



The vanquished: Beaten but not unbowed



Doug Meyer escapes from a bunker

## Northern lights shine brightly at Fairhaven

**F**airhaven Golf Club is a tough golf course. It is long, peppered with bunkers and difficult enough to ensure that even in perfect conditions the lowest score in the Open Qualifying in July was a 64.

Not bad when it is being attacked by some of the best players in the world. The Course Record 64 came in fact from American Justin Leonard who has won on the US Tour this year.

So when the winds got up on the morning of the Hayter National Final and the tees were back as far as they could go we knew scoring was going to be at a premium.

A total of 63 players plus 23 in the Hayter International Medal played the course with handicaps ranging from +1 upwards and the best gross score didn't break 80.

In fact Graeme MacDonald's 81 was the best score of the day and although, no doubt one of the highest scores he has made in this excellent summer he has been having he should be extremely proud.

Another group who should hold their heads high are those nine who represented the Northern Region who won the team prize by a mammoth 12 shots.

A combination of strong leadership from Captain Bob Lupton, consistent play and a will power which dragged them out of Blackpool's night spots before the over indulging had a chance to affect their game ensured that they would be too good for the other six regions on the day.

One man who certainly didn't rave the night away before the match and who reaped the benefits was Toddy Huddleston of the South East Section. Toddy, who plays of 24, shot an extremely respectable nett 81, which although beaten by quite a few others during the day, had a special claim to fame. Toddy is 82 and by some considerable margin he was the only man to beat his age on the day. In fact, if 22 handicapper Brendon Harman of Eire lived to 108 he would only just have equalled his age on his nett score.

arriving in Lytham.

■ The Wally of the Week Coat Hanger: Peter Schumacher who left his best suit in the Fernlea Hotel and had to have it sent back to Australia.

■ The New Job of the Week Statuette of a Swinging Golfer: Tony Bourke, Managing Director of Hayters, promoted to Assistant Scoreboard Operator.

■ The Dual Nationality Passport: Derek McJannet and Ian Buckley who qualified as an Englishman and a Welshman respectively but who are very definitely Scottish and English.

■ The Mark Thatcher Book of the Road: Brian Mulholland and Terry Crawford who were aiming for Lytham but hit Manchester instead.

■ The Heroes of the Week Gold Medals: John Muir and Peter Simpson who produced wonderful courses for the matches to take place.

■ The Unsung Heroes of the Week Shield: The North West Section members who gave up their weekends to ensure everyone arrived at their appointed hotels on time.

■ The Bloody Typical Brickbat: British Rail for transporting some of the team members an hour up the track from London and then going all the way back again because of a fire.

■ The Bloody Typical Bowl of Raspberries: British Airways for leaving someone's luggage at Heathrow and not putting it on the shuttle to Manchester.



Stephen Heap is presented with the overall prize by Bruce Williams