

## *Extracts from the Press*

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### EXHIBITION MATCHES AT BROOKMANS PARK

Two exhibition matches were played at Brookmans Park yesterday, on the occasion of the official opening of the new club house by Lady Clauson. Abe Mitchell, who was due to take part, was deterred by an attack of sciatica, but turned up to watch, walking with the aid of a stick. His place was taken by Percy Alliss, who partnered James Bradbeer against C. A. Whitcombe and the local professional W. J. Richardson.

It has been cynically observed that there is no better golfer in the world than a British professional taking part in an exhibition match. Whether this is true in general, I should not venture to say; but it certainly applied to the particular case of Alliss, who went round the course in 66 shots, against the standard scratch score of 74. He required no assistance from his partner, who had to be content with a half now and again, and they won the match on the fifteenth green by five and three. Whitcombe was not quite at his best, suffering, perhaps, from reaction after his gallant, but unsuccessful attempt to win the Open Championship last week. The only hole that his side won was the second, which was taken by Richardson.

The latter was apprenticed to Henry Cotton when he was at Langley Park, and although he is slim and by no means

so strong as his first tutor, it is obvious that he has tried to model his style on that of Cotton, even to the extent of turning in his toes on addressing the ball, and wearing a glove on the left hand.

Alliss, during the course of his round, had two 2s, the one at the sixth looking as if it were going to be what the Americans call an 'ace'.

ALLISS and BRADBEER

Out: 4, 5, 3, 3, 4, 2, 4, 4, 3 - 32

Home: 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 2, 5, 3, 4 - 33

Total 65.

WHITCOMBE and RICHARDSON

Out: 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, 3, 4, 4, 3 - 35

Home: 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5 - 37

Total 72.

It was Whitcombe's turn to dominate matters in the afternoon when another Fourball game was played with different partnerships, Whitcombe and Bradbeer beating Alliss and Richardson by four and two. Whitcombe had a score of 69. Bradbeer taking 73, Alliss 74, and Richardson 77. Alliss failed to reveal his sparkling form of the morning, while Richardson's most noteworthy hole was to come when the match was over.

The best ball figures were:

WHITCOMBE and BRADBEER

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Home: 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 2, 3, 4, 4 - 32

Total 67.

ALLISS and RICHARDSON

Out: 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, 3, 4, 5, 3 - 36

Home: 4, 3, 5, 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5 - 35

Total 71.