

Golf

CHESHIRE AMATEUR TITLE

From our **Golf** Correspondent

H. C. **Humphreys** (Prestbury) will meet I. R. Patey of the home club at Sandiway in the final of the Cheshire amateur golf championship to-day. In the semi-finals **Humphreys**, a stalwart of Cheshire golf for many years, defeated N. P. **Bullock** (Cheadle) by 5 and 3, and Patey, runner-up in the English championship, beat the holder, S. Mettam (Sale), by 2 and 1.

Even a blustery wind and intermittent rain could not impair the charm of the course at Sandiway, one of the most attractive in the North-west. It is situated in semi-moorland, wooded country and winds its way up and down through trees and shrubs. Some of the holes are blind, due to the steep rise and fall of the ground, but never unfairly so. From a professional viewpoint it might be described as a target course. The excellent greens are tightly guarded and not large, but if the approach shots are hit properly the player is rewarded. The fairways require accuracy from the tees and the shots need to be placed. The good player would not find Sandiway severe to score well upon but for lesser mortals it could be an awesome test. The course has character and beauty.

Patey, huge, boisterous, and immensely confident of his own considerable ability, played splendid golf all day. Mettam is an unobtrusive, quiet golfer, and the great contrast between them made a fascinating match. Four iron shots cost Mettam dearly. At the downhill second from the inevitable sloping lie he almost shanked his second shot. He missed another to the third, long and upwind, where Patey got a fine four, and became two down. Patey, who almost invariably putts well, surprisingly took three on the short fourth, and Mettam squared the match at the seventh. He missed the terribly narrow opening to the green but played a good shot from behind the line of the trees to the right and won in four. The ninth is a charming hole, invisible, as are many others, from the tee, but after a good drive the green lies below one amidst a cluster of bunkers with sheltering elms behind. Patey won this hole and turned one up. The tenth was the turning-point. Mettam cut his iron shot and Patey was home with his faithful No. 4 wood. Mettam recovered well from five feet but Patey holed out from a similar distance. A superb two into the wind by Mettam won him the 217-yard eleventh, but a shanked second shot cost him the twelfth. Patey remained in command from this point, his only error being at the thirteenth, where he took three putts. This tree-embroidered hole is the least, in distance of five most appealing short holes.

Humphreys whose length and easy swing belies his years, played admirable golf. **Bullock** was invariably outside him and had the misfortune to putt badly at crucial holes, but he had no control over the eventual outcome. Both finalists had comfortable wins in the morning. Patey reached the turn in 34, and coasted home easily, and **Humphreys** was never troubled. Mettam was given a close fight by H. Dooley. He was dormy on the seventeenth tee. This hole is intriguing because of one lone tree on the right-hand side of the fairway. If the drive is not played to the left the tree completely stymies the second shot. Dooley played a gallant second through the top of the tree after failing to reach the fairway over the long carry from the tee, and holed out from ten feet for a three—an awkward sideways putt. Eventually Mettam had to sink a seven-foot putt on the short eighteenth, a difficult hole in a crosswind, for a half in three and the match. **Bullock** won his game through the generosity of his opponent, who had the misfortune to miss tiny putts on each of the last two holes.

SCORES

Third Round.—S. Mettam (Sale) beat H. Pooley (Davenport), 1 up, I. R. Patey (Sandiway) beat S. Ball (Sale), 3 and 2; H. C. Humphreys (Prestbury) beat R. Nish (Prestbury), 6 and 5; R. V. Bullock (Cheadle) beat J. S. T. Hawke (Delamere Forest), 1 up. Semi-finals.—Patey beat Mettam, 2 and 1; Humphreys beat Bullock, 5 and 3.

PICKWORTH WINS BY TWO STROKES

H. O. **Pickworth** (Australia) won the Irish open golf championship with an aggregate of 287 on the Royal Dublin course at Dollymount yesterday.

Rounds of 70, 74, 73, and 70 gave **Pickworth** a two-stroke victory over his fellow-countryman N. Von Nida and the Scottish champion, J. Panton (Glenbervie), who had a record round of 68 yesterday. When the news reached the clubhouse that Panton, who was out in 33, required a 3, 3, 4 finish to tie with **Pickworth**, most of the spectators went over to watch him. His efforts were unsuccessful but he had the misfortune to see his putts for three on the sixteenth and seventeenth greens lip the holes.

In an exciting final round, Von Nida, **Pickworth**, J. B. Carr, the Irish Walker Cup player, and W. Shankland were on level terms with only nine holes left to play. Von Nida, who had begun his last eighteen holes three strokes behind the third round leader, Shankland, had an outward half of 32, but he took six at the long eleventh and always was struggling afterwards. He needed a four at the last hole for 69, but took five. Leading scores:

H. O. Pickworth (Australia).....	70	74	73	70	—287
N. Von Nida (Australia).....	73	75	71	70	—289
J. Panton (Glenbervie).....	71	78	72	68	—289
W. Shankland (Templenewsam)...	71	74	71	74	—290
*J. B. Carr (Sutton, Dublin)...	70	76	72	74	—292
A. Lees (Sunningsdale).....	69	78	72	73	—292

*Amateur.

Tennis

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD

Cambridge secured a winning lead of two ties to nil over Oxford in the annual tennis match at Lord's yesterday, when their team won both singles matches. The doubles match will be played this afternoon.

In the first strings' match I. P. Campbell, Oxford, at first seemed to be a match for Sir J. Hoskyns, and he took the first set easily after the score had been 3-all. In the second set Hoskyns led 3-1, but Campbell, getting to everything, came up to 3-all, but had not sufficiently good strokes off the floor to stop his opponent. Campbell recovered himself in the next set, which he took from 3-all, but unfortunately he then began to feel the effects of an attack of lumbago, and Hoskyns levelled the scores and won the final set comfortably. G. W. T. Atkins gave Cambridge victory when he defeated M. Morton after losing the first set. Atkins has been playing tennis for less than a year and deserves every encouragement.