

Seven up for champ Gordon



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GORDON Edwards (Bromborough) added another remarkable chapter to his magnificent golfing record by winning the Cheshire matchplay championship at windswept Wallasey to collect his seventh county title, four at matchplay, three strokeplay.

His first matchplay success was in 1964 - the year his final opponent, 22 yr old Gareth Bradley (Bramhall), was born!

Now 53, he still plays off scratch, one of only a handful of men in the country to hold that magic mark.

His grooved swing and ideal temperament helped him to master difficult conditions against younger opponents who might have hit the ball further but could not match his quality around and on the greens. His putting was exceptional.

Bradley, one of Cheshire's best young players, had gained a reputation of being something of a Houdini in escaping from what seemed certain defeat in earlier rounds.

He was three down against Phil Jones (Bromborough) and Andrew Hill (Hazel Grove), but recovered to win both on the 18th and against defending champion Chris Harrison (Romiley) in the semi-final, he was two down after 8 holes but still made it.

And he looked like repeating his escape act against Edwards, who

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opened with a birdie 3 and was three up after six holes. Then Bradley went birdie-par-birdie to win three holes in succession to turn all square.

But Edwards, strongly supported by Bromborough clubmates, with club captain Charles Abbott caddying for him as well, quickly ended the Bradley charge.

He played six holes from the 9th in one under par, the turning point coming at the short 12th where Brad-



CONGRATULATIONS to new Cheshire champion Gordon Edwards (Bromborough) from Charles Abbott, the captain of his club, who caddied for him.

ley three-putted. The Bromborough champion then holed an eight yard birdie putt at the 13th, followed with another birdie, four at the next where Bradley topped his drive, and was three up with four to play. The match ended at the short 16th as Edwards holed another vital five-footer.

Edwards enjoyed his share of good fortune in the semi-final against favourite Phil Bailey (Caldy), who should have been three up after five holes. But he missed several six foot putts

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Whitehead strikes in title boost

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BROMBOROUGH three-wicket win against Port kept them at the top of the Mersey-petition table.

Whitehead's win with an unbeaten 46 wicket stand by Kegg (41) afost two wickets at three balls.

scoring Irby d to a draw by g Caldly after wman (79) and Mike (38) had st towards a de- 81-5. Caldly were ort with one eft at the close. rday's game at Irby skipper Jeff hit an unbeaten

's Les Atwell hit beaten 54 in a raw against Birk- St Mary's while

new star turn

TKINS (New Brighton) has won the first heat by Cricket Club's search for Merseyside's founder, writes Harold Wolfe.

was a clear winner by scoring 156 points, Tony Lynch (Northern) who got 135 points, Steve Crawley (69) and Ian Stuart from Heat, who obtained 40 points.

player starts with 100 points, scores 25 for wicket taken and loses 25 each time he is sed.

nds bowled well to take three wickets for 33 and lost his wicket only once.

LIVERPOOL CRICKET COMPETITION

HIGHTOWN V. FORMBY
Hightown (3 pts) drew with Formby (4 pts)

HIGHTOWN

Osborne c Mitchell b Chubbs (P)	1
Gwyther c Chubbs (D) b Edwards	42
Williams b Chubbs (D)	14
Gleeson c Edwards b Mannion	13
Appleton c Mitchell b Mannion	29
Arthur b Chubbs (D)	6
Cropper c Nation b Chubbs (D)	17
Murphy c Simpson b Chubbs (P)	22
Heathcliff-Gore not out	10
Extras	3
Total (8 wkts dec)	157

Did not bat: Honour, Wright.
Bowling: Chubbs (D) 3-46, Chubbs (P) 2-39, Edwards 1-28, Mannion 2-41.

FORMBY

OXTON V BIRKENHEAD PK
Oxton (3 pts) lost to Birkenhead Park (20 pts) by three wkts.

OXTON

Ewing lbw Codrington	22
Crawley lbw Codrington	15
Taylor (P) b Carlton	35
Skeete b Davies	9
Croker c Platt b Davies	6
Hamilton c Steele b Davies	6
Cashin c Carlton b Davies	3
Taylor (A) c McCormick b Davies	0
Coutts lbw Carlton	0
O'Brien c McCormick b Davies	0
Fell not out	0
Extras	4
Total	96

Bowling: Codrington 2-34, Carlton 2-23, Davies 6-22.

SOUTHPORT V ST HELENS RECS
Southport (5 pts) drew with St Helens (7 pts)

SOUTHPORT

Thornton c Leyland b Harrison	25
Dooley c Illidge b Aconley	28
Arcari c Leyland b Harrison	28
Swift not out	65
Ford b Tickle	42
Pickard c Leyland b Tickle	21
Roberts b Tickle	1
Hughes-D'Aeth c Bryson b Harrison	13
Counce c Hitchmough b Harrison	0
Extras	25
Total (8 wkts dec)	222

Did not bat: Walker, Jones.
Bowling: Aconley 1-23, Illidge 0-23, Harrison 4-32, Whitfield 0-69, Tickle 3-56.

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SOUTHPORT

Thornton b Counce	47
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