

Golf

LANCASHIRE HELD AT HOYLAKE

Billington's Good Day

Cheshire drew their **golf** match with Lancashire at Royal Liverpool G.C., Hoylake, winning seven of the twelve singles after losing the foursomes 2-4.

Hoylake was in one of its most unfriendly moods, for a south-westerly wind blew with an uncomfortable fierceness throughout the day and control was extremely **difficult**. However, there was some good **golf** in spite of the conditions. M. J. Pearson, with his intimate knowledge of Royal Liverpool's moods, had a most successful day. In partnership with D. H. L. Shone, who is also a member there, he won his foursomes largely by a joint determination to keep the ball in play, and then later he beat B. Chinery, whose superior putting could not save him.

Cheshire won the top **match** more comfortably. I. R. Patey's **golf** was not as accomplished as Pearson's, but he always was more effective than D. Rawlinson in the shots up to the green. S. Mettam, the county champion, had some compensation for his heavy defeat in the foursomes in beating J. Taylor (Bolton), one of Lancashire's most reliable singles players, with a score of two over fours for the fourteen holes. L. J. Ranells, too, had similar figures when he finished his match against W. Nabb a hole earlier.

H. C. **Humphreys**, the Cheshire captain, had the **unusual** experience of losing both his games. Both he and R. K. Bell had **difficulty in steering** a straight course, though **Humphreys** was able by his fine short play to be three holes ahead at the ninth. Then he faltered and he lost six of the remaining holes. In contrast A. E. Billington, making his first appearance for the county, had a good day. He and J. T. Lambie maintained their unbeaten record in foursomes since they became associated some seasons ago, and in the afternoon he had the fine figures of 4, 4, 4, 4, at the finish of his match against B. Stockdale. He was the only player during the day to reach the green in two at the 466-yard-long fifteenth, the most testing hole against the wind. Details (Cheshire first):

Foursomes: I. R. Patey and P. Clark lost to D. Rawlinson and J. Taylor (Bolton), 3 and 2; H. C. **Humphreys** and J. H. M. Thomas lost to B. Chinery and T. J. Shorrocks, 2 and 1; S. Mettam and W. J. R. Richardson lost to R. K. Bell and J. Taylor (Accrington), 6 and 5; A. E. Billington and J. T. Lambie beat W. Nabb and B. Stockdale, 4 and 2; M. J. Pearson and D. H. L. Shone beat D. W. Johnson and N. Henshaw, 4 and 3; L. J. Ranells and A. E. Whiteman lost to L. Seager and D. Stevenson, 2 and 1.

Singles: Patty beat Rawlinson, 3 and 2; Pearson beat Chinery, 1 up; Mettam beat Taylor (Bolton), 5 and 4; Shone lost to Taylor (Accrington), 3 and 2; Lambie beat **Shorrocks**, 3 and 2; Billington beat Stockdale, 2 up; **Humphreys** lost to Bell, 2 down; Ranells beat Nabb, 6 and 5; Richardson lost to Stevenson, 4 and 3; Thomas lost to Seager, 4 and 3; Clark lost to Johnson, 2 and 1; Whiteman beat Henshaw, 3 and 1.