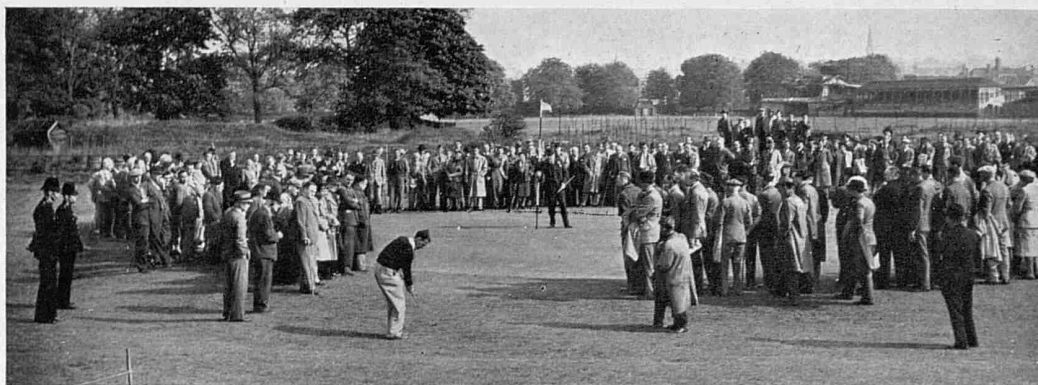
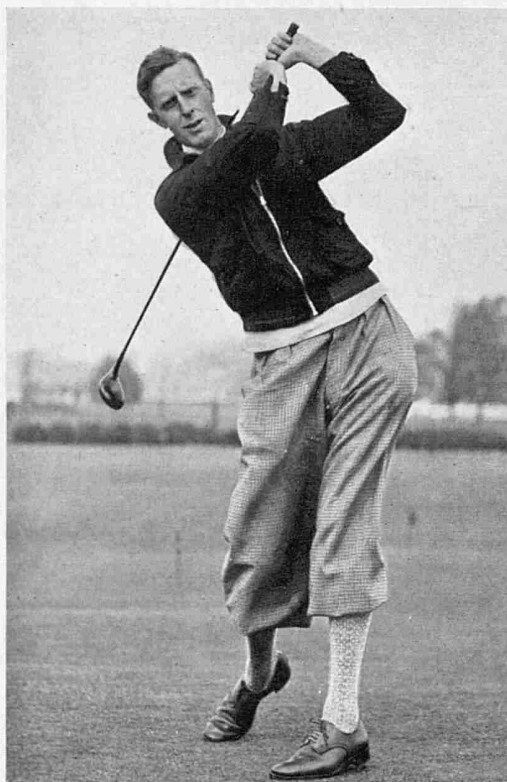


The Amateur Championship

THE amateur championship at Royal Mid-Surrey last week was a grand reunion. All the old, familiar faces, all slightly aged and the general level of erratic golf was another reminder of what we have missed in these last six years. But only the purists among the spectators minded the indifferent play; it was enough for most of us to saunter round this lovely course in a crowd which was reassuringly pre-war. Ian Patey, the 37-year-old chartered accountant from Hayling Island, the winner, reminded me strongly of Padgham—tall, slow, deliberate and utterly unfussy. Kenneth Thom, the loser by 5 and 4, was a finalist in the boys' championship just before the war, is 24 and still in the R.A.F. He intends to turn professional. Thom is fine to watch from the tee and through the green with his irons and altogether a better looking player than Patey. He lost because he couldn't keep straight, and despite some brilliant recoveries from sand bunkers, he further spoiled his chances by putting which would have made a rabbit blush. But we shall hear much more of him. Patey, a Hampshire champion, was out-driven at almost every hole, but he kept down the middle and his brassey shots were a dream. There were no preliminaries about these; he simply walked up to the ball and hit it. And for most of the match he was safer on the greens. Both players were over fours. The memorable shots of the match were Thom's—a high iron shot to within inches of the pin at the short 11th, and a magnificent recovery from a bunker at the 14th, where the match ended, when from more than 150 yards he put the ball to within a few feet of the pin.



A TENSE MOMENT at the 19th hole in the semi-final of the Amateur Championship. R. Pattinson, of Flackwell Heath, is playing on to the green after over-driving. He missed a short put and was beaten by I. R. Patey of Hayling Island.



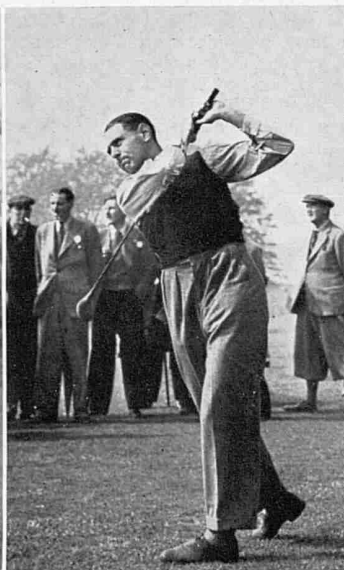
THE WINNER: Ian Patey, 37-year-old chartered accountant, who won the Amateur Championship at Royal Mid-Surrey by 5 and 4.



K. G. THOM who reached the final, was a finalist in the Boys' Championship just before the war. He is in the Royal Air Force.



BERTRAM D. CARRIS (Addington) playing in his match with Sam Kennedy whom he beat in the first round.



J. J. F. PENNINK, of Ashdown Forest, is driving over the 2nd tee in the first round, in this photograph.



P. B. LUCAS, of Sandy Lodge was beaten by K. G. Thom (Hendon) in the sixth round of the championship by 2 and 1.



LISTER HARTLEY, of East Berks, playing an iron shot in his first round match with V. Smith who beat him.