

Golf

JONES AND CRIMES JOINT LEADERS

By a Special Correspondent

J. T. Jones (Upton-by-Chester), the holder, and the leader by two strokes after the first of the four rounds of the Cheshire amateur golf championship at Wallasey, was hunted strongly in the second round yesterday. He was caught with a total of 143 by E. Crimes (Bidston), while J. W. Howard (Royal Liverpool) is only one stroke behind.

Howard distinguished himself by equalling Jones's record of 69 on the opening day. This was a notable performance for the course, with more power in the wind from the sea, was at least two shots more difficult than on the first day. Crimes, one of the elder statesmen of Cheshire golf, has a method of challenging a course which only a few of the younger generation of Cheshire golfers possess. He was most methodical in his guidance of his tee shots and those at the green were controlled admirably. His finishing also was superb. He completed the first nine in 34 and was robbed of equalling the record by taking three strokes from the fringe of the eighteenth, the only time he wavered in getting close to the target.

Howard also went out in 34 and the figures came smoothly for him, apart from a four at the short fifth. He had four birdies and these were the foundation of his excellent score. A two at the eleventh provided him with the impetus of a record round but he missed a putt of 12ft. at the eighteenth to achieve it. Jones gave an indication that his golf was not likely to be comparable to that of the previous day when he cut his tee shot somewhat viciously at the first. Thereafter he was under considerable pressure in trying to compose himself. Forty-one to the turn was seven strokes more than he had taken for the outward half in the first round. But he broke through soon afterwards and a homeward half of 33, three under par, provided him with the basis of a total which may be of considerable value in his attempt to win his fourth title in succession. Qualifiers:

- 143—J. T. Jones (Upton-by-Chester) 69, 74; E. Crimes (Bidston) 73, 70.
 144—J. W. Howard (Wallasey) 76, 69.
 146—H. C. Branch (Sandiway) 73, 73.
 147—R. S. McLean (Chester), 72, 75.
 148—G. M. Edwards (Bromborough) 71, 77.
 149—M. F. Wesley (Upton-by-Chester) 77, 72.
 150—G. R. Chittenden (West. Hoylake) 73, 77; F. A. Griffiths (Wallasey) 76, 75.
 151—W. Williams (Arrowe Park) 76, 75; T. P. Taylor (Prestbury) 76, 76; R. F. Parkyn (Bramhall) 76, 75.
 152—M. J. Pearson (Royal Liverpool) 76, 76; A. O'Connor (Withington) 76, 76; D. H. L. Shone (Royal Liverpool) 78, 77; P. Dennett (Mere) 77, 76.
 153—A. B. Fraser-Thomson (Stockport) 75, 78.
 154—J. Madeley (Mere) 80, 74; H. R. P. Lonsdale (Prestbury) 78, 76; N. Jones (West. Hoylake) 76, 78.
 155—N. D. Howard (Mere) 78, 77; K. Davies (Upton-by-Chester), 78, 77; L. Winterburn (Leasowe) 78, 77; J. W. Woodcock (Prenton) 76, 79.
 156—J. R. Bennett (Warrington) 75, 81; T. C. H. Sale (Sandiway) 79, 77; M. A. P. Smith (Delamere Forest), 77, 70; R. P. Bullock (Cheshire) 77, 79; E. C. Woodhead (Disbury) 79, 77; J. Woolton (Prenton) 79, 77.
 157—L. Stevenson (Stockport) 73, 84; H. F. Fay (Northenden) 79, 78; G. D. Jack (Bramhall Park) 77, 80; L. J. Rannels (Prestbury) 78, 81; F. A. Hardy (Alderley Edge) 78, 79; T. G. Powell (Leasowe) 79, 78.
 158—A. V. Tune (Stockport) 80, 78; L. Wade (Hoylake) 80, 78; C. H. R. Meyer (Royal Liverpool) 80, 78; R. B. Hinton (Leasowe) 79, 79.