



# MAN OF THE



Head Greenkeeper Jimmy MacDonald and his team won praise from all corners for the condition of the golf course which was a model of how a links course should be.

It brought out the best in the world's best golfers and despite perfect golfing conditions

ensured that the leaderboard by the end was a roll call of some of the world's finest golfers.

Jimmy is pictured visiting his friends in the BIGGA Marquee on the final day

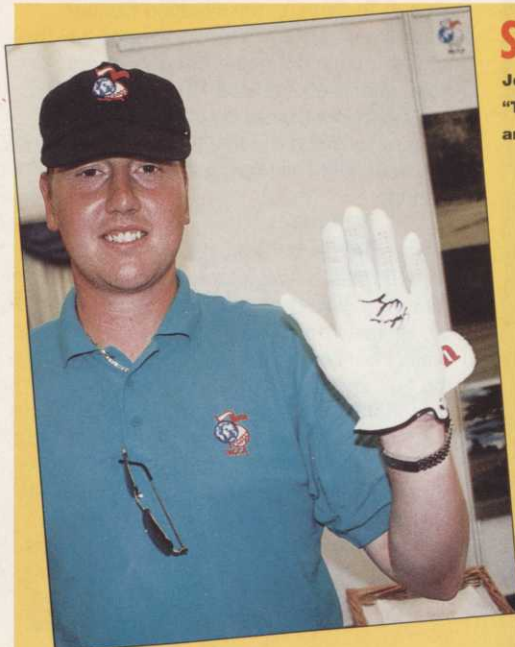
However, one woman spectator was not too

enamoured by a typical links golf course being overheard saying, "I've just returned from Spain where the fairways were wonderfully lush. I think it's a disgrace the way they've been allowed to die here."

What can you say?

## SOUVENIR TIME!

John Daly's glove being modelled by its new owner Robert Hogarth, Mark O'Meara's hat bearing the words "To Peter, Thanks for all your help. Your friend Mark O'Meara" now owned by Mark's friend Peter Biscoe and Fanny Sunneson's towel now in the safe hands of Jimmy Neilson.



# MOMENT



Mark Broughton, of Morecambe GC, was presented with his Master Greenkeeper Blazer by National Chairman Dean Cleaver during the Championship.

Mark, who spent some time at Royal

Lytham working under Jimmy MacDon-ald, and was part of Jimmy's own green-keeping team during the week, had family and friends on hand for the pre-sentation.



The Greenkeeping Support Team from the last time The Open was held at Lytham – eight years ago

■ David Frost had a bad start to his second round. Standing on the 1st tee his brand new pair of golf shoes split and he had to send someone back to the tented village for a pair of size nine and a halfs. A marshal was presented with a pair of slightly damaged shoes on the 2nd tee – Information supplied by Gavin Kyle of the BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team.

■ The hard running ground presented Hidemichi Tanaka with an interesting rules problem on the 12th. He was preparing to make a chip shot when his ball ran into a bunker. He was allowed to play it without penalty – Information supplied by Billy Merritt of the BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team.

■ The work of the BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team has been well appreciated by the caddies, whose job it is to rake the bunkers at regular Tour events. With so many bunkers raked over the first two days slow play would have been a bigger problem that it actually was if every caddie had to rake his own player's foot prints.

■ British Rail has its critics but Anthony Davies of the BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team had reason to sing its praises. The head of his rake fell off and it was British Rail maintenance who came to his aid – Information supplied by Anthony Davies of the BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team.

■ Vijay Singh played the entire second round with a cracked driver – Information supplied by Alec Davies of the BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team.

■ The Duke of York took an interest in the work of the Support Team during his visit. He talked with Stuart Bridge of the Team on the 1st tee before the Ben Crenshaw and Tiger Woods match went out and then chatted with another member of the team, Neil Woolfrey, on the 8th tee during the Mark James and David Gilford match.

■ Stephen Curtis of the BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team got more than he bargained for when he sat waiting for his match to hole out on the 13th. He was hit square in the back by Klas Eriksson's tee shot which was hit long and right.

■ Mark Calcavecchia showed rare baseball talent on the 9th tee. He bounced his ball off the tee marker and hit it with his putter. It bounced off the road, hit a house and bounced back on to the course – Information supplied by Alec Davies of the BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team.

■ D.A Weibring took time to smell the roses during his final round. The American, who recently won on the US Tour having recovered from serious illness, stopped every couple of holes to have marshals take photographs of himself with his son and by the end the match had lost around half an hour on the game in front – Information supplied by Chris Sheehan.