

# RAY AND VARDON GIVE EXHIBITION IN DALLAS

## ENGLISH GOLF CHAMPIONS WIN FROM TEXAS AMATEURS BY SMALL MARGIN

### BIG GALLERY SEES MATCH

British Experts Bring Applause by Their Skillful Play Over Dallas Country Club Course.

Playing the brilliant, sterling game which has made them famous on two continents, Edward Ray and Harry Vardon, the well-known professional golfers, both former champions of England, yesterday defeated George V. Hoban of Waco, amateur golf champion of Texas, and Charles L. Dexter Jr. of Dallas, runner-up in the Texas championship, in a best ball foursome match played over the eighteen-hole course of the Dallas Country Club.

The victory of the British team was by the small margin of two up and one to play. The Texas youngsters fighting their formidable opponents every step of the way, around the holes and clinging tenaciously to their heels throughout the match.

The best ball score of the English team—a combination of the best scores of both players from hole to hole—was 72, which tied the record for the Dallas Country Club links, while the Texas team was three strokes behind with a total of 75.

Weather conditions were far from ideal for the match. The sky was heavily overcast and a chilling north wind swept the links throughout the afternoon. Neither the English team itself in the best condition. The heavy rain of Thursday had softened the turf and as a consequence the balls would not roll the way they should, and the English players to lose considerable distance in the drive, which also making accurate putting on the greens difficult. It was the fact which probably accounted for some of the mediocre work shown by Vardon on the greens.

The playing of both teams, however, in spite of adverse conditions, was excellent on the whole. The wonderful driving of Ray especially drew applause from the three hundred and odd spectators who witnessed the match, while the plucky and steady play of Hoban, who executed several brilliant shots, was also highly praised.

The exhibition work of the Englishmen was made the signal for a general revival of interest among golfers of the Dallas Country Club, and has been made the occasion of a special invitation tournament which is to be held over the links today. Golfers from all parts of the state, as well as from Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana, have gathered and more than 100 are expected to participate today. The tournament, which has been arranged under the direction of H. H. Munger, is to be a handicap affair and will feature some of the country's best players.

The English players, who arrived in Dallas from St. Louis Thursday night, were on the Dallas Country Club course yesterday morning and during the forenoon gave an exhibition match between themselves for the benefit of more than 100 interested spectators. The match was also for the purpose of allowing the visitors to become acquainted with the links for the afternoon's match played against the Texas team.

Ray Defeats Vardon. As in the afternoon, Ray demonstrated that he was a better player than Vardon by defeating his partner in the morning match. His score for the eighteen holes was 67, while Vardon made the course in 69. Both players worked with the finest grace and technique of the veteran expert at the great game, and the morning match proved highly interesting as well as instructive for the golf enthusiasts of the club, who followed the game with carefully observant eyes, perhaps to note some point that might improve their own play later on.

The afternoon foursome went away promptly at 2 o'clock, and when the four players took off for the first hole, more than 200 spectators, of whom a possible proportion were women, had gathered for the sport.

The match which followed was one of the fastest and closest exhibitions of golf which has been seen on the Dallas links in many a year. The Englishmen played with swift, silent care, and the Texas representatives, led up to Michael Patch, through knowledge of the worth of their opponents, went at their task with a brilliance which came near to meeting the famous professionals away with a defeat chalked up against their record.

It was Ray for the English team and Hoban for the Texas who performed the most telling work. Ray's terrific drive, and wonderfully accurate putting was at times little short of sensational, while Hoban drew his share of the glory by time after time executing brilliant plays that saved or won a hole for his team.

Vardon's driving was little short of his work in making approaches from different angles and was often very unusual, but his putting was below his usual form. Dexter, too, was at a loss in driving and approaching and, like Vardon, suffered his worst misfortunes after he had gotten onto the green.

Match Was an Evenstrife. The playing throughout the match was surprisingly even, and the decision was by no means certain until the seventeenth hole had been played. The English team started out by winning the first hole, Ray holing out in four, while the others took five. The second hole was halved and the Texas team remained the ground lost on the first hole when Hoban won the third hole over Vardon, four and five, respectively.

Ray again was four ahead at the fourth hole, however, and made it two up against the Texas at the fifth hole, winning both holes through wonderfully clever putting. The sixth and seventh holes were halved, but the eighth proved another winning point for the English. Ray again coming to the fore with his great putting and setting the count at three up for his team.

The ninth was halved and the tenth hole went to the Texas, when Hoban covered the long stretch from tee to green and was in four strokes. After that it was a neck and neck race to the finish, with the English team holding the advantage of two up, but unable to improve the lead. The seventeenth hole was completed the score stood two up with one to play for the English and the match was sealed. The players played the last hole, however, and then showed another quality for Ray, who holing out in four strokes, as against Dexter's five.

The score by holes for the best ball of each team was as follows:

English team... 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

match was the fourteenth. This hole on the Dallas club course is slightly downhill with the green well guarded by bunkers. All four players drove beautifully straight down the course, but it was Ray's terrific smash that caused the spectators to gasp with astonishment and delight. The big Britisher put his entire six pounds of brawn and muscle behind his swing and sent his ball within less than ten yards of the green, approximately 225 yards.

Hoban, Dexter and Vardon also drove cleanly straight up the course for about 225 yards each. From this excellent position for an approach it was an easy matter for Ray to hole out in three, and it looked as though the English team had another hole to its credit, but Hoban was still in the running. His approach had landed him on the green fully fifteen feet from the cup, but his putt was true and clean and he was down in three, bringing a roll of approval from the crowd.

There were many other interesting incidents of the match, the Englishmen demonstrating their worth time after time by perfectly executed shots from what appeared to be hopelessly bad positions. Shots which more than once turned apparent loss into gain.

Experts Have Different Styles. For those who followed the play of the English opponents of the day, the difference in the style of the two players was a matter for comment. The English was this difference noted in the drive. Hoban's Vardon took a complete swing and drove low from the tee. Ray took a short swing, depending largely upon the mass of his wrists for his power and drove much higher. It was this high driving of Ray's that carried him over the course particularly in better form than his teammate. Vardon's low drives, while lacking nothing in speed or carrying power, struck the ground somewhat from Ray's and in the soft condition of the turf the ball failed to roll as Vardon was evidently used to seeing it roll.

Another interesting feature of their play to the spectators was the manner in which both negotiated their approaches. Hoban's style was very similar, both driving the ball high in the air and dropping it fairly on the green with sufficient "back spin" imparted by the malleable stroke to prevent rolling.

Following the match an informal reception was held at the clubhouse and the English visitors chatted with their hosts until compelled to leave for their train to Houston. The team is to play there today in a foursome against Willie Griffin, professional of the Houston Golf Club, and Bryan Heard, a well-known Texas amateur.

Both Ray and Vardon were highly pleased with their Dallas match. They warmly complimented Hoban and Dexter on their play and declared that the Dallas Country Club links compare favorably with any they have seen in the South.

The invitation tournament of the Dallas Country Club is to start early this morning and the links will present a busy scene throughout the day. The entry list will be opened at the clubhouse and the greens committee will pass upon each entry as submitted and announced for the play. It is expected that more than seven-hundred players will enter the tournament, among whom will be some of the best amateur performers in the Southwest.

During yesterday afternoon the following names, most of whom will enter the tournament this morning, registered at the clubhouse: C. L. Campbell, Shreveport; A. A. Dewey, M. Reno, Okla.; D. McClair, Shreveport; L. C. H. Finney, Fort Worth; H. C. Pollock, Fort Worth; Ed. Lockwood, Shreveport; S. H. Bolinger, Shreveport; W. J. Eckola, Fort Worth; J. C. E. Soper, Fort Worth; J. H. Grayson, Denver; O. F. P. Maxwell, Brownsville; L. L. Longo, Waco; W. D. Lacy Jr., Waco; J. W. Wacker, J. W. New, Philadelphia; and Alex. Flindley, Philadelphia.

Undoubtedly the most cleanly, cleverly and spectacularly played, hole of the