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RYDER CUP VICTORY:

Christian O'Connor drives off for Britain in the final day of the Ryder Cup match. Up against men like America's Ed Furgol - even if all their putts don't come off - nobody gives the British team under skipper Dai Rees much of a chance. After all, it's 24 years since we won the Ryder Cup - and Britain (or more correctly, Great Britain and Eire) start the singles 3-1 down. Here's America's Doug Ford.

But American skipper Jackie Burke and his team, normally brilliant golfers, find the pace too hot, while the British players - including Burke's opponent Peter Mills, in his first-ever Ryder Cup match - are playing like champions. Hole by hole the pattern of victory emerges. Britain's Harry Bradshaw has a tough battle with Dick Mayer, but in the end he manages to halve his match in spite of some bad luck on the greens. The Americans capture a single game. But one by one all the other Britons force their way into the lead. At the twelfth green, Dai Rees sinks his last putt to beat Ed Furgol - seven up and six to play.

The crowd scrambles for a ball that deserves to be in a glass case on somebody's mantelpiece - a souvenir of an historic day, when by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  points to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  Dai Rees and his merry men put an end to nearly a quarter of a century of defeat. Says Dai: "It must be the greatest shot in the annals of British golf has ever had"....