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Nineteenth Annual St. Valentine's Tournament

T. RUSSELL BROWN, Medalist.

THE nineteenth annual St. Valentine's tournament got under way on Thursday last and at this writing has advanced to the semi-final stage.

One hundred and twenty-seven golfers teed off in the qualifying round and were led at the end of the day by T. Russell Brown, of Lake Champlain, winner of the recent Advertisers' tournament at Pinehurst and one of the favorites to win the major honors and trophy in the St. Valentine's. Brown won the medal with a card of 39-36-75.

E. L. Scofield, of Pinehurst, took second honors in the qualifying round with 38-38-76, and John D. Chapman, of Greenwich, came in third with a card of 40-38-78.

The field qualified into six divisions for the match-play rounds, and a score of 91 or better was required to get in the first sixteen. Four players—H. H. Rackham, H. C. Fownes, P. W. Thomson and W. A. Rupp, tied at this figure for last place in this division and Rackham won out on the draw, the other three dropping to the second division.

The first division included a number of low handicap players and with these players pretty evenly matched, the tournament promised to bring out some keen competition. E. C. Beall, of Uniontown, a former winner of the North and South championship, finished well up in the first division, as did Sam J. Graham, of Greenwich, another player whose chances were very much favored to win the coveted prize but who came to grief in the first round of match play and was put out of the running by Joe Bydolek, of Buffalo, who won the match by the narrow margin of 1 up.

FIRST MATCH ROUND

E. L. Scofield, runner-up in the qualifying round, was defeated 2 and 1 by F. T. Keating, of Pinehurst, but with the above exceptions most of the players who qualified in the leading group won their first round matches by comfortable margins. Brown, the medalist, went around in 75 against W. E. Truesdell, the Garden City veteran, and



TWO VIEWS OF THE GALLERY FOLLOWING THE FINALS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP, THE RENEWAL OF WHICH WILL BE PLAYED AT PINEHURST IN MARCH.

won by 6 and 5, and Chapman, playing against W. J. Knott, of St. Albans, brought their match to a close on the twelfth green where he had his opponent 7 down and 6 to go.

Frank H. Mahan, of Philadelphia, played an unusual round against R. H. Hunt, of Worcester. Mahan, who was down at the fifth, annexed the next two holes and then proceeded to win the match by playing the next eight holes in twenty-nine strokes, as follows: 2 3 4 4 4 4 5 3.

Bydolek and Graham, who played the closed match of this round, were all even at the turn and again all even on their way to the home green, where Graham overplayed his long putt for a birdie 3 and missed the return.

Others who survived the first round fray were H. J. Blue, of Aberdeen, who won from W. S. VanClief, of Richmond County, by default, and J. W. Munro, of Zanesville, who put Beall out of the running on the fourteenth green. C. L. Maxwell, of Trenton, came through at the expense of H. H. Rackham, 6 and 4.

SECOND MATCH ROUND

Joe Bydolek, who created somewhat of a stir by putting Graham out of the running in the

previous round, failed to keep up his winning stride in the second round and went down to defeat at the hands of Chapman. Chapman won by 6 and 5. He went out in 37 against Bydolek and picked up a couple of difficult birdies as he went along. Bydolek didn't have a bad hole on his card but he slipped up on the greens, here and there, and was 4 down at the end of the first nine holes. He won one of the next three but lost the other two and went out of business on the thirteenth green.

Chapman came through to the semi-finals in company with Munro, Keating and the medalist, Brown. Brown played against Mahan and won by 6 and 4. The medalist played the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth holes in 3, 5, 2, 2, or in a total of two strokes under par figures, and was 3 up at the turn where he arrived in 36 to his opponent's 39. Brown finished the match on the fourteenth green.