

Golf

CHESHIRE AMATEUR TITLE

H. C. Humphreys (Prestbury) won the Cheshire amateur golf championship on Saturday when he beat I. R. Patey, of the home club, by 8 and 7 in the 36-hole final at Sandiway. Throughout the four days of the championship he had played good golf and in the qualifying and match stages he was round consistently in par or better figures. He is approaching his fiftieth birthday and is the oldest player to have gained the title. He is well built and powerful, round about six feet in height; he has a short swing but is a powerful striker of the ball and rarely was off the limited fairways. He invariably had a little in hand from the tee and was also the straighter.

Humphreys lost the first hole with a five, but won the next two in fours and never lost his lead. He increased his advantage at the short fourth, where Patey missed the green, lost the eighth, where Patey had a single putt, but won the ninth with a good four, being out in 35 and two up. Three halves in the homeward half preceded two wins for Humphreys at the thirteenth, where Patey was stymied, and the next, where Patey was out of bounds. Humphreys missed the green with his approach at the fifteenth and lost it to a four, but was back to four up at the seventeenth, where he holed a difficult six-yard downhill putt.

Patey lost the second but won the third of the afternoon round, then lost two short holes, twenty-second and twenty-fourth. At the twenty-seventh Humphreys was in trouble and had his only six of the day, but he won the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth for 8 up for the match. The winner had a score of one over fours for the 29 holes played, which worked out at seven under par. A pleasing feature was that there was no dawdling on the course by the players. The first round was completed in 2½ hours and the 11 holes in the afternoon in less than 1½ hours.

LANCASHIRE SUCCEED

Lancashire beat Cumberland and Westmorland 11½-6½ at Silloth. Details (Cumberland first):

Fouromes.—A. Greive and W. D. Longsake lost to I. W. Calder and R. K. Bell, 4 and 2; P. Todd and J. H. French and W. Brown and N. Woods halved; J. Wallace and G. L. Deans lost to W. Moncur and G. M. Wrenshaw, 1 up; J. C. Carr and B. M. M. Robertson and G. Morris and W. D. Burroughs halved; L. Steele and B. Oldfield beat L. Ranells and J. A. Kenyon, 4 and 3; J. Todd and J. P. Wishart and W. R. Ashbrook and A. Clarke halved.

Singles.—P. Todd beat Calder, 2 up; Greive lost to Bell, 3 and 2; Wallace lost to Brown, 6 and 5; Longsake and Moncur halved; Robertson lost to Ranells, 4 and 2; Steele lost to Woods, 5 and 3; Deans lost to Morris, 4 and 3; Carr beat Burroughs, 3 and 2; J. Todd lost to Wrenshaw, 1 up; French beat Kenyon, 8 and 7; Oldfield lost to Ashbrook, 2 and 1; Wishart and Clarke halved.

H. O. Hicks retained the croquet singles championship when he defeated G. L. Reckitt in a close final match at the Nottingham Club on Saturday. Reckitt, and his brother, M. E. Reckitt, won the doubles championship, defeating the holders, Hicks and D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller, in the final.

A. Bannister (Manchester Wheelers) won the National Cyclists' Union 1,000-yard sprint championship for the third year in succession at Heme Hill, London, on Saturday, when he beat W. Waters (South London R.C.) in the final by two matches to one. C. Pond (Polytechnic C.C.) was third.