

GOLF

CHESHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The third competition for the amateur championship of Cheshire was continued yesterday on the links of the Stockport club at Torkington, and for the first time this year, at any rate in this district, the conditions confirmed the calendar, for play was carried on in a blaze of sunshine that was almost overpowering. On Wednesday sixteen players had been selected by a stroke test over 36 holes to go on with the competition under knock-out rules, and as a result of yesterday's matches K. Stoker (Royal Liverpool), I. Sidebottom (Stockport), M. Schunck (Hale), and G. Tweedale (Wilmslow), who had won the title in the two previous years, qualified for the semi-finals this morning.

In the first round there were some uneven games, and one of these was that in which I. Sidebottom, the runner-up two years ago, beat the Northenden representative. Roberts played well at the beginning, being only one down at the seventh, but after that he lost his touch on the greens, and had to acknowledge defeat at six successive holes. For the thirteen played Sidebottom's score averaged one over fours. Stoker lost the first two holes to A. E. Smith, of Helsby, but a two at the fourth made the game level, and from that point Stoker made steady progress to victory. He was out in 37, which gave him a lead of two up, and although he missed chances at the tenth and eleventh and played the fifteenth badly there was no doubt about the issue. He became dormy, and finished the match with another two. J. E. Hassall, the defeated finalist last year, was not lucky, but despite that he easily beat Norton, of Ringway. On three of the first six holes he was laid stymies, one of which was overcome by a lofted short played about a yard from the hole. Another Ringway player, E. Street, gave M. Schunck a hard game, and forced him to the nineteenth by winning the eighteenth, where he holed out with his mashie when playing over a bank at the back of the green. Tweedale was dormy three against G. O. Mackenzie, of Stockport, but lost the short hole and played the next caunily. He made certain of straightness by using an iron on the tee, and was rewarded, as that straight shot decided the hole.

In the afternoon Hassall and Stoker had an interesting game, which Stoker won at the seventeenth. They were all square playing the third, and Stoker took the lead there through laying a chip shot dead from the edge of the green and through his opponent putting weakly from five feet. He also won the fourth by playing much the better second, and from that point Hassall was always fighting an uphill battle, in which what luck there was went against him. Hassall deserved a two at the fifth but had to be content with a half in three, and he became three down at the ninth, where his drive found a bad place which demanded the use of a niblick, after which he saw his putt for a four hit the hole without dropping. Hassall got one back at the fourteenth, but was not allowed another success.

Sidebottom first obtained a lead over Macbeth at the third, where the Hale player "fluffed" his second into a bunker. After the fifth, however, Macbeth had a slight advantage, which gave him a lead of one hole at the turn. This he lost at the tenth, where his mashie shot found a bunker against the green, and at the fourteenth he was two down. At the fifteenth Sidebottom became dormy through playing the better chip shot, and the match ended at the short hole. Schunck played finely, very long driving being a feature of his game, and Kinsey was easily beaten. Tweedale was not in his best form against Wilmott, halved the short fifth in five through taking three putts after his opponent had been out of bounds, and was one down at the ninth, Kinsey having won the seventh with a putt of five yards. The match was squared at the tenth, and Wilmott lost the short eleventh by following an out-of-bounds shot with another weak effort from the tee. They were level again at the thirteenth, but Tweedale then won two holes in succession and refused to relax the grip thus obtained on the game. The results were as follows:—

FIRST ROUND.

- K. Stoker, Royal Liverpool, beat A. E. Smith, Helsby, 4 and 2.
- J. E. Hassall, Bromboro, beat B. Norton, Ringway, 5 and 4.
- I. Sidebottom, Stockport, beat J. Roberts, Northenden, 7 and 5.
- Alan Macbeth, Bowdon, w.o.; J. H. Sidebottom, Stockport, scratched.
- M. Schunck, Hale, beat E. Street, Ringway, at 19th.
- W. J. Kinsey, Stockport, beat G. Davies, Northenden, 3 and 2.
- G. Tweedale, Wilmslow, beat G. O. Mackenzie, Stockport, 3 and 1.
- F. W. Wilmott, Prestbury, beat W. F. Ashbrook, Stockport, 4 and 3.

SECOND ROUND.

- Stoker beat Hassall, 2 and 1.
- Sidebottom beat Macbeth, 3 and 2.
- Tweedale beat Wilmott, 2 and 1.
- Schunck beat Kinsey, 8 and 7.

In a first division handicap competition 75 promised to be the winning score until K. T. Blainey, a member of the Stockport Club, who was No. 77 on the list of players, came in with 77—7—70. The leading scores were:—

	Gross.	H'cap.	Net.
K. T. Blainey, Stockport	77	7	70
C. R. Darlington, Hale	77	2	75
J. Bullock, Disley	75	pl.1	76
J. P. Carr, Royal Liverpool	77	1	76
C. K. Parker, Delamere	79	3	76
H. S. Kay, Alderley Edge	81	5	76
D. McIntyre, Stockport	83	6	77
T. H. Acton, Bramhall	84	7	77
G. H. Gashall, Disley	82	4	78
N. Birtles, Alderley Edge	82	4	78
J. H. Baxted, Crews	85	7	78
H. Risk, Sale	85	7	78
A. Macbeth, Bowdon	79	scr.	79
L. W. Finlow, Crews	85	6	79
T. Boyd, Romiley	85	6	79
J. D. Russell, Timperley	85	6	79
W. E. Manning, Davenport	85	6	79
J. Oliver, Prestbury	86	7	79
H. L. Holden, Bowdon	80	scr.	80
T. G. Armstrong, Timperley	85	5	80
R. G. Varcoe, Stockport	86	6	80
A. H. Holford, Royal Liverpool	80	pl.1	81
H. Arundel, Stockport	85	3	81
J. Morgan, Ringway	84	2	81
C. H. Megson, Hale	86	5	81
W. Hunt, Sale	87	6	81
A. G. Blamey, Wilmslow	88	7	81
G. W. Yates, Hazel Grove	86	4	82
H. Morris, Timperley	88	6	82
A. N. Roberts, Wallasey	82	pl.1	83
G. V. Stavert, Wallasey	83	scr.	83
R. H. Calcraitt, Disley	84	1	83
T. N. Sidebottom, Stockport	84	1	83
T. M. Kirkby, Bramhall	87	4	83
J. Maunders, Timperley	87	4	83

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF FRANCE.

DIEPPE, THURSDAY.

The second day's play in the open amateur championship of France leaves four players to contest the concluding stages, and of these Michael Scott, the holder of the title, a West of England golfer, who has entered from Le Touquet, is the favourite. In the semi-final he will meet P. Bingham, an entrant from St. Cloud, Paris, while the other semi-final match will be between G. R. McCall, the young Oxford University golfer, and Lieutenant Colonel G. D. Hannay, of Addington.

This morning Bernard Drew, the runner-up last year, was beaten by 2 and 1 by the native player, A. M. Vagliano, who entered from Chantilly, but who plays a great deal of his golf on the same links as Drew—Sunningdale. G. N. P. Humphries, the Midland golfer and formerly Cambridge University leader, on Wednesday defeated F. M. Bacon, sen., of Garden City, America, but in the third round to-day F. M. Bacon, jun., of Oxford University, avenged his father's defeat. This match came to the eighteenth hole with the players all square, but Humphries missed his drive at the nineteenth.

G. H. Beeche, the Paris golfer, who won the first amateur championship of France 19 years ago, was beaten by Michael Scott by 4 and 3. In the fourth round the holder had a more difficult task against Vagliano. The Frenchman played splendid golf and was beaten by only one hole. McCall played the best golf of the afternoon, and gave F. M. Bacon no chance at all. He went out in 35, which gave him a lead of five holes and enabled him to win the match four holes later.

BURBAGE (LADIES).—The competition for the challenge cup, presented by Mr. Robert Whitehead at the inauguration of the club 24 years ago, was played over 36 holes, and resulted in a win for Miss Simmers, who had been the winner in two previous years. The best returns were:—Miss Simmers, 195—46—149; Miss Bennett, 175—18—157; Miss Kershaw, 218—60—158; Miss Langford, 197—36—161; Miss Shipton, 199—36—163; Mrs. Hardy, 204—38—166; Miss Scudder, 183—16—167.

STAND (LADIES).—The best returns in the July monthly medal were:—Mrs. E. Booth, 99—24—75; Mrs. R. Lord, 96—17—79; Mrs. G. Taylor, 100—21—79; Mrs. Beard, 115—34—81; Mrs. E. Borthwell, 111—29—82; Mrs. Shinley, 120—36—84; Mrs. H. Thorp, 121—36—85.

DISLEY (LADIES).—In the competition for the prize given by the captain, Mr. Frank Stringer, the best scores were:—Mrs. Sidebottom, 86—21—65; Mrs. Leigh, 104—33—71; Mrs. Johnson, 112—35—77; Mrs. E. Sidebottom, 113—36—77; Miss Green, 99—22—77; Mrs. Steuart, 109—30—79; Mrs. Simpson, 111—30—81; Miss Heugart, 104—23—81; Mrs. Brittlebank, 117—36—81; Miss Calcraitt, 126—36—90; Mrs. Gravelley, 114—21—93.