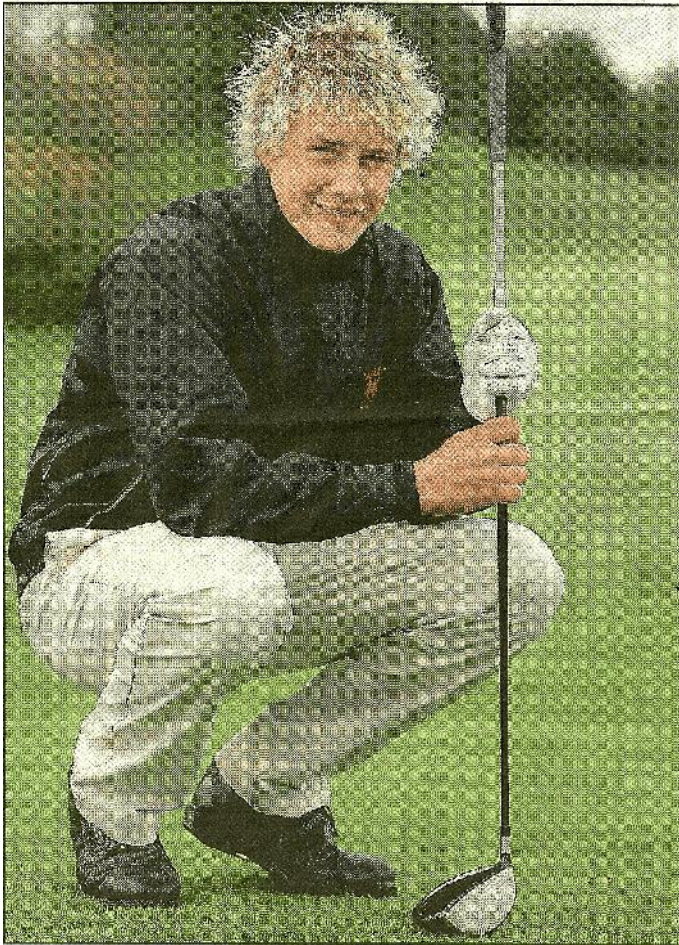


Luke lands Open honour



YOUNG Mold Golf Club ace Luke Jackson kept his cool to claim his biggest victory of his career when he won the 72-hole Clwyd Open over the Wrexham GC and Prestatyn GC courses.

The Wales boys international, who plays off scratch, improved by a stroke in every one of his four rounds, opening with a 74 at Wrexham and closing with a 71 at Prestatyn.

Jackson's four-round 280 total, which was the best nett score, was two strokes too good for second-placed Nick James from Wenvoe Castle in Cardiff.

The 16-year-old from Nannerch also lifted the Jubilee Trophy for the best 36 holes at Prestatyn.

Jackson, winner of the North Wales men's and youths titles in 2007, could not make it a memorable double at the weekend as he finished fourth in the North Wales Boys Championship.

He fired rounds of 73-77-71-79 at the

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Rhuddlan GC and Abergele GC event for a 300 total, seven strokes behind Holyhead winner Mark Parry.

There were also top-20 finishes for clubmates Adam Tuft in 14th and Alex Pugh in 17th. Chris Edwards, Adam Wilson and Chad Shelbourne also competed for Mold.

■ Garry Houston shared 20th place in the Allianz Open in Brittany on the Challenge Tour at the weekend.

The Flint Mountain professional, who turned 38 last Tuesday, had rounds of 75-69-69-72 for a five-over-par total of 285.

His cheque for 1,587 euros took his season's earnings to 2,523 euros from two starts and he currently lies 58th in the rankings.

Houston is 219th in European Tour Race to Dubai standings with 21,968 euros from seven events.