

## OPEN GOLF TITLE BACK TO BRITAIN

The Open Championship, biggest event of the golf year, drew tremendous crowds to Hoylake. All but forty ~~were~~ competitors were eliminated after the first two rounds with the magnetic Henry Cotton rather shaken by his seventy eight, watching L. B. Ayton drive off from the first ~~tee~~.

Cotton went round with Ayton, his wife among the large gallery that followed his fortunes throughout the meeting. Unrivalled brilliance sometimes followed by unaccountable lapses make him the most fascinating player in the game.

The magic that inspired his putter on that first round of sixty-nine now deserted him, but the gallery remained

faithful.... *Von Nida showing to best yet.*

\* Bulla of the American contingent was eleven strokes behind  
\* the leaders .... McIntosh, bunkered near the eighteenth, was pretty well out of the running.

The well fancied American, Stranahan, began the third round level with Von Nida and Alfred Padgham. Leading the field at this stage was Fred Daly of Belfast, very steady, winner of three Irish open championships, now well in the running for the most coveted title of all. <sup>Though</sup> /Almost achieving the impossible on the greens even he had to be content with seventy-eight on his third round.

Cotton was one of the four leaders starting the final round. <sup>was 480</sup> Ayton/out of the running, and Cotton himself once again had the most exasperating luck on the greens.

Meanwhile Daly was atoning for his lapses in the third round, with par figures for three-quarters of the way.

Cotton needed the championship touch he displayed in the first round to give him a chance of the title, but knew by this time that fortune had deserted him. The gallery went after other possibles, R. W. Horne of Hendon among them. The Australian Von Nida was also out of luck, a final round of seventy-six not being good enough by half.

So Fred Daly, still showing par figures was on the last green. He sank a tremendous putt, and by the narrowest possible margin of one stroke over R. ~~Horne~~ Horne won the open championship.

So The most coveted trophy in the game went to Fred Daly, fine golfer and first Irishman to win the <sup>title</sup> ~~open championship~~.