

GOLF.

Cheshire the First County Champions.

SURREY'S RECOVERY AT FORMBY.

Cheshire, at Formby yesterday, became the first county champions of the English Golf Union. Thirteen counties, represented by three players each, took part in two medal rounds, and the winners finished seven strokes ahead of Surrey. Lancashire and Warwickshire tied for third place. After the morning round Cheshire had a total of 226, and towards the close there was a possibility of a close finish, as I. Sidebottom required eleven strokes more for his second round than at his earlier attempt, but D. E. Landale and G. B. Farrar remained steady, and Cheshire won well.

Surrey made a splendid recovery in the afternoon to advance from the seventh to the second place. All three representatives made considerable improvement on the figures of the first round, but it was not enough to give them the first place.

Though the conditions were all that could be desired the scores were not as low as were expected. The scratch score of the links is fixed at 77, but that figure was beaten only fourteen times during the day. The amateur record of the course, 72, by C. J. H. Tolley in the qualifying rounds of the open championship two years ago, still stands, as the best single round was 74, at which D. E. Landale (Cheshire), T. P. Perkins (Warwickshire), and G. N. P. Humphries (Worcester) tied. Landale and Perkins also led the field for the 36 holes with 150.

At the end of the first round Cheshire led by nine strokes, the result of three very steady rounds. That was the best team performance of the day. D. E. Landale, of Royal Liverpool, when he came in with 76, led the field, but I. Sidebottom, of Stockport, followed shortly after a stroke better, and G. B. Farrar, of Royal Liverpool, added another 75. The last named was brought into the team at the eleventh hour in the place of J. E. Hassall, of Royal Liverpool, who telegraphed during the morning that the recurrence of trouble with a poisoned hand would prevent him from playing. Farrar started none too promisingly with a five and a six, but afterwards was always equal to par figures—or better. His performance was remarkable considering that he cast the sole of his shoe about half way round, and had to finish the eighteen holes with the shoe tied up with string. Sidebottom was out in 36, and began the homeward journey with a six, through taking three putts from six yards. Landale had a five and eight fours going out, his only mistake being at the short ninth, where he required three putts. Single putts gave him a three at the eleventh and a two at the sixteen, but at the seventeenth he missed his second shot and took six.

Worcestershire should have been much nearer the winners than nine strokes. G. N. P. Humphries gave them a good start with 74, and S. Lunt followed with 77. Then came R. P. Humphries with 84. "R. P." had two bad holes, both on the homeward journey. At the tenth he was in trouble all the way after a poor tee shot, reached the green in six, and took three putts, and at the fifteenth, where he got into sand, he took seven. He had gone out in 38, one stroke inside the bogey allowance.

Lancashire and Warwickshire tied for the third place at the half-way stage with 239 each. The Lancashire representatives were disappointing, and each suffered from the same complaint—weakness on the greens,—and that although they are all accustomed to seaside greens.

T. P. Perkins, of Warwickshire, tied with G. N. P. Humphries for the best single round in the morning, with 39 out and 35 home. The first nine included a six and a two, but the second half was brilliant. He was two under fours for eight holes, and at the last he missed a short putt for a four. Details:—

CHESHIRE.

	1st r'd	2nd r'd	Total
D. E. Landale	76	74	150
G. B. Farrar	75	77	152
I. Sidebottom	75	86	161

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SURREY.

H. D. Gillies	79	76	155
Hon. W. G. Brownlow	81	74	155
Major S. K. Thorburn	82	78	160

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LANCASHIRE.

S. Robinson	80	76	156
D. E. B. Sulby	81	76	157
R. H. Hardman	78	80	158

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WARWICKSHIRE.

T. P. Perkins	74	76	150
C. Bretherton	80	78	158
R. W. G. Zair	85	78	163

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WORCESTER.

G. N. P. Humphries	74	81	155
Stanley Lunt	77	83	160
R. P. Humphries	84	77	161

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YORKSHIRE.

N. W. Dunn	79	76	155
J. E. Gent	76	82	158
V. Robinson	86	81	167

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DURHAM.

A. C. Patterson	79	79	158
A. H. Dickinson	81	82	163
J. R. Rodner	81	85	166

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LEICESTER AND RUTLANDSHIRE.

J. T. Leach	81	75	156
K. H. R. Gibbs	79	85	164
W. H. M. Sutton	86	83	169

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HERTFORDSHIRE.

P. C. Burton	85	79	164
H. Le Fleming Shepherd	83	82	165
P. L. Smith	82	85	167

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DERBYSHIRE.

L. West	79	85	164
B. W. Malby	83	86	169
Rev. W. H. Foster Pegg	88	83	171

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BERKS, BUCKS, AND OXON.

G. MacCullum	81	81	162
A. R. Nall-Cain	83	83	166
J. L. S. Vidler	90	87	177

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NORTHUMBERLAND.

R. Thompson	87	79	166
G. Renwick	83	86	169
F. Sullivan	89	81	170

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STAFFORDSHIRE.

J. B. Beedard	79	77	156
F. S. Witherell	86	85	171
F. Sarr	89	97	186

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VETERANS' NEW CHAMPION.

The Veteran Ladies' Championship was won at Ranelagh yesterday by Mrs. Wingfield Stratford, who at one time captained Devon, and who has also represented Hampshire and Kent. Results:—

SEMI-FINALS.

Mrs. White (Roehampton) beat Miss Lockwood (Sheffield), 5 and 3.
 Mrs. Wingfield Stratford (Folkestone) beat Mrs. Willis (Wortley), 6 and 5.

FINAL.

Mrs. Wingfield Stratford beat Mrs. F. H. White, 5 and 4.

WELSH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Abandonment Probable.

Only twenty-four entries have been received for the Welsh Open Amateur Championship, which is fixed for May 10 and following days, at Southerndown. It is probable that, unless additional entries are received during the next two days, the event will be cancelled.

MANCHESTER LAWYERS' G.S.—At the spring meeting of the Manchester Lawyers' Golfing Society, held on the course of the Burdale Club, the challenge cup was won by H. E. Latham for the second year in succession, and the society's prizes in the better-ball bogey competition were won by G. F. Strange and E. H. Longson. Leading scores:—

Challenge Cup.

	Gross	Net
H. E. Latham	85	8
H. B. Carlisle	85	7
J. R. Butterfield	86	5
Fraser Sutton	95	14

Bogey Competition.

G. F. Strange (2) and E. H. Longson (20), 4 up.
 J. H. Addleshaw (11) and H. L. Addleshaw (12), 3 up.
 J. W. Robson (14) and H. Gilman Jones (16), all square.