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Golf

Roehampton Club Golf Professional, George Gadd reached the final of the *News of the World* Matchplay tournament at St Georges Hill Golf Club in October 1924 to play Ernest Whitcombe.

Gadd was photographed in the *Daily Mirror* watching his opponent during the match. Gadd went on to lose the match 3 and 2 in the final.



£750 TOURNAMENT.—E. R. Whitcombe, the winner, driving at St. George's Hill during final-round match against George Gadd (centre) in the £750 professional tournament.

Later on in the same month, an exhibition four ball match for charity took place at Roehampton Club involving JH Taylor (Mid-Surrey Golf Club) playing with Alec Herd (Moor Park Golf Club) against AG Havers (Coombe Hill Golf Club) and George Gadd.

The match was won with the best ball scores of 65 by Taylor and Herd against a score of 66 by Havers and Gadd. The event was featured in the *Sunday Mirror* with photographs of the players and a picture of George Gadd buying an autographed picture of AG Havers. The proceeds from the event went towards the Invalid Children's Aid Association.



Left to right: Havers, Taylor, Gadd, Herd.



Gadd buys an autographed picture of Havers.

GOLF HELPS CHILDREN.—Taylor and Herd beat Havers and Gadd at Roehampton, where they played to help the Invalid Children's Aid Association.

Another golf event which took place at this time at Roehampton Club was the annual stroke play competition for the Lawn Tennis Golf Cup presented by Lord Desborough involving many of the leading tennis players of the day. The event was won for the third year in succession by a lady player, Mrs Chesterton who was also a Member of Roehampton Club.

Croquet

The Gentlewoman publication in October 1924 featured a brief reference to Mrs FH White, a well-known Middlesex golfer, as the manager and referee in the Gilbey Cup and Challenge Cup Croquet meeting at Roehampton Club.

It was the first time a woman had officiated in that capacity at Roehampton Club and was commended for her efficiency in the role.



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LADY CHAMPION OF ENGLAND

FORMER RESIDENT'S SUCCESS AT CROQUET

One of the founders of the Shepton Mallet Croquet Club, Miss Daisy A. Lintern, who will be well remembered by her many friends of the Club and in the town, recently won the All-England Ladies' Croquet Championship at Roehampton. She was the winner of the Ladies' Field Cup—for which the best eight women in the Croquet Association compete—and was third in the President's Cup—the best eight men and women competing—and displayed great skill and complete mastery of the game.

Miss Lintern resided in Shepton Mallet, with her mother, for a number of years, and together they founded the local Croquet Club. Miss Lintern will also be remembered as a keen tennis and hockey player, at one time acting as tennis coach to the pupils of the Saviour Convent.

She left Shepton Mallet during the war to go to London, and Miss Lintern has since been captain of the Roehampton Croquet Club, gaining many successes in that particular field of sport.

Croquet

A report in the British Newspaper Archives published by the *Shepton Mallet Journal* in October 1949 refers to Miss Daisy Lintern – Lady Captain of the Roehampton Club Croquet Section winning the All-England Ladies Croquet Tournament which was also held at the Club.

The article goes on to say that she was also proficient in hockey and tennis and founded Shepton Mallet Croquet Club with her mother before leaving the area during the Great War to live in London where she joined Roehampton Club.

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