

GOLF.

Cheshire Championship Final.

BRAID WINS.

After a lapse of three years the championship of Cheshire amateur golfers has returned to the eastern side of the county. In the 26-holes final at Timperley on Saturday James Braid, jun., of Ringway, beat H. Cooke, of Bramall Park, by six up and four to play. The new title-holder is the elder son of the five times open champion, and it is an interesting fact that Braid, sen., concluded one of his big money matches on the same links twenty years ago when, partnered by Harry Vardon, he beat George Duncan and C. H. Mayo by nine and eight in a 72-holes contest, the first half of which was played at Walton Heath.

Braid, jun., has been in the Manchester district a little over two years. His southern club was Tooting Bec, and when he came north he joined Ringway, with a three handicap. At present he is a very sound scratch man. This was his second bid for the title. He played last year at Sandiway, but fell in the first round against W. Sutton, the present English champion.

His opponent on Saturday has a club allowance of three strokes, and if anything plays inside it. In this match he made a good fight, and did not deserve to be beaten by such a margin. He was deprived of two holes by stymies. One was at the eighth in the morning, where he lost his lead. He attempted to loft a shot less than a yard from the hole for a win, but knocked his opponent in and lost the hole. The other instance was at the fifth in the afternoon, when he attempted a similar feat for a half, but failed. Cooke's failing on Saturday was an inclination to slice. Had he not made many remarkable recoveries with his seconds he would have been in affairs very early. As it was he was two up at the third—he got an "eagle" three at the second, but lost the doglegged fourth.

After squaring at the eighth, up to which point he had all fours, Braid lost the ninth—his only really bad hole of the day. There he recorded a six. He sliced his tee shot into the rough and took three to reach the green. That was also the only hole where his putting was at fault, and where he required three strokes. Braid took the lead for the first time at the fourteenth, and finished the morning round one up with a score of 76 and without a three to his credit.

Cooke squared at the first hole in the afternoon, but was behind again at the next, where Braid all but got a three. Braid's golf was again consistently good, but Cooke's was not quite up to the standard of the morning. Braid was three up at the twenty-seventh, won the next in three and the long twelfth in five. He was downy at the thirteenth, and took the next.

INTER-COUNTY MATCHES.

Lancashire Beat Surrey.

Lancashire, Yorkshire, Surrey, and the Midlands engaged in their annual series of golf matches on the Little Aston course, near Birmingham, on Saturday. In the first series of singles Lancashire beat Surrey by six matches to four and the Midlands beat Yorkshire by five games to four with one halved.

In the first series of foursomes the Midlands won all five matches against Surrey while, Lancashire beat Yorkshire by three games to two.

Singles.	
Lancashire.	Surrey.
H. G. Bentley	0 R. Straker, 3 & 2 .. 1
A. M. Goodwin, 7 & 6 .. 1	D. S. Redmond .. 0
A. W. Smith	0 J. & F. Morrison, 2 & 1 .. 1
H. Shaw, 5 & 4	1 H. Lo Bas
H. Crutchley, 7 & 6	1 J. MacRae
J. R. Smith	0 P. C. Chase, 2 & 1 .. 1
L. K. Walker	0 G. Beharrell, 3 & 2 .. 1
A. Partington, 6 & 4 .. 1	T. Parry
J. C. Law, 2 & 1	1 Col. C. W. Myddelton .. 0
J. B. MacLaren, 1 up .. 1	W. C. Carr
Total	6 Total
	4

Singles.	
Midlands.	Yorkshire.
T. P. Perkins, 3 & 2 .. 1	N. W. Dunn
J. B. Beddard, 3 & 2 .. 1	A. Fell
D. S. Bruce	0 J. E. A. Platts, 1 up .. 1
Dr. G. J. Moore	0 F. Carr, 4 & 3
H. B. Bayliss	0 A. Sawden, 2 & 1
C. S. Buckley, 2 & 1 .. 1	O. White
G. N. P. Humphries, 3 & 2	1 F. E. Board
S. C. Matthews, halved .. 0	J. H. Aitchison, halved .. 0
F. Lunt, 4 & 3	1 T. Day
W. Archdale	0 R. Symington, 3 & 2 .. 1
Total	5 Total
	4

Foursomes.	
Lancashire.	Yorkshire.
Bentley and Goodwin .. 0	Fell and Carr, 1 up .. 1
Shaw & Crutchley, 1 up .. 1	Dunn and Platts
A. W. Smith and J. R. Smith, 1 up	1 White and Symington .. 0
Walker and Law	0 Sawden and Aitchison, 2 & 1
Partington & MacLaren, 6 & 5	1 Day and Board
Total	3 Total
	2

Mixed foursomes, which did not count as a part of the contest, were played in the forenoon yesterday, and Yorkshire and Lancashire beat the Midlands and Surrey in the friendly encounter by five to four. In the singles the Midlands beat Lancashire, and Surrey beat Yorkshire, and on the two days' play the Midlands won with a total of 18 matches, Lancashire being second with 11 matches, Yorkshire third with ten matches, and Surrey last with nine matches. Yesterday's results:—

Midlands.		Lancashire.	
Perkins, 7 & 5	1	Henriques	0
Teddard	0	Crutchley, 3 & 1	1
Beddard, 3 & 2	1	Shaw	0
Bruce, 5 & 4	1	Bentley	0
Moore, 3 & 2	1	Goodwin	0
Buckley	0	J. Smith, 1 up	1
Bayliss, 3 & 1	1	Partington	0
Humphries, 7 & 6	1	A. Smith	0
Lunt, 3 & 1	1	Walker	0
Matthews, 3 & 2	1	Law	0
Total	8	Total	2

Yorkshire.		Surrey.	
Platts, halved	0	Straker, halved	0
Fell	0	Redmond, 2 up	1
Carr	0	Morrison, 1 up	1
Sawden	0	Lo Bas, 3 & 2	1
Aitchison, 5 & 3	1	Chase	0
White, 4 & 3	1	Beharrell	0
Board	0	Parry, 2 & 1	1
Symington, 4 & 3	1	Myddelton	0
Day, 2 & 1	0	Carr	0
Dunn	0	McCrae, 1 up	1
Total	4	Total	4

SENIOR INTERNATIONAL.

A British Victory.

The series of international golf matches between the seniors of Great Britain, Canada, and America, ended at St. Andrews on Saturday. Britain won with 31 points, America being second with 15 points, and Canada, 12 points, third.

Play was by threesomes and a point given for each win. The most remarkable results were recorded by Admiral Farquhar (Britain), who beat Defoe (Canada) by nine up and eight to play, and Folk (America) by nine and seven.

THE SILVER TASSIE.

An American Disqualified.

Rex Hartley (Sunningdale) won the annual open golf tournament at Gleneagles for the "Silver Tassie," with a total of 146 for 36 holes. He took 74 for the first round, and later failed by one stroke to equal Cyril Tolley's record.

E. C. Dorbritz, an American, who is on holiday at Gleneagles, was disqualified as he was equipped with steel-shafted clubs which are illegal in British competitions. J. N. Smith (Earlsferry), runner-up to Tolley in the British amateur championship recently, tied for fifth place at 153. The leading totals were:

R. W. Hartley (Sunningdale) 144; W. Murray (Dunfermline) 148; R. W. Peattie (Cupar) 151; D. M. Stewart (Lundin Links) 151; J. N. Smith (Earlsferry) 153; J. McCredie (Edinburgh Mortonhall) 153; Alastair McLeod (Old Ranfurly) 153.

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