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Famous Foreigners Make American Debut.

ARTHUR HAVERS, British open golf champion, and James Ockenden, holder of the French open title, who have come to the United States for a series of exhibition matches that will take them all the way to the Pacific coast, made their initial bow to an American gallery at Pinehurst on Monday, December 24, in a 36-hole match against Alex Ross, a former winner of the American open and at present the Detroit Country Club ace, and Joe Capello, one of the younger generation of professionals who have forged to the front in recent years.

The famous foreign golfers made an auspicious debut and when the smoke of battle had cleared after their trying session over the difficult Number 2 and Number 3 courses, they stood 1 up and strode away victoriously after one of the greatest uphill matches ever witnessed at this place.

A birdie two scored by Havers, when he holed out from twenty-five yards off the sand at the fifteenth hole in the afternoon, when the match was all square and the gallery all excited, was the exact point at which the Britons took the lead for the first time, and they held firmly to it until the end.

When the Englishmen had played their first nine holes of competitive golf in America and were walking to the tenth tee of the No. 3 course they were not filled with the Yuletide spirit.



NINA WILCOX PUTNAM, Who Delights the American Public With Her Pen, Was a Recent Visitor to Pinehurst for An Outing of Golf and Recreation.

America did not seem to be the friendly sort of place they imagined, after viewing the tall buildings and the "Follies" in New York. They were 5 down with only nine holes played on a foreign battlefield. There was a terrible silence as these champions walked to the tenth tee, the gallery following faithfully behind the masters of British golf and the local opposition thought that they were about to witness a complete rout of the enemy forces. It was one of those situations when the leaders imagine they are giving their opponents too bad a beating and feel abashed.

A STARTLING RECOVERY

Then the lion started to roar. At the eighteenth hole, the end of the morning round, Havers and Ockenden, by coming home with a best ball of 32, had cut the American professionals' lead to a single hole.

From 5 down to 1 down, they were able to digest their luncheon. The fog had cleared. In the afternoon over the No. 2 course, the Englishmen, fighting hard to set up a victory in their first match, struggled with the strange hard dirt tees and stranger sand greens. They squared the match at the fifth hole, only to lose it again at the sixth. At the turn of the afternoon round they were 1 down.

Ross and Capello both missed the par 4 at the eleventh, and this gave the British team a chance to square the match once more.



A Portion of the Gallery Following the Famous Havers-Ockenden-Ross-Capello Match.