

## GOLF

# Edwards retains title

G. M. Edwards (Bromborough), who won the Cheshire amateur championship for the second time at Prestbury on Saturday has also won the match-play tournament twice in three years so can truly be regarded as the county's outstanding all-rounder.

There was never much doubt about his success at Prestbury after the first day's scores, including a 70 by A. J. Cliffe, had been washed out by persistent rain that made this one of the most miserable championships, weather-wise, in the history of the event. One competitor recalled that the last time the championship was played over the Prestbury course he had to put up his umbrella as protection against the terrific heat!

Edwards played himself into a winning position with two rounds of 72 and, with a lead of five shots, had only to play safe on the final round. In fact, he finished seven shots ahead of D. Wilkinson (Didsbury) who, as runner-up, reaped some reward for the hard work he puts into his game.

Cliffe, sorely disappointed by the loss of his first-day 70 and the reduction of the championship to 54 holes, rallied so well that he again produced the best score on

the last round, a 73, and took third place.

M. J. Pearson (Royal Liverpool), the holder, soon dropped out of a challenging position on Saturday. However, he came home in 35 on the third round and so won a respectable place in the final list.

A most encouraging feature for the county selectors was the performance of the 16-year-old R. E. Harrison (Werneth Low), who had rounds of 77, 77, 78, a most welcome sight on the scoreboard for a county seeking youthful talent.

- 226—G. M. Edwards (Bromborough), 72, 72, 70.  
 227—D. Wilkinson (Didsbury), 73, 76, 78.  
 228—A. J. Cliffe (Preston), 78, 77, 73.  
 231—P. H. Bennett (Mere), J. T. Jones (Upton-by-Chester), J. R. Bennett (Warrington).  
 232—R. A. Harrison (Werneth Low), T. Williams (Mere).  
 233—J. F. Paddin (Didsbury).  
 234—M. J. Pearson (Royal Liverpool), T. S. Adams (Rinkway), R. K. Bell (Romiley).  
 237—D. E. Goodchild (Bramall Park), P. Taylor (Withington), L. Wade (West Hoyle), J. E. Allen (Prestbury).  
 238—T. C. Garner (Wilmslow).  
 239—S. Kelly (Altrincham), R. Shawcross (Dukinfield), B. Armitage (Ashton-up-Mersey).  
 240—A. W. Renison (Royal Liverpool).  
 241—A. B. Fraser Thomson (Stockport).  
 D. H. Ryan (Bromborough).  
 242—S. Ball (Mere).  
 243—G. F. Lloyd (Ashton-up-Mersey), H. Wallace (Altrincham).