

St Andrews Chosen Few

**Twelve home grown heroes
Twenty-one Open Championships
victories
Sixty glorious years**

1861-1921

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St Andrews is the spiritual, historic and administrative home of golf.
Over the centuries countless townsfolk have taken up the game and from

their number a ‘chosen few’ emerged with the talent and tenacity to win The Open, the oldest of golf’s major championships.

The Open began in 1860 as the Competition for the Challenge Belt put up by Prestwick Golf Club which *‘invited the various golf clubs in England and Scotland to name and send the best players in their links, not exceeding three from any one club, to compete for it’*¹ over three rounds of the twelve-hole Prestwick links in one day. Eight golfers took part in the inaugural event, which Willie Park of Musselburgh won by two strokes from Tom Morris.

In 1861 a change in the rules allowed *‘gentlemen players’*², as amateurs were known, to compete alongside the professionals making the championship fully open.

The Challenge Belt was won outright when Tommy Morris secured his third consecutive victory in 1870 and consequently no championship was held in 1871. It resumed in 1872 when it was announced that *‘It has been arranged that a challenge trophy for the championship, open to all comers, shall be played for annually over Prestwick, St Andrews, and Musselburgh Links alternately. The first competition takes place at Prestwick on Friday, the 13th instant. A medal, to be permanently retained, will be given to the winner of the trophy each year, as well as prizes in money....’*³

The trophy, funded by Prestwick Golf Club, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, could not be won outright and was to be contested over a rota of their courses which has expanded through time to take in other venues.

Golf professionals from St Andrews dominated the championship for sixty glorious years from 1861 to 1921. All were members of The St Andrews Golf Club. This is the story of their victories as recorded in the newspapers of the time.

Roll of Honour

¹ Great Golf Match on Prestwick Links for a Challenge Belt (Fifeshire Journal 25th October 1860)

² Prestwick Golf Club (Fifeshire Journal 3rd October 1861)

³ Golf Championship (Fifeshire Journal 12th September 1872)

Thomas ‘Tom’ Morris (1821-1908)
Open Champion 1861, 1862, 1864 and 1867

Thomas Mitchell Morris was born in a house at the west end of North Street. He was the son of John Morris, who was a weaver and letter carrier, and his wife Jean Bruce.

Tom was an apprentice and later partner of Allan Robertson in his ball and club making business and the pair also formed a formidable playing partnership taking part in prize matches.

In 1851 Tom was recruited as golf professional and Keeper of the Green by Prestwick Golf Club and remained there until 1864 when he returned to take up a similar position in his hometown at the behest of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and establish his own ball and club making business there. He was also in demand to lay out golf courses across the British Isles.

He won the first fully open championship in 1861, was the first player to retain the title and became, to date, the oldest winner with his victory in 1867.

Tom, described as “*The Grand Old Man of Golf*”, ⁴died as a result of injuries sustained in a fall in The New Golf Club of St Andrews in May 1908. He is buried in the grounds of St Andrews Cathedral.

Andrew Strath (c.1836-1868)
Open Champion 1865

Andrew Strath was born in St Andrews the son of Alexander Strath, who was a labourer, and his wife Susan Reid.

When Tom Morris gave up his post as Superintendent of Prestwick Links to return to St Andrews in 1864 Andrew applied for the position in a letter of 5th August 1864. He highlighted that he had learned the trade of club maker under James Wilson, for whom he had worked for the last nine years and was also a ball maker and professional player.

It was to be Charles Hunter who was the successful applicant. However, he left to go to Blackheath in 1865. Andrew was invited to fill the

⁴ Death of Old Tom Morris (St Andrews Citizen 30th May 1908)

vacancy and moved to Prestwick where he was to win the Challenge Belt in the same year.

He died at Prestwick in 1868 and was buried in the grounds of St Nicholas' Church. His grave remained unmarked until a memorial plaque was erected through a joint venture by Prestwick Golf club and South Ayrshire Council in 2008.

Thomas 'Tommy' Morris (1851-1875)
Open Champion 1868, 1869, 1870, 1872

Thomas Morris, the son of Tom Morris and his wife Agnes Bayne, was born in St Andrews before his father took the family to Prestwick where he had secured the position described above.

He played in his first Open in 1865 at the age of fourteen when he retired after twenty-four holes. In 1868 he succeeded his father as champion, the only time a son has succeeded his father, won again in 1869 and in 1870 when his score of 149 created a record for the thirty-six hole championship at Prestwick.

His three consecutive victories meant he won the Challenge Belt outright and, as a consequence, in 1871 no championship was held as there was no trophy. This led to Prestwick Golf Club, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers contributing towards the cost of the present Open Championship trophy. When the championship resumed at Prestwick in 1872 Tommy was the victor once again.

He married Margaret Drennan in 1874 but tragedy struck in September 1875 when both she and the child died in childbirth. Tommy was heartbroken and his health broke down. When his father went to wake him on Christmas morning he found him dead. He was only 24 years old.

In 1878 a magnificent memorial to Tommy was raised beside the family plot in the grounds of St Andrews Cathedral. Beneath his statue is the inscription *'In memory of Tommy, son of Thomas Morris, who died 25th December 1875, aged 24 years, deeply regretted by numerous friends and all golfers. He thrice in succession won the Champion Belt, and held it without rivalry, and yet without envy, his many amiable qualities being no less acknowledged than his golfing achievements. This monument has been erected by contributors from sixty golfing societies.'*⁵

⁵ Inauguration of Monument to Tommy Morris (St Andrews Citizen 28th September 1878)

Thomas ‘Tom’ Kidd (1848-1884)
Open Champion 1873

Thomas Kidd was born in St Andrews. He was the son of Thomas Kidd, who was a mason’s labourer, and his wife Magdalene Miller.

Tom won the Open on the first occasion it was played at St Andrews.

He died at his home in St Andrews in 1884 and was remembered ‘... *as an excellent – in fact, first-class – player at golf.... When in playing trim he was not easily beat. A golfer from childhood, he figured prominently in many a well-contested match, single and foursome, not only on our own Links, but on all the greens of the Kingdom. He was champion golfer for the year 1873-74, having won the cup and first prize at the annual competition for the honour in the former named year, which, on that occasion, was played on the home green.... he was a powerful driver and understood the game well and how it should be played. He thus became the instructor of many a novice who came to St Andrews to acquire the art, and he will be long remembered for the pains he took in instilling into his pupils the importance of the “grip” of the club and the “stand” to the ball, no less than for his civil and obliging disposition.*’⁶

Robert ‘Bob’ Martin (1853- 1917)
Open Championship 1876, 1885

Robert Martin was born in Cupar. He was the son of James Martin, who was a labourer, and his wife Isabella Paton.

He won the Open in 1876 in unique circumstances. He and Davie Strath tied, however ‘*with reference to Strath’s score, a protest on the ground that he played up to one of the greens while a party was putting, striking a gentleman, and thereby, it was alleged, infringing the rules. The matter has been raised with the Council of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.... Strath.... on Monday refused to play off the tie whilst the protest remained undecided, and, consequently, Bob Martin had simply to walk over to secure the championship*’⁷.

In 1885 he secured the title finishing one shot ahead of Archie Simpson (Carnoustie).

⁶ Sudden Death of a Well-Known Golfer (St Andrews Citizen 19th January 1884)

⁷ The Golf Championship (Fifeshire Journal 5th October 1876)

He retired to live in Strathkinness where he passed away in 1917. His obituary recalled that *'For many years he was a clubmaker with Tom Morris and Jimmie Anderson, both ex-champions. A man has to be a golfer to be able to produce a well-made club, and the "make" of Martin's clubs was much in demand.'*⁸

James 'Jamie' Anderson (1842-1905)
Open Champion 1877, 1878, 1879

James Anderson was born in St Andrews. He was the son of David 'Auld Daw' Anderson and his wife Margaret Alexander. 'Auld Daw' was variously caddie, clubmaker, ballmaker and Keeper of the Green who famously had a drinks stall alongside the 4th Hole on the Old Course which gave it the name 'Ginger Beer'.

Jamie made history by becoming the first golfer to win the Open Championship three years in succession on three different courses with victories at Musselburgh in 1877, Prestwick in 1878 and St Andrews in 1879.

Jamie fell on hard times later in life and died in the Poor House at Thornton in 1905. He was buried in the grounds of St Andrews Cathedral alongside his son David, who had died in 1863 aged three months. Jamie's name was never added to the stone. In 2018 a gravestone was erected alongside the existing stone recording for the first time the names of Jamie and other family members.

William 'Willie' Fernie (1855-1924)
Open Champion 1883

William Fernie was born in St Andrews. He was the son of William Fernie, who was a gardener, and his wife Elizabeth Burns.

Willie was a plasterer to trade before he became a golf professional.

He won the Open at Musselburgh in 1883, while professional at Dumfries, after a play-off against Bob Ferguson who had won the championship in the previous three years.

Willie spent most of his career as golf professional at Troon Golf Club (now Royal Troon) where he was employed from 1887 until he retired in

⁸ Death of an ex-Open Golf Champion (St Andrews Citizen 17th March 1917)

1924. He continued to live in Troon and passed away a few months after his retirement in a Glasgow nursing home.

John ‘Jack’ Burns (1859-1927)
Open Champion 1888

John Burns was born in St Andrews. He was the son of Alexander Burns, who was a mason’s labourer, and his wife Elizabeth Herd.

At the conclusion of the Open in 1888 it appeared that Jack had tied with Bernard Sayers and David Anderson Jnr., on 172. However, as a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf club was looking over the cards he found that the figures on Jack’s card had been added up wrongly and that his total was 171. He was accordingly the lowest scorer and declare champion.

He died at his home, 3 Crail’s Lane, St Andrews in 1927 and his obituary recalled that *‘In his younger days Jack Burns was a member of the St Andrews Golf Club and was one of its leading players. In later years he followed the trade of a plasterer, but he never lost his interest in golf.’*⁹

Hugh Kirkaldy (1868-1897)
Open Champion 1891

Hugh Kirkaldy was born at Denhead near St Andrews. He was the son of David Kirkaldy, who was an ironstone miner, and his wife Marjory McKenzie.

Until 1890 every Open had been won by Scots professionals. In that year the run came to an end when the English amateur John Ball Jnr. won at Prestwick.

With the victory of Hugh Kirkaldy in 1891 at St Andrews it was back in the hands a Scots professional. This was the last Open to be contested over 36 holes. From 1892 it would become a 72-hole championship.

He passed away in St Andrews in 1897 when it was recalled that *‘At the open golf championship meeting at St Andrews in 1891, Hugh, from a large field of competitors, carried off the blue ribbon of the green, establishing, as he then did, a record for St Andrews so far as the*

⁹ Death of a Former Open Golf Champion (St Andrews Citizen 24/12/1927)

*championship winning scores were concerned....He was a slashing go-ahead player and a favourite on the Links...'*¹⁰

William 'Willie' Auchterlonie (1872-1963)
Open Champion 1893

William Auchterlonie was born in St Andrews. He was the son of David Auchterlonie, who was a plumber, and his wife Margaret Penn.

The first competition he took part in outside St Andrews was the Open at Prestwick in 1893 when, using seven clubs all made by himself, he won the title. Despite his success he saw his future as a club maker rather than a player and established a successful club making business in his hometown.

He was appointed professional to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews in 1935 in succession to Andrew (Andra) Kirkaldy and held the post until his death in 1963 when he was succeeded in the post by his son Laurie.

Before the start of World War Two he was appointed by St Andrews Town Council to extend the Jubilee Course from twelve to eighteen holes – a task completed in 1946.

He lived in St Andrews all his life and passed away at a hospital in Kirkcaldy in 1963.

In 1902 Willie's brother Lawrence 'Laurie' Auchterlonie (1867-1948), won the U.S. Open at Garden City Golf Club, Long Island, while professional at the Glen View Club, Illinois, when he became the first man to break 80 in all four rounds of the championship and the first to win the U.S. Open using a rubber-cored ball.

Alexander 'Sandy' Herd (1868-1944)
Open Champion 1902

Alexander Herd was born in St Andrews. He was the son of Robert Herd, who was a mason, and his wife Mary Fowler.

Before he became a golf professional '*He first went to learn the baking trade, but later became a plasterer. It was golf, however, that had the*

¹⁰ Death of Hugh Kirkaldy, The Well-Known Golfer (St Andrews Citizen 10th April 1897)

*most attraction for him and was to claim the greater part of his life's activities.'*¹¹

In a practice round for the Open at Hoylake in 1902 Sandy, then professional at Huddersfield, was given a Haskell rubber-core golf ball to try by the English amateur John Ball Jnr. Sandy decided to use it in preference to the long established gutta ball in the championship proper and became the first to win the Open using a rubber-cored ball.

He passed away at a nursing home in London in 1944.

In 1898 his brother Frederick 'Fred' Herd (1873-1954) had won the US Open, while professional at Washington Park Golf Club, Chicago, at the Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton, Massachusetts, the first to be played at a time and place different from the US Amateur, to be contested over 72 holes and played over two days.

John 'Jock' Hutchison (1884- 1977)
Open Champion 1921

John Hutchison was born in the Ladyhead, the old fishing quarter of St Andrews, the son of William Hutchison, a fisherman, and his wife Helen Falls.

Like so many of his contemporaries who had an aptitude for the game he went to seek his fortune in the U.S.A. In 1920 he won the USPGA Championship - which had been established in 1916 - at Flossmoor Country Club, Illinois and in 1921 achieved immortality as the first U.S. citizen to win the Open, appropriately in his hometown, in a play-off against the English amateur and R & A member Roger Wethered.

Jock was professional at Glen View Club, Illinois, when he won his two major championships.

He passed away at Evanston, Illinois, in 1977.

¹¹ Death of "Sandy" Herd (St Andrews Citizen 26th February 1944)

1861
TOM'S FIRST OPEN VICTORY
 Prestwick Golf Club
 (Fifeshire Journal 3rd October 1861)

...It will be remembered that the challenge belt was first competed for in October 1860, when it fell to the lot of W. Park, who carried it off from Tom Morris by a single stroke¹². The brothers Dunn of Blackheath who have deservedly acquired a wide reputation, had undertaken a special journey from London, to show their old friends that their hands had not forgot their cunning during a protracted and profitable residence in the south. St Andrews, Perth, Musselburgh, and Bruntsfield were also well represented by first - class men. Availing themselves of the modification lately made in the conditions, several gentlemen players of high name, among whom we noticed Colonel Fairlie, Captain Stewart, Captain Hay, R. Clark, Esq., R. Hay, Esq., Robert Chambers, jun., Esq., and H. M. Buskin, Esq., entered appearance; but as few returns were given in to the Secretary, we have no reliable data from which to estimate the score - an incompleteness to be regretted, as it would have been interesting to contrast the figure with those given below :-

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round
David Park, Musselburgh	58	57	57
Robert Andrew, Perth	58	61	56
William Dunn, Blackheath	67	59	60
George D. Brown, St Andrews	60	65	60
William Park, Bruntsfield	54	54	59
Peter McEwen, do.	56	60	62
Tom Morris, Prestwick	54	56	53
Charles Hunter, do.	67	64	59
James Dunn, Blackheath	63	62	63
William Dow, Musselburgh	59	58	54

The foregoing tabular statement represents the manner in which the ten professionals were paired, with the number of strokes respectively taken to complete each of the three rounds; and the following shows the grand

¹² Willie Park beat Tom Morris by two strokes in 1860.

aggregate score of the players, and the order in which they were all ultimately placed :-

1. Tom Morris.....	163	strokes
2. William Park.....	167	"
3. William Dow.....	171	"
4. David Park.....	172	"
5. Robert Andrew.....	175	"
6. Peter McEwen.....	178	"
7. William Dunn.....	180	"
8. George D. Brown.....	185	"
9. James Dunn.....	188	"
10. Charles Hunter.....	190	

At a comparatively early stage of the proceedings the majority of the competitors were thrown out of the chances of success, and the crowds which followed Park and Morris showed unmistakably that they must bear the brunt of the battle.

Maintaining an equality on the first round, the result of the second was awaited very eagerly, and when it was found that the champion had placed another 54 to his credit against Tom's 56, the opinion became very prevalent that the former would be able to retain his laurels. In approaching the second hole of the final round, however, a daring attempt to 'cross the Alps' in two brought Park's ball into one of the worst hazards on the green and cost him three strokes - by no means the first occasion on which he has been severely punished for similar avarice and temerity. On arriving at the same point in his homeward journey Tom had made up all his lee-way, and in a few minutes he was a stroke ahead, a lead which was increased by two at the stone wall. This advantage was lost, however, at the fifth and sixth holes, at the latter of which he was again square with his opponent. Having played the eighth, ninth, and tenth holes indifferently, Park was passed by Tom at all of them, and now three behind. The eleventh hole was taken by a fine iron shot, and a finer put in two, and the champion having scored three there, his Prestwick rival was now four strokes in advance, which allayed all further suspense respecting issue. Driving a magnificent ball from the teeing ground towards home, it landed in a bed of fog at the edge of a pool of water accumulated in the hollow opposite the lunch - house by the late heavy rains. To come to grief at such a time was most provoking, and the spectators thought that Tom would pick out the ball and forfeit a stroke; but with a self - reliance, rising to the emergency, he dexterously sent it bounding into the air, and ultimately halving the last hole, finished a splendid round for 53, and secured the national guerdon of golfing skill. Considerable disappointment was expressed that there should not have

been a formal investiture of the belt by some of the officials of the club on the spot, although from the modesty with which Tom wears his honours, we presume it was more in consonance with his own feeling to have been relieved from participating in any such ceremony. It may be well to add that the championship was won last year in 174 strokes, or eleven more than the lowest figure on Thursday - Park being 7, and Morris 12 strokes¹³ better this season.

1862

TOM'S SECOND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

Prestwick Golf Club

(Ayr Advertiser 18th September 1862)

.... On Thursday the Challenge Belt was competed for. Shortly after noon, four couples went off in the following order :- 1st, Mr Charles Hunter and Mr James Knight; 2nd, Mr J. P. Johnston and Tom Morris; 3rd, William Park and William Dow; 4th, Rev. R. Pollock and Mr William Mitchell. After some brilliant driving, and an excellent game, the cards were handed in to the Secretary, the five best scores standing thus:-

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round
Mr C. Hunter	60	60	58
Mr James Knight	62	61	63
Tom Morris	52	55	56
William Park	59	59	58
William Dow	60	58	63

Tom Morris thus proving winner by 13 strokes. He has now gained the Belt two years in succession

1864

TOM'S THIRD OPEN WIN

Prestwick Golf Club

(Fifeshire Journal 22nd September 1864)

The annual autumn meeting of this club was held on Thursday last, when Lord David Kennedy was unanimously elected captain. Twenty-two competitors started for the medal contest, when Major Phillips came in the winner with 133 strokes. The Major likewise carried off the sweepstakes. The match among the professionals for the challenge belt took place on Friday, and excited, as usual, no small degree of interest. Some fine golfing was displayed, and at the close the game stood as

¹³ Old Tom was runner-up in the 1860 Open on 176 strokes and winner in 1861 on 163 strokes. He therefore improved his overall score by thirteen strokes.

follows:- 1st prize, the belt and £6, Tom Morris, 167; 2d do., £5, A. Strath, 169; 3d do., £3, R. Andrew, 175; 4th do., W. Park, 177; 5th do., W. Dow, 181; 6th do., W. Strath, 182. The office of keeper of the links having become vacant on account of the resignation of Tom Morris, who is removing to St Andrews, and who has done much to establish this favourite and scientific game in Ayrshire, it became necessary to appoint a successor, when Mr. Charles Hunter, Prestwick, was the successful candidate - A. Strath being only six votes below him.

1865

ANDREW STRATH BREAKS THE MORRIS MONOPOLY

Prestwick Golf Club

(Fifeshire Journal 21st September 1865)

The annual meeting of this Club took place on Wednesday week, and the proceedings, as we gather from the Ayrshire Express, were on the whole dull. At one o' clock only seven couples entered appearance at the start hole. On summing up the cards it was found that fortune had declared in favour of Mr D. D. Whigham, who completed the two rounds in 129 strokes, and carried off the prize, Mr Tennant coming in second at 135. Mr Henry Hart, with a score of 127, deducting 24 strokes of odds, secured the first sweepstake: the second falling to the lot of the medal winner. In the afternoon Mr Whigham and Tom Morris again proved too heavy for Captain Hay and Park, whom they defeated by 3 holes. An exciting foursome came off between Mr James Miller, Musselburgh, and W. Dow on the one side, and Mr G. D. Brown, St Andrews, and Park on the other. They left off all squares in matches on the day's play. A like result followed in a series of matches which Thomas Hood, Musselburgh, and Dow were partners against Messrs Miller and Brown. The contest of the day, however, was that in which R. Andrew and W. Doleman were opposite to Bob Kirk and J. Allan, Prestwick, the latter losing a match of 20 holes by one. The first - named couple achieved a feat, unprecedented in a foursome over the same links, having holed the first round in 53 strokes. After such brilliant play, the wonder is that their opponents were able to hold their own so well. For the medal on Thursday the following started

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round
A. Strath	55	54	53
Mr T. Hood	66	66	66
Will. Park	56	52	56
J. Miller	63	58	66

W. Dow	56	61	54
J. Allan	64	65	-
R. Kirk	64	57	60
Tom Morris	57	61	58
R. Andrew	61	59	-
Tom Morris, jr.	60	59	retired
W. Stirling	71	68	do.

The champion, Tom Morris, played badly and was even beaten by his son.¹⁴ The result showed that Strath – Tom's successor in Prestwick - was the best player in more ways than one, he having won the title of champion by 162 strokes, while Tom's minimum was 163. We append the gross scores of the prize winners in their order of merit:-

1st	A. Strath, winner of the Belt and £8,	162
2nd	W. Park, £6	164
3rd	W. Dow, £4	171
4th	R. Kirk, £2	172

1867

TOM'S LAST OPEN WIN

Prestwick Golf Club Annual Meeting
(Fifeshire Journal 3rd October 1867)

.... No competition excites more interest among the lovers of the grand old national pastime than that for the Challenge Belt, open as it is to the world. For the first time since it was instituted, the cognoscenti were in perplexity, not knowing whom to back. There were no favourites, four to one being freely laid upon the field, although the two most distinguished professionals in the country had entered the lists. The hesitation generally manifested to put money on those who had alternately made good their claims to the championship, was accounted for by the fact that the "rising talent" had lately proved themselves dangerous rivals to the most experienced golfers in the kingdom. It would seem, however, that there is as much glorious uncertainty on the green as there is proverbially in the courts of law. An amateur - Mr Doleman - than whom there are few, if any, better players extant, made the running by finishing the first round in 55, and had he not come summarily to grief in the second, he would have been honourably placed. Bob Kirk, too, one of the best professionals in Scotland, made a creditable beginning, but, falling off, was nowhere, notwithstanding numerous bets that he would be one, two, three. Bob

¹⁴ Old Tom was not beaten by Young Tom who had retired from the competition.

Andrew, a first - class player, looked like the winner for a while, but the fates were against him, and he had to content himself with a position very much disproportionate to his merits. Dunn and Dow, from whom much was expected, both played a good though an unfortunate game. Park came out in his old style, and astonished those who thought that his chance was nil. The veteran Tom Morris against whom any odds were pitted, vindicated his former repute by again carrying off the Belt. Park being only two strokes behind him. The following are the details of the three rounds:-

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	Tl.
1 T. Morris, the Belt and £7,	58	54	58	170
2.W. Park, £5,	58	56	58	172
3. A. Strath, £3,	61	57	56	174
4. T. Morris,jun., £1,	58	59	58	175
5. R. Kirk,	57	60	60	177
6. Mr Doleman,	55	66	57	178
7. R. Andrew,	56	58	65	178
8. { W. Dow	62	57	65	184
{ T.Hunter	62	60	62	184
9. W. Dunn	64	63	62	189

.... [One contemporary is in error in representing Tom Morris to be so far in the shade with backers. We have information to the effect that if anything he was the favourite. - Ed. F.J.]

1868

TOMMY'S WINS HIS FIRST OPEN

Golf Tournament at Prestwick

(Fifeshire Journal 1st October 1868)

.....The belt was played for on Thursday. Twelve competitors (six couple) came forward. It was won by Tom Morris, jun., St Andrews, at 154. The following came next in order. Tom Morris, sen., St Andrews, 155 and C. Hunter, Prestwick, 172; R. Andrew, Perth, 159, and R. Fergusson, Musselburgh, 165; W. Park, Musselburgh, 162 and W. Dow, Musselburgh, 180; R. Kirk, Blackheath, 171 and W. Dunn, Leith, 183; W. Doleman, Glasgow, 181, and T. Dunn, Leith, 167. It will be seen that Young Tom Morris carries off the belt, and first prize of £6, with a score of 154; Tom Morris, sen., the second prize of £4, with a score of 155; and R. Andrews, Perth, the third prize of £2, with a score of 159. Consolation stakes £5, nine competitors - 1st, R. Fergusson, Musselburgh, score 51; 2d and 3d tie between J. Allan, North Devon, and R. Kirk, Blackheath,

52. On Friday a match was played by Tom Morris, jr., and J. Allan, against W. Park and R. Kirk, in which the former gained by 4 up and 2 to play. The winner of the belt was the youngest competitor on the Links. - Ayrshire Express

1869

TOMMY WINS THE OPEN AGAIN

Prestwick Golf Club

(Fifeshire Journal 23rd September 1869)

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Wednesday in the club - house at Prestwick Links, and was well attended. Amongst the players were - Sir Robert Hay, Mr Gilbert Mitchell Innes, Mr Ord Campbell, Captain Hay Newton, Mr Wauchope, &c. After business, the Eglinton Gold Medal was competed for. Nine couples started. The links were in splendid order, but the weather was very unfavourable for good play - a strong wind prevailing, and blowing in gusts across the links. Mr Innes won the medal in 119 strokes, Mr Prentice second in 129 strokes, the Rev. James Rennie third in 130 strokes. On Monday a very interesting foursome match came off betwixt James Anderson and Tom Morris, jun., against Bob Kirk and David Strath - one round. After some fine play the former couple were the victors by one hole. On Tuesday Dr Mc Cuaig and James Anderson played against David Strath and Tom Morris, jun. - the former winning by a hole; the second match was halved, and the next two fell to the latter, making a difference of a match and three holes in the day's playing. Mr Gilbert Innes and Mr D. D. Whigham played against Mr Wauchope and Tom Morris, sen. - the former winning.

The following started on Wednesday for the belt, with their respective scores:-

Name	1st Round	2d.	3d.	Total
G. M. Innes, Prestwick	64	58	58	180
W. Doleman, St Nicholas	60	56	59	175
D. Strath, St Andrews	53	56	60	169
Jamie Anderson, do.	60	56	57	173
C. Hunter, Prestwick	62	61	64	187
T. Dunn, Leith	62	61	59	182
Dr McCuaig, St Andrews	71	65	Retired	
Tom Morris, jun., do.	50	55	52	157
Bob Kirk, Blackheath, London	53	58	57	168
T. Morris, sen., St Andrews	56	52	58	176
C. McArthur, Burgess, Edin.	76	67	Retired	
A. Doleman, Prestonpans	65	68	Retired	

Geo. McArthur, Prestwick	58	61	Retired
Mr Jas. S. Imrie, Perth	70	79	Retired

It will be seen from the above score that the young champion of last year has again carried off the belt. This feat of winning the championship twice in succession has alone been performed by Old Tom, who secured the coveted honour in 1861, and 1862. It is worthy of notice that "Young Tom" has won the belt both last year and this with the lowest scores ever recorded in this match. In 1868 he gained the belt with 154 strokes, or three less than on the present occasion. It may also be remarked that last year he made the round in 49 strokes - a feat which was only equalled by the late Andrew Strath. The second prize of £4 was won by Bob Kirk, Blackheath, London, whose score amounted to 168, while last year Tom Morris, the elder, gained second prize with a score of 155, or one more than his son the champion.

The match between Tom Morris, jun., and Jamie Anderson v. D. Strath and Bob Kirk, which was played in favour of the former in one hole at St Andrews, was renewed on Wednesday. The young champion and his partner (Anderson) offered to play their opponents a match of twenty-four holes, which was accepted, and the match accordingly came off. In the first round Morris and Anderson were four up, with eight holes played; while in the second round they finished the match with seven up and six to play - thus winning the match very easily, and landing the large amount of money which was betted upon them at evens.

1870

TOMMY WINS THE CHALLENGE BELT OUTRIGHT

Golf at Prestwick

(Fifeshire Journal 22nd September 1870)

...In 1868, Tom Morris, jun., won the belt with the lowest score then on record - 154, and repeated his success last year with the score of 157. Considerably more than the usual interest in the belt was manifested this year, as it was known that Young Tom was in excellent form, while other players were in equally good play, and all determined to do their best in order to prevent the young champion from permanently retaining the belt, which he would do if he won it on the present occasion. The weather on Thursday was beautiful, and in every way favourable for playing the ancient national game. There was scarcely any wind, and the heat was tempered by light, fleecy clouds, which hid the sun's face. The large number of spectators who assembled on the green testified to the general interest which was felt in the contest, and from the Cardinal's Nob and other coigns of vantage, knots of ladies and gentlemen watched the play.

Others, again, accompanied the combatants, and took hints from the play of the professionals, as they advanced from hole to hole. The favourite, and the player who had the largest following, was young Tommie, whose careful and steady play was the theme of general admiration. In fact, he never played better in his life, and the manner in which he drove was as wonderful as his short game. Nine couples started at ten o' clock for the three rounds, which were not finished till shortly before three o' clock. At the conclusion of the second round it would observe that the victor would turn up in either of the three juniors - Tom Morris, Bob Kirk, and David Strath - all of whom were playing very steadily. In the first round young Tom took 47 strokes to the twelve holes, the lowest score on record, and in the two following rounds he only scored 51 each - his total for the three rounds being 149, the smallest with which the belt has yet been won. It is also worthy of note that during the three successive years on which the young champion has gained the belt it was with the lowest scores hitherto made since the institution of the contest - his totals being 154, 157, and 149, in 1868, 1869, and 1870 respectively. Tom Morris, sen.'s, lowest scores in his champion years was 163, while Willie Park's lowest total was 168, and that in 1863. Andrew Strath won the belt with the score of 162 - the same as was made on Thursday by Tom Morris, sen. D. Strath and Bob Kirk tied for second honours with the score of 161, and they played a round of twelve holes in order to decide the claimant for the second prize of £4 - the third being £2, while £6 was given along with the belt. The tie resulted in the victory of Bob Kirk, who took 56 strokes to the round, compared with 60 made by Strath. The play of these young players was first - class, and Strath accounts for his longish score of 58 in the third round by getting into the Cardinal's Nob bunker. He took 54 strokes in the first round, and only 49 to the second. Bob Kirk did the first two rounds in 52 each, while his third was only achieved in 57 - he also having come to grief in a bunker. The following are the scores of all the players:-

Players	1st Rd.	2nd Rd.	3rd Rd.	Total
1st, T. Morris, jun., St Andrews	47	51	51	149
2d, Bob Kirk, Blackheath	52	52	57	161
3d, David Strath, St Andrews	54	49	58	161
Tom Morris, sen., do.	56	52	54	162
William Doleman, Musselburgh	57	54	58	169
William Park, do.	60	55	58	173
Jamie Anderson, St Andrews	59	57	58	174
J. Allan, North Devon	61	58	57	176
A. Doleman, Musselburgh	61	59	58	178

C. Hunter, Prestwick	58	56	64	178
T. Brown, Musselburgh	66	55	59	180
J. Miller, do.	66	63	54	183
T. Hunter, do.	62	63	60	185
F. Doleman, do.	65	64	60	189
W. Boyn, Prestwick	65	59	67	191
J. Hunter, do.	62	65	64	191
W. Dow, Musselburgh	68	64	66	198

As Young Tom carries off the belt to St Andrews and retains it, a new champion trophy will require to be furnished if a wholesome spirit of emulation is to be kept up among the professional golfers of the country. We understand that it is the intention of the Prestwick Golf Club to order another belt, but we have not learned what the design will be, or the probable cost. If a suggestion might be allowed, we would say that the trophy should be made perhaps less valuable than the one so honourably won by the young St Andrews champion, and that the money prize which always accompanies the championship should be increased. Why should not at least £20 be given to the annual champion? That sum would be more commensurate with the importance of the contest and the honour of winning the belt than the present paltry £6, while we daresay there would be even more numerous competitors than at present.....

.....Our correspondent says - "Young Tom has won the belt for the third time," were the words in everybody's mouths when the news arrived of his success, and they seemed to convey the acme of satisfaction. A flag was displayed from Mr Morris's workshop, and when it became known that the champion would arrive on Saturday night with the 10 o' clock train, a number of his friends awaited his arrival, and he had scarcely set foot on the railway terminus ere he was hoisted shoulder high and borne in triumph to Mr Leslie's Golf Inn, where his health was drank with every honour. Mr Denham, London, who proposed the champion's health, said the feat he had performed had never been done before, and in all probability would never be repeated. By it he had brought the highest honour which any golfer could confer upon the ancient city and on all interested in the national game of golf. Tom thanked his friends for such an unlooked for and highly complimentary demonstration. He told them that three years ago he determined to become proprietor of the belt, and, as they all knew, he had the satisfaction to realise that resolution on Thursday at Prestwick. "The health of Tom Morris, senior," having been next given, Tom said he had almost succeeded in gaining the honour, having held the belt for two years, and lost it the third by a very little. He felt proud, however, that his successful rival and ultimate winner of the belt was his son.

1872
A NEW OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY
 Golf Championship
 (Fifeshire Journal 12th September 1872)

A grand golf tournament takes place at Prestwick this week. It has been arranged that a challenge trophy for the championship, open to all comers, shall be played for annually over Prestwick, St Andrews, and Musselburgh Links alternately. The first competition takes place at Prestwick on Friday, the 13th instant. A medal, to be permanently retained, will be given to the winner of the trophy in each year, as well as prizes in money. The younger Morris, it will be remembered, carried off the champion belt a few years ago, having won it thrice in succession over Prestwick Links.

TOMMY'S FOURTH OPEN WIN
 Golf- Competition for the Challenge Trophy at Prestwick
 (St Andrews Citizen 21st September 1872)

On Friday the challenge trophy for the championship, open to all golfers, and which is henceforth to be competed for annually on one of the following Links in each year - viz., Prestwick, St Andrews, and Musselburgh - was played for, for the first time, over Prestwick Links. Money prizes were added to the successful players, and a medal to be permanently retained is given to the winners of the trophy in each year. The weather on Friday was not at all favourable to steady golfing, a strong wind having all day blown across the links. The contest commenced at 10 o' clock, when the following four couples started :- Young Tom Morris, St Andrews, and William Hunter, Prestwick, St Nicholas; Old Tom Morris, St Andrews, and David Park, Musselburgh; Charlie Hunter, Prestwick, and W. Doleman, Prestwick, St Nicholas; David Strath, St Andrews, and Hugh Brown, Prestwick. Young Tom and Strath were the favourites. The game consisted of three rounds, or 36 holes. St Andrews rules. At the close the game stood as follows:-

	First Round	Second Round	Third Round	Total
Young Tom Morris	57	56	53	166
David Strath	56	52	61	169
W. Doleman	63	60	54	177
Old Tom Morris	62	60	57	179

David Park	61	57	61	179
Charlie Hunter	60	60	69	189
William Hunter	65	63	69	197
Hugh Brown	65	73	61	199

Young Tom Morris was thus the winner of the trophy for the present year, along with a medal, to be permanently retained, and £8 in money. There were other five money prizes given. It will be remembered that Young Tom carried off, two years ago, the Challenge Belt which was given by the Prestwick Club, he having been the successful competitor for three years in succession. In 1868 he made the 36 holes in 154 strokes, in 1869 in 157 strokes, and in 1870 in 149 strokes.

1873

TOM KIDD WINS THE FIRST ST ANDREWS' OPEN

The Golf Championship
(Fifeshire Journal 19th October 1873)

One of the great annual events of the golfing season came off on Saturday. This was the contest for the championship, which in alternate order fell to be played this year over the 'Queen of Links'. The gage de guerre in the tournament is a handsome silver cup, and as the winner of it so long as he can keep it in his custody is entitled to the not insignificant appellation of 'champion golfer', it may be well supposed that the arena of conflict - the golf course - was animated with the contending aspirants, and that many a sturdy blow was struck to secure the trophy. But in addition to the cup there were a money prize - viz. L.11 - and a remembrancer in the shape of a silver medal. Twenty - six entered the lists, and in this number were several gentlemen amateurs. For the game the weather could not have been more suited. It was dry. The sun was bright, and no wind disturbed the flight of the 'gutta'. The putting greens were in fair condition, and new holes had been cut, but pools of water on the course added considerably to the hazards and militated against good scores. To determine the result, two rounds of thirty - six holes had to be played. Proceedings were advertised to open at 10, but owing to some laxity the first ball was not struck off until nigh a half hour later. Once begun, however, matters proceeded rapidly and smoothly. The following is the list of players and order of start:-

T. D. McWhannel and H. A. Lamb
Robert Armit and Robert Martin
T. Morris, junior, and John Chisholm
Bob Kirk (Blackheath) and Jamie Fenton

Walter Gourlay and David Ayton
 Robert Greig and Tom Kidd
 David Braid and Jamie Anderson
 Davie Strath and Dr Argyle Robertson
 John Grieve and Muir Fergusson
 Jack Morris (Hoylake) and Wm. Fernie
 Bob Pringle (Mussellburgh) and Tom Manzie
 Tom Morris, sen. and Wm. Henderson (Edinr.)

At the close of play the following was found to be the result:-

	1st Round	2nd Round	Total
Tom Kidd	91	88	179
Jamie Anderson	91	89	180
Tom Morris, junior	94	89	183
Bob Kirk	91	92	183
David Strath	97	98	187

The next lowest scores were -

Tom Morris, senior, 189; H.A. Lamb 192; Robert Martin 194; Wm. Fernie 194; Robert Armit 195; Jamie Fenton 195; Muir Fergusson 199; Tom Manzie 200.

From the above it will be seen that Tom Kidd has secured the championship and first prize. The four players who follow his name are prize - winners. The championship which has now departed from the house of Morris has been retained in the family, if we mistake not, for the period of seven years. For the first two of these by the father and the remaining years by the son. Many think that Tommy has allowed his laurels to slip too easily, and support this opinion by instancing the comparatively high score at which the position was won. Looking, however, at the fact of the high scores being uniform, we would not detract from the merits of Kidd by saying that he has obtained the honour he has by bad play on the part of his rivals. Kidd has been known for some years as an excellent player, and has recently been out in several important professional matches. At the same time, however, it was scarcely anticipated on Saturday morning that he would carry off the palm, although he might get a place in the prize - list. As a player he is likely to improve, especially in his short and quarter game.

1876

BOB MARTIN'S FIRST OPEN WIN

Annual Golf Competition for the Golf Championship
(St Andrews Citizen 7th October 1876)

The annual meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club was appropriately brought to a close on Saturday by the annual competition for the championship. This competition, which is played alternately over the St Andrews, Prestwick and Musselburgh Links, was instituted in 1872. Previous to that date the championship had been determined by a match periodically arranged for at Prestwick, but the late Tom Morris, jun., having shown his mettle by gaining the challenge belt - the gift of the late Earl of Eglinton - three years in succession, the competition lapsed. It was, however, speedily revived and sufficient funds procured to purchase a cup. Unlike the belt, the cup can never become the absolute property of any player, but the winner is rewarded with a small medal in memento of his victory, and also a money prize. In 1872 the late Tom Morris followed up his previous victories by taking the first place at the Prestwick meeting of that year. At St Andrews in 1873 Tom Kidd came to the front; at Musselburgh in 1874 Mungo Park secured the blue riband; while last year Willie Park occupied the first place. The circumstances under which the play was carried on on Saturday were rather unfavourable. The weather was showery, the green in many places was very heavy, while the Links were so crowded by golfers as to interrupt the play. Often several of the couples had to stand waiting before they could play up to the putting greens. Indeed to this fact may be traced the unfortunate result of the competition. The members of the Royal and Ancient might have exercised that courtesy which is invariably accorded them on their medal days. The following is the list of competitors:-

1 Tom Maurice, Blackheath; and Mr J. O. F. Morris, St Andrews. 2. Geo. Paxton, Musselburgh; and Mungo Park, Muselburgh. 3. Willie Park, Musselburgh; and Tom Morris, St Andrews. 4. Bob Kirk and Jamie Anderson, St Andrews. 5. David Anderson and Walter Gourlay, St Andrews. 6. Davie Strath, North Berwick; and Bob Dow, Montrose. 7. D. Simpson and Willie Thomson, Elie. 8. Bob Martin and Tom Kidd, St Andrews. 9. Robert Kinsman and David Ayton, St Andrews. 10. Mr David Lamb, London; and W. Honeyman, St Andrews. 11. Mr Henry Lamb, London; and J. Thomson, Bruntsfield Links. 12. J. Halkerston, St Andrews; and W. Doleman, Glasgow. 13. Major Boothby; and Mr Andrew

Smith, Glasgow. 14. Mr J. Miller, Greenock; and Sergeant - Major Griffiths, St Andrews. 15. Alexander Dishart and Davie Corstorphine, St Andrews. 16. Jamie Fenton (skipper), St Andrews; and Mr C. Anderson, Leslie. 17. Mr W. Brand and Mr W. E. Brand, Mylnefield House, Dundee.

The favourite among the players seemed to be Davie Strath, of North Berwick (formerly of St Andrews). In both rounds of which the competition consisted he and his partner, Bob Dow, of Montrose, were followed by a large crowd of spectators.

The scores for the round were:

	Strath	Strokes
Out	554665444	43
In	334666455	43
Total for round		86

After the first round it appeared that Strath had made the lowest score, with the exception of Bob Martin, St Andrews, who had also scored 86 for his round. Martin's score was as follows:

Out	555654444	42
In	533676665	44
Total for round		86

The play of Tom Morris and Willie Park was also watched with great interest. Their scores in this round were: -

	Tom Morris	
Out	665555534	44
In	533576665	46
Total score for round		90

	Willie Park	
Out	766556545	49
In	544655466	45
Total score for round		94

In playing their second round Tom Morris and Willie Park also had good scores. Their scores in this round were as follows: -

	Tom Morris	
Out	556666534	46
In	445674685	49
Total score for round		95

	Willie Park	
Out	655474643	44
In	435574575	45
Total score for round		89

Both men were a little faulty in their game and Willie had very bad luck, but both secured good places.

The players started on their second round shortly after two o' clock, again accompanied by a large crowd of spectators. Strath was unfortunate with his 'tee' shot - the ball drawing over the right of the course and landing among sand. With his next he regained the links, but lay among water. He crossed the burn with his third. Dow, on the other hand, had played steadily, but was very indifferent with his putting, and took six to hole against Strath's five. Playing to the 'corner of the dyke' both got well away from the tee, and followed this up with two capital second shots. Dow, who had the bunker between him and the hole, tried to loft across with his iron, but made a mess of the shot - the ball going into the bunker. With his next he was on the green, and both players got in with six. At the third hole Davie had a very difficult short put, which he missed, holing in six. At the next hole, though up on the green in three, he missed his put, and only holed in six strokes. At the fifth the driving of both men was very indifferent, but both made amends for it at the hole - side. Davie holing his ball while more than twenty yards from the hole, and Dow accomplishing the same feat. At the sixth hole Davie was bunkered at his first shot, just got out to the right in his next; the third was short and lying badly. Taking a good grip of the ground with his cleek, he laid the ball near the hole, but missed the next, holing in six strokes. Driving well, he reached the green at the high hole in three strokes, and succeeded in holing in five. The short hole and the end hole were both well played, being holed in three and four respectively. Coming in Davie's first attempt landed in a whin, but he played it out beautifully. Landing badly playing up he laid the ball dead, and holed in four, taking three strokes to the next (the short hole). Davie again landed his tee shot at the third in a bunker, and lost a stroke taking it out. His next was tolerably well up. He played a fine putt out of the hollow near the hole, and holed the next stroke. At the fourth hole Davie was first among the whins to the right of the course and then to the left. In the latter position he played a master stroke, landing the 'globe' well up on the green, and holing in five. Davie was rather unfortunate at the next hole, and through no fault of his. His tee shot was a fine drive, and his second was also good, but the ball when he played the latter, struck Mr Hutton,

upholsterer, who was playing out, on the forehead, and he fell to the ground. We are glad to say that though Mr Hutton was stunned he was able to walk home. This seemed to shake Davie a little bit, for this hole and also the next he did in six strokes. At the seventh hole the crowd had increased to hundreds, and it was well known that the issue of the contest was now narrowed to Martin and Strath, and Strath started to play the last two holes. Under these circumstances, if he holed them both in 10 strokes he was champion - if in 11 it was a tie. Evidently bracing himself up for an effort, Davie drove a splendid tee shot, which the wind carried into the Station Park. Davie climbed the wall and drove his ball in a glorious shot well up the course. The golf course was now very much thronged, and every few yards the crowd was largely augmented. Davie's next stroke was an important one (as it turned out). He made a most beautiful drive - we think with his iron - which landed near the hole; the ball struck some party near the hole, which of course checked its onward career. Davie played two strokes before he could hole, taking this hole in five strokes. It does not seem to have been intimated to Strath at the time, nor indeed until after the match was finished, but some parties had objected to Strath, and wished him disqualified on the ground that he had played his ball up to the hole while putting was going on. The crowd so increased during the playing of the last hole that it was impossible for us to get near the players, and it must have been trying for Strath. He holed in six strokes, the result being that he had tied with Martin for the championship. Strath's score was as follows:-

Out	566656534	46
In	435566456	44
Total for round		90

It is somewhat remarkable that both Strath and Martin made exactly the same score in both rounds. The question of whether Strath was disqualified or not was discussed by the committee: but no result arrived at, and it was resolved to play off that tie and the others on Monday, the tie for the championship being played under protest. While desiring to say little about the matter, we cannot but think that if Strath did infringe a rule of the club, that that rule was infringed repeatedly on Saturday, and, under the circumstances, surrounded by a large and increasing crowd, it is not to be wondered at if Strath did not know (from the distance he was) whether play was going on round the hole or not. The following is the result of the competition:-

1st Round	2nd Round	Total
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Davie Strath, North Berwick	86	90	176
Bob Martin, St Andrews	86	90	176
Willie Park, Musselburgh	94	89	183
Tom Morris, St Andrews	90	95	185
W. Thomson, St Andrews	90	95	185
Mungo Park, Musselburgh	95	90	185
Mr H. Lamb, London	94	92	186
Walter Gourlay, St Andrews	98	89	187
J. ¹⁵ Paxton, Musselburgh	95	92	187
Bob Kirk, St Andrews	95	92	187
Robert Kinsman, St Andrews	88	100	188
Mr D. Lamb, London	95	94	189
Jamie Anderson, St Andrews	96	93	189
John Thomson, St Andrews	89	101	190
David Anderson, St Andrews	93	97	190
James Fenton (skipper), do.	91	100	191

The first prize is the championship and £10, with the second prize of £5. This lies to be decided between Strath and Martin, who must now get either the first or second, according to the result of the play for the tie. Willie Park comes in for the third prize; while Tom Morris, W. Thomson, and Mungo Park being a tie play off for the other prizes.

THE TIES

The ties in connection with the championship competition were played on Monday. Davie Strath, North Berwick, and Bob Martin, St Andrews, were a tie for the first place, and the question as to whether Strath was disqualified or not was not settled on Saturday, but he was informed that he would have to play the tie on Monday though under protest. Under these conditions Davie declined to play at all, and Martin played round the course alone, and was consequently declared the winner of the cup and the money prize of £10. Strath will be the winner of the second prize of £5. This tie being decided, there remained other two ties to decide - the first being between Tom Morris, St Andrews; Mungo Park, Musselburgh; and W. Thomson, St Andrews. The two last mentioned played together, and the tie was decided by one round. Mungo Park came in at a score of 94, and Thomson at 96. An excellent single was played between Tom Morris and Willie Park - the former playing off his tie and also a match against Willie at the same time. The day was dull and a good deal of rain fell, though there was very little wind. Tom and Willie started for their

¹⁵ This is a misprint in the newspaper as the player was George Paxton.

round a little after 11 o'clock, being accompanied all the way round by a large number of spectators. In playing the first hole both went into the burn at their second stroke. The second hole was well played, though Tom missed a short 'putt' at the hole. Willie played a fine tee shot at the third hole, Tom drawing his rather much to the left. The second was well up but bunkered; he got well out however. Both landed on the green in three. Willie playing a fine long putt laid his ball dead at the fourth stroke. They both got in in five. Willie played a fine straight shot from the 'tee', but Tom's ball did not rise well. His second struck the ball with the toe of the club, sending the ball off at an angle to the right. Park's second followed the same course, and both came up to the hole well together. Willie missed his 'putt' holing in six and Tom went in in five strokes. The driving at the fifth hole was particularly good. In playing his second stroke Willie took rather a good grip of the ground, and was short; his next was too much to the right. Landing in a whin, he got well out of it, and played a fine long putt, which deserved to get in, but just missed doing so. Tom holed in five after some fine play. Tom led off at the sixth hole, driving into a bunker, but got well away. Park, driving well, got on the green in two, and holed in four strokes. Park's tee shot was good at the high hole, but Tom experienced rather hard lines at this hole. His first stroke going to the right, his iron brought it out of a whin, but he came to grief again in a hole, took his niblick and picked it well out, which made up for his bad luck. He holed in five. Park played well up, missed a putt at the hole, but got in in four. At the eighth, or short hole, Tom played particularly well, drove well across, and got into the disc in his next, holing a fine putt. Park missed his putt, but managed to hole in his third. Both players went to the left from the tee. Willie being worst, Tom came well up, and was on the green in three, and holed in four, Willie following close with four strokes. Coming in they commenced operations with two fine 'tee' shots. Tom lay badly, but played well out. Park was up in three, and holed in four - Morris taking five strokes. At the short hole both drove badly. Tom was badly bunkered, and had to take it out at the side, losing a stroke. Park was to the right. The putting was not good. Park got holed first in four - Tom taking one stroke more. At their second stroke in the third hole both were in the same bunker. Park got away best, bringing his ball up on the green. Tom was lying in the hollow on the near side of the hole, and playing up his ball passed the hole, striking Park's ball on the other side. The putting at the hole was not good. Here the players were square as regards the number of strokes each had played, and it is something remarkable that the whole of the remaining six holes were halved one after another, and the play was extra good for both the veterans. At the fourth hole Tom drew his tee shot to the left. Willie being bunkered, his next lay to the right, but he played well up in his next. Tom

was up in three, and they both got in in six. Both played fine long drives at the fifth hole, Willie lying badly at the foot of a hillock. With consummate skill Willie played a stroke that could scarcely be beat. Taking his spoon he drew the ball to the left, avoiding the hillocks, which would inevitably have stopped the ball, and sent it flying well up the green. Near the hole both lay badly, Park worst. Two better strokes could not have been played than they both took. They, however, both missed in putting. Tom played a fine straight ball at the sixth hole. Willie going to the right, but getting well up in three. Tom was a little short, but both holed in five strokes. At the seventh both were unfortunate. Tom being well to the left in a whin, took it well out with his iron. Park was first in one bunker, and out of that the got into another, but both came in in five strokes. The next two holes were well played, both getting in with six and five respectively. They thus finished up as they began - all square, both having gone the round in 92 strokes. Tom was thus the winner of the first place in the tie, Mungo Park second, and W. Thomson third. The scores of Tom and Willie were as follows:-

	Willie Park	Strokes
Out	6 5 5 6 6 4 4 4 5	45
In	4 5 5 6 6 5 5 6 5	47
	Total score for round	92

	Tom Morris	Strokes
Out	6 6 5 5 5 5 5 2 4	43
In	5 5 6 6 6 5 5 6 5	49
	Total for round	92

The other tie was between Bob Kirk and Walter Gourlay for the seventh and eighth places.¹⁶ Kirk was the winner, doing the round in 94, while Gourlay took 104.

The result of the contest for the championship is at once unfortunate and unsatisfactory. Whatever may be urged against Strath, it is undoubtedly the fact that a large number sympathise with him. It may be thought that he should have played off the tie, but his grounds for declining to do so are perfectly reasonable and defensible. Had he played off the tie and won, and the committee then declared him disqualified, it would have placed him in a still more awkward position. We cannot think that the arrangements were very satisfactory. Either Davie was disqualified or he was not. If the latter, he was entitled to play the tie without any protest. if the former, he was disqualified altogether and reasonably entitled to no

¹⁶ George Paxton was also tied with Bob Kirk and Walter Gourlay on 187 but for some reason did not take part in the play-off.

prize whatever. But the prizes were all allotted to the various competitors whose scores were lowest, leaving the first and second prize between Strath and Martin, thus virtually qualifying him. We understand that Davie, while giving up the cup and money prize, was willing enough to play Martin for the honour alone.

1877

ANDERSON COMES THROUGH

Competition for the Golf Championship at Musselburgh
(The Scotsman 7th April 1877)

After a lapse of three years since their last visit, the leading professional golfers of Scotland yesterday met on the Links at Musselburgh to engage in the annual competition for the Challenge Cup, the winner of which is acknowledged as the champion of the year. As is generally known, this meeting alternates between the three greens of St Andrews, Prestwick and Musselburgh, the contest being open to all comers, but being as a rule confined to those professionals who are most accustomed to figure before the public. Last year the match was decided at St Andrews, where, it may be remembered, Bob Martin and David Strath tied, though under conditions which led to the former being allowed to claim an unchallenged victory. The muster of competitors on this occasion was a fairly numerous one, and though it cannot be said that the practice overhead was of that high merit that was looked for, the day did not pass without one or two 'crack' rounds being put upon the cards. Like the members of the Honourable company on the previous day, the players were in every way favoured - the weather only broke within half - an - hour of the termination of the play, and the green was at all points perfectly 'true'. The twelve couples who had previously intimated their wish to compete were started shortly after twelve o' clock, under the direction of Mr James Mansfield, all furnished with 'markers' from among the members of the Honourable Company and the Musselburgh Club. The order in which the competitors were sent off was :- David Strath, North Berwick, and R. Fergusson, Musselburgh; R. Kirk, St Andrews, and W. Cosgrove, Musselburgh; John Fergusson, Musselburgh, and T. Brown, Musselburgh; W. Dunn, Musselburgh, and Mr W. Dollman, Glasgow; Mungo Park, Musselburgh, and J. Anderson, St Andrews; W. Thomson, Bruntfield, and R. Cosgrove; R. Martin, St Andrews, and R. Pringle, Musselburgh; J. O. F. Morris, St Andrews, and T. Hood, Musselburgh; W. Park, Musselburgh, and T. Morris, St Andrews; P. Paxton, Musselburgh, and H. Wilson, Musselburgh; W. Sutherland, Musselburgh, and W. Brown, Musselburgh; A. Brown, Musselburgh, and M. Clayton, Musselburgh.

At the beginning of the play, opinion was much divided as to which green was most likely to furnish the winner. The friends of the 'home' Links seemed to place most dependence on Willie Park, Bob Fergusson, and Pringle - the last a 'caddie', stated to have repeatedly shown himself equal to a 36 and 37 round. The backers of St Andrews, again were hopeful that with five good strings to their bow they would be able to retain the cup in the hands of the Royal and Ancient Club, now so well used to its custody; while by others it was thought that the trophy might be taken by Strath to add to the eclat which promises to attend the opening of the new North Berwick green a fortnight hence. It was, however, sufficiently well known that in the course of the four rounds which were to show the victor there would be a good many 'ups' and 'downs', and nobody appeared over - confident of their men.

Although not the most satisfactory, the game between Strath and Fergusson was by far the most popular, a crowd fully a couple of hundred strong following these players during the greater part of the day. By Davie sufficient mistakes were made in the first round to place his prospects at a very low reckoning, and Bob, although playing a remarkably steady game in three rounds, achieved in these no work brilliant enough to prevent mischief being done by the 44 scored in the other instance. In the first round, both players began by halving the 'hollow' hole in a good 5; but the second totals were not quite so promising. 'Heeling' his ball a little in swiping from the 'tee', Strath carried on to the road, where he might have been more severely punished than he was had luck not been with him. From the road he drove very prettily with the iron, bringing his opponent, whose second was badly bunkered, into playing the 'odds'. After these mishaps, the half that was called in 6 was not a discreditable one. Driving once more to the right, in setting out from Mrs Foreman's, Davie found himself a second time on the road, and from this dangerous locality he got away with a beautiful niblick shot, only to be badly used in a bunker, and to be thus provokingly robbed of a stroke. Considering this uphill work, the 6 which was secured was up to any standard; but as it was, the total was one above the total credited to Fergusson, who holed out with a fine 'bolting' put. A half in 4 followed at the 'sea' hole without any noteworthy incident; but the 'fifth' brought more misfortunes to Davie, who, when facing 'Pandy', inexcusably topped a 'tee' shot, and got bunkered. Doing nothing in the short game to retrieve this mistake, he here ran up a hopeless 6 against the 4 secured to Fergusson by the steady use of his clubs. On the putting green at the bathing coach disc, the Musselburgh man did the better work, adding another stroke to his lead; while in the game for the seventh, Davie was left still further in leeway through being bunkered off his swipe - another bit of provoking luck. Still greater did the odds against

North Berwick become at the eighth hole, in approaching which Strath lost ground by handling his iron in a loose way, which was also noticeable at other times. At this disc, Fergusson had a capital chance for 3, which he did not take advantage of. On the 'home' green Strath finished with a very useful 3, as against a 4 totalled by the other in consequence of the missing of a short put. The scores for this round were-

Fergusson	565444444 - 40
Strath	566465553 - 45

In the following rounds Strath improved somewhat in form, though never quite settling down to his best game. The second round he halved with Fergusson in 40; the third he pulled off well in 38; but in the fourth he returned to his shortcomings, spoiling his card by a 43, due to 9 being taken at the second hole - two strokes being lost on the road - and to the aggravating miss of a put of a few inches on one of the home - coming greens.

Another couple who attracted at the outset a large company of followers were the veteran opponents - Tom Morris and Willie Park. By neither was a good appearance made in the first round; and any chance of success then left was altogether gone after the second. With Tom leading by two - the aggregates being 44 and 46 - the pair started on the second round by halving the 'hollow' hole in a creditable 5. Playing the same game as Strath for the second disc, Park drove his ball from the 'tee' to the road, lost two strokes there, and finished in 8; while Tom threw away a stroke by 'foozling' a short put, and totalled 7. An unlucky rub on the paling lost Willie a shot in the game for Mrs Foreman's, where Tom had a chance of stealing a 5, which, however, was not taken. A faulty short game brought Morris's total up to 5 at the 'sea' hole; but in tackling the horrors of 'Pandy' he showed himself in better form, playing an exceptionally pretty iron approach, and being done in 4 as compared with the 5 which the short game cost Willie. Want of deadliness with the putter was again apparent in Park's game for the sixth disc: the seventh was halved in 4; and the eighth went to Musselburgh in 3 - the handling of the putter being here much more satisfactory - while Tom required 5, his ball being bunkered after a beautiful swipe, which deserved the best of treatment. Morris was well forward in his game for the home hole, and was out in 3, one below his opponent. The scores for this round were:-

Morris	576544453 - 43
Park	587455434 - 45

The after - play of both was of a kind corresponding with these figures, the aggregates being - Morris, 44 and 43 - in all, 174; and Park 41, and 44 - in all, 176.

On cards being compared at the close of the four rounds, it was found that Jamie Anderson, a well - known and popular St Andrews professional, had achieved his maiden success in this competition. Anderson has always hitherto borne a very creditable part in these contests, and by his steady, and in one round brilliant play, yesterday his victory was thoroughly well earned. His score and the other winning scores were:-

Rounds

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
J. Anderson (£8 and Championship)	40	42	37	41	160
B. Pringle (£6)	44	38	40	40	162
R. Fergusson } £3 and £1 {	40	40	40	44	164
W. Cosgrove } divided. {	41	39	44	40	164
D. Strath (£1)	45	40	38	43	166
W. Brown (£1)	39	41	45	41	166

The next lowest score (167) was, it may be mentioned, that of Mungo Park, who in 1874 - the last year in which the match was played over the Musselburgh green - gained the cup with a total of 159.

1878

JAMIE MAKES IT TWO IN A ROW

Golfing At Prestwick

(Ayr Advertiser 10th October 1878)

....On Friday the annual competition for the Silver Cup, which is the badge of championship among golfers, came off at Prestwick Links. The competition is open to all comers, and comes off alternately on the three principle golfing courses in Scotland - St Andrews, Musselburgh and Prestwick. The Links of the latter place on Friday presented an animated appearance. Early in the forenoon upwards of 20 professional golfers and a few amateurs entered the lists, and thirteen couples started in the following order :- Johnnie Allan, Westward Ho, and Tom Dunn, Wimbledon; Tom Carson, Prestwick, and Bob Martin, St Andrews; James Morris, St Andrews, and George Strath, Glasgow; G. Paxton, Musselburgh, and W. Cosgrove, Musselburgh; Bob Pringle, Musselburgh, and Tom Morris, St Andrews; David Grant, North Berwick, and Mr W. Doleman, Glasgow; A. Patrick, Leven, and Mr Percy Wilson, Glasgow; G. Lowe, Hoylake, and Jamie Anderson, St

Andrews; Willie Park, Musselburgh, and Jamie Allan, Westward Ho; Mungo Park, Alnwick, and Mr Wm. Hunter, Prestwick; B. Sayers, Musselburgh, and Mr John Ball, Hoylake; Neil Boon, Prestwick, and John Morris, Hoylake; James Moore, Prestwick, and Bob Kirk, St Andrews. The game consisted of 36 holes, of three rounds of the Links. The play was watched with keen interest. On summing up the cards at the close it was found that Jamie Anderson, who won the championship on Musselburgh Links last year, still retained the honour, he having made the three rounds in 157 strokes - the first with 53, the second with 53, and the third with 51. Bob Kirk stood next in 159 strokes, he having gone the three rounds in 53, 55, and 51. Jamie Morris was third with a total of 161, his scores being 50, 56 and 55. Mr Ball and Bob Martin tied for the fourth place with a total of 165 each; and Willie Park stood next with a total of 166. In playing off the tie for fourth place Bob Martin was successful, he having gone the round in 55 strokes to Mr Ball's 64. Some fine play was witnessed during the game. Jamie Morris completed his first round in 50 strokes, and looked the winner of the trophy; while Jamie Anderson, the champion, had rare good luck. In playing to the Burn hole the third stroke is considered good when it brings the ball on to the putting green, but in Anderson's case the ball rolled right into the hole, thus doing it in 3 - a feat quite unprecedented. In playing afterwards to the short hole, his first drive sent the ball on to the slope behind the hole, and it rolled back into the hole, thus taking it in 1.

On Saturday a large number of professional golfers played for the first time on St Nicholas Links, for a number of money prizes offered by that club. The following eleven couples started in the competition:- J.O.F. Morris and Wm. Hunter, Jack Morris and Jamie Allan, T. Dunn and T. Carson, J. Moore and Jamie Anderson, Bob Pringle and Willie Park, Davie Grant and G. Lowe, Bob Kirk and G. Paxton, Bob Martin and Neil Boon, A. Patrick and W. Cosgrove, W. Wallace and Mungo Park, G. Strath and B. Sayers. The game consisted of three rounds of 36 holes, and was witnessed by a large number of spectators, who admired the fine play exhibited by the 'professionals'. On comparing cards at the close it was found that Jamie Anderson, the champion, had gained the first prize with a total score of 138 strokes; the second fell to Jamie Allan, Westward ho, with 143. For the third prize Bob Kirk and Mungo Park tied with 144 strokes each, and on playing off the tie Bob Kirk made the round in 51 to his opponent's 56. Park stood fourth, and Bob Martin in fifth with 146.

1879
JAMIE'S TRIPLE CROWN
The Championship
(Fifeshire Journal 2nd October 1879)

The chief event in the golfing world was decided on Saturday, when the golf championship was played for, and won for the third time running by Jamie Anderson. The trophy, the possession of which constitutes the holder champion golfer, was instituted several years ago, and has been won by the following players :- Tommy Morris, who won it at Prestwick; Tom Kidd , at St Andrews; Mungo Park, at Musselburgh; Willie Park, at Prestwick; Bob Martin, at St Andrews; Jamie Anderson, at Musselburgh; do., at Prestwick; do., at St Andrews. It will be observed that Jamie Anderson has won it over each of the three links. On Saturday there was a large field of competitors, and both weather and green were excellent. Jamie Anderson, being present champion, was one of the favourites, but three or four others were classed with him as likely men. Fergusson's recent victory over Anderson entitled him to consideration, whilst Jamie Morris, whose performances lately have attracted so much attention, had a considerable number of backers. Jim Allan's fine steady play has been much admired, and he was the reliance of not a few. The first to move off with any considerable following were Dr Argyll Robertson and J. O. F. Morris. The play of the professional was marked by fine driving and steady putting, but the luck of the green seemed to be quite against him. Outwards, he encountered three bunkers, and when he reached the end his score stood at 14¹⁷. Homeward, it seemed as if the tide had turned in his favour, but towards the close of the round misfortune once more asserted itself, so that when he completed the round his total had reached 92. A few couples in rear of Morris was Bob Ferguson. The Musselburgh player's opening game left nothing to be desired, his driving in especial being remarkable. After a misfortune at the hole across, however, Bob's play seemed to lack nerve, and it took him 45 to complete the first half of his round. His partner, J. Rennie, an amateur, had a score of 44. Homeward, Bob's performance improved. Jamie Anderson and Mr Thomson White, a good amateur, were the nineteenth in the order of starting. Jamie began the day's work very fairly, and after careful play he was 'down' in his first hole in five. Proceeding to the dyke hole Jamie drove splendidly, and was quite dead in four, and holed out in five. At the next hole Jamie did good work with his putter, and a four was the next figure down in his register. The long hole was fairly played in half - a - dozen strokes. Another five at the heather was followed by a well played

¹⁷ The score of 14 is a misprint in the original article.

four at the high hole. A three at the short hole and a four at the end finished the round. His score so far was: 554565434 - 41. Going home Jamie had rather hard lines, else a couple of strokes less might have been credited to him in the first and high holes. At the next hole Jamie was on the green in two. Excellent puts followed, but it took five to get home. A like number of strokes was the result at the next hole. The one following required six. At the sixth hole Jamie drove well, and got home in five. Another three fives followed, which completed a well put together 84. The details inward were: 444565555 - 43. Ere Jamie Anderson reached home it was known that Jim Allan of Westward Ho had accomplished his round in 86, and of course the St Andrews man began his second round, determined to do his best, two strokes in the first round of a 36 hole match being accounted of little moment. Anderson's second round was characterised by very steady play, his score outwards being again 41, made up of the following figures : 554465534 - 41. Homeward, Jamie had the worst of his misfortunes going from the heather to the hole across. He got bunkered from the 'tee', and the consequence was that he took seven to reach the bottom of the hole. After this he played a beautiful game, and some splendid puts elicited a considerable amount of applause. His total score inwards was 44. The details were: 445764554. His total score for the day was 169.

Jim Allan, who in his first round went out and came back again almost unobserved, made excellent work, though his outward journey was by far the best. The following shows his score:-

First Round		Second Round	
Outward	563464536 - 41	Outward	444454535 - 38
Inward	435475676 - 47	Inward	435755665 - 46
	88		84

The details of Kirkaldy's scores, a couple of 86s, and who tied with Allan for the second place, was as under:-

First Round		Second Round	
Outward	456565535 - 44	Outward	565575425 - 44
Inward	346555455 - 42	Inward	345655563 - 42
	86		86

The last couple returned about five o' clock, at which hour the committee began to authenticate the scores. They had also laid before them objections against the scores of Bob Fergusson and Jim Allan, but it was resolved to defer their decision. Afterwards the following official list of scores was issued, from which it will be observed that Jamie Anderson's total was better than the next following by three strokes :-

James Anderson	169	Sayers	187
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James Allan	172	D. Corstorphine	189
A. Kirkaldy	172	Paxton	189
G. Paxton	174	Smith (Cambridge)	189
T. Kidd	175	Grant	189
R. Fergusson	176	R. Dow	189
D. Anderson	178	Argyll Robertson	190
J. O. F. Morris	179	G. Strath	191
T. Dunn	179	R. Armit	191
W. Gourlay	179	J. H. Blackwell	192
A. W. Smith	180	T. Manzie	193
J. Rennie	181	G. Honeyman	194
W. Fernie	181	G. Lowe	194
J. Kirkaldy	181	Tait	196
T. Armadale	184	J. Fenton	196
D. Ayton	184	Rev. Lundy	197
H. Lamb	184	R. Kirk	197
Kinsman	185	F. Boothby	198
T. Morris	185	J. White	201
W. Dolman	185	J. Kirk	202
R. Martin	186	W. Goff	204

The first fifteen in the above list participate in prize money to the amount of £45. It only remains to be added that the arrangements for the day were satisfactory, and, with the above exceptions, everything passed off without the slightest hitch.

The objections that were lodged against the scores of Jim Allan and Bob Fergusson were considered on Monday by the committee and dismissed. This decision entailed a competition for second and third places, which were tied for by Jim Allan and A. Kirkaldy. The match excited much interest. When the end hole had been reached the St Andrews man had the better of it by one stroke, his score being 44, as against 45. Homeward, Allan brought the match square at the hole across. It appeared after this stage that Allan pressed his game, and the consequence was a little wild play, and at the dyke Kirkaldy led by three strokes. The next holes fell to Allan, so that victory declared itself in favour of Kirkaldy by only one stroke. The scores were -

Kirkaldy	91	Allan	92....
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1883
WILLIE FERNIE WINS AT MUSSELBURGH

The Golf Championship
Exciting Finish
(The Scotsman 17th November 1883)

The annual match for the golf championship of Scotland took place yesterday over the Musselburgh Links, and, as usual, excited a good deal of interest among the golfing fraternity. The match, though open to all-comers, is chiefly engaged in by professionals, and at it, consequently, a specially good exhibition of the "royal game" can be observed. The match, it may be remembered, is played in turn over the St Andrews, Prestwick, and Musselburgh greens, and the prizes offered are the championship cup and medal, and £20 in money for division among the professional players, in six prizes of £8, £5, £3, £2, and two of £1. When played over Musselburgh Links the match is one of thirty-six holes, or four rounds of the green. For the match yesterday thirty-four names were entered, which were drawn in the following order:- George Strath, Glasgow, and Wm. Thomson, Musselburgh; Thomas Dunn, North Berwick, and W. Park, sen., Musselburgh; David Baldie, St Andrews, and Geo. Paxton, Musselburgh; Mr Geo. Millar, Leith, and Mr Douglas Rolland, Leith; Mungo Park, Alnmouth, and Wm. Dunn, North Berwick; Wm. Fernie, Dumfries, and David Corstorphine, St Andrews; T. Arundel, North Berwick, and W. Cosgrove, Musselburgh; Thomas Grossert, Musselburgh, and Robert Tait; R. Pringle, Musselburgh, and B. Campbell, Musselburgh; John Lambert, Musselburgh, and John Simpson, Earlsferry; Willie Park, jun., Musselburgh and W. Campbell, Musselburgh; W. Brown, Musselburgh, and Tom Morris, St Andrews; Mr D. Leitch, Leith, and Frank Park, Musselburgh; David Grant, Musselburgh, and A.C. Brown, Dunbar; David Brown, Musselburgh, and Peter Paxton, Great Malvern; R. Ferguson, Musselburgh, and Bernard Sayers, Musselburgh; Charles Crawford, Musselburgh, and T. Brown, Musselburgh. It will be seen by the above list that there was a fair representation of players from the principal Scottish greens, though some names are wanting that might have been looked for on such an occasion. All were glad to see old Tom Morris from St Andrews, whose hand, as his record shows, has not yet forgotten its cunning. The only amateurs who entered were members of the Leith Club. The appearance of Mr Rolland on the green was regarded with some interest, in view of a probable match which is talked of between him and a crack player of the Hoylake green (Mr John Ball tertius), and it was thought by some of his friends that he had a good chance of the championship. The favourite, however, undoubtedly was Bob Ferguson, who had some claims to be

installed in this honourable position from having held the championship for the last three years. It was also known that some recent practice of his over the Links had been excellent - his register on one of these occasions being 37 for the nine holes. Many fancied Fernie, of Dumfries, who had run Bob closely at St Andrews last year, and whose performance over that green in the autumn professional competition (83 for the round) was of so satisfactory a nature. A start was made about half-past eleven o'clock, and at that time there was a considerable attendance of spectators - mostly gentlemen belonging to the various city clubs. As the day advanced the ranks of these were largely added to, and quite a crowd witnessed the finish. The day, though dull, was an exceedingly favourable one for golf. There was neither wind to disturb the flight of the balls nor sun to distract the players; and the green was in splendid condition. Low scoring was therefore the rule - among the first six players, there being no fewer than 11 of their rounds under 40, while among those who did not figure in the prize list there were 9 rounds under that coveted figure. Indeed, those who were present on the Links had an opportunity of witnessing a first-class display of golf from several of the players. Ferguson had for partner B. Sayers, and as they were drawn sixteenth they were late getting away, but when they did so they had a large following. In Sayers, Bob had an excellent partner, who kept well up with the champion all through; and although he did not manage to get into the prize list his playing, particularly his putting and judiciously-judged approaches, were very much admired. Bob opened well with two 5's, and his next hole was even better - Mrs Foreman being taken by a brilliant 4. Both the tee shot and the second were fine examples of Bob's long play - the latter landing the ball about 40 yards from the green. With the third Bob laid the ball dead, and in the next got out. Bob played one more than his partner at the sea hole, but he put that right by taking "Pandy" in 4. He had hard lines at the bathing-coach hole, which he might have had in 4 had his ball not stopped short at the very edge, when it ought to have dropped in. Sayers had a very nice 3 for the hole across, and the gas hole was halved in 4. In playing for home Bob kept well to the left, and escaped the bunker which Sayers got into, and by an excellent put managed the hole in 3. Sayers had a capital niblick shot out of the bunker. Bob's first round was as follows:-

554445443-38

Sayers took 42. In the next round Sayers did himself great credit by a fine exhibition of all-round play. The first five holes he halved with his tough opponent. At Pandy he managed to put himself one up on the round - a lead he increased to two at the "hole across" but he lost one again at the home hole. In this round Bob had a grand tee shot on the way to Linkfield, which carried his ball over the second bunker; and he only

missed by a few inches taking Mrs Foreman again in 4. Sayers was also well up to Foreman in 2, but his ball lay badly, and it cost him a stroke to get it out of a depression. Bob in this round finished in 40, the two he lost being at Foreman and Pandy. The details were:-

555455443-40

Sayers 39 was made up as follows:-

555445344-39

This made Bob 78 on the two rounds, and Sayers 81. There was a short interval for luncheon at the end of the second round, which furnished a convenient opportunity for exchanging notes. It then became known that Fernie had been playing a very strong game, and had finished with the excellent total on the two rounds of 75, made up as follows:-

First round..... 575345432-38

Second round.... 465444343-37

Willie Park, jun., had also come well to the front by excellent driving and putting, having done the first round in 39 and the second in 38-total 77, the details being:-

First..... 555354444-39

Second..... 457445342-38

W. Campbell and G. Paxton had both 38 and 42-80. Interest was now directed to Fernie, who was 3 less than Ferguson, and a large portion of the company who had been following the champion started off with him in the third round. Fernie, who is a well-made, muscular young fellow, and handles his clubs in a free, graceful style, took the first two holes in 5 each, but in playing for "Foreman" he got into trouble. His second shot landed him in a bunker, his ball being close to the face. In attempting more than was judicious his third shot was lost, for the ball rolled abck again into the hazard, and it cost him another shot to get it into a good position. Eight for this hole looked badly for his chances: but he made no more mistakes and finished in 40. In his last round he had extraordinarily bad luck. In playing for the Linkfield hole, his tee landed him among long grass, and in playing it he landed in a sand hole. This cost him a shot. His fourth stroke sent his ball into a bad bunker close by the "Pandy" hole, and in attempting to drive it out it struck the wooden fencing, and fell back again. With his sixth he played to the side and got clear; with his seventh he sent the ball among whins, from which, however, he escaped without penalty. He got to the green in 8, but missed an easy put, and took 10 to the hole. By this escapade it was generally felt he had all but thrown away his chance of the championship; but, as things turned out, this was not the case. He finished in 43, his total for the two last rounds being 83, or for the four rounds 158. The details of his third and fourth rounds were:-

Third.....5 5 8 3 4 5 4 4 2-40

Fourth.....5 10 5 4 4 5 3 4 3-43

The high scoring for the two last rounds revived interest in Ferguson, but on inquiry it appeared that Bob had not improved. On the contrary, chiefly by weak play on the greens, he managed to run up a total of 42 on the third round. The champion, however, did better on his last round, though by the time "Foreman" was reached the light was almost gone. Bob, however, had pulled himself together, and at the bathing-coach hole his score up to that point was 148. He had three holes still to play, and if he meant even to tie with Fernie he must do them in 10. Would he do them was now the absorbing question, and the excitement among the spectators became intense, all the more as the shades of the evening made it impossible to follow the flight of the balls. Bob, without knowing the precise position of affairs, had an idea that something great was expected of him, and played carefully. Things looked badly, however, for him when he took 4 for the hole across, but by splendid play he holed out at the gasworks in 3. He drove for home with his cleek, and landed a good 20 yards to the left of the hole. By a well-calculated long put he put himself within 2 ½ yards of the hole, and, amid the cheers of the large crowd which had collected, he holed out in 3. The finish was certainly most exciting: and it is doubtful if ever in the history of the match so important an event was virtually decided in the darkness. The details of Bob's last two rounds were:-

Third..... 5 4 5 4 6 6 4 5 3-42

Fourth.....5 5 5 3 5 5 4 3 3-38

On the four rounds Bob's total, like Fernie's, was thus 158 – the result being a tie for the championship. Bob's partner finished the two rounds in 40 and 43. Park, junior, who had promised so well, broke down on the last two rounds, while W. Brown improved greatly, and took the third place. His first two rounds were 40 and 43, his last 39 and 38, made up as follows:-

Third..... 6 5 5 3 4 5 4 4 3-39

Fourth.... 4 7 4 4 5 4 4 3 3-38

-making a total of 160. R. Pringle came next with 161, his second and third rounds being:-

Second..... 6 5 5 3 5 5 2 5 3-39

Third..... 5 6 4 3 4 6 2 4 4-38

W. Campbell and George Paxton tied with 163. As the prize money for the fifth and sixth places are the same there will be no necessity for playing off the tie.....

It may be mentioned that in 1880, on the last occasion when the championship match was played over Musselburgh, the winning score (made by Ferguson) was 162 – the several rounds being 40, 41, 42, 39. The members of the Honourable Company of Golfers, as usual, made the

arrangements for the match, and along with several other gentlemen gave their services as markers. It was arranged in the clubhouse that the tie between Ferguson and Fernie would be played off this forenoon, beginning about ten o'clock. Four rounds of the course will again be played, and a most interesting contest is anticipated.

Golf
The Golf Championship
Victory for Fernie
(The Scotsman 19th November 1883)

The tie for the Golf Championship was played off on Saturday over the Musselburgh green, and after a close and interesting contest resulted in the defeat, though only by one stroke, of the champion by his younger rival. The match was one of the best that has been seen over any green for many a day. Ferguson has been known for the past three years, at all events, as the strongest player any of the Scottish greens could produce; while Fernie's performance of the previous day showed that he was little, if at all, behind the champion as an exponent of the national game. The only question was whether in an exciting tussle he would keep cool enough to do himself justice. Of Ferguson's nerve there was no doubt, but Fernie, although he broke down several times in the most extraordinary manner on the greens showed, upon the whole, that he was made of excellent stuff. The exhibition of golf which was given by the couple may indeed have been of a brilliant description. The long game especially was near perfect. Both men drove very long balls, Ferguson being, if anything, the stronger of the two; the second shots to the long holes were also generally beautifully got away: and in their approaches both handled their irons with great dexterity. What defect there was in the game was shown on the putting greens, where rather weak play was shown, especially by Fernie, who threw away more than one great chance which Ferguson gave him. Fernie seemed to have a fondness for putting with his cleek, and attempted shots with it which, in the judgement of many of the onlookers, had better have been played with the putter. Had he taken a little more time to consider his shots it would not have been amiss, on the other hand, it must be said that he made with his cleek several very fine long puts, notably the last, which gained him the match. Ferguson also was hardly up to his usual form on the greens and made several mistakes, to which, as the sequel shows, may be attributed the loss of the first place among the golfing fraternity for the next year.

The weather on Saturday was far from favourable. It was wet when the match began; and although it cleared during the last half of the first round and the whole of the second, the concluding round especially was played

under very unfavourable circumstances. On turning for home for the last time the men had to encounter a pretty stiff wind, which blew a cold heavy rain straight in their faces. The wet also made the greens a trifle heavy, though not to such an extent as to interfere with good play. There was a fair attendance of spectators in the early forenoon, and many more came by the later trains, though the weather kept a large number of people at home who would otherwise have been present. Several hundreds of onlookers witnessed the finish. On the previous day, it may be remembered, Ferguson and Fernie finished with 158, made up as follows – Ferguson 38, 40, 42, 38: Fernie 38, 37, 40, 43. Play began on Saturday shortly after ten o'clock, and what little friendly betting there was on the event was slightly in favour of Ferguson, the odds being 6 to 5. Ferguson opened the match with a good tee shot, which was well responded to by Fernie, and both were on the green in two. Bob's put laid him dead, and he holed out in 4. Fernie, by missing a put of about a yard and a half, had to play 5. On the way to Linkfield, Ferguson's tee shot took him rather near the fence. Fernie topped his ball, and in playing the odds he narrowly escaped a bunker. Ferguson played his second from the footpath inside the fence, and with his third he was well on the green. Fernie also got on the green in 3, but both putted weakly, and the hole was halved in 5. Driving for "Foreman", Ferguson had a very long ball, which, however, on lighting, struck the fence and got him into trouble. Fernie carried his more to the right, and from a slightly rising ground had a fine second drive, which took him to the ground below the green. Ferguson found his ball between an opening in the fence, and with his second he could do no more than get it on the course: his third took him up to the teeing ground for the sea hole. Here then, it was thought, was opportunity for Fernie to wipe off arrears, especially as with his third he was on the green. He had a good chance for a 4, but his put fell rather short. Ferguson's fourth was also weak and he missed with his fifth. No one doubted but that Fernie would have the hole, for he was lying only about a foot from it; but he too made a dreadful miss, and the hole was halved in 6. The next was a short hole, and Ferguson, who lay dead in 2, got it easily in 3. Fernie had a chance of a half, but missed a longish put by weak play, and took 4. Both drove Pandy in grand style, and Ferguson had a particularly good second shot, which landed him at the foot of the slope below the "table". Both were in a good position on the green in 3. It looked like a half with 4, but Ferguson spoiled himself by a rather weak put, while Fernie had very hard lines, his ball being caught just on the edge of the hole. Both, therefore, had to add a stroke to their record. Ferguson had two fine long shots on the way to the bathing coach hole, but his iron approach was rather strong. Fernie's tee landed him among the whins to the left, but he played it well out, and getting upon the green

in 3, would have holed out in 4 but that his ball got one or two bad rubs. Ferguson missed his put by a few inches, and, to the surprise of all, did no better with his fifth, though it was quite close to the hole. Fernie once more threw away an opportunity, for he too fozzled a ball lying scarcely a foot from the hole; and accordingly a half in 6 had to be declared. Fernie's fifth was played from almost the same spot as his opponent's, and both balls it appeared on examination afterwards, were deflected in their course by a few blades of long grass. There was nothing special about the play for the next short hole, except that both again cut up weak on the green, their being nothing better to record than a half in 4. At the gas hole Ferguson's luck forsook him. Both had long tee shots, but Ferguson, playing the odds, had rather a strong approach, which carried his ball into the rough ground behind the hole. On the other hand, Fernie's second fell short, though he got upon the green. By a fine put with his cleek however, he took the hole in 3. Bob's third passed to the left of the hole, but he missed a ridiculously easy put, and had to play two more before he holed out. This brought the game level – the score of both for the eight holes being 38. Fernie, with the lead for the first time, drove for home with his cleek, and landed his ball about sixteen yards to the left of the hole. Ferguson had a beautiful ball, which lay about a yard from the hole. He, however, missed the put, and took 3 to finish; but Fernie required 4, as he had again hard lines with his third, which ran round the hole, but failed to drop in. The round, therefore, closed with Ferguson one up, his score being 41, while Fernie's score was 42. Ferguson on beginning the second round narrowly escaped bunkering his ball on the high ground to the left. Fernie had a longer shot, and his second was a beauty, carrying him clear over all obstructions and landing him on the edge of the green about 17 yards from the hole. Ferguson played a risky second straight for the hole, but not hitting it with sufficient strength it dropped among heavy sand, out of which it was cleverly taken with the niblick and left in a fair position on the green. Fernie lost a chance of a 4 by playing his third weakly, and he badly missed his fourth. Ferguson's fourth was weak, and a 5 for both was put on the register. Both players, by two beautiful long shots and a pretty iron approach, got on Linkfield green in 3 – the balls lying only about a yard from each other. Ferguson's put fell short; but Fernie, judging the distance better, sent a fine steady ball forward, which just missed the mark by a hair's breadth. Another half in 5 had to be called. The same excellent long play was repeated on going towards "Foreman" both being on the green in 3. Ferguson had an easy 5, and Fernie managed to get a half by a creditable longish put. Ferguson might have had the sea hole in 3 had he not played weakly on the green. Fernie's tee shot carried him considerably to the right; but he got on to the green with his second, and had a well-attempted long put down hill

for his third. A half in 4 was, however, the result of the play. Ferguson had a fine drive across "Pandy", and left himself in good position. Fernie, on the other hand, found himself among the long grass on the right. Nevertheless, he had a nice second, and with his third he laid himself on the table three yards from the hole. Ferguson drew his second shot dreadfully, and had to play his third from a spot not far from the fence. His approach was rather strong, and he had a long put for his fourth, which he missed. As Fernie followed suit with less excuse, another half with 5 was registered. Both took a stroke more to the bathing-coach hole than they need have done had they been steadier on the green – the hole being halved in 5; but the monotony of halving the holes in this way was broken at the hole across by Ferguson, who having gone straight for the green from the tee, laid his ball dead in 2, and got the hole in 3. Fernie, as in the last round, got to the right; but it gave him an opportunity of playing a pretty iron shot over a clump of whins – the ball dropping only a yard and a half from the hole. He had hard lines with his put, as the ball ran round the edge of the hole without going in. Four accordingly had to be put against him. By a curious coincidence, Fernie, as in the last round, had singular good luck at the gas hole, while Ferguson was correspondingly unfortunate. Both got well away, but Ferguson had again a strong approach, and sent his ball into the rough grass beyond the green. Fernie's second was excellently judged, the ball alighting about three yards on the right of the hole, which he managed to take by a clever cleek put in 3. Ferguson played his third a little too strong; then fuked an easy put, and took 5 to finish, thus enabling Fernie to clear off the one against him, and bring the game level, amidst a buzz of excitement among the spectators. Both drove well for home, but Ferguson played the odds too strongly, and ran past the hole a good four yards. Fernie's put fell short, but by a bit of fine steady play he holed out in 3. Bob missed the long put, and took 4, thus doing the round in 41 to Fernie's 39. This left Fernie one up, the total for the two rounds being – Fernie 81, Ferguson 82. After half an hour's interval for luncheon, the third round began about one o'clock. Both got down to the first green in 2, and Fernie nearly had a 3, his long put just shaving the hole. A half in 4 was, however, excellent play. Both kept well to the left on going for the second hole, and Fernie got on the green in 3. Bob's third, however, took him among the whins, but his fourth laid him within a few yards of the hole. Fernie lay dead with his fourth, but he bungled an easy put with his cleek and he had to play 6. Bob also had a bad fifth, and the hole was accordingly halved in 6. "Foreman", by splendid play on behalf of both men, was taken in 4. Bob had to play his second from rough grass, but an excellent shot with his "brassey" kept him right. The putting was also excellent. Both had fine balls off the tee for the sea hole and Bob, playing the odds, laid himself

quite close to the hole and got it in 3. Fernie's approach was too strong, and the hole cost him 4. The game was once again level. Amidst great excitement among the crowd the way was taken for Pandey, and both got to the foot of the table in 2. Three each put them on the green; and Bob missed an easy four, his put wanting legs to carry it to the hole. Fernie was about 2 ½ yards off, and as he too missed, the hole was halved in 5. Going for the bathing-coach hole, Ferguson found himself in the rough territory on the left, but he got well out of it with his second, and was at the edge of the green in 3. Fernie also was up in the like figure. He had a difficult put over roughish ground for his fourth and missed, and he holed out in 5. Bob's put was a pretty one, but it just turned off as it neared the hole, and a half was again called. Ferguson again drove the hole across splendidly, and narrowly missed a 2. He got it, however, in 3. Fernie, anxious to avoid the right, to which he had gone on the previous two rounds, now drew his ball too much to the left, and by weak putting the hole cost him 4. Bob was again one up on the game; and on driving off for the Gasworks, speculation was rife as to whether luck would there again desert him. Both had grand tee shots and pretty iron approaches, and both made a game attempt to take the hole in 3. The 4, however, put on against both was not out of the way. The home hole was halved without incident in 3, and the round closed – Ferguson 37, or on the game 119; and Fernie 39, or on the game 120. The concluding round opened badly for both players, Bob getting into the bunker in the middle of the course, while Fernie found himself in the one on the high ground to the left. Bob had to sacrifice a shot in getting out, but with his third he laid the ball on the green twelve yards from the hole. Fernie's ball had dropped upon a hard broad ledge, so that he managed to play it well off with his iron, and got within easy distance of the green. With his third he got about three yards from the hole, but in putting he had hard lines – the ball being a trifle strong, circling round the edge but failing to drop in. Both had a lucky escape, and were glad to have a half in 5. Bob's next tee shot again landed him in difficulty, the ball getting among the long grass below the fence. It was played judiciously out, and he had a long shot for his third, but as it was drawn considerably to the left he narrowly escaped a bunker. Fernie had three of the most perfect consecutive shots seen in the game, and he had a chance for a 4, but failed to take advantage of it. Bob again got well out of it with a half in 5. His luck was certainly not in the ascendant, for on the way to Foreman he "baffed" his second shot, and had a narrow escape from being bunkered. He had a fine iron approach, but he failed to do the hole in less than 5. Fernie, by pretty play was lying dead in 3, and holing out in 4, once more wiped off arrears and brought the game even. From this time onward to the finish the excitement among the spectators was intense, and every stroke was

watched with the keenest interest. On going to the sea hole there was nothing to choose between the tee shots. Fernie, having a clear course, took his putter to his second, and laid the ball, after a long run on the grass, dead at the side of the hole, which he easily took in 3. Bob had the bunker between him and the green, and had to use his iron, but he might have got a half had he not missed a comparatively easy put. Four was therefore put against him, and Fernie was now one up. After driving Pandy in excellent form, both got on the table in 3, and Ferguson had an easy 4. Fernie had a long put for his fourth, which he missed, and the one more he had to play again brought the match level. How it was to end at this rate none could tell. On the way to the bathing-coach hole Fernie threw away a grand chance. Bob, in approaching the hole with his iron, heeled his ball and sent it flying towards the sea fence; while Fernie with his third lay only fourteen yards from the hole. Ferguson got within three yards with his fourth, and both putted badly and had a half in 6. Things remained unaltered at the hole across, but at the gasworks Bob turned the tables on his opponent, and finished in 4, while Fernie's fourth, on which so great things depended, missed the hole by a hair's breadth, and as he took 5, Bob found himself one up, and it was believed that the match was his. But it is always the unexpected that happens, and certainly a greater surprise than that which occurred could hardly have been imagined. Both got on the home green with cleek drives – Bob in his favourite position on the left, and Fernie considerably nearer the hole on the right. Bob, playing the odds, fell awfully short. Fernie, who had to cover about seven yards, hit the ball firmly with his cleek. Its course was watched with breathless interest, and when it dropped into the hole a loud cheer was raised. Bob had still a chance of tying again, and his next put was also closely followed. It wanted legs, however, and as he took 4 to the hole the match was Fernie's, who was immediately congratulated by his friends. A cheer was called for him, and one for the ex-champion, which was heartily given. The total of the round was – Fernie, 38; Ferguson, 40; or for the four rounds – Fernie 158 his Friday's score); Ferguson 159.... Fernie, who is 28 years of age, is a St Andrews player, but for the last two years he has been keeper of the Dumfries green....

1885

BOB MARTIN WINS HIS SECOND OPEN

Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews

Victory of Bob Martin

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The autumn meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, and with it the golfing season at St Andrews, was appropriately brought to a close on Saturday by the annual competition for the golf championship. This competition was instituted in 1872, and is open to all comers, professionals and amateurs alike, and is played alternately over the three greens of Prestwick, St Andrews and Musselburgh. Prior to this competition there was an annual meeting of the cracks at Prestwick for the champion belt; but about 1869 the late 'Young Tom' (Morris), as he was familiarly known on all the golfing greens, scored his third successive victory, and the belt became his absolute property, and is now in the possession of the Morris' family. The meeting lapsed for some few years, but was again inaugurated on a more permanent basis, and in place of being confined to one green is now contested over three in succession. The play is now for a silver cup, but it can never pass into the possession of anyone, but is retained in the custody of the principal club of the district from which the winner hails, while he is rewarded with a substantial money prize and a silver medal in commemoration of his victory. In 1872, at Prestwick, the late young Tom Morris, for the fourth time running, came to the front; at St Andrews, in 1873, the late Tom Kidd proved the better player; at Musselburgh, in 1874, Mungo Park re-established the reputation of the Park family; at Prestwick, in 1875, Willie Park again won his spurs; at St Andrews, in 1876, Bob Martin won; while at Musselburgh, Prestwick, and St Andrews, three years running, Jamie Anderson carried off the blue ribbon of the golfing green. At Musselburgh, in 1880, Bob Fergusson carried off the trophy, and maintained his reputation as champion golfer at Prestwick and St Andrews the two following years. At Musselburgh, in 1883, Wm. Fernie came to the front, while at Prestwick last year Jack Simpson out distanced all his compeers.

The muster of players on this occasion was excessively large, no fewer than 56 players entering, including all the best professional players in the country - excepting perhaps Bob Fergusson, Musselburgh; Jamie Anderson, Ardeer; Tom Dunn, North Berwick; and Annand and Mearns, Aberdeen - and a number of the finest amateurs that Scotland or England can produce. In addition to the championship there were several money prizes under competition, subscribed for by the gentlemen attending the autumn meeting of the club, and before the play began the competitors had to declare whether they were simply competing for the championship only as amateurs or as professionals for the money prizes. Such men as Mr Laidlay, Mr Hunter, Mr Balfour, Colonel Boothby, Mr Goff, Mr L. Ross, Captain W. Burn, Mr Henry, Mr Ball, all declared themselves as amateurs, but several of the local artisan players entered the lists as

professionals and engaged for the money prizes. The field that on this occasion competed was the largest that ever took part for the championship, and good play was anticipated from many of the competitors. The conditions under which play was conducted were pretty favourable - the weather was fine and the green in good order - the only thing that tended to prevent the lowest results being attained being a stiff breeze from about west - north - west.

The game was two rounds of the green - 36 holes - and play began punctually at 10 o' clock. Among the first of the favourite players to start was Archie Simpson, Carnoustie. Striking off Archie did not get well away with his tee, but crossed the burn with his third, and got down in five. On the green at the dyke he failed to hole his put, and a six was registered. The next two holes were played well, but a seven was required at the hole across, where a six would have been sufficient. The last four holes were accomplished in sixteen, and his total was 43. Returning he was three strokes to the good of this figure - 40 - which was the lowest score for any half round made by any of the players - his total being 83 for the round. The figures were:-

Out	5 6 5 4 7 5 4 3 4 - 43
In	4 4 6 3 5 5 4 4 5 - 40 83

Another favourite player was Bob Martin, St Andrews, who on playing off found himself accompanied by a large crowd. Starting with a five for the burn hole, Martin played on the outgoing a very steady game - taking the first four holes in 17, three 6's followed, and he took the short and the end holes in three - his total at the turn being 41. In the homecoming he was two strokes in excess of this - 43 - his total being 84 for the round. His detailed score was -

Out	5 4 4 4 6 6 6 3 3 - 41
In	5 3 4 5 5 6 4 6 5 - 43 84

Wm. Fernie, Felixstowe, a native of St Andrews, was looked upon as the man most likely to win. Playing the previous day with Mr Laidlay, he had given him a thorough beating, and his chances were favourably discussed. His score out was 47. He made a better show of it in returning, taking 42, but his total of 89 put him out of the reckoning. Following immediately at his back was Mr Laidlay and Mr Leslie Balfour, who played together. Both had many backers, but Mr Laidlay, from his winning the medal on Wednesday and beating Mr Balfour in private matches before and after the medal competition, was the favourite of the two. Both made somewhat a bad start, taking six for the burn. The next three holes Mr Laidlay carried in eleven to Mr Balfour's fourteen, and at the turn he still maintained his lead of four strokes, the scores being 41 and 45 respectively. Mr Balfour had the advantage by one stroke on the first four

holes coming in, Mr Laidlay being unfortunate in being bunkered from the tee from the high and heather holes. He was also bad in playing the long hole, and took seven to hole out. Mr Balfour had thus gained two strokes in the five holes. Mr Laidlay was by this time partly thrown out of his game, and was repeatedly missing his puts, but pulled himself together towards the finish, but had registered a 46 for the home - coming; total, 87 - a similar score to that which he won the club medal with on Wednesday in rain and wind. Mr Balfour was 45 in; total, 90. Mr Hutchison had gone out in 44, taking 6 for the dyke hole, a 5 for the fourth hole, a 6 for the fifth, and a 5 for the sixth, seventh and ninth, his total being 44 at the turn. He came back with 43, taking the short hole in two strokes; total, 87. D. Ayton (the first prize - man at the professional competition at Carnoustie) was 45 out and 44 in, total, 89; but Bob Simpson, the late champion, and Peter Paxton had come in at 85, while Willie Park, jun., was 86. At the end of the first round Archie Simpson was thus lowest at 83, and Bob Martin second at 84.

The second round was commenced after a short interval, the interest centring on the play of Archie Simpson and Bob Martin. Archie made a bad start and took a six for the first two holes, and he ran up his score to 27 at the hole across. His score out was 45. He returned with 44 - total, 89 - which made him 172 for the two rounds. His score for the second round was -

6 6 4 5 6 5 6 3 4 - 45

5 4 6 5 5 4 5 6 4 - 44 89

Mr Laidlay had gone out in 43, but had taken 49 to return - total, 92; his partner, Mr Balfour, being one stroke less - 91. Both of them were thus out of the reckoning. They had not played their usual game in the second round, and their performances were disappointing to their friends. Bob Martin in the second round going out made good work. He took the burn in four and the dyke in five. A six was called for at the third hole and a five at the next, where he missed his put. He did not get well away from the tee at the fourth hole, but with good play holed out in five. Playing to the heather he was bunkered from the tee and lost a shot, and a seven was registered. The last three holes were well played in eleven strokes, and his out - going score was 43. He had thus gained two strokes on Archie Simpson, and had now one stroke of an advantage. Playing the first hole in, Martin somewhat missed his tee shot, but made a fine long hit and got down in four. Approaching the high hole he carried away to the left and had the bank between him and the green, he reached it with his second, but made indifferent work on the putting green and took five. The third hole was well played and done in five, and he had now two strokes of a pull over his rival. With two fine drives he nearly carried the green at the hole across, laid a fine third about three yards from the hole, and holed

out in four. He had thus gained three strokes. Playing to the gingerbeer hole he fozzled his second shot, and missing a put, required a six to hole out, but still led by two strokes. The sixth hole was well played in four, and he had 16 strokes for the last three holes to beat Archie. Playing to the corner of the dyke, he bunkered his tee shot and scarcely carried the green with his third shot. His fourth was short, but with a fine long put holed out in five. He had thus 11 strokes for the last two holes. Playing to the burn hole he missed his second shot, and did home until four. He laid his fifth dead and was done in six. With two fine drives and a beautiful third he laid himself almost dead at the home hole, but missed his put, but had another shot to win, which he easily got down and scored 44 in the home coming - total, 87 - which, with his previous score of 84, made his grand total 171. One stroke less than Simpson. As he finished he was loudly applauded. Martin's score in the second round was -

4 5 6 5 5 7 4 3 4 - 43

4 5 5 4 6 4 5 6 5 - 44 87

Several of the competitors had made the second round with lower figures. David Ayton taking 84, William Fernie 85, and J. O. F. Morris and B. Sayers 86, but their first rounds had run up their aggregate totals to higher figures. Bob Martin thus became champion golfer for the season, and secured the first prize money of £10. Throughout he had played a strong, steady, and careful game, and his victory was well earned. On the occasion of his winning the championship at St Andrews in 1876 his scores were 86 and 90 - total, 176 - his victory this year being made with five strokes less. Archie Simpson, who followed second, also played a fine game. He is quite a young lad, and gives good promise of future triumphs. The following are the prize - winners, with their respective scores for the two rounds:-

	Out	In	Out	In	Tl.
1. (£10) Bob Martin, St Andrews	41	43	43	43	171
2. (£7) Archie Simpson, Carnoustie	43	40	45	44	172
3. (£5 10s) David Ayton, St Andrews	45	44	41	43	173
4. (£4 10s) W. Fernie, Felixstowe	47	42	42	43	174
5. (£3) W. Park, jun., Musselburgh	44	42	44	44	174
6. (£2) Bob Simpson, Carnoustie	43	42	44	43	174
7. (30s.) J. Burns, St Andrews	46	42	44	43	175
8. (£1) Peter Paxton, Malvern	43	42	47	44	176
9. (10s) Willie Campbell, Musselburgh	44	42	46	45	177
J. O. F. Morris, St Andrews	46	45	45	41	177

1888
JACK BURNS' OPEN WIN
The Open Championship
(Fifeshire Journal 11th October 1888)

The competition, among all comers, whether professional or amateur golfers, for the championship was played over St Andrews links on Saturday. The entries numbered fifty two, and among these were many whose names are familiar to the golfing world. Last year the competition took place on the Prestwick Links, when Willie Park was the winner. Since the competition took place at St Andrews last it has taken place at Prestwick and Musselburgh. On Saturday there was a cold north wind blowing which troubled some of the players very much, especially when going out - when they had to drive right in the face of it. The greens were very keen, and on this account the putting was by no means so brilliant. On several occasions the ball would run round the hole, or stop just as it was about to go in. Play was begun at ten o' clock, Tom Morris acting as starter. The following is the list of players:-

H. Sayers and L. Tolmie
G. Mason and William Park
D. G. Rose and R. T. Boothby
A. Kirkaldy and G. L. Chalmers
J. E. Laidlay and William Campbell
D. Anderson, Senr. and D. S. Hindmarsh
J. O. F. Morris and D. Grant
R. B. Wilson and R. Yait
J. Kirkaldy and Leslie Smith
D. Ayton and William Fernie
D. Duncan and R. Simpson
A. Herd and D. Cuthbert
James Kirk and W. Anderson
Robert Braid and D. Anderson, Junr.
Leslie Balfour and James Anderson
A. Simpson and Robert Dow
H. Kirkaldy and T. Auchterlonie
James Allan and Jack Burns
H. S. C. Everard and Tom Morris
D. Leitch and John Spence
Frank Tulloch and D. Simpson
Bob Martin and W. Greig
N. Playfair and Dan Leitch
A. Burns and James Anderson, Junr.
D. Corstorphine and A. F. Macfie

R. Kinsman and J. W. E. Stewart

The first couple to attract a following of spectators were Mr J. E. Laidlay, Edinburgh, and Willie Campbell, the well known Musselburgh professional. Laidlay began badly, getting into the burn from his cleek shot and thus losing a stroke. He took 7 to hole out. Campbell took 5. Campbell lay badly for his second shot and drew his ball away to the east. He holed out in 6. Laidlay got into difficulties again and took 7. The next hole fell to Campbell in 5. The tee shots to the next hole were both good. Campbell's second lay on the green; his third went dead for the hole and he finished in 4. In Campbell's play the strong driving was greatly admired. Laidlay did not appear to be in form at all and missed several very short puts. The following is the detailed score of both players going out:-

Campbell - 5 6 5 4 6 5 6 4 4 - 45

Laidlay - 7 6 6 6 6 5 6 4 3 - 49

Campbell took 39 in coming home thus bringing his total for the round of 18 holes to 84 which after all the other players had come in was found to be the lowest for the first round. The next lowest was Bernard Sayers with 85. Another couple to attract a following were T. Auchterlonie and young Archie Simpson the popular Carnoustie player. Archie was not, however, in very good form. The first two holes were taken in 6. The next was holed out in 5. At the fourth he missed two short puts making another 7. At the long hole another 7 was added, at the heather a 6, and at the high hole a 6. In going to the short hole he made a splendid shot. A long put for the second shot laid the ball in the hole. This was perhaps the lowest figure taken to any hole during the day. The last hole was finished in 4. The score coming out was thus 48, that of Auchterlonie being 47. Coming in the play was pretty steady. In playing from the heather hole Simpson got among the whins and took 6 to hole out.

The scores were Auchterlonie, 42; Simpson, 43. Mr W. Leslie Balfour, D. Anderson, jun., St Andrews, Bob Martin, St Andrews, and Jack Burns, Warwick, came in third for the first round at 86 each. The second round which was played in the afternoon excited a good deal of interest and speculation as to who would be the winner there being so many crack players who were all so close upon one another. The favourite seemed to be Willie Campbell, and he had a large following of spectators. He began rather badly at the first, taking 3 strokes to hole out after he was on the green. Playing to the second hole he went into the sand at the corner-of-the-dyke, where he lost two shots, taking 7 to hole out. The next two holes were played in 4 and 5 each. Missing his tee shot to the long hole, he took 7 to hole out. The next two holes were taken in 4 and 5. He was bunkered from the tee shot going to the short hole, and lost a stroke. The last hole was taken in 4. This made 48 going out. The next four holes

were taken in 4. Being bunkered going to the long hole he took a 7. At the next hole he was in sand, and lost strokes. The last three holes were played in 4, 6, and 4, this making 42 coming in, or a total of 90 for the round, or 174 for the two rounds. Bernard Sayers had come in with 87, which added to his former score of 85 made 172, and was for a time considered the winning figure. His detailed score was

1st Round - 5 5 5 5 7 5 5 3 5 5 4 4 5 4 4 5 5 4 - 85

2nd Round - 5 5 5 5 8 6 6 3 3 5 4 4 5 5 4 4 6 4 - 87 172

When David Anderson, jun., came in, it was found that he also had a score of 172 for the two rounds made up as follows :-

1st Round - 5 6 7 5 7 5 5 4 3 4 4 4 4 5 5 5 4 4 - 86

2nd Round - 5 5 5 5 7 5 5 5 3 5 3 3 6 5 5 4 6 4 - 86 172

Shortly afterwards Jack Burns came in, and he also was credited with the score of 172, and it was thought the championship would not be settled that day. It so happened, however, that as a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club was looking over the cards in the club house he found that the figures on Jack Burns card had through some mistake or other, been added up wrong, and instead of having 86 for the second round it was in reality 85.¹⁸ His score was made up thus: -

1st Round - 5 5 6 5 7 6 5 4 3 5 3 4 5 4 5 4 5 5 - 86

2nd Round - 6 6 4 5 5 5 4 4 3 6 4 5 5 5 4 4 6 4 - 85 171

He was accordingly the lowest scorer, and was declared the champion. Burns, who belongs to St Andrews, is a young player full of vigour and sturdiness. He left St Andrews about three years ago to be greenkeeper and professional golfer to the Warwickshire Golf Club, where he is at present employed. The last time the championship was played for at St Andrews he entered the lists, and was at that time only four strokes behind that of the champion, Bob Martin. The strong point in Burns' play was his putting, though he played a very fine game with his iron. The next lowest scores were:- D. Anderson, St Andrews, and B. Sayers, North Berwick, 172; W. Campbell, Prestwick, 174; W. Leslie Balfour, 175; A. Kirkaldy, St Andrews, and D. Grant, North Berwick, 176; A. Herd, St Andrews, 177; D. Ayton, St Andrews, 178; W. J. E. Laidlay, Edinburgh, 180; W. Park, Musselburgh, and Mr H. S. E. Everard, St Andrews, 182. Since the championship was inaugurated, the following have been the winning scores at St Andrews:-

1873 - Tom Kidd 178¹⁹ 1882 - Bob Ferguson 171

1876 - Bob Martin 176 1885 - Bob Martin 171

1879 - Jamie Anderson 170 1888 - Jack Burns 171

¹⁸ This is contradicted in the St Andrews Citizen of 13th October 1888 where it states the miscalculation was on the first round score.

¹⁹ Tom Kidd's winning score was 179.

The tie between David Anderson, jun., and Bernard Sayers for the second and third prizes of £6 and £3 was played off on Monday forenoon with the following result:-

Sayers

Out - 5 5 4 5 5 5 6 3 4 - 42

In - 4 3 6 6 6 4 6 6 4 - 45 87

Anderson

Out - 7 8 5 5 6 5 6 7 5 - 54

In - 5 5 5 5 5 4 6 6 5 - 46 100

1891

HUGH KIRKALDY THE CHAMPION

The Open Golf Championship at St Andrews
(St Andrews Citizen 10th October 1891)

The competition for the golf championship of the world, which took place at St Andrews on Tuesday, drew the largest field of competitors in the history of the championship.

A Dispute

No fewer than 73 competitors were entered, and subsequent to Saturday, which was fixed by the Committee as the date when entries should close, ten more gave in their names. They were:-

David Brown, Musselburgh; David Grant, North Berwick; G. Sayers, J. Dalgleish, G. Low, St Ann's - on - Sea; T. Varden²⁰, St Ann's - on - Sea; G. Douglas, North Berwick; J. White, North Berwick; David Simpson, St Andrews.

The majority of the amateur competitors were quite willing to allow these late entrants to compete; but a number of professionals and several of the members of the Committee were of opinion that as they had not complied with the conditions laid down, they should be disqualified. A meeting composed of the men objected to, some of the professional competitors, and the Committee, was held in the Club - house on Monday night at ten o' clock; but after an hour's discussion the meeting broke up without any definite decision being arrived at. The Committee, however, afterwards decided that the late entrants should not be admitted to the competition.

²⁰ This is a misprint as the player was Tom Vardon, brother of Harry Vardon.

The Green

The weather on Monday was favourable; but on Tuesday morning a heavy rain set in, accompanied by a stiff breeze. During the forenoon this state of matters continued, and although it faired up in the afternoon, the green was left in a sloppy condition. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the general public manifested the greatest interest in the day's proceedings, and at 9 o' clock, when play commenced, there was a good turn - out of competitors.

The Play

A large crowd followed Hugh Kirkaldy's rounds, and at the conclusion of the second an immense assemblage watched him and his partner (Mr T. Carmichael) holing out at the home hole. Hugh played a splendid game, doing both rounds in 83, by which he gained the championship. Mr Ball, and his partner, Willie Campbell, were also well attended. They, however, played rather badly in the forenoon. Mr Ball, indeed, was out in the good score of 41; but in the homeward journey he took 53, which an 11 at the burn hole (having got on to the road and knocking deep into a rut) went a long way to make up. In the afternoon Mr Ball played a much better game and was home in 83, being thus equal to the champion's. It was as follows:- 5 4 5 4 5 5 4 4 5 5 3 4 5 5 6 4 6 4. Mr S. Mure Fergusson, Royal and Ancient, was the only amateur player who got a good score. His first round was 86, and it seemed as if his second was to be the same, but he played the last hole brilliantly, getting down in three, and finished at 84, making his grand total 170.

The next best was W. D. More, who as an amateur gave a fine display in the championship contest at St Andrews three years ago, but who is now professional at Chester. His first round was 84, but he fell away considerably during the second, and his record was 171. Willie Park, jun., had 88 and 85, and his partner, Archie Simpson, 86 and 91. Archie was driving magnificently - in fact, the opinion was freely expressed that in this part of the game he excelled all the competitors - but on the green he utterly failed, one of his followers declaring that he lost a stroke at nearly every hole through his putting.

The following are the best scores in order of merit - the prize money being also mentioned in the case of the professionals:-

Hugh Kirkaldy, St Andrews, (Champion Cup, gold badge, and £10)

First Round 5 5 4 4 4 5 5 4 3 4 3 5 5 7 4 5 6 5 - 83

Second Round 4 4 4 4 5 4 5 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 - 83

Total 166

Andrew Kirkaldy, St Andrews, (£5 10s)

First Round 5 4 4 4 5 4 6 3 5 4 3 5 6 6 5 6 5 4 - 84

Second Round 5 6 4 4 5 3 4 4 4 5 4 5 4 5 5 5 6 6 - 84

Total 168

W. Fernie, Troon, (£5 10s)

First Round 4 4 4 5 5 4 4 4 5 4 3 4 6 6 6 6 6 6 - 84

Second Round 3 5 5 4 6 4 7 3 5 4 4 4 5 5 4 6 6 4 - 84

Total 168

(Tie for second and third places.)

Mr S. Mure Fergusson, St Andrews

First Round 4 5 5 5 7 5 4 2 4 4 4 4 6 6 6 4 6 5 - 86

Second Round 5 5 3 6 5 4 5 4 5 4 3 4 6 6 6 5 5 3 - 84

Total 170

W. D. More, Chester, (£4)

First Round 6 5 4 4 6 5 4 3 3 4 3 4 5 6 5 6 6 5 - 84

Second Round 4 4 4 5 7 5 4 4 4 3 6 4 5 7 5 5 5 6 - 87

Total 171

W. Park, Jun., Musselburgh, (£2)

First Round 4 5 5 4 6 4 5 4 4 4 4 5 6 7 5 4 7 5 - 88

Second round 6 5 5 5 6 6 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 5 5 4 5 6 - 85

Total 173

D. Brown, Malvern

First Round 4 5 4 5 5 6 4 3 5 4 3 7 6 7 5 4 6 5 - 88

Second Round 5 6 4 5 5 5 4 4 4 4 4 6 5 6 5 4 6 4 - 86

Total 174

Mr H. H. Hilton, Hoylake

First Round 4 5 4 4 6 5 5 4 6 4 2 5 6 7 6 5 6 5 - 89

Second Round 4 5 4 4 6 5 5 4 6 4 2 5 6 7 6 5 6 5 - 86

Total 175

Mr W. Auchterlonie, St Andrews

First Round 5 5 4 4 6 4 5 3 4 4 5 5 5 6 5 4 6 5 - 85

Second Round 5 5 4 5 6 4 4 4 6 4 3 6 5 9 5 5 6 4 - 90

Total 175

B. Sayers, North Berwick (£1)	91	85	176
Y. Varden ²¹ , St Ann's - on - Sea	89	87	176
T. Simpson, Carnoustie (10s)	86	91	177
Mr John Ball, jun., Hoylake	94	83	177
A. Herd, St Andrews	87	91	178
J. Kay, Seaton Carew	93	86	179
Bob Mearns, Aberdeen	88	91	179
D. Grant, North Berwick	84	95	179
Mr R. B. Sharp, Royal and Ancient	94	85	179
Jack Kirkaldy, St Andrews	90	89	179
Mr L. Auchterlonie, St Andrews	87	93	180
Mr J. E. Laidlay, Hon. Company	90	90	180
Mr Charles Hutchings, Hoylake	89	91	180
Mr D. Simpson, St Andrews	91	89	180
Davie Ayton, St Andrews	94	87	181
D. Anderson, jun., St Andrews	88	93	181
G. Mason, Kinghorn	94	87	181
Willie Campbell, Bridge of Weir	94	87	181
Mr H.G. Hutchinson, R and A	89	92	181
Mr F.R.H. Blackwell, R and A	90	91	181
Mr W. Greig, St Andrews	95	87	182
Mr R.H. Johnston, Royal and Ancient	95	87	182
Mr H.S.C. Everard, R and A	89	93	182
Mr F. G. Tait, Royal and Ancient	94	88	182
Mr A.F. Macfie, Royal and Ancient	94	89	183
Bob Martin, Sr Andrews	89	94	183
W. Anderson, St Andrews	96	87	183
G. Douglas, North Berwick	94	89	183
Bob Simpson, Carnoustie	89	95	184
Mr H.S. Colt, Royal and Ancient	93	91	184
D. Herd, St Andrews	91	94	185
Mr T.Carmichael, St Andrews Uni.	92	94	186
David Anderson, sen., St Andrews	94	92	186
George Fernie, Troon	93	93	186

Former Championship Scores

The record for the Golf Championship on St Andrews Links previous to Tuesday was 170, the score of Jamie Anderson in 1879. On the last occasion of the championship competition at St Andrews, Jack Burns was at the top of the tree with 171. Last year at Prestwick Mr Ball carried off

²¹ This is a misprint. The player was Tom Vardon.

the honours with a score of 165. On that occasion, Hugh Kirkaldy was 5th with 173.

The Tie

The tie for second place between Andrew Kirkaldy and Willie Fernie, Troon, was played off on Wednesday forenoon in presence of a large crowd of spectators, the decision resting on the scores for one round. Both men played a capital game, and the match was full of interest to the spectators.

At the turn Fernie had the advantage by one stroke, the scores being 40 to 41. On the homeward journey, however, Andrew brought down this lead at the first hole, and winning one stroke at the fourth, one at the fifth, and two at the seventh holes, led by four, and although he lost a stroke at each of the two remaining holes, he finished the round two ahead. The scores were:-

Kirkaldy

Out	5 5 4 4 5 5 5 3 5 -	41
In	3 4 5 5 5 5 4 7 5 -	43 84

Fernie

Out	5 4 5 5 6 4 4 3 4 -	40
In	4 4 5 6 6 5 6 6 4 -	46 86

1893

WILLIE AUCHTERLONIE'S OPEN

The Golf Championship

(St Andrews Citizen 9th September 1893)

The open golf championship meeting was brought to a close at Prestwick on Friday, when the trophy was won by a young professional, W. Auchterlonie, of St Andrews, with the grand aggregate score of 322 for the seventy - two holes played. Up to the last, the contest between several of the competitors was exceedingly close, and much interest was evinced in the play by a large crowd of spectators. Mr J. E. Laidlay, the well - known amateur, pressed the winner hard, being only defeated by two strokes; while A. Herd, of Huddersfield, was third, with a score of 326. The following are the scores in order of those who played out to the end, with the prizemoney in the case of the winners who are professionals:-

W. Auchterlonie (championship and £30)

First Round 6 4 4 5 3 5 4 4 6 6 5 5 5 4 3 4 4 4 - 81
Swcond Round 6 3 5 5 4 3 4 5 4 6 5 4 6 4 5 4 5 4 - 82
Thursday's score 159
Total 322

Mr J. E. Laidlay

First Round 6 2 6 6 2 4 3 5 6 5 4 5 5 4 5 4 5 5 - 80
Second round 4 3 7 4 4 4 4 5 6 5 4 5 5 4 5 4 4 4 - 81
Thursday's score 163
Total 324

A. Herd (£20)

First Round 4 3 6 4 4 4 4 4 5 6 4 5 4 5 5 4 4 3 - 78
Second Round 6 3 6 4 4 4 3 5 5 4 6 5 5 5 5 4 6 4 - 86
Thursday's score 163
Total 325

Hugh Kirkaldy (£8 10s)

First Round 6 4 4 4 3 4 4 4 6 5 4 5 4 4 8 5 4 4 - 82
Second Round 3 4 5 7 3 4 3 5 5 5 4 5 6 4 5 5 5 4 - 82
Thursday's score 162
Total 326

Andrew Kirkaldy (£8 10s)

First Round 5 3 6 6 3 4 3 4 5 5 5 5 7 4 5 5 4 3 - 82
Second Round 5 3 5 3 3 5 4 4 6 5 4 5 5 4 5 4 4 3 - 77
Thursday's score 167
Total 326

James Kay (£4 10s)

First Round 5 3 6 4 4 5 2 5 5 5 5 5 5 4 5 3 5 4 - 80
Second Round 5 3 8 4 4 4 4 4 6 7 5 4 5 6 4 4 4 5 3 - 85
Thursday's score 162
Total 327

Bob Simpson (£4 10s)

First Round 5 3 5 5 3 3 4 4 5 5 5 6 5 5 6 3 4 4 - 80
Second Round 5 3 6 5 3 6 3 5 7 6 4 4 5 4 6 3 6 4 - 85
Thursday's score 162
Total 327

Mr John Ball, Jun.

First Round 5 3 6 4 3 5 4 4 7 5 4 5 4 4 6 5 5 5 - 84
 Second Round 6 4 6 5 3 4 4 4 6 6 5 4 5 6 5 4 5 4 - 86
 Thursday's score 162
 Total 332

Mr H. H. Hilton

First Round 6 3 7 5 4 4 4 5 5 4 4 5 5 4 4 4 5 4 - 82
 Second Round 4 3 5 5 3 3 4 5 6 6 4 6 5 5 5 4 4 4 - 81
 Thursday's score 169
 Total 332

J. H. Taylor (£3)

First Round 6 4 5 5 4 4 4 5 6 6 5 5 5 4 6 4 5 3 - 86
 Second Round 5 4 6 6 3 5 3 5 5 6 4 5 5 4 5 4 4 4 - 83
 Thursday's score 164
 Total 333

J. Whyte (£3)

First Round 6 3 5 4 2 5 4 4 5 6 3 5 5 5 5 4 5 4 - 80
 Second round 5 3 5 5 3 4 4 6 7 5 5 6 5 4 5 7 5 4 - 88
 Thursday's score 167
 Total 335

Ben Sayers (£3)

First round 4 4 6 4 3 5 4 5 5 5 7 6 4 4 5 4 5 4 - 84
 Second Round 4 3 6 4 3 5 3 4 6 5 4 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 - 76
 Thursday's score 175
 Total 335

The following is the aggregate score of the others for the two days:-
 Mr Charles Hutchings, 337; Archie Simpson (£2) 339; Mr S. Mure Fergusson, 340; John Hunter (£2) 340; J. Lloyd (10s) 341; Davie Grant (10s) 341; Mr P. C. Anderson, 342; Mr L. Stuart Anderson, 342; W. Park, 342; David Anderson, jun. ,343; Robert Mearns, 344; John Allan, 344; Mr T. Carmichael, 344; H. Varden, 344; Willie Fernie, 344; William McEwan, 345; Mr F. A. Fairlie, 345; Tom Varden, 345; Mr A. F. Duncan, 347; R. B. Wilson, 348; David McEwan, 348; Jack Simpson, 350; Mr R. T. Boothby, 350; Mr C. F. Whigham, 352; Mr A. Lawson, 352; Willie Aveston, 353; Mr John Andrew, 353; Mr G. M. M. Rennie, 353; David Herd, 354; Mr E. D. Prothero, 354; Douglas McEwan, 356; Mr William Young, 358; Peter McEwan, 359; Mr Garden G. Smith, 359;

Robert Scott, 360; Mr D. Anderson, 368; Mr H. J. Whigham, 369; Tom Chisholm, 370; James Douglas, 378; Tom Morris, 383.

The Golf Championship - Success of St Andrews Players
(St Andrews Citizen 9th September 1893)

The news that the championship had been won by a St Andrews golfer was received with much jubilation in the Ancient City. W. Auchterlonie, the champion, whose portrait appears in another column is no newcomer, and has generally made a good appearance in the competition; while his four brothers are all players of no small calibre. St Andrews has made a good show in the competition, and a big proportion of the prize money goes into the pockets of St Andrews players. Herd, who was third in the championship, and who came out winner in the Kilmalcolm tournament, is a St Andrews man; and on Thursday, Hugh Kirkaldy was first, and Andrew second, at the Musselburgh professional competition.

The Champion Golfer of 1893
(St Andrews Citizen 9th September 1893)

The champion is twenty-one years of age and belongs to St Andrews. This is his second appearance in the championship contest; his first was at St Andrews two years ago, when he won one of the minor prizes. Along with the championship, Auchterlonie gains a gold medal valued at £10, and £30 prize - money.

William Auchterlonie, of St Andrews, says the Glasgow Citizen, created a surprise in the golfing world on Friday, equalled only by that occasioned by his fellow citizen, Mr P. C. Anderson, who won the amateur championship in the spring. Of all the entrants for the open championship, young Auchterlonie was the least known, and his success in the greatest golfing event of the year is only another illustration of the saying that it is the unexpected that always happens. The champion golfer is the second youngest of five brothers who all play golf at its headquarters, and is only, like the amateur champion, 21 years of age. He is a tall, dark young fellow, not stoutly built, and bears his success with as much modesty as anyone in a similar position might. Even when the result was known he talked with his friends, almost unknown by any of the large crowd hanging about. He does not come of a golfing family, his father being a plumber in St Andrews, but like all inhabitants of the ancient city he took to the 'gowf', and is engaged as a clubmaker with Mr Forgan there. He has never taken part in a competition out of St Andrews, and the only thing he has yet won is the clubmakers' medal over the famous old links. Speaking with our reporter on Friday night he

expressed his pleasure, not only that he had won, but that both this year's championships had gone to the 'city of the 'gowf'. It is hardly necessary to state that young Auchterlonie plays a remarkably steady game. Any man who can go over four successive rounds of Prestwick with an average of 80 ½ per round must be a 'good 'un'. One can hardly expect that the young open champion will always show such form as in the last two days, but that he is a great golfer is certain. He is a young man with a future, and if he is not now what is known as a 'professional' golfer, the probability is that he will soon have offers to become so.

1902

SANDY HERD WINS WITH A HASKELL

The Open Golf Championship
(St Andrews Citizen 7th June 1902)

THE OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY A. HERD

The yearly contest for the highest honour in the golfing world took place at Hoylake this week. Play commenced at nine o' clock on Wednesday morning under favourable weather conditions.

THE FIRST ROUND

By the luck of the ballot it fell to a noble Lord to drive off the first ball in the open championship. On all hands it was considered very fitting that the Earl of Winchilsea, who is the only nobleman entered for the tournament, should have the honour of leading the field in the Coronation year. The Earl had a very large and representative army behind him. The Coronation Championship will be remembered as having established a record in the direction of entries. Last year at Muirfield the Honourable Company Edinburgh Golfers considered they had a heavy task in managing a body of 101 golfers, but the present Championship has increased to 112, with the prospect of a proportionate rise in the future. Of the entrants this year 18 are amateurs and 94 professionals. Last year the amateurs numbered 18, so that the newcomers are all from the professional ranks. The field was, however, brought within reasonable limits. It was a wise step on the part of the Club delegates a few years ago when they introduced a weeding - out process, which brings the competition into a manageable compass on the second day. Those in authority then decided that any player with over 20 strokes above the leader had no chance of securing Championship honours, and that he was simply encumbering the field on the second day. A competitor in this

position is now accordingly requested to retire at the close of the first day, there being a proviso, at the same time, that the qualifying list should include 32 professionals, no matter how high the scoring might be. The chief feature of the first round was the brilliant play of Harry Vardon. He started inauspiciously by driving twice out of bounds at the first hole. Having recorded a six, however, Vardon settled into the machine - like action which leads to the breaking of records. He treated the large following of spectators to a grand display of golf. Driving a long and straight ball, he played his long approach strokes straight on the pin, and putted with unfailing accuracy. The strength of his game may be gathered from the fact that he accomplished the last seventeen holes in a couple of strokes under fours. His 72 equals the record of the green, made in a Royal Liverpool Club competition by Mr Hilton. At the completion of the first round Harry Vardon led with 72, and then followed W. Fernie, 76; A. Herd, A. Massey, A. Kirkaldy, and H. Hamil, 77; Tom Williamson, J. Kinnel, Mr S. H. Fry, P. Rainford, J. Braid, 78; Mr R. Maxwell, E. Ray, Mr H. Hilton, R. Jones, J. Rowe, W. Park, J. Sherlock, and Mr John Ball, 79.

THE SECOND ROUND

In the afternoon the attention of the spectators was confined to about a dozen of the leading players. A large crowd followed the fortunes of Harry Vardon in the afternoon. While the Ganton professional did not provide the great treat which was so much enjoyed by the spectators in the forenoon, he played sound consistent golf, committing only one or two mistakes. Commencing with a trio of fives, Vardon reached the bottom of the hole on the ninth green in a total of 39. With the exception of a stroke out of bounds at the sixteenth hole, Vardon came home without fault in 38. A total of 77 brought his aggregate to 149. Andrew Kirkaldy, St Andrews, played a steady and creditable game in the afternoon, going round in 78, which made a total of 155 for the day's play. Mr Fred Mackenzie, St Andrews, by no means disgraced amateur golf by adding 81 to his forenoon score of 80. Willie Auchterlonie, St Andrews, did nothing outstanding during the day, but succeeded in qualifying for the second day's play with an aggregate of 167.

The close of the second round saw Harry Vardon leading the field with 149, followed by E. Ray and A. Herd, 153; Braid, 154; Mr Hilton and Andrew Kirkaldy, 155; Tom Vardon and R. Maxwell, 156....

THIRD ROUND

On Thursday a stiff westerly breeze blew over the links, and made the round at least two, if not three, strokes more difficult. A considerable number of the spectators watched the play of Mr John Ball and A. Herd. The Huddersfield professional, notwithstanding the troublesome wind, played most accurate golf from the first tee. Up to the fourth he did grand work. But at the fifth he was a trifle strong with his approach, and followed up this mistake by missing a putt of a couple of yards. Herd completed the first half in 38. Splendid as this work had been it was eclipsed on the return journey. By sound, consistent golf the Huddersfield professional came home in the magnificent total of 35, representing an average of one under fours. For the round Herd took 73, bringing his aggregate to 226. His partner, Mr John Ball, was 12 strokes more, requiring 84 for the round, raising his aggregate to 242.

Harry Vardon, from the commanding position he had secured as the result of the first day's play started favourite, and took with him a considerable following. He was a little off colour, particularly in his putting, and time and again disappointed his friends. His aggregate was 229, or three strokes behind Herd.

Braid started well; but soon met with ill luck. At the conclusion of the third round Herd led with 226, followed by H. Vardon, 229; T. Vardon, J. Braid, and J. H. Taylor, 234; and Mr R. Maxwell, 235. Among those who held prominent places at the end of the first day, Kirkaldy dropped behind, his 77 and 78 followed by an 83.

CONCLUDING ROUND VICTORY OF HERD

Herd opened in splendid style. Up to the sixth, Herd had an average of fours, but thereafter his game deteriorated to a considerable extent. He totalled 40 for the half - round. After a good four at the tenth, Herd made a sad mess of the eleventh, a weak pitch and loose putting costing him a couple of strokes. He showed steadier form at the twelfth, which he took in four, but again displayed indifferent form from the tee to the short hole. He only sent the ball 50 yards, and took four to a hole which Mr Ball collared in two. A couple of nice fives followed. Then at the sixteenth two powerful strokes carried him over the green, causing him to take three to return. He putted out nicely for four at the seventeenth, but he was again too strong in his approach at the eighteenth, getting up against the pailing, and losing a stroke. His aggregate was 307, and with this Herd won the Championship cup, golf medal, and £50.

Harry Vardon was then the centre of attraction. Herd had finished his round, and the crowd flocked to the Englishman, who had to make two fours to tie with Herd in the aggregate. He drove magnificently to the seventeenth, almost over - running the green with his second, but a four was obtained. Then to the last hole he started, getting over a lot of ground with his tee - shot. His second struck the near side of the bunker and gained the green, lying on the far side, just too far off to give any expectation of a three and a victory for Vardon. He overran the hole with his third, and then steadied himself for the putt of a yard and a half. The excitement was intense. Vardon failed to get down, and the crowd, although they raised a cheer, appeared to be disappointed that the Ganton professional had not tied. His homeward round was 39, giving a total of 79, and an aggregate of 308.

Braid made a strong effort to secure the 73 necessary to enable him to tie with Herd. He succeeded in tying with Harry Vardon for second place. Both professionals received a £20 prize. To everybody's delight, Mr R Maxwell, the popular Tantallon amateur, led the amateurs with a total of 309....

THE WINNER'S CAREER

Born 34 years ago at St Andrews, Herd breathed in the air of golf from his earliest days. He began his professional career at Portrush in 1890, and thereafter took an engagement at Loughborough and Blundellsands. In 1892 he transferred his service to the Huddersfield club, and he still retains the position of professional on the Yorkshire green. Herd first came prominently to the front in the Open Championship when Mr Hilton won at Muirfield in 1892. He then tied for second place along with Mr John Ball, jun., and Hugh Kirkaldy. Herd occupied a foremost position in the following year at Prestwick, being third to Willie Auchterlonie. It is also a well known recollection amongst golfers that Herd just missed winning the Championship at St Andrews in 1895. He led by five strokes when the last round was entered upon, but then J. H. Taylor came away with a burst in a storm of rain and snatched the honour from the Scottish professional. On Thursday Herd's driving, in particular, was long and straight, and he approached with great accuracy, particularly in the forenoon. His performance in the afternoon deteriorated, but allowance must be made for the strain of playing with the knowledge that victory was nearly in his hands. It was Herd who the other day expressed the hope that all professionals at the championship would play the Haskell ball except himself. But curiously enough he played it throughout, and won the Championship with it.

Great satisfaction with the result of the Championship was expressed in St Andrews on Thursday evening when the news arrived that Alexander Herd had won the coveted honour. It was also pleasing to many to learn that Andrew Kirkaldy had secured a very creditable place on the list.

1921

THE FIRST AMERICAN VICTORY IN THE OPEN

St Andrews Golf Gossip
(St Andrews Citizen 2nd July 1921)

**'JOCK' HUTCHISON'S VICTORY IN
THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
OVER HIS NATIVE COURSE**

A MEMORABLE WEEK IN ST ANDREWS

'Jock' Hutchison, record breaker, and one of the most brilliant golfers that ever St Andrews has reared, won the Open Championship title over his native course last week. It was a victory that will live in the memory of all who witnessed it - and there were thousands and thousands thus privileged.

There was never an Open Championship like this one. There may never be another like it. In every sense of the word it was a record Championship - record crowds (in spite of the coal strike), record scores, wonderful weather, and a Championship meeting which from start to finish furnished such surprises and thrills that no previous meeting ever approached.

The end of it all was that the cup goes to America for the first time in history. Fitting therefore, that the feat should be accomplished by a St Andrews man, that the scene of his victory should be the 'classic' Old Course, and his wonderful success won in full sight of thousands of his admiring townsmen. As J. H. Taylor said so splendidly in his farewell speech at the prize distributing ceremony in front of the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse last Friday night:-"It is perfectly true that 'Jock' Hutchison has come here under the thin disguise of an American, but, looking under the veneer we see a style of golf redolent of the great Scottish champions of the past." Yet there were those in that great crowd last Saturday who tried to detract from the merits of Hutchison's victory on the grounds that he was an American, he was carrying the cup to America for the first time, he represented an American Club, and his victory would be hailed all over America as a triumph for American golf.

A SUCCESS FOR ST ANDREWS GOLF

'Jock' Hutchison's success, I firmly maintain is as much a success for St Andrews golf as it is for American golf. He is St Andrews and Scottish by birth and at heart. Once a Scotsman, always a Scotsman, and no one is more proud of Hutchison's victory than the humble writer of this column. His success gives me an immense amount of satisfaction.

At this great Open Championship no one in his senses would put much money on any favourite for the honour. It was the most 'open' championship that ever started with 20 men at least quite capable of pulling it off. But I always regarded 'Jock' Hutchison as the most dangerous aspirant of the lot, knowing what he is capable of at any time.

His record in America was sufficient proof of his abilities, and his play over here leading up to the great event but further added to my belief in his powers. In every respect he is a most worthy winner of the title. No one can begrudge him his success. The man who led the field at the end of the qualifying rounds, who beat the record of the Eden Course, then went out and led the field at the end of the first day's play in the Championship proper, next had a moderate 3rd round, and finally rose superbly to the occasion in the final round breaking the record of the Old Course and tying with the brilliant Mr Wethered for the lowest aggregate - I say the man who can accomplish all this is a most worthy world champion.

HUTCHISON'S LUCK

I heard some talk going the round last week that Hutchison was a lucky winner. His holing of the short 8th in one and the 9th in two was cited as having made all the difference to his success. Quite so, but if we are to analyse every stroke played in the Championship by the winner and the others who were so closely behind him, we would never get to the end of it. The man who wins the Open Championship nowadays must have a certain amount of luck with him, and Hutchison's little bit of luck scarcely balanced the many short putts he missed in the 3rd round. Had Hutchison putted like an ordinary player in that almost fatal 3rd round, he would have walked off with the Championship. There would have been no tie on Friday evening and no necessity for the 36 holes' replay the following day.

There are a lot of 'ifs' in golf. There always will be. It is a wonderful little word of two letters, but how much significance lies behind these two letters. I have seen it mentioned in the newspapers that 'if' Mr Wethered

had not accidentally trod on his ball at the 5th hole²² on Friday afternoon thereby incurring a penalty stroke, the Championship title would have been his. Yet not a word about what happened at the 17th hole in the morning when Mr Wethered's second stroke was racing over the green headlong for the dreaded road only to be luckily stopped by the crowd who were closely bunched together at the back of the green, and could not get out of the way of the ball in time. Here was a stroke of real good fortune for Mr Wethered.

'Jock' Hutchison won his title of World Champion by the sheer brilliance of his golf and the little luck which makes all the difference and generally comes to the daring player. The manner in which Hutchison rose to the occasion on Friday afternoon in those last three holes is beyond all praise. He knew he had to do them in an average of 4s to tie, and he succeeded with wonderful skill and courage.

The cup goes to America for the first time in history. It will take a lot of fetching back. Mark my words. The Americans made a brilliant show at St Andrews, and they proved that the standard of play in America is not one whit lower than the best standard over here. To have four players in the prize - list - and one the champion - was an achievement. Our players can have no excuse to offer, and it will be for our much vaunted reputation as sportsmen if none be made, for there can be none.

A WORD FOR MR WEATHERED

He certainly made golfing history last week. For a young and comparatively inexperienced amateur to walk through that brilliant field and finish in a tie for the honour with the marvellous aggregate of 296 is the finest performance accomplished by an amateur in the history of the game, and he showed in his tussle with the brilliant Hutchison in the 36 holes replay on Saturday that his performance was no fluke. A tall, delicate looking, but splendid type of English youth, Mr Wethered has a most convincing style. He is a born golfer, and his driving was a revelation in its length and accuracy. His iron play, too, is superb. I know of no amateur today who plays his irons so well and so much after the manner of the "crack" professionals as does Mr Wethered, and he was most unfortunate on the greens in the tie. There is not the slightest trace of weakness in any part of Mr Wethered's game, and the way in which he faced up to the amazing Hutchison on Saturday morning after being four strokes to the bad at the 10th showed the grit that is in him. He actually reduced the odds against him to one with 16 holes played.

²² This incident occurred at the 14th Hole.

At the beginning of the afternoon round he held Hutchison well; but the fourth hole was where he made a fatal mistake, and allowed "Jock" to romp away. After a perfect drive he played his iron second too fine. His intention was good - to get near the hole and make certain of a four - for Hutchison's second, although on the green, was fully 15 yards past the pin, and he had not an easy putt to lie dead for his 4. But Mr Wethered's effort was just one foot too much to the left, and finished in the bunker at the edge of the green. The result was that Hutchison got his 4, Mr Wethered took 6, and now 5 strokes behind, the amateur's chances of catching up were considerably reduced. When Hutchison ran down that twenty yard putt for a 3 at the 5th, and Mr Wethered missed a short one for a four, the crowd realised that all was over. It was only a matter of how many strokes Hutchison would win by, but to the end Mr Wethered was game, and he put up a splendid fight for the honour of British golf. His run of 11 consecutive 4s, from the 6th to the 16th, in the morning round, was in itself worthy of all praise.

Hutchison's amazing outward half of 33 in the afternoon, will be talked about for many a day. Here are his figures:-Out - 4 5 4 4 3 3 4 3 3 - 33, and if he took 43 in the final half it was simply because the issue was safe, and he could afford to play easy. In the end Hutchison won by 9 strokes, the final scores reading:-

Hutchison	74	76 - 150
Mr Wethered	77	82 - 159

HUTCHISON'S WEEK'S PERFORMANCES

It is worthwhile to recall to mind the following facts concerning Hutchison's great performances last week.

In the first place he headed the qualifying stages with 146 strokes for the two rounds. In his second round he broke the record of the Eden Course with a score of 69. At the close of the first day's play in the Championship proper he was leading the field with a total of 147.

In the final round he broke the Championship record of the Old Course with a brilliant 70, and he and Mr Wethered are now joint holders of the lowest Championship aggregate over St Andrews at 296.

These are extraordinary performances and stamp Hutchison as one of the finest players of all time. Moreover he has won the Open Championship at his first attempt for the honour. He is 36 years of age, just at his best as a golfer, but never previously had he taken part in the Open. Ray's victory in the American Open Championship last August was well avenged last week.

HUTCHISON'S VICTORY GOOD FOR THE GAME

I agree with Hutchison who says that his victory is the best thing that could have happened. Great as the "boom" in golf in America has been in recent years, it is nothing compared with what the "boom" will be from now onwards. America will now go almost crazy over the game; it will be all for the good of the golf trade in this country, which can stand a revival of trade with America. St Andrews in particular will share to a great extent in the "boom". American golfers will naturally want to buy golf clubs from the home of the game, where the man who won the Open title, and took the cup to America for the first time was born. So much for that : space will not permit of the argument being carried further this week.

But to hark back to last week's carnival. It was a splendidly managed Championship from beginning to end; and the crowds were handled in a manner that rebounds to the credit of officials, stewards, and the short-handed police.

St Andrews fully maintained its reputation last week for the handling of big crowds. Need more be said? The Old Course, too, was in the best possible condition. Not for 20 years have we seen it in such perfect condition, and on this occasion the Green Committee and green staff are entitled to the utmost praise for their successful efforts in providing such a splendid course. Every one of the competitors has returned home with a lasting impression of the many virtues of the "classic" course. It is still without a peer among Championship courses whatever its faults may be when at ordinary length, and St Andrews can hold her head as proudly as she likes now.

SOME OF THE LEADING PLAYERS

In conclusion a word about some of the leading players. We cannot but extend some sympathy for "Sandy" Herd on his magnificent effort to win a Championship on his home course. That effort failed it is true, but he certainly pleased his many admirers last week. Right to the end was the issue in doubt, and "Sandy" had undoubtedly a grand chance when he set out on his last round. However, it was not to be for the strain had begun to tell, and in the end, Herd with a final round of 80 had to be content with 6th place in company with Massy, Williamson and Leach, Kirkwood, Barnes and Hagan. Nevertheless, 75, 74, 73, and 80 were wonderful scores for the veteran, and it was a great compliment to the old St Andrews man when Hutchison on Saturday night, after he had won the honour, turned to Herd and said, "Sandy, you were the only one I thought I was to be beaten by".

Young Kirkwood, the Australian, too, made a splendid effort. He came to this country with an almost unknown reputation. True, he was the Open Champion of his own country, but it was never for a moment dreamt that this splendid and most reliable young Australian was going to give our champions the fright of their lives. His place in the prize list was thoroughly well earned. He ought to have been even higher up, but he has returned to Australia with an enhanced reputation and we all hope he will return next year and have another try. As he is yet only 23 years of age, his wonderful skill as a player seems certain to be crowned before he is very much older.

There were other young men who enhanced their reputations at St Andrews last week - Kinch, Pursey, Tom Kerrigan (the American), and our splendid St Andrews amateur, Denys Kyle. Kyle's performance was of exceptional merit, and but for that bad streak of putting on the outward half of his round on Friday morning, he would have finished much higher up. That 74 he accomplished with Hutchison in the afternoon when "Jock" was out record breaking, was a magnificent achievement.

THE SURPRISE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The surprise of the Championship was, of course, the failure of the favourite, Abe Mitchell. Everyone was sorry for this wonderful golfer, who is also one of the best and most unassuming of professionals. Mitchell simply had no luck at all. None played better or more consistent golf up to a point than did Mitchell, but where he failed was on his greens. Try as he would his putts simply would not go in, and his experience on the greens was most heartbreaking. There is no more popular professional in England today than Mitchell, and he is a splendid type of sportsman. He accepted his bad fortune on the greens with that wonderful spirit which is the very essence of the true sportsman. Mitchell will surely win the Open some day. He will deserve it, and I, for one, sincerely hope that this due reward will yet come his way.

Young Arthur Havers, too, like Kirkwood, enhanced his reputation. He is a coming champion, and I know he is charmed with St Andrews. His play last week was a revelation.

With such young players to depend upon, the honour of British golf is in good keeping. Altogether, it was a wonderful epoch making Championship, and the play was worthy of the great occasion.

OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

A VICTOR FOR THE LADYHEAD

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“Jock” Hutchison emerged victor in the great contest for the open Championship at St Andrews last week. There was no disguising the fact that a large section of the spectators did not relish seeing the cup going to America, but a local fisherman looked at the result from his point of view, and declared that it was a victory for the “Ladyhead” (the part of St Andrews in which “Jock” was reared). That fisherman took the right view.

As the outstanding features of the week’s play are dealt with in our “Golf Gossip” column, we merely give the complete scores and aggregates here.

COMPLETE SCORES AND AGGREGATES

Jock Hutchison, USA	72	75	79	70	296
Mr R. H. Wethered, R and A	78	75	72	71	296
£40 - Tom Kerrigan, USA	74	80	72	72	298
£25 - A.H. Havers, W. Lancs.	76	74	77	72	299
£15 - George Duncan, Hanger Hill	74	75	78	74	301
£6 8s 6d - T. Williamson, Notts.	79	71	74	78	302
£6 8s 6d - A. Herd, Coombe Hill	75	74	73	80	302
£6 8s 6d - F. Leach, Northwood	78	75	76	73	302
£6 8s 6d - J.H. Kirkwood, Australia	76	74	73	79	302
£6 8s 6d - A. Massey, Nivelles	74	75	74	79	302
£6 8s 6d - J. Barnes, USA	74	74	74	80	202
£6 8s 6d - W. Hagen, USA	74	79	72	77	302
W. Pursey, E. Devon	74	82	74	74	304
Abe Mitchell, North Foreland	78	79	70	71	304
J.W. Gaudin, Alwoodley	78	76	75	76	305
Len Holland, Northampton	78	76	75	76	306
W. Melhorn, USA	77	75	78	76	306
J. Braid, Walton Heath	75	77	76	78	306
Dr P. Hunter, USA	75	78	76	78	307
W.M. Watt, RAC, Epsom	81	77	75	74	307
F. Ball, Langley Park	79	78	74	76	307
E. Ray, Oxhey	76	72	81	78	307

H.G. Kinch, Woodcote Park	73	77	81	77	308
G. Hackney, USA	77	75	80	76	308
H. Vardon, S. Herts.	77	77	80	74	308
G. McLean, USA	76	73	82	78	309
J.H. Taylor, Mid - Surrey	80	80	75	74	309
Mr D.H. Kyle, St Andrews	77	77	81	74	309
J.D. Edgar, USA	82	76	78	73	309
W.R. Bourne, Stockport	78	78	75	78	309
A.W. Butchart, Barassie	78	80	77	74	309
H. Roberts, St'ke Poges	79	82	74	74	309
E. French, USA	79	79	76	75	309
A. Boomer, St Cloud	78	80	72	79	309
A. Compston, North Manchester	78	75	77	80	310
C.H. Reith, Eltham	79	83	75	74	311
P. Hills, Easton Hall	75	76	83	77	311
David Ayton, Wanstead	77	82	78	75	312
R. Jones, Wimbledon Park	77	77	79	80	313
P. Allis, Clyne	75	77	81	80	313
C. Johns, Purley D'ns	78	82	80	74	314
R.G. Wilson, Croham Hurst	80	77	78	79	314
A.J. Miles, Merton P'k	75	78	81	80	314
Mr Mark Seymour, N. Foreland	75	78	76	85	314
G.R. Buckle, Edgbaston	79	79	74	83	315
Mr A. Armour, Turnhouse	77	83	75	80	315
Mr W.A. Murray, Mid - Surrey	81	79	76	80	316
A. de la Torre, Spain	83	78	77	78	316
J. Gassiat, Chantilly	80	81	80	75	316
P. Robertson, Braid Hills	81	84	79	72	316
Fred Robson, Cooden Beach	80	78	80	79	317
W.E. Brown, Bishops Stortford	77	80	75	85	317
J. Ockenden, Raynes Park	79	84	79	75	317
C. Hoffner, USA	75	86	77	80	318
T. King, Royal West Norfolk	80	80	77	81	318
F.C. Jewell, North Middlesex	81	81	78	79	319
J. Burgess, USA	79	84	81	76	320
J. White, Sunningdale	76	82	81	81	320
Josh Taylor, Sudbury	81	79	78	82	320
A.E. Hallam, Chorlton	80	85	80	75	320
S.E. Brewes, Minchinhampton	81	82	80	78	321
A. Day, Ganton	79	81	81	80	321
Mr R. Harris, R & A	81	85	78	78	322
F. McLeod, USA	78	79	83	82	322
J. Soutar, Kingsknowe	80	79	83	80	322

D. May, Benton Park	77	79	87	80	323
J. Anderson, St Andrews	79	82	82	80	323
G.E. Smith, Lossiemouth	80	80	83	80	323
J.B. Batley, London Country Club	81	82	82	78	323
J.H. Turner, Frilford Heath	81	84	78	81	324
J.B. Fulford, Bulwell	81	82	84	77	324
W.L. Ritchie, Worplesdon	82	80	82	81	325
O. Gray, Clacton	81	87	75	83	326
Mr P.C. Quilter, R & A	86	83	78	80	327
B. Seymour, Molesey Hurst	82	81	83	81	327
M.J. Bingham, Gay Hill	85	79	84	82	330
J.M. Sunter, Elie	87	81	76	88	332
R. McKenzie, Stanmore	84	83	77	89	333
H. Wilson, Sidcup	80	82	90	81	333
T. Mounce, Camberley Heath	84	81	86	85	336

The following players retired:- Mr R.T. Jones, USA; Mr Bud Clarke, Tantallon; Mr Gordon Simpson, R and A; O. Anderson, Bradford; J. V. East, Australia.

HUTCHISON WINS THE TIE EASILY

In playing off the tie on Saturday, "Jock" Hutchison won easily, for he struck his best form, and though Mr Wethered put up a very plucky fight he could not keep pace with "Jock's" brilliant play. In the forenoon round the amateur kept a good grip of "Jock", but at an early stage in the afternoon's play it became evident that "Jock" was to win by a good margin. The details of the scores in the forenoon were:-

Jock Hutchison

Out - 4 5 3 6 5 4 3 3 3 - 36

In - 3 4 4 5 5 4 5 4 4 - 38 - 74

Mr Wethered

Out - 4 5 5 4 5 4 4 4 4 - 39

In - 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 5 5 - 38 - 77

The afternoon scores were:-

Jock Hutchison

Out - 4 5 4 4 3 3 4 3 3 - 33

In - 4 5 5 4 5 4 5 6 5 - 43 - 76

Mr Wethered

Out - 4 5 4 6 5 4 5 3 4 - 40

In - 4 4 7 4 6 4 4 5 4 - 42 - 82

The final result was therefore as follows:-

“Jock” Hutchison,	74	76	150
Mr Wethered,	77	82	159

At the close of the match, “Jock” was surrounded by a crowd of his admirers, raised shoulder high, and loudly cheered. Hearty cheers were also given for Mr Wethered, in which “Jock” joined. Many people were disappointed that the cup were merely handed to Hutchison and no congratulatory speeches made.

The arrangements in relation to the Championship were admirably carried through by Messrs C.S. and C.L.P. Grace W.S., the hon. secretaries of the Green Committee, everything passing off without a hitch. The greatest difficulty was experienced in getting markers, no fewer than 80 being required on the first two days, but the ladies came to the rescue. Members of St Rule Golf Club and St Leonard’s School teachers kindly undertook the duties of markers, and it is interesting to note that this is the first occasion on which ladies performed this duty at a Championship meeting at St Andrews. Half of the markers were ladies.

The large “galleries” were capably managed, and on the whole behaved very well. On some days the crowds numbered as great as the whole population of the city.

