramhall), A. J. Cliffe (Brackenswood), G. W. C. Clinton (Leasowe), J. R. Bennett (Warrington), R. T. Robinson (Royal Liverpool), W. V. Hughes (Sandiway), D. H. L. Stone (Royal Liverpool), F. J. Haslam (Sandiway), H. M. McGilvray (Prestbury), G. M. Edwards (Bromborough), T. P. D. Taylor (Prestbury), J. L. Yondale (Upton-by-Chester), G. D. Mercer (Bramhall Park), M. E. Wesley (Upton-by-Chester), G. V. Keith (Mere), L. Stevenson (Hazel Grove), C. Newton (Crawe), N. D. Howard (Mere), T. B. Taylor (Wilmslow), L. M. Worrall (Romiley), W. Williams (Arrows Park).

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WORCESTER GAIN REVENGE

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Worcestershire golfers defeated Cheshire at Stourbridge 9-6 with three halved, a reverse of the result when the two counties met last season.

At one time Worcestershire seemed to be heading for a more substantial victory when they increased their lead of one point in the foursomes by winning four of the first five singles. They were halted, however, by three Cheshire victories in succession. Details (Worcestershire names first):

FOURSOMES.—M. S. R. Lunt and J. R. Butterworth halved with S. Ball and P. Clark. P. D. Kelly and R. A. Jowle beat S. Mattam and G. V. Keith, 6 and 3; S. L. Elliot and S. Lunt beat G. M. Edwards and C. Newton, 2 and 1; F. L. Wilkinson and C. V. Grafton beat R. T. Robinson and J. R. Bennett, 3 and 1; J. A. F. Chandler and D. A. Fiddian lost to A. J. Cliffe and T. B. Taylor, 3 and 2; M. D. Tweddell and S. Seymour lost to A. E. Whitman and T. P. D. Taylor, 4 and 2.

SINGLES.—M. Lunt beat Ball, 1 up; Butterworth beat Robinson, 7 and 6; Kelly lost to Clark, 2 and 1; Elliot beat Edwards, 4 and 3; Wilkinson beat Cliffe, 5 and 3; Jowle lost to Mattam, 4 and 3; S. Lunt lost to Newton, 3 and 1; Grafton lost to T. P. D. Taylor, 1 down; Chandler halved with Bennett; Seymour halved with T. B. Taylor; Tweddell beat Keith, 4 and 3; Fiddian beat Whitman, 2 and 1.

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CHESHIRE'S COUNTY PROGRAMME

Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs is to continue its policy, introduced two years ago, of holding trial matches for both the county and the colts. The one for the colts will be held at Sandiway on March 30 and that for the county at Delamere Forest on April 13.

The championship will be decided at Sandiway during the last week in June. It returns there after eight years. This will be the last time it will be held there in Sandiway's existing form, for during the next year the club will have to find substitute holes for the second, the third, and the fourth due to the construction of the Northwich by-pass. The county's programme is:

April 26: Colts v. Lancashire Colts, Herwall; May 11: v. Derbyshire, Chesterfield; June 1: Colts v. Shropshire and Hereford, Hawkstone Park; June 14: v. Yorkshire, Mars; July 8: v. Cumberland and Westmorland, Delamere Forest; July 13: Colts v. Derbyshire Colts, Didsbury; July 26: Colts v. Yorkshire Colts, Abberdale; August 9: v. Lancashire, Wallasey; August 17: H. C. Humphreys' team v. Narwhals, Harlech; August 24: v. Worcestershire, Stourbridge; August 30: Victory Trophy, Froethurst; September 14: v. Staffordshire, Trentham; September 21: H. C. Humphreys' team v. Royal Liverpool, Hoylake; September 27-28: County foursomes, Stockport.

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Lancashire defeated **Cheshire** at Wallasey on Saturday 7-6, with five halved, after an exciting finish and an encouragingly high standard of golf in which all depended on the last of the singles.

In this R. Fletcher obtained the winning point for Lancashire against J. R. Bennett in the tenth match of the day to end just outside the clubhouse. **Three** of these were in the morning when **Cheshire** won only one of the foursomes but they lost only one of the first four singles and should have been in an even more challenging position. Ranells, however, missed a short putt at the eighteenth to save his match with Whitehead and Edwards made his one slip against Wroe on the green at the sixteenth.

It seemed, too, that **Cheshire** would lose the three singles following for Robinson was three down at the tenth to Hawksworth, Crimes was similarly in arrears with only four to go, and Cliffe was two down with four to play. Yet Robinson, steering a more accurate course on the narrow fairways than he had done earlier, went ahead at the fourteenth and won at the seventeenth. Shipperbottom had putted extremely

well against Cliffe until towards the end. Then his holing-out deserted him completely. In the case of Crimes the normal figures of 3, 4, 3, 4 for the last four holes were sufficient to square his match with Sharp, who had played admirably up to that point in his first appearance for Lancashire.

Cheshire, however, had the most devastating victory of all when Newton, with a score of one under fours, beat Reece 8 and 7. Reece was sadly off his driving and that can be painful at Wallasey. Billington derived some consolation for his heavy defeat by Rawlinson last year by **beating** him on the last green. Details (**Cheshire** names first):—

FOURSOMES.—S. Ball and P. Clark halved with E. J. Riley and R. K. Bell; L. J. Ranells and A. E. Billington lost to D. Rawlinson and G. Whitehead, 3 and 1; S. Mettam and E. Crimes lost to W. Nabb and P. Hawksworth, 1 down; G. M. Edwards and A. J. Cliffe beat J. R. Wroe and T. F. Sharp, 3 and 1; R. T. Robinson and T. P. D. Taylor lost to J. Shipperbottom and M. J. Reece, 3 and 2; J. R. Bennett and C. Newton halved with R. Fletcher and T. Worthington.

SINGLES.—Ball halved with Riley; Billington beat Rawlinson, 1 up; Ranells lost to Whitehead, 1 down; Clark beat Bell, 4 and 1; Edwards lost to Wroe, 1 down; Mettam lost to Nabb, 3 and 2; Robinson beat Hawksworth, 2 and 1; Crimes halved with Sharp; Cliffe halved with Shipperbottom; Taylor beat Worthington, 2 and 1; Newton beat Reece, 8 and 7; Bennett lost to Fletcher, 1 down.

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