

# GOLF.

## CHESHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP AT PRENTON.

The Cheshire County Championship meeting was continued at Prenton yesterday in heavy rain which was accompanied by a strong north-westerly gale. The course was in a saturated state, and many of the bunkers held water. Two rounds of match play were down for decision, and G. Tweedale, the holder, survived both. He will be joined to-day in the semi-finals by A. H. Reynolds, of Wallasey, J. E. Hassall, of Bromborough, and K. Stoker, of Royal Liverpool. There were no big surprises, though the four representatives of the Stockport club were all dismissed.

Tweedale did not make a very good start, and found himself one down at the turn to L. P. Dinn, of Caldy. He, however, took the lead at the twelfth, and won by two up. It was expected that C. Ashbrook would give Hassall a good game, but the match finished on the fourteenth green. Hassall adapted himself better to the conditions and played well. He was two up at the turn, and was out in 36. From the twelfth Ashbrook lost three holes in succession. A. Macbeth, after being three down at the fourth, took his match to the nineteenth, where he beat A. H. Holford, who tied for the leading place in the qualifying rounds. It was a match in which the fortunes varied, as Macbeth was three up with six to play and was square at the seventeenth. At the extra hole Macbeth won with a perfect three.

A. H. Reynolds and A. N. Roberts, both members of the Wallasey Club, had a ding-dong struggle, the match going the full distance. They were square at the ninth, and Reynolds became dormy at the fifteenth. Roberts won the next two, but could obtain only a half at the eighteenth. I. Sidebottom did not start well against A. A. Reid, of Bromborough, and was two down at the turn. The Stockport player, however, came home brilliantly. He was wonderfully accurate in the short game, and won the match at the sixteenth. The match between W. F. Ashbrook, of Stockport, and Wittle, of Royal Liverpool, fluctuated considerably. Wittle was four up at the fifth, but after that Ashbrook, as on the previous day, played like one inspired. The match was square at the ninth, and the Stockport player took the lead for the first time at the eleventh, where he put his iron shot dead. Wittle won the next two, and halves in par figures followed to the end. T. N. Sidebottom, of Stockport, and K. Stoker did not have to play in the first round, as their opponents scratched.

Though the weather was still boisterous the rain had almost stopped when the second round was begun. Tweedale was opposed to Macbeth, and the two exchanged holes up to the turn, where they were all square. Up to that point Tweedale had missed three short putts. He made a similar mistake at the tenth, but was three up at the fifteenth. Macbeth at the sixteenth got a two, but the next went to the Wilmslow player. I. Sidebottom against Hassall won the first two holes, but Hassall was successful at the sixth and eighth, and was square at the turn. Sidebottom again took the lead at the tenth, but lost the next two, and Hassall was two up with three to play. Sidebottom holed a long putt for a two at the sixteenth, but could not do better than halve the last two.

Against T. N. Sidebottom, Reynolds was two down with five to play, but after squaring at the fifteenth he won the seventeenth and the match. Stoker played well in beating his fellow-club member, J. P. R. Wittle. The match was finished on the seventeenth green, Stoker having an approximate score of 72 for seventeen holes. He was two up at the turn, was square at the twelfth, and won the fifteenth and sixteenth.

### FIRST ROUND.

- A. Macbeth, Bowdon, beat A. H. Holford, Leasowe, at 19th.
- G. Tweedale, Wilmslow, beat L. P. Dinn, Caldy, 2 up.
- T. N. Sidebottom, Stockport, w.o., E. Spencer, Ringway, scratched.
- A. H. Reynolds, Wallasey, beat A. N. Roberts, Wallasey 1 up.
- I. Sidebottom, Stockport, beat A. A. Reid, Bromborough, 3 and 2.
- J. E. Hassall, Bromborough, beat C. Ashbrook, Stockport, 5 and 4.
- J. P. R. Wittle, Royal Liverpool, beat W. F. Ashbrook, Stockport, 1 up.
- K. Stoker, Royal Liverpool, w.o., J. A. Philips, Prenton, scratched.

### SECOND ROUND.

- Tweedale beat Macbeth, 3 and 1.
- Reynolds beat T. Sidebottom, 1 up.
- Hassall beat I. Sidebottom, 1 up.
- Stoker beat Wittle, 2 and 1.

There was a special prize for the best aggregate score in the qualifying rounds for which A. H. Holford and A. N. Roberts tied. They played off over eighteen holes and Holford was successful.

A first division handicap had attracted 114 entrants, but many did not turn out on account of the weather. The winner proved to be F. B. Schofield, of Delamere Forest, with a net return of 76. He had a handicap allowance of three strokes. Scores:—

	H'cap.	Net.
F. B. Scholfield, Delamere Forest . . . . .	3	76
F. R. Elison, Heswall . . . . .	6	78
S. A. Whiteford, Prenton . . . . .	7	79
W. F. Ashbrook, Stockport . . . . .	4	80
P. E. Spencer, Ringway . . . . .	5	81
F. Hale, Higher Bebington . . . . .	5	81
F. J. Bryant, Helsby . . . . .	6	81
E. V. Pugh, Wallasey . . . . .	6	81
G. Q. Dinn, Royal Liverpool . . . . .	scr.	82
E. Evans, Wallasey . . . . .	2	83
A. L. Hodgson, Bromborough . . . . .	5	83
F. S. Wilcox, Ringway . . . . .	5	83
F. Owens, Prenton . . . . .	7	83
W. G. Clegg, Delamere Forest . . . . .	1	84
H. R. Ragg, Calder . . . . .	3	84
C. R. Darlington, Hale . . . . .	3	84
C. W. Clare, Prenton . . . . .	5	84
H. Morton, Ringway . . . . .	5	84
W. W. Wilson, Wallasey . . . . .	5	85

Cheshire have selected the following team to meet the Midland counties at Prenton, near Birkenhead, to-morrow. The order of play will be:—Foursomes: John Ball and G. Tweedale, K. Stoker and A. J. Graham, J. E. Hassall and A. H. Holford, I. Sidebottom and C. Ashbrook, P. Ogden and A. Macbeth, G. B. Farrar and A. N. Roberts. Singles: G. Tweedale, K. Stoker, J. E. Hassall, John Ball, A. J. Graham, I. Sidebottom, C. Ashbrook, A. H. Holford, A. N. Roberts, A. Macbeth, P. E. Ogden, G. B. Farrar.