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North and South Open Championship

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BOBBY CRUICKSHANK, the diminutive, Scottish-born pro, won the North and South open championship by the slender margin of a putt, at 293, each round played over the No. 2 course.

To take the title and the emoluments which go with it, the former Scotch amateur had to come home in the final round with a dazzling 34 which was proof positive that Bobby can "take it" under fire.

Right at his heels came last year's winner, Macdonald Smith, Arthur Yates, the amateur, and winner of last year's North and South for amateurs, and Tom Harmon, the Hudson River entry, all tied at 294.

Cruikshank got away to a winning start when he turned in a corking fine score of 71 for the opening 18 holes. It was a day made to order for the little Scotchman, for the wind howled across the moor, giving a distinct advantage to the man who can play the wind, and Cruikshank is a master shot maker when old Boreas goes on a rampage.

CRUICKSHANK'S SUSTAINED BRILLIANCE

The new champion followed this brilliant get-away round with consistent rounds of 74 each, and no one could catch him.

Mac Smith by his own brilliant play on the first nine holes of the last round had the championship title almost within his grasp, but could not close on it. He went out in a most brilliant 33, aided and abetted by a hole in 1, made on the tricky seventh hole, which is a matter of 166 yards in length. Smith failed to show proper appreciation of this smile of the "fickle dame," and proceeded to take four 5's on the incoming holes shutting him out of first money, and preventing him from taking this much coveted title twice in succession.

Perhaps the real feature of the 72 holes medal test was the consistently brilliant play of Arthur Yates; the Rochester amateur, in a field which included the recognized world's champion, Walter Hagen, British open champion, Jim Barnes, British professional champion, Arthur Compston of England, Jock Hutchison, former British champion, William Mehlhorn, Johnny Farrell and a host of other top liners, Yates actually had a putt on the home green to tie Cruikshank at 293, and although he missed his long chance he finished in a tie for second place.

FREDDIE MCLEOD SHINES

Another high spot in the two days' struggle for supremacy was the scintillating finish of little Freddie McLeod of the Columbia Club, Washington, D. C. Little Freddie who can scarcely raise the beam above the 120-pound notch and

who tied for the national open championship at Midlothian back in 1908, had a brace of 71's on the final day which no one in the tournament was able to equal. McLeod gave away many pounds and many years and then showed the oncoming generation how the old Scottish game is and was played.

Many of the throng in the gallery came early and stayed late hoping against hope that they might see Walter Hagen, the lion-hearted, stage one of his made-to-order Garrison finishes, but the professional match play champion just did not have the shots in his old caddie bag, and so had to drop back into the dim shadow of obscurity for the time being.

The story of how the title was won is told in the following figures:

Bobby Cruikshank, New York.

	First Day—Afternoon Round								
Out	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	6	4—37
In	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	5—37—74
	Morning Round								
Out	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3—34
In	5	4	4	4	5	3	5	3	4—37—71—145

Second Day

Cruikshank—									
Out	4	4	5	4	5	4	3	5	4—38
In	4	4	4	4	5	3	5	3	4—36—74
Out	5	6	4	3	4	5	3	5	5—40
In	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4—34—74—148—293

Arthur Yates, Rochester

	First Day									73—74—147
	Second Day									
Out	5	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	4—38	
In	4	3	4	5	3	2	4	4	4—33—73	
Out	4	5	4	2	5	5	3	4	4—36	
In	4	6	4	4	4	4	5	3	4—38—74—147—294	

Macdonald Smith, Lakeville, L. I.

	First Day									78—72—150
	Second Day									
Out	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	4	3—38	
In	4	5	4	4	3	3	5	3	4—35—73	
Out	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	4	4—33	
In	5	5	3	5	4	3	5	4	4—38—71—144—294	

Tom Harmon, Jr., Hudson River

	First Day									75—73—148
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