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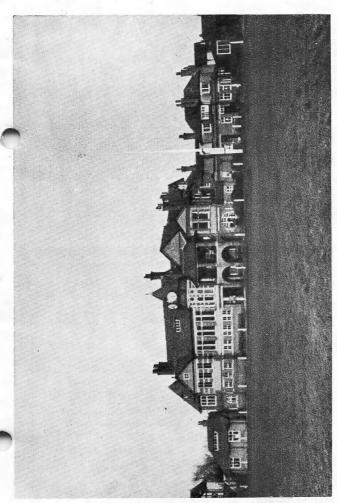
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Horace Hutchinson, in his book "Fifty Years of Golf," describing the final stages of John Ball's last round, wrote, "Dr. Purves was hurrying along at my elbow as we went with the gallery towards the sixteenth hole. 'Horace,' he said to me in a voice of great solemnity, 'this is a great day for amateur golf."

Two years later, at Muirfield, another Englishman, an amateur, and a member of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Harold H. Hilton, won the Open Championship, thus beginning a long and brilliant golfing career that was to stretch over twenty years.

The Open Championship first came to Hoylake in 1897 and as two ex-Open Champions, Ball and Hilton, were playing on their home links, hopes of yet another Royal Liverpool amateur victory ran high: these hopes were realised as Hilton eventually won that Championship, finishing one stroke in front of James Braid, a most dramatic ending, Braid's putt for a three missing the last hole by the narrowest of margins after a magnificent second had left him some six yards from the pin.

Hilton, writing his reminiscences, gives the following description of this momentous shot. "In James Braid's long career he has probably seldom played a finer stroke than that second of his to the last hole in 1897; it was never off the pin. Everything depended on the roll of the ball. On it came and no one could accurately tell where it would stop. Fortunately for me the green was keen, and it kept trickling

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Mr. H. H. Hilton ... 80 75 84 75—314
James Braid 80 74 82 79—315
Mr. F. G. Tait ... 79 79 80 79—317
George Pulford ... 80 79 79 79—317
A. Herd ... 78 81 70 80—318

So ended the first Open Championship played at Hoylake, the last time a British amateur finished in front of the professionals.

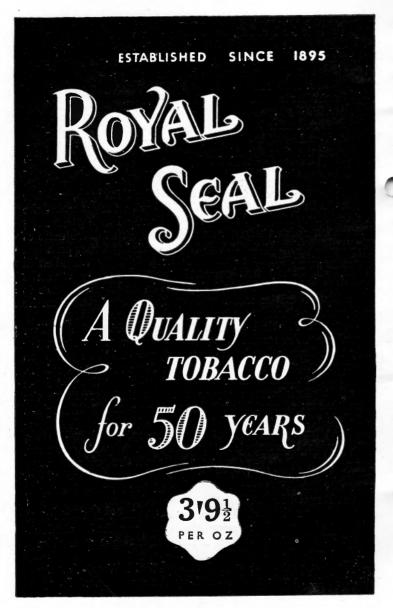
The coming of the rubber-cored ball in 1902, another milestone in golfing history, coincided with the return of the Open Championship to Hoylake. Sandy Herd, staunchest of Scottish conservatives, vowed that he would have none of the hated foreign invention, but after receiving a very practical demonstration of its possibilities in a friendly round with John Ball, Sandy was converted and eventually won the Championship, his success being due in no small measure to his adoption of the more resilient ball, for at that time he was scarcely classed as a potential champion.

Storms of wind and rain through which the smiling Frenchman, Armaud Massy, battled his way to victory, the only time France has been successful, marked the 1907 Open Championship, on the third occasion of its coming to Hoylake. Qualifying rounds were introduced for the first time, and the Cup left our shores, also for the first time, much to the astonishment of a golfing public to whom successful American invaders were as yet unknown.

The next Hoylake "Open," in 1913, developed into a battle with the Royal Liverpool's unseen golfing hazard, the West Wind, and those who watched the golf will never forget J. H. Taylor's wonderful third round score of 77, probably the finest round ever played in storm and tempest on the Royal Liverpool links.

This was the last championship Taylor was destined to win. It also ended the reign of the great professional triumvirate Vardon, Taylor and Braid and brought to a close a brilliant era of golf.

In the years between the two World Wars, the Open Championship was decided at Hoylake three times. In 1924,



in 1930, and in 1936, the champions being Walter Hagen,

Bobbie Jones and Alfred Padgham.

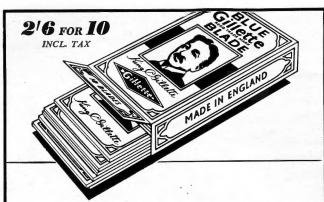
Walter Hagen, the world's greatest golfing showman and one of its greatest players, won in 1924, after nearly failing to qualify, his entry into the Championship proper depending on the holing of a very missable putt on the last green. But those were just the critical putts that Hagen did not miss. Needing a 77 to win, he began his final round with a brave scramble and ended in a triumphant march when, his confidence regained, he accomplished the last five holes in 21 strokes, again sinking a very critical nine-foot putt on the last green to beat E. R. Whitcombe by one stroke.

The genius of Bobbie Jones overshadowed the Open Championship of 1930. No one seemed to doubt that he would win, the only question being by how much? At lunch time on the last day, he was one stroke behind Compston who had broken the record of the links by returning a 68 in the third round. As I was marking for Jones I saw every stroke played in that momentous last round. I also saw the greatest player of our time, not too sure of himself, battling desperately to produce winning shots. The test came at the Far (8th) hole when after two respectable wooden shots he required five more strokes to hole out, most of them worthy of an honestto-goodness rabbit not playing his best. It was a very grim Bobbie Jones who played the next few holes, not by any means in faultless golf. Gradually he became master of himself, finishing, like Hagen, the last five holes in 21 strokes to beat Leo Deigel by two shots. As a farewell performance it was monumental.

Tall, powerful, almost insolently lazy in his swing, Alfred Padgham pursued his placid way to victory in 1936. Not that his golf was free from errors, far from it, but when the crisis came, his putter was generally equal to all demands. His last nine holes in 34 enabled him to beat poor James Adams, the Champion runner-up, by one stroke. Like Hagen and Jones, Padgham completed the last five holes—the Hoylake finish—in 21 shots, as one writer described it, "as shaky, but as brave,

a round as ever won a title."

Now in 1947, at the beginning of a new page in golfing history, the Open Championship comes once more to Hoylake, to the Royal Liverpool links from which the scars of war years have been completely obliterated, to a stern test of golf, a test faced by all the greatest golfers in the past, from young



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2.—If a ball lie on any ground specially prepared for putting, other than that of the hole which is being played, it shall be lifted and dropped without penalty not less than two or more than three club lengths from the edge of such prepared ground and in the direction of the fairway of the hole being played, but not nearer the hole. If a hazard interfere with the dropping of the ball or the stance of the player, the ball shall be dropped not more than two club lengths clear of such hazard in the direction of the fairway of the hole being played but not nearer the hole.

3.—Rushes and grass-bottomed ditches are not hazards, but in casual water in such a ditch the ball may be lifted and dropped in the ditch without penalty or outside with the loss of one stroke but no nearer the hole in either case.

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1	 435	 Course	10	 455	 Dee
2	 419	 Road	11	 193	 Alps
3	 480	 Long	12	 434	 Hilbre
4	 158	 Cop	13	 179	 Rushes
5	 424	 Telegraph	14	 511	 Field
6	 438	 Briars	15	 443	 Lake
7	 200	 Dowie	16	 532	 Dun
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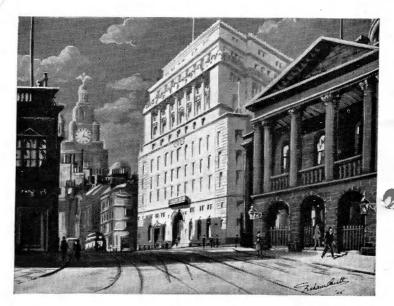
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- (c) A ball lying in or beyond the trench surrounding the wood and pit to the right of the thirteenth fairway and right of the sixteenth fairway.
- 2.—Other Woods and Pits. If a ball be played into any other wood or pit the Player shall have the option of playing it. If the Player deem the ball unplayable the penalty shall be stroke and distance.
- 3.—A ball played on to any surface prepared for putting other than that of the hole being played must be lifted and dropped clear of the green, not nearer the hole, without penalty.
- 4.—Ground under Repair. A ball lying on ground under repair as indicated by a notice must be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, without penalty.
 - 5.—Ropes and Posts are Obstructions. Rules 11 and 8 apply.

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3	 	465 ,,	12		 505 ,,
4	 	145 ,,	13		 199 "
- 5	 	461. ,,	14		 472 ,,
6	 	399 "	15		 189 "
7	 	394 "	16		 441 "
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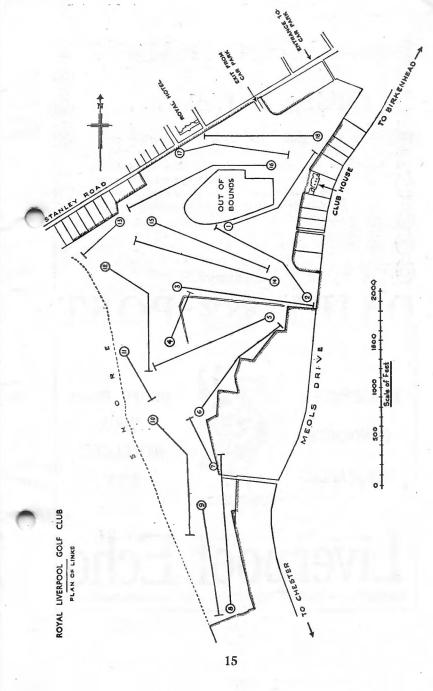
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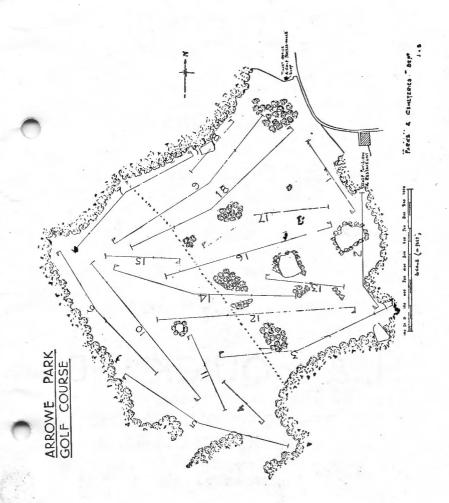
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1862	Tom Morris,	Sen.	"	163	1868	Tom Morris,]	Jun. ,,	170
1863	W. Park		,,	168	1869	Tom Morris, J	lun. ,,	154
1864	Tom Morris,	Sen.	,,	167	1870	Tom Merris,]	Jun. "	149
1865	A. Strath		29	162				

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1872	Tom Morris, Jun	.Prestwick	166	1906	Jas. Braid	Muirfield	300
1873	Tom Kidd	St. Andrews	179	1907	Arnaud Massy	Hoylake	312
1874	Mungo Park	Musselburgh	159	1908	Jas. Braid	Prestwick	291
1875	Willie Park	Prestwick	166	1909	J. H. Taylor	Deal	295
1876	Bob Martin	St. Andrews	176	1910	Jas. Braid	St. Andrews	299
1877	Jamie Anderson	Musselburgh	160	1911	H. Vardon	Sandwich	303
1878	Jamie Anderson	Prestwick	157	1912	E. Ray	Muirfield	295
1879	Jamie Anderson	St. Andrews	170	1913	J. H. Taylor	Hoylake	304
1880	Bob Ferguson	Musselburgh	162	1914	H. Vardon	Prestwick	306
1881	Bob Ferguson	Prestwick	170	1915-	19 No Champior	ship.	
1882	Bob Ferguson	St. Andrews	171	1920	Geo. Duncan	Deal	303
1883	W. Fernie	Musselburgh	159	1921	Jock Hutchison	St. Andrews	296
1884	Jack Simpson	Prestwick	160	1922	Walter Hagen	Sandwich	300
1885	Bob Martin	St. Andrews	171	1923	A. G. Havers	Troon	295
1886	D. Brown	Musselburgh	157	1924	Walter Hagen	Hoylake	301
1887	W. Park, Jun.	Prestwick	161	1925	Jim Barnes	Prestwick	300
1888	Jack Burns	St. Andrews	171	1926	Mr. R. T. Jones	Royal Lythan	n
1889	W. Park, Jun.	Musselburgh	155			and St. Anne	_
1890	Mr. John Ball	Prestwick	164	1927	Mr. R. T. Jones	St. Andrews	285
1891	Hugh Kirkaldy	St. Andrews	166	1928	Walter Hagen	Sandwich	292
7	2 Holes played in	succeeding ye	ears.	1929	Walter Hagen	Muirfield	292
1892	Mr. H. H. Hilton	Muirfield	350	1930	Mr. R. T. Jones	Hoylake	291
1893	W. Auchterlonie	Prestwick	322	1931	T. D. Armour	Carnoustie	
1894	J. H. Taylor	Sandwich	326	1932	G. Sarazen	Princes,	
1895	J. H. Taylor	St. Andrews	322		D 01	Sandwich	283
1896	H. Vardon	Muirfield	316	1933	D. Shute	St. Andrews	292
1897	Mr. H. H. Hilton	Hoylake	314	1934	T. H. Cotton	Sandwich	283
1898	H. Vardon	Prestwick	307	1935	A. Perry	Muirfield	283
1899	H. Vardon	Sandwich	310	1936	A. H. Padgham	Hoylake	287
1900	J. H. Taylor	St. Andrews	309	1937	T. H. Cotton	Carnoustie	290
1901	Jas. Braid	Muirfield	309	1938	R.A.Whitcombe		295
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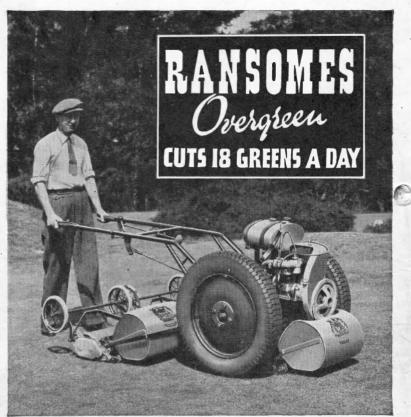
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	2.10	Sundridge Park (175)	75	75	124		
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13	&	J. ADAMS, Beaconsfield (1)	73	80	144		
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28	J. Bulla	U.S.A.
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116	J. A. Jacobs	Lindrick
124	Frank Jowle	Lees Hall
127	Sam King	Wildernesse
139	Arthur Lees	Dore and Totley
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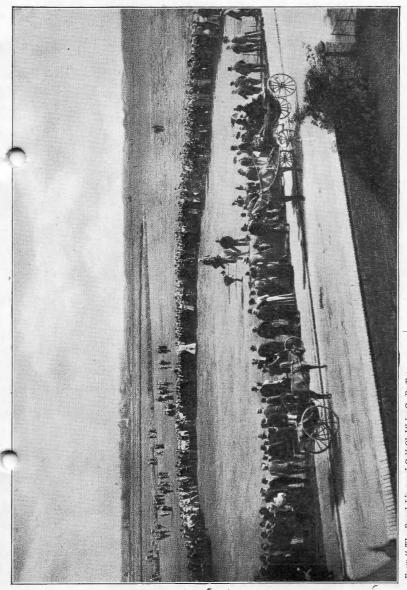
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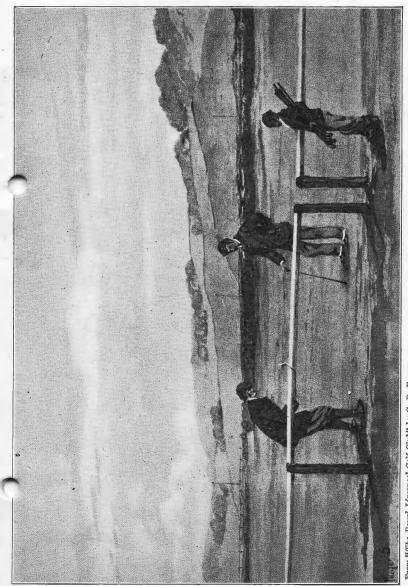
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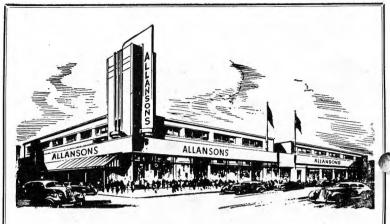
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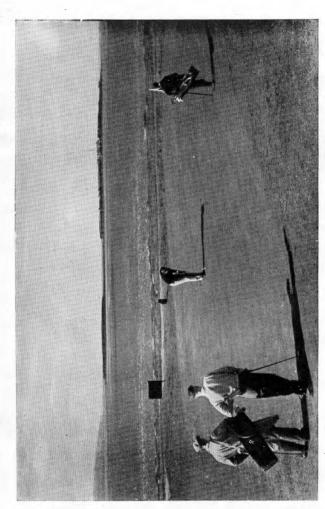
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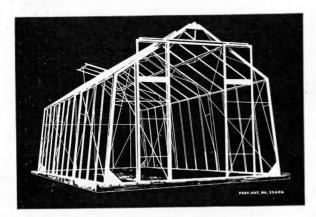
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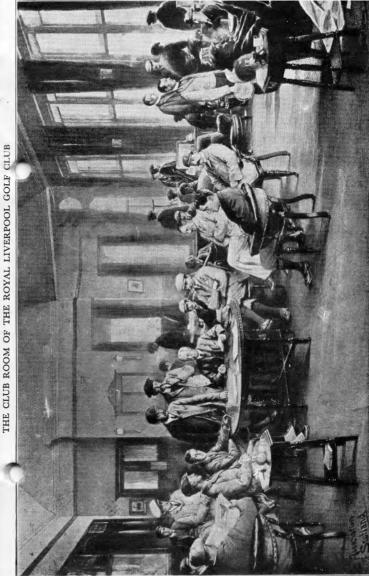
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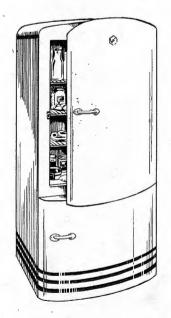
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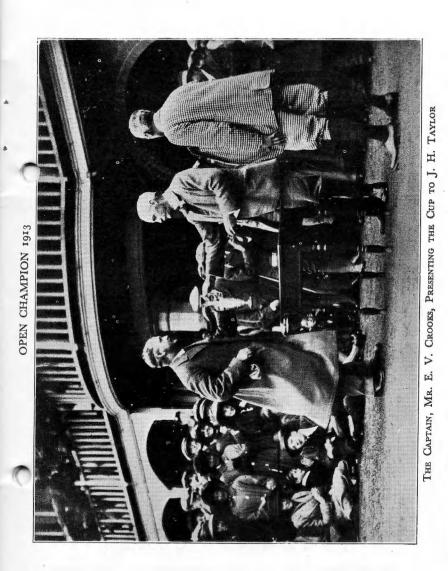
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In the north-west of Cheshire is the peninsula of Wirral, or the Hundred of Wirral, lying between the estuaries of the Mersey and Dee.

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"From Blacon point to Hilbree

"From Blacon point to Hilbree Squirrels in search of food Might jump from tree to tree So thick the forest stood."

On the north-western end of the peninsula, with extensive views across the Dee to the Welsh coast and mountains, and the three isles of Hilbre, lies Hoylake.

Stretching from the weathered red rocks of Hilbre Point to West Kirby, amongst the sand hills is the links of The Royal

Liverpool Golf Club.

The Club, founded by a group of golfers living in, or near Liverpool, held its first meeting in the Royal Hotel, Hoylake on the 5th June, 1869. At that time there was a race-course on the links with posts, rails, paddock and a small wooden grandstand. Racing ceased on the 8th April, 1876, and relics of the race-course remain in the two old posts on the fairway to the last hole, the names of the first hole, "The Course" and of the last hole "The Stand" (derived from "grandstand"), two ornaments which decorated the posts at the entrance to the paddock, now in front of the Club House, the Liver Bird from the grandstand, now on the gable end of the Club House, and the "saddling bell," now only rung to summon Members to the Spring and St. Andrews dinners.

The Royal Hotel was the headquarters of the Club from 1869 to 1895 when the present clubhouse in Meols Drive was opened.

The Club possesses a valuable and historical number of medals and trophies. The Dowie Cup was the first trophy presented to the Club on 1869—the gift of the first Captain



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The Club is probably the only one in the world owning the British Amateur and the British Open Championship Medals, both won by Mr. John Ball, jnr., in 1890 and presented by

him to the Club.

Viewing these trophies with the illustrious names recorded on them, and reading the admirable book, "The Royal Liverpool Golf Club," written by Guy B. Farrar, the present secretary, is golfing history. The names of many famous golfers and their deeds are recorded there . . .

John Ball John E. Laidlay
Harold Hilton Cyril Tolley
Charles Hutchings R. T. Jones
Allan F. Macfie Jack Graham, jnr.
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In 1885 the Club virtually instituted the Amateur Championship by a competition open to all amateurs played over their green. It was won by a member, Mr. Allan F. Macfie, although it was long afterwards that the tournament of 1885 received the official recognition as the first Amateur

Championship.

Mr. Harold H. Hilton, one of the really great figures in golf, and of whom it is written "the greatest amateur score player England has ever produced," became a member of the Club in 1887. Three times winner of the Boys' Medal, he won the Open Championship in 1892 and 1897, was Amateur Champion four times, and won the American Amateur Championship in 1911. In 1899 his handicap at Hoylake was plus ten! Only two Englishmen playing as Amateurs—John Ball and Harold Hilton, both members of the Club—have ever won the Open Championship.

Mr. Jack Graham, jnr., "the finest golfer who failed to win a Championship," was, with John Ball and Harold Hilton, a member of the "Hoylake Triumvirate," and his name will ever be associated with these two great players. Mr. Horace Hutchinson writes of Jack Graham "Both Mr. Ball and Mr. Hilton know him well on the links of Hoylake, and neither claims to be able to give him a single stroke."

The English Amateur Championship, like the Amateur Championship, was first played on the links of Hoylake and



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The first international match between England and Scotland was played at Hoylake in 1902, when Scotland won. Here also, in 1921, was played the first match between England and America, the latter team winning by nine matches to three.

Lack of space forbids further details of the many other great golfers, ranging from Young Tommy Morris, Harry Vardon, Bobby Jones, to the players of to-day, all of whom it is almost safe to say, have played on these historic links. Though not the oldest of English Golf Clubs, it can claim to be the leading pioneer of golf in England.

Shortly after the first meeting of the Club in 1869, Mr. Robert Chambers and George Morris, a brother of "Old Tom," laid out the first course consisting of nine holes.

On the 13th October, 1869 the first meeting was held and the Dowie Cup was won by John Dun with a score of 103 for 18 holes. One member handed in a card of 205!

In 1870 the Course was extended to 18 holes and these were duly "christened," many of the original names being still the same to-day.

Many alterations and revolutionary changes to the Course were made following the removal of the Club from the Royal Hotel to its present situation in 1895, and the modern Hoylake began to take shape.

Further changes and improvements were made in 1923, 1925, and 1932, and the Hoylake Course as we know it to-day—one of the sternest tests, and one having the hardest five holes to finish, of any course in the World—had been completed.

The Second World War seriously affected the links. From Hilbre Point to West Kirby, on the seaward side, forts, block-houses, minefields and barbed wire entanglements were erected. The 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th holes were out of commission and temporary greens and tees were laid. Search-lights and other defences were used, but all the war impedimenta has been cleared away, the forts and block-houses blown up, and duly buried in the "sacred sand" of the links.

Slight alterations have been made since the war. The "Long" (3rd hole) has been entirely re-bunkered; new bunkers guard the approach to the "Telegraph" (5th hole) and the "Hilbre" (12th) green has been moved its own

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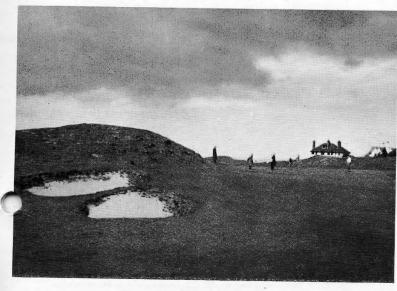
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