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## Yates Wins North and South

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**A**RTHUR W. YATES, or "Ducky" as he is better known by his many golfing acquaintances, is the new North and South amateur golf champion. The Rochester star became the successor to Fred W. Knight, of the Whitmarsh Country Club, of Philadelphia, at the expense of W. C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, one of the game's veteran campaigners, who held the National amateur title some years ago. The score was 10 and 8, (36 holes) and, as the score indicates, it was a one-sided ending to an event which contained as much if not more, talent than Pinehurst has seen since the inauguration of the classic twenty five years ago.

The new champion, who weighs well over 250 pounds, and who hits a golf ball for tremendous distances, had little trouble at any point along the route in taking his various steps. First, Malcolm B. Johnson, of Cleveland, was able to travel but eleven holes, passing out by the score of 8 and 7; then A. M. Hoxie, of Boston, followed by the 3 and 2 route, and the semi-finalist, Dr. W. W. Rixey, of Princeton, West Virginia, had no more success than the others as far as extending the favorite was concerned. The score in this case was 4 and 3.

Fownes, in the meantime, was away to an easy 5 and 4 victory over Richard S. Tufts, of Pinehurst, but thereafter he found a pair of matches on his hands which must have sapped considerable of his vitality. Parker W. Whittemore, the medalist, was his first real opponent, and only on the seventeenth green was there a lowering of colors, both playing golf in the low 70's. But the real match of the championship was the one with F. C. Newton, title holder in 1923, and had it not been for a stymie on the 21st green, one of the sort which are negotiated but once in a score or more of attempts, a record for extra holes in a championship might have been established. It was rather a tough break for Newton.

The golf in the final match was not what could be called brilliant. Golf followers predicted that Fownes would be a real match for Yates, in fact, they thought he stood an excellent chance of winning the title. But things went differently and it was not much in the way of an exciting contest. The most entertaining part was the brilliant golf that Yates displayed. In the first half of the two rounds it was dazzling, to say the least. Not exactly his outward card of 37, but that inward one, which was 34. Fownes could not match such figures, though he did well to the nine hole mark, standing but two down. Then followed such a leakage that six of the last nine holes of the morning round slipped through his fingers. Eight down he stood when he faced the last 18 holes, a position golfers have extricated themselves from, but so sel-

dom as to be unrecalable. Fownes, apparently, had tired from his previous hard matches and after dropping the first two holes through poor tee shots in the afternoon he was a beaten golfer. Poor tee shots to a considerable extent helped his downfall, and his putting as well, a department of the game in which as a rule he is most proficient, fell off badly.

But it is doubtful if there are many golfers in the United States who could have beaten Yates on this occasion. He was one under fours in the first round and one under par as well, and 44 strokes for the ten holes played in the afternoon. That is three over par all told. He might have been in a lower scoring mood in the after luncheon engagement had necessity demanded it, but when one has a safe lead established there is a great deal of safety play, and Yates seemed to be adopting that policy here and there.

Fownes won the opening hole but after it was squared at the fourth he was never on even terms with his opponent again. Yates' last nine holes of the morning round contained seven fours and a pair of treys and the round card contained five birdies, due to excellent iron work and deadly putting.

The qualifying round was full of red fire from a standpoint of phenomenal scoring. Parker W. Whittemore furnished it with a 68 on the last round of Number 2 course, previous to which he had assembled a 76 on Number 3. It was his 33 shots on the last nine which stood out so remarkably and was responsible for his leading the field by a margin of six shots. The figure necessary to make the championship flight was rather high due to a heavy wind which visited on the opening day. A total of 166 was good for a play-off, during which Frank Thompson, Canadian amateur champion, and R. E. Harlow fell into the second flight. The field numbered over 170, and was full of high-class talent, extra hole matches being served for exciting entertainment for the large galleries. The majority of the matches were close throughout.

Yates' card: A. M.

Out 5 5 3 3 5 4 3 4 5—37

In 4 4 4 4 4 3 3 4 4—34—71

Fownes' card: A. M.

Out 4 5 3 4 4 5 4 6 5—40

In 4 5 5 4 3 4 4 6 5—41—81

Yates' P. M.

Out 5 5 5 3 5 4 4 5 4—40

Fownes' P. M.

Out 6 6 4 4 4 4 5 4 4—41