



Hoylake. Life Association print by Michael Brown

Michael Brown

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Height: 24 cm (9.4")

Width: 39 cm (15.4")

Description

Michael Brown Life Association Golf Photogravure, Hoylake, 1st Tee.

A golf photogravure after Michael Brown: The International Golf Match of 1902 between England and Scotland, at The Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, from his famous series of scenes commissioned by the Life Association of Scotland for their calendars. This was published in 1903 and shows Robert Maxwell at Hoylake on the first tee about to drive for Scotland whilst John Ball junior (England) is nearest left, the Royal Liverpool Golf Club club house can be seen in the background. This was the first International Golf Match between England and Scotland.

The print is in a new mount with protective cellophane, size 38 cm high, 53½ cm wide.

The Life Association of Scotland was established in 1838 in Edinburgh. In the late 1800's golf courses were being established all over Scotland and the financial community set up the Insurance & Banking Golf Club on the Duddingston estate in 1895, beneath the spectacular backdrop of the extinct volcano, Arthur's Seat. To mark the opening of the extended Club House, Michael Brown was commissioned to paint a scene from an exhibition golf match at the Club. The 1899 Life Association of Scotland calendar used this image as its center piece. It was such a marketing success Brown was then commissioned to annually paint a golfing picture until 1916, prints were made of these originals and glued to the cardboard calendar that the Life Association of Scotland produced. Brown's original paintings adorned the walls of the Edinburgh head office for many years.

The International Golf Match of 1902 was made up of teams of 10, who played singles matches over 36 holes. All 36 holes were played and the overall result was decided by holes won. After the morning round Scotland led in 5 matches, England in 4 with one level. At that point Scotland led by just one hole 14-13. In the afternoon rounds Scotland led in 6 matches, England in 3 with one level. In the afternoon matches alone Scotland won by 6 holes, 18-12. Over the 36 holes Scotland had won 6 of the 10 matches, England winning the other 4, Scotland winning by 28 holes in their 6 wins, England by 21 in their 4 wins. Some sources give the result as 32-25, the sum of the morning and afternoon results, while others give 28-21. Either way, Scotland won by 7 holes.