Golf - The Ryder Cup

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In the great Ryder Cup battle at Wentworth, Surrey, Henry Cotton, the home skipper, led pre-match introductions.

Hard-hitting Sam Sneed was partnered in the Foursomes by Lloyd Mangrum -America's skipper, against Fric Brown and J. Panton. The Americans won by eight and seven.

In the top match, Dave Doublas, the Canadian champion, putts on the 18th Harry Weetman sinks an eight foot putt. But he and Peter Alliss lost the match two and one

Walter Burkemo in action on the 18th. He was partnered by Cary Middlecoff But Fred Daly's trusty putter (backed up by Harry Bradshaw) gave the fighting Irishmen - Britain's only victory.

The second day, America **First** leading three-one - with eight singles to play. And as <u>Bernard Hunt</u> drove off against <u>Dave Douglas</u> - there came news that England was fighting back.

Three up on Max Faulkner: - Cary Middlecoff missed a putt on the lith. Britain's former Open Champion won the hole and the twelfth as well And Fred Daly carried on where he left off in the foursomes against Ted Kroll. The American was always fighting up uphill battle. The brilliant Irishman won by nine and seven - a great victory.

Fric Brown, too, was matching Lloyd Mangrum - hole for hole - watched by Bob Hope - no doubt looking for a way to improve <u>his</u> handicap, Bing Crosby, langrum won the 18th - but Brown finished the round two up - his final winning margin.

Bernard Hunt fought back, too, to finish all-square against Dave Douglas And what a comeback by Harry Weetman? Four holes down - he won five out of the last six - to win on the 18th against the great Sam Snead The score was five matches all - when Willie Turness reached the last green one up on young Peter Alliss. Then came tragedy when the youngster missed that three foot puth Fugue discrete the sector of the margin)to retain the Ryder Cup. But Skipper Mangrum had some words to say about that fighting comeback by Britain SOUND.