

OUIMET WORLD'S GOLF CHAMPION

Twenty-Year-Old Amateur De- feats Famous British Profes- sionals for Open Title.

REMARKABLE GOLF FEAT

Covers the 18-Hole Course at Brookline in 72 Strokes— Vardon 77, Ray 78.

SPLENDID DISPLAY OF NERVE

First Amateur to Win American Open -Championship—Big Gallery Makes Demonstration at Finish.

Cards of the Players.	
OUIMET.	
Out ...	5 4 4 4 5 4 4 3 5—38
In	3 4 4 4 5 4 3 3 4—34—72
VARDON.	
Out	5 4 4 4 5 3 4 4 5—38
In	4 4 5 3 5 4 3 5 6—39—77
RAY.	
Out	5 4 5 4 5 4 3 3 5—38
In	4 4 5 4 5 6 4 5 3—40—78

BROOKLINE, Mass., Sept. 20.—Another name was added to America's list of victors in international sport here to-day when Francis Ouimet, which for the benefit of the uninitiated is pronounced we-met, a youthful local amateur, won the nineteenth open championship of the United States Golf Association.

The winning of this national title was lifted to an international plane, due to the sensational circumstances of the play and to the calibre of the entrants whom Ouimet defeated during his four-day march to victory. Safely berthed in his qualifying round, the boy trailed the leaders in the first half of the championship round; tied with Harry Vardon and Edward Ray, the famous English professionals, for the first place in the final round, then completely outplayed them to-day in the eighteen-hole extra round which was necessary to decide the 1913 championship.

Ouimet won with the score of 72 strokes, two under par for one of the hardest courses in the country. Vardon finished five strokes behind Ouimet with 77; Ray took third place with 78.

Ouimet's Rank in Sport.

It was not the actual defeat of this famous pair of golfers so much as the manner of that defeat that entitles Ouimet's name to rank with that of Maurice E. McLoughlin, champion in tennis; Harry Payne Whitney, leader in polo, and James Thorpe, victor in athletics. Ouimet, a tall, slender youth, just past his teens, outplayed and outnerved not only Vardon and Ray in the play-off, a wonderful fact in itself, but succeeded in battling his way through the largest and most remarkable field of entrants that ever played for an American title. When the qualifying rounds began last Tuesday the lists contained 170 names, including in addition to Vardon and Ray, those of Wilfred Reid, another well-known English player; Louis Teller, a French professional of note; a few high class amateurs, and a host of American and foreign professionals playing for United States and Canadian clubs.

When Ouimet holed his final stroke on the home green of the Country Club this afternoon the 3,000 persons who had tramped through the heavy mist and dripping grass behind the trio of players for almost three hours realized what the victory meant to American golf, and the scenes of elation which followed were pardonable under the circumstances.

The Winner's Perfect Form.

The pride in the young American's victory was all the more justified because of the fact that he had won without fluke or flaw in his play, responding in perfect form to a test of nerve, stamina and knowledge of golf never before required of a player in a national tournament. All through the crucial journey around the 18-hole course Ouimet never faltered. In fact his play might be termed mechanical, so perfect was it under the trying weather and course conditions. He appeared absolutely without nerve, playing from tee to fairway, from fairway to green and finishing each hole with a splendid exhibition of putting. His veteran opponents, tried players of many a hard-won match in various parts of the world, broke under the strain, leaving Ouimet to finish as coolly as he had started.

The very fact that Vardon and Ray could not hold up under the stress of the struggle shows the titanic form and strain of the final round of the championship. Vardon has five times won the English open championship, and in 1900 won the American open at Wheaton, Ill., defeating J. H. Taylor, England's greatest golfer and present champion.

Before the tournament began Ray, Vardon, and Reid were 2 to 1 favorites to win over the remainder of the field. Even after Ouimet had tied with his two opponents of to-day, wagers were laid at 5 to 4 that one of the two Englishmen would defeat him and even money on Ray or Vardon against Ouimet alone.

The scenes of jubilation on the home green after the match had been won were, therefore, but natural expressions of pride and pleasure at Ouimet's success in retaining a championship for America which was considered earlier in the week destined to cross the Atlantic.

Ray and Vardon Cheered.

Thousands of dripping rubber-coated spectators massed about Ouimet, who was hoisted to the shoulders of those nearest to him, while cheer after cheer rang out in his honor. Excited women tore bunches of flowers from their bodices and hurled them at the youthful winner; hundreds of men strove to reach

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THE NEW GOLF CHAMPION AND HIS TWO WORTHY OPPONENTS

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him in order to pat him on the back or shake his hand.

Ray and Vardon, whose fight for the open championship brought out the possibilities of Ouimet as a golfer, were not forgotten in the celebration of victory. Each Englishman got a three times three before the parade started for the dressing quarters, where the recent competitors changed to dry clothing for the presentation of the medals and other prizes.

During this ceremony, in which Secretary John Reid, Jr. acted as master of ceremonies, both Ray and Vardon took the opportunity to praise Ouimet as a sportsman and golfer. Ray said that Ouimet had played the best golf during the four-day struggle that he had ever seen in America and that it had been an honor to play with him and no dishonor to lose to him. Vardon brought cheers from the gallery when he frankly stated that they had never had a chance to win with Ouimet, during the play-off, because the lad played better golf and never gave them an opening at one of the eighteen holes. He congratulated Ouimet and America on the victory and proved a popular speaker as well as golfer. Secretary Reid, in awarding the championship medal to Ouimet, the trophy to the Woodland Club of Auburndale, Mass., which he represented, and cash prizes to Vardon and Ray, took occasion to apologize "in a slight way" as he put it, for the outbursts of cheering at inopportune times.

How the Strokes Were Made.

It was exactly 10 o'clock when the trio of players teed up in the drizzle for the start. The fairways and greens were water-soaked and in many places churned to the consistency of muddy paste by the trampling of hundreds of feet during the last three days of rain. Overhead low-hanging gray clouds appeared to be part of the mist which would have made the most ardent Scotch golfer feel perfectly at home. The first and second holes were recorded in fives and fours for all three players.

Both Ray and Vardon outdrove Ouimet from the tees, but both sliced and pulled slightly, while the ultimate winner held true to the course.

The first break came at the third hole, where Ray took a five, while the other two players holed in four. There was no advantage either way on the fourth and fifth, but Vardon took the lead in the sixth with a three, while Ray and Ouimet required four. Ray drove furthest, but Vardon's approach was right on the green and he holed a comparatively easy putt, while Ray and Ouimet needed two.

Vardon and Ouimet took four for the short seventh, approaching indifferently, while Ray was on the green in two and holed a brilliant put for three, drawing up even with Ouimet. Vardon lost his lead in the eighth, when, after getting on the green in two, he putted badly, requiring two to hole. Ouimet's second was within a foot of the pin, and he scored an easy three. Ray arose to the occasion with a beautiful 25-foot putt for a three also. All took fives on the ninth, the longest and hardest hole of the course, being 320 yards of hill and dale, known as the Himalayas.

It therefore came about that the two Englishmen and the American youth played the greatest match in the history of golf on this continent, turning for home all square at 38.

Ouimet immediately jumped to the fore with a three on the short tenth. All were on the green in one, but Ray and Vardon each needed three putts to hole, while Ouimet, from his more favorable lie, scored with two. This gave him a lead of a stroke and marked the beginning of the end.

The eleventh was halved in four, but Ouimet picked up another stroke on the twelfth. He outdrove both opponents from the tee and his approach was within eight feet of the hole, but he took two putts for a four. Ray and Vardon both had trouble in getting to the edge of the green in twos, and putting poorly, halved in five. All landed on the thirteenth green with their second shots, but Vardon's perfect putt gave him a three, while Ouimet and Ray took two for fours.

The fourteenth was halved in five, and with but four holes to play Ouimet was leading by the narrow margin of one stroke. Vardon stayed with him on the fifteenth, each getting a four, but Ray, after hitting a spectator with his sliced drive, reached the sand trap on the mashie shot. He required two to get on the green and two putts for a six. He was now four strokes behind Ouimet and three behind Vardon, and his experience appeared to break his playing nerve.

On the sixteenth, the shortest hole of the course, all played the 125-yard iron shot to the green. Vardon and Ouimet made par threes, but Ray required three putts for a four, so off was he on his game.

Ouimet won the match and title on the seventeenth, when he got a three for his opponents' fives. The youngster drove far down the fairway, was on the green in two, and holed a short putt, one stroke below par. Vardon, who had been showing signs of the strain, hooked his drive into a trap, took three to the green, and two putts to hole. Ray was in deep grass, and, playing as though he had given up hope, halved the hole with his countryman. He rallied and scored a three on the home hole with a long putt, while Ouimet, playing safe, had a par four. Vardon's second shot was short, landing in the mud of the race course, and when he finally holed for the last time of the match his card showed a six.

A résumé of the play shows that while Ouimet was frequently outdriven with iron and wood, his game was far steadier and more consistent than that of either Ray or Vardon. The two Englishmen showed a tendency to slice and pull their first and second shots, which got them into trouble frequently. While Ouimet did not get the distance of his competitors, he played his shots all during the match, his direction being little short of remarkable, considering the soft, muddy condition of the turf. In put-



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