

MASTER GOLFER

Those brought up in sight of a golf course, like J. H. Taylor or the Whitcombes, develop a realistic approach to the game which stands them in good stead in the pressures of golf for a living. Now Jimmy Hitchcock, son of one of the Southern Section's best-known members, describes the process in a delightful mixture of personal history, anecdotes, and views of the inside of the professional circuit entitled "Master Golfer" (published by Stanley Paul, price 30s.).

Father was a strict taskmaster and kept his young son firmly on the hard road to success. Dick Burton was the next strong influence and both recur throughout the book at critical times. The younger Hitchcock, himself, was a real worker at the game and all his family helped him on in the early days.

One might think that a professional golfer would forget the details of rounds played years ago. Not so J. Hitchcock. The exact problems, fortunes, and turning points of every round in 20 or more key events are relived in sharp focus. It is better than watching the real thing. Each stroke is seen through the eyes of the player and the excitement and the tension come through clearly.

A good book for any greenkeeper with a young son keen on the game. In fact a good book for anyone to read. If you see the film "How to succeed in business without really trying", this book will provide the antidote. No young professional golfer ever gets to the top without quite exceptional dedication to his job. Jimmy Hitchcock obviously has that quality.

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