

A MEMORABLE "OPEN"

THE Open Championship of 1936 on the links of the Royal Liverpool Club will long be remembered not only for the apotheosis of Alfred Padgham but also for the remarkable openness of the affair itself.

It was practically anyone's championship with the last round to be played; Cotton, Adams, Cox, Sarazen, R. A. Whitcombe—all were in it, but Padgham came with a rush at the end and so crowned a great golfing year by winning the supreme prize.

England is "back on the map" so far as golf, at least, is concerned, and our championship, for so long a perquisite of our friends from America, is ours again.

Though we cannot say of Padgham "Thank God we have in the land ten thousand as good as he!" we have at least a fair number who are getting on that way, and a splendid "young entry" who will follow one day the trail blazed by Cotton, Perry and Padgham.



A NASTY ONE: J. Adams, the runner-up, felled his tee shot to the Dee almost among the sea roses. His caddie had to go on to watch the line. Adams's finish, with his left hand in complete control, is worthy of attention.



BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME! Henry Cotton finished equal third with Marcel Dallemagne, the Frenchman. He could not quite get into the winning vein, but proved that through the green, he is the best striker of the ball in the land.



A QUEER ONE TO PLAY: R. A. Whitcombe had a nasty one to tackle when bunkered to the right of the Hilbre green. The bank of the bunker prevented him from playing for the pin and the green was the best he could do. Whitcombe finished equal fifth with a score of 294.



'WARE LARK'S NEST: Gene Sarazen cut his tee shot to the Alps and is seen pitching cleverly over the intervening bank. The white blur on the ground is the notice warning all and sundry to "Keep off: lark's nest."



GOING TO THE DUN: Padgham owed his victory as much to his ability to conquer those last five terrific holes at Hoylake as to anything. Round after round he was doing them in fours or thereabouts, while his competitors lapsed into fives.