

Golf

# CHESHIRE TITLE RETAINED

**By a Special Correspondent**

J. T. Jones (Upton-by-Chester) retained the Cheshire amateur golf championship at Wilmslow on Saturday when he beat G. L. Johnson (Delamere Forest) in the 36-hole final one up. It was a deserved success, for Jones was the most consistent performer of a week in which in each round his figures were near par.

The position at the end of the first round was all square. Jones's golf had been the more accomplished, and he might have led by at least four holes had he struck his short putts more firmly. Several times he failed to get down from no more than three feet. Fortunately for him he did much better after lunch, and he holed some important putts at a time when Johnson, who was competing in his first final, was challenging him with great resolution.

Johnson held a slender lead only twice, once at the second and again at the twenty-first. However, during the holes to the turn in the afternoon he found the match moving swiftly against him because of some extremely fine golf by Jones, whose score of 3, 3, 4, 2, from the twenty-fourth to the twenty-seventh gave him a lead of three holes. Johnson made a brave fight of it coming home and, when he was only one down at the thirty-third, there was still hope for him. But at the thirty-fourth, with memories of wayward wooden club shots here previously, he chose to take iron from the tee and was bunkered. So Jones became dormy and, though Johnson won the short thirty-fifth with an almost perfect No. 7 iron shot, Jones was not in difficulties at the last hole.