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9th-13th September, 1968

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9th-13th September, 1968

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Calendar Fixtures 1968

Sept.	2 - 7	Southwick (non-official)
"	2 - 7	Hunstanton
"	9 - 13	President's Cup—Hurlingham
"	9 - 13	Chairman's Salver—Nottingham
"	9 - 13	Surrey Cup—Cheltenham
"	9 - 13	LaJies' Invitation Event—Parkstone
"	16 - 21	Parkstone
"	(Date not confirmed)	All England Finals
"	20 - 22	Cheltenham (American non-official)
"	23 - 28	Roehampton
"	30 -	Devonshire Park
Oct.	12	1st week: September 30th—October 5th
"	18 - 20	2nd week: October 7th—October 12th Cheltenham (American non-official)

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The winners of the President's Cup and of the Open Championship will play a match of three games for the right to challenge the present holder of the title—Mr. John Solomon. This will take place at Hurlingham on Saturday, September 14th, 1968, and the challenge will be held there on the following day—September 15th.

C.A. Notes

Associates will be gratified to hear that Her Majesty the Queen has graciously sent a donation to the Test Tour Fund.

His many friends were happy to welcome Mr. W. I. Gillespie and his Wife from Cape Town to Hurlingham. Most fortunately their visit coincided with the Championships—so he saw some of the truly wonderful play that took place this year.

On behalf of the South African C.A. I have been asked to say that any croquet player visiting South Africa will be made most welcome at Croquet Clubs. If they can give notice in advance special plans can be made—if not, they can get in touch with any Club where the members will be most pleased to see them.

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CORRECTION

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Miss C. Hague 16 to 12
After Play F. E. Pearson *5 to 5
Mrs. H. M. Read 3 to $2\frac{1}{2}$
P. W. Hands 0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$
D. M. Anderson $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3

Colchester
New R. K. Price *0
M. E. W. Heap *1
Mrs. G. S. Digby 16 D14
Before Play J. Barker 8 to 7
G. F. Hallett 4 to *3
After Play R. K. Price *0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$

Open Championships
G. N. Aspinall -4 to -5
Prof. B. G. Neal -3 to -4

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K. F. Wylie -3½ to -5
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Hunstanton April week-end
Miss K. O. Sessions $\frac{1}{2}$ to -1
R. A. Simpson $\frac{1}{2}$ to 0
J. A. Wheeler 7 to 5
C. R. Palmer 14 to 14 (D 12)

Southwick
D. A. Harris 3 to $2\frac{1}{2}$
N. W. T. Cox 6 to 4
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard 3 to $2\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. E. Tucker *9 to 8
Mrs. Turner *9 to $7\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. M. Wooster $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 6
H. A. Sheppard $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 2
W. H. Austin $\frac{1}{2}$ to 0
P. Newton $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$
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Mrs. P. Dehu 8 to $7\frac{1}{2}$
D. Himmens 12 to 10
Miss W. K. Allardyce 9 to 8

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NOTES by ROVER

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

This title seems by now to belong to John Solomon not only by virtue of achievement but by a sort of divine right. Something similar was true of Cyril Corbally in the decade before World War I when he gave the effect of being able to win the Championship whenever he cared to enter for it and in fact did so five times out of seven attempts. It was true again of Humphrey Hicks after World War II, an amusing confirmation of which was given when on a single occasion that he did not win it the actual holder of the title himself unconsciously referred to Humphrey as champion, as if any other possibility was barely credible.

With his sixth consecutive victory this season, to add to four previous ones, John has established a record which would seem to be unbeatable by anyone but himself. He has long been *primus inter pares* despite these *pares* becoming steadily more and more formidable. But the title which heads this paragraph, won in our Centenary Year, will take a lot of wrestling from him, for a challenger (if the President's Cup is won by someone else) will have to beat him twice. The conditions of the Dacre Stoker Cup require that he should be defeated first in his character of Open Champion this year, and then again as Champion of Champions. Anyone who is going to do this in two best of three contests is likely to need not only his wits about him but (as the song says) 'a little bit of luck' with him.

Perhaps there was never so ambidextrous an expert as John in croquet history. Not only does he alternate centre with side play, but (though this may easily go unnoticed) he reverses the position of his hands for one type of stroke or another, the right being above the left for long shots and hoops, but the left at the top for many others—a form of executive versatility which corresponds to the remarkable all round skill he displays in so many other ways.

Has he (like the Law in the view of W. S. Gilbert's Lord Chancellor) 'no kind of fault nor flaw'? Often one would think so, yet he has lately shown a tendency for missing hoops which brings him nearer to our common humanity. An experienced onlooker has hazarded the opinion that John appeared at times to be standing a little too much over his ball so that the shoulders got, as it were, ahead of the stroke and impeded the short swing required. Whether there is anything in this we leave to better judges—and to the champion himself—to consider.

As Jonson said of Shakespeare, John Solomon is 'the applause, delight, the wonder of our stage'. He decorates it with the modesty and generosity characteristic of the great artist in so many sports. Long may he do so.

THE HAPPY WARRIOR

There is something panther-like about him. Lean, swift, and with a long shot unbettered in a period of brilliant marksmanship, Nigel Aspinall has the air of a conqueror, even when conquest does not prove to be his lot. Today he is at, or very near, the top, as he well deserves to be, and will remain there as long as he cares to play.

He has immense gusto. A well-known player more than fifty years ago once replied to an invitation to take part in a knock-up, that he 'didn't play croquet for pleasure'. This is just what Nigel always looks to be doing, whether—as often—in a knock-up, or in a championship; as he steps on to and strides across a court, his manner suggests that this is the best possible place to be. He is relaxed but never casual. Since croquet is worth doing, he seems to imply, it is always worth doing well.

It was sometimes said, with pardonable exaggeration, of the great Duff Mathews, that he had no tactics because he didn't need them. When new to Hurlingham it looked rather as if the same thing could be true of Nigel. His delightful rejoinder to a critic who (justifiably) suggested that he should have refrained from taking a shot which if it failed (as it did) would hand the game to his opponent, was that his balls 'didn't like corners'. They have learnt to dislike them a little less now, and can even be seen to be spontaneously seeking them on occasion.

It has been a quality of many great players that they come to learn how to assess correctly the value of a risk; when to 'put it to the touch to win or lose it all'—and when *not* to. Geoffrey Reckitt may be remembered by some as being particularly good at this. Humphrey Hicks, though tending a little more towards caution, would 'always hit the shot that he had got to', even to the extent on occasion of achieving contact with completely wired balls! Discretion is seldom an attractive option to the up and coming player; certainly there were several occasions in Championship Week when this should have been shown—and wasn't.

Nigel Aspinall, however, has revealed himself this season as the complete croquet player. He will go far—as far no doubt in the near future as Australia. He will certainly delight all who watch and meet him there.

PERFECTIONIST

'... all along o' mess,
all along o' doin' things rather—more—or—less'

How well these lines of Kipling account for our failures and breakdowns on the croquet court. No player today more completely illustrates the opposite of this than Keith Wylie. Only the best is good enough for him. And it is a positive, original mind which demands this, a mind of his own and one which is never at rest. His rapid movement about the court mirrors the rapidity of his thinking. He does not stand transfixed or 'go broody' when confronted by what others might find a puzzling situation. If a plan is thwarted an alternative immediately presents itself to his mind. If there is always a best thing to strive for there is also a next best to fall back upon. He may be bothered but he is never bewildered. The only danger is that with so much within his reach he may become bored.

With a temperament so swiftly responsive, there is just a suggestion that to be keyed up to the degree which such successes demand takes a good deal out of him. He confessed that after victory in the Men's Championship he was conscious of a measure of staleness in the following week. He fought this down sufficiently well to gain victory from a particularly strong field in the Association Plate, always a creditable achievement. It was a victory also perhaps over himself.

Apt to be critical of others, he is no less—perhaps more—severe with himself. He has the assurance of a man who knows what he can do and is disappointed with himself when on occasions he fails to bring it off. All this is not, at bottom, conceit but what we might almost call the idealism of the perfectionist. It is characteristic of him that having finished at the foot of the President's Cup table two years ago he set himself with immense perseverance to perfect a game which brought him out top in the following year. Convinced in 1966 that his shooting was a weak point he has turned himself into one of the finest shots in the game today. His genius has developed from what Carlyle defined as a 'transcendent capacity of taking trouble first of all'.

All this is surely much to be admired—and something for spectators to be grateful for. Keith has suggested that his life henceforward is likely to be too full to allow him to play much serious croquet in the near future. If this is so he may not regret it. But we shall.

COUNTERPLAY

It has been said that croquet is a development of pe-le-me-le. In fact the games are essentially different in character. Pe-le-me-le is a kindred game to golf. Each player plays the course, and the winner is the player who plays the course the more or the most successfully.

One could have exhibitions of croquet where the contestants were given a set position or a series of set positions, and the winner would be the player who was most successful. This experiment has been tried at Hurlingham for beginners. Each beginner was given an experienced adviser. Each beginner had to make a four ball break round to the peg from a set position. The winner was the player who completed the course with the fewest number of bisques. However, that is not croquet. Croquet is a game of play and counterplay as in billiards, and the problem that has bedevilled croquet from its inception has been to provide sufficient opportunity for counterplay after the in-player has got control of the balls. At the turn of the century the masters of the game had acquired the ability to leave the enemy balls in hoops at the end of a break. This stultified any attempt at counterplay, and led to the existing law against wiring. At first there was a scream of protest against lifting a ball and playing it from a position that had not been reached in the ordinary course of play. This opposition was overcome, and croquet players must be grateful to the man who first thought of the 'lift' as a solution. But experience demonstrated that this still did not provide sufficient scope for counterplay. The in-player would go around to 4-back or further. At the end of the break he would leave the enemy balls wired at the first hoop, and retire into the third corner with a rush across the court. What could the Out-player do? If he shot and missed (which is the probable outcome of shooting), the in-player had another four-ball break presented to him. This led to the further provision for counterplay given by present Law 36, namely, the lifts and possible contact after running 1-Back and 4-Back. There is a letter on page 2 of this issue on the subject of counterplay. The

ROVER NOTES *continued*

suggestion is that the provisions for counterplay are still inadequate. There was much discussion on this subject during the recent championships, especially in view of the new leaves which are now being pioneered by the young masters of the game. All innovations arouse opposition, but undoubtedly the time has come for fresh consideration to be given to a very old problem. Still it is heartening to realise that it is the advance in the standard of play and the development of new techniques which has once again projected this problem into the limelight.

SUB-NOTE. A novel suggestion made to this Rover is that on the first lift one of the rights of the striker may be to reduce all the balls to baulk, as at the beginning of the game, with the possible repetition of the opening tactics.

TEST MATCH PROSPECTS

At the time this Rover Note is being written, there has been no announcement as to the composition of the Test Teams to visit Australia in the New Year. Perhaps by the time of publication more will be known. However, it becomes apparent after the recent Championships both at Roehampton and Hurlingham that there is a wealth of talent from which to pick. Australia and New Zealand will find it hard to wrest the coveted Shield from the possession of the holders. In 1963, England sent out a team of which it was justly proud. This was the first touring side to win the Trophy. The team about to travel has every prospect of being an even more formidable combination with no semblance of a tail. If they fail to retain the title, it will mean that the standard of play by the new winners will be higher than in any earlier series, and that should be a great comfort to those who are interested in the future of the games.

Correspondence

SCENE—The President's Cup. On the Monday, top rank player A plays B and wins +26. On Tuesday B plays A and wins +26. Such a result may not be common but it seems 14% of the games played in this year's 1967 President's Cup ended thus.

Is there not something wrong with the rules of a game in which such a disparity of result is possible? It is the closely contested finish which provides the excitement both to players and spectators and, as a result, the interest taken in the game by the public. Why does Croquet often differ so much from other games in this respect?

Disparity in result derives from the fact that the Inplayer can exercise his skill for an unlimited time and unhindered by his opponent. He can also leave the latter with only a very limited chance of getting in and, if he fails to do so say by an inch from a long hit-in, the game ceases to be a game and results in an exhibition of skill by one player.

Though amendments to the rules have been made in recent years to assist the Outplayer, with the increased skill of play to-day, have they gone far enough? Could not the rules weight the scales progressively even more in favour of the Outplayer?

It is suggested that amendments to the Rules might be on the following lines:—

a. By giving a contact lift (or lifts) instead of a lift at the most appropriate hoops.

and/or b. By increasing the value of a lift i.e. to allow it to be played from the full length of the North or South boundaries instead of from the existing baulks.

Leading from the above broad suggestions, a more precise proposal is:—

c. To abolish all lifts except for a contact lift at 1-back, or

d. All lifts to be taken from a full-width baulk vide (b) above.

H. NALDER,

Chairman, Woking Croquet Club

Dear Sir,

We are grateful to Rover for pointing out in the June Notes that there is a gap in the Official Regulations in so far as they relate to American Tournaments. In fact, at Cheltenham the winner of a block is always decided by the method Rover recommends, counting games first, and if this leads to a tie, counting net points. If counting net points also led to a tie, the result of the game between those who tied would be used. We are sorry that this has not been explicitly stated in the regulations governing our tournaments, and would be grateful if you would publish this letter to clarify the matter until an official regulation is issued.

Yours sincerely,

B. DE C. MATTHEWS,

Tournament Secretary, Cheltenham Club.

Dear Sir,

I. Your Ryde correspondent kindly refers to me. May I make a slight correction, actually it was 40 years ago and not 30 that I was in the New Zealand team against both England and Australia.

Two

In fact I cannot claim I was clearly second in the Dominion to Arthur Ross as in the qualifying week's tournament Mrs. Watkins and I tied for second place.

2. Doubles on Tuesdays. I believe Parkstone was the first club to introduce this in England. I often did it when managing tournaments in New Zealand.

"Della" a conservative first class manager accepted the idea as an experiment and was so pleased with the result it has continued here.

The great advantage is that late in the week the congestion caused by a large number of players who are needed for other events still remaining in the doubles is avoided. Some used to be told as early as 2 p.m. Thursday "you must scratch in something." The ideal thing is to reduce the doubles to semi-finals on Thursday morning with the finals on Saturday afternoon. Managers have adopted the plan because in fact, they find it helpful.

Yours faithfully,

R. CREED MEREDITH,
Ex-Pres. N.Z.C.A.

Dear Sir,

May I put forward an opinion contrary to Tony Roper's on the subject of Handicap Doubles?

An A player, because of the conditions of most of these events, nearly always has as his partner a high bisquer—and the task of shepherding such a partner through a game can be very exhausting—so much so that two such doubles matches on one day are really asking more of a player than is reasonable.

I would like managers so to arrange their tournaments that no one is normally called upon to play more than one handicap doubles match in a day. If not more than sixteen pairs enter this can still be done starting on Wednesday. The doubles would only have to start on Tuesday if seventeen or more pairs entered, and even then only those pairs without a bye would have to play on Tuesday.

Such a programme would encourage players to co-operate with managers in embarking on a third game in a day if asked.

Yours enthusiastically,

GILES BORRETT

CROQUET ON THE MOVE

Peeling off in Public

or

The Development of the Sextuple

In the nineteen-twenties, when it became too easy for the skilful player to make a second all-round break, having successfully completed the first, the lift shot and contact were introduced into the laws. This led to the development of the triple peel, which largely owes its modern form to Patrick Cotter. However, within the last year or two people seem to be shooting so well and hitting so many lift shots that a handful of players have come round to the idea that not even one lift shot should be given, and have put this into practice by deliberately stopping at one-back in the first break, hoping to finish the game in the next turn with a sextuple peel and peg out. With the usual leave the opponent is offered only a shot of about 25 yards, which is considerably longer than most lift shots, and so the chance of a hit-in between the two turns is greatly reduced.

Hitherto John Solomon has been the main exponent of the sextuple, but this season Keith Wylie has joined him. Yet so far in match play the sextuple is as far away as the water was to Tantalus. Nineteen points have been made in a single turn, but that is not the real thing.

Because of its great difficulty, the sextuple has usually been attempted only when a player was well in the lead, perhaps one game up in the best of three and having made the first break in the second game. However, in the Men's Championship this year Keith Wylie attempted the sextuple when his opponent had his clips on the peg and 4-back in the first game. With four peels completed he pegged out the opponent and at the end of the turn gave contact with his own clips on the peg and penultimate. This manoeuvre won him the game, and this suggests a new and attacking approach to the use of the sextuple in overcoming a long lead.

We think it would be in order to mention briefly the defences available to the unfortunate person sitting out for half an hour or so. The usual position given is this: self cross-wired at the 1st hoop, opponent half way through 1-back and 2 yards N.W. of it. If, on the day, you fancy your shooting, and both your clips are on the 1st hoop, shoot with the ball which lines up the nicest target, because you have an easy four-ball break if you hit. If you are wired N.E. and S.W. at the right distances you may prefer the jump shot with the S.W. ball over the hoop. This is more difficult, but a fraction harder for your opponent if you miss. If you feel cagey shoot into the 3rd corner, certainly not the 1st or 4th, or possibly the 2nd corner if the opponent's open ball is East rather than West of the 2nd hoop, and if you think that he may miss the shot at you. Always be alive to the possibility of running a difficult 1st hoop: this was done once, with shattering effect.

G. N. ASPINALL.

B. G. NEAL.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: Regulation 4(j) states that one of the duties of a Referee in charge of the game "is to do anything necessary to discharge his duties as the referee in charge of the game." What is the purpose of this Regulation?

Answer: This is an emergency power to cover the odd situations that can arise in tournaments and that are not covered by the criminal code which is Part 2 D of the Laws. The Referee can only decide as he thinks is most fair in all the circumstances to re-establish the balance of the game. A simple illustration occurred in the Chairman's Cup in 1966 when in the course of the game it was found that Guy Warwick was playing with a faulty ball. The blame really attached to the Management. A similar situation can arise when a hoop is too narrow. Another example may be that the players may have started a handicap game with the wrong number of bisques. Again players may be playing each other in two events and one player may think that he is playing in the handicap event and the other player think he is playing in the level event. An examination of the facts may reveal that both players are at fault or only one player is at fault, or that neither player is at fault, because the really guilty party is the Management. It is impossible to lay down a rule which must be followed, for it would undoubtedly work injustice in so many cases. The only thing to do is to give the Referee in charge an emergency power such as this, which he can exercise to meet the justice of the case.

OBITUARY

Mrs. T. H. F. Clarkson

Parkstone Club has sustained a real loss by the recent death of Mrs. T. H. F. Clarkson. In the Ladies Field Cup in 1930, 31 and 37 Mrs. Clarkson was prominent and won the event in 1938 wresting the Cup from Mrs. L. C. Apps who had won it in each of the three preceding years.

For many years Mrs. Clarkson had been a keen member at Parkstone and though in recent years unable to play was always present at The Tournament and enthused over the advance of younger players.

Mrs. Clarkson was a player who thought quickly and played speedily. The writer remembers being defeated by her in a best of three Open Event by 2 games to 1 which started at 10 a.m. and ended at 3.15 p.m.

R. C. M.

Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts, O.B.E., M.C.

The death on the 19th July of Brigadier Stokes-Roberts has deprived the Croquet world of one of its most popular and colourful characters.

It is sad to think that no longer will our lawns be graced by that elegant figure with the dignified walk, dangling his mallet as though it were a gold headed cane and greeting us all with his charming smile.

He had led a distinguished life but was the most unassuming of men. Keenly interested in all sports, in his youth he had been regarded as one of the finest horsemen in the British Army. On the courts he was a delightful companion, whether as generous opponent or sympathetic partner. But it is for his work for the Association off the courts for which we should be most grateful.

Service for others had been his creed throughout life. His fine work as Chairman of the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables was but one example, and he exhibited the same zeal as a member of the Croquet Council, especially when serving the offices of Chairman of the Publicity Committee and Chairman of Council.

That seven years ago the Fund raised to finance our Test Team's visit to New Zealand reached such a satisfactory level was very largely due to his untiring efforts and ingenuity in discovering ways and means of raising money.

When Chairman of Council he considered it his duty to visit as many Clubs as possible. Those visits will I am sure be long remembered with affection.

Latterly he had been dogged by ill health, but he never allowed it to interfere with his charm and gaiety, and it was hard to realise he had passed his eightieth birthday some years ago.

He will be greatly missed at the Hurlingham Club, where he was an extremely popular Member, and regarded with affection and respect by all the staff, because, as one of them said to me on the day of his death, "he was such a gentleman". And that, I think, is the perfect epitaph for my dear old friend.

J. M. R.

1st August, 1968.

HANDICAPS—continued

Cheltenham

New Neil Williams 11

After play Neil Williams 11 to 10 (D8)

Mrs. Lewty 4 to 3½
C. H. L. Prichard 2 to 1½
P. W. Hands 3 to 2½
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard 2½ to 1½

Carrickmires

D. O'Connor —½ to —1½
P. J. Cross 6 to 5½
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan 2 to 1½
G. E. Sweetman Non Ass 4
D. Campbell Non Ass 4
Miss G. Hopkins 4½ to 3½
R. C. Hannon Non Ass to 5
Mr. McWeeny Non Ass 4
Mrs. M. Moran Non Ass 13

Compton

H. S. Clemons —1 to —2
J. A. Robinson —3 to —1
Col. E. D. Tims new 2½ to 2
Mrs. E. D. Tims new 3
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake 1 to ½

Woking

D. Moorcroft 7 to 6
Mrs. Anderson 8 to 7½

Parkstone

New Dr. E. L. Knowles 7
After play W. P. Ellis 1½ to ½
B. G. Perry —2 to —3
Miss K. M. O. Sessions —1 to —1½
R. O. B. Whittington 1 to ½
Rev. W. E. Gladstone 5 to 4
Miss N. M. McMordie 11 to 9
Dr. E. L. Knowles 7 to 5½
D. W. Archer 1½ to ½
P. Newton ½ to —½
Mrs. P. Newton 12 to 11
Mrs. C. Devitt 8 to D7

Budleigh Salterton

Non Official Tournament
W. R. Bucknall 4 to —3
Sir L. Daldry 3½ to 3
F. W. Meredith 0 to —½
E. H. Shelton 0 to —½ (Club rec)
Mrs. Nalder 9 to 8
H. M. Read 4 to 5
G. B. Horridge 5½ to 5
M. Granger Brown 7½ to 5
C. W. Haworth 5½ to 4½
F. Henshaw 7 to 6½
C. Edwards 16 D14 to 15 D13 NA
Mrs. F. R. Briggs 2½ to 3½
G. C. Stoker 8 to 6½
Official Tournament
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan 1½ to 1
Miss K. M. O. Sessions —1½ to —2
W. R. Healing ½ to —½
Miss A. E. Mills 2½ to 3½
W/Commander D. A. Allen 8 to 7
R. F. Rothwell —1 to —2
B. Lloyd-Pratt —2½ to —3
Miss V. E. Mills 1 to 2

Cheltenham recommendation P. W. Hands 1½ to 0
Roehampton recommendation Mrs. J. F. Hay 10 to 8
Miss S. F. Hay 12 D10 to 10
Roehampton omitted in April A. d'Antal 6 to 4½
Mrs. C. Hawes 9 to 8
J. E. Banks 2½ to 1½
Colchester recommendations
R. K. Price 2 to 0
K. H. Paterson 5 to 4
Nottingham recommendations
David Nichols *9 to 4
Dr. Martin Murray ½ to 0
Compton recommendations
W. H. Austin 1 to ½
H. J. Devitt 9 to 8
Edgbaston recommendations,
M. Stride 3 to 1½*
Ryde June 3-8
Mrs. G. H. Wood 8 to 6½
Miss J. L. Preston 7 to 6½
Mrs. R. Creed Meredith 13 to 12

Three

Mrs. R. A. Simpson 2 to 1½
Cheltenham April 13-15
Dr. A. L. Yoxall 1 to ½
G. T. Slater 1½ to ½
W. de B. Prichard 2½ to 2
Budleigh Salterton 6-11 May
Before play Dr. G. Laurensen 12 D10
W. R. Bucknall 5 to 4
After play A. J. Cooper -3 to -3½
F. W. Meredith 1 to 0
Lt.-Col. T. E. Laverty 2 to 1½
Sir L. Daldry 4 to 3½
Mrs. R. C. Hawkins 6½ to 6
M. Granger-Brown 9 D7 to 7½ D6
Mrs. A. E. Mills 1½ to 2½
Peel Memorials
P. Gifford-Nash 5 to 4
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith 2 to 1½
Challenger Gilbey
D. V. H. Rees 3 to 2½
H. C. Green 6½ to 5½
Miss M. G. Anderson 10 to 8
Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson 6 to 7½
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith 1½ to 1
Brig. A. F. Q. Forbes 1 to ½

NOTTINGHAM WEEK-END TOURNAMENT JUNE 14th to 16th, 1968

Twenty players gathered at Nottingham for the annual week-end tournament. Cambridge undergraduates were present in force, and it was no surprise that the final was contested between two of them, Heap and Robinson. The latter gave his opponents no real chance throughout the tournament, and even Heap's high standard of play was insufficient in the final. The other two block winners were local players: Miss E. C. Brumpton specialising in close victories and G. Henshaw taking full advantage of bisques he is unlikely to have much longer.

Thanks to excellent weather, the games were played-off early enough for most players to enjoy some lighthearted doubles on Sunday. An ideal finish to an enjoyable week-end.

RESULTS

Block A.—Winner: G. Henshaw (10).
Block B.—Winner: J. N. Robinson (6).
Block C.—Winner: Miss E. C. Brumpton (4).
Block D.—Winner: M. W. Heap (2½).
Play-offs.—Robinson beat Henshaw +10.
Heap beat Miss Brumpton +4.
Final.—Robinson beat Heap +25.
Handicap Alterations.—Henshaw 10 to 8.
Heap 2½ to 1.
Robinson 6 to 3.

COMPTON TOURNAMENT

The Compton week this year was "blessed" with a wide range of weather conditions and great variation in the speed of the lawns. Clemons adapted his play best to suit these changing conditions and deserved to win the tournament in virtue of his admirably steady play, although Dr. Wiggins gave him a hard fight in the finals of both Draw and Process.

In the final of the big handicap Clemons was defeated by Neil Robinson. Although Clemons went round to Rover on the fourth ball, Robinson kept his nerve and used two of his four bisques to peel Clemons through Rover and peg him out; Clemons made only one hoop thereafter, and the game took only one hour and a quarter! In this event Tyrwhitt-Drake seemed likely to go far, and Colonel Tims and Commander Borrett played well at times, but all three failed when the crisis came. Tims had his compensation when he won the restricted handicap.

In the Doubles Hallett and Robinson just managed to outstay all their opponents. Borrett was a model partner for the long-bisquer Mrs. Batchelor, as he gave her confidence, made difficult shots seem easy for her, and suppressed his own nerves; they were unlucky to lose narrowly in the second round. One noteworthy feature of this tournament was that, in spite of an imposition of a three-and-a-half-hour time limit on all games, only three out of 90 or so games actually went to time.

Mrs. Chittenden and helpers deserve our thanks for some excellent catering, and also Mr. Perry and Major Dibley for their friendly and efficient organisation and management of what all felt to be a friendly and good-humoured tournament.

Advanced Play Draw, Open Level Event No. 1. 14 entries

First Round
H. S. Clemons beat D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley +19
W. E. Moore beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +25

Four

Cmdr. G. Borrett beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +17
Mrs. W. Longman beat Mrs. H. C. S. Perry +3
P. D. Hallett beat H. A. Green +20
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat W. H. Austin +11

Second Round
H. S. Clemons beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +19
Cmdr. G. Borrett beat W. E. Moore +7
P. D. Hallett beat Mrs. W. Longman +6
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +18

Semi-Final
H. S. Clemons beat Cmdr. G. Borrett +7
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat P. D. Hallett +15

Final
H. S. Clemons beat Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +5

Process
First Round
Cmdr. G. Borrett beat W. H. Austin +19
H. S. Clemons beat H. A. Green +18
Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. H. C. S. Perry +22
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat Mrs. W. Longman +25
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +4
P. D. Hallett beat D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley +8

Second Round
H. S. Clemons beat Cmdr. G. Borrett +16
Mrs. E. Rotherham beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +23
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat W. E. Moore +1
P. D. Hallett beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +21

Semi-Final
H. S. Clemons beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +23
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat P. D. Hallett +22

Final
H. S. Clemons beat Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +5

Handicap. 2½ bisques and over
Event No. 2. 19 entries

First Round
Miss D. L. Latham (7) beat Mrs. H. A. Hall (5½) +12
Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) beat Mrs. E. Temple (3½) +3
J. N. Robinson (3) beat Miss Bryan (6) +5

Second Round
Col. E. D. Tims (2½) beat Mrs. H. J. Devitt (8) +14
D. A. Harris (2½) beat Mrs. D. Waterhouse (16) +17
R. Ellis (14) beat Mrs. H. Batchelor (16) +20
Miss D. L. Latham (7) beat Miss Clarke-Lens (8) +8
C. S. Phillips (10) beat Miss Bryan (6) +3 on time
Brig. E. Mockler-Ferryman (8) beat Mrs. E. D. Tims (3) +5
H. J. Devitt (8) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +14
D. L. Allen (8) beat Mrs. V. Wheeler (14) +20

Third Round
Col. E. D. Tims (2½) beat D. A. Harris (2½) +2
Miss D. L. Latham (7) beat R. Ellis (14) +18
Brig. E. Mockler-Ferryman (8) beat C. S. Phillips (10) +14
H. J. Devitt (8) beat D. L. Allen (8) +1 on time

Semi-Final
Col. E. D. Tims (2½) beat Miss D. L. Latham +18
Brig. E. Mockler-Ferryman (8) beat H. J. Devitt (8) +7

Final
Col. E. D. Tims (2½) beat Brig. E. Mockler-Ferryman (8) +17

Open Handicap
Event No. 3. 29 entries

First Round
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-½) beat Miss O. L. Latham (7) +15
P. D. Hallett (-1½) beat D. L. Allen (8) +10
Mrs. E. D. Tims (3) beat W. H. Austin (0) +11
Mrs. W. Longman (-½) beat Miss M. Bryan (6) +14
H. S. Clemons (-1) beat H. J. Devitt (8) +7
Brig. E. Mockler-Ferryman (8) beat C. S. Phillips (10) +1 on time
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-½) beat Mrs. H. Batchelor (16) +12
D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley (1½) beat Mrs. H. J. Devitt (8) +3
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) beat D. A. Harris (2½) +7
H. A. Green (½) beat Mrs. D. Waterhouse (16) +15
J. N. Robinson (3) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +10
W. E. Moore (-1) beat Mrs. H. A. Hall (5½) +13
Cmdr. G. Borrett (-1½) beat Mrs. E. Temple (3½) +15

Second Round
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (1) beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-½) +13
P. D. Hallett (-1½) beat Mrs. E. D. Tims (3) +18
H. S. Clemons (-1) beat Mrs. W. Longman (-½) +21
Brig. E. Mockler-Ferryman (8) beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-½) +13
D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley (1½) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) +3
J. N. Robinson (3) beat H. A. Green (-½) +10
Cmdr. G. Borrett (-1½) beat W. E. Moore (-1) +9
Col. E. D. Tims (2½) w/o Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (retired on peg) (-3)

Third Round
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (1) beat P. D. Hallett (-1½) +6
H. S. Clemons (-1) beat Brig. E. Mockler-Ferryman (8) +22
J. N. Robinson (3) beat D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley (1½) +21

Final
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (1) beat H. S. Clemons (-1) +6

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Cmdr. G. Borrett (-1½) beat Col. E. D. Tims (2½) +2

Semi-Final
H. S. Clemons (-1) beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (1) +2
J. N. Robinson (3) beat Cmdr. G. Borrett (-1½) +2

Final
J. N. Robinson (3) beat H. S. Clemons (-1) +12

Handicap Doubles
Event No. 14. 14 pairs

First Round
W. Moore and Miss Clarke-Lens (7) beat E. Tyrwhitt-Drake and C. S. Phillips (9) +17
Cmdr. Borrett and Mrs. Batchelor (12½) beat Mrs. Elvey and H. J. Devitt (7½) +19

P. D. Hallett and J. N. Robinson (1½) beat Col. and Mrs. E. D. Tims (5½) +5

Miss Bryan and Brig. Mockler-Ferryman (14) beat Mrs. Chittenden and Miss Parker (2) +8

D. A. Harris and E. F. Gadsden (10½) beat H. A. Green and W. H. Austin (-½) +12

Mrs. Rotherham and D. L. Allen (5) beat Mrs. Longman and Mrs. Hall (5) +7

Second Round
W. Moore and Miss Clarke-Lens (7) beat R. Ellis and Mrs. Waterhouse (28) +9

P. D. Hallett and J. N. Robinson (1½) beat Cmdr. Borrett and Mrs. Batchelor (12½) +1

D. A. Harris and E. F. Gadsden (10½) beat Miss Bryan and Brig. Mockler-Ferryman (14) +3

Mrs. Rotherham and D. L. Allen (5) beat Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. Devitt (4) +7

Semi-Final
P. D. Hallett and J. N. Robinson (1½) beat W. Moore and Miss Clarke-Lens (7) +4

Mrs. Rotherham and D. L. Allen (5) beat D. A. Harris and E. F. Gadsden (10½) +8

Final
P. D. Hallett and J. N. Robinson (1½) beat Mrs. Rotherham and D. L. Allen (5) +3

The Compton Plate
Event No. 5. 10 entries

Losers in their match in Event 2 and those "unemployed" on Friday

First Round
Mrs. W. Longman (-½) beat Mrs. E. Temple (3½) +14
W. H. Austin (0) beat Miss H. Parker (2½) +2 on time

Second Round
Mrs. Devitt (8) beat Mrs. Elvey (½) +12
Miss Bryan (6) beat Mrs. W. Longman (-½) +11
W. H. Austin (Scr.) beat Mrs. Waterhouse (16) +12
Mrs. Hall (5½) beat Mrs. Batchelor (16) +15

Semi-Final
Mrs. Devitt (8) beat Miss Bryan (6) +9
Mrs. Hale (5½) beat W. H. Austin (Scr.) +24

Final
Mrs. Hall (5½) beat Mrs. Devitt (8) +9

WOKING WEEK-END TOURNAMENT, June 21st to 24th, 1968

This tournament suffered from continual rain, which put one court completely out of action and made the other three very soggy. The players were indebted to Mrs. Moorcraft and the Temple Pages for restoring morale with delicious teas, and to Derek Caporn for some deft management.

A successful raffle in aid of the Australian tour, which raised £20, was really a thinly-disguised Temple Page benefit, though richly deserved.

In Block A, Mrs. Speer quickly established a lead, but was caught by Capt. Nalder who won, playing very steadily, by three points in the odd match. Arthur Reed, having used all his ammunition in a bombardment of Gerald Cave, failed in shooting against these two.

In Block B, Moorcraft, playing-off 6, was the only player to attempt double peels and won all his games easily, score-wise anyway; an obvious case for the handicapper.

In Block C, Mrs. Nalder and Mrs. Bressey won steadily on timed games and the decider was won by the latter by 2—still on time.

In Block D, Miss Anderson was playing well for an 8, and is looking to be a most promising prospect.

In the semi-final play-offs, Moorcraft had a close game with Miss Anderson after establishing a long lead. He was inclined to play risky and even stupid shots under pressure, which nearly led to his downfall. Meanwhile Nalder played slowly and carefully against Mrs. Bressey who, equally slowly and carefully, missed several good chances of using her bisques to advantage.

In the final, Nalder, who has adopted the Solomon grip and the late Capt. Stoker's techniques, found that Moorcraft had too many bisques, apart from his ability to go round, and the latter won a shortened game to allow this enjoyable tournament to finish—somehow—on time.

Final
Capt. H. F. Nalder beat Mrs. E. E. Bressey.
D. M. Moorcraft beat Mrs. M. A. Anderson.

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Block Winners
A.—Capt. H. F. Nalder.
B.—D. M. Moorcraft.
C.—Mrs. E. E. Bressey.
D.—Mrs. M. A. Anderson.

Play-off
Capt. H. F. Nalder beat Mrs. E. E. Bressey.
D. M. Moorcraft beat Mrs. M. A. Anderson.

Final
D. M. Moorcraft beat Capt. H. F. Nalder.

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Dr. W. R. Bucknall beat Miss H. D. Parker +12
Mrs. E. M. Temple w/o J. N. Robinson (opp. scr.)
Semi-Final
Rev. W. E. Gladstone w/o Miss K. D. Hickson (scr.)
Mrs. E. M. Temple beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall +1 on time
Final
Rev. W. E. Gladstone beat Mrs. E. M. Temple +4

7 BISQUES and OVER

First Round
Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) beat D. J. Bird (9) +12
Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) beat Mrs. C. Devitt (8) +12
Miss N. D. McMordie (11) beat Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) +4
Dr. E. L. Knowles (7*) beat Mrs. M. Goodrecke (16) +17
Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (8) beat W. G. B. Scott (7½) +6 on time
Second Round
Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) beat Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (10) +6
Miss M. D. McMordie (11) w/o Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) (opp. scr.)
Dr. E. L. Knowles (7*) beat Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (8) +2
Mrs. P. Newton (12) w/o F. Henshaw (7) (opp. scr.)
Semi-Final
Miss M. D. McMordie (11) beat Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) +9
Dr. E. L. Knowles (7*) beat Mrs. P. Newton (12) +12
Final
Dr. E. L. Knowles (7*) beat Miss M. D. McMordie (11) +11

HANDICAP SINGLES

First Round
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (2) beat G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) +24
C. A. Hopewell (½) beat J. N. Robinson (1) +11
Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (8) beat Mrs. G. L. Wood (6½) +8
R. O. B. Whittington (1) beat F. Henshaw (7) +4
Second Round
D. J. Bird (9) w/o Miss K. D. Hickson (3) (opp. scr.)
Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) beat Maj. F. Hill Bernhard (4½) +17
J. G. Warwick (-2) beat W. G. B. Scott (7½) +3
D. W. Elmes (1½) beat Mrs. C. Devitt (8) +15
Dr. W. R. Bucknall (4) beat Miss M. D. McMordie (11) +7
Dr. E. L. Knowles (7*) beat M. J. Bushnell (-1) +15
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (5) beat Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) +16
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (2) beat C. G. Hopewell (½) +6
R. O. B. Whittington (1) beat Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (8) +14
G. K. Taylor (0) beat Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) +17
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-½) w/o Miss H. D. Parker (2½) (opp. scr.)

Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) beat Mrs. I. M. Purves (10) +14
D. W. Archer (1½) beat Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) +20
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-1) beat Mrs. P. Newton (12) +3
Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (10) +15
P. Newton (½) beat Col. W. T. Wheeler (-½) +21
Third Round
D. J. Bird (9) beat Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) +7
P. W. Elmes (1½) beat J. G. Warwick (-3) +22
Dr. W. R. Bucknall (4) beat Dr. E. L. Knowles (7*) +5
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (5) beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (2) +18
R. O. B. Whittington (1) beat G. K. Taylor (0) +17
Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) w/o Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-½) (opp. scr.)
D. W. Archer (1½) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-1) +9
P. Newton (½) beat Miss E. G. Warwick (-3) +17

Fourth Round

P. W. Elmes (1½) beat D. J. Bird (9) +16
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (5) beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall (4) +1
R. O. B. Whittington (1) w/o Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) (opp. scr.)
P. Newton (½) beat D. W. Archer (1½) +8
Semi-Final
P. W. Elmes (1½) beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone (5) +10
R. O. B. Whittington (1) beat P. Newton (½) +8
Final
P. W. Elmes (1½) beat R. O. B. Whittington (1) +1

DOUBLES HANDICAP

First Round
P. Newton and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (3) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler and W. G. B. Scott (7½) +25
Second Round
B. G. Perry and Mrs. C. Devitt (6) beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (2) +11
C. A. Hopewell and D. W. Archer (2) beat M. J. Bushnell and Mrs. K. M. Lowein (12) +13
Miss K. M. O. Sessions and Rev. W. E. Gladstone (4) beat G. K. Taylor and Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) +7
P. Newton and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (3) beat Mrs. G. L. Wood and Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (14) +3
J. N. Robinson and P. W. Elmes (2½) beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall and Dr. E. L. Knowles (11) +3
Miss K. D. Hickson and Miss M. D. McMordie (14) beat Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) +6

G. E. P. Jackson and Maj. F. Hill Bernhard (2) beat J. G. Warwick and D. J. Bird (6) +21
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. D. J. Bird (4) beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. M. Goodricke (13½) +10
Third Round
B. G. Perry and Mrs. C. Devitt (6) beat C. A. Hopewell and D. W. Archer (2) +2
Miss K. M. O. Sessions and Rev. W. E. Gladstone (4) beat P. Newton and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (3) +11
Miss K. D. Hickson and Miss M. D. McMordie (14) beat J. N. Robinson and P. W. Elmes (2½) +2
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. D. J. Bird (6) beat G. E. P. Jackson and Maj. F. Hill Bernhard (2) +14
Semi-Final
B. G. Perry and Mrs. C. Devitt (6) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions and Rev. W. E. Gladstone (4) +14
Miss K. D. Hickson and Miss M. D. McMordie (14) beat Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. D. J. Bird (6) +4 on time
Final
B. G. Perry and Mrs. C. Devitt (6) beat Miss K. D. Hickson and Miss M. D. McMordie (14) +8

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON: UNOFFICIAL TOURNAMENT

July 1st-6th
The six Block Winners in this enjoyable tournament were Sir Leonard Dawdry and Messrs. Meredith, Stoker, Bucknall, Granger Brown and Howarth, all with five wins to their credit. Mr. Henshaw was in fact the virtual winner of Block D with five wins and one match to play, in which he gained the upper hand. His declared intention to retire was, however, forestalled by his opponent retiring on a time limit being imposed. To the satisfaction of all a special prize was awarded to this octogenarian on a very fine performance. The play-off final was won by Granger Brown v. Bucknall, the former playing two near-perfect rounds and finishing +25. The Doubles was won by Miss Warwick and Stoker v. Shelton and Edwards after a struggle lasting nearly four hours. At the prize-giving 12 handicap adjustments were announced. A very enjoyable meeting played on lovely lawns, ably managed by Colonel Cave and helped so much by the excellent buffet lunches organised by Mrs. Meredith.

AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES

Winners (of Blocks)
A Block.—F. W. Meredith (0) 5 games.
B Block.—S. G. Stoker (8) 5 games.
C Block.—W. R. Bucknall (4) 5 games.
D Block.—F. Henshaw (7) ret'd., 6 games.
S. W. L. Daldry (3½) 5 games.
E Block.—M. Granger-Brown (7½) 5 games.
F Block.—C. W. Haworth (5) 5 games.
Play-off. Preliminary Round.
M. Granger-Brown beat C. W. Howarth +21.
W. R. Bucknall beat F. W. Meredith +23
(All Blocks of 6 except D and E which were 7)

Semi-Final

M. Granger-Brown beat S. W. Leonard Daldry +7.
W. R. Bucknall beat S. G. Stoker +7.
Final
M. Granger-Brown (7½) beat W. R. Bucknall (4) +25.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Quarter-Final
Prof. A. S. C. Ross and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (8½) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham and M. Granger-Brown (3) +10.
E. H. Shelton and C. Edwards (14) beat J. G. Warwick and G. B. Horridge (3½) +9
E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake and W. R. Bucknall (4½) beat Col. W. H. Healing and Mrs. W. Nash (7½) +9.
Miss E. J. Warwick and S. C. Stoker (5) beat Mr. and Mrs. Read (7) +3.
Semi-Final
E. H. Shelton and C. Edwards (14) beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (8½) +17.
Miss E. J. Warwick and S. C. Stoker (5) beat E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake and W. R. Bucknall (4½) +3.
Final
Miss E. J. Warwick and S. C. Stoker (5) beat E. H. Shelton and C. Edwards (14) +14.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON: OFFICIAL

Overheard at Budleigh:
Critical Spectator: "That was a push."
Innocent long bisquer (to friend): "Oh yes. That's one of the most difficult strokes, and only the best players can do it."
But this was the week before the official week. The atmosphere at the Budleigh Salterton annual official tournament is quite other—dedicated, profound. Even non-players can feel the sanctity of Croquet Week at Budleigh. A bridge player found herself tiptoeing past a tense Opens match, and said: "I feel as though I am treading

on holy ground." Her feelings did her credit—she was. Dear historic Budleigh! What would our little Croquet World be without you?

If the play this year was unenlivened by the attempted sextuple peels, which in London tournaments have become almost commonplace, though unachieved, many competitors produced a high standard. Miss Sessions was a most deserving winner of the Open Handicap, defeating her giant doubles partner in a good final, although she had attempted to throw away her semi-final match against Mr. Warwick through succumbing to the Cheltenham mania for trying to peg out one's opponent even when it is tactically fatuous to do so.

Our President broke poor Sir Leonard Daldry's heart by hitting innumerable long shots long after he should have lost, and proceeding in to the B finals, where even his unrivalled subtlety was no match for Mrs. MacMillan's skill and accuracy. The quatrain which here follows is by his hand, as is the rest of this report.

"Maurice has played in the President's Cup
He's now a bad B but he will not give up
Though his tactics display over-cautious sagacity
Grant him applause for a certain tenacity."

It was good to see Bryan Lloyd-Pratt playing so well, though not long risen from a hospital bed, and though handicapped by courts rather heavier than best suits his delicate and graceful style, he was reeling off victories sometimes at the rate of four a day, many of which called for a high degree of enterprise and tactical skill to achieve success.

OPEN SINGLES

DRAW
First Round
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat Col. D. W. Beamish +5
H. S. Clemons beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +11
J. G. Warwick beat E. H. Shelton +11
Second Round
B. Lloyd Pratt beat R. F. Rothwell +9
Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +12
Col. G. T. Wheeler beat J. B. Gilbert +2
H. S. Clemons beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith +10
A. J. Cooper beat J. G. Warwick +7
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +10
B. G. Perry beat Miss M. K. O. Sessions +22
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +13

Third Round

B. Lloyd Pratt beat Miss E. J. Warwick +10
H. S. Clemons beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +9
A. J. Cooper beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +17
B. G. Perry beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +16
Semi-Final
B. Lloyd Pratt beat H. E. Clemons +22
A. J. Cooper beat B. G. Perry +11

Final

B. Lloyd Pratt beat A. J. Cooper +4
In the Play-off: B. Lloyd Pratt beat R. F. Rothwell +15.

PROCESS

First Round
Miss E. J. Warwick beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +26
B. Lloyd Pratt beat Miss M. K. O. Sessions +15
R. F. Rothwell beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +8
Second Round
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave beat Col. D. W. Beamish +26
Miss E. J. Warwick beat E. H. Shelton +13
A. J. Cooper beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +26
B. Lloyd Pratt beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +10
B. G. Perry beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith +22
J. G. Warwick beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +4
J. B. Gilbert beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +12
R. F. Rothwell beat H. S. Clemons +2

Third Round

Miss E. J. Warwick beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +8
B. Lloyd Pratt beat A. J. Cooper +6
B. G. Perry beat J. G. Warwick +23
R. F. Rothwell beat J. B. Gilbert +10
Semi-Final
B. Lloyd Pratt beat Miss E. J. Warwick +5
R. F. Rothwell beat B. G. Perry +13

Final

R. F. Rothwell beat B. Lloyd Pratt +17
In the Play-off: B. Lloyd Pratt beat R. F. Rothwell +15.

"B" LEVEL SINGLES

1½ to 5 Bisesques (advanced play)

First Round
C. H. L. Prichard beat J. Lee +7
Mrs. H. M. Read beat Mrs. M. H. Vincent +7
Maj. E. C. Heathcote beat Mrs. F. R. Briggs +16
K. H. Paterson beat Miss K. Ault +5
C. W. Haworth beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross +9

Second Round

W. R. Bucknall beat Miss A. E. Mills +21
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan beat H. M. Read (opp. retired)
C. H. L. Prichard beat G. R. Mills +5
Mrs. H. M. Read beat Maj. E. C. Heathcote +6
K. H. Paterson beat C. W. Haworth +8
M. B. Reckitt beat Sir L. Daldry +2
Miss V. E. Mills beat Miss E. Fisher +7
Miss J. Cooper beat Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverly +4

Third Round

Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan beat W. R. Bucknall +8
Mrs. H. M. Read beat C. H. L. Prichard +14
M. B. Reckitt beat K. H. Paterson +3
Miss J. Cooper beat Miss V. E. Mills +3
Semi-Final
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan beat Mrs. H. M. Read +14
M. B. Reckitt beat Miss J. Cooper +4

Final

Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan beat M. B. Reckitt +24

"C" HANDICAP SINGLES

5½ to 16 bisques

First Round

Mrs. R. Hill w/o (opponent withdrawn)
Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (6) beat Maj. St. G. Atchley (10) +10
W./Cdr. Allen (8) w/o (opponent scratched)
Mrs. H. J. Devitt beat Mrs. D. J. Bird +15
Dr. G. Laurence (12) beat Miss D. Locks Latham (7) +7
D. J. Bird beat Mrs. G. E. Cave +8
Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) beat F. Henshaw (6½) +11 (T)
H. J. Devitt (8) beat C. Edwards (15) +18

Second Round

Mrs. R. C. Hawkins beat Mrs. R. Hill +1
W./Cdr. D. L. Allen beat Mrs. H. J. Devitt +2
D. J. Bird beat Dr. G. Laurence +13
H. J. Devitt beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross +4

Semi-Final

W./Cdr. D. L. Allen beat Mrs. R. C. Hawkins +9
H. J. Devitt beat D. J. Bird +1

Final

W./Cdr. D. L. Allen beat H. J. Devitt +18

"OPEN" HANDICAP SINGLES

First Round

Col. G. T. Wheeler (-½) beat G. W. Haworth (4½) +10
Col. W. R. Healing (½) beat Miss V. E. Mills (1½) +25
R. F. Rothwell (-1) beat F. W. Meredith (-½) +2
Miss D. Locks Latham (7) beat Mrs. H. J. Devitt (8) +2
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (½) beat Miss K. Ault (3) +18
C. Edwards (15) beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½) +18
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) beat Mrs. F. R. Briggs (4) +21
Maj. E. C. Heathcote (3) beat K. H. Paterson (4) +6
Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (6) beat Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverly (1½) +14
D. J. Bird (9) beat H. M. Read (5) +10
Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) beat Miss E. Fisher (2) +11
Capt. M. F. Buller (1½) beat C. H. L. Prichard (½) +10
Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat E. H. Shelton (-½) +5
B. Lloyd Pratt (-2½) beat Mrs. R. Hill (7½) +14
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (1) beat Miss J. Cooper (3) +16
M. B. Reckitt (2) beat H. J. Devitt (8) +5
H. S. Clemons (-2) beat F. Henshaw (6½) +12
J. G. Warwick (-2) beat J. Lee (2½) +4
Prof. A. S. C. Ross (2½) beat Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) +14
W./Cdr. D. L. Allen beat J. B. Gilbert (-1) +2
W. R. Bucknall (3) beat Mrs. M. H. Vincent (2½) +8
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) beat G. B. Horridge (5) +4
Sir Leonard Daldry (3) beat Mrs. H. M. Read (3) +1
G. R. Mills (4) beat Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) +19
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (-1) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (-½) +4
Col. W. R. Healing (½) beat R. F. Rothwell (2) +26
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (½) beat Miss D. Locks Latham (7) +6
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) beat C. Edwards (15) +17
D. J. Bird (9) beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) +5
Capt. M. F. Buller (½) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) (retired)
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2½) beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (1) +4
H. S. Clemons (-2) beat M. B. Reckitt (2) +21
J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross (2½) +13
W./Cdr. D. L. Allen (8) beat W. R. Bucknall (3) +13
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (2) +4
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-1½) beat A. J. Cooper (-3) +9
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-½) beat Miss A. E. Mills (2½) +3

Third Round

Sir Leonard Daldry (3) beat G. R. Mills (4) +6
Col. W. R. Healing (½) beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (-1) +22
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (½) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) +24

Mrs. R. C. Hawkins and D. J. Bird both scratched
B. Lloyd Pratt (-2½) beat Capt. M. F. Buller (½) +4
J. G. Warwick (-2) beat H. S. Clemons (-2) +16
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) beat W./Cdr. D. L. Allen (8)
(opp. retired)
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-1½) beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-½)
+2

Fourth Round

Col. W. H. Healing (½) beat Sir L. Daldry (3½) +10
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake w/o
J. G. Warwick (-2½) beat B. Lloyd Pratt (-2) +20
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-1½) beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard
(-2½) +21

Semi-Final

E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (½) beat Col. W. R. Healing (½) +5
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-1½) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) +6

Final

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-1½) beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (½) +20

HANDICAP DOUBLES

B. G. Perry and Col. W. R. Healing (-2½) beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and C. H. L. Prichard (-1) +2
Miss K. M. O. Sessions and E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1) beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6) +7
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. Hill (10) beat W. R. Bucknall and D. J. Bird (11) +8
R. F. Rothwell and Prof. A. S. C. Ross (1½) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler and Mrs. G. E. Cave (5½) +12
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and W./Cdr. D. L. Allen (7) beat K. H. Paterson and Maj. R. Atchley (14) +4

First Round

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (-½) beat J. G. Warwick and Maj. E. C. Heathcote (1) +11
J. Lee and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (6½) beat D. W. Beamish and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (-½) +5(T)
A. J. Cooper and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (3) beat H. S. Clemons and C. W. Haworth (2½) +9
Miss E. T. Warwick and Sir L. Daldry (0) beat Mr. H. Read and Mrs. M. H. Read (7) +12

Second Round

Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and F. Henshaw (8) beat M. F. Buller and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (1) +19
B. G. Perry and Col. W. R. Healing (-2½) beat Miss V. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (5½) +6
Miss K. M. O. Sessions and E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1) beat Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. Hill (10) +21
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and W./Cdr. Allen (7) beat R. F. Rothwell and Prof. A. S. C. Ross (1½) +19
H. J. Devitt and Mrs. H. J. Devitt (16) beat R. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (-1½) +11
A. J. Cooper and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (3) beat J. Lee and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (6½) +11
Miss E. J. Warwick and Sir L. Daldry (0) beat E. H. Shelton and Mrs. D. J. Bird (7) +12
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss J. Cooper (0) beat M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (4½) +14

Third Round

B. G. Perry and Col. W. R. Healing (-2½) beat Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and F. Henshaw (8) +2
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and W./Cdr. Allen (7) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions and E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1) +17
A. T. Cooper and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (3) beat H. J. Devitt and Mrs. H. J. Devitt (16) +10
Miss E. J. Warwick and Sir L. Daldry (0) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss J. Cooper (0) +2

Semi-Final

B. G. Perry and Col. W. R. Healing (-2½) beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and W./Cdr. D. L. Allen (7) +4
A. J. Cooper and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (3) beat Miss E. J. Warwick and Sir L. Daldry (0) +11

Final

B. G. Perry and Col. W. R. Healing (-2½) beat J. A. Cooper and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins +9
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (1) beat G. W. Williams (-1) +12

Third Round

(2 hours, shortened to 1 and 3 back)

Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (14) w/o Major J. M. Rivington (4) (opp. scratched)

Eight

R. O. Hicks (-1½) beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-½) +9
G. F. Hallett (3) beat Rev. J. E. Andrews (3½) +14
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (1) beat Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (1) +9

Semi-Final

(Full Game, 3 hours)

R. O. Hicks (-1½) beat Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (14) +7
G. F. Hallett (3) beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (1) +13

Final

G. F. Hallett (3) beat R. O. Hicks (-1½) +20

CHELTENHAM OPEN TOURNAMENT

July 28th—August 3rd

As your correspondent has had occasion to find out, even the most unsuccessful of croquet players can have a thoroughly good week at the Cheltenham Tournament. The warm welcome given to the visitors by members of the club was most pleasant, the more so since it was not always matched by the warmth of the weather. But, at least, if the weather was sometimes cold and cloudy, no rain fell during play at any time in the week.

At the beginning of the Tournament many players found the lawns faster than they expected and nearly everyone began by finding the hoops far too tight! This year's entry was larger than last year's with 46 names in the Handicap Singles and 18 for the Draw and Process.

The greatest success in the week was achieved by the 16-year-old P. W. Hands, it cannot be many players who have come down from 16 to scratch in one year. Hands was reduced by 2½ for this Tournament and still succeeded in winning the big Handicap and the Draw and Process; he must surely be reduced still further. Miss K. M. O. Sessions was the most successful lady player, always most interesting to watch in action. Miss Sessions (-) plus Paul Hands (-?) would surely make a doubles pair extremely hard to beat.

In the Draw and Process Hands, H. S. Clemons and T. O. Read were the finalists. Clemons, who had beaten Hands in the Process, lost to him in the Draw; in the Draw he was beaten by Read. Read made a steady start after Clemons had already taken one ball round to 4-back, and then he recovered magnificently to win his way into the play off against Hands, after two faultless breaks.

The play-off had an electric finish when Read had pegged Hands out with the other balls on Rover. A cat and mouse game followed: finally Read ran Rover on his second attempt and laid up for the peg. Hands then hit in and won by 2.

In the Level Singles Final D. M. Anderson beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone by 14. This event was played under Advanced Rules instead of Semi-Advanced, and most players appreciated this.

W. J. Sturdy won his way into the final of the 6½ and over Handicap Singles beating Mrs. G. H. Wood in the Final; he seemed to be able to hit in from almost anywhere with great ease.

In the Handicap Singles Hands beat Dr. Yoxall by 25 in the semi-final and met R. O. B. Whittington in the final winning by 15. The Handicap Doubles developed into a tense battle between R. D. C. and C. H. L. Prichard, and Whittington and Gladstone, brothers against brothers-in-law. The Prichards were "in" and looked like catching their opponents and winning. Unfortunately for them they gave Gladstone a chance to make Rover and the game was won by 3.

The pressure of other games, including the doubles final, made it impossible for the Y Handicap Final to be played and the event was shared between Robert Prichard and Miss Hickson.

As in most tournaments some play was exciting and adventurous, some was steady and accurate and some was rather dull. One particularly brave bit of work was done by Miss Joly, one of the strong Irish contingent. She ran 4-back with her opponent's balls in the 1st and 3rd corners and managed to collect both of them before the end of her turn and the lift.

The Tournament ended with the presentation of trophies and prizes by Mrs. Daniels, the Club's President, who delivered a characteristically witty speech.

Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Chittenden who managed the week's play most capably, combining efficiency with kindness, patience and good humour. She even found time to take part in the Handicap Doubles in partnership with Mrs. Temple.

Thanks also to Col. Wheeler and the groundsman for having the grounds and lawns in such immaculate condition for the tournament. A word of thanks to all the patient referees who without complaint gave decisions and watched doubtful shots, particularly to Mr. Pugh and to Col. Prichard, who had been prevented by his unfortunate accident from taking a more active part in the play.

A richly deserved thank-you to the many ladies who provided refreshments each day, in particular to Miss Armstrong who organised lunches and to Miss Sessions in charge of teas.

Finally, thanks to Mrs. Mathews the Tournament Secretary, for all her helpfulness.

CHELTENHAM

Open Singles. Draw.

First Round

Miss F. I. Joly beat C. H. L. Prichard +15
P. W. Elmes beat Lady G. Fitzgerald +4

Second Round

Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat Miss Plume +3
P. Newton beat T. O. Read +26
P. W. Hands beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +2
Col. G. T. Wheeler beat Miss Joly +17
P. W. Elmes w/o Opp. Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard scr.
E. H. S. Shelton beat Mrs. A. M. Daniels +10
H. S. Clemons beat Dr. A. L. Yoxall +24
R. O. B. Whittington beat Mrs. M. C. Elvey +9

Third Round

Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat P. Newton +4
P. W. Hands beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +16
H. S. Clemons beat R. O. B. Whittington +16
P. W. Elmes beat E. H. S. Shelton +18

Semi-Final

Hands beat Miss Sessions +11
Clemons beat Elmes +14

Final

Hands beat Clemons +14

Open Singles. Process.

First Round

R. O. B. Whittington beat Miss Plume +8
Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey +15

Second Round

H. S. Clemons beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +19
P. W. Elmes beat P. Newton +13
P. W. Hands beat E. H. S. Shelton +11
Miss F. I. Joly beat R. O. B. Whittington +2
Dr. A. L. Yoxall beat C. H. L. Prichard +9
T. O. Read w/o Opp. Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard scr.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +4
Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat Lady G. Fitzgerald +18

Third Round

H. S. Clemons beat P. W. Elmes +19
P. W. Hands beat Miss F. I. Joly +6
T. O. Read beat Dr. A. L. Yoxall +
Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat Mrs. A. M. Daniels +9

Semi-Final

H. S. Clemons beat P. W. Hands +11
T. O. Read beat Miss Sessions +3

Final

T. O. Read beat H. S. Clemons +14

Play-off

P. W. Hands beat T. O. Read +2

Open Singles. Class B.

First Round

Mrs. R. A. Lewty beat Miss E. M. Brumpton +4

Second Round

Mrs. H. M. Read beat Mrs. N. E. Wallwork +16
Miss K. D. Hickson beat Mrs. D. J. Yoxall +4
Rev. W. E. Gladstone beat Mrs. E. M. Temple +5
Mrs. R. A. Lewty beat R. D. C. Prichard +1
W. de B. Prichard beat Miss R. M. Allen +21
Dr. T. E. Ryves w/o (opp. scratched)
Miss C. Brumpton beat H. M. Read +6
D. M. Anderson beat F. E. Pearson +22

Third Round

Miss Hickson beat Mrs. Read +6
Rev. Gladstone beat Mrs. Lewty +1
W. de B. Prichard beat Dr. Ryves +21
Anderson beat Miss C. Brumpton +4

Semi-Final

Gladstone beat Hickson +4
Anderson beat Prichard +1

Final

Anderson beat Gladstone +14

Handicap Singles. 6½ bisques and over.

First Round

Miss C. Hague (12) beat Mrs. K. Lowein (13) +1 on time
N. Williams (10) beat Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +4
Mrs. P. Newton (11) beat Miss H. McKean (10) +7
Mrs. F. E. Pearson (10) beat R. A. Lewty (10) +6

Second Round

W. J. Sturdy (6½) beat Rev. C. H. Townshend (7) +5
N. Williams beat Miss Hague +4
Mrs. Newton beat Mrs. Pearson +11
Mrs. G. H. Wood (6½) beat Miss W. K. Allardyce (8) +6

Semi-Final

Sturdy beat Williams +13
Mrs. Wood beat Mrs. Newton +3

Final

Sturdy beat Mrs. Wood +12

Open Handicap Singles.

First Round

N. Williams (10) w/o Opponent retired
H. S. Clemons (-2) beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone (4) +14
Mrs. N. C. Elvey (-½) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (-½) +12
P. W. Hands (0) beat Miss F. I. Joly (1½) +15
Miss E. M. Brumpton (4½) beat Miss K. D. Hickson (3) +5
F. E. Pearson (5) beat W. J. Sturdy (6½) +17
H. M. Read (5) beat Miss R. M. Allen (3½) +10
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4½) beat Mrs. P. Newton (11) +4
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (½) beat W. de B. Prichard (2) +15
P. Newton (-½) beat R. A. Lewty (10) +17
Miss C. Hague (12) beat R. D. C. Prichard (3½) +17
Miss Plume (1½) beat Miss H. McKean (10) +12
Mrs. R. A. Lewty (3½) beat Lady G. Fitzgerald (2) +14
D. M. Anderson (2½) beat Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) +16

Second Round

Mrs. D. J. Yoxall (5) beat Rev. C. H. Townshend (7) +4
E. H. S. Shelton (-½) beat Mrs. H. M. Read (3) +4
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (½) beat C. H. L. Prichard (1½) +11
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (1) beat T. O. Read (0) +2
Mrs. G. H. Wood (6½) beat N. Williams +7
H. S. Clemons beat Mrs. Elvey +25
P. W. Hands beat Miss E. M. Brumpton +8
F. E. Pearson beat H. M. Read +10
Mrs. Wallwork beat Mrs. Daniels +3
P. Newton beat Miss Hague +13
Miss Plume beat Mrs. Lewty +16
P. W. Elmes (½) beat D. M. Anderson +14
Mrs. K. Lowein (13) w/o Opponent scratched
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) beat Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) +16
R. O. B. Whittington (½) beat Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +15
Miss W. K. Allardyce (8) beat Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) +15

Third Round

E. H. S. Shelton beat Mrs. Yoxall +1
Dr. A. L. Yoxall beat Mrs. McMillan +15
Mrs. Wood beat H. S. Clemons +6
P. W. Hands beat F. E. Pearson +15
P. Newton beat Mrs. Wallwork +18
P. W. Elmes beat Miss Plume +12
Miss Sessions beat Mrs. Lowein +12
R. O. B. Whittington beat Miss Allardyce +23

Fourth Round

Dr. Yoxall beat E. H. S. Shelton +26
P. W. Hands beat Mrs. Wood +18
P. W. Elmes beat P. Newton +14
R. O. B. Whittington beat Miss Sessions +9

Semi-Final

P. W. Hands beat Dr. Yoxall +25
R. O. B. Whittington beat P. W. Elmes +7

Final

P. W. Hands beat R. O. B. Whittington +15

Handicap Singles. Y.

First Round

Rev. W. E. Gladstone (4) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (-½) +4
Miss K. D. Hickson (3) beat Miss F. I. Joly (1) +9
Miss R. M. Allen (3½) beat W. J. Sturdy (6½) +17
W. de B. Prichard (2) beat Mrs. P. Newton (11) +5
R. D. C. Prichard (3½) beat R. A. Lewty (10) +14
Lady Fitzgerald (2) beat Miss M. McKean (10) +14

Second Round

Mrs. H. M. Read (3) beat Rev. C. H. Townshend (7) +13
C. H. L. Prichard (1½) beat T. O. Read (0) +10
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (4) beat N. Williams (10) +20
Miss Hickson beat Miss Allen +17
R. D. C. Prichard beat W. de B. Prichard +11
Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) beat Lady Fitzgerald (2) +14
Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) beat Mrs. K. Lowein (13) +16
Miss M. M. Taylor (4) w/o (opponent scratched)

Third Round

Mrs. H. M. Read beat C. H. L. Prichard +10
Miss Hickson w/o (opponent scratched)
R. D. C. Prichard beat Mrs. E. M. Temple +14
Miss M. M. Taylor beat Miss E. C. Brumpton +4

Semi-Final

Miss Hickson beat Mrs. Read +2
R. D. C. Prichard beat Miss Taylor +15

Final

Miss Hickson and R. D. C. Prichard shared.

Handicap Doubles

First Round

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (5½) beat Miss E. M. Brumpton and Miss E. C. Brumpton (8½) +13
R. A. Lewty and Mrs. Lewty (13½) beat P. W. Elmes and Mrs. K. Lowein (13½) +3 (on time)

Nine

Lady Fitzgerald and Miss Joly (3½) beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey and Miss C. Hague (9½) +18
 Miss Plume and Mrs. W. de B. Prichard (3½) beat Dr. T. E. Ryves and Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) +14
 Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Temple (3) beat H. S. Clemons and W. J. Sturdy (4½) +4

Second Round

R. D. Prichard and C. H. L. Prichard (5) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler and Neal Williams (7½) +8
 Miss K. M. O. Sessions and Mrs. P. Newton (8) beat Rev. C. H. Townshend and Miss M. M. Taylor (14) +8
 Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. Yoxall (5½) beat Mrs. N. E. Wallwork and Mrs. G. H. Wood (11) +3

Lady Fitzgerald and Miss Joly beat Mr. R. A. Lewty and Mrs. Lewty +3 (on time)
 Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Temple beat Miss Plume and W. de B. Prichard +5
 E. H. Shelton and Mrs. Daniels (0) beat P. Newton and Miss K. D. Hickson (2½) +20
 T. O. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read (3) beat F. E. Pearson and Mrs. Pearson (15) +8
 R. O. B. Whittington and Rev. W. E. Gladstone (4½) beat P. W. Hands and Mrs. McMillan (1) +6

Third Round

R. D. C. Prichard and C. H. L. Prichard beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions and Mrs. Newton +10
 Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. Yoxall beat Lady Fitzgerald and Miss Joly +1
 E. H. Shelton and Mrs. Daniels beat Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Temple +18
 R. O. B. Whittington and Rev. Gladstone beat T. O. Read and Mrs. H. L. Read +12

Semi-Final

R. D. C. Prichard and C. H. L. Prichard beat Dr. and Mrs. Yoxall +5
 R. O. B. Whittington and Rev. Gladstone beat E. H. Shelton and Mrs. Daniels +16

Final

R. O. B. Whittington and Rev. Gladstone beat R. D. C. Prichard and C. H. L. Prichard +3

COLCHESTER TOURNAMENT

A good quota of younger players, plus a few others making their first appearance at Colchester, gave this tournament a sparkle as well as a number of exciting finishes. One outcome of the event must be the advent of two or three players in the minus class.

In the Open Singles the Final of Draw was won by Michael Heap from Roland Price and that of Process by Bryan Lloyd-Pratt opposed by Roger Bray. The Play-off went to Heap by 1 point after a remarkable display of concentration. Lloyd-Pratt appeared to have the game safely in hand when, with Heap's clips both on early hoops, he could peg out only one of his balls. From the lift shot Heap hit the ball waiting by the peg and, thereafter, seldom allowed the cat to see either of the mice. A fine achievement for a player having no great experience in Open Singles!

By the same margin (one point) Heap lost the Final of the "X" Handicap Singles to Gordon Hopewell, who had to give a half-bisque, after a fluctuating game containing much good play.

Bray and Bromley-Fox beat Martin Bushnell and Hopewell in the Final of the Handicap Doubles, Bray peeling his partner from 2-back to Rover and, leaving his partner's ball in the jaws of Rover with two bisques in hand, proceeded to peg out one adversary ball and his own.

Under the management of Edward Duffield time was found for an extra event and no less than 75 games were decided on the four excellent courts. Delectable lunches were provided by lady members, adding pleasure to a good tournament played under reasonable weather conditions.

Mrs. Kenneth Paterson presented the prizes and, to the winner of the main handicap, a much admired new trophy generously presented to the club by Mrs. Walter Franklin and her family for annual competition and to perpetuate the memory of one of its keenest supporters.

Open Singles. Draw.

First Round

E. Whitehead beat Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon +11
 G. F. Hallett beat K. H. Paterson +4
 B. Lloyd-Pratt beat Dr. R. W. Bray +26
 M. J. Bushnell beat C. S. Ratcliffe +7
 C. G. Hopewell beat Capt. H. F. Nalder +21
 R. K. Price beat Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +12

Second Round

M. E. W. Heap beat E. Whitehead +17
 B. Lloyd-Pratt beat G. F. Hallett +18
 C. G. Hopewell beat M. J. Bushnell +21
 R. K. Price beat Miss H. D. Parker +7

Semi-Final

M. E. W. Heap beat B. Lloyd Pratt +2
 R. K. Price beat C. G. Hopewell +22

Final

M. E. W. Heap beat R. K. Price +6

Open Singles. Process.

First Round

M. E. W. Heap beat C. S. Ratcliffe +4
 R. K. Price beat K. H. Paterson +22
 C. G. Hopewell beat E. Whitehead +9
 Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon beat Capt. H. F. Nalder +7
 Dr. R. W. Bray beat Miss H. D. Parker +26
 Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat G. F. Hallett +12

Second Round

R. K. Price beat M. E. W. Heap +19
 B. Lloyd-Pratt beat C. G. Hopewell +12
 Dr. R. W. Bray beat Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon +25
 M. J. Bushnell beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +26

Semi-Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt beat R. K. Price +26
 Dr. R. W. Bray beat M. J. Bushnell +10

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt beat Dr. R. W. Bray +15

Play-off

M. E. W. Heap beat B. Lloyd Pratt +1

Handicap Singles. "X"

M. E. W. Heap (*1) beat G. F. Hallett (*3) +7
 C. L. Robertson (9) beat M. J. Bushnell (-1) +11
 Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (6½) beat K. H. Paterson (4) +11
 Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (½) beat E. Whitehead (2) +16
 R. K. Price (*0) beat B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) +19

Second Round

C. S. Ratcliffe (3½) beat Captain H. F. Nalder (3) +1 (on time)
 Dr. R. W. Bray (-2½) beat Mrs. E. E. Clark (8) +19
 M. E. W. Heap (*1) W.O. F. E. M. Puxon (7) opp. scr.
 Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (6½) beat C. L. Robertson (9) +9
 R. K. Price (*0) beat Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (½) +14
 Miss H. D. Parker (2½) beat Mrs. H. F. Nalder (8) +2 (on time)
 Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (10) beat J. S. Barker (*7) +7
 C. G. Hopewell (½) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +14

Third Round

C. S. Ratcliffe (3½) beat Dr. R. W. Bray (-2½) +16
 M. E. W. Heap (*1) beat Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (6½) +12
 R. K. Price (*0) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +12
 C. G. Hopewell (½) beat Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (10) +8

Semi-Final

M. E. W. Heap (*1) beat C. S. Ratcliffe (3½) +16
 C. G. Hopewell (½) beat R. K. Price (*0) +5

Final

C. G. Hopewell (½) beat M. E. W. Heap (*1) +1

Handicap Singles. "Y"

First Round

G. F. Hallett (*3) w/o F. E. M. Puxon (7) (opp. scr.)
 K. H. Paterson (4) beat M. J. Bushnell (-1) +10
 B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) beat E. Whitehead (2) +1

Second Round

Mrs. E. E. Clark (8) beat Capt H. F. Nalder (3) +12
 G. F. Hallett (*3) beat K. H. Paterson (4) +18
 Mrs. H. F. Nalder (8) beat B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) (opp. ret. on peg)
 J. S. Barker (*7) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +22

Semi-Final

G. F. Hallett (*3) beat Mrs. E. E. Clark (8) +8
 J. S. Barker (*7) beat Mrs. H. F. Nalder (8) +2

Final

G. F. Hallett (*3) beat J. S. Barker (*7) +8

Handicap Doubles (unrestricted). (Final excepted)

First Round

E. Whitehead and Miss H. D. Parker (4½) beat K. H. Paterson and J. S. Barker (11) +2
 Dr. R. W. Bray and Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (7½) beat M. E. W. Heap and Mrs. G. S. Digby (15) +2
 G. F. Hallett and Miss M. Palmer (11) beat B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (3½) +14
 Brig. A. F. G. Forbes and F. E. M. Puxon (7½) beat R. K. Price and Mrs. E. E. Clark (8) +2

Second Round

C. L. Robertson and Mrs. H. F. Nalder (17) beat Capt. H. F. Nalder and C. S. Ratcliffe (6½) +12
 Dr. R. W. Bray and Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (7½) beat E. Whitehead and Miss H. D. Parker (4½) +9
 Brig. A. F. G. Forbes and F. E. M. Puxon (7½) beat G. F. Hallett and Miss M. Palmer (11) +3
 M. J. Bushnell and C. G. Hopewell (-½) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork and Miss M. E. Day (18) +3

Semi-Final

Dr. R. W. Bray and Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (7½) beat C. L. Robertson and Mrs. H. F. Nalder (17) +9.

M. J. Bushnell and C. G. Hopewell (-½) beat Brig. A. F. G. Forbes and F. E. M. Puxon (7½) +2

Final

Dr. R. W. Bray and Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (7½) beat M. J. Bushnell and C. G. Hopewell (½) +4

HURLINGHAM

Rarely have such continuously depressing weather conditions been experienced during the first week of this popular metropolitan tournament as was the lot of the competitors this year. In paying our customary but none the less appreciative thanks to Tony Roper for his management, we must add our sympathy to him for his having to preside in such dismal circumstances. Without the assistance of Nancy Skempton who has been to hand during the last few years, the manager had an extra load to carry but remained unruffled to the end.

The score sheets must largely speak for themselves since space does not permit of a detailed description of the eight events. It was good to see Patrick Cotter playing up to his best form, which had hitherto largely eluded him this season. Bryan Lloyd-Pratt lived dangerously in a number of his games and seemed to thrive on single-figure victories. Dr. Bray had a good tournament, winning the big handicap, carrying off the Open and successfully catching the eyes of the selectors for the Test Tour.

Mrs. Sundius-Smith has come on so well this past year that it was no surprise see her winning the Turner Cup. A strange feature of her final was that although the margin was the full 26 points the game continued for well over two hours. Two newcomers to Hurlingham contested the final of the Younger Cup, Nichols just prevailing over the cloth although well behind for most of the game.

General Davidson has taken on a new lease of life this season, having reached the area finals of the All England handicap and winning the Longworth Cup in the present tournament. He was indeed favoured by a series of scratched opponents and then had a nail-biting final against Miss Anderson.

Turning to the three doubles events, Bryan Lloyd Pratt came to the fore in winning two—the Mixed Opens in the company of Mrs. Rotherham and the Men's Handicap, where he was sustained by our President in a popular success. Ian Baillieu and Mrs. Sundius-Smith who reached the Mixed Open final are becoming a formidable combination. One game in the Men's Handicap Doubles must have pleased the manager—that in which Prichard and Hallett pulverised their opponents in under the hour.

Miss Lintern seems to have been winning the Ladies' Candlesticks on and off for years past with a succession of partners, and this year she had Mrs. Neal as the other half of what proved a successful pair. It was indeed Mrs. Neal who made the crucial turn both in the final and semi-final when time had virtually run out.

Competitors missed the genial presence of Col. Hayward, who retired as Games Manager of Hurlingham last year, but they were pleased to make acquaintance with Commander Jenkins and are no doubt already looking forward to next year's visit in better climatic conditions.

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Draw

Event No. 1. 22 entries.

First Round

E. P. C. Cotter beat Miss D. A. Lintern +16
 J. W. Simon beat B. G. Perry +16
 H. S. Clemons beat J. B. Gilbert +9 on time
 R. A. Godby beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +20.
 B. Lloyd-Pratt beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +1
 Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Cdr. G. Borrett +11

Second Round

J. G. Warwick beat G. W. Williams +2
 R. O. Hicks beat A. D. Karmel +15
 S. P. C. Cotter beat C. J. Hopewell +22
 H. S. Clemons beat J. W. Simon +14
 B. Lloyd-Pratt beat R. A. Godby +4
 Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. W. Longman +23
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Miss E. J. Warwick +9
 R. W. Bray beat Col. D. W. Beamish +16

Third Round

R. O. Hicks beat J. G. Warwick +6
 E. P. C. Cotter beat H. S. Clemons +23
 B. Lloyd-Pratt beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +3
 R. W. Bray beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +19

Semi-Final

E. P. C. Cotter beat R. O. Hicks +6
 B. Lloyd-Pratt beat R. W. Bray +4

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt beat E. P. C. Cotter +7

Play-off

B. Lloyd-Pratt v. R. W. Bray. R. W. Bray won by 17.

Process

Miss E. J. Warwick beat A. D. Karmel +12
 R. W. Bray beat C. G. Hopewell +3
 G. W. Williams beat Cdr. G. Borrett +11
 R. O. Hicks beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +9
 E. P. C. Cotter beat Col. D. W. Beamish +19
 J. G. Warwick beat Mrs. W. Longman +13

Second Round

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat Miss D. A. Lintern +25
 Miss E. J. Warwick beat H. S. Clemons +2
 R. W. Bray beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +12
 J. W. Simon beat G. W. Williams +26
 B. G. Perry beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +6
 R. A. Godby beat R. O. Hicks +1
 E. P. C. Cotter beat B. Lloyd-Pratt +9
 J. G. Warwick beat J. B. Gilbert +16

Third Round

Miss E. J. Warwick beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +13
 R. W. Bray beat J. W. Simon +16
 B. G. Perry beat R. A. Godby +6
 E. P. C. Cotter beat J. G. Warwick +26

Semi-Final

R. W. Bray beat Miss E. J. Warwick +16
 E. P. C. Cotter beat B. G. Perry +4

Final

R. W. Bray beat E. P. C. Cotter +20

Turner Cup

Advanced Play (Scratch and over)

Event No. 2. 18 entries

First Round

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat I. C. Baillieu +11
 Mrs. N. A. McMillan beat C. H. L. Prichard +8

Second Round

M. F. Boller beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon +1 on time
 Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +2 on time
 J. N. Robinson beat M. B. Reckitt +22

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (opp. scratched)
 H. B. H. Carlisle beat Mrs. N. A. McMillan +22
 Miss B. Duthie beat Dr. R. B. N. Smartt +9
 R. O. Havery beat Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt +13
 Lady Ursula Abbey beat P. L. Gifford-Nash +1

Third Round

Mr. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat M. F. Butler +22
 J. N. Robinson beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +3
 Miss B. Duthie beat H. B. H. Carlisle +1 on time
 R. O. Havery beat Lady Ursula Abbey +2 on time

Semi-Final

Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat J. N. Robinson +8
 R. O. Havery beat Miss B. Duthie +24

Final

Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat R. O. Havery +26

Open Doubles

Event No. 3. 14 entries

First Round

I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick +4 on time
 J. W. Simon and Mrs. G. W. Solomon beat J. B. Gilbert and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +16
 R. W. Bray and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt beat P. L. Gifford-Nash and Miss M. Bryan +13
 B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Cdr. G. Borrett and Miss M. G. Anderson +16
 B. G. Perry and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +10
 R. A. Godby and Miss B. Duthie beat B. G. Neal and Miss D. A. Lintern +5

Second Round

I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat H. S. Clemons and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +14
 J. W. Simon and Mrs. G. W. Solomon beat R. A. Bray and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt +20
 B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham beat B. G. Perry and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +8
 Col. D. W. Beamish and Mrs. W. Longman beat R. A. Godby and Miss B. Duthie +14

Semi-Final

I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat J. W. Simon and Mrs. G. W. Solomon +4 on time
 B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Col. D. W. Beamish and Mrs. W. Longman +21

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham beat I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith +4

Younger Cup
Level Play (3 bisques and over)
Event No. 4. 11 entries

First Round

D. A. Wilson beat Prof. A. W. S. Kempton +9
G. F. Hallett w/o Mrs. S. M. Adler (opp. scratched)
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson beat Miss M. Bryan +8 on time

Second Round

D. I. Nichols beat D. M. Horne +22
D. A. Wilson beat G. F. Hallett +12
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson beat Major J. M. Rivington +7
Rev. J. E. Andrews beat Maj.-Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden +1

Semi-Final

D. I. Nichols beat D. A. Wilson +17
Rev. J. E. Andrews beat Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson +17

Final

D. I. Nichols beat Rev. J. E. Andrews +10

Longworth Cup
Handicap (6 bisques and over)
Event No. 5. 7 entries

First Round

Miss M. G. Anderson (7½) beat Mrs. B. G. Neal (11) +1 on time
Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (14) beat Mrs. P. L. Gifford-Nash (14) +5
Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) w/o J. Blair (6) (opp. scratched)

Semi-Final

Miss M. G. Anderson (7½) beat Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (14) +1 on time
Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) w/o E. J. Bromley-Fox (10) (opp. scratched)

Final

Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) beat Miss M. G. Anderson (7½) +2

Ladies' Field Candlesticks
Handicap
Event No. 7. 7 entries

First Round

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (11) beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot and Miss B. Duthie (2) +12
Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (2) beat Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-1) +19
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (½) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (-2) +3
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. B. G. Neal (10) beat Miss M. Bryan and Miss M. J. Anderson (13½) +6 on time

Semi-Final

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (11) beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (2) +10
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. B. G. Neal (10) beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (½) +1

Final

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. B. J. Neal (10) beat Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (11) +5

Men's Doubles
Handicap
Event No. 8. 16 entries

First Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt and M. B. Reckitt (-1) beat A. D. Karmel and E. A. Roper (-1) +8
R. O. Hicks and J. N. Robinson (-½) beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and D. A. Wilson (1) +1
C. G. Hopewell and D. I. Nichols (3½) beat J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (2) +6
I. C. Baillieu and A. W. Skempton (4) beat B. G. Perry and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (-2) +21
J. W. Simon and J. Fletcher (9) beat P. L. Gifford-Nash and H. B. H. Carlisle (5) +7
Cdr. G. Borrett and R. O. Havery (1) beat H. S. Clemons and Brig. Rev. A. F. J. Forbes (-1½) +1
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and G. F. Hallett (1½) beat R. W. Bray and C. H. L. Prichard (-1) +14
Col. D. W. Beamish and M. F. Boller (-1) beat R. A. Godby and Maj.-Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (2½) +1

Second Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt and M. B. Reckitt (-1) beat R. O. Hicks and J. N. Robinson (-½) +14
I. C. Baillieu and A. W. Skempton (4) beat C. J. Hopewell and D. I. Nichols (3½) +19
Cdr. G. Borrett and R. O. Havery (1) beat J. W. Simon and J. Fletcher (9) +17
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and G. F. Hallett (1½) beat Col. D. W. Beamish and M. F. Boller (-1) +16

Semi-Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt and M. B. Reckitt (-1) beat I. C. Baillieu and A. W. Skempton (4) +12
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and G. F. Hallett (1½) beat Cdr. G. Borrett and R. O. Havery (1) +13

Twelve

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt and M. B. Reckitt (-1) beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and G. F. Hallett (1½) +16

Handicap Singles
52 entries

First Round

M. F. Boller (½) beat Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (14) +9 on time
Brig. Rev. A. F. J. Forbes (½) beat Mrs. B. G. Neal (11) +13
Maj.-Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (3½) beat J. B. Gilbert (-1) +24
Miss B. Duthie (1½) beat Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) +6
J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Mrs. W. Longman (-½) +14
C. H. L. Prichard (1½) beat R. O. Hicks (-1½) +1
I. C. Baillieu (1) beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-½) +12
Dr. R. W. Bray (-2½) beat M. B. Reckitt (2) +8
Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) +17
Cdr. G. Borrett (-1½) beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +25
H. S. Clemons (-2) beat A. D. Karmel (-1) +19
Miss D. A. Lintern (1) beat Rev. J. E. Andrews (3½) +3 on time
D. I. Nichols (4) beat Miss M. Bryan (6) +5 on time
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (2½) beat D. A. Wilson (4½) +3
J. W. Simon (-3) beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (1) +3
D. M. Horne (5) beat R. O. Havery (2½) +18
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) beat J. N. Robinson (1) +3
R. A. Godby (-1) beat G. F. Hallett (3) +6
Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) w/o E. J. Bromley-Fox (10) (opp. scratched)
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) w/o Mrs. S. M. Adler (5) (opp. scratched)

Second Round

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) beat Major J. M. Rivington (4) +17
P. L. Gifford-Nash (2½) w/o Lady Ursula Abbey (2) (opp. scratched)
Miss M. G. Anderson (7½) beat Prof. A. W. Skempton (3) +11
Brig. Rev. A. F. J. Forbes (½) beat M. F. Boller (½) +21
Maj.-Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (3½) beat Miss B. Duthie (1½) +15
C. H. L. Prichard (1½) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) +26
Dr. R. W. Bray (-2½) beat I. C. Baillieu (1) +19
Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat Cdr. G. Borrett (-1½) +12
H. S. Clemons (-2) beat Miss D. A. Lintern (1) +3
D. I. Nichols (4) beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) +4
J. W. Simon (-3) w/o D. M. Horne (5) (opp. scratched)
R. A. Godby (-1) w/o B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) (opp. ret. on peg)
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) beat Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) +3 on time
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½) beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (1) +7
H. B. H. Carlisle (2½) beat G. W. Williams (-1) +13
C. G. Hopewell (-½) beat Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (1) +8

Third Round

P. L. Gifford-Nash (2½) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) +8
Brig. Rev. A. F. J. Forbes (½) beat Miss M. G. Anderson (7½) +17
C. H. L. Prichard (1½) beat Maj.-Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (3½) +3
Dr. R. W. Bray (-2½) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +24
H. S. Clemons (-2) beat D. I. Nichols (4) +10
J. W. Simon (-3) beat R. A. Godby (-1) +15
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½) beat Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) +20
H. B. H. Carlisle (2½) beat C. G. Hopewell (-½) +8

Fourth Round

Brig. Rev. A. F. J. Forbes (½) beat P. L. Gifford-Nash (2½) +11
R. W. Bray (-2½) beat C. H. L. Prichard (1½) +10
J. W. Simon (-3) beat H. S. Clemons (-2) +19
H. B. H. Carlisle (2½) beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½) +24

Semi-Final

R. W. Bray (-2½) beat Brig. Rev. A. F. J. Forbes (½) +6
J. W. Simon (-3) beat H. B. H. Carlisle (2½) +5

Final

R. W. Bray (-2½) beat J. W. Simon (-3) +26

First Round

Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (14) beat Mrs. B. G. Neal (11) +13
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) beat J. B. Gilbert (-1) +24
R. O. Hicks (-1½) beat Mrs. W. Longman (-½) +16
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-½) beat M. B. Reckitt (2) +11
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +4
Rev. J. E. Andrews (3½) beat A. D. Karmel (-1) +21
Miss M. Bryan (6) beat D. A. Wilson (4½) +1 on time
R. O. Havery (2½) w/o Mrs. E. Peel (1) (opp. scratched)
G. F. Hallett (3) beat J. N. Robinson (1) +16
E. J. Bromley Fox (10) beat Mrs. S. M. Adler (5) (both scratched)

Second Round

Major J. N. Rivington (4) w/o Lady Ursula Abbey (2) (opp. scratched)
Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (14) beat A. W. Skempton (3) +3 on time
R. O. Hicks (-1½) w/o Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) (opp. scratched)
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-½) beat Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) +7
Rev. J. E. Andrews (3½) beat Miss M. Bryan (6) +14
G. F. Hallett (3) beat R. O. Havery (2½) +22
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (1) w/o Bromley Fox and Adler (opp. scratched)

THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

When he was a small boy your reporter was taken to see Maske-lyne and Devant at St. George's Hall, and this week he came away with well-remembered sensations. It seemed just magic again, but this can't be explained away by "Its all done with mirrors." It is, however, perhaps a comforting thought for aspiring President's Cup players that they need no longer worry about which lift shot is liable to leave the easiest triple. "Them days is gorn," as the old song had it. All one gets now with the lay up for the sextuple peel is a choice between a suicidal long shot and a more lingering death in third corner.

Still, the sextuple has yet to be achieved in a championship—there's still something to aim for. But how narrowly it failed. John Solomon in his match against Gilbert (who very nearly won the first game), despite a most unco-operative Yellow which refused once once at 2 back and three times at 3 back so that he was reduced to completing his sextuple with a straight quadruple, only failed because he couldn't get a decent position for the rover peel; and Keith Wylie in the final against William Ormerod was making it all look utterly simple when an unkind roll in the rover peel shot put the hoop out of the question for his own ball.

In an earlier match against Neal, who was for 4 back and peg, he made the first four peels but failed at penultimate, so he went on and pegged out his opponent instead.

In comparison with these games some of the others were dull, but there were plenty of excitements to be found. Joan Warwick's first game, against Mrs. Lightfoot who beat her in the final last year, must have shortened both their lives. Either could have won—both made some magnificent last-ditch roquets—and the match finished with only two balls on court.

In the match between Patrick Cotter and Bill Perry, Cotter won the first game but Perry got a flying start in the second and had both clips on the peg before Cotter had started. Alas, he missed with the front ball, pegged out the other, but Cotter lifted to a ball just out of baulk and got round to the peg with both balls and only himself to miss with the front ball, whereupon Perry hit from the boundary to win the game.

In the decider almost exactly the same thing happened. Perry got two balls round and missed with the front one and Cotter got in and started to catch up but didn't get quite so far before Perry managed a long shot again.

In his next match Perry decided not to risk a longish peg-out and retreated virtuously to a far corner, whereupon his opponent—Bray—hit in from corner to corner and won with a beautiful triple peel.

So much for virtue!

Has a player in a championship ever after achieving a quadruple peel in the first game then lost the match? This happened to Aspinall against O'Connor in the first round. It certainly speaks volumes for the latter's determination. Many players after losing the first game to a confident quadruple peel would lose hope also.

It could be argued that to have to try a straight triple was an indication of earlier bad play, or at least bad luck, but Edgar Jackson wouldn't claim that John Bolton played badly against him. Bolton beat him in the Du Pre Cup by 26, finishing with a straight triple. Jackson never took croquet!

Bolton also brought off a spectacular finish in the final of this event against Hamilton-Miller. (Does it happen often that two President's Cup winners meet in this match?) With his Red clip on the peg and Yellow for rover he failed to get a good rush on Red to rover so took off to Black in fourth corner but again failed to get a rush. Nothing daunted he took off to Blue in second corner, but not surprisingly again had no rush so he took off from the corner to rover, ran a long hoop down to the south boundary, roqueted Black in fourth corner and took off to Red to peg out.

The ladies seemed always to be beating each other, which sounds impossible but their Championship was played by draw and process, an innovation by no means universally popular. Nevertheless it served to show how the general standard among the ladies has levelled up in the last year or two. A proper Ladies' Eight this year would surely prove a very close-run thing, and he would be a bold man who would with confidence predict the winner.

Some of the shooting seen by your reporter in some of the ladies' matches was superb, but none equalled the display by Edgar Jackson in the first round of the Mixed Doubles. It is credibly reported that he didn't miss a single roquet of over five yards. Fortunately for

his opponents he got an attack of hoopitis in the middle of the game which allowed them—Cdr. Borrett and Mrs. Chittenden—to win a close match. They then went on to play and beat Bray and Mrs. McMillan, in the course of which game Borrett achieved a personal first when, after his partner had been pegged out, he jumped a hoop to make a ten-yard roquet on his carefully-wired opponents. They say "It's tough at the top" but it's tough trying to get there too at Croquet. After Perry's match with Ormerod had lasted from 10.0 to 5.30 his doubles semi-final was put on at 5.50. He and Mrs. Sundius-Smith didn't dispose of their opponents (by 2) until nearly 9 o'clock.

When Wylie beat Solomon in the semi-finals a record fell, for it was the first time that Solomon had lost in two straight games since 1963 in New Zealand; and it was perhaps an appropriate coincidence that after Wylie had beaten Ormerod in the final (incidentally Wylie lost only one game in the whole event) there should have been observed outside the club house a luxurious motor car with the registration number WYL 1.

It is very sad to think that this is the last time these championships will be played at Roehampton, for a wonderful week was had by all, despite two very swampy courts in the first half of the week (what can have happened to the summer weather?) and a "break-in" to the changing rooms on Wednesday night. Luckily hardly anything was taken although everyone's gear was strewn all over the floor and the shaft of Leslie Webb's mallet was cracked.

Despite all the superb play many of the matches took far longer than could have been expected, but nothing disturbed the equanimity of the quite unflappable manager Derek Caporn, and all was safely gathered in by 6.30 on Saturday. Was not his almost the best performance of the week? Anyway, if the spectators get better value next week at Hurlingham it will be remarkable indeed.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round

Dr. W. P. Ormerod beat Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +23 +24
Dr. R. W. Bray beat R. O. Hicks +17 +26
B. G. Perry beat E. P. Cotter -9 +1 +11
Cdr. G. Borrett beat L. I. Webb +14 +24
J. P. R. Bolton beat M. F. Buller +17 +23
Prof. B. G. Neal beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +24 +26
T. O. Read beat G. W. Williams -18 +18 +18
K. F. Wylie beat B. Lloyd-Pratt +14 +21
D. O'Connor beat G. N. Aspinall -16 +19 +20

Second Round

G. E. P. Jackson w/o H. M. Read (opp. scratched)
Dr. W. P. Ormerod beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +26 +25
B. G. Perry beat Dr. R. W. Bray -2 +9 +3
J. P. R. Bolton beat Cdr. G. Borrett +17 +26
Prof. B. G. Neal beat T. O. Read +24 +13
K. F. Wylie beat D. O'Connor +16 +6
H. S. Clemons beat H. O. Hicks +18 +12
J. W. Solomon beat J. B. Gilbert +18

Third Round

Dr. W. P. Ormerod beat G. E. P. Jackson +5 -4 +25
B. G. Perry beat J. P. R. Bolton +26 +15
K. F. Wylie beat B. G. Neal +3 -19 +17
J. W. Solomon beat H. S. Clemons -5 +25 +15

Semi-Final

Dr. W. P. Ormerod beat B. G. Perry +15 -4 +3
K. F. Wylie beat J. W. Solomon +3 +25

Final

K. F. Wylie beat Dr. W. P. Ormerod +16 +15

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
PROCESS

First Round

Mrs. N. C. Elvey beat Mrs. W. Longman +8
Miss B. Duthie beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +18
Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe beat Mrs. A. Fotiadi +20
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat Mrs. W. Solomon +8
Miss D. A. Lintern beat Lady G. FitzGerald +9
Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +20

Thirteen

Mrs. H. M. Read beat Mrs. E. M. Speer +13
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith +7

Second Round

Miss B. Duthie beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey +5
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe +2
Miss E. J. Warwick beat Miss D. A. Lintern +16
Mrs. H. M. Read beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +9

Semi-Final

Miss B. Duthie beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +1
Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. H. M. Read +13

Final

Miss E. J. Warwick beat Miss B. Duthie +18

First Round

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +12
Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. M. A. C. McMillan +16
Mrs. A. Fotiadi beat Mrs. E. M. Speer +13
Mrs. W. Longman beat Miss D. A. Lintern +9
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon +6
Miss B. Duthie beat Lady G. FitzGerald +25
Mrs. N. C. Elvey beat Mrs. H. M. Read +8
Mrs. Neville Rolfe beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +23

Second Round

Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +2
Mrs. A. Fotiadi beat Mrs. W. Longman +18
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat Miss B. Duthie +19
Mrs. Neville Rolfe beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey +14

Semi-Final

Mrs. A. Fotiadi beat Miss E. J. Warwick +3
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat Mrs. Neville Rolfe +2

Final

Mrs. A. Fotiadi beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith +7
Play-off Winner: Miss E. J. Warwick +12.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

First Round

B. G. Perry and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat M. F. Buller and Mrs. M. Speer +21
B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. J. N. Rolfe beat Dr. O'Connor and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +2
Cmdr. G. Borrett and Mrs. Chittenden beat G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. N. C. Elvey +17
Dr. R. W. Bray and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan beat T. O. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read +13
Prof. B. G. Neal and Miss D. A. Lintern beat H. O. Hicks and Mrs. D. Fotiadi +26
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham beat T. W. Solomon and Mrs. W. Longman +22
J. P. R. Bolton and Miss B. Duthie beat L. J. Webb and Lady G. FitzGerald +7
H. S. Clemons and Mrs. G. W. Solomon beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Miss E. J. Warwick +4

Second Round

B. G. Perry and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. J. N. Rolfe +4
Cmdr. G. Borrett and Mrs. Chittenden beat Dr. R. W. Bray and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +9
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Prof. B. G. Neal and Miss D. A. Lintern +18
J. P. R. Bolton and Miss B. Duthie beat H. S. Clemons and Mrs. G. W. Solomon +10

Semi-Final

B. G. Perry and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat Cmdr. G. Borrett and Mrs. Chittenden +2
J. P. R. Bolton and Miss B. Duthie beat D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham +9

Final

J. P. R. Bolton and Miss Duthie beat B. G. Perry and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith +8

DU PRÉ CUP

First Round

J. P. R. Bolton beat Dr. R. W. Bray (opp. retired on peg)
Mrs. W. Longman beat Mrs. H. M. Read +10
B. Gilbert beat Lady G. FitzGerald +7

Second Round

R. O. Hicks beat Mrs. N. C. A. McMillan +23
G. E. P. Jackson beat Mrs. M. Speer +25
D. O'Connor beat Cmdr. G. Borrett +2

J. P. R. Bolton beat Mrs. W. Longman +16
B. Gilbert beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +11
L. J. Webb beat Mrs. D. Fotiadi +5
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller w/o H. M. Read (opp. scratched)
Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +3

Third Round

G. E. P. Jackson beat R. O. Hicks +20
J. P. R. Bolton beat D. O'Connor +12
L. J. Webb beat B. Gilbert +15
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +7

Semi-Final

J. P. R. Bolton beat G. E. P. Jackson +26
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller beat L. J. Webb +23

Final

J. P. R. Bolton beat D. J. V. Hamilton Miller +16

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 22nd-27th

Here was a Championship Week indeed! First, nearly "everybody who was anybody" was there, though one could have wished that Peter Hallett (a Doubles Champion last year), Peter Fidler, Richard Rothwell and Arthur Reed had been added to the company. Yet the entry produced what was probably the largest array of talent seen since the last war. Secondly, there was the competition within the wider competition—that for a place in the Test Team which this week must inevitably go far to settle. This gave a special piquancy to matches between those who wanted to go and could go on this tour, and those who whether they wanted to go or not, were unable to do so. The latter displayed no hesitation about embarrassing the selectors by defeating those who were clearly among their potential choices, yet on the whole these mostly contrived to survive up to the point when they began to encounter one another. Male superiority was ruthlessly exhibited from the first, and of the half-dozen ladies entered only one managed to survive to the last 16, Miss Duthie gaining a place therein by winning the last two games of her match with Robin Godby by +2 +1.

The tournament opened with a lovely sunny day (we never saw another); play produced no sensational results, but there were good wins by Lloyd-Pratt over Bill Perry, who had done so well in the previous week, by Leslie Webb over Mrs. Rotherham in a three-game match, and by Giles Borrett who won a long contest with Humphrey Hicks. But Tuesday (a horrible day, with recurrent torrents of rain despite a forecast of "dry and hot") began with a sensation indeed—Keith Wylie's **septuple** peel against Gerald Williams, which your reporter unfortunately missed but which appeared to involve more complexities than room could be found to relate in such an account as this; the dexterity and ingenuity displayed was, one heard, the marvel of all beholders.

It may be interesting to record that triple peels, though achieved as a matter of course when necessary by our artists of the courts, are "nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon"—and Wylie. Such experts as these will constantly suspend their breaks after making the sixth hoop and "set up" the position for starting a "sextuple" at one-back. Even if this is not completed (which it seldom actually is), so much peeling is done and so much advantage gained thereby that a win nearly always follows. An alternative is to leave the opponent's balls so hampered by hoops that much of the benefit of the "lift" is neutralised. It is even beginning to be whispered that the game is in danger of being made so one-sided in cases of this sort that some modification of the Laws may become necessary. But speculation of this sort has no true place in a tournament account. Let ROVER debate the matter if he will.

So far there had been only a few three-game matches, Figgis narrowly defeating Roger Hicks, and Bray overcoming some resistance from Joan Warwick displayed in the last two games. For the rest, consult the score sheets which record a number of close matches in which some of the great were seriously threatened by those of lesser fame.

In the evening of Tuesday a crucial match began between Wylie and Professor Neal. The latter is perhaps the most improved player of the year, and a thrilling struggle between these two ensued. At first Neal looked to be winning the opening game easily, but after reaching penultimate and rover he successively missed both these hoops, and Keith was allowed to make so much progress that had not Bernard hit a "last shot" he would probably have lost the game. He soon pegged out his adversary's rover (though perhaps not gaining much thereby) and after some finessing, pegged out both his balls from the yard line opposite hoop 6—a remarkable piece of accuracy. Wylie showed himself resolved to put a stop to this and had won with a perfect 26 by nightfall. But on the following afternoon (these two having been meanwhile defeated, as partners, in the Doubles) Neal in the third game at once picked up, with the aid of rushes and take-offs of consistent precision, a splendid break, and Wylie (for once) missing the lift shot, went out with a "triple".

The most dazzling performer of the previous nine days thus found himself out of the main tournament events by teatime on Wednesday, and we could not but feel ourselves the poorer for his absence from them.

Thursday morning showed the line-up for the "Last Eight" and few would have named the emerging semi-finalists with much assurance. There were no runaway victories: John Solomon won the first game against David O'Connor easily enough, but the Irish player got a chance when the reigning champion stuck (rather needlessly) in 4-back and he took it with both hands—and both balls. But with his clips on 4-back and the peg John hit the inescapable lift shot and victory was then inevitably his. Neal and Strachan (who had won a close match with Bolton) played a first game which lasted until lunch—and a late one at that. The latter appeared to be a likely winner (it was reported that he had not missed a hoop since play began on Monday), but on seeking to recover a lost innings after a failed peg out, Douglas took what some thought to be an incautious shot at Bernard's balls enabling him to pick up a good break from the 5th hoop and win by a single point. The second game displayed the professor at the height of his precise best and he won by a handsome margin. The match between Aspinall and Ormerod was a long one, caused to be so largely because of the brilliant shooting of both players. Here too what seemed to many a dangerous—not to say reckless—shot at the end of the final game decided the issue in Aspinall's favour—an encounter which all through seemed as if it might go either way. The match between Simon and Lloyd Pratt was not a very good one, both players being below their best. Simon seemed a little the steadier and avoided his opponent's error of going off the boundary on several take-offs.

There was a vague feeling abroad on the Friday morning when the semi-finalists met that "anything might happen", at least three of them appearing to be at the top of their form. The exception was Simon, recognised to have been somewhat beneath his best so far during the week. Aspinall allowed him a few chances in the first game, but in the second Simon began to exhibit his full capacity and won easily with a faultless triple. His opponent decided to vary matters with a sort of "triple in reverse" and went round to the peg leaving his partner ball in the 4th hoop and departing to a distant boundary. Some patient efforts by Simon enabled him slowly to gather ten points until a miss by him left Aspinall with a not over-long shot which, being hit, led to a break from the 5th hoop which took him into the final.

The first game between Solomon and Neal if not exactly a comedy of errors, included more of them, especially in respect of missed hoops, than one expects to see between such masters. The professor, who had had a series of strenuous contests during the week, seemed to have rather less confidence in this one than he had previously shown; nevertheless it was he who appeared to have gained the upper hand in the closing stages. A laid rush to the penultimate, his partner ball being for the peg, seemed to guarantee success for him, but the rush was under-hit, the split approach did not secure an easy hoop shot, and this was in fact missed. Solomon's ball was not far away, and he being also for the penultimate was left an easy chance to finish. The second game displayed the champion of champions at his magical best, a series of brilliant cannons took an attempted sextuple to the penultimate, and not much later he had won his usual place in the final after a "bloodless" game.

The opening moves of the final were electrifying, but space allows of no more than a summary. Aspinall went right round off the **third** ball in play, and pegged himself out—arguable tactics perhaps but they will not be argued here. Solomon hit in and soon established a good break which took him round. The game then entered upon a more or less inevitable period of stagnation during which his adversary hit only a few shots but could do little as a result. A position was reached (after John had missed several hoops) when he had reached the 6th hoop; he had then a four-hoop lead and it was thought he might well peg out his forward ball, but he preferred to persist in his, certainly effective, wiring. But at last, with his balls near the boundary behind hoop three the wiring was not quite effective and Nigel hit a magnificent shot, established a break from the 2nd hoop, and went out. The second game was one of changes and chances, but after establishing a position which seemed to establish a certainty of victory, Aspinall made two grievous errors after the triple had been successfully achieved and his grip on the championship slipped away. The third game was an impeccable 26 for Solomon and he thus scored a sixth consecutive victory in this event—an astonishing record in view of the steadily-improving quality of the competition he has had to overcome.

That any account of the Championship Doubles should have to be squeezed in at the end of this report does scant justice to the high quality of the play in many of the ties. The "old firm" of Cotter and Solomon are never likely to be excluded from the late stages of an event in which they have been victorious nine times, but they came very near to defeat in the semi-final at the hands of Humphrey Hicks and John Bolton. It would be too much to say that the younger man nursed his great veteran partner round, but Bolton played so faultlessly throughout that he provided his partner

with opportunities to play well, as he most notably did at the end of the game when it was only a disturbingly long roquet after Hicks had run a very good rover hoop which denied them victory. In the other half of the draw the old Bristolians, Aspinall and Simon, had a conclusive victory over Ormerod and Strachan, and so was renewed a repetition of the famous encounter between them and Cotter and Solomon of two years before which the younger men then so narrowly won. Their victory this year was, as the score sheets indicate, a far more conclusive one and revealed both partners at their irresistible best.

The quality of the Championship entry this year was such as to guarantee a formidable one for the Association Plate. The semi-finalists were Clemons of Tasmania, who has been playing so well over here this season, and Wylie, and Hamilton-Miller and Roger Bray. Clemons played so well that it was only a fatal slip at the end which prevented his defeat of the Men's Champion. Hamilton-Miller, who had beaten Bolton in an earlier round, had won this prize on more than one occasion in the past, but he found Bray at the top of his form and was given no chance of a third victory. The final being played on a court adjoining that on which Solomon and Aspinall were contending seemed somewhat to distract the attention of the combatants—and especially Bray—from giving a full attention to their own, but there was some brilliant peeling done by Wylie, especially in the second game of the "best of three" which was conceded to the contestants. Our Men's Champion has added one more notable name to a roll which includes those of such notable masters of the game as Duff Mathews, Miss D. D. Steel, G. L. Reckitt, Cotter, Solomon and (on three occasions) William Ormerod.

Your reporter takes it upon himself to offer a suggestion for the future that a condition in this competition should be restored from a pre-war past. Should not the 3 11/16 hoop be prescribed for an event which now displays so high a standard of play? Some support for this idea was forthcoming from a number of competitors this year, surely not without good reason.

Sociologists sometimes speak of our age as that of the Managerial Society. Certainly the microcosm of it which we call the "Croquet World" is such; without its Managers its tournaments could not exist. Our Daisy was at one time known to some of us as Magic Lintern, and throughout this sunless week she displayed her expertise to perfection with a serene and unflinching competence till all was safely gathered in at 6.15 on Saturday, a timing indicative of her foresight and skill.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

First Round

J. W. Solomon beat Mrs. W. Longman +25 +26
L. J. Webb beat Mrs. E. Rotherham -14 +11 +20
Miss B. Duthie beat R. A. Godby -17 +2 +1
D. B. O'Connor beat Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +5 +26
Prof. B. G. Neal beat J. A. Warwick +22 +23
K. F. Wylie beat G. W. Williams +16 +26
D. F. Strachan beat M. J. Bushnell +23 +18
J. P. R. Bolton beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey +26 +18
Cmdr. G. Borrett beat H. O. Hicks +9 +2
J. W. Simon beat Dr. M. Murray +7 +13
D. Figgis beat R. O. Hicks +4 -10 +8
B. Lloyd Pratt beat B. G. Perry +5 +9
G. N. Aspinall beat I. C. Baillieu +17 +20
Dr. R. W. Bray beat Miss E. J. Warwick +24 -9 +12
Dr. W. P. Ormerod beat H. S. Clemons +14 +26
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller beat E. P. C. Cotter

Second Round

J. W. Solomon beat L. J. Webb +4 +16
D. B. O'Connor beat Miss B. Duthie +26 +21
Prof. B. G. Neal beat K. F. Wylie +2 -26 +26
D. F. Strachan beat J. P. R. Bolton +4 -12 +2
J. W. Simon beat Cmdr. G. Borrett +16 +5
B. Lloyd Pratt beat P. Figgis -14 +8 +11
G. N. Aspinall beat Dr. R. W. Bray +9 +11
Dr. W. P. Ormerod beat D. J. V. Hamilton Miller +26 +23

Third Round

J. W. Solomon beat D. B. O'Connor +24 +5
Prof. B. G. Neal beat D. F. Strachan +1 +24
J. W. Simon beat B. Lloyd Pratt +17 -21 +14
G. N. Aspinall beat Dr. W. P. Ormerod +20 -17 +5

Semi-Final

J. W. Solomon beat Prof. B. G. Neal +3 +26
G. N. Aspinall beat J. W. Simon +23 -25 +20

Final

J. W. Solomon beat G. N. Aspinall -9 +5 +25

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Open Championships

First Round

B. G. Perry and R. A. Godby beat J. A. Warwick and R. O. Hicks +3

G. N. Aspinall and J. W. Simon beat Cmdr. G. Borrett and D. Figgis +22
 Dr. W. P. Ormerod and D. F. Strachan beat Prof. B. G. Neal and K. F. Wylie +8
 D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and H. S. Clemons beat Dr. R. W. Bray and Miss E. J. Warwick +11
 B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +18
 H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton beat D. B. O'Connor and L. J. Webb +5
 J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter beat Dr. M. Murray and M. J. Bushnell +10

Second Round

G. N. Aspinall and J. W. Simon beat B. G. Perry and R. A. Godby +10
 Dr. W. P. Ormerod and D. F. Strachan beat D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and H. S. Clemons +23
 H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton beat B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham +10
 J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter beat M. B. Reckitt and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +26

Semi-Final

G. N. Aspinall and J. W. Simon beat Dr. W. P. Ormerod and D. F. Strachan +26
 J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter beat H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton +5

Final

G. N. Aspinall and J. W. Simon beat J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter +25

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Association Rule

First Round

Mrs. E. Rotherham beat R. O. Hicks +2
 K. F. Wylie beat Cmdr. G. Borrett +12
 D. J. V. Hamilton Miller beat Dr. M. Murray +24
 J. P. R. Bolton beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey +25

Second Round

D. Figgis beat Mrs. W. Longman +11
 H. S. Clemons beat R. A. Godby +14
 Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat Miss B. Duthie +10
 K. F. Wylie beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +23
 D. J. V. Hamilton Miller beat J. P. R. Bolton +17
 M. J. Bushnell beat J. G. Warwick +2
 Dr. R. W. Bray beat B. G. Perry +5

Third Round

H. S. Clemons beat D. Figgis +14
 K. F. Wylie beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +15
 D. J. V. Hamilton Miller beat M. J. Bushnell +11
 Dr. R. W. Bray beat Miss E. J. Warwick +24

Semi-Final

K. F. Wylie beat H. S. Clemons +3
 Dr. R. W. Bray beat D. J. V. Hamilton Miller +25

Final

K. F. Wylie beat Dr. R. W. Bray +5 +24

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

Correction to advertisement which appeared in July issue:—
 The conditions for the FELIX CUP—Event 3(A) Restricted Handicap "XYZ" is only open to competitors with a handicap of +½ or over.

* Silver Cup presented by John Jaques Esq., for runner-up. Holder J. W. Simon.

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An AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT (Unofficial)

Will be held in the Club Grounds on Friday, September 20th, to Sunday 22nd, inclusive.
 Guaranteed minimum of five games. Additional events according to entries.

Entrance fee £1
 (Non-Associates an extra 5/- tribute)

Entries to reach the Tournament Secretary not later than first post Tuesday, September 17th.

ROEHAMPTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Will be held on Monday, 23rd September and five following days. (Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)
 COMMITTEE: The Croquet Committee of the Club.

MANAGER: Miss D. A. Lintern, assisted by the Committee.
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EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES Draw and Process. The Ranelagh Gold Cup. Entrance fee 12/6d. Holder Prof. B. G. Neal
 - 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single games. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 2½ to 7½. Entrance fee 10s. 0d. The Brooke Challenge Cup Holder J. B. Hearnshaw
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 8 bisques or more. Entrance fee 10s. 0d. Winner 1967 Mrs. J. H. Hay
- N.B.** No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.
- 4.—"X" and "Y" HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event there will be a time limit of 3 hours in accordance with Reg. 8. Entrance fee 12s. 6d. The Creyke Cups Holder "X" J. B. Hearnshaw Holder "Y" F. E. Pearson
 - 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap of not less than 5. Entrance fee 6s. 6d. each

Games start at the 5th hoop.
 Winners 1967 Prof. B. G. and Mrs. Neal

Conditions

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3, and 4 must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by the first post, Wednesday, September 18th. Entries for Event 5 close at mid-day on Tuesday, September 24th 1968. The draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18th 1968. Seven courts will be provided. If necessary some games may be played at Hurlingham Club.

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