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THE NEW PRESTBURY LINKS.

The number of excellent golf links in the Manchester district has been increased by the efforts of the Prestbury and Upton Club, who have made the best possible use of land admirably suitable for the game. The holes were planned by Mr. H. S. Colt, whose work probably gives more pleasure to players than that of any other British links architect. He has earned distinction as a player for his University and Sunningdale, and in constructing new courses he makes it his aim to demand accurate play and no "trick shots."

Table with 4 columns: No., Yards, No., Yards. Lists hole numbers and their respective lengths in yards.

The first two holes are good examples of Mr. Colt's idea that a man who plays his shots properly should not be punished. At each of them two straight hits of reasonable length will put the ball within pitching distance, but pulls or slices will not escape trouble. The third is a fine hole, for a long drive on to rising ground is required to give the player a view of the green, which has been cut out of the face of the hill. Any inaccuracy about the second stroke will mean that bogey cannot be equalled except by getting down with a single putt. The short fourth is another excellent test of high approaching, as the green is surrounded by bunkers, and at the fifth Mr. Colt has followed a plan he adopted successfully on the Eden course at St. Andrews. The green is on the side of a hill, and even after a good drive the second will have to be "cut" to prevent the ball from going over. No. 6, a long hole over undulating land, is a difficult bogey five, and the next is another completely bunkered short hole. The eighth is slightly "dog-legged," and a full drive is required to show up the green. The ninth drive has to be made from the top of a hill into a valley, and a well-hit second up another hill is necessary to make the registration of a five possible.

The first hole of the second half is a short one for which thirteens instead of threes are likely to appear on some cards, and at the eleventh, the tee for which is on a hill, it is a case of hit and hit again, and woe betide the hitter who does not follow the right line. The twelfth will not trouble an ordinary player, but at the thirteenth many a man will probably consider himself unlucky because only a carefully studied putt will give him a five. The next drive has to be made over a ravine, and even the player who misses a four will not decry the skill with which punishment has been left for anything but good play. It is one of the prettiest holes on the links. The fifteenth is first down and then up hill. "Colt" is written all over the next. The drive, made on a high, built-up tee, has to be forcibly hit over rough land, whilst only a full second will give the player a view of the green, which is round a corner. The last short hole is over a ravine on to a hill, and at the eighteenth there is an easy entrance to the green for the player who places his drive, whilst for the others considerable skill will be required with the second shot to ensure correct figures.

There is a variety about the course which will make it a great attraction to those who desire a day's good golf in one of the prettiest parts of Cheshire. The soil is sandy, and as soon as the turf has "settled" the Cheshire Union authorities will have to add Prestbury to the list of their championship links.

CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MITCHELL.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, MONDAY. The Southern Open Championship, decided on the Belle Meade Country Club's course, Nashville, resulted in a tie between Abe Mitchell (North Foreland) and Leo Diegel (Lochwood). On the replay Mitchell won with a score of 157 against 160 for 36 holes.

MANCHESTER PRESSMEN BEAT LIVERPOOL.

By the courtesy of the North Manchester Golf Club Manchester and Liverpool pressmen met in their return golf match yesterday. In the morning singles were played and Manchester won by nine matches to one. In the afternoon Liverpool were successful in the foursomes, winning three matches out of four. Details:—

Table showing results of Manchester vs Liverpool in singles and foursomes matches.

CLUB COMPETITIONS.

HALE v TIMPERLEY (LADIES).—At Hale. Result:—Hale, 5; Timperley, 0.

ASHTON-ON-MERSEY (LADIES).—In the final for the lady captain's prize Mrs. F. Lambert and Mrs. Broadly tied and played on, when Mrs. Broadly won with 75 net scores.

REDDISH VALE (LADIES).—The club memento for the best net score in the monthly medal competition was won by Mrs. Harrop. Best returns:—

SOUTHPORT AND AINSDALE v BIRKDALE (LADIES) (Second Teams).—Played at Ainsdale. Result:—Southport and Ainsdale II, 1; Birkdale II, 0.

NORTHELDEN (LADIES).—In the final for the Massey Davis Challenge Cup over 36 holes, Mrs. S. S. Neill was the winner. Scores:—

BLACKLEY.—In the tournament final for a prize presented by Mr. E. D. Shepherd Dr. Lennox Johnston was the winner.

ORMSKIRK.—The competition for the cottage Hospital Cup resulted as follows:—J. E. Glover, 1 up; F. Hayward, 1 down; T. Finch, 1 down; G. M. Gullick, 2 down; C. D. Gullick, 3 down; C. E. Hill, 3 down; J. A. Phillips, 3 down; C. G. R. Hill, 4 down; G. L. Woraley, 4 down; W. Fair, 4 down; A. G. Verity, 4 down.

ST. ANNES OLD LINKS.—The third qualifying round for the prize presented by the captain (Mr. B. F. Hargreaves) attracted 79 entrants. W. H. Ingham and C. Tattersall qualified. Scores:—

ABERDOVEY.—In the monthly medal competition the best scores were:—

REDDISH VALE.—The final for the prize given by the captain (Mr. J. T. Hepple) was won by R. Riley. Scores:—

HESKETH.—At the autumn meeting Harvey Dodd won the Pilkington "crash golf" medal and the memento presented by the club. J. S. Fairclough won the handicap prize presented by Mr. J. C. Taylor. Scores:—

BLACKPOOL NORTH SHORE.—The final for the captain's cup presented by Mr. F. E. Weige was won by A. O. Ferguson. Scores:—

MELLOR AND TOWNSHIP.—The prize presented by Sir Percy Woodhouse was won by D. Pott. Scores:—

SOUTHPORT AND AINSDALE.—The best scores for the Hall challenge prize were:—

HUDDESFIELD.—In a qualifying round for the captain's prize the best scores were:—

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK.—The best scores in the competition for the W. S. Gibbon Cup were:—

STOCKPORT.—The best scores in a better-ball competition were:—

HAVERPORT.—In a mixed foursomes competition the following were the best scores:—

HAZEL GROVE.—In a mixed foursomes competition for prizes presented by the captain and vice captain for ladies the following were the best scores:—

WHALEY BRIDGE.—In the final for the Ramsden Jodrell Cup E. Stott beat G. H. Burrows by 2 up and 1. In a mixed foursomes competition for prizes presented by Mr. F. C. Mather the best returns were: Mrs. M. Mather and S. R. Rider, 42; Mrs. Cunliffe and T. Collis, 42; Mr. and Mrs. Slack, 43; Miss Collis and J. P. Cunliffe, 45; Mr. and Mrs. Kay, 47; Miss M. Eyre and A. Eyre, 48; Mrs. Maynard and A. E. Brown, 49; Mrs. Hutton and G. H. Bull, 49; Miss and Colonel Ramsden Jodrell, 50.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—The result of the monthly medal replay (second division) was:—S. Sidebottom, 92-13-74; J. D. McGonigal, 102-22-80; Dr. W. Templeton, 107-25-82.

BIRKDALE.—The best returns in the competition for the president's prize were:—H. P. Fitch (5), 2 down; C. G. Hardman (5), 2 down; H. Goldsforth (11), 2 down; J. E. Malrow (11), 2 down; F. M. Findlow (11), 2 down; C. Moss (12), 3 down; C. Wall (1), 3 down; G. Howarth (8), 3 down; H. Brooks (10), 3 down; E. Pedmayre-Jones (12), 3 down; A. E. Whittaker (12), 3 down; C. B. Taylor (14), 3 down. In the replay for the Victory Cup C. G. Hardman won with 90-10-80.

CLAREMONT.—A match at Claremont between Claremont and the Old Sports resulted in a win for Claremont by 10 matches to 5.

ROCHDALE.—In a competition for a prize presented by Mr. C. H. Porritt Dr. L. White won with 2 up. In the final for the captain's prize Dr. White beat C. H. Porritt by 3 and 2.

WHITTAKER.—In the final of the knock-out competition for the "Emanuel Shackleton" trophy D. Bowden beat C. Hill by 3 and 2.

PRESTWICH (Ladies).—The final for the captain's (Mr. J. Woods) prize resulted in a tie between Miss Harrison, 1 down, and Mrs. Cunliffe, 1 down; Mrs. Reid was 2 down.

ELLESMERE.—The final for the captain's prize was won by W. Laybourne, with 80-11-69. Other scores were:—F. Plews, 87-17-70; A. Hughes, 89-18-71; N. M. G. Mott, 87-15-72; James Ellis, 90-15-75; G. Greenhalgh, 87-15-75.

HEATON PARK.—The final for the gold medal was won by Percy Ashcroft, 77-2-75. Other scores were:—J. Ryder, 83-7-76; L. K. Farrar, 85-5-78; A. B. Smith, 96-16-80; W. H. Edwards, 97-17-80.

HEATON PARK (Ladies).—The gold medal was won by Mrs. Outhwaite, 77-16-61. Other scores were:—Mrs. Boothman, 81-21-63; Miss M. Roberts, 81-16-65; Miss E. Bowcott, 86-21-65; Mrs. Ratcliffe, 95-30-65.

TIMPERLEY.—The final for the prize given by the captain (Mr. M. Chapman) was won by B. Aldred, jun. Scores:—

BURY.—In the final of the monthly medal competitions T. Entwistle won the gold medal and J. H. Cunliffe and A. Dearden tied for the second prize. Scores:—

DIDSBURY v FAIRFIELD (LADIES).—Result:—Fairfield, 1; Didsbury, 0.

HOULDSWORTH.—In the competition for the Ashcroft Cup (best gross) and Mr. H. Hollingsworth's prize for the best net score the leading returns were:—

STAND (Ladies) v. ROCHDALE.—At Stand. Result:—Stand, 1; Rochdale, 0.

DISLEY v BRAMHALL (LADIES).—At Disley. Result:—Disley, 1; Bramhall, 0.

LOBDEN.—In a competition for prizes given by Messrs. W. and C. Ashworth the result was as under. A Hill beat all previous records for the course with a gross of 66. Scores:—

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.—The final for the prize given by the captain resulted in a win for W. H. Mee, whose gross and net returns beat all previous best made in any captain's competition. He beat bogey at seven holes. Scores:—

SALE (LADIES).—In the final for the "Margaret Smith" Cup Miss R. Dymally was the winner and Mrs. W. Taylor the runner-up. Scores:—

FAIRHAVEN.—The best scores in the final for the captain's prize were:—

HEATON MOOR (LADIES).—In the competition for the captain's (Mrs. Webster) prize Mrs. Brown qualified in the first division and Mrs. Clarke in the second. Scores:—

BOWDON v BUNHAM VILLAGERS. Result:—Bowdon, 1; Bunham, 0.

STAND.—The Mazonius shag and memento presented by Mr. R. Lord, were won by P. Worsley. Scores:—

PRESTWICH.—The result of the replay for the captain's prize was:—W. V. Wood, 156-14-142; P. A. Neville, 177-50-147. The "Walton-Holland" cup was won by George Oakes, with all square. The best scores in winter medal competition were:—

WILKINGTON.—At the autumn meeting T. B. Weir won the championship cup and H. Wilson the handicap prize. J. Stewart and R. D. Callison qualified in the summer bogey competition. Scores:—

H. Wilson, 80 11 65; T. Proctor, 84 10 74; R. N. Davies, 83 11 72; F. F. Williams, 86 12 74; T. B. Weir, 76 5 73; W. A. Carrington, 88 14 74; H. C. Crawford, 82 9 73; T. E. Quattrone, 82 7 73; J. D. McCann, 82 9 73; V. A. Roth, 82 7 73; Roberts, 77 3 74; F. S. Eden, 69 14 73; W. J. Deeley, 79 5 74; W. M. Heekie, 93 18 73.

W. S. Miller and W. Battersby, 87 11 76; W. Turvey and J. A. Reekie, 91 13 77; A. Robinson and S. Heywood, 91 12 78; F. Trace and J. Pendlebury, 89 9 80; H. Newton and C. G. Bennett, 92 12 80; R. S. Owen and E. Hancock, 95 13 80; W. Kinsey and W. Hague, 89 8 81; S. S. Jack and J. Hague, 89 8 81.

Mrs. Binns and W. E. Manning, 94 21 72; Miss McChery and A. McIntyre, 98 25 74; Mr. and Mrs. Bulcock, 98 23 74; Mr. and Mrs. J. Henshaw, 100 25 75; Mrs. Moscrop and A. J. Porritt, 95 17 78.

Mrs. Geor. Marsland and T. Hodgins, 92 21 71; Mrs. G. S. Brown and H. Bennett, 101 28 73; Mrs. T. Hodgins and G. W. Yates, 92 18 73; Miss M. Jackson and W. A. Johnson, 89 15 74; Miss Froggart and H. Mottram, 101 27 74; Mrs. F. Lingard and H. Marsland, 86 11 74.

Gerard Challenge Cup.—The best returns for the W. Warwick (8), 5 down; L. Watts (5), 4 down; E. Marsh (10), 6 down; R. Kinghorn (11), 6 down; H. T. Pigot (14), 6 down.

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