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The Tin Whistles - Silver Foils

RICHARD S. TUFTS, who hits a golf ball for tremendous distances and is usually straight down the fairways, was very much in the limelight during the Tin Whistles and Silver Foils events recently. Not only was he an able assistant to two different partners in the mixed foursomes last week, tying for second net in one event and finishing third in another, but at this writing he is leading a field of seventy-nine starters in the Tin Whistles annual championship which is being played over the 72-hole route, 18 holes on each of four different courses.

Tufts' 76 on the Number 3 course on Monday gave him a fine lead on the aspirants to the title now held by Parker W. Whittemore. His closest competitors to that point were Donald Parson, with an 80, and John D. Chapman, with a card of 81. Of course, there are three more rounds to be played, and as golf is an odd game, there may be many slips 'twixt the tee and the cup, but there is something in having the driver's seat and on form Tufts seems to have a bit of the edge on the field. His card of Monday, the opening day, might be called a tough one, for he required 41 shots to the turn. Coming in, however, things were entirely different, and par golf all the way netted him a 35. Generally speaking, the scoring was high due to the wind which made low scoring difficult. Forecasting the net winners, there being a net prize for the low net score on each course during the championship, is, perhaps, all out of order at present. But it is apropos to refer to the excellent chances of several of the contestants on their first day's performance.

J. T. Newton, for instance, on Number 1, which seemed to be a popular spot for the start, holds the whip hand at present with a 92-25-67.

H. F. Lesh deserves honorable mention for his 83-13-69 from a net standpoint, W. H. Thayer for his gross of 80, and G. T. Gregg and R. C. Shannon II, for their 83's all of which were on the Number 1 course.

C. B. Hollingsworth was the low gross as well as low net performer on the championship layout. By skillfully avoid-



Miss Louise Fordyce, Runner-up in the Women's North and South Championship last season, who arrived in Pinehurst this week for another try at that title. This event starts March 25th.

ing the pitfalls he stepped around in 81, and a seven handicap left a net 74 for the boys to shoot at during the rest of the event. G. T. Dunlap was his nearest competitor with an 87-12-75. For some reason the boys dodged the Number 4 course at the start. So no reference can be made to their doings. But the event is unusually interesting, as it always is. Four rounds of golf over four different courses will usually bring forth the best golfer in a field and the Whistles are watching the developments with keen interest.

To go back to the beginning wherein reference was made to the mixed foursomes, one of the outstanding features was the large entry in both events. Naturally, the competition was keen and the scoring rather brilliant. The Silver Foils' event drew close to sixty couples and the Tin Whistles entertainment was nearly as well patronized. The first mentioned proved a triumph for Franklin P. Lee, of Framingham, and Miss Ethel Lemont, of Philadelphia. On the

Number 1 course they carded a 92-15-77. Richard Tufts and Miss Ann Merrill tied with Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Teter for second net, and drew for choice of prizes, there being four offered. There was also a deadlock for the last prize between H. C. Philbrick of Boston, and Mrs. Eberhard Faber, of New York, and H. P. Hotchkiss, and Mrs. John D. Armstrong. After a play-off it was found that the tie was still unsettled, but a cut of the cards settled it in favor of Mr. Philbrick and Mrs. Faber.

The Tin Whistles mixed foursomes proved a triumph for Rev. T. A. Cheatham and his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Cheatham, with a net round of 77. Mrs. Almon C. Judd and James Barber won the second net prize with a 78, while Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parson and Richard S. Tufts and Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow were just one stroke away and tied for the third net prize with 79 each. The Parsons were 82-3-79 and Mr. Tufts and Mrs. Barlow had 80-1-79. These were the best gross scores of the day.