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MOONLIGHT GOLF CONTEST

Unquestionably Most Novel and Unique Match in History.

Two Hundred People Including Golfers and Non-golfers, Follow From Start to Finish.

TUESDAY night's moonlight match between golf professionals Donald J. Ross, of the local club, and Jack Jolly, of New York, was without question, the most novel and unique exhibition of its character that has ever taken place either in this country or abroad, during the long and brilliant history of the ancient Scottish game. It all came about as things of this character generally do, by accident, the idea being suggested by the rare quality of the moonlight here which the white, sandy soil makes doubly brilliant.

E. J. Spaulding, of Burlington, Vt., had completed an after dinner cigar with professional Jolly and was enjoying a stroll on The Holly Inn veranda when the thought occurred to him that it would be a novel experience to stroll over the golf course in the brilliant moonlight.

"Why not play?" replied Jolly and the remark led to a discussion as to whether this would be possible, in which the golfers gathered in the hotel lobby, were asked to participate. The general opinion was that while they had never heard of such a match it would not be impossible in a section as abundantly blessed with moonlight as Pinehurst. This conclusion was hardly reached before it was unanimously decided that the initiative should be taken then and now.

A committee consisting of W. A. Johnston, of Latrobe, Pa., Allan Lard, Washington, F. J. Bailey, Chicago, C. L. Becker, Boston, G. Lee Knight, Philadelphia and Herbert L. Jillson, Worcester, Mass., was immediately made up and inside of twenty minutes, a purse of forty dollars had been raised. Professional Jolly grabbed his hat and made a rush for the quarters of Professional Ross, returning shortly after fairly bubbling over with enthusiasm.

This all happened Saturday night and the date set for the contest was Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening, whichever seemed best adapted to players and gallery. At first there were a few doubters as to the feasibility of the undertaking, but the unquenchable enthusi-

asm of the promoters soon converted the doubters and by Sunday night it was generally conceded that the only thing needed to make the affair a success was the interest of Jupiter Pluvius, who there was every reason to believe, would do his utmost to oblige. To avoid accident, however, the Haruspices, was consulted, and a chicken, quail and a sparrow hawk sacrificed in order that the diety might be thoroughly aware of the fact that the occasion was one of unusual importance.

Tuesday afternoon was not promising, a sharp north wind sweeping over the

bits of dew and frost upon bush and shrub and blade of grass, until they sparkled like the stars above.

Promptly at the appointed hour the principals accompanied by the referees, Messrs. Becker, Bailey and Lard appeared and received the enthusiastic greeting of a gallery. The honor went to Donald and he took his place on the tee.

"Are you ready?" sang out a stentorian voice, and from far off over the hill the sweet tenor of Caddie Master Willie Hill's voice echoed back "Let her go!" And she went! There was a dull click,



THE LION OF THE HOUR.

course and dark clouds partially concealing the sun, but the sun went down in a blaze of glory and a clear sky. The sacrificial offering had done its work!

Quickly word was spread throughout the Village that the match would take place and eight o'clock, the starting hour, witnessed conditions perfect beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. Not a breath of air stirred, not a cloud marred the surface of the vast blue dome from which the glorious moon flooded the landscape with radiance, bringing out

a sharp whistle, a moment of intense silence and a distant thud as the ball struck the earth, all heard with a startling distinctness which seemed weird and unreal.

A moment later came "all right" in sweet tenor and then Jolly drove; another dull click, shrill whistle, moment of intense silence, dull thud and the musical "all right."

The crowd surged forward eagerly to find Donald's caddie standing by a ball
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COMING FROM EVERYWHERE

Golfers Already Assembling for Next Week's Big Tournaments.

Week Will be a Record Breaker in History of not Only Local, but Southern Golf.

THE coming week promises to be a record breaker in the history of not only local but Southern golf, combining as it will, two contests of National importance, the third annual Midwinter and the second annual American Golf Association of Advertising Interests tournaments, play beginning Monday and continuing through the week.

Prominent golfers and advertising men are coming from all parts of the country, a field of nearly two hundred starters, by far the largest in the history of golf in the south already being assured. Many of the contestants are already here for preliminary practise and to familiarize themselves with the course, and tonight and tomorrow will bring large additions.

THE ADVERTISING TOURNAMENT.

The Advertising Tournament will begin Monday morning with a qualification round eighteen holes, with prizes for the two best gross and the two best net scores. Provision will be made for six divisions each and there will be trophies for the winners and runners-up in each division, also for the winners and runners-up in consolation divisions, made up of those who lose in the first round of match play.

In addition there will be prizes for the four best net scores in a medal play handicap to be held in connection with the tournament and driving, putting and approaching contests for which eight prizes are offered.

THE MIDWINTER TOURNAMENT.

The Midwinter tournament begins Thursday morning with a thirty-six hole qualification round, a gold medal being offered for the best score. Provision has been made for four divisions in which the President's, Secretary's, Treasurer's, and Captain's cups are offered for the winners in each and sterling cups to the runners-up. The losers in the first round of match play in each division, will play for sterling consolation cups.

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