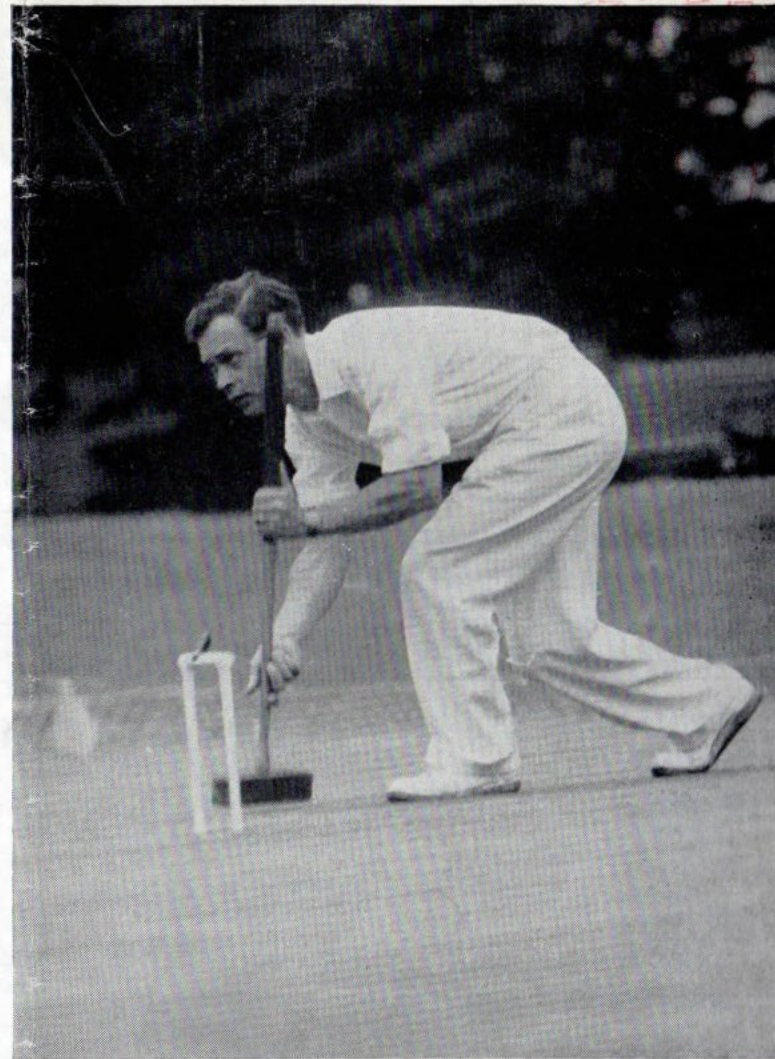


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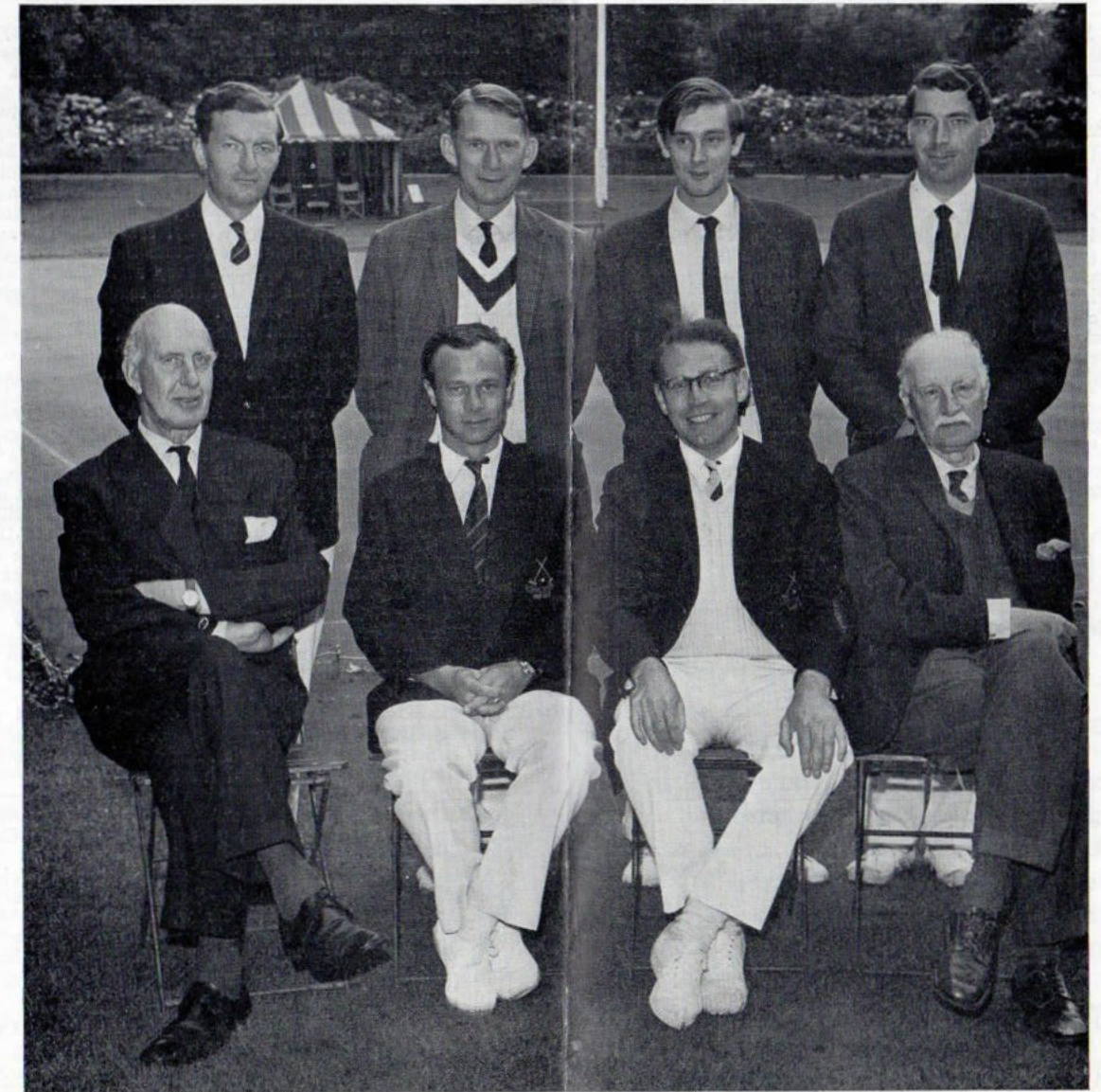
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## CHELTENHAM (AMERICAN) TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 16th-18th, 1968

Twenty-five competitors, a fine three days almost entirely free from rain, and a very enjoyable American tournament, based firstly on blocks and then a blocks-to-league-table-conversion with play-offs. Once more William Prichard distinguished himself, winning both his block and the league play-offs to become the undisputed champion.

The tournament was marred by an accident to Miss M. M. Taylor. During a game on Saturday, August 17th, whilst watching her opponent as she walked round the lawn she tripped over a tent guy rope, fell and fractured her wrist. It meant a visit to the hospital and a wrist in plaster—and then straight home. It was indeed unfortunate as she was playing very well.

### HANDICAP SINGLES

#### Block Winners.

- Block "A".—W. de B. Prichard (4 wins) (2) beat G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) +1; P. W. Elmes (0) +1; Miss M. K. A. Towers (6½) +6; Miss C. Templeton (9) +16.  
 Block "B".—W./Cdr. E. M. Smith (4 wins) (3) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) +24; J. N. Robinson (1) +13; Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +7; Miss M. D. Horton (10) +14.  
 Block "C".—Mrs. A. M. Daniels (4 wins) beat P. W. Hands (-½) +6; P. J. Cross (5) +7; Miss G. V. Pirie (7½) +13; Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (10) +10.  
 Block "D".—C. H. L. Prichard (3 wins) (1½) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (-½) +11; Mrs. D. J. Yoxall (5) +8; L. G. Ayliffe (8) +7.  
 Block "E".—Dr. A. L. Yoxall (3 wins) (0) beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) +18; Miss W. K. Allardyce (8) +12; Mrs. H. Harris (15) +11.

#### Final Block/League Play-off.

- W. de B. Prichard (2) beat Mrs. A. M. Daniels (½) +16.  
 P. J. Cross (5) beat W./Cdr. E. M. Smith (3) +10.  
 D. H. Moorcraft (4½) beat Dr. A. L. Yoxall (0) +12.  
 C. H. L. Prichard (1½) beat P. W. Elmes (0) +10.  
 L. G. Ayliffe (8) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (-½) +5.  
 G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) beat Miss W. K. Allardyce (8) +11.  
**Overall Tournament Winner.**  
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## CARRICKMINES

JUNE and AUGUST TOURNAMENTS

If the gods were to play croquet, at Carrickmines they would feel quite at home; languishing amid its terraces and hills and peace; sure of a welcome from Mary O'Reilly, the most warm-hearted manager on the circuit.

This year one of the gods (in the form of Humphrey Hicks) did in fact descend—amid Sahara dust—on the June tournament, but was so enchanted by the lulling atmosphere that he lost like a lamb to that bounciest of court jesters, David O'Connor.

Between jokes, David is a terror to Carrickmines. It is four years since his first tournament there, but only once has he lost a singles match, level or handicap, before the final. In August a 5-bisquer was so scared that, before David's second ball was in play, he had spent four of his bisques already.

David won the Irish Championship in June and the Co. Dublin Championship in August without losing a game in either. In fact, in the County Dublin no one ever got far enough to give him a lift.

His sunny style was a perfect imitation of the weather, if not in August, certainly in that great week in June. Our ten visitors may have brought the most beautiful mackintoshes, but we never saw them. Sunstroke, rather, was the constant threat.

Imagine then the weariness of Mrs. Read and Miss Joly who battled from ten till eight. Miss Joly had the honour, after ten hours, of hitting the peg first in the third game; but as it was a rush (from the boundary) it was also a disaster—and Mrs. Read was the winner.

Mrs. Read was the winner twice again when they met in August in the semi-finals of both draw and process. These two games on successive days lasted five hours each. It was like a performance of Wagner's Ring.

The June tournament cast up for post-mortem two heart-stirring handicap games. E. H. Shelton, of Budleigh, v. Captain Campbell. Campbell's red was already out when he shot yellow for the peg from the north boundary. An excellent shot, absolutely straight—but six inches short. Five minutes later Shelton, now ready to go out, had the pleasure of watching Campbell's yellow on the right track again, but it stopped politely, this time half-a-yard short.

Carrickmines fans didn't blow quite hard enough on this occasion, but they managed in the end to keep all the silver at home—despite ten visitors in a field of 25. Of these ten, Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. Puxon came closest to victory.

Mrs. Puxon has a most attractive style, straight from Lloyd-Pratt's purple period, but Myles MacWeeny played far too well for her in the high-bisquers' final. He could even afford the luxury of missing the peg from two inches.

Mrs. MacMillan was the heroine of the other great handicap struggle. She pegged out Mrs. Read just before lunchtime, and the drama that followed spoilt one of Mrs. Baird's most delicious lunches, as no spectator worth his salt bothered about food. After various agonies poor Mrs. Read missed the last shot and lost by one.

It was left to Reggie Leonard to beat Mrs. MacMillan in the final. He also won the August handicap after a final with David O'Connor. Reggie is not a neat break-player, but he has one of the loveliest swings in the game—his mallet curving smoothly like the base of an anchor. He puts far more effort into the Carrickmines club than anyone else—weed-killing and rolling and generally making a slave of himself. Everyone is delighted when he wins.

The August tournament was more parochial than the June (only four visitors, alas), but the Doubles saw the debut of a bright young player from China, Johnny Ang.

It was a remarkable Doubles competition. All results were in single figures. Two nine-year-olds, Nicholas Duff and Mark Strachan (who is Solomonesque in style), played with their fathers. Mark was 71 years younger than one of his opponents.

In the end Reggie Leonard and partner won—Reggie's third doubles win in the last four Carrickmines tournaments with three different partners. His latest partner is Brendan O'Connor, 17 years old and quite certainly a terror-to-be.

Some day the Irish final may be a brotherly affair—O'Connor v. O'Connor—or paterno-filial—Strachan v. Strachan. What a pity Douglas, after five wins in a row, wasn't able to defend his Irish title. But we can look forward to years of rivalry between these two latter-day Irish maestros—David and Douglas—the one bubbling with brilliance, the other calm and controlled like a surgeon.

### CARRICKMINES RESULTS CHAMPIONSHIP OF CO. DUBLIN

#### DRAW

- Lady FitzGerald beat R. J. Leonard +1  
**Second Round**  
 D. O'Connor beat Mrs. M. Lightfoot +7  
 D. Figgis beat Lady FitzGerald +7  
 Mrs. H. M. Read beat F. Regan +14  
 Miss F. Joly beat Miss G. Hopkins +11  
**Semi-Final**  
 D. O'Connor beat D. Figgis +17  
 Mrs. H. M. Read beat Miss F. Joly +10

#### Final

- D. O'Connor beat Mrs. H. M. Read +17  
**PROCESS**  
**First Round**  
 D. O'Connor beat Miss G. Hopkins +20  
**Second Round**  
 D. Figgis beat F. Regan +18  
 D. O'Connor beat Lady FitzGerald +24  
 Miss F. Joly beat R. J. Leonard +1  
 H. M. Read beat Mrs. M. Lightfoot +5  
**Semi-Final**  
 D. O'Connor beat D. Figgis +26  
 Mrs. H. M. Read beat Miss F. Joly +3  
**Final**  
 D. O'Connor beat Mrs. H. M. Read +16

### DUFF MATHEWS CUP (Perpetual) (Open to players of 4 bisques and over) HANDICAP SINGLES

- First Round**  
 R. L. Hannon (5) beat C. S. Phillips (10) +12  
 A. D. Craig (5) beat Mrs. D. Figgis (5½) +8  
**Second Round**  
 D. Temple Page (6½) beat D. Campbell (4) +13  
 R. L. Hannon (5) beat Mrs. D. Temple Page (12) +2  
 H. M. Read (4) beat A. D. Craig (5) +9  
 Mrs. F. Regan beat Mrs. D. Moran (13) +10  
**Semi-Final**  
 D. Temple Page (6½) beat R. L. Hannon (5) +9  
 Mrs. F. Regan (5) beat H. M. Read (4) +4  
**Final**  
 D. Temple Page (6½) beat Mrs. F. Regan (5) +22

### BOXWELL CUP HANDICAP SINGLES, Open

- First Round**  
 A. D. Craig (5) beat J. A. Carey (6) +3  
 D. O'Connor (-1½) beat Mrs. D. Figgis (5½) +17  
 Miss F. Joly (1½) beat Mrs. F. Regan (5) +7  
 R. J. Leonard (scr.) w/o S. R. Duff (1½)  
**Second Round**  
 D. Figgis (scr.) beat Mrs. D. Temple Page (12) +5  
 Miss G. Hopkins (3½) beat Mrs. M. Lightfoot (½) +5  
 C. S. Phillips (10) beat Mrs. D. Moran (13) +10  
 D. O'Connor (-1½) beat A. D. Craig (5) +14  
 R. J. Leonard (scr.) beat Miss F. Joly (1½) +13  
 D. Campbell (4) w/o H. M. Read (4)  
 Lady FitzGerald (1) beat D. Temple Page (6½) +19  
 F. Regan (3) beat Mrs. H. M. Read (2) +5

#### Third Round

- Miss G. Hopkins (3½) beat D. Figgis (scr.) +3  
 D. O'Connor (-1½) beat C. S. Phillips (10) +7  
 R. J. Leonard (scr.) beat D. Campbell (4) +13  
 F. Regan (3) beat Lady FitzGerald (1) +6  
**Semi-Final**  
 D. O'Connor (-1½) beat Miss G. Hopkins (3½) +24  
 R. J. Leonard (scr.) beat F. Regan (3) +6  
**Final**  
 R. J. Leonard (scr.) beat D. O'Connor (-1½) +10

### CORONATION CUP HANDICAP DOUBLES

- First Round**  
 F. Regan and Mrs. F. Regan beat Mrs. M. Lightfoot and Mrs. M. Moran +5 on time  
 D. O'Connor and Mrs. R. L. Hannon beat D. Figgis and Mrs. D. Figgis +3  
 R. J. Leonard and B. O'Connor beat A. D. Craig and L. J. Webb +1 on time  
 Miss G. Hopkins and Miss F. Joly beat H. M. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read +8  
 D. Temple Page and Mrs. D. Temple Page beat Lady FitzGerald and J. A. Ang +4  
**Second Round**  
 F. Regan and Mrs. F. Regan beat S. R. Duff and N. Duff +6  
 R. J. Leonard and B. O'Connor beat D. O'Connor and Mrs. R. L. Hannon +5  
 D. Temple Page and Mrs. D. Temple Page beat Miss G. Hopkins and Miss F. Joly +4  
 D. F. Strachan and M. D. A. Strachan beat D. Campbell and C. S. Phillips +9  
**Semi-Final**  
 R. J. Leonard and B. O'Connor beat F. Regan and Mrs. F. Regan +12  
 D. Temple Page and Mrs. D. Temple Page beat D. F. Strachan and M. D. A. Strachan +1  
**Final**  
 R. J. Leonard and D. O'Connor beat D. Temple Page and Mrs. D. Temple Page +7

## NOTTINGHAM

AUGUST 19th-24th

A full programme, a good entry, quite exceptional kindness and intelligent management combined to make this a memorable week. Faced with 136 matches and only seven courts (two of which had to be given up by 6 p.m.) some managers would have cried "non possum" at the outset, but Gerald Birch managed his lawns so well that on several days he averaged four matches per court—no mean feat with two wet days and two with temperatures in the eighties.

Of the 14 young men, ten came through to the finals, the standard being so level that it was hard to predict the winners. The local tip was Taylor, a quick, effervescent player, but, playing five games on the Friday, he was knocked out of the Opens by Hopewell and Col. Prichard. The next day he lost his Robin Hood Gold Cup to Nicholls, a sturdy fighter who is steadily improving.

Another natural player was Hands who won both Draw and Process. He addresses his ball with no practice strokes, almost no aiming, his body quite motionless during swing and stroke, and his hitting in is quite phenomenal. In one game after missing the peg-out with his front ball his opponent quickly caught up and laid up wired from him at the peg, but he coolly hit the peg from the 3rd corner spot to steal the game back from William Prichard.

Murray had tried to triple his way through the "X" (succeeding once against Mrs. Cork) but he overreached himself in the final and fell to Col. Prichard who was playing with accuracy and economy of effort in his fifth match of the day. Last year's winner—also the back-marker—Lloyd-Pratt, was sadly missed.

No woman reached the finals though Miss E. C. Brumpton (in spite of all her club duties) was still in three events on Friday. She, with Haworth, won two rounds of Doubles in dramatic close finishes while Robinson and Mrs. Rolfe also gave good value to the spectators, giving the eventual winners, Col. Prichard and William, their hardest match. William was a consistent junior partner, always getting his ball to penultimate in the early stages. In the Final, Hands and Elmes were only given the innings once and were seldom allowed a free shot, a mark of respect to these two fine shots.

The final of the Over 5 bisquers was of a very high standard. Hemsted has a golfer-like slouch stance and played most accurately, as indeed he had to, to beat the holder, Wheeler.

The "Y" final was the last on court and a real cliff-hanger it was. Haworth, who seemed never to have been off the courts all week, and Colin Prichard hit 13 of their last 15 long shots. But it was Colin's lucky day and it was Haworth who missed the last one to lose by two.

That the locals were less successful than the visitors was a tribute to the unselfish way they worked for our benefit. The rightly famous Nottingham lunches and teas demand unstinted effort and their flexibility contributed to the smooth running of this happy tournament.

### Nottingham Results

#### OPEN SINGLES

##### DRAW

##### First Round

- P. W. Hands beat Miss S. G. Hampson +13  
 Mrs. E. M. Speer beat Miss P. Plume +7  
 M. J. Bushnell beat D. W. Archer +20  
 G. K. Taylor beat J. N. Robinson +15

##### Second Round

- W. de B. Prichard beat P. W. Elmes +15  
 D. I. Nichols beat C. G. Hopewell +15  
 S. R. Hemsted beat A. J. Bucknell +15  
 P. W. Hands beat Mrs. E. M. Speer +8  
 G. K. Taylor beat M. J. Bushnell +22  
 Mrs. J. N. Rolfe beat H. O. Hodgson (opp. retired)  
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Dr. M. Murray +15  
 C. H. L. Prichard beat G. Birch +13

##### Third Round

- W. de B. Prichard beat D. I. Nichols +5  
 P. W. Hands beat S. R. Hemsted +7  
 G. K. Taylor beat Mrs. J. N. Rolfe +13  
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat C. H. L. Prichard +3

##### Semi-Final

- P. W. Hands beat W. de B. Prichard +2  
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat G. K. Taylor +5

##### Final

- P. W. Hands beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +4

##### PROCESS

##### First Round

- D. I. Nichols beat C. H. L. Prichard +17  
 P. W. Elmes beat Dr. M. Murray +11  
 C. G. Hopewell beat G. Birch +20  
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat W. de B. Prichard 11

##### Second Round

- P. W. Hands beat H. O. Hodgson (opp. retired)  
 D. W. Archer beat D. I. Nichols +11  
 J. N. Robinson beat A. J. Bucknell +21  
 P. W. Elmes beat Miss P. Plume +10



Miss S. G. Hampson beat Mrs. J. N. Rolfe +9  
C. G. Hopewell beat M. J. Bushnell +18  
G. K. Taylor beat S. R. Hemsted +9  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Mrs. E. M. Speer +25

#### Third Round

P. W. Hands beat D. W. Archer +13  
P. W. Elmes beat J. N. Robinson +16  
C. G. Hopewell beat Miss S. G. Hampson +21  
G. K. Taylor beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +26

#### Semi-Final

P. W. Hands beat P. W. Elmes +8  
C. G. Hopewell beat G. K. Taylor +16

#### Final

P. W. Hands beat C. G. Hopewell +21

#### HANDICAP SINGLES (5 bisques and over)

##### First Round

J. A. Wheeler (5) beat A. W. Lewis (12) +10  
Mrs. L. E. Wills (7) beat G. Henshaw (8) +14  
Dr. G. Quayle (5½) beat R. F. Rigiani (5) +16

##### Second Round

Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +20  
J. A. Wheeler (5) beat Mrs. L. E. Wills (7) +17  
S. R. Hemsted (7) beat Dr. G. Quayle (5½) +9  
Miss J. K. Samuel (11) beat Dr. H. M. Browning (9) +10

##### Semi-Final

J. A. Wheeler (5) beat Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) (opp. retired)  
S. R. Hemsted (7) beat Miss J. K. Samuel (11) +23

##### Final

S. R. Hemsted (7) beat J. A. Wheeler (5) +12

#### HANDICAP SINGLES "X"

##### First Round

Dr. G. Quayle (5½) beat C. H. L. Prichard (1) +22  
J. N. Robinson (1) beat Dr. H. M. Browning (9) +2  
D. I. Nichols (3½) beat Mrs. J. N. Rolfe (1½) +24  
R. F. Rigiani (5) beat G. K. Taylor (0) +22  
Dr. M. Murray (0) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +16  
Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) beat H. O. Hodgson (2) +8  
Miss J. K. Samuel (11) beat G. Henshaw (8) +6  
A. J. Bucknell (3) beat Mrs. L. E. Wills (7) +15  
Miss P. Plume (1½) beat C. W. Haworth (4½) +15  
J. A. Wheeler (5) beat P. W. Elmes (0) +24  
M. J. Bushnell (-1) beat W. de B. Prichard (1) +12  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) beat Miss E. M. Brumpton (4½) +6  
C. G. Hopewell (-½) beat A. W. Lewis (12) +7  
Miss S. G. Hampson (4) beat Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) +8  
P. W. Hands (-½) beat Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) +8  
S. R. Hemsted (7) beat D. W. Archer (½) +12

##### Second Round

J. N. Robinson (1) beat Dr. G. Quayle (5½) +10  
R. F. Rigiani (5) beat D. I. Nichols (3½) +1  
Dr. M. Murray (0) beat Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) +8  
A. J. Bucknell (3) beat Miss J. K. Samuel (11) +4  
J. A. Wheeler (5) beat Miss P. Plume (1½) +7  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) beat M. J. Bushnell (-1) +10  
C. G. Hopewell (-½) beat Miss S. G. Hampson (4) +3  
S. R. Hemsted (7) beat P. W. Hands (-½) +20

##### Third Round

R. F. Rigiani (5) beat J. N. Robinson (1) +10  
Dr. M. Murray (0) beat A. J. Bucknell (3) +20  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) beat J. A. Wheeler (5) +2  
C. G. Hopewell (-½) w/o S. R. Hemsted (7) (opp. scratched)

##### Semi-Final

Dr. M. Murray (0) beat R. F. Rigiani (5) +4  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) beat C. G. Hopewell (-½) +5

##### Final

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) beat Dr. M. Murray (0) +5.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES "Y"

##### First Round

C. H. L. Prichard (1) beat Dr. H. M. Browning (9) +7  
G. K. Taylor (0) beat Mrs. J. N. Rolfe (1½) +10  
H. O. Hodgson (2) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +11  
Mrs. L. E. Wills (7) beat G. Henshaw (8) +3  
C. W. Haworth (4½) beat P. W. Elmes (0) +13  
W. de B. Prichard (1) beat Miss E. M. Brumpton (4½) +5  
Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) beat A. W. Lewis (12) +14  
D. W. Archer (½) beat Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) +2

##### Second Round

C. H. L. Prichard (1) beat G. K. Taylor (0) +10  
Mrs. L. E. Wills (7) beat H. O. Hodgson (2) (opp. retired)  
C. W. Haworth (4½) beat W. de B. Prichard (1) +17  
D. W. Archer (½) beat Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) +10

##### Semi-Final

C. H. L. Prichard (1) w/o Mrs. L. E. Wills (opp. scratched)  
C. W. Haworth (4½) beat D. W. Archer (½) +22

Four

#### Final

C. H. L. Prichard (1) beat C. W. Haworth (4½) +2

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES

##### First Round

D. W. Archer and J. A. Wheeler (5½) beat G. K. Taylor and G. Henshaw (8) +16  
A. J. Bucknell and Dr. G. Quayle (8½) beat H. O. Hodgson and Miss E. M. Brumpton (6½) +25  
J. N. Robinson and Mrs. J. N. Rolfe (2½) beat G. Birch and Mrs. L. E. Wills (7) +5  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. de B. Prichard (-1½) beat Mrs. E. M. Speer and Dr. H. M. Browning (12½) +14  
M. J. Bushnell and R. F. Rigiani (4) beat C. G. Hopewell and S. R. Hemsted (6½) +4  
C. W. Haworth and Miss E. C. Brumpton (8½) beat Miss P. Plume and C. H. L. Prichard (2½) +2  
P. W. Elmes and P. W. Hands (-½) beat Dr. M. Murray and D. I. Nichols (3½) +3

##### Second Round

A. J. Bucknell and Dr. G. Quayle (8½) beat D. W. Archer and J. A. Wheeler (5½) +6  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. de B. Prichard (-1½) beat J. N. Robinson and Mrs. J. N. Rolfe (2½) +8  
C. W. Haworth and Miss E. C. Brumpton (8½) beat M. J. Bushnell and R. F. Rigiani (4) +1 on time  
P. W. Elmes and P. W. Hands (-½) beat Miss S. G. Hampson and Miss J. K. Samuel (15) +11  
P. W. Elmes and P. W. Hands (-½) beat C. W. Haworth and Miss E. C. Brumpton (8½) +9

##### Semi-Final

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. de B. Prichard (-1½) beat A. J. Bucknell and Dr. G. Quayle (8½) +14

##### Final

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. de B. Prichard (-1½) beat P. W. Elmes and P. W. Hands (-½) +24

#### "ROBIN HOOD" TROPHY HANDICAP SINGLES

C. G. Hopewell (-½) beat Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) +8  
J. N. Robinson (1) beat Miss E. M. Brumpton (4½) +3  
C. H. L. Prichard (1) beat H. O. Hodgson (2) +17  
G. Henshaw (8) beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) +19  
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Miss P. Plume (1½) beat D. W. Archer (½) +22

##### Third Round

C. G. Hopewell (-½) beat P. W. Elmes (0) +23  
D. I. Nichols (3½) beat C. H. L. Prichard (1) +9  
G. K. Taylor (0) beat W. de B. Prichard (1) +20  
Miss P. Plume (1½) beat Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) +12

##### Semi-Final

D. I. Nichols (3½) beat C. G. Hopewell (-½) +11  
G. K. Taylor (0) beat Miss P. Plume (1½) +2

##### Final

D. I. Nichols (3½) beat G. K. Taylor (0) +4

#### SOUTHWICK OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 26th to 31st, 1968

A party from Brum . . . very U  
Whose handicaps needed review  
Spreadeagled the field  
And forced Southwick to yield  
All the loot . . . how very non-U

It must be confessed that the above limerick was written before D. Himmens, a local hero, got into his Stride . . . so to speak. The latter, playing-off 1½ in his first tournament, must surely be found in the best company before long, while his conqueror, a studious second-year performer, will doubtless go on winning.

In the opens, Patrick Cotter, on his 21st appearance, won his 7th "gold". He played just that more steadily and solidly than Brian Lloyd Pratt whom, in toto, he beat by 2 games to 1. Mrs. Peel, after many successes, suddenly lost her touch in the final of the B event and another local, H. A. Sheppard, won rather more easily than he expected to.

N. W. T. Cox, another Southwick member, won the next class, after which it was all Meacham. Mrs. Meacham won her class, and with her husband the Doubles and for good measure a prize in the sweepstake as well. A little of Michael Stride's pace about the court would make Meacham's accurate game more attractive to watch.

The sun shone, the lawns were good, the hospitality of our hostesses and the courtesy of our host and Chairman, Gerald Scott, and his committee were superb: definitely a tournament to go to and enjoy, as this competitor did.

Mention must be made of the smooth and successful handling of the very large entry for this tournament by Major Dibley, who did a difficult job with his usual tact and courtesy.

#### Southwick Results

##### OPEN SINGLES

##### DRAW

E. P. C. Cotter beat Mrs. G. H. Elvey +26  
B. Lloyd Pratt beat W. E. Moore +14  
A. D. Karmel beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +17

##### Second Round

Comdr. G. Borrett beat W. H. Austin +2  
R. O. Hicks beat Mrs. W. Longman +19  
Col. E. C. Cave beat R. A. Simpson +17  
B. Lloyd Pratt beat E. P. C. Cotter +15  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden beat A. D. Karmel +5  
Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat H. A. Green +1 on time  
J. B. Meacham beat M. Stride +4  
Miss A. M. Daniels beat E. A. Roper +6

##### Third Round

Comdr. G. Borrett beat R. O. Hicks +11  
B. Lloyd Pratt beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +11  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden beat H. A. Green +11  
J. B. Meacham beat Mrs. M. A. Daniels +8

##### Semi-Final

B. Lloyd Pratt beat Comdr. G. Borrett +22  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden beat J. B. Meacham (opp. scratched)

##### Final

B. Lloyd Pratt beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +21

##### PROCESS

Mrs. M. A. Daniels beat Mrs. W. Longman (opp. scratched)  
M. Stride beat W. H. Austin +14  
Comdr. G. Borrett beat E. A. Roper +13

##### Second Round

Mrs. G. H. Elvey beat H. A. Green +11  
Col. G. T. Wheeler beat Mrs. A. M. Daniels +11  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +23  
B. Lloyd Pratt beat M. Stride +19  
E. P. C. Cotter beat J. B. Meacham +10  
R. O. Hicks beat A. D. Karmel +12  
R. A. Simpson beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions +12  
Comdr. G. Borrett beat W. E. Moore +10

##### Third Round

Col. G. T. Wheeler beat Mrs. G. H. Elvey +11  
B. Lloyd Pratt beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +3  
E. P. C. Cotter beat R. O. Hicks +8  
Comdr. G. Borrett beat R. A. Simpson +22

##### Semi-Final

B. Lloyd Pratt beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +22  
E. P. C. Cotter beat Comdr. G. Borrett +8

##### Final

E. P. C. Cotter beat B. Lloyd Pratt +23  
**Play-off:** E. P. C. Cotter beat B. Lloyd Pratt +16

##### (½ to 3)

##### DRAW

##### First Round

R. O. Havery beat Miss D. A. Lintern +9  
Prof. A. S. C. Ross beat M. B. Reckitt +10  
Mrs. E. D. Tims beat Major R. Driscoll +4  
H. A. Sheppard beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson +9

##### Second Round

Lt.-Col. E. D. Tims beat Miss H. D. Parker +6  
R. O. Havery beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross +7  
Mrs. E. D. Tims beat H. A. Sheppard +5  
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat Miss K. Hickson +23

##### Semi-Final

R. O. Havery beat Lt.-Col. E. D. Tims +22  
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat Mrs. E. D. Tims +7

##### Final

Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat R. O. Havery +20

##### PROCESS

##### First Round

Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat Miss D. A. Lintern +18  
H. A. Sheppard beat Miss H. D. Parker +24  
Major R. Driscoll beat Miss K. D. Hickson +4  
Lt.-Col. E. D. Tims beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson +5

#### Second Round

Mrs. E. D. Tims w/o Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (opp. scratched)  
H. A. Sheppard beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross +19  
M. B. Reckitt beat Major R. Driscoll +3  
R. O. Havery beat Lt.-Col. E. D. Tims +5

##### Semi-Final

H. A. Sheppard beat Mrs. E. D. Tims +15  
M. B. Reckitt beat R. O. Havery +1 on time

##### Final

H. A. Sheppard beat M. B. Reckitt +15  
**Play-off:** H. A. Sheppard beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith +16

#### THE FRANC CUP HANDICAP SINGLES

##### (3½-6½)

##### First Round

Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) beat G. F. Paxton (6) +1 on time  
Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) beat F. Reynold (6) +4

##### Second Round

C. G. Mayo (5½) beat Miss S. Hampson (4) +22  
N. W. T. Cox (4) beat Mrs. G. E. Cave (6) +11  
Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) beat Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6) +20  
Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) beat Mrs. G. H. Wood (6½) +11  
Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) beat Miss E. Johnstone (4½) +1  
Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5½) beat W. J. Baverstock (5½) +10  
D. M. Horne (5) beat Mrs. W. A. Naylor (5½) +12  
Mrs. S. J. Turner (6) beat Mrs. S. Farlie (6) +2

##### Third Round

N. W. T. Cox (4) beat C. G. Mayo (5½) +14  
Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) +4  
Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) beat Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5½) +10  
Mrs. S. J. Turner (6) beat D. M. Horne (5) +10

##### Semi-Final

N. W. T. Cox (4) beat Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) +23  
Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) beat Mrs. S. J. Turner (6) +22

##### Final

N. W. T. Cox (4) beat Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) +16

#### HANDICAP SINGLES

##### (7 and over)

##### First Round

D. Himmens (8) beat Miss C. Cox (9) +22  
Mrs. B. M. Meacham (12) beat W. G. B. Scott (7) +12  
Mrs. G. Trull (7) beat R. E. Tucker (7) +12  
Mrs. H. Wills (7) beat H. P. Jefferys (9) (opp. scratched)

##### Semi-Final

Mrs. B. M. Meacham beat D. Himmens (opp. retired)  
Mrs. G. Trull w/o Mrs. H. Wills (opp. scratched)

##### Final

Mrs. B. M. Meacham (12) beat Mrs. G. Trull (7) +17

#### MAURICE RECKITT BOWL HANDICAP SINGLES

##### First Round

Prof. Ross (2½) beat W. J. Baverstock (5½) +20  
J. B. Meacham (3) beat Miss E. Johnstone (4½) +24  
Miss D. A. Lintern (1) beat E. A. Roper (0) +19  
W. H. Austin (0) beat Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) +8  
Mrs. J. B. Meacham (12) beat Mrs. W. Longman (-½) +19  
H. A. Green (-½) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (-½) +19  
R. A. Simpson (0) beat G. C. Mayo (5½) +9  
Lt.-Col. Tims (2) beat Mrs. W. A. Naylor (5½) +24  
Major Driscoll (1½) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) +13  
D. Himmens (8) beat Mrs. H. D. Wood (6½) +5  
M. B. Reckitt (2) beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-½) +19  
Mrs. Tims (3) beat W. G. B. Scott (7) +7  
M. Stride (1½) beat H. A. Sheppard (1½) +23  
Miss S. Hampson (4) beat N. W. T. Cox (4) +2  
Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) beat Mrs. C. G. Wells (6½) (opp. scratched)  
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (½) beat F. Reynold (6) +10  
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (-½) beat Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6) +25  
B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +12  
Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) beat Mrs. S. J. Turner (6) +12  
A. D. Karmel (-1) beat Miss K. D. Hickson (3) +6  
Comdr. G. Borrett (-1½) beat Mrs. G. H. Elvey (-½) +16

##### Second Round

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (-1) beat G. F. Paxton (6) +10  
W. E. Moore (-1) beat D. M. Horne (5) +24  
Mrs. G. E. Cave (6) w/o Prof. A. S. C. Ross (2½) (opp. scratched)  
J. B. Meacham (3) beat Miss D. A. Lintern (1) +23  
W. H. Austin (0) beat Mrs. B. M. Meacham (12) +7  
R. A. Simpson (0) beat H. A. Green (-½) +1  
Major R. Driscoll (1½) beat Lt.-Col. E. D. Tims (2) +7  
D. Himmens (8) beat M. B. Reckitt (2) +23  
M. Stride (1½) beat Mrs. E. D. Tims (3) +16  
Miss S. Hampson (4) beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) +6  
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (½) beat Mrs. A. M. Daniels (-½) +23  
B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) beat Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) +20

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Comdr. G. Borrett (-1½) beat A. D. Karmel (-1) +8  
 Mrs. G. Trull (7) beat Mrs. H. D. Wills (7) +12  
 R. O. Havery (2½) beat R. O. Hicks (-1½) +19  
 Mrs. G. Farlie (6) beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson (1½) +5

**Third Round**

W. E. Moore (-1) beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (-1) +21  
 J. B. Meacham (3) beat Mrs. G. E. Cave (6) +5  
 W. H. Austin (0) beat R. A. Simpson (0) +4  
 D. Himmens (8) beat Major R. Driscoll (1½) +20  
 M. Stride (1½) beat Miss S. Hampson (4) +23  
 Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (½) beat B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) +21  
 Comdr. G. Borrett (-1½) beat Mrs. G. Trull (7) +9  
 Mrs. G. Farlie (6) beat R. O. Havery (2½) +5

**Fourth Round**

J. B. Meacham (3) beat W. E. Moore (-1) +20  
 D. Himmens (8) beat W. H. Austin (0) +17  
 M. Stride (1½) beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (½) +18  
 Mrs. G. Farlie (6) beat Comdr. G. Borrett (-1½) +2

**Semi-Final**

D. Himmens (8) beat J. B. Meacham (3) +16  
 M. Stride (1½) beat Mrs. G. Farlie (6) +16

**Final**

D. Himmens (8) beat M. Stride (1½) +2

**HANDICAP DOUBLES**

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. G. E. Cave beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker +10  
 Comdr. G. Borrett and N. W. T. Cox beat Mrs. R. E. Tucker and G. F. Paxton +11  
 B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. W. A. Naylor beat E. A. Roper and Mrs. G. F. Elvey +18  
 Col. G. T. Wheeler and W. G. B. Scott beat Mrs. Wills and D. M. Horne +15  
 M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross beat Mrs. E. M. Speer and Mrs. L. C. Farlie +13  
 Mrs. G. F. Trull and H. A. Sheppard beat Mrs. B. L. Peel and E. A. Roper +15  
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss K. Hickson beat H. A. Green and F. Reynold +6  
 R. A. Simpson and Mrs. E. Higinbotham beat R. O. Hicks and Miss D. A. Lintern  
 Mrs. R. A. Simpson and Miss S. Hampson beat M. B. Reckitt and R. O. Havery +9  
 H. P. Jeffery and Miss C. Cox beat D. E. Buckland and Major J. Dibley +17  
 Major R. Driscoll and Mrs. S. G. Turner beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross and Mrs. H. Wills

**Second Round**

A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel beat Mrs. D. H. Wood and Mrs. E. D. Tims +3  
 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. G. E. Cave beat Comdr. Borrett and N. W. T. Cox +11  
 Col. G. T. Wheeler and W. G. B. Scott beat B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. W. A. Naylor +2  
 M. Stride and Miss A. S. C. Ross beat Mrs. Trull and H. A. Sheppard +11  
 R. A. Simpson and Mrs. E. Higinbotham beat Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss K. Hickson +5  
 Mrs. R. A. Simpson and Miss S. Hampson beat H. P. Jeffery and Mrs. C. Cox +1  
 J. B. Meacham and Mrs. J. B. Meacham beat Major R. Driscoll and Mrs. Turner +10  
 W. E. Moore and W. A. Austin beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions and Lt.-Col. E. D. Tims +3

**Third Round**

A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. G. E. Cave +16  
 M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross beat Col. G. T. Wheeler and W. G. B. Scott +18  
 Mrs. R. A. Simpson and Miss S. Hampson beat R. A. Simpson and Mrs. E. Higinbotham +7  
 J. B. Meacham and Mrs. J. B. Meacham beat W. E. Moore and W. H. Austin +16

**Semi-Final**

M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (8) beat A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (4½) +17  
 J. B. Meacham and Mrs. J. B. Meacham (15) beat Mrs. Simpson and Miss S. Hampson (5½) +10

**Final**

J. B. Meacham and Mrs. Meacham (15) beat M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (8) +2

**BRIGHTON NON-OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT**

SEPTEMBER 2nd-7th, 1968

The weather was delightful; the two groundsmen had brought the lawns to perfection; Miss Pirie and Miss Towers provided us with excellent food; Mrs. Chittenden, ably assisted by the secretarial work of Mrs. Naylor, managed the proceedings with efficiency and charm:

her abandoning of almost all time-limits was an interesting innovation and much appreciated. In short, the tournament was an outstanding success.

The two-star nap of the class field of the Open was Michael Stride, a smart young performer from the Edgbaston Club, Birmingham. His final duel with another flyer, W. E. Moore, was a brilliant display. Stride soon went clear and making it all won comfortably. The form was confirmed when he won the doubles with Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (also from Edgbaston). Their opponents, outpaced from the start, made some headway in the closing stages but were unable to go through with their effort.

H. C. Green was a model of consistency in the big handicap, doing particularly well in the final against Miss Palmer, who was out in front most of the way, but Green delivered a well-timed challenge close home and won cleverly.

In the long-drawn-out C event careful training and stamina counted when Mrs. Higinbotham stayed the gruelling trip and in the final beat Mrs. Griffiths who, leaving her effort too late, never got on terms. In the final of the B event, F. Reynold established an early lead but Mrs. Temple, who was always in touch, came up with a strong run and drew clear.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable meeting and it is a pity that the number of visitors was rather small, doubtless because other meetings were currently in progress.

**Brighton (Southwick) Results**

**ABBEY CHALLENGE CUP**

**DRAW**

**First Round**

M. Stride beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross +17  
 R. O. Hicks beat W. H. Austin +9  
 P. W. Elmes beat H. A. Green +7  
 Comdr. G. Borrett beat E. A. Roper +12  
 W. E. Moore beat Mrs. W. Longman +13

**Second Round**

M. Stride beat H. A. Sheppard +22  
 P. W. Elmes beat R. O. Hicks +2  
 W. E. Moore beat Comdr. G. Borrett +16  
 Canon Creed Meredith beat Miss H. D. Parker +3

**Semi-Final**

M. Stride beat P. W. Elmes +6  
 W. E. Moore beat Canon Creed Meredith +26

**Final**

W. E. Moore beat M. Stride +17

**PROCESS**

**First Round**

P. W. Elmes beat Canon Creed Meredith +11  
 Mrs. W. Longman beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross +9  
 E. A. Roper beat H. A. Sheppard +4  
 Comdr. G. Borrett beat Miss H. D. Parker +6  
 M. Stride beat W. E. Moore +5

**Second Round**

P. W. Elmes beat Mrs. W. Longman +22  
 E. A. Roper beat W. H. Austin (opp. retired on peg)  
 Comdr. G. Borrett beat R. O. Hicks  
 M. Stride beat H. A. Green +25

**Semi-Final**

P. W. Elmes beat E. A. Roper +23  
 M. Stride beat Comdr. G. Borrett +17

**Final**

M. Stride beat P. W. Elmes +23  
**Play-off:** M. Stride beat W. E. Moore +25

**LEVEL SINGLES**

Handicap 3 to 6

**First Round**

N. W. T. Cox beat G. E. Mayo +8  
 Mrs. E. M. Temple beat H. C. Green +3  
 Mrs. S. Turner beat Mrs. H. D. Wooster +16  
 W. J. Baverstock beat D. Himmens +6  
 D. E. Buckland beat Mrs. W. A. Naylor +15

**Second Round**

N. W. T. Cox beat G. F. Paxton +16  
 Mrs. E. M. Temple beat Mrs. S. Turner +16  
 W. J. Baverstock beat D. E. Buckland +5  
 F. Reynold beat Miss E. Johnstone +20

**Semi-Final**

Mrs. E. M. Temple beat N. W. T. Cox +1  
 F. Reynold beat W. J. Baverstock +12

**Final**

Mrs. E. M. Temple beat F. Reynold +11

Handicap 6½ and over

**First Round**

Mrs. R. E. Tucker (7) beat Mrs. C. Devitt +11  
 Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) beat W. G. B. Scott +8  
 Mrs. P. M. Dehn (7½) beat Mrs. Omond +4

Mrs. F. Griffiths (6½) beat Miss M. Palmer +1  
 Mrs. E. Thompson (7) beat Mrs. F. Haddon +12  
 Mrs. E. Higinbotham (9) beat Mrs. S. Stride +13  
 Miss M. Tyrrell (8) beat Mrs. Creed Meredith +15

**Second Round**

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) beat Mrs. R. E. Tucker (7) +7  
 Mrs. F. Griffiths (6½) beat Mrs. P. M. Dehn (7½) +4  
 Mrs. E. Higinbotham (9) beat Mrs. E. Thompson (7) (opp. retired)  
 P. Goolden (10) beat Miss Tyrrell (8) +7

**Semi-Final**

Mrs. F. Griffiths (6½) beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) +13  
 Mrs. E. Higinbotham (9) beat P. Goolden (10) +14

**Final**

Mrs. E. Higinbotham (9) beat Mrs. F. Griffiths (6½) +11

**THE DOUGLAS JONES CUP**  
**HANDICAP SINGLES "X"**

**First Round**

Major R. Driscoll (1½) beat P. W. Elmes (0) +24  
 Miss Tyrrell (9) beat Miss F. Haddon (15) +5  
 Prof. A. S. C. Ross (2½) beat Miss M. Towers (6½) +4  
 R. O. Hicks (-1½) beat Miss J. Piper (10) +18  
 W. E. Moore (-1) beat Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) +23  
 Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) beat Mrs. E. Higinbotham (9) +4  
 Miss H. D. Parker (2½) beat Mrs. Omond (9) +6  
 H. C. Green (5½) beat Comdr. G. Borrett (-1) +14  
 E. A. Roper (0) beat Mrs. Creed Meredith (15) +17  
 W. H. Austin (0) beat W. P. H. Roe (6) +20  
 Mrs. C. Devitt (8) beat H. A. Green (-½) +9  
 Mrs. G. Wells (6) beat Mrs. F. Griffiths (6½) +11  
 Mrs. W. A. Naylor (5½) beat Mrs. Fox (11) +2  
 H. A. Sheppard (1½) beat Mrs. E. R. Cox (9) +15  
 Miss E. Johnstone (4½) beat P. Goolden (10) +5

**Second Round**

F. Reynold (6) beat Mrs. Turner (6) +10  
 D. Himmens (8) beat M. Stride (1½) +10  
 W. G. B. Scott (7) beat Mrs. E. Thompson (7½) +5  
 N. W. T. Cox (4) beat Canon Creed Meredith (2) +21  
 Major R. Driscoll (1½) beat Mrs. M. Tyrrell (9) +13  
 R. O. Hicks (-1½) beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross (2½) +2  
 W. E. Moore (-1) beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) +3  
 H. C. Green (5½) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +11  
 W. H. Austin (0) beat E. A. Roper (0) +7  
 Mrs. C. Devitt (8) beat Mrs. G. Wells (6) +20  
 H. A. Sheppard (1½) beat Mrs. W. A. Naylor (5½) +19  
 Mrs. R. E. Tucker (7) beat Miss E. Johnstone (4½) +12  
 Mrs. B. Jones (11) beat Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6) +9  
 Mrs. W. Longman (-½) beat Mrs. P. M. Dehn (7½) +5  
 W. J. Baverstock (5½) beat G. E. Mayo (5½) +4  
 Miss M. Palmer (8) beat G. F. Paxton (6) +11

**Third Round**

F. Reynold (6) beat D. Himmens (8) +20  
 N. W. T. Cox (4) beat W. G. B. Scott (7) +8  
 R. O. Hicks (-1½) beat Major R. Driscoll (1½) +4  
 H. C. Green (5½) beat W. E. Moore (-1) +20  
 Mrs. C. Devitt (8) beat W. H. Austin (0) +7  
 Mrs. R. E. Tucker (7) beat H. A. Sheppard (1½) +10  
 Mrs. W. Longman (-½) beat Mrs. L. Brown Jones (41) +17  
 Miss M. Palmer (8) beat W. J. Baverstock (5½) +16

**Fourth Round**

F. Reynold (6) beat N. W. T. Cox (4) +7  
 H. C. Green (5½) beat R. O. Hicks (-1½) +5  
 Mrs. R. E. Tucker (7) beat Mrs. C. Devitt (8) +11  
 Miss M. Palmer (8) beat Mrs. W. Longman (-½) +6

**Semi-Final**

H. C. Green (5½) beat F. Reynold (6) +19  
 Miss M. Palmer (8) beat Mrs. R. E. Tucker (7) +11

**Final**

H. C. Green (5½) beat Miss M. Palmer (8) +4

**HANDICAP SINGLES "Y"**

**First Round**

P. W. Elmes beat Mrs. F. Haddon +15  
 Miss M. Towers beat Miss J. Piper +11  
 Mrs. E. M. Temple beat Mrs. E. Higinbotham +8  
 Comdr. G. Borrett beat Mrs. Omond +18  
 W. P. H. Roe beat Mrs. Creed Meredith +4  
 Mrs. Griffiths beat H. A. Green +6  
 Mrs. Fox beat Mrs. N. F. Cox +19

**Second Round**

M. Stride beat Mrs. Turner +14  
 Canon Creed Meredith w/o Mrs. E. Thompson (opp. scratched)  
 P. W. Elmes beat Miss M. Towers +19  
 Comdr. G. Borrett beat Mrs. E. M. Temple  
 Mrs. Griffiths beat W. P. H. Roe +6 on time  
 P. Goolden beat Mrs. Fox +12  
 Mrs. P. M. Dehn beat Mrs. H. D. Wooster +16  
 G. Mayo beat G. F. Paxton

**Third Round**

Canon Creed Meredith w/o M. Stride (opp. scratched)  
 P. W. Elmes beat Comdr. G. Borrett +16  
 P. Goolden beat Mrs. Griffiths +6  
 G. Mayo beat Mrs. P. M. Dehn

**Semi-Final**

P. W. Elmes beat Canon Creed Meredith +16  
 G. Mayo w/o P. Goolden (opp. scratched)

**Final**

P. W. Elmes beat G. Mayo +20

**HANDICAP DOUBLES**

**First Round**

M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (8) beat D. E. Buckland and N. W. T. Cox (6) +11  
 R. O. Hicks and Mrs. Omond (7½) beat W. E. Moore and G. E. Mayo (4½)  
 Mrs. F. Haddon and Mrs. E. M. Temple (18½) beat W. H. Austin and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (5½) +1

**Second Round**

Major R. Driscoll and Mrs. Turner (7½) beat H. A. Sheppard and Mrs. E. Thompson (8½) +6  
 Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. Devitt (10) beat E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) +12  
 Comdr. G. Borrett and Miss G. Pirie (6) beat Mrs. R. E. Tucker and G. F. Paxton (13) +9  
 M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (8) beat R. O. Hicks and Mrs. Omond (7½) +6  
 Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. I. Stride (15½) beat Mrs. F. Haddon and Mrs. E. M. Temple (19½) +9  
 W. G. B. Scott and P. W. Elmes (7) beat H. A. Green and F. Reynold (5½) +2  
 Prof. A. S. C. Ross and P. Goolden (12½) beat Miss H. D. Wooster and Miss H. D. Parker (8½) +10  
 Rev. G. Ames and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (11½) beat H. C. Green and Miss M. Palmer (13½) +2

**Third Round**

Major R. Driscoll and Mrs. Turner (7½) beat Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. Devitt (10) +7  
 M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (8) beat Comdr. G. Borrett and Miss G. Pirie (6) +13  
 Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. I. Stride (15½) beat W. G. B. Scott and P. W. Elmes (7) +3  
 Prof. A. S. C. Ross and P. Goolden (12½) beat Rev. G. Ames and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (11½) +14

**Semi-Final**

M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (8) beat Major R. Driscoll and Mrs. Turner (7½) +8  
 Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. I. Stride (15½) beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross and P. Goolden (8) +15

**Final**

M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (8) beat Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. I. Stride (15½)

**COLCHESTER WEEK-END TOURNAMENT**

AUGUST 30th to SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1968

All who care for the comforts and luxuries of this world of cares go to Colchester whenever the opportunity arises. As we eat the meals continuously provided in wide variety and gastronomic ingenuity, or sit and laugh with the welcoming members, or play effortlessly on the smooth, fast grass (even after rain), we wonder (occasionally) at the folly of those croquet players who are absent. Then we recall that many players are silly and our own superior discretion comforts us.

This tournament, played according to the Swiss method long neglected by the croquet world, permitted the whole company to be matched in one block, progressing in ladder fashion according to results. Thus with winners only meeting winners we arrived at a final order of excellence without the tedium of the unnecessary games in an American—their inevitable play-offs. Colchester is to be congratulated on introducing this intelligent method of play. The time saved was devoted to handicap doubles, partners being drawn, and great fun it was. Of the many close and exciting matches the final was the best. As time was called one on each side was on peg and rover with a couple of Puxons on 5 and 6, the score being level. In the final turn, could Mrs. P. make the 5th? She did, amid side-line rejoicing!

In the main event Roger Bray's win was devastating: each game got home by a very clear majority. His effortless style is a joy to watch.

It is good to be able to report that no less than five of the company were playing in their first tournament. It takes courage to do this; one knows one will do foolish things sometimes and take wrong decisions with bisques and, worst of all, one suspects on-lookers will deride. Of course they don't, indeed the opposite. As a fairly short bisquer I can certify to all new players that the crowd watching my match against one of these was bestly partisan! They



longed for me to stick in hoops (which I did), prayed for his long shots to hit (which they did) and altogether behaved disgracefully! All of which, of course, is an excellent thing. Beginners need all the encouragement they can get and they will improve rapidly—as indeed these five did. The best of luck to them and all the others at the hospitable Colchester Club.

#### Handicap Singles Swiss Competition

**4 wins:** Dr. R. W. Bray (-3½) (by beating Puxon (7) by 13, Mrs. Clark (8) by 6, Paterson (4) by 17 and Miss Day (10) by 23).  
**3 wins:** Miss M. E. Day (10), K. H. Paterson (4), H. S. Clemons (-2), Mrs. G. S. Digby (15), E. P. Duffield (1) and J. S. Barker (7).  
**2 wins:** Mrs. A. Zinn (11), Mrs. E. E. Clark (8), C. S. Ratcliffe (3½), G. E. P. Jackson (-2½), Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (6½), J. M. Cockayne (12\*), C. R. Palmer (12).  
**1 win:** Miss E. I. Wood (14), G. S. Digby (15), F. E. M. Puxon (7).  
**No wins:** A. W. Greenham (12), Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) (out of three games), Mrs. K. H. Paterson (16) (out of three games).

#### Handicap Doubles

**First Round**  
 Mrs. Puxon and Greenham (18½) beat Duffield and Mrs. Paterson (17) by 10.  
 Jackson and Miss Wood (11½) beat Paterson and Miss Day (14) by 16.  
 Clemons and Mrs. Zinn (9) beat Bray and Mrs. Clark (4½) by 8.  
 Puxon and Barker (14) beat Ratcliffe and Palmer (15½) by 8.  
**Semi-Final**  
 Mrs. Puxon and Greenham beat Jackson and Miss Wood by 9 on time.  
 Puxon and Barker beat Clemons and Mrs. Zinn by 1 on time.  
**Final**  
 Mrs. Puxon and Greenham beat Puxon and Barker by 1 on time.

#### HUNSTANTON TOURNAMENT, 1968

Generous hoops and tenacious lawns made for continuous breaks and undrawn-out games: together with genial weather Hunstanton was at its best. Results speak for themselves, but pride of place must go to the new Norfolk Champion (who incidentally won also his first silver medal). It had seemed earlier in the week that Lloyd Pratt and Hopewell would share all honours between them. The Draw results reflected this foreseeable pattern but in the Process the inconsistencies of the game were demonstrated. Robinson played well all week (as his new minus accolade indicates) and beat Lloyd Pratt by +23 in a game which the latter never looked like winning. Hopewell was somewhat surprisingly beaten by Gifford-Nash who readily took advantage of his opponent's temporary loss of form. Karmel beat Robinson and then Gifford-Nash to find himself in the play-off. In this Lloyd Pratt certainly had his chances but a new judicial pipe generated an unmatchable concentration in his adversary. Crisis for the judge seemed to have come when he appeared to have stuck in Rover (his partner ball being for the Peg). A peel of referees raced on: the youngest won and pronounced the hoop run. The break was immediately surrendered when a hampered dribble failed to reach the pioneer. Lloyd Pratt soon missed a short roquet and the peg-out was executed with merciless care.

In the Doubles the Warwicks showed (again) their real capacity for directing and enthusing high-bisque partners. Generalled by the Brother, Mrs. Carlisle manifested her improvement by making the decisive break in the final from one-back to Rover on a single bisque. In an earlier round Miss Warwick took the big decision (and 3½ bisques) to single peel and peg-out Simpson and herself, leaving partner Mrs. Gifford-Nash on Penult, and opponent Havery on the second. Havery (who won the "Y" and played well all week) made an impressive series of hits-in and breaks to be in position for Rover before Mrs. Gifford-Nash pegged-out with a misjudged dribble which hardly reached the stick.

Space restricts. Mrs. Solomon played faultlessly to give 1½ bisques to and beat Gifford-Nash by +17 in the "Y". In the "C" Major Bromley-Fox won with fine break-making style: Miss Samuel showed commendable tenacity. Elsewhere, Miss C. Brumpton hit in with a monotony that compelled the handicappers' attention. The writer also noted that Baillieu took two bisques in text-book style to beat Mrs. Rotherham by +26.

No account would be complete without mention of management. Relaxed but efficient, ever reluctant to limit time, constantly in-filling with arranged friendlies to ensure even distribution of play, they administered a conspicuously happy week. To Miss Warwick and Major Rothwell go all competitors' thanks.

#### NORFOLK CUP

##### OPEN SINGLES

##### DRAW

##### First Round

J. G. Warwick beat Mrs. A. N. Rolfe +23

##### Second Round

Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon +15

B. Lloyd Pratt beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson +13

H. B. H. Carlisle beat R. A. Simpson +26

P. Gifford-Nash beat J. G. Warwick +6  
 I. C. Baillieu beat A. D. Karmel +7  
 C. G. Hopewell beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +19  
 R. F. Rothwell w/o H. O. Hodgson  
 J. N. Robinson beat Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +4

##### Third Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt beat Miss E. J. Warwick +26  
 H. B. H. Carlisle beat P. Gifford-Nash +3  
 C. G. Hopewell beat I. C. Baillieu +3  
 J. N. Robinson beat R. F. Rothwell +14

##### Semi-Final

B. Lloyd Pratt beat H. B. H. Carlisle +23  
 J. N. Robinson beat C. G. Hopewell +12

##### Final

B. Lloyd Pratt beat J. N. Robinson +17

##### PROCESS

##### First Round

Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat Miss E. J. Warwick +14

##### Second Round

P. Gifford-Nash w/o H. O. Hodgson  
 I. C. Baillieu beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson +2  
 C. G. Hopewell beat H. B. H. Carlisle +18  
 Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat J. G. Warwick +7  
 J. N. Robinson beat Mrs. A. N. Rolfe +26  
 B. Lloyd Pratt beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +11  
 R. F. Rothwell beat R. A. Simpson +15  
 A. D. Karmel beat Miss G. W. Solomon +14

##### Third Round

P. Gifford-Nash beat I. C. Baillieu +10  
 C. G. Hopewell beat Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +9  
 J. N. Robinson beat B. Lloyd Pratt +23  
 A. D. Karmel beat R. F. Rothwell +8

##### Semi-Final

P. Gifford-Nash beat C. G. Hopewell +12  
 A. D. Karmel beat J. N. Robinson +14

##### Final

A. D. Karmel beat P. Gifford-Nash +12

Play-off: A. D. Karmel beat B. Lloyd Pratt +4

##### LEVEL SINGLES

(2½-6 bisques)

Played as American

**Winner:** Miss S. Hampson beat Miss E. M. Brumpton +12; R. O. Havery +3; Miss C. Brumpton +9.

**2nd:** R. O. Havery beat Miss E. M. Brumpton +19; Miss C. Brumpton +10.

**3rd:** Miss C. Brumpton.

**4th:** Miss E. M. Brumpton.

##### HANDICAP SINGLES

(6 bisques and over)

Played as American

**Winner:** Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (9) beat Mrs. H. B. Carlisle +1 on time; Miss Samuel +15 on time; Mrs. P. Gifford-Nash +12.

**2nd:** Miss J. K. Samuel beat Mrs. H. B. Carlisle +5 on time; Mrs. Gifford-Nash +5 on time.

**3rd:** Mrs. Gifford-Nash.

**4th:** Mrs. H. B. Carlisle.

##### HANDICAP SINGLES "X"

##### First Round

Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (9) beat Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (11) +13  
 Miss S. Hampson (4) beat P. Gifford-Nash (2½) +5  
 Mrs. R. A. Simpson (1½) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +2  
 A. D. Karmel (-1) beat Miss J. K. Samuel (11) +12  
 R. F. Rothwell (-2) beat R. A. Simpson (0) +9  
 C. G. Hopewell (-½) beat R. O. Havery (2½) +15  
 Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (0) beat Miss C. Brumpton (4) +2  
 J. N. Robinson (½) w/o H. O. Hodgson (2)  
 Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) beat Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5½) +2  
 I. C. Baillieu (1) beat Mrs. P. Gifford-Nash (14) +10  
 J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5½) +7

##### Second Round

B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +17  
 Miss S. Hampson (4) beat Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (9) +3  
 Mrs. R. A. Simpson (1½) beat A. D. Karmel (-1) +14  
 C. G. Hopewell (-½) beat R. F. Rothwell (-2) +13  
 J. N. Robinson (½) beat Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (0) +10  
 I. C. Baillieu (1) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) +26  
 J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Miss M. Brumpton (4½) +3  
 H. B. H. Carlisle (2) beat Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (1½) +23

##### Third Round

B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) beat Miss S. Hampson (4) +5  
 C. G. Hopewell (-½) beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson (1½) +3  
 J. N. Robinson (½) beat I. C. Baillieu (1) +21  
 H. B. H. Carlisle (2) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) +25

##### Semi-Final

C. G. Hopewell (-½) beat B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) +26  
 H. B. H. Carlisle (2) beat J. N. Robinson (½) +6

##### Final

H. B. H. Carlisle (2) beat C. G. Hopewell (-½) +22

##### HANDICAP SINGLES "Y"

##### First Round

P. Gifford-Nash (2½) beat Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (11) +9  
 Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat Miss J. K. Samuel (11) +11  
 R. O. Havery (2½) beat R. A. Simpson (0) +17  
 Miss C. Brumpton (4) beat Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5½) +3  
 Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5½) beat Mrs. P. Gifford-Nash (14) +11

##### Second Round

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) beat P. Gifford-Nash (2½) +17  
 R. O. Havery (2½) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +25  
 Miss C. Brumpton (4) beat Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5½) +21  
 Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (1½) beat Miss M. Brumpton (4½) +4

##### Semi-Final

R. O. Havery (2½) beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +10  
 Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (1½) beat Miss C. Brumpton (4½) +7

##### Final

R. O. Havery (2½) beat Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (1½) +10

##### HANDICAP DOUBLES

##### First Round

J. N. Robinson and Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (2) beat I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) +4  
 Mrs. R. A. Simpson and Miss S. Hampson (5½) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss J. K. Samuel (8) +16  
 H. B. H. Carlisle and P. Gifford-Nash (4½) beat R. F. Rothwell and E. J. Bromley-Fox (7) +10  
 B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. G. D. Perowne (2½) beat A. D. and Mrs. Karmel (4½) +10  
 Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. Gifford-Nash (11) beat R. A. Simpson and R. O. Havery (2½) +2

##### Second Round

Brig. A. F. G. Forbes and Miss C. Brumpton (4) beat J. N. Robinson and Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (2) +9  
 Mrs. R. A. Simpson and Miss S. Hampson (5½) beat H. B. H. Carlisle and P. Gifford-Nash (4½) +17  
 Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. Gifford-Nash (11) beat B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. G. D. Perowne (2½) +13  
 J. G. Warwick and Mrs. Carlisle (9) beat C. G. Hopewell and Miss M. Brumpton (4) +9

##### Semi-Final

Brig. A. F. G. Forbes and Miss C. Brumpton (4) beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson and Miss S. Hampson (5½) +4

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. Carlisle (9) beat Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. Gifford-Nash (11) +6

##### Final

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) beat Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes and Miss C. Brumpton (4) +7

#### REPORTS ON EIGHTS WEEK

##### THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

SEPTEMBER 9th-13th

That Croquet is now a Young Man's Game has ceased to be a paradox and become a truism which this year's Eight goes only to confirm. One wonders whether there was ever an entry in this event in which there was only a single player of 60 and another in his forties, with at least three, one believes, in their twenties. It may be a surprise to some of our readers to learn that this leaning towards youth in our Masters' Tournament represents a reversion to the dozen years before World War I. When Lilia Gower won the "Champion Cup" in 1904 she was not long out of her teens; the Corbally brothers must have been in their twenties when they began to compete in it, and Duff Mathews, Keith Izard and Sweet-Escott were still undergraduates when they first did so; Maxwell Browne was a similar age when he won the event, at his third attempt, in 1911. Between the wars the age level tended to rise, and it was not till 1955 that the first of John Solomon's eight victories heralded the take-over bid of youth, most significantly of all exhibited by John Bolton's win in 1965 while still in his teens.

This year's Eight had an especial interest in view of six of its number being members of one of the strongest Test Teams which our country has ever put in the field. By common consent it would have been even stronger had the winner of the Cup last year been able to accept the invitation to go overseas. But for him "life is real, life is earnest" and the winning peg is not its goal; Keith Wylie did not feel himself justified even in defending the title he won in this tournament last year, for lack of the opportunity to bring his play up to the level which he felt the event demanded. Few, if any, of us will suppose that he would have fallen below it had he decided to "have a go". No "Best Eight" can be quite the best without him.

Had Wylie accepted there would have been only one player competing who was new to the event. This was Roger Bray whose play

this year, crowned by his victory at Hurlingham, carried him into the English team. As it was there were two, the second being Bill Perry, who had come within one turn of reaching the final of the Men's Championship. His qualities as a player are not so well known in London as they are to visitors to Budleigh Salterton, and his arrival in the competition must have given great satisfaction to members of our leading provincial club. By contrast John Solomon's appearance was his 17th consecutive one, bringing his record not far from that of William Longman's 21, which five more years should surely show John as having exceeded. Many of us must have regretted that his traditional rival, Patrick Cotter, with his long record of victories, did not quite manage to "make it" this year.

On Monday—a lovely summer day, so rare this year—John Solomon got off to a flying start, winning all three games with scores in the twenties in a confident manner which seemed to suggest that, as England's new Captain, he must leave no doubt about his claim to the position. Another who appeared hardly less confident at first was Bernard Neal, but he could not resist a resolute challenge in the evening game from Douglas Strachan, now assured of his claim as a team mate. There was a splendid effort by Bill Perry in the same round when, after William Ormerod had got both his clips on the peg while his opponent's were only on the second hoop, Bill pulled the game round so far as to have reached the peg and rover hoop before William hit what might well have been the last shot, at close on 8 p.m.

Solomon won another game by 25 against Strachan on Tuesday morning, but the other three matches in this round were close, yielding victories for Ormerod, Aspinall and Neal. But play in some of these games was rather patchy, as it continued to be in the afternoon, when both Perry and Simon "broke their ducks", the latter, however, with an infinitely patient 26 over Strachan. There were "patches" too in the game between Aspinall and Ormerod, in which at one point four relatively short roquets were missed in succession by both players. But suddenly Aspinall struck a brilliant vein with one of his specialities, a two-ball break from the 5th hoop to the rover. The innings thereupon lost was soon recovered by a fine long shot and Nigel confirmed his status as one of the Big Three of 1968. There were two conclusive victories in the evening to the credit of Roger Bray and Ormerod, the latter achieving the first defeat of his captain by some of the most beautiful play so far seen in the competition, with breaks picked up by a series of strikingly accurate take-offs and long rushes.

Wednesday is always a crucial day in this event, and this year it showed three players drawing ahead of the rest. At lunchtime, with the end of the first series, Aspinall had six games, having lost only to Solomon, who had five, as Ormerod had also. Nobody else was near to these figures, and by the evening Solomon and Ormerod each had seven, Aspinall having lost again to Solomon, and in the evening to Strachan after a terrific finish. Douglas had pegged Nigel out leaving him with a clip on the third hoop while his other ball was for 4 back. Aspinall faced this challenge alike with courage and skill, and only failed of success by a single point. Perry had a good start from Neal, but allowed his opponent to overtake him as fairly certainly he would have done so completely had not the Devonian hit the "last shot" (or something very like it) and by a series of brilliant strokes reached the peg, comfortably wired from Bernard, on a two-ball break. Neal consoled himself later with an enterprising double peel on his opponent's (Bray's) ball, and Solomon in the evening overcame Perry, who had reached 4 back, by an ingenious "quadruple" which though not quite completed left John virtually certain of victory in the next turn. Ormerod reached a score of seven games to tie with Solomon after an easy if rather long-delayed victory over Neal, who was tied with Bray (who beat Simon) in the middle of the table with five games, Strachan and Perry having three and Simon two.

Thursday is the day on which spectators begin to speculate on a triple tie (which somehow never eventuates, though this year it seemed by no means improbable). The situation was a piquant one for the further reason that Solomon's title of "Champion of Champions" might be put in question if it was not he who won the President's Cup. John, however, finding himself in the lead as a result of Aspinall's single-point loss the previous evening, showed not the slightest disposition to let go of it and played a lot of beautiful croquet during the day. But Aspinall revealed no sign either of abandoning the chase and was only one point behind when darkness (rather prematurely) set in. By disposing of Ormerod (who had a bad day) he had eliminated his only other possible rival. The strain on the two leaders seemed to be far more lightly borne than was that on competitors further down; more mistakes were made than had been the case previously, and when Round 12 was completed there were three earlier pegged-down games which were not! Some of these had to be postponed to the following morning. But one of the contestants, Roger Bray, had had a good day with three victories to his credit, and a score of six.

On the last morning both the leaders, between whom the issue seemed to lie, met with defeat—Solomon at the hands of Ormerod as a result of an all-round break of dazzling unorthodoxy, and Aspinall through one by Neal of painstaking accuracy. In each



"contact" was given and the experiment succeeded; is this strategy destined to replace the "triple", of which fewer were seen (except by their leading executant, Solomon) than is usual in this event? Simon, suddenly substituting celerity for deliberation, almost literally ran out a winner to beat Perry, and Bray in a more leisurely game beat Strachan. Now if Aspinall won his last game, as he did, and Solomon lost his, a play-off would result. Neither John nor his opponent Bray were faultless, but the Champion made fewer and less costly errors than did his adversary. And so England's captain asserted his superiority, as was perhaps but fitting; he had only once been headed throughout the week, and one had then the feeling that he was not going to be again.

In the final table the competitors were grouped into three sections: Solomon (11), Aspinall (10) and Ormerod (9) at the top—Ormerod's third place preserved his remarkable record of never being out of the top half of the competition in any of the eight seasons in which he has taken part in it. Neal and Bray were tied in the middle with seven games each—a creditable score, especially perhaps for Bray whose first appearance in the event it was. Perry (5), Simon (4) and Strachan (3) completed the table. Perry, the veteran of the competition and also a newcomer to the event, made a plucky recovery from a rather unlucky start; Simon had a battle to fight not only with his adversaries but with himself, but never gave in; Strachan was competing in a season in which he had had few opportunities of first-class play.

It would take more space than is available to give any satisfactory impression of the week's play as a whole. The 3 11/16 hoop clearly remains a more formidable obstacle than the players sometimes seemed to assume, but there was some notably good hoop running, by Perry in a restrained fashion, and by Ormerod and Aspinall in a more forthright manner. The "short lift" for a shot at boundary balls was being hit so often that competitors began to seek alternatives to it; the "contact" method has already been mentioned, and we even saw a revival of the old "cross peg".

The presentation of trophies by Mrs. Rivington and Mrs. Stoker was made the occasion of tributes both to the serene management of Col. Cave and his brilliant series of visual aids to the appreciation of exactly how the competition stood at the end of each round; and to Tom Gray who had brought the lovely courts to a high level of perfection. The weather added much to the enjoyment of the week and the trophies glistened brightly in a final evening of sunshine.

### THE CHAIRMAN'S SALVER

The Chairman's Salver was won by Edgar Jackson with 11 out of 12 games, his only loss being to Patrick Cotter, who was second with 10. Giles Borrett beat Cotter by 4 and when about to beat Jackson failed at the penultimate—that was the difference. Jackson played with great accuracy throughout and gave his opponents little chance, his shooting being extremely good. Cotter after the first day never looked like losing a game and won one with a triple in 29 minutes. Borrett showed excellent form in many of his games but did not maintain his usual consistency. Harold Clemons played well in the first series but lost his touch in the second. He strikes the ball beautifully but is inclined to take dangerous shots. Kitty Sessions, who shot well, did very creditably in winning five games, but Joan Warwick and Richard Rothwell did not produce the good croquet of which they are capable.

It was most regrettable that John Cooper had to retire after six games.

The competition was most enjoyable—excellent lunches, teas and coffee—and Miss E. C. Brumpton did very well her first time of managing.

### THE SURREY CUP

There are scores of suitable players who are eager to play in the Surrey Cup. Yet, this year, the Croquet Association only managed to send seven players to Cheltenham. This broke the rhythm of regular play for the players and made things no easier for the Manager. It must be an avoidable mistake.

Dr. Martin Murray was the outstanding player. He not only won but also played with great enterprise and never missed a chance to go for a triple peel—sometimes successfully. The Surrey Cup is not noted for attacking play so his victory was very pleasing to the spectators. His opponents liked it too.

Colonel Prichard had occasional bouts of hoopitis, but was otherwise his usual steady self. He grumbled a bit about his hitting-in, but so did his opponents.

Mrs. Rotherham started badly by losing her first four games. She then recaptured her skill at break-making and won four of her last five games. It is possible that some of her losses were due to lawns that did not suit her.

Moore's carefree style of play is popular at Cheltenham. He seemed to be able to hit—or, for that matter, miss—anything, and the expression on his face was the same whichever.

Colonel Wheeler's erratic play caused him to lose to every other player and also to beat every other player except Mrs. Rotherham. His passion for pegging out his opponent contributed to some of his defeats, but he likes it that way.

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Martin Bushnell was off form for most of the week, though he played one really good game to beat Colonel Prichard.

Figgis's hoop-running was probably the best in the tournament, but his long shots were consistently unlucky. In one game he found himself playing a break with a steel-shafted mallet for the first time in his life—it was his opponent's mallet. Now, me bhoy, would that ever happen to an Englishman?

The weather was good, the catering was excellent. With Dorothy Daniels at the helm it is not surprising that the Surrey Cup was more than the seven-eighths success that it might have been.

### THE LADIES' INVITATION EVENT

The Invitation Event, this year held at Parkstone on September 9th-13th, started in perfect weather. The fast conditions of the courts caused rather protracted games in some of the earlier rounds. Heavy rain on the Thursday slowed up the courts, making conditions equally difficult.

It was unfortunate that there were only nine ladies in the event, there being no reserves available at short notice.

Mrs. Fotiadi played enterprising croquet, one one occasion in particular, picking up a four-ball break from a very difficult position.

The eventual winner was Mrs. Sundius-Smith who, playing steady croquet all the week, did not lose a match. The runner-up was not decided until the final round, when three tied for second place with five games each.

The competition was managed by Mrs. McMordie, assisted by the Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.

### ALL ENGLAND AREA FINALS

ROEHAMPTON, September 7th and 8th, 1968

#### First Round

Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (Hurlingham) (7½) beat Mrs. P. D. Showan (Parsons Green) (2) +11

Miss Thorne (Barnes) (12) w/o H. B. H. Carlisle (Hurlingham) (2) (opp. scratched)

#### Semi-Final

A. A. Reed (Roehampton) (-2) beat Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (Hurlingham) (7½) +18

A. L. d'Antal (Roehampton) (4½) beat Miss Thorne (Barnes) (12) +5

#### Final

A. L. d'Antal (Roehampton) (4½) beat A. A. Reed (Roehampton) (-2) +12

September 14th and 15th, 1968

#### First Round

C. G. Bennett (Edgbaston) (6) beat D. Himmens (Southwick) (5) +19

L. Taylor (Parkstone) (4½) beat Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (Budleigh Salterton) (1) +18

H. C. Green (Wrest Park) (4½) beat R. F. Rothwell (Caversham) (-2) +26

W. M. Spalding (Glenochil) (8) beat A. L. d'Antal (Roehampton) (4½) +19

#### Semi-Final

L. Taylor (Parkstone) (4½) beat C. G. Bennett (Edgbaston) (6) +19

W. M. Spalding (Glenochil) (8) beat H. C. Green (Wrest Park) (4½) +22

#### Final

W. M. Spalding (Glenochil) (8) beat L. Taylor (Parkstone) (4½) +13

### CHELTENHAM AMERICAN SINGLES

SEPTEMBER 20th-22nd, 1968

**Block A.**—Winner: Mrs. D. J. Yoxall (5) beat G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) +12; R. F. Rothwell (-2) +10; R. D. C. Prichard (3) +26; Miss W. K. Allardye (8) +19

**Block B.**—Winner: Dr. A. L. Yoxall (0) beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) +15; Mrs. R. A. Lewty (3) +12; L. O. Ayliffe (6) +14; Maj. E. J. Burnley-Fox (8) +15

**Block C.**—Winner: C. H. L. Prichard (1) beat P. W. Hands (-2) +14; J. W. Robinson (-½) +7; Miss H. McKean (10) +7; Mrs. D. Temple-Page (12) +14

**Block D.**—Winner: D. Temple-Page (6) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) +4; Lt.-Col. G. T. Wheeler (-½) +16; Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) +16; R. A. Lewty (10) +14

**Play-off:** C. H. L. Prichard beat Mrs. Yoxall +1  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall beat D. Temple-Page +12

**Final:** C. H. L. Prichard beat Dr. A. L. Yoxall +5

### PARKSTONE TOURNAMENT RESULTS IN NEXT ISSUE

### CHELTENHAM

An AMERICAN NON-OFFICIAL HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT, EASTER WEEK-END

will be held in the Club Grounds on SATURDAY, APRIL 5th to MONDAY, APRIL 7th, 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 Wednesday, April 2nd.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	TOTAL WINS
9th-13th September, 1968										
HURLINGHAM CLUB		Dr. R. W. Bray	Dr. W. P. Ormerod	D. F. Strachan	J. W. Solomon	G. N. Aspinall	B. G. Perry	Prof. B. G. Neal	J. W. Simon	
A	Dr. R. W. Bray		21	26	26	3	9	14	26	3
B	Dr. W. P. Ormerod			26	10	13	26	15	26	4
C	D. F. Strachan				26	11	12	26	26	4
D	J. W. Solomon					1	12	26	26	0
E	G. N. Aspinall						0	26	3	10
F	B. G. Perry							26	5	2
G	Prof. B. G. Neal								26	3
H	J. W. Simon									2
										7
										9
										3
										11
										10
										7
										5
										4

THE SURREY CUP		W. E. Moore	Mrs. E. Rotherham	Col. G. T. Wheeler	D. Figgis	Col. D. M. C. Prichard	M. J. Bushnell	Dr. Martin Murray	TOTAL WINS
9th-13th September, 1968									
CHELTENHAM CLUB									
W. E. Moore			+25	-10	+7	-16	+20	-5	6
Mrs. E. Rotherham				+12	+11	-3	+17	-4	7
Col. G. T. Wheeler					+2	-17	-18	-12	5
D. Figgis							+11	+6	3
Col. D. M. C. Prichard								+11	8
M. J. Bushnell									4
Dr. Martin Murray									9

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CHAIRMAN'S SALVER		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	TOTAL WINS
1968										
NOTTM.		H. S. Clemons	A. J. Cooper	Miss E. J. Warwick	E. P. C. Cotter	Cmdr. G. Borrett	Miss K. M. O. Sessions	R. F. Rothwell	G. E. P. Jackson	
(A)	H. S. Clemons		+15	+8	-4	+15	+11	-3	-22	5
(B)	A. J. Cooper			-5	-25	-25	-1	+5	-9	halved
(C)	Miss E. J. Warwick				-7	-3	+19	+6	-18	3
(D)	E. P. C. Cotter					-14	-9	-1	-3	10
(E)	Cmdr. G. Borrett						+4	+7	+25	6
(F)	Miss K. M. O. Sessions							+25	+14	5
(G)	R. F. Rothwell									11
(H)	G. E. P. Jackson									WINNER

LADIES' INVITATION EVENT		Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith	Mrs. H. F. Chittenden	Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi	Mrs. W. Longman	Mrs. N. C. Elvey	Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan	Miss B. Duthie	Mrs. G. W. Solomon	Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe	TOTAL GAMES
9th-13th September 1968.											
PARKSTONE											
WINNER	Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith		26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	8
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden		9		26	26	26	26	24	23	26	5
Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi		21	20		8	26	26	26	26	26	5
Mrs. W. Longman		10	15	26		26	11	26	26	26	5
Mrs. N. C. Elvey		11	20	23	13		26	20	26	26	3
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan		11	20	20	26	13		26	26	23	3
Miss B. Duthie		14	26	18	7	26	11		14	26	3
Mrs. G. W. Solomon		18	26	15	19	5	22	26		24	2
Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe		24	12	2	12	14	26	15	26		2