

**GOLF.**

**G. TWEEDALE RETAINS THE CHESHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The second contest for the Amateur Championship of Cheshire was finished yesterday over the course of the Prenton Club, Birkenhead, and G. Tweedale, of Wilmslow, the holder, again proved too good for the opposition. In the final he beat J. E. Hassall, of Bromborough, one of the leading players in the Wirral district, where plus golfers are very plentiful, by two holes.

There was a welcome change in the weather from that of Wednesday and Thursday, and although the semi-finalists had not gone far on their journey before there was a heavy fall of rain and hail the storm did not last long. After that there was brilliant sunshine throughout the day, and a breeze which did good service in helping to dry the course.

It was generally conceded that the best two players entered for the championship had kept clear until the final, and opinion was fairly evenly divided about what would happen in the last test. Tweedale owed much to his unperturbable temperament. In all but one of his earlier matches he was down at the turn, and in the exception he was only square at the half-way stage. In the final, however, he was two up at the ninth. This was the result of his brilliant play, and not of slackness on the part of his opponent. He might have taken the lead at the first hole but was prevented by a stymie, but he won the next with a six-yard putt. There was no change in the game until the eighth, where Tweedale increased his advantage through Hassall missing a reasonable putt. Two holes earlier the Bromborough player had appeared likely to square the match. Two perfect shots left him six inches from the hole, whereas Tweedale, after pushing his tee shot into the rough, just reached the edge of the green with his second. He, however, holed out from 20 yards for a three and a half. There were two similar incidents on the homeward journey. At the thirteenth Tweedale, as usual, had the longer tee shot, and his ball came to rest only 25 yards from the punchbowl green. He only half hit his approach, and the ball stopped at the top of the slope to the hole. He took his putter and, after carefully examining the green, "borrowed" quite a yard and holed out from quite 15 yards. He won that hole in three to four, Hassall missing a two-yard putt for a three. At the fifteenth the Wilmslow player topped his drive and was left quite 100 yards behind. He played a fine brassie shot, but was too short, and his third he placed hole high but off the green. He then holed out with his mashie, and Hassall could not do better than get down in four.

Tweedale was also responsible for a masterly stroke at the twelfth. He drove quite 300 yards into a cross bunker, in which there was a pool of water. The ball was covered, but standing the water, Tweedale reached the green 60 yards away in brilliant style. That gave him a half which was not expected. He had against all these fine recoveries one bad hole. That was at the eleventh, where in pressing for length with his second he pulled the ball into a ditch. He had to be content with playing out and took five to reach the green. He lost that hole in seven to five. That was Hassall's first winning hole, and the next was at the fourteenth—a one shot hole,—where Tweedale was short from the tee and bunkered. Hassall also won the seventeenth after Tweedale had become dormy two. Each had the excellent total of 72 for the eighteen holes.

Both the semi-finals were fine struggles. Tweedale was one down against Reynolds at the turn, but the match was squared at the first homeward hole. Reynolds should have regained the lead at the eleventh, where Tweedale was short with his approach, but lost the chance by taking three putts. Tweedale took the lead at the twelfth and increased it at the fifteenth. Reynolds got one back at the short sixteenth, but, thanks to a three-yard putt, Tweedale won the seventeenth and the match. The game between Hassall and R. Stoker, of the Royal Liverpool Club, was an even closer struggle. They were out in 36 each, and were all square at that stage. Stoker having won the first and eighth and Hassall the fourth and seventh. Hassall took the lead at the tenth, where Stoker sliced his drive into the rough, and hit a tree in playing for the green. They were square at the

twelfth and again at the sixteenth, after Stoker had led at the fifteenth. Going to the seventeenth Stoker slightly nooked his drive and finished in a ditch. He had to pick out under penalty, and then lost the home hole.

**Semi-finals.**

G. Tweedale (Wilmslow) beat A. H. Reynolds (Wallasey) two and one.  
J. E. Hassall (Bromborough) beat K. Stoker (Royal Liverpool) two up.

**Final.**

Tweedale beat Hassall two up.

In a second division handicap competition F. A. Law and J. S. Batty, of Prenton, tied with 32 net. On the replay over nine holes the former was successful. The following were the leading returns:—

	G.	H.	N.
F. A. Law, Prenton.....	81	9	72
J. S. Batty, Prenton.....	80	8	73
J. Martin, Ringray.....	86	13	73
G. Thornburn, Ashton-on-Mersey.....	81	7	74
A. Robinson, Prenton.....	85	11	74
A. V. Lee, Prenton.....	83	9	74
W. E. Yoods, West Cheshire.....	85	10	75
J. M. Campbell, Leasowe.....	85	10	75
Hon. W. Hulme Lever, Bromborow.....	87	11	76
A. A. McIvor, Prenton.....	87	11	76
A. G. Blamey, Wilmslow.....	86	10	76
W. H. Owen, Prentce.....	90	14	76

In the final of the Yorkshire Ladies' Challenge Bowl competition, on the Hallamshire links, Sheffield, yesterday, Miss Wragg, Sheffield and District (4), beat Miss Rooksley, Sheffield and District (18), 3 and 1.