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SUCCESS OF J. H. TAYLOR—THE PLAY OF AMERICAN COMPETITORS

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The Open Championship Meeting, awaited with such intense expectation, has come and gone and there is no new champion to sing the praises of, but one of the very oldest. Yet J. H. Taylor, for he is the victor, is as worthy to be praised as any man. Against the biggest field on record, and in such conditions of weather as for their badness were almost unique, he played golf of the very highest order, and it is safe to say that never has a championship been so well and worthily won as on this occasion by one of the old triumvirate who had won it four times before. By this victory Taylor equals the records of Harry Vardon and James Braid in having won the championship five times, and now the wonderful triumvirate who have carried all before them for so many years are equal again. Not only because Taylor is himself a popular man and a very conscientious player and person, but there was a general feeling that there would be something wrong with things if the reign of the triumvirate came to an end with a difference in the records of the players that constituted it,

particularly if that difference was against Taylor who had won the Open Championship twice before either of the others had won it once.

The meeting at Hoylake, although a little wearisome through the qualifying competition (this and some other points concerning the championship are dealt with in the "Foreign Notes") was very eventful and at times most exciting, while Americans had a special interest in it in the large number of American players of the first quality who had entered including as they did J. J. McDermott (Atlantic City), the U. S. Open Champion, T. L. MacNamara (Boston), M. J. Brady (Wollaston, Boston), Alex. Smith (Wykagyl), Stewart Maiden (Atlanta), Alec Campbell (The Country Club, Brookline), and John Jones (Owasco Country Club). The championship began on Thursday, June 19, the course being then in very fine order and the first three days of the meeting were occupied with the qualifying competition. The professional international match between teams of English and Scottish players had taken place two days before, and there had been one day

free for practice just before the tournament began. There were 269 entrants for the championship, and these were divided into three sections for the purpose of the qualifying competition. Each section had to play two rounds and the top twenty players in each section, together with those who tied for the twentieth place, were passed into the championship competition proper which took place on the following Monday and Tuesday and was decided as usual by four rounds of stroke play.

No fewer than five of the Americans were crowded by the luck of the draw into the first qualifying section on the Thursday, and, sad to say, of these only one got through in safety, that being McDermott. Brady, Campbell, Smith and Maiden all failed; but their failure is,



J. H. TAYLOR. The New Open Champion.

after all, far less to their discredit than those who do not know the circumstances may imagine. Only seven strokes separated the top qualifying place from the bottom; that is to say, the man who did a total of eight strokes in two rounds worse than the man who played best of all the ninety who were playing, failed to qualify. The margin, with all the luck of the thing, is too small, and it is certain that something will be done to remedy the state of things in future years.

Again, to give body to this suggestion and excuse let it be said on this same day George Duncan, who was certainly the favorite for the championship, himself failed to qualify, and such a sensational thing has never been known in the championship before. If, therefore, fewer Americans quali-

fied than was hoped for, and their journey so far for so little was so disappointing in the result, it can very well be said for them that they failed in good company and not entirely through their own fault, the system being to blame for something. Before making any comments on the actual play it may be well to give again the lengths of the various holes so that when strokes are mentioned they shall have an intelligible meaning. They were as follows:

Hole	Yards	Hole	Yards
1	420	10	400
2	330	11	190
3	490	12	355
4	155	13	130
5	410	14	485
6	365	15	440
7	200	16	510
8	460	17	360
9	380	18	400

Total, out..3210 Total, in . . . 3270
 Total length, 6480 yards.

Let me take the play of the Americans first. They had to go through

the ordeal under very unfavorable weather conditions. For most of the day the weather was very bad indeed. When play began at nine o'clock the wind was very strong indeed and rain was pouring down, while late in the afternoon it was worse. In such circumstances the peculiar difficulties of Hoylake were well brought out, and the foreign visitors had an unenviable

course (it was once halved in nine in the final of an amateur championship) and here he took a 6. However, at the difficult short hole that follows he got a splendid 2, but another 6 was needed at the eighth and he turned in 40. He came home fairly well, but he lost a stroke at the short blind Alps, being the eleventh hole and two very valuable ones at the home hole,



J. J. McDermott at the 11th.

task before them. The first to go out was Stewart Maiden, of Atlanta, who was partnered by J. Higgins, of Walsall, and this pair was the second on the list striking off at five minutes past nine. Maiden opened with a nice 4 at the dog-leg hole with which the round begins, and after dropping a stroke at the second went along steadily to the sixth, the famous Briars and the hole which causes more disasters than any other on this

his round of 82 working out as follows:

Out—4 5 5 3 5 6 2 6 4—40
In —5 4 4 3 5 5 5 5 6—42—82

In his second round in the afternoon he had a bad 7 at the third hole, which is a long one and straight but very narrow in the fairway with ditches on either side and another 6 was needed at the Briars, so that by the time he had got to the turn he had used up 43 strokes. He came home

really fine in 36, almost the only blemish on his card being a 5 at the eighteenth and that was very excusable. This effort was too late, however. His second round of 79 was made up as follows:

Out—4 4 7 3 5 6 4 5 5—43
In —4 3 3 3 4 5 5 4 5—36—79

The next out was Brady who started at 9-50 in company with B. F. James, of Torquay. His play all through the day was fairly steady for the two 81's that he did, and this remark applies specially to the morning round. He failed to qualify by only three strokes, and in the circumstances the 6 at the ninth in the afternoon and the 7 that followed it at the twelfth were matters for keen regret on his part. His two cards were:

First:
Out—5 5 5 3 4 5 3 5 5—40
In —5 4 4 4 4 5 5 5 5—41—81

Second:
Out—5 4 5 3 6 4 4 4 6—41
In —4 3 7 3 4 5 6 4 4—40—81

The next American to play was Alexander Smith, of Wykagyl, who had Harry Fulford, of Bradford, for partner. Smith was even more unlucky, for he came within two strokes of qualifying, and it might be said that, in a sense, he lost those two strokes at the very first hole that was played, for he took a 6 to it and he had another 6 at the third. Generally his play was good and steady, but it was really the first half of the second round in the afternoon that settled him. His two cards were:

First:
Out—6 4 6 3 4 5 4 4 5—41
In —4 4 3 3 5 5 5 5 4—38—79

Second:
Out—5 5 5 5 5 3 6 4—43
In —5 3 4 3 5 5 6 4 4—39—82

Alec Campbell started at a quarter to eleven in partnership with the favorite, George Duncan, and a very dis-

astrous partnership this did prove. The American representative was fairly steady until he got to the ninth hole where he took an 8 and turned in 44, and this 8 was immediately followed by a 7 at the tenth hole while the round was ended with another 7, the total coming up to 88. In the afternoon he was far better and he had only one 6 on his card, this being at the long fifteenth, his score for the round being one stroke better than that of his partner. His figures were:

First:
Out—5 4 6 4 4 5 3 5 8—44
In —7 4 4 3 4 5 5 5 7—44—88

Second:
Out—5 4 5 4 4 4 3 5 4—38
In —4 3 5 3 5 5 6 5 5—41—79

McDermott was the last of the Americans to start that day, and he began his round at five minutes to twelve, having W. Cottrell, of Otley, as partner. His start was unpromising in the extreme and it is very greatly to his credit that when faced with a crisis at the very beginning he pulled himself together and played a steady game afterwards. Playing his second shot at the first hole with a brasse, which was needed, he drove his ball against the bank of the enclosure on the right from which it rebounded. He took his cleek for the next shot but the same thing happened and eventually he holed out with a long putt in 6. Again at the third hole he was in trouble and needed 7 for it, being thus four strokes to the bad on the first three holes. The Briars cost him 6 and he had three putts at the tenth, but after that he played soundly to the end, and at the Alps he made a beautiful chip from the rough bank on the right and holed it for a 2. Much depended on that shot. He finished the round in 79, which was far better than he once

looked like doing. In the afternoon he was pretty steady under difficult conditions the whole way round, and in the end just qualified, his two cards being:

First:

Out—6 4 7 3 4 6 4 4 4—42
In —5 2 4 4 4 5 5 4 4—37—79

Second:

Out—5 5 6 3 4 5 3 5 4—40
In —4 4 5 3 4 5 6 5 4—40—80

brilliant in the international match two days before, had also to go unqualified. The best scores of the day were done by Mr. Abe Mitchell, the amateur, and A. Howlett, who each did 74, but the most interesting feature of the play after all was the fact that James Braid qualified under circumstances of extreme difficulty. He had had grave trouble with an affection of the eyes for several days pre-



Tom MacNamara holing out at the 10th.

There is no occasion here to go into details as to what happened to the others on that dreadful day. Duncan was never quite happy in his game, but there is something wrong with a qualifying competition in which he fails to qualify. His aggregate for the two rounds was 163. Rowland Jones was another who failed, and Mr. John Ball another, and Jack White, an old champion, who was

viously, and almost up to the last moment there was some doubt as to whether he would be allowed to play. Eventually his optical adviser permitted him to do so but only in tinted spectacles. He had the worst of the weather to face, and in the circumstances his two rounds of 79 and 75 were splendid triumphs over difficulties. The successful scores at the end of the day were as follows:

L. B. Ayton, Bishops Stortford..	76	76	152
Cyril Walker, Prestwich.....	78	75	153
Fred Collins, Llandudno.....	79	75	154
Alex. Herd, Coombe Hill.....	78	76	154
James Braid, Walton Heath....	79	76	155
J. D. Edgar, Northumberland..	79	76	155
James Bradbeer, Porters Park..	77	78	155
C. H. Mayo, Burhill.....	76	80	156
James Edmondson, Bromborough	78	78	156
S. Ball, Heaton Park.....	76	80	156
Mr. Abe Mitchell, Cantelupe....	82	74	156
R. G. Wilson, Berkhamsted....	79	78	157
J. G. Sherlock, Stoke Poges....	81	76	157
A. James, Wallasey Village.....	79	78	157
H. McNeill, Royal Portrush....	80	78	158
Tom Ball, Raynes Park.....	80	78	158
A. J. Howlett, West Surrey....	85	74	159
Jean Gassiat, Chantilly.....	78	81	159
G. Cawkwell, Guildford.....	78	81	159
J. J. McDermott, Atlantic City,			
U. S. A.....	79	80	159
P. Hills, Harrogate.....	78	81	159

No Americans were playing in the second qualifying competition on the Friday, when the weather was fine; but some very remarkable things happened during the day and the amateurs were the chief performers. In the first place Mr. Edward Blackwell, who has been in very fine form this season, struck his very best game and with rounds of 74 and 73 he headed the list for the day—a magnificent achievement when it was considered that Harry Vardon, J. H. Taylor and many others of great celebrity were among the competitors. After the first few holes he was driving well, and putting splendidly with an aluminum putter, finishing his first round in magnificent style, while in the second he holed a long putt on the home green for one stroke better than his first total. In the afternoon Mr. John Graham, on his own course, rose to the full heights of his game and, playing perfect golf all through, came in with a score of 71, which became the new record of the course, which has been slightly altered and lengthened since a 71 was last made upon it, the

previous amateur record being his own and the same as Herd's professional record of the same figures. His card read:

Out—4 4 5 3 4 4 3 4 3—34
In —4 3 4 3 5 5 5 4 4—37—71

Shortly after he had accomplished this most brilliant achievement a comparatively unknown professional in P. E. Taylor, of Littlehampton, a youngster only twenty-two years of age, returned the same score, which became professional record. In his case the figures were:

Out—4 3 4 4 4 4 3 5 5—36
In —3 3 4 2 5 4 5 6 3—35—71

Harry Vardon qualified easily enough, but J. H. Taylor had a very narrow squeak, and having regard to what happened in the championship afterwards, his play at the home hole in his second round was something to be remembered. There is a cross bunker immediately in front of the green and with his approach he got into it. With his niblick shot out he got into the rough beyond the green and then chipped back to within four or five feet of the pin. He holed the putt, and, as it turned it out, it was that putt that saved him, for he only just got into the last qualifying place. Had he failed to get the ball down in that last stroke there would have been no championship for Taylor this year. The scores of the players who qualified were:

Mr. E. Blackwell, Royal and			
Ancient.....	74	73	147
P. E. Taylor, Littlehampton....	78	71	149
Mr. J. Graham, Jr., R. Liverpool	80	71	151
Cyril Hughes, Chester.....	75	76	151
M. Moran, Royal Dublin.....	77	74	151
Harry Vardon, South Herts....	73	79	152
A. Catlin, Old Fold Manor	76	77	153
C. Roberts, Woolton.....	76	77	153
C. H. Corlett Dorset.....	79	75	154
W. E. Reid, Banstead Downs...	75	79	154
A. Mitchell, East Sussex.....	76	78	154
W. McEwan, Formby.....	79	76	155

Jack Rowe, Royal Ashdown For.	75	80	155
H. J. Osborne, Newquay.....	78	77	155
J. H. Taylor, Mid-Surrey.....	80	76	156
Mr. E. A. Lassen, Lytham and St. Annes	77	79	156
Horace Fulford, Moortown.....	77	79	156
Fred Leach, Northwood.....	80	76	156
George Pulford, unattached.....	80	76	156
Tom Fernie, Turnberry.....	79	77	156
T. Simpson, Lytham and St. Annes	82	74	156

On the Saturday, the third and last of the qualifying days, Tom MacNamara was one of the first couples to start, being paired with Harry Simpson, of St. Annes. He played a very good round of 77 to begin with, which was made up as follows:

Out—5 4 6 3 5 4 3 5 5—40
In —4 3 4 3 5 4 5 5 4—37—77

This placed him in a strong position although the weather was fine and plenty of good scores were being returned. To the 77 to tacked on a 79 in the afternoon and this enabled him to qualify with a stroke to spare. He was driving a very nice ball and putting well. Mr. Heinrich Schmidt, of Worcester, Mass., who so much distinguished himself in the amateur championship at St. Andrews played in this section but found the stroke ordeal in the circumstances too much for him. It must be said, however, that he had exceedingly bad luck all the way through. His two cards were:

First:

Out—6 4 6 3 5 4 3 6 4—41
In —5 4 5 4 6 7 5 5 4—45—86

Second:

Out—4 4 6 4 4 6 3 5 5—41
In —5 4 4 3 6 6 5 4 5—42—83

Some fine golf was played during the day by Arnaud Massy, but Edward Ray, the reigning champion, had to fight hard for his qualifying place, his morning round of 79 causing him much anxiety. However, he got safely through at the end, and the scores

of the players who qualified were as follows:

J. W. Gaudin, Alwoodley.....	74	74	148
A. Massey, Nivelle.....	75	75	150
Joshua Taylor, Acton.....	75	75	150
W. L. Ritchie, Worpelsdon.....	75	77	152
T. G. Renouf, Manchester.....	75	78	153
J. B. Ross, Parklangley.....	78	76	154
G. R. Buckle, N. Worcestershire	75	80	155
Harry Simpson, St. Annes Old Links.....	77	78	155
E. Ray, Oxhey.....	79	76	155
Mr. H. H. Hilton, R. Liverpool.	76	79	155
F. A. Earl, Lincoln.....	78	77	155
T. L. MacNamara, Wollaston, U. S. A.....	77	79	156
Tom Watt, Timperley.....	80	76	156
Claude Gray, Beckenham.....	77	79	156
L. Tellier, La Boulie.....	77	79	156
W. Lowe, West Lancashire.....	82	74	156
A. Bonner, Bulwell Forest.....	75	81	156
C. Ralph Smith, West Middlesex	77	80	157
Mr. F. P. Crowther, Jr., Royal Liverpool.....	75	82	157
Fred Robson, Cooden Beach....	78	79	157
S. Whiting, Ilkley.....	77	80	157
Tom Williamson, Hollinwell....	82	75	157
E. Jones, Chislehurst.....	75	82	157

It was a great relief to everybody when all this qualifying business was at last completed. There was no play at Hoylake on the Sunday, and the day was for the most part spent in resting and discussing the prospects of the morrow. It was a fine day and the weather outlook was good. In the evening I was talking about possibilities and probabilities with J. H. Taylor and James Braid, and the former said that, if the weather remained as it was then, there would be a new champion without any doubt, but if a big wind got up the old hands such as himself, Braid, and Harry Vardon would have a chance again. This prediction is one that it will not be easy to forget, for during the remaining two days the weather was just about as bad as it could be, and in such circumstances it was Taylor himself who triumphed. Hoylake, in a

calm and Hoylake in the stress of wind are two very different golfing propositions. Rain poured heavily down upon the course during nearly the whole of the Sunday night and in the morning a strong wind was blowing gustily across the links which late in the afternoon came near to being half a gale. Moreover the start of the play had to be delayed an hour owing to the eleventh green being under water and measures having to be taken to clear it.

thing worse than a 5 at any hole, which he did in the morning. Exercising a most wonderful control of the ball he kept it on the fairway when even the best of his rivals were constantly afflicted with bunker troubles, and he was playing his approaches and putting well. He had adopted what was for him a new style of putting in this championship, resting his right forearm on his knee, and in this way he was doing his long putts better than he had done them for a long



Taylor at the 17th in the third round.

Although he did not head the list at the end of the day, being one stroke behind Ray, it has to be said that the golf of J. H. Taylor created a better impression than that of any other player, and at night he was being freely tipped for the championship. His rounds of 73 and 75 were models of championship golf, and they gave him a confidence which was worth a few strokes to him in the final test. He was one of the very few men indeed who played a round with no-

time previously. His tee shot to the short fourth hole was faulty and cost him a stroke, and he failed to reach the eighth green in two shots as he might have done while he dropped a stroke at the seventeenth but these were practically the only blemishes in his game. In the afternoon, when the conditions were still more difficult, he made his only 6 of the day, and for this he himself was hardly responsible, for his ball was blown off the green by the strong wind at the eighth

though it had been properly played there. His round was quite steady and his two cards representing a splendid day's golf were as follows:

First:

Out—4 4 4 4 4 4 3 5 4—36
In —5 4 3 3 5 4 4 5 4—37—73

Second:

Out—4 5 4 4 4 3 3 6 3—36
In —5 5 4 3 5 4 5 4 4—39—75

When it appeared likely that Taylor would head the list for the day Ray came along and pipped him by a stroke. He had a shocking experience at the second hole, getting his ball too much out to the right and falling foul of the pot bunkers that are clustered thickly down that side. He went from one of these into another, and by the time he had holed out he had played seven strokes. After that he was steady enough and a good approach to the home hole enabled him to get a three at it and to finish in 73. His best golf was played in the second part of the afternoon round in which he had only a single 5, his 4s at the fifteenth and sixteenth being excellent. Many critics would have it beforehand that a windy Hoylake was no place for him to shine, but he fairly refuted the theory on this occasion. His two cards were:

First:

Out—4 7 5 3 4 4 3 5 4—39
In —4 3 4 3 4 4 5 4 3—34—73

Second:

Out—4 4 6 4 5 5 3 5 4—40
In —4 3 3 3 5 4 4 4 4—34—74

Neither Harry Vardon nor Braid did well enough to suggest that they were at all likely to win the championship. Braid, who was now playing without the spectacles, was weak in going to the turn in his first round. He was twice bunkered at the third and missed a short putt at the finish, the hole costing him 7, while at the sixth he took six strokes and he was

43 to the turn. He played much better coming in but his total was 80 and a 79 on the top of this in the afternoon put him out of the running. Vardon was a little uncertain with his putting, and he also got a 7 on to his card in his morning round, this happening at the second hole where he spared his approach too much and was caught in the bunker guarding the green, then taking three strokes to get clear of it. It as a coincidence that this hole should cost both him and Ray a 7 in the same round. Although he did a 75 in the afternoon, Vardon was then too far behind the leaders to threaten them.

McDermott played a really excellent round in the morning, and his golf attracted quite a large proportion of the spectators. He was playing full of confidence and driving a beautifully clean ball with none of the hook that is so dangerous at Hoylake, while his putting, done standing up straight with his feet close together, with an aluminum club and a nice easy swing, was much admired. At the short fourth hole he came extremely near to getting a 1, his ball stopping within two or three inches of the hole. He pulled his tee shot into the ditch on the left at the eighth and that hole cost him 6, but he was out in a fine 38 and he came home perfectly steady, finishing up in 75. In the second round (by the way, he was partnered with James Bradbeer, of Porters Park, near London), he again played perfect golf for the first nine holes, having nothing worse than a 5 on his card. Coming in he drove into a pot bunker on the left at the twelfth and took two to get out. A faulty tee stroke prevented him from getting the par 3 at the short thirteenth hole, while he topped his drive at the fifteenth and

was bunkered from his second, this hole also costing him 6. He finished in 80 and his two cards were:

First:

Out—5 4 5 2 4 4 4 6 4—38
 In —4 3 4 3 5 5 5 4 4—37—75

Second:

Out—4 4 4 4 4 4 3 5 5—37
 In —5 3 6 4 5 6 5 4 5—43—80

MacNamara also did an 80 in the morning, but he improved upon this by two strokes in the afternoon, and played excellent golf after a rather unfortunate start with a 7, his card of 78 being made up as follows:

Out—7 4 5 4 3 4 5 5 4—41
 In —4 4 3 3 5 4 6 4 4—37—78

At the end of the day the scores were:

E. Ray, Oxhey	73	74	147
J. H. Taylor, Mid-Surrey	73	75	148
M. Moran, Royal Dublin	76	74	150
T. G. Renouf, Manchester	75	78	153
A. Herd, Coombe Hill	73	81	154
C. Hughes, Chester	76	78	154
Harry Vardon, South Herts	79	75	154
Josh Taylor, Acton	80	75	155
J. J. McDermott, Atlantic City	75	80	155
Mr. John Graham, Royal Liverpool	77	79	156
M. Tellier, La Boulie	77	80	157
T. Roberts, Woolton	77	80	157
Mr. E. Blackwell, Royal and Ancient	78	79	157
James Bradbeer, Porters Park	78	79	157
Tom Williamson, Notts	77	80	157
Arnaud Massy, Neville	77	80	157
Mr. E. A. Lassen, Lytham and St. Annes	79	78	157
A. Catlin, Old Ford Manor	77	81	158
T. L. MacNamara, Boston, U. S. A.	80	78	158
P. Hills, Harrogate	79	79	158
Jean Gassiat, Chantilly	80	78	158
A. J. Howlett, West Surrey	75	84	159
A. James, Wallasey Village	78	81	159
James Braid, Walton Heath	80	79	159
P. E. Taylor, Littlehampton	78	81	159
E. Jones, Chislehurst	75	85	160
J. Rowe, Royal Ashdown Forest	78	82	160
W. E. Reid, Banstead Downs	78	82	160
C. Gray, Beckenham	80	81	161
G. R. Buckle, N. Worcester	81	80	161
Mr. F. P. Crowther, Royal Liverpool	80	81	161
H. McNeill, Royal Portrush	80	81	161
L. Ayton, Bishop's Stortford	78	83	161
F. Collins, Llandudno	77	85	162
Arthur Mitchell, East Sussex	81	81	162
Mr. H. H. Hilton, Royal Liverpool	79	83	162
T. Simpson, Lytham and St. Annes	79	83	162
J. G. Sherlock, Stoke Poges	77	86	163
R. G. Wilson, Berkhamsted	80	83	163
S. Ball, Heaton Park	81	82	163
H. Simpson, St. Annes Old Links	80	83	163
H. J. Osborne, Newquay	82	81	163

W. McEwan, Formby	82	82	164
J. B. Ross, Parklangley	75	89	164
F. Leach, Northwood	80	84	164
C. R. Smith, West Middlesex	82	82	164
C. H. Mayo, Burhill	83	82	165
Tom Ball, Raynes Park	82	83	165
S. Whiting, Ilkley	83	82	165
C. Walker, Prestwich	82	83	165
G. Cawkwell, Guildford	81	85	166
F. A. Earl, Lincoln	81	85	166
W. L. Ritchie, Worplesdon	82	85	167
C. H. Corlett, Broadstone	78	89	167
T. Watt, Timperley	86	82	168
J. W. Gaudin, Alwoodley	82	86	168
Mr. Abe Mitchell, Cantelupe	86	82	168
J. Edmondson, Bromborough	83	85	168
F. Robson, Cooden Beach	85	85	170
G. Pulford, unattached	84	86	170
A. Bonner, Bulwell Forest	87	84	171
J. E. Edgar, Northumberland	81	91	172
T. R. Fernie, Turnberry	88	86	174
W. Lowe, W. Lancashire	87	90	177
H. Fulford, Moortown	87	retired.	

If the weather was bad on the Monday it was far worse on the Tuesday when the third and fourth rounds had to be played. A full gale of wind blew right across the course and hurled sheets of rain along with it. It was a day when golf seemed almost impossible and in such conditions did Taylor win his championship, reeling off his 3s and 4s as if there was nothing to trouble him. He did not play a really bad hole all the day and only twice did 6s creep into his card, both times in the afternoon. He had nothing worse than a 5 in the morning and I think with others that his 77 done in those conditions was the finest thing ever done in a championship. Moreover, starting at ten minutes past ten he had the very worst of the weather. McDermott was the only one to equal that score in the morning, and his performance then was really splendid. In the frightful wind conditions he was keeping his ball under full control, and he actually reached the turn in four strokes better than Taylor had done, having again got a 2 at the fourth. Nothing better than his outward journey was done during the day. Ray took 41 to the turn and his round cost him 81. In the cir-

cumstances it may be well to place the cards of Taylor and McDermott for this third round alongside each other thus:

McDermott:

Out—4 4 5 2 5 4 3 5 4—36

In —5 4 4 3 6 5 5 5 4—41—77

Taylor:

Out—5 4 5 4 4 5 3 5 5—40

In —4 4 4 3 5 5 5 4 3—37—77

MacNamara made a rather weak start, taking 6s to both the first and third and another at the eighth and he had more 5s coming home than were

was whether Taylor would crack, or as Americans have it, "blow up." But he was in a winning vein and in the great strain of the last round he did not crack, but played steadily for his victory. He reached the turn in 41, which, though not great, was good enough, for the news came that Ray had taken an eight to the third hole through driving into the rough and then pulling his next shot across the course out of bounds. He was steady afterwards, but he could never catch



The last stroke for the championship. Taylor holing out on the 18th green in the fourth round.

good for him. His card of 85 was made up thus:

Out—6 5 6 3 5 5 3 6 4—43

In —5 4 5 3 5 5 5 5 5—42—85

At the end of this round Taylor was leading with an aggregate of 225, Ray was second with 228, McDermott third with 232, and Harry Vardon fourth with 233, while five men, among whom were two amateurs, Messrs. Lassen and Graham, were next with 237.

There were still possibilities for excitement and upheavals. The question

up with Taylor, who played his inward half very correctly. At the fourteenth a long hole, he got a wonderful 3, holing with a delightful little chip from about thirty yards with his mashie. He played cautiously to the end, although he got a 6 on his card. At the home hole he pulled his tee shot into the rough and then played short of the bunker. He was taking no risks and cleared the bunker with so much to spare that his ball ran into the rough beyond the green, but he chipped back close to the hole and

succeeded with the putt. Finishing in 79 there was no doubt about his winning. His last card was:

Out—5 4 6 4 5 5 3 5 4—41
 In —5 3 4 3 3 6 5 4 5—38—79

McDermott made an unfortunate start to his last round, taking 7 to the first hole and 6 to the third, but he was steady afterwards and but for dropping a stroke or two at the last two holes would have got into third place. His card was :

Out—7 4 6 4 4 5 3 4 4—41
 In —5 3 5 3 5 5 5 6 5—42—83

As it was he tied for fifth place, and got into the prize list, being the first American professional ever to do so, and is to be congratulated on a highly creditable performance. MacNamara's last round was as follows:

Out—6 4 5 3 4 5 4 5 5—41
 In —6 3 5 3 4 5 5 4 4—39—80

It can fairly be said for him also, although he finished much lower down than McDermott, that he well justified his coming over, and played much good golf under the most trying conditions imaginable. The final list was as follows:

	1	2	3	4	Ttl.
J. H. Taylor.....	73	75	77	79	304
(£50 and championship medal.)					
	1	2	3	4	Ttl.
£25- 0-0 E. Ray.....	73	74	81	84	312
£12-10-0 H. Vardon...	79	75	79	80	313
£12-10-0 M. Moran....	76	74	89	74	313
£7-10-0 J. McDermott	75	80	77	83	315
£7-10-0 T. G. Renouf	75	78	84	78	315

Other aggregates were as follows:

	1	2	3	4	Ttl.
J. Bradbeer.....	78	79	81	79	317
Tom Williamson.....	77	80	80	80	317

A. Massy.....	77	80	81	79	317
J. G. Sherlock.....	77	86	79	75	317
F. Collins.....	77	85	79	77	318
A. Herd.....	73	81	84	80	318
Mr. J. Graham, Jr....	77	79	81	81	318
Joshua Taylor.....	80	75	85	79	319
Mr. E. A. Lassen.....	79	78	80	82	319
C. Roberts.....	78	79	84	78	319
P. E. Taylor.....	78	81	83	78	320
J. Braid.....	80	79	82	80	321
E. Jones.....	75	85	81	80	321
H. McNeil.....	80	81	81	79	321
C. Gray.....	80	81	79	81	321
C. Hughes.....	76	78	83	85	322
L. Tellier.....	77	80	85	80	322
J. Gassiat.....	80	78	86	78	322
T. L. MacNamara....	80	78	85	80	323
A. Catlin.....	79	83	85	78	325
T. Simpson.....	79	83	85	78	325
C. H. Mayo.....	83	82	78	82	325
Lawrence Ayton.....	78	83	86	80	327
J. B. Ross.....	75	89	84	79	327
T. Ball.....	82	83	86	76	327
J. Rowe.....	78	82	86	82	328
Mr. F. P. Crowther..	80	81	86	81	328
R. G. Wilson.....	80	83	88	77	328
A. James.....	78	81	85	86	330
A. J. Howlett.....	75	84	85	87	331
H. Simpson.....	80	83	88	81	332
J. D. Edgar.....	81	91	80	80	332
Mr. E. Blackwell....	78	79	87	89	333
W. E. Reid.....	78	82	85	79	334
S. Ball.....	81	82	87	85	335
F. Leach.....	80	84	88	83	335
T. Watt.....	86	82	84	83	335
P. Hill.....	79	79	90	89	337
J. Edmondson.....	83	85	84	88	340
C. Ralph Smith.....	82	82	93	84	341
C. H. Corlett.....	78	89	87	87	341
A. Bonner.....	87	74	90	80	341
G. Cawkwell.....	81	85	92	84	342
F. A. Earl.....	81	85	86	91	343
T. R. Fernie.....	88	86	86	85	345

The following retired:

Mr. H. H. Hilton, A. Mitchell, H. J. Osborne, W. McEwan, C. Whiting, C. Walker, J. W. Gaudin, Mr. Abe Mitchell, Fred Robson, G. Pulford, W. Lowe.

