

GOLF.

LANCASHIRE v. CHESHIRE

EASY VICTORY FOR THE NEW UNION.

Cheshire made an interesting debut as a county Golf Union on Saturday, when they met Lancashire at Hoylake on the Royal Liverpool Club's course. The teams were twelve a side, and singles and foursomes were played. Cheshire won all the foursomes and nine of the twelve single matches. There was a stiff breeze, and the greens were exceptionally fast. Cheshire had a remarkably strong side, which was captained by John Ball. Their only notable absentee was D. Berry, of Timperley, and Lancashire were without the services of R. W. Crummaek.

A. T. Dixon, the new Lancashire champion, played against John Ball, and the match aroused great interest. It was a hard struggle from start to finish. In the high wind both played a restrained game, and were content to sacrifice length for accuracy. After a couple of halves Dixon took the third hole, but the match was squared at the next, when Ball holed a putt of five yards for a three. Then followed eight halves, each hole being played almost perfectly, though the Cheshire player twice had chances to take the lead. At the seventh he socketed his ball when only two feet from the pin, while on the ninth he missed a yard putt for a win. He gained the lead for the first time at the thirteenth, where he holed out from fifteen yards. Two holes later he won again and, the rest being halved, he finished the match on the seventeenth green. In the foursomes Ball and his partner, Tweedale, of Wilmslow, were the only Cheshire pair to be down at the turn. At the seventh they were no fewer than four holes in arrears. Up to that point their play had been very indifferent in comparison with that of A. T. Dixon and S. Robinson, but they did not lose another hole, and gradually reduced their arrears until the match was square at the seventeenth. Winning the last in four to five they gained a remarkable victory. W. Walker, of Leasowe, played as fine golf as anyone during the day. In his match against A. W. Smith, of Worsley, he never made a mistake, and after being seven up at the eighth finished the match on the twelfth green.

The match between C. Ashbrook and C. H. Reid took a remarkable turn. Reid stood two up at the eighth, but then Ashbrook won five holes in succession. Reid had a spell of ill-luck during that period, though Ashbrook was playing sound golf. At two holes he was penalised through sending his ball into rabbit scrapes, and at another he lost a ball. Ashbrook at the twelfth, after going over the green with his approach, holed out from a hazard. S. Robinson, who won the Lancashire title in 1914, had a hard match against T. F. Ellison, and led all the way up to the ninth. Ellison, however, won the twelfth and thirteenth, and won the match on the seventeenth green.

Cheshire play their second team match on July 9, at Delamere Forest, against the Midland Golf Association. The championship meeting will begin on the preceding Wednesday, July 6, when two medal rounds will be played to select sixteen players who are to compete in the match stages. The scores will also count for the club championship, and the best four returns for each club will count. On the Thursday there will also be a handicap competition limited to players with not more than seven strokes for eighteen holes, and on the Friday a similar handicap for those with allowances of over seven and not more than 18 strokes. The entries for the championship and the handicaps close to-morrow, and should be forwarded to Mr. D. T. Mylrea, Priory Mount, Sale. The results on Saturday were:—

SINGLES.

Cheshire		Lancashire.	
John Ball (Royal Liverpool), 2 and 1	1	A. T. Dixon (Formby)	0
T. F. Ellison (Royal Liverpool), 2 and 1	1	S. Robinson (Southport and Ainsdale)	0
J. L. Hassall (Bromborough)	0	W. Henderson (Hesketh), 3 and 2	1
G. Tweedale (Wilmslow), 5 and 4	1	C. Hammersley (Hesketh)	0
W. B. Charles (Royal Liverpool), 6 and 5	1	F. C. Harrison (Formby)	0
M. Schunke (Hale)	0	L. Blackburne (Southport and A.), 6 and 5	1
D. Brown (R. Liverpool)	0	H. F. Dixon, 1 up	1
C. Ashbrook (Stockport), 2 and 1	1	C. H. Reid (North Manchester)	0
K. Stoker (Royal Liverpool), 5 and 2	1	S. S. Potter (Formby)	0
W. Walker (Leasowe), 8 and 6	1	A. W. Smith (Worsley)	0
I. Sidebottom (Stockport), 6 and 5	1	A. Holt (Reddish Vale)	0
A. H. Reynolds (Walsley), 5 and 2	1	A. C. P. Medrington (Bukdale)	0
Total	9	Total	3

FOURSOMES

J. Ball and G. Tweedale, 1 up	1	A. T. Dixon and S. Robinson	0
F. T. Ellison and K. Stoker, 2 up	1	W. Henderson and C. Hammersley	0
J. E. Hassall and A. H. Reynolds, 3 and 2	1	F. C. Harrison and E. Blackburne	0
W. B. Charles and D. Brown, 3 and 1	1	H. F. Dixon and C. H. Reid	0
C. Ashbrook and I. Sidebottom, 4 and 2	1	S. S. Potter and A. W. Smith	0
M. Schuncke and W. Walker, 5 and 3	1	H. Holt and A. C. P. Medrington	0
Total	6	Total	0