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Open Championship at Royal Birkdale

9th July 54

Southport: The links of ~~the~~ Royal Birkdale | set new horizons for the open Golf Championships - and its hazardous sand dunes | gave ample warning for straight driving to a record "Open" field... (2)

South African Bobby Locke, (the winner three times in five years) started favourite...

Formidable challengers from Ireland, too, Fred Daly - a past winner of the title..

And Harry Bradshaw - of Ryder Cup fame - who stayed up with the leaders until the end...

Hope for all veteran golfers was rekindled by the sterling performances of 52 year-old American, Gene Sarazen / a past champion, he still revealed all the skill of a not-so-old Master.

After three rounds - irrepressible Dai Rees of Wales - who so often has been so near and yet so far - was sharing the lead with Australian Peter Thompson, twice runner-up, and ~~Bill Spence of Bedford...~~ ^{SID SCOTT OF CARLISLE.}

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~~Was come a dramatic last round battle. And twice runner up Peter~~

Thompson of ~~Australia~~, returned a brilliant seventy^{ONE} to win the title.....

For Peter - it was indeed - third time lucky..IN A DRAMATIC

LAST ROUND BATTLE/