

Vardon And Ray Defeat Hagan And Barnes In Thrilling Golf Match

Former Saves Day By Brilliant Playing In Afternoon Round—Barnes Battles Fluckily With Little Help From His Partner.

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Vardon and Ray won the international golf match at Shennecosset today from Hagen and Barnes in golf that was unquestionably the most interesting ever seen in exhibition play. The day was full of thrills. Both sides starred and each player did his bit. Ray is deserving of the most credit as it was his single handed fight in the morning round that kept the Americans from running away with the thing and sewing it up tighter than a drum.

Vardon Shines In Afternoon.

Vardon failed to help him on a single hole in the morning session but he made up for this by taking the whole affair on his shoulders in the afternoon and winning back three holes and putting the match on even terms and then sinking a long putt half way across the green on the thirty-sixth hole to win the match.

Hagen Is Little Help.

Barnes fought along all day with little help from his side partner who was always about ready to perform some remarkable stunt but never quite succeeded. Barnes struggled along well and kept his side in the van most of the journey but could not do it all. Thus the mighty team that has put it over in glorious fashion on Mitchell and Duncan in England failed to stop the Vardon and Ray combination over here.

Thrills and Surprises.

But what golf!

Never in a match before were there as many thrills and surprises. Ray had been marvelous in the morning with his sensational long driving and equally sensational putting. He could do nothing wrong. Vardon picked up the burden in the afternoon and held the center of the stage. He happily came on to his game after the English team was in need of help. Ray hung out the distress signal on the fifth hole and then Vardon performed as of old, more like the Vardon we have read about in the picture books.

It was the champion of old and playing as only he knows how when cornered.

In rapid succession after waiting twenty-two holes he came to life and won three holes and put the match on even terms again. Barnes got the next hole in three and took the lead again but it lasted only till Ray sank a putt for a four at the ninth and squared matters. All the way in from this point the four fought without an advantage being gained until Vardon's birdie three cropped up most unexpectedly at the last hole.

Hagen Gets Chance.

Hagen had a chance to save the day for his country, but failed just as he had failed repeatedly in similar attempts all afternoon. Barnes came near getting his ball in the hole, but it ran past a few inches. It was a great match and won by inches only but quite decisively. Long putting proved to be just as effective as long driving and much more useful.

The best score of the day was made

by Barnes, who was credited with 71 in the morning and a 74 in the afternoon. All four poked up many times as they were trying always for the hole and the figure under par.

Birdies came thick and fast. There were thirteen in the morning and five in the afternoon. By this method the Englishmen put over a best ball of 69 in the morning and 66 in the afternoon.

Barnes and Hagen had a 68 and a 67. None of the other three could measure drives with big Ted Ray. He nearly always led with Vardon bringing up the rear and being compelled to play first every time. Score:—

Afternoon Cards.

Out—
Hagen and Barnes, 41 43 64 42 4—36
Vardon and Ray, 41 44 43 44 4—35

In—
Hagen and Barnes—
425 512 514—35—71
Vardon and Ray—
425 512 513—34—69

Morning Cards.

Out—
Hagen and Barnes—
444 452 445—26
Vardon and Ray—
451 354 534—27

In—
Hagen and Barnes—
424 442 443—31—67
Vardon and Ray—
425 432 454—33—66