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Edinburgh Croquet Club Lawns, with Lauriston Castle in background. In play: Mrs. R. V. Hall, Secretary, 1955-1966.

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Secretary's Column

The three Eights and the Ladies' Field Cup have all been competed for this year, and the results are in this magazine.

Nigel Aspinall won the Open Championship and the President's Cup and therefore had the honour of challenging the reigning Champion of Champions, John Solomon. They played three games which kept a large audience spellbound; Solomon, the final winner, doing a spectacular jump over the Rover hoop and hitting the peg. The normally staid croquet spectators rose to their feet and shouted.

Once more we must thank the Hurlingham Club for their generosity in giving the use of the lawns free. This was very much appreciated and the groundsmen had worked hard to get them into first-class condition. The weather was also kind—actually no rain!

The Ladies' Field Cup, revived after four years, was much enjoyed by all competitors. It was played on the Compton Lawns and Mr. Perry was Manager and Referee. Miss Warwick, representing the old brigade, and Mrs. Sundius-Smith, a newcomer, tied, Miss Warwick finally winning the third game of the play-off. A very stalwart effort on the part of Mrs. Sundius-Smith.

It was after much thought that I decided to resign next April—I shall have completed 10½ years' service then, and look forward to being a free woman again—there were very few days I was not at the office, sometimes week-ends included. My successor can be assured of all the help I can give him/her.

There are still a large number of subscriptions outstanding and they were due on January 1st.

I have just heard of the sad death of Mrs. M. F. Buller and on behalf of her husband's many friends send him our most sincere sympathy.

V. C. GASSON, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

HURLINGHAM AMENDED HANDICAPS

S. S. Townsend 0 to -1.

Mrs. B. G. Neal (wrongly described in September issue as

Mrs. B. A. Nash) 9 (D8) to 8 (D7).

A. Solomon 9* to 8 (D7).

J. Solomon 9* to 8 (D7).

J. Parr 9* to 8 (D7).

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY, CROQUET ASSOCIATION

Mrs. V. C. Gasson, who has been Secretary of the C.A. for the past ten years, has decided to vacate her office at the end of April, 1970, and the Chairman of the Council of the C.A. invites applications for the post of Secretary.

The affairs of the Association have increased in complexity in recent years and some knowledge of secretarial matters and of business generally is therefore essential for the smooth running of the office: ability to use a typewriter is also most desirable but a knowledge of shorthand is not required.

The duties of the Secretary include the keeping of accounts and minute books, the collecting of subscriptions; the arrangements incidental to all meetings of the Association, the Council and its various committees; the organisation of C.A. Tournaments; correspondence with Associates and Clubs on various matters affecting the game; all matters concerned with the relationship between the Association and the world at large.

The office is pleasantly situated in the Hurlingham Club, which affords an excellent opportunity for watching first-class croquet events during the year, and it would be an obvious convenience for the Secretary to live within reasonable distance of the Club.

Mrs. Gasson has, like her predecessor Mrs. Apps, given freely of her time for what is only a nominal salary and a contribution towards expenses. The resources of the Association do not permit of a remuneration at a commercial rate, but it is hoped that if an increased subscription income is forthcoming in 1970 and subsequently reasonably attractive provision by way of an expenses allowance can be made. It will be appreciated that the nature of the work is such that a considerable degree of flexibility in the hours of attendance at the office is possible and that the position is especially suitable for a retired or semi-retired person seeking part-time employment.

Applications, which need not be confined to those who are Associates, or suggestions, should be sent to the Chairman, Croquet Association, c/o The Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.

CORRESPONDENCE TIME FOR ACTION

Dear Sir,

There has been a great deal of talk about the absurdity of good players beating each other by 26-0 without the adversary even taking croquet (can the adversary's game properly be described as "Croquet"?). I feel that positive action is overdue, and suggest the following simplification of Law 36.

"When any ball scores one-back, whether struck or peeled through the hoop, the adversary may choose to begin his subsequent turn, either:

(i) by playing as the balls lie;

(ii) by lifting either ball of his side even if it be in contact with one or more balls. As soon as such ball is lifted it immediately becomes in hand and shall be played by the striker from any point on either baulk-line;

(iii) by lifting either ball of his side, even if it be in contact with one or more balls, placing it in contact with any ball, and taking croquet forthwith."

The effects would be as follows:

(1) The adversary would be sure of taking croquet and having an innings, unless the first player successfully concluded a sextuple peel—a rare occurrence in match play.

(2) A maximum of two lifts would be given by each player, but they would not depend on the gamble of a long shot. They would be of real value and ensure the adversary of an innings.

(3) There would be more variation in top-class play. Bold players would attempt the sextuple, others would hazard a straight run to the peg with the first ball, and good long-shots might peg-out this ball. Some would go to penultimate, whereas others, fearing a double peel and peg-out, would stop at four-back, to triple peel later. There would be many fascinating duels between one ball and two balls, and all the play would be much more interesting than these one-man exhibitions ending in 26-0.

It is desirable to simplify the complicated laws of croquet, and one way would be to abolish the laws of semi-advanced play. From enquiries made it is clear that a vast majority of players dislike this unnecessary complication, which can be confusing even for an advanced player when, for example, he plays in the County Championships. Unless forced to use semi-advanced laws, B class players always prefer the laws of advanced play, when not playing under Handicap laws. L. RIGGALL.

Dear Editor,

It implies no criticism of Managers to whose generous services our tournaments owe their very existence, or to club committees who provide their varied and attractive programmes, to raise questions about certain features of a relatively novel character which are beginning to become common practice at certain of our Calendar Fixtures.

One in particular seems to the present writer, with 60 years of experience of tournaments, to need more consideration than it has yet received.

Regulation 24a (ii) declares that a Tournament Handicapper is authorised to alter an official handicap, such as are defined in Regulation 22. It is, however, by no means an unusual fact that competitors arrive at our tournaments as to whose true form little or perhaps no evidence is forthcoming. Opportunity for the Tournament Handicapper to give such players a handicap as was warranted by form they displayed in level events was formerly available before Handicap Events were played.

But now that these events are, in an increasing number of cases, started on the opening day, this obligation can no longer be fulfilled. This may and in fact quite often results in unfairness, either to such competitors or to those whom they are required to give an unrealistic number of bisques.

Is it right that Handicappers should be forced to forfeit the exercise of the responsibility which is laid upon them in Regulation 24? The fact that this official is often the same person as the Manager may have led to failure to realise that this quite frequently happens. However this may be, no Manager should allow his convenience in this capacity to extinguish the responsibility resting upon him as Handicapper. I could go further and assert that so as not to nullify Regulation 24 it is an illegality under our Regulations. It follows that programmes should not announce any intention, and Managers should not be free to play any Handicap event on the first day of a tournament without an explicit dispensation from the C.A. Tournament Committee for doing so, given only in exceptional circumstances.

There is another novelty in the arrangement of tournament events which, if of lesser, is perhaps not of negligible importance. This is the practice of starting the Doubles Event on Tuesday. This gives competitors who may arrive without a partner very little opportunity of finding one to his (or her) satisfaction, since the event will have to be drawn as early as the first afternoon of the tournament.

These innovations seem to have crept in in recent years without any general realisation of their consequences. They may, of course, be regarded by some as having advantages which outweigh their drawbacks, or even justify a deliberate departure from the intentions of our Regulations. In my view, at any rate, they do not. I hope that the subject may be discussed in your columns and at some forthcoming delegates' meeting.

Yours faithfully,

MAURICE B. RECKITT.

NOTES by ROVER

Reflections on the Eights

The first to be played was the Ladies' Field Cup and these selections had to be made prior to the other selections. If they had been made contemporaneously it is clear that the form subsequent to the selection would have meant that Mrs. Longman would have been included. This becomes apparent from the fact that Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Sessions were selected for the Chairman's Cup, Miss Warwick for the Surrey Cup and Mrs. Prichard and Mrs. Longman were selected as reserves for the Surrey Cup. These were the only ladies to be selected. The form did not work out this way. Mrs. Sundius-Smith, who adamantly refuses to lie down, tied for first place with Miss Warwick but lost the play-off to her more experienced opponent. The play will perhaps best be remembered for the sheer determination of those involved—and this is the stuff from which croquet players are fashioned. Again the Surrey Cup did not work out according to the selectors' prediction. Dr. Murray, the 8th selection, proved himself the undoubted master and with more croquet would undoubtedly be a contender for President's Cup honours. Second place was occupied by Robin Godby, who was selected 6th and was a surprise selection, if you will take his word for it. He has played in many Surrey Cups and it is gratifying to hear from him that the form this year was higher than he has encountered in his preceding years. The third place was won by Peter Hallet, the first reserve, and the remaining five players were all equal forth. This augurs well for the depth of croquet strength. The Chairman's Cup was won by the first reserve, David O'Connor, confirming the old saying that the last shall be first, but the results did not show that the first shall be last. Edgar Jackson, who won last year, was second. The third place was occupied by Brigadier Forbes, who was not chosen for the Surrey Cup or as one of the five reserves for that cup and came in as the sitting reserve. This was indeed a fine performance. One has long recognised Edgar Jackson as a contender for the President's Cup honours. Two new contenders are now obviously Dr. Murray and David O'Connor. Peter Hallet continues to progress but still has some way to go. However, one must bear in mind that there are only eight places available. Who will be dropped from those who played this year? Indeed, what is to happen when John Solomon and Douglas Strachan, the two Test Team players who were unavailable this year, re-enter the lists? And supposing the other two Johns, Bolton and Simon, offer themselves for selection? The play is fully described elsewhere. A number of the games were very one-sided and may make the theorists scratch their heads in an effort to think up some solution to this ever-recurring problem. A letter on the subject appears elsewhere. Rover will content himself with only three observations. He would like to congratulate the old master, Patrick Cotter, for his spirited challenge to recapture the Cup. He would like to welcome the return of the young master, Keith Wylie, who showed us flashes of his brilliance. He would like to thank Bill Perry for proving so conclusively that there is no tail in these contests. His record in beating each player and losing to each player must surely be unique.

Order of Play at Tournaments

Our Chairman has commented unfavourably on what he describes as the modern practice of beginning the first day's play with the open handicap. He raises a legalistic objection and invites comment. The legalistic objection can be dealt with hereafter. The important matter to ascertain is whether or not it meets with the approval of the players for whose benefit all tournaments are organised. This was the order of play at the last Hurlingham Tournament, and on the first day each player played once and no one played twice. The capacity of the courts was fully occupied and the lunch interval—so far as the courts were concerned—was mainly saved. As usual, this was a knock-out tournament, and it is inevitable that 50% of the players would be knocked out in their first match. People who travel for a croquet holiday are naturally disappointed at this result. It is not the beating that inevitably disappoints, it is the fact that they are out of the event. But at Hurlingham the open handicap was played as an "X" and "Y", and this year the "Y" Event was played with full games without a time limit. The result was that at the end of the day no one was out of any event. On the second day this process was repeated in the sense that everyone played once and no one played twice; but 50% of the players were playing

their second matches in the "X" and 50% of the players were playing their first match in the "Y", and at the end of the second day 50% of the players were still in one or other of the handicap events, and were fully alive in all other events. This appeared to be a popular innovation at Hurlingham, especially because it raised the status of the "Y" Event. Our President's objection seemed most concerned with the fact that some unknown players from time to time creep in with unrealistic handicaps which are unfair to them or to their opponents. One can forget the possibility of the handicap being unfair to the player concerned, because under our regulations the "Y" is a separate event for which he can be re-handicapped. The best way to safeguard the interests of the tournament against an unknown player farming the Open Handicap is to introduce into the Regulations a power in the Handicapper to make such unknown players be on the courts on P.M. on the preceding day so that they can be put through their paces. Surely it must be wrong to alter the general order of play to cope with these difficulties. The legalistic objection of our President cannot really pass the test. The three players about whom his comment would be relevant at the Hurlingham Tournament were the three schoolboys, Andrew and John Solomon and John Parr. They were engaged in three events, the Open Handicap, the Men's Doubles Handicap and the Longworth Cup, which was their class event played on handicap. The desirability or otherwise of starting a tournament with the Open Handicap must surely be determined on broader grounds than those suggested by our President.

COLCHESTER TOURNAMENT

July 28th–August 2nd

(This report was received too late for the last issue.)

This prosperous and astonishing club's sixth annual tournament was, as always, an unqualified success. Some rain on the Monday night took the fire out of the excellent fast courts and, on the whole, the standard of play was very high.

Finals day was most unusual in that three of the results were by 26. In the morning the secretary, Mr. Whitehead, prevailed by that figure in the semi-final of the big Handicap against Dr. Bray; Bray trampled Lloyd-Pratt into the dust in the final of the Draw, not allowing his opponent to score, and in the ensuing play-off for second place between Lloyd-Pratt and Forbes the Brigadier never even took croquet. Games like these afford little pleasure for the spectators and, being so one-sided, are a poor advertisement for Croquet. However, in the Handicap Doubles, as is so often the case, the excitements, together with the psychological (I nearly said "sadistic") interest, were many and varied, four results being decided by one point on time. In fact Mrs. John Solomon, who was a welcome spectator in the middle of the week, declared herself to be quite enthralled by the real game. Having been glutted all these years by her husband's sort of croquet—Open Championships and the President's Cup—it was for her a most gratifying experience to discover something of what went on in less rarified circles.

After mentioning the superlative courts and the truly outstanding catering which is carried out by the lady members themselves with commendable self-sacrifice, this report closes with a short tribute to Cyril Ratcliffe. Many Associates will remember him playing with our Vice-President, Mr. Duffield, for the Eastern Counties team, under the late Mrs. Beaton's and then the late Mrs. Reeve's captaincy. Apart from these occasional forays outside his home circle, Cyril has not played the Tournament Circuit. How amazing it is, then, to find him, at the wonderful age of 88, actually improving his game and winning the big Handicap event at a club that is noted for its young and rapidly-improving players. He is a truly deserving holder of the fine Franklin Trophy; and at a club whose esprit de corps and devotion to the game are second to none his keenness and sportsmanship are an example to all of us.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

September 8th-12th

"I love to be invited to play in the Best Eight," said, in the writer's hearing, one who had been so on several occasions. "Only thing is—one has to play in it." It would not be difficult for many of those who have done so to echo this paradoxical sentiment; and this year, with such massive strength at the top, there may be one or two who have felt the same. "Massive" despite the fact that the Prince of Denmark was, for the first time since he began, in 1951, to compete in it, absent from our annual "Hamlet". Our Champion of Champions was, not unjustifiably, content (perhaps compelled to be so) to reserve himself for the Challenge round, as Wimbledon champions were for many years required to do. By the time these words are read we shall know—as their writer does not as he writes them—whether the laurels still remain on that distinguished brow.

It would be unrealistic not to recognise that an especial interest was felt in many quarters in the prospects of two players—Nigel Aspinall, already qualified, as Open Champion, to challenge for the yet more exalted title, and Keith Wylie, winner of the President's Cup on the last occasion (1967) on which he competed for it, and winner of the Men's Championship in 1968. Perhaps their rivalry this year was rendered the more piquant from the fact that the draw had fallen out in such a way as to provide that they should not meet until the final game in each series. There was also the question whether William Ormerod, so often successful against John Solomon, would maintain his remarkable record of never having finished in the lower half of the contest on any of the eight occasions on which he has appeared in the lists, a striking witness to his imperturbability in the most exacting circumstances. Nor was Roger Bray without a good deal of support as a potential challenger to any he would meet during the week. As for the rest, it was "more than rather likely" (as Kipling put it just 70 years ago) that any one of them would topple one or more of those most fancied during the week. There have been very few years in which several examples of this have not occurred. Finally, we did not fail to lament the enforced absence of a player who made so admirable a showing in Australia—Douglas Strachan.

Monday.—The feature of the play on this first day was that nobody got away with a lead at the end of it. In the morning games Aspinall, Wylie and Neal had runaway victories. The game between Bray and Ormerod was closer, the former winning by 11 points only. In the afternoon things were very different. Only Wylie won his game (against Perry) by a substantial margin. The other three won by Aspinall by 3, Cotter by 2 and Neal by 1, were "cliff hangers". The first of these games was very keenly disputed and Bray, coming somewhat from behind, looked like winning it until after an excellent long approach to the penultimate he unexpectedly missed the hoop. Lloyd-Pratt, after an admirable triple peel, missed his peg-out and Neal played with exemplary steadiness to come from a long way behind to win after Bryan Lloyd-Pratt had managed by a good shot at the peg to deprive his opponent of a fourth ball. He came very close indeed to hitting a decisive long shot later on. But perhaps the most remarkable victory was won by Cotter over Ormerod when from a point about two yards into the court and about level with the sixth hoop he found himself offered a "double" with the last hoop (for which he was) and a ball, nearly wired, a little below that hoop. He ran the hoop and remaining within a foot of the ball was able to win without further tribulation, thus scoring a victory after a long struggle in which the fortunes had vacillated from side to side throughout. The evening games brought two early victories, Dr. Ormerod winning rapidly by 26 at the expense of Bill Perry, and Lloyd-Pratt achieving a completely successful "triple" at the expense of Aspinall. Bray defeated Wylie by a smaller margin, and a long game between Cotter and Neal led, after some rather unexpected errors by both players, to victory for the former, chiefly due to Patrick's excellent shooting. Perhaps the main indication of the day's play was that the competitors were on more level terms than had been generally supposed and that a tough time was likely to be had by all—which is, of course, as it should be.

Tuesday.—This was a warm and sunny day and the number of spectators was more fitting to the importance of the event than on the previous day and included (not for the first time) David Joseph (the Open Champion of 1924) and Elizabeth Ryan of unparalleled fame as a Doubles player at Wimbledon, who was to be seen taking lessons from another Wimbledon player, Bernard Neal, in the elements of croquetical stroke production. The fortunes of the competitors varied considerably. Bill Perry, who had not secured a game on Monday, won all his games with faultless play which included two "normal" triples and a good deal of a "delayed" one. Keith Wylie, who lost a game the previous day to Bryan Lloyd-Pratt—his only success up to this point—went ahead with five games out of the six rounds played, closely followed by Patrick Cotter,

who won two well-played games (that against Roger Bray by only a single point, however, after a brilliant "pull up", for Patrick had not made a hoop when he obtained the innings with Bray's clips on the rover hoop and the peg), and Aspinall who played some beautiful croquet during the day. The rest were less fortunate, but such fluctuations are not decisive at so early a stage of a competition in which the last may still be, if not perhaps first, very near the top by Friday afternoon.

Wednesday.—What was expected to be a crucial game between our two brightest young stars attracted most attention among the morning games—began in sunshine which yielded to a chilly gloom an hour later. To describe this as a needle game would be an understatement for it proved a regular pin-cushion of prickles due to the tension of which both players found themselves only too conscious (one of the competitors actually sat down on the grass at the side of the court for two minutes to meditate upon the situation in the middle of a turn, apparently to steady his nerves). Finally, after about 2½ hours, Keith Wylie seemed certain to win when he missed the penultimate from an easy position, which allowed Aspinall a very unexpected chance to appropriate the game. The position at the end of the first series was that Aspinall, Wylie and Cotter (who was beginning to show his old form in a competition in which he has always shone) had five games, Bray four, Neal and Perry three, Ormerod two and Lloyd-Pratt one.

The most thrilling game in the afternoon was that between Cotter and Aspinall, which displayed excellent croquet from both players all through. Towards the end the situation was that Aspinall was for the peg with both balls, while Cotter was left with one ball for the rover hoop. Aspinall had laid his two balls near corner two, one of them being wired; Cotter's ball was in the vicinity of hoop four. A miss by Cotter meant a certain victory for his opponent, but since he feared that his opponent might be able to cut his partner ball near enough to make a peg-out likely, Patrick took this very long shot, hit it, rushed the other ball near enough to the rover hoop to make a good approach and went out. It was the second big coup of this sort he had brought off during the week.

Space does not allow of any further comment on particular games but the general effect of the day's play was a tendency towards levelling up. At the top Aspinall, Cotter and Wylie, with six out of the nine rounds played; Perry, who after a barren start was playing better and better, had five; Bray, Neal and Ormerod had four, and Lloyd-Pratt, who did not have his fair share of good fortune, had still only one. No obvious winner had yet emerged.

Thursday.—Thursday had been forecast as a wet day, but apart from a little light drizzle early on no rain developed and bright sunshine visited us in the afternoon. This is usually the day on which it becomes possible to make a good guess at the winner, and so it was on this occasion. Nigel Aspinall it was perhaps whom most would have selected for the position, and with nine games he put himself into an almost unassailable position with victories by 19, 26 and 26, all three games being clinched with a triple peel. His closest rivals were Wylie and Cotter, and each ended (as did Roger Bray) with seven games. Wylie began the day by losing to Bray, who added three games to his score on this day, but in the next round Keith defeated Neal by achieving a quintuple peel and then entered upon a very interesting game with Cotter. He lost a good chance by missing the fifth hoop on his second break (hoop-running was his weakness throughout the week), but when his opponent had reached the peg and the rover hoop Keith hit in and picked up a break which would hardly have been recognisable as being a possibility by most players. His was one of the best turns of the week, but Cotter for the fourth time during the event hit the "last shot" from the "lift" and all the brilliant play of the young competitor went for nought. In the same round Bray hit a "last shot" after much meritorious play by Neal, and "stole" the game with a triple peel. Meanwhile Lloyd-Pratt, who had had very little luck during the week, settled into a winning groove which displayed his admirable touch to perfection and won him two games with almost faultless triple peels.

Friday.—On the morning of this day the position was that Aspinall could only be deprived of the right to challenge for the Championship of Champions if he lost two games; either Wylie, Bray or Cotter won two, and Nigel then lost the resulting play-off of the final tie. All this seemed very unlikely to happen. But in fact it did begin to happen, for Neal played very steadily against the Open Champion whose shots were just failing to hit, and gained a creditable victory by 26. Bray, Cotter and Wylie all won and elaborate calculations had to be made to provide for the permutations and combinations which might develop. Patrick Cotter, passing the managerial tent, drily observed that confronted with this "headache" what was needed was "a couple of Aspinalls"! It proved, however, that one was enough, for after a little sparring at the start Nigel ran away with the game against Wylie and the Cup was his. Cotter lost to Perry, who by winning this game completed

the interesting record of beating every competitor and losing to each one. Bray, beginning with a score of five, won every subsequent game and quietly slid into second place and thus won the Jaques Cup, the very existence of which seemed to be unknown to the majority of the competitors. The final score was Aspinall 10, Bray 9, Cotter and Wylie 8, Perry 7, Neal 6, Ormerod 5, Lloyd-Pratt 3.

The standard of play was in general high throughout the week. Considering how little play Cotter and Wylie had had this season (in the latter case none at all), they did well to finish in the top half and Bray came along with a fine rush at the end. Aspinall certainly started favourite in general estimation, and his flashing style carries immediate conviction, but he never drew right away from the field. Of the rest it is perhaps true to say that only the last two were below the form of which we know them to be capable. A feature of the event was the speed with which the daily programme was carried through, and the whole of it was on most days disposed of by 5.30. This on the narrow hoops was a testimony of the skill of the competitors, but it was none the less true that it was through failure at these that most breakdowns occurred to most of them.

Triples were so frequent as to be beyond computation (Aspinall rattled off three on one day). Less was seen of the sextuple set-up in any of its forms; players were tending to discover that if to attempt them supplies a special incentive, if things go wrong on the way the consequences can be grave and beyond repair. Wylie brought off a quintuple but nothing else in the "super-peel" class got within a strong prospect of success. "Leaves" are becoming more and more ingenious, especially in the deft hands of Wylie and Aspinall, whose opponents often found themselves with virtually nothing to aim at when their lift turn came round.

By teatime on the Friday all was safely gathered in, and with the Club Chairman's wife present to hand the cups to the winners it only remained to congratulate the "Cox" for his admirable steering of his "Eight" and his colourful presentation of the competition to those assembling to follow it, so that all could discover at a glance what had just happened and what was to happen next. No one has ever reached the standard Col. Cave has introduced in this respect and no one could possibly surpass it. A word of praise was offered to the groundsmen who had produced three superb courts, and if nobody liked No. 1 very much there can't be very much wrong with a lawn on which Keith Wylie (in his game against Cotter) picked up from "nowhere" perhaps the very best break of the week—only to be rewarded by his opponent's infuriating habit of hitting the last shot.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

Winner: G. N. Aspinall, won 10 games—beat E. P. C. Cotter +26, R. W. Bray +3 +22, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +19 +26, B. G. Perry +26, K. F. Wylie +4 +26, B. Lloyd-Pratt +17 and Prof. B. G. Neal +17; lost to E. P. C. Cotter -2, B. G. Perry -25, B. Lloyd-Pratt -23 and Prof. B. G. Neal -26.

R. W. Bray, won 9 games—beat Dr. W. P. Ormerod +11, K. F. Wylie +13 +16, E. P. C. Cotter +13, Prof. B. G. Neal +26 +4, B. G. Perry +12, B. Lloyd-Pratt +20 +26; lost to Dr. W. P. Ormerod -8, E. P. C. Cotter -1, B. G. Perry -15 and G. N. Aspinall -3 -22.

E. P. C. Cotter, won 8 games—beat Dr. W. P. Ormerod +2, Prof. B. G. Neal +9, R. W. Bray +1, B. Lloyd-Pratt +14 +6, B. G. Perry +26, G. N. Aspinall +2, K. F. Wylie +4; lost to Dr. W. P. Ormerod -10, Prof. B. G. Neal -12, R. W. Bray -13, B. G. Perry -11, G. N. Aspinall -26, K. F. Wylie -22.

K. Wylie, won 8 games—beat B. Lloyd-Pratt +23 +25, B. G. Perry +15, Prof. B. G. Neal +24 +16, E. P. C. Cotter +22, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +24 +16; lost to B. G. Perry -16, R. W. Bray -13 -16, E. P. C. Cotter -4, G. N. Aspinall -4 -26.

B. G. Perry, won 7 games—beat B. Lloyd-Pratt +16, G. N. Aspinall +25, R. W. Bray +15, Prof. B. G. Neal +23, K. Wylie +16, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +13, E. P. C. Cotter +11; lost to Prof. B. G. Neal -19, K. Wylie -15, Dr. W. Ormerod -26, E. P. C. Cotter -26, B. Lloyd-Pratt -22, G. N. Aspinall -26, R. W. Bray -12.

Prof. B. G. Neal, won 6 games—beat B. G. Perry +19, B. Lloyd-Pratt +1 +15, E. P. C. Cotter +12, Dr. W. Ormerod +2, G. N. Aspinall +26; lost to B. G. Perry -23, E. P. C. Cotter -9, Dr. W. Ormerod -17, G. N. Aspinall -17, K. Wylie -24 -16, R. W. Bray -26 -4.

Dr. W. P. Ormerod, won 5 games—beat B. Lloyd-Pratt +10, B. G. Perry +26, R. W. Bray +8, E. P. C. Cotter +10, Prof. B. G. Neal +17; lost to B. G. Perry -13, B. Lloyd-Pratt -26, R. W. Bray -11, E. P. C. Cotter -2, Prof. B. G. Neal -25, G. N. Aspinall -19 -26, K. Wylie -24 -16.

B. Lloyd-Pratt, won 3 games—beat G. N. Aspinall +23, B. G. Perry +22, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +26; lost to G. N. Aspinall -17, B. G. Perry -16, Dr. W. P. Ormerod -10, R. W. Bray -20 -26, Prof. B. G. Neal -1 -15, K. Wylie -23 -25, E. P. C. Cotter -14 -6.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS

September 13th, 1969

On the Saturday following the President's Cup those who had been prepared to face a very chilly afternoon were offered a display of croquet which most of those present declared to be the finest exhibition of the game they had ever seen. Among those enjoying this dazzling play were the winner of the Chairman's Salver, the inimitable David O'Connor, and one whom we had no previous opportunity of greeting this season, John Bolton, accompanied by his charming fiancée.

In view of the terrific contests which had taken place between Solomon and Aspinall in the final of the Open Championship in the last two seasons, spectators were justified in hoping for "something special" on this occasion, but they can hardly have expected all that they got from both players this time. If space permitted the match would call for a "ball by ball" report, but space does not permit this, nor (the writer must confess) are his notes adequate to provide one. Even the general outline which follows must leave out a good deal and may not be free from errors here and there.

In the first game, John, having broken down at hoop 3, Aspinall hit a medium length shot, went all round and pegged his own ball out. By excellent wiring John got his Black as far as 3 back without mishap. Aspinall, being wired, attempted a vast jump shot which landed in the (fortunately unpopulated) putting course. But John in his next turn did not quite succeed in wiring his balls and Nigel hit in. Failing to get a rush on his opponent's ball on the south boundary, the challenger made a huge roll up to the second hoop, for which he was, finishing up about four yards from it at an acute angle.

At this stage he already had the third ball near the third hoop, so he decided to risk all. He gave a mighty bash and, to loud applause, ran the second hoop as usual, finishing up on the north boundary. This left him with a return roquet of eight or nine yards. It was not only hit but the ball was rushed to the fourth hoop. He now appeared to have a three-ball break on which he could run out. However, a careless approach to the third hoop left him in difficulties and a second bash was unsuccessful. Later again Nigel hit in and looked as if he might establish a break, but once more he got on the side of a hoop and a third bash failed. John then began scoring with his backward ball and reached two back with Nigel's ball fairly near on the east boundary acting as policeman. John roqueted his ball, keeping it behind two back. On the croquet stroke he tried to leave it completely wired but in this he failed. His problem was whether to wire the striker's ball or separate. He chose the first alternative which was fatal. Nigel hit in, and, establishing a good break, ran out to win by 11 points.

Thus the first game gave Nigel the first leg of the rubber after a three-ball game with the player with the single ball being the winner. The second game was equally entertaining in its way, ending up as a two-ball game. Nigel was first round to four-back and, later on got in again with the forward ball and took it to the peg with his partner ball still on the first hoop. This writer cannot remember the precise details of the play. John got his first ball round to four-back and made no effort to run out on a triple peel. He contented himself with a single peel at four-back, then pegged out Nigel's front ball and his own. Thus began a two-ball game with Nigel on the first hoop and John on the penultimate. This is the position in which Nigel may be the most formidable player of all times. Who would imagine that a stage would be reached with Nigel in position for the penultimate, and John, to play, in position for the rover? Certainly the game was not over at this moment of time, for how was John going to play after running the hoop? The point did not arise immediately because John missed the hoop but luckily bounced back into a second position. Nevertheless the game now appeared to be at Nigel's mercy. This was not so. He ran the penultimate but not with his usual fluency and was wired by the peg. He then played over near the west boundary more or less opposite the Rover hoop. John ran the Rover hoop and ended up about four feet behind the hoop completely wired from the peg. What does X do in such a predicament? Solomon gave the Solomon solution. He made the steep jump over the hoop and hit the peg dead centre and there were the know-alls about the court who had watched him practise the stroke successfully on the preceding evening.

The final game turned into another three-ball game, and this time it was John who was to play the single ball—and again the single ball was to prevail. John was first round to four-back. Nigel then hit the lift and proceeded on the unusual—though of course far from unknown—process of triple peeling and pegging out his adversary's ball, his backward ball being for the third hoop. His prospects then looked good, but John intervened with several timely shots and when Nigel's ball had got no further than the 5th hoop John, being then for the 6th, made this and went out to win by ten on a very accurate three-ball break—becoming the Champion of

Champions for the third consecutive time, and so far the only one.

Mrs. Stoker, to whose timely foresight and generous gift this contest owes its existence, was happily with us to present the Cup given by her in memory of her husband. How Dacre would have loved to be there to witness the doings on this great day!

Result: Solomon beat Aspinall -11 +3 +10.

CHAIRMAN'S SALVER

Monday.—To the great regret of all concerned, Dudley Hamilton-Miller found himself unfit to play owing to a back strain sustained overnight. Frank Forbes was in attendance as sitting reserve and play commenced at the appointed time. The first peg-out was by David O'Connor who alone among the eight contenders had three wins on the opening day.

Tuesday.—In the fourth round Giles Borrett had the satisfaction of beating O'Connor and Forbes seemed quite unperturbed by the company in which he found himself, winning three of his first four games. In the sixth round O'Connor met Edgar Jackson, each with four wins, and after a splendid game the former proved the victor. Meanwhile both Borrett and Forbes had taken four games.

Wednesday.—O'Connor won in all three rounds of the day, giving him a clear lead of three games over his nearest rivals, Borrett, Forbes and Jackson.

Thursday.—In spite of stern opposition from Forbes in Round 12, O'Connor attained three further wins, and as the result of John Cooper beating Jackson in this same round it became impossible for O'Connor to be equalled.

Friday.—With interest now focussed on the runner-up position, Jackson, as if to demonstrate his acknowledged class, became the second and last player to beat the winning O'Connor and afterwards won his final game to give him a total of nine and second place in the final alignment. Forbes deservedly won high praise for his notable attainment of eight successes to give him third position in the event for which he was originally selected as second choice sitting reserve.

In conclusion.—Youth, represented by David O'Connor, had to be served, and deservedly so, for the abiding feature of the event was of a determined young player whose concentration seldom failed.

No rain fell during the event and although the courts were easy paced throughout, nothing more than an occasional single peel was observed. Hoop running seemed to have some of the players ill at ease and too few breaks ran their intended duration. A very pleasant event, nevertheless, affording the onlookers much entertainment and the occasional exhibition.

CHAIRMAN'S SALVER

Winner: D. B. O'Connor, won 12 games—beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +20 +4, G. E. P. Jackson +7, Cmdr. G. Borrett +9, A. J. Cooper +19 +17, Miss K. M. O. Sessions +16 +14, Brig. A. F. G. Forbes +13 +3, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +7 +26; lost to G. E. P. Jackson -15, Cmdr. Borrett -9.

G. E. P. Jackson, 9 games—beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +23 +20, Cmdr. Borrett +16 +10, D. B. O'Connor +15, A. J. Cooper +5, Miss Sessions +3 +9, Lt.-Col. Prichard +4; lost to D. O'Connor -7, A. J. Cooper -4, Brig. Rev. Forbes -3 -12, Lt.-Col. Prichard -4.

Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes, 8 games—beat Mrs. Rotherham +2, G. E. P. Jackson +3 +12, A. J. Cooper +15 +6, Miss Sessions +7, Col. Prichard +10 +2; lost to Mrs. Rotherham -6, Cmdr. Borrett -11 -3, D. O'Connor -13 -3, Miss Sessions -6.

Cmdr. G. Borrett, 7 games—beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +19 +13, D. O'Connor +9, Miss Sessions +8, Brig. Forbes +11 +3, Col. Prichard +1; lost to G. E. P. Jackson -16 -10, D. O'Connor -9, A. J. Cooper -19 -17, Miss Sessions -6, Col. Prichard -9.

A. J. Cooper, won 6 games—beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +13, G. Jackson +4, Cmdr. Borrett +19 +17, Miss Sessions +5 +5; lost to Mrs. Rotherham -2, G. Jackson -5, D. O'Connor -19 -17, Brig. Forbes -15 -6, Col. Prichard -5, -10.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, won 6 games—beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +25 +15, G. Jackson +4, Cmdr. Borrett +9, A. Cooper +5 +10; lost to G. E. P. Jackson -4, Cmdr. Borrett -1, D. R. O'Connor -7 -26, Miss Sessions -10 -4, Brig. Forbes -10 -2.

Mrs. E. Rotherham, won 4 games—beat A. J. Cooper +2, Miss Sessions +3 +14, Brig. Forbes +7; lost to G. E. P. Jackson -23 -20, Cmdr. Borrett -19 -13, D. B. O'Connor -20 -4, A. J. Cooper -13, Brig. Forbes -2, Col. Prichard -25 -15.

Miss K. M. O. Sessions, won 4 games—beat Cmdr. Borrett +7, Brig. Forbes +6, Col. Prichard +10 +4; lost to Mrs. Rother-

ham -3 -14, G. E. P. Jackson -3 -9, Cmdr. Borrett -8, D. B. O'Connor -16 -14, A. J. Cooper -5 -5, Brig. Forbes -7.

THE SURREY CUP

When many lawns up and down the country had been parched beyond recovery this season, the kindly Cheltenham weather and the care and attention of Col. Wheeler produced green and velvety courts for "Eights Week".

On the first day Paul Hands, acting in a host-like way as it were, welcomed Tyrwhitt-Drake by giving him contact by 10.15 a.m., and was the only one to win three games on the Monday. Thereafter he never quite reached the brilliance of which he is capable, and lost four games by -1 and another by -2.

Martin Murray had only had a couple of practice games since he won the Surrey Cup last year, but after losing three close games in the first half of the week improved with every game, winning all the second half. He was always on the look-out for a triple peel, and in the last game, when he had already won the Trophy, was perhaps sufficiently relaxed to attempt a sextuple, of which he achieved five, thus proving himself the very worthy winner that he was.

The last game of the week was a terrific battle between Joan Warwick and Pat Newton, with Newton trailing a long way behind, only to get his nose in front with all clips on the peg and to win by two. His resilience was an outstanding feature of the week's play; four wins, when all seemed lost, one before he had started with either ball, and two narrow losses.

Robin Godby played steadily throughout the week to take second place, and was unlucky on the last day to meet Whittington on his very best form, to be beaten +26, the only +26 of the tournament.

Peter Hallett just got ahead of the rest of the field to be third with seven wins, and the evenness of the play is illustrated by the fact that five players were equal in 4th place with six each. Triples were attempted but not achieved.

Hands and Godby were involved in an amusing start to a game, each playing the wrong ball at the third and fourth turn, and were so dumbfounded that it required a distinguished spectator to elucidate the situation.

The new part of Law 13 was invoked and nearly caused an "incident", on another occasion, and one party is probably not yet convinced that justice was done!

So came to an end a week delightfully managed by Dorothy Daniels, gastronomically satisfactory to the players and most entertaining to the spectators.

SURREY CUP

Winner: Dr. M. Murray, won 11 games—beat P. W. Hands +7 +17, Miss Warwick +3 +9, P. Newton +12, P. D. Hallett +2 +5, R. A. Godby +5, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +25, R. B. Whittington +20 +19; lost to P. Newton -6, R. Godby -10, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake -5.

R. A. Godby, won 8 games—beat P. W. Hands +1, Miss Warwick +19 +7, P. Newton +4, Dr. Murray +10, P. D. Hallett +12 +8, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +6; lost to P. W. Hands -20, P. Newton -15, Dr. Murray -5, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake -3, R. B. Whittington -5 -26.

P. D. Hallett, won 7 games—beat Miss Warwick +3 +5, P. Newton +10 +17, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +11 +22, R. B. Whittington +2; lost to P. W. Hands -6 -15, Dr. Murray -2 -5, R. A. Godby -12 -8, R. B. Whittington -5.

Miss Warwick, won 6 games—beat P. W. Hands +1 +17, P. Newton +10, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +13, R. B. Whittington +8 +2; lost to P. Newton -2, Dr. Murray -3 -9, P. D. Hallett -3 -5, R. Godby -19 -7, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake -17.

P. Newton, won 6 games—beat P. Hands +1 +2, Miss Warwick +2, Dr. Murray +6, R. A. Godby +15, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +10; lost to Miss Warwick -10, Dr. Murray -12, P. D. Hallett -10 -17, R. A. Godby -4, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake -10, R. B. Whittington -15 -5.

P. W. Hands, won 6 games—beat P. D. Hallett +6 +15, R. A. Godby +20, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +20, R. B. Whittington +18 +11; lost to Miss Warwick -1 -17, P. Newton -1 -2, Dr. Murray -7 -17, R. Godby -1, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake -1.

E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake, won 6 games—beat P. Hands +1, Miss Warwick +17, P. Newton +10, Dr. Murray +5, R. Godby +13, R. B. Whittington +6; lost to P. Hands -20, Miss Warwick -13, P. Newton -10, Dr. Murray -25, P. D. Hallett -11 -22, R. Godby -6, R. B. Whittington -8.

R. B. Whittington, won 6 games—beat P. Newton +15 +5, P. D. Hallett +5, R. Godby +5 +26, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +8; lost to P. Hands -18 -11, Miss Warwick -8 -2, Dr. Murray -20 -19, P. Hallett -2, E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake -6.

THE LADIES' FIELD CUP

Dramatis Personæ

ALIX FOTIADI,
JOCELYN SUNDIUS-SMITH, } Croquet-players.
MIKE PERRY, the Manager.
A Spectator.

SCENE: Lawn 4 at Compton, with a floodlit game of football in progress on an adjacent pitch.

TIME: 8.30 p.m. (From the surrounding trees the eerie hooting of owls is heard.)

The foregoing gives some indication of how valiantly the eight contenders for the Ladies' Field Cup—now reintroduced into the Calendar after an absence of three years—strove to complete their allotted task of playing three games each day.

From the beginning it was difficult to forecast who would emerge victorious at the end of the week. Hope Rotherham—who won the Women's Championship in July—was a much-fancied candidate to carry off the honours, but she failed to produce her true form on the first day and, though in a number of subsequent winning games she showed just what a fine player she is, Black Monday seemed to have cast its spell over her.

Betty Prichard—who was playing for the first time in an Invitation Event—more than justified the selectors' wisdom in choosing her. To win eight games, when making one's debut, is indeed a splendid achievement. Betty is a vastly improved player, and her natural talent for the game, sound tactical acumen and, what is perhaps equally important, ideal temperament should combine to bring her right to the forefront in due course.

Joan Warwick and Jocelyn Sundius-Smith are known to be players who are extremely difficult to beat, and as the week progressed the truth of this attribution became more and more evident.

Kitty Sessions was playing her usual enterprising game, and for one who lacks both height and weight she imparts an amazing amount of power to her shots.

Betty McMillan, Alix Fotiadi and Jane Neville-Rolfe all played with cheerfulness and determination. Alix was suffering from a recent injury to her wrist, and had she not been handicapped in this way she might have increased her total of wins.

As 59 games were played during the week, this writer will refrain from giving a blow-by-blow account. On Friday, after the final round had been completed, Joan and Jocelyn each had ten wins, and a best-of-three play-off was necessary. The first game went to Jocelyn by a margin of six points. Neither of the players was at her best; perhaps nervous tension combined with tiredness caused both of them to produce croquet of a lower standard than is usual in this class of event. Insufficient time was left for the play-off to be completed on Friday and it was decided to hold it over until the following day. When play was resumed Joan made some good breaks and gave Jocelyn few chances, and won the second game by 24 points. Both players had their opportunities in the decisive game and victory finally went to Joan, who won by 12 points.

Barbara Chittenden, Compton's President, presented the truly massive trophy to the winner early on Saturday afternoon, immediately after "close of play".

The arrangements made for this competition by the Compton Club could not have been bettered. Mike Perry managed—not at all an easy task as several games were prolonged and had to be pegged down—but he got through it all well and cheerfully, in spite of being kept late on many occasions and having a tie at the end of it. The refreshment department was extremely good. Dorothy Devitt sacrificed a week's holiday to do the lunches, and I hope the appreciation of the competitors was some compensation. The food was varied and appetising and full justice was done to it. Dorothy must be a very good cook and must have worked very hard. To her and all her helpers and to the members who gave us tea and morning coffee our grateful thanks are due.

LADIES' FIELD CUP

Played at the Compton (Eastbourne) Club, 1969.

Play-off: Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith -6, +24 +12.

Winner: Miss E. J. Warwick, won 10 games—beat Mrs. McMillan +12 +25, Mrs. Rotherham +4 +19, Mrs. Prichard +18, Mrs. Sundius-Smith +18, Mrs. Neville-Rolfe +6 +4, Mrs. Fotiadi +17 +9; lost to Mrs. Prichard -13, Mrs. Sundius-Smith -3, Miss Sessions -8 -2.

Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith, won 10 games—beat Mrs. McMillan +8 +12, Mrs. Rotherham +14, Mrs. Prichard +1 +20, Mrs. Neville-Rolfe +9 +16, Miss Warwick +3, Mrs. Fotiadi +9 +3; lost to Mrs. Rotherham -7, Miss Warwick -18, Miss Sessions -17, -2.

Miss K. D. Sessions, won 9 games—beat Mrs. McMillan +9, Mrs. Rotherham +22, Mrs. Sundius-Smith +17 +2, Mrs. Neville-Rolfe +6 +20, Miss Warwick +8 +2, Mrs. Fotiadi 10; lost to Mrs. McMillan -6, Mrs. Rotherham -14, Mrs. Prichard -20 -3, Mrs. Fotiadi -15.

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard, won 8 games—beat Mrs. McMillan +14, Mrs. Neville-Rolfe +9 +5, Miss Warwick +13, Mrs. Fotiadi +6 +13, Miss Sessions +20 +3; lost to Mrs. McMillan -14, Mrs. Rotherham -24 -17, Mrs. Sundius-Smith -1 -20, Miss Warwick -18.

Mrs. E. Rotherham, won 8 games—beat Mrs. McMillan +22, Mrs. Prichard +24 +17, Mrs. Sundius-Smith +7, Mrs. Neville-Rolfe +25 +22, Mrs. Fotiadi +13, Miss Sessions +14; lost to Mrs. McMillan -4, Mrs. Sundius-Smith -14, Miss Warwick -4 -19, Mrs. Fotiadi -23, Miss Sessions -22.

Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan, won 6 games—beat Mrs. Rotherham +4, Mrs. Prichard +14, Mrs. Neville-Rolfe +21 +1, Mrs. Fotiadi +16, Miss Sessions +6; lost to Mrs. Rotherham -22, Mrs. Prichard -14, Mrs. Sundius-Smith -8 -12, Miss Warwick -12 -25, Mrs. Fotiadi -2, Miss Sessions -9.

Mrs. A. Fotiadi, won 4 games—beat Mrs. McMillan +2, Mrs. Rotherham +23, Mrs. Neville-Rolfe +3, Miss Sessions +15; lost to Mrs. McMillan -16, Mrs. Rotherham -13, Mrs. Prichard -6 -13, Mrs. Sundius-Smith -9 -3, Mrs. Neville-Rolfe -12, Miss Warwick -17 -9, Miss Sessions -10.

Mrs. J. Neville-Rolfe, won 1 game—beat Mrs. Fotiadi +12; lost to Mrs. McMillan -21 -1, Mrs. Rotherham -25 -22, Mrs. Prichard -9 -5, Mrs. Sundius-Smith -9 -16, Miss Warwick -6 -4, Mrs. Fotiadi -3, Miss Sessions -6 -20.

HURLINGHAM

August 5th-14th

Space limitations prevent a reference to all the interesting features of this popular tournament and emphasis is directed more this year on changes or unusual happenings. Pride of place must be given to Dr. Roger Bray who took over the management at short notice when Tony Roper, who had given such unstinted service for so many years, had perforce to forgo his office on health grounds. Roger Bray's imperturbable manner and professional application to his task will no doubt make the Hurlingham croquet committee hope for a long-standing association in the years to come. In addition to his duties in the tent he entered for three events and the score sheets provide abundant evidence that the cares of office in no way affected his prowess on the lawns. Indeed, no sooner had he left his tent to enter the fray than he seemed to be pegging out.

Mention must now be made of the debut of Andrew and John Solomon junior, scions of a famous croquet race, aged 15 and 13 respectively. While they did not break on the croquet scene so spectacularly as John senior did in 1948 they did enough to show their potential mettle, and many spectators watching their games and egging them on will doubtless be suffering at their hands in the near future. We recall young John making the first hoop from the south boundary with the ball speeding like an arrow over the north boundary—reminiscent of his father making 3-back against Aspinall in the third game of the Opens final a fortnight earlier. William Prichard was another youngster who had a good tournament, but he is already regarded by his opponents as a hardened campaigner.

The experiment this year of confining the first two days' play to the "X" and "Y" events, thereby giving all entrants a game on each day, seems to have been received favourably, but it must be added that this proved possible because the entry was less than in previous years. There were 49 entries for the "X" compared with over 60 a few years ago; the decrease seems to lie in a more restricted entry of provincial visitors and underlines the heavy cost of participation in London tournaments for those who have to face hotel expenses.

To pass to details of the events, Dr. Bray bestrode the Hurlingham Cup like a colossus and was rarely unduly pressed. William Prichard won two finals, one in the company of Kay Longman who herself won two Doubles events and whose shooting was a highlight of all the Doubles games she contested. In two games her partner was pegged out, once with Kay having seven hoops to make, but in each case she garnered the spoils. It was gratifying to see small clubs in the winners' lists, Wrest Park and Parsons Green having worthy representatives in the persons of Rees, Mrs. Wills and young John Parr. The last-named prevailed in the company of Dudley Hamilton-Miller in the Men's Handicap Doubles to win the handsome cups donated by last year's winners and this year's runners-up, Maurice Reckitt and Brian Lloyd-Pratt. A word of commiseration for Miss Lintern who spent seven hours contesting two Doubles finals on the closing day, but in each case losing

narrowly. Congratulations to Sarah Hampson for wins in the Younger Cup and the Candlesticks.

In all, a memorable tournament, aided in no small measure by nigh perfect weather.

THE HURLINGHAM TOURNAMENT

THE HURLINGHAM CUP

DRAW

First Round

Mrs. E. Rotherham beat R. O. Hicks +5.
Miss E. J. Warwick beat R. A. Godby +6.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat A. D. Karmel +26.
P. D. Hallett beat J. B. Gilbert +10.

Second Round

Cdr. G. Borrett beat B. Lloyd-Pratt +21.
B. G. Perry beat H. B. H. Carlisle +26.
E. P. C. Cotter beat J. G. Warwick +11.
Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Miss E. J. Warwick +13.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat P. D. Hallett +14.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat Miss D. A. Lintern +24.
Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat G. W. Williams +12.
Dr. R. W. Bray beat Mrs. W. Longman +17.

Third Round

B. G. Perry beat Cdr. G. Borrett +5.
E. P. C. Cotter beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +11.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +22.
Dr. R. W. Bray beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +16.

Semi-Final

E. P. C. Cotter beat B. G. Perry +7.
Dr. R. W. Bray beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +22.

Final

Dr. R. W. Bray beat E. P. C. Cotter +26.

PROCESS

First Round

B. G. Perry beat Mrs. W. Longman +14.
E. P. C. Cotter beat J. B. Gilbert +8.
Cdr. G. Borrett beat G. W. Williams +26.
Dr. R. W. Bray beat B. Lloyd-Pratt +17.

Second Round

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat R. O. Hicks +26.
B. G. Perry beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +21.
P. D. Hallett beat E. P. C. Cotter +6.
R. A. Godby beat Cdr. G. Borrett +3.
Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +19.
A. D. Karmel beat H. B. H. Carlisle, walk over, opp. scr.
J. G. Warwick beat Miss D. A. Lintern, walk over, opp. ret.
Dr. R. W. Bray beat Miss E. J. Warwick +13.

Third Round

B. G. Perry beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +26.
R. A. Godby beat P. D. Hallett +4.
Mrs. E. Rotherham beat A. D. Karmel +13.
Dr. R. W. Bray beat J. G. Warwick +18.

Semi-Final

B. G. Perry beat R. A. Godby +13.
Dr. R. W. Bray beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +5.

Final

Dr. R. W. Bray beat B. G. Perry +17.

Play-off for Second Place

B. G. Perry beat E.P.C. Cotter +24.

THE TURNER CUP

First Round

P. L. Gifford Nash beat G. F. Hallett, walk over, opp. scr.

Second Round

D. V. H. Rees beat Mrs. E. M. Temple +20.
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon +17.
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat M. B. Reckitt +17.
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat P. L. Gifford Nash +23.
I. C. Baillieu beat Miss B. Duthie +3.
W. de B. Prichard beat Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty, walk over, opp. scr.
S. S. Townsend beat J. B. Meacham +17.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone beat Maj.-Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden +7.

Third Round

D. V. H. Rees beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +8.
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +5.
W. de B. Prichard beat I. C. Baillieu +21.
S. S. Townsend beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone +18.

Semi-Final

D. V. H. Rees beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith +19.
W. de B. Prichard beat S. S. Townsend +26.

Final

W. de B. Prichard beat D. V. H. Rees +5.

THE YOUNGER CUP

First Round

Mrs. A. W. Skempton beat Mrs. S. M. Adler, walk over, opp. scr.
F. Reynold beat Prof. A. W. Skempton +11.
H. C. Green beat Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson +4.

Semi-Final

Miss S. G. Hampson beat Mrs. A. W. Skempton +6.
H. C. Green beat F. Reynold +5.

Final

Miss S. G. Hampson beat H. C. Green +6.

LONGWORTH CUP

First Round

Mrs. H. Wills (7) beat Mrs. P. L. Gifford Nash (12) +5.
Miss S. F. Hay (9) beat F. Henshaw (6), walk over, opp. scr.
J. R. G. Solomon (9*) beat Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) +19.
J. Parr (9*) beat A. Solomon (9*) +16.

Second Round

Mrs. B. G. Neal (9) beat Mrs. J. B. Meacham (7) +14.
Mrs. H. Wills (7) beat Miss S. F. Hay (9) +12.
J. R. G. Solomon (9*) beat J. Parr (9*) +4.
Mrs. E. E. Bressey (7) beat Miss M. G. Anderson (6½) +1.

Semi-Final

Mrs. H. Wills (7) beat Mrs. B. G. Neal (9) +1.
J. R. G. Solomon (9*) beat Mrs. E. E. Bressey (7) +5 on time.

Final

Mrs. H. Wills (7) beat J. R. G. Solomon (9*) +3.

HANDICAP SINGLES "X"

First Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) beat Prof. A. W. Skempton (3) by +5.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) beat J. Parr (9*) +5.
Mrs. H. Wills (7) beat J. R. G. Solomon (9*) +4.
H. B. H. Carlisle (0) beat Miss S. G. Hampson (3½) +8.
R. A. Godby (-1) beat Miss D. A. Lintern (1) +20.
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +16.
Mrs. E. E. Bressey (7) beat B. G. Perry (-3½) +12.
Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) beat Mrs. J. B. Meacham (7) +3 on time.
S. S. Townsend (0) beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3½) +7.
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (½) beat Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5) +7.
Mrs. W. Longman (-½) beat H. C. Green (3½) +10.
A. Solomon (9*) beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (-1) +17.
G. W. Williams (-1) beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +18.
D. V. H. Rees (1½) beat Mrs. E. Peel (0) +8.
J. B. Gilbert (-1) beat I. C. Baillieu (1) +10.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton (3) beat Mrs. P. L. Gifford Nash (12) +2 on time.

Second Round

J. B. Meacham (0) beat Mrs. E. M. Temple (2½) +3.
Cdr. G. Borrett (-2) beat Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (½), w. o., opp. scr.

Second Round

A. D. Karmel (-1½) beat G. F. Hallett (2), walk over, opp. scr.
P. L. Gifford Nash (1) beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-) +6.
Miss M. G. Anderson (6½) beat Mrs. B. G. Neal (+1) on time.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) +6.
H. B. H. Carlisle (0) beat Mrs. H. Wills (7) +8.
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½) beat R. A. Godby (-1) +14.
Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) beat Mrs. E. E. Bressy (7) +5.
S. S. Townsend (0) beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (½) +20.
A. Solomon (9*) beat Mrs. W. Longman (-½) +14.
D. V. H. Rees (1½) beat G. W. Williams (-1) +24.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton (3) beat J. B. Gilbert (-1) +4.
Cdr. G. Borrett (-2) beat J. B. Meacham (0) +8.
M. B. Reckitt (2) beat Miss S. F. Hay (9) +8 on time.
Maj.-Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (2) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) +10.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1½) beat R. O. Hicks (-1½) +16.
W. de B. Prichard (0) beat Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) +13.

Third Round

P. L. Gifford Nash (1) beat A. D. Karmel (-1½) +9.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) beat Miss M. G. Anderson (6½) +16.
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½) beat H. B. H. Carlisle (0) +2.
S. S. Townsend (0) beat Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) +8.
D. V. H. Rees (1½) beat A. Solomon (9*) +7.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton (3) beat Cdr. G. Borrett (-2) +6.

M. B. Reckitt (2) beat Maj.-Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (2) +5.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1½) beat W. de B. Prichard (0) +3.

Fourth Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) beat P. L. Gifford Nash (1) +18.
S. S. Townsend (0) beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½) +2.
D. V. H. Rees (1½) beat Mrs. A. W. Skempton (3) +4.
M. B. Reckitt (2) beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1½) +16.

Semi-Final

S. S. Townsend (0) beat B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) +26.
D. V. H. Rees (1½) beat M. B. Reckitt (2) walk over, opp. scr.

Final

D. V. Rees (1½) beat S. S. Townsend (0) +16.

"Y" SINGLES

First Round

J. R. G. Solomon (9*) beat Miss S. G. Hampson (3½) +4.
Miss D. A. Lintern (1) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +15.
B. G. Perry (-3½) beat Mrs. J. B. Meacham (7) +7.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3½) beat Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5) +3.
H. C. Green (3½) beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (-1) +26.
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (0) beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +20.
Mrs. P. L. Gifford Nash (12) beat I. C. Baillieu (1) +1.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (2½) beat A. D. Karmel (-1½) +21.

Second Round

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) beat Mrs. B. G. Neal (9) +11.
Prof. A. W. Skempton (3) beat J. Parr (9*) +11.
Miss D. A. Lintern (1) beat J. R. G. Solomon (9*) +10.
B. G. Perry (-3½) beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3½) +13.
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (0) beat H. C. Green (3½) +6.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (2½) beat Mrs. P. L. Gifford Nash (12) +1.
J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Miss S. F. Hay (9) +9.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) beat R. O. Hicks (-1½) +4.

Third Round

Prof. A. W. Skempton (3) beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) +26.
B. G. Perry (-3½) beat Miss D. A. Lintern (1) +10.
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (0) beat Mrs. E. M. Temple (2½) +8.
J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) +17.

Semi-Final

B. G. Perry (-3½) beat Prof. A. W. Skempton (3) +17.
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (0) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) +18.

Final

B. G. Perry (-3½) beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (0) +3.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF CO. DUBLIN CHALLENGE CUP

DRAW

First Round

Mrs. H. M. Read beat D. Figgis +5.
F. Regan beat Miss G. Hopkins +21.
E. H. S. Shelton beat Miss F. Joly +20.
R. J. Leonard beat Lady FitzGerald +13.

Semi-Final

Mrs. H. M. Read beat F. Regan +12.
E. H. Shelton beat R. J. Leonard +13.

Final

E. H. Shelton beat Mrs. H. M. Read +16.

PROCESS

First Round

R. J. Leonard beat Miss G. Hopkins +18.
E. H. Shelton beat Mrs. H. M. Read +10.
F. Regan beat Miss F. Joly +8.
D. Figgis beat Lady FitzGerald +2.

Semi-Final

E. H. Shelton beat R. J. Leonard +4.
D. Figgis beat F. Regan +13.

Final

E. H. Shelton beat D. Figgis +13.
E. H. Shelton won Draw and Process.
D. Figgis beat Mrs. H. M. Read +2 (for Runner-up position).

DUFF MATHEWS CUP

(Handicaps of +4 and over)

First Round

H. M. Read (4) beat A. D. Craig (4) +2.
Mrs. D. Temple Page (10) beat Mrs. F. Regan (4½) +21.

Semi-Final

M. B. McWeeney (5) beat H. M. Read (4) +22.
Mrs. D. Temple Page (10) beat D. Temple Page (5½) +13.

Final

M. B. McWeeney (5) beat Mrs. D. Temple Page (5½) +20.

BOXWELL CUP

HANDICAP SINGLES

First Round

Myles McWeeney (5) beat Miss F. Joly (1½) +15.
Mrs. H. M. Read (1½) beat Mrs. F. Regan (4½) +8.
Miss G. Hopkins (3½) beat Mrs. D. Temple Page (5½) +6.
E. H. S. Shelton (-½) beat Lady FitzGerald (1½) +8.
R. J. Leonard (-½) beat A. D. Craig (4) +5.
H. M. Read (4) w/o A. N. Other.

Second Round

D. Figgis (0) beat M. McWeeney (5) +9.
Mrs. H. M. Read (1½) beat Miss G. Hopkins (3½) +11.
R. J. Leonard (-½) beat E. H. Shelton (-½) +16.
F. Regan (3) w/o H. M. Read (4).

Semi-Final

D. Figgis (0) beat Mrs. H. M. Read (1½) +24.
R. J. Leonard (-½) beat F. Regan (3) +14.

Final

D. Figgis (0) beat R. J. Leonard (-½) +9.

CORONATION CUPS

HANDICAP DOUBLES

First Round

Miss G. Hopkins and Miss F. Joly (5) beat D. F. Strachan and M. Strachan (6) on time.
D. Temple Page and D. Figgis (5½) beat F. Regan and Mrs. F. Regan (7½) +17.
R. J. Leonard and M. B. McWeeney (4½) beat Mrs. D. Temple Page and Mrs. H. M. Read (11½) +5.
T. V. Murphy and Lady FitzGerald (4½) beat E. H. Shelton and A. D. Craig (3½) +6.

Semi-Final

R. J. Leonard and M. B. McWeeney (4½) beat D. Temple Page and D. Figgis (5½) +2.
Miss G. Hopkins and Miss F. Joly (5) beat T. V. Murphy and Lady FitzGerald (4½) +2.

Final

R. J. Leonard and M. B. McWeeney (4½) beat Miss G. Hopkins and Miss F. Joly (5) +16.

CHELTENHAM (AMERICAN) TOURNAMENT

August 15th-17th

Fine weather and lawns in first-class condition were enjoyed by rather a small entry, making three blocks of six players. A feature of the tournament was the speed of the games; there were no real marathons, and one game lasted only 32 minutes—is this a record?

It was good to see Col. G. T. Wheeler back to form, first as a block winner and then the winning semi-finalist against the Manager, W/Cdr. E. M. Smith; but Mrs. J. H. Whitehead, here on leave from South Africa, again found conditions to her liking and produced splendid form for her 6½ bisques, and beat Wheeler comfortably in the final. Mrs. Whitehead is from the Prichard stables, which accounts for a lot!

Management surely reached a new height of efficiency, with a welcoming prologue for the players, a chart of all games, and lawns (nobody playing on the same lawn twice) available at the beginning, and even the bisques put out for each game! Managers will surely hope that this latter chore is not to be a precedent, but the competitors certainly gave full marks for unobtrusive enthusiasm.

CHELTENHAM AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES

UNOFFICIAL TOURNAMENT, August 15th-17th

BLOCK WINNERS

Block "A".—W/Cdr. E. M. Smith (2), 4 wins, beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) +6, Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1½) +9, Mrs. J. Povey (6) +1, Miss I. M. Hawkins (12) +21.
Block "B".—Col. G. T. Wheeler (1), 4 wins, beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-½) +23, Miss W. K. Allardyce (8) +5, P. A. Tunmer (9) +16, Mrs. H. L. Weir (11) +12.
Block "C".—Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (6½), 5 wins, beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) +17, W. de B. Prichard (-½) +17, Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +16, H. G. T. Bolton (9) +7, Miss E. K. Hawkins (10) +3.

BLOCK WINNERS' PLAY-OFF

Semi-Final.—Col. G. T. Wheeler beat W/Cdr. Smith +2.
Final.—Mrs. J. H. Whitehead beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +19.

NOTTINGHAM
August 18th-23rd

A warm welcome from the Club's President, Mr. H. O. Hodgson, who has been a croquet player almost continuously since 1906, the President, Mr. C. T. Greenwood, and the Secretary, Miss Cicely Brumpton, again greeted visitors to Nottingham this year. The showery weather which had spoilt the cricket at nearby Trent Bridge a few days earlier failed, as usual, to affect players of "the Queen of Games" (to quote John Solomon), but Gerald Birch's well known ability to make the best use of his lawns was not really called into account, owing to the small entry.

The absence of Gordon Hopewell, Dr. Murray, Taylor and others of the Cambridge contingent was much regretted as was also that of the Prichard family and Mrs. Rolfe. Mrs. Prichard and Mrs. Rolfe were chosen for the Ladies' Field Cup which was being played at Compton, and although Gordon Hopewell put in an appearance and acted as a referee on one or two occasions, he said he was working too hard to play tournament croquet. Another reason for the disappointingly small entry was that some potential visitors had been lured away by the rival attractions of Edinburgh and its Festival the following week.

The Handicap Doubles was started at the first hoop and no time limit was imposed. Apart from one game which lasted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and which appeared to be much enjoyed by the participants and onlookers alike, all games were finished in well under 3 hours. Another result of the small entry was that the winners of the Draw and Process were able to settle the play-off by the best of three games.

The best play of the week was, undoubtedly, that of Dr. David Nichols, who, arriving on Tuesday morning after a night journey from Edinburgh and having to concede a walk-over in the Draw, won 10 out of his 11 singles, mostly by wide margins. Playing from a handicap of 2, he won the "Robin Hood" Trophy for the second year running. In the final he used only 1 of his 3½ bisques, defeating his unfortunate opponent by 26 and allowing him only one long shot! Nichols also won the Open Singles by beating Robinson (-½), Tyrwhitt Drake (-1½) and Bushnell (-1) in the Process and Elmes (-1) by 22 and 3 in the Play-off. His only close game was the second against Elmes where he hit the "lift" shot with Elmes on the peg and rover hoop. Although inclined to be rather deliberate, David Nichols has a nice controlled style and a thorough grasp of the game and, if he can find the time to play regularly, will undoubtedly go very far.

The only man to beat Nichols was Dr. M. T. Haslam (6½) and he was unlucky not to reach any finals. In the semi-final of the "X", he appeared to be winning when his game was pegged down after he had decided against taking one of his 3 remaining bisques. On restarting the next morning he had the mortification of watching his opponent go round from the 2nd hoop and win the game with a double-peel.

Owing, no doubt, to the courts being comparatively slow due to the rain, only one lady succeeded in winning an event. Mrs. Richardson played consistently well throughout the week, winning the "Y" and reaching the final of the Doubles. Miss E. M. Brumpton outplayed the eventual winner of the "X" in her first round match, but failed to peg out from just over a yard, and she also lost by 2 points to her sister in the "Y".

An extra Doubles event was very popular and was won by Bucknell and Henshaw.

The question of the exact definition of a "rover" had to be settled by Gerald Birch. Under Law No. 39 a player "may not peg out his own ball before his partner ball has become a rover." In the Handicap Doubles, Tyrwhitt Drake inadvertently hit the peg when his partner was for the rover hoop and, in the belief that his partner's ball was "a rover", was under the impression that his turn had ended as he had pegged his ball out, a view held by not a few of the spectators. Birch quickly settled the argument by pointing out that under the "Introduction to the Game" a ball is only known as a rover when it has made 12 points. On resuming, Tyrwhitt Drake promptly ended his turn by missing the shortest of short roquets!

Altogether a most enjoyable week with the traditional Nottingham lunches and teas, so skilfully produced by the lady members, even more delicious than ever.

ROBIN HOOD GOLD CUP CHALLENGE TROPHY
C.A. ASSOCIATES ONLY

First Round

E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1½) beat H. O. Hodgson (2) +6.
Miss J. K. Samuels (9) beat Dr. H. M. Browning (8) +16.
R. F. Rigiani (5½) beat G. Birch (-½) +15.
J. N. Robinson (-½) w/o Miss E. M. Brumpton (4½) (opp. scratched).
Dr. M. J. Haslam (6½) beat P. W. Elmes (-1) +21.
M. J. Bushnell (-1) beat Miss E. C. Brumpton (3½) +16.
C. W. Haworth (2½) beat A. J. Bucknell (3) +11.

Eight

Second Round

E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1½) beat Miss J. K. Samuels (9) +9.
J. N. Robinson (-½) w/o R. F. Rigiani (5½) (opp. scratched).
M. J. Bushnell (-1) beat Dr. M. J. Haslam (6½) +10.
Dr. D. I. Nichols (2) beat C. W. Haworth (2½) +17.

Semi-Final

E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1½) beat J. N. Robinson (-½) +20.
Dr. D. I. Nichols (2) beat M. J. Bushnell (-1) +22.

Final

Dr. D. I. Nichols (holder) (2) beat E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1½) +26.

OPEN SINGLES

DRAW

First Round

G. Birch beat A. J. Bucknell +22.
H. O. Hodgson w/o Dr. D. I. Nichols (opp. scratched).
P. W. Elmes beat E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake +16.
J. N. Robinson beat M. J. Bushnell +10.

Semi-Final

G. Birch beat H. O. Hodgson +25.
P. W. Elmes beat J. N. Robinson +3.

Final

P. W. Elmes beat G. Birch +8.

PROCESS

First Round

Dr. D. I. Nichols beat J. N. Robinson +24.
E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake beat A. J. Bucknell +24.
P. W. Elmes beat H. O. Hodgson +25.
M. J. Bushnell beat G. Birch +5.

Semi-Final

Dr. D. I. Nichols beat E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake +16.
M. J. Bushnell beat P. W. Elmes +14.

Final

Dr. D. I. Nichols beat M. J. Bushnell +9.
N.B.—Play-off (best of 3 games) Dr. D. I. Nichols beat P. W. Elmes +22 +3

HANDICAP SINGLES—5 Bisques and Over

First Round

Dr. M. J. Haslam (6½) beat R. F. Rigiani (5½) +12.

Second Round

Mrs. C. Chamberlain (12) beat Mrs. A. J. Bucknell (12) +7.
Dr. M. J. Haslam (6½) beat A. W. Lewis (11) +16.
G. Henshaw (8) beat Miss J. K. Samuel (9) +6.
Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) beat Dr. H. M. Browning (8) +8.

Semi-Final

Mrs. C. Chamberlain (12) beat Dr. M. J. Haslam (6½) +6.
G. Henshaw (8) w/o Mrs. E. L. Richardson (8) (opp. scratched).

Final

G. Henshaw (8) beat Mrs. C. Chamberlain (12) +11.

"X" HANDICAP

First Round

R. F. Rigiani (5½) beat M. J. Bushnell (-1) +14.
Dr. D. I. Nichols (2) beat G. Henshaw (8) +7.
Miss J. K. Samuel (9) w/o H. O. Hodgson (2) (opp. scratched).

Second Round

E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1½) beat Miss E. M. Brumpton (4½) +2.
J. N. Robinson (-½) beat Miss E. C. Brumpton (3½) +7.
Dr. M. J. Haslam (6½) beat P. W. Elmes (-1) +13.
Dr. D. I. Nichols (2) beat R. F. Rigiani (5½) +14.
Miss J. K. Samuel (9) beat Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) +2.
C. W. Haworth (2½) beat Mrs. C. Chamberlain (12) +18.
A. J. Bucknell (3) beat Dr. H. M. Browning (8) +7.
A. W. Lewis (11) beat Mrs. A. J. Bucknell (12) +10.

Third Round

E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1½) beat J. N. Robinson (-½) +22.
Dr. M. J. Haslam (6½) beat Dr. D. I. Nichols (2) +4.
C. W. Haworth (2½) beat Miss J. K. Samuel (9) +13.
A. J. Bucknell (3) beat A. W. Lewis (11) +3.

Semi-Final

E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1½) beat Dr. M. J. Haslam (6½) +16.
C. W. Haworth (2½) beat A. J. Bucknell (3) +11.

Final

E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1½) beat C. W. Haworth (2½) +3.

"Y" HANDICAP

First Round

G. Henshaw (8) beat M. J. Bushnell (-1) +13.
Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) beat H. D. Hodgson (2) +8.

Second Round

Miss E. C. Brumpton (3½) beat Miss E. M. Brumpton (4½) +2.
G. Henshaw (8) beat P. W. Elmes (-1) +3.
Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) beat Mrs. C. Chamberlain (12) +20.
Mrs. A. J. Bucknell (12) beat Dr. H. M. Browning (8) +4.

Semi-Final

Miss E. C. Brumpton (3½) beat G. Henshaw (8) +10.
Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) beat Mrs. A. J. Bucknell (12) +17.

Final

Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) beat Miss E. C. Brumpton (3½) +8.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

First Round

A. J. Bucknell and Mrs. A. J. Bucknell (15) beat Dr. H. M. Browning and Miss E. M. Brumpton (12½) +3.
E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mrs. E. L. Richardson (5½) beat C. W. Haworth and Dr. D. I. Nichols (4½) +25.
J. N. Robinson and R. F. Rigiani (5) beat M. J. Bushnell and G. Henshaw (7) +7.

Semi-Final

E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mrs. E. L. Richardson (5½) beat A. J. Bucknell and Mrs. A. J. Bucknell (15) +5.
J. N. Robinson and R. F. Rigiani (5) beat Dr. M. J. Haslam and Miss E. C. Brumpton (10) +19.

Final

J. N. Robinson and R. F. Rigiani (5) beat E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mrs. E. L. Richardson (5½) +10.

BRIGHTON (SOUTHWICK) OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT

August 25th-30th

The Sussex Gold Cup was won by Michael Stride, the winner of the Draw, who beat Mrs. Longman, winner of the Process, in just under an hour in the play-off.

Mrs. Longman played very well all the week and more than maintained her welcome return to form shown at Hurlingham. Much more will be heard of Stride, a young, quick and rapidly-improving player from Edgbaston.

Whitehead played well to beat Cotter in the Process. In the last match in which these two had met before this tournament, Cotter had given Whitehead 11 bisques and a beating! After getting his revenge on Whitehead in the Draw, Cotter retired on the peg and left for home, to the disappointment of many who had been looking forward to a match between him and Stride.

Perhaps the most exciting finish was in the game between Mrs. Elvey and Meacham. The latter had both balls for the stick but missed the peg-out, leaving his opponent for the second hoop and the three-back. Mrs. Elvey shot in and made an 11-hoop break to the stick with her backward ball. In her next turn, after making the three-back and four-back, Mrs. Elvey approached the penultimate badly. Summoning up all her courage she went out for the only possible shot, took aim at her opponent's ball on the boundary, hit and went out.

In the next round the tables were turned on Mrs. Elvey by Whitehead who hit what was, presumably, his last shot and duly went on to win from the second and sixth hoops.

The doubles final also provided excitement. After her partner had been pegged out Mrs. Tucker, a formidable six, had seven shots while for the stick before hitting and bringing victory to her side by six points. This final, incidentally, was played on Friday afternoon, robbing many of a chance to watch as players were in action on all the other courts. Many hope that the doubles final will be restored to its traditional place on Saturday afternoon.

Jenking is to be congratulated on winning the Monteith Bowl after starting to play croquet only four months ago.

The 11 lawns not only looked green and inviting but played with remarkable accuracy. Court 1 has been shifted nearly a couple of yards and no longer provides the sloping eastern boundary that gave a cunning hide-out and a ready excuse for going off. Adams, the groundsman, is to be thanked and congratulated on the state of the lawns.

When the bell rings at Southwick one may be certain that the summons is to a well-prepared and tasty meal. All thanks to Miss Pirie, Miss Towers and Mrs. Finch.

A near certainty at Southwick is to see Maurice Reckitt on the courts. He must have created an all-time record in not having missed an annual tournament at Southwick for 60 years.

The prizes were given away by Mrs. Solomon, who expressed on behalf of the 22 visitors (seven from the Birmingham area) and the Club members their unanimous thanks to that ever-genial and courteous manager, Major Dibley.

THE GOLD CUP

DRAW

First Round

Mrs. G. F. Elvey beat J. B. Meacham +2.
E. Whitehead beat Comdr. G. Borrett +14.
A. D. Karmel beat H. A. Green +1.
E. P. C. Cotter beat R. O. Hicks +24.
W. E. Moore beat Maurice Reckitt (opp. withdrawn)
Mrs. W. Longman beat W. H. Austin +14.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden beat Mrs. McMillan +5.

Second Round

E. Whitehead beat Mrs. G. F. Elvey +2.
E. P. C. Cotter beat A. D. Karmel +16.
W. E. Moore beat Mrs. W. Longman +4.
M. Stride beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +23.

Semi-Final

E. Whitehead beat E. P. C. Cotter (opp. retired).
M. Stride beat W. E. Moore +16.

Final

M. Stride beat E. Whitehead +15.
Play-off: M. Stride beat Mrs. Longman +23.

PROCESS

First Round

E. P. C. Cotter beat Mrs. McMillan +10.
E. Whitehead beat W. H. Austin +14.
M. Stride beat A. D. Karmel +22.
J. B. Meacham beat W. E. Moore +10.
Mrs. W. Longman beat R. O. Hicks +9.
Comdr. Borrett (bye).
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden beat H. A. Green +4.
Mrs. G. F. Elvey beat Maurice Reckitt (withdrawn).

Second Round

E. Whitehead beat E. P. C. Cotter +8.
M. Stride beat J. B. Meacham +21.
Mrs. W. Longman beat Comdr. Borrett +14.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden beat Mrs. H. F. Elvey +18.

Semi-Final

E. Whitehead beat M. Stride +13.
Mrs. W. Longman beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +9.

Final

Mrs. W. Longman beat E. Whitehead +7.

LEVEL SINGLES (½-3)

DRAW

First Round

Prof. A. S. C. Ross beat M. B. Reckitt +24.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall beat Miss H. D. Parker +17.
I. Baillieu beat H. A. Sheppard +6.
D. Himmens beat Sarah Hampson +7.
Mrs. G. Solomon beat R. O. Havery +10.

Second Round

Prof. A. S. C. Ross beat E. Montague Smith +3.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall beat I. Baillieu (opp. retired).
Mrs. G. Solomon beat D. Himmens +18.
Rev. G. E. Andrews beat Miss D. Lintern +10.

Semi-Final

Dr. W. R. Bucknall beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross +25.
Rev. G. E. Andrews beat Mrs. G. Solomon +14.

Final

Dr. W. R. Bucknall beat Rev. G. E. Andrews +6.
Divided=Prof. A. S. C. Ross and Dr. W. R. Bucknall.

PROCESS

First Round

Miss D. A. Lintern beat H. A. Sheppard +3.
R. O. Havery beat M. B. Reckitt +18.
E. Montague Smith beat D. Himmens +7.
Miss S. Hampson beat Rev. G. E. Andrews +3.
Prof. A. S. C. Ross beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon +14.

Second Round

Miss D. A. Lintern beat R. O. Havery +2.
E. Montague Smith beat Miss H. D. Parker +24.
Miss Sarah Hampson beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall +3.
Prof. A. S. C. Ross beat I. Baillieu +15.

Semi-Final

Miss D. A. Lintern beat E. Montague Smith +7.
Prof. A. S. C. Ross beat Miss Sarah Hampson +3.

Final

Prof. A. S. C. Ross beat Miss D. A. Lintern +4.

Nine

THE FRANC CUP

(3½ to 6½)

First Round

Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5) beat G. F. Paxon (6) +3.
 W. J. Baverstock (4) beat W. Alford Naylor (5½) +17.
 Mrs. J. B. Meacham (6) beat Mrs. S. J. Turner (5) +21.
 F. Reynold (5) beat C. G. Mayo (5) +14.

Semi-Final

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) beat Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5) (opp. retired).
 Mrs. J. B. Meacham (6) beat Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) +8.

Final

Mrs. J. B. Meacham (6) beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) +18.

THE MONTEITH BOWL

(7½ and over)

First Round

H. F. L. Jenking (11) beat Mrs. F. Haddon (16) +3.
 Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) beat Mrs. E. Thompson (7½) +6.
 Mrs. P. M. Dehn (7½) beat Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +4.
 Miss M. D. Cork (8) beat Mrs. I. Stride (16) +20.

Semi-Final

H. F. L. Jenking (11) beat Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) +14.
 Mrs. P. M. Dehn (7½) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +13.

Final

H. F. L. Jenking (11) beat Mrs. P. M. Dehn (7½) +3.

MAURICE RECKITT BOWL**HANDICAP SINGLES****First Round**

W. G. B. Scott (6½) beat Mrs. Frances Haddon (16) +6 on time.
 H. A. Sheppard (1) beat Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) +2.
 W. H. Austin (0) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +16.
 Mrs. R. E. Tucker (5½) w/o Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5) (opp. scr.).
 Rev. J. E. Andrews (3) beat Mrs. W. A. Naylor (5½) +10.
 F. Reynold (5) beat Mrs. A. D. Karmel (-1½) +24.
 Mrs. W. Longman (-½) beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-½) +6.
 N. W. T. Cox (2) beat Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +21.
 I. Baillieu (1) beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (½) +3.
 M. B. Reckitt (2) beat H. A. Green (-½) +15.
 W. E. Moore (-1½) beat Miss D. Lintern (1) +21.
 Prof. A. S. C. Ross (2½) beat Mrs. F. Griffiths (6½) +13.
 Comdr. G. Borrett (-2) beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +6.
 C. G. Mayo (5) beat Mrs. I. Stride (16) +11.

Second Round

D. Himmens (3) beat E. Montague Smith (2) +19.
 Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +14.
 Mrs. J. B. Meacham (6) beat W. J. Baverstock (4) +4.
 Mrs. S. J. Turner (5) beat E. Whitehead (0) +11.
 W. G. B. Scott (6½) beat G. F. Paxon (6) +16.
 W. H. Austin (0) beat H. A. Sheppard (1) +17.
 Rev. J. E. Andrews (3) beat Mrs. R. E. Tucker (5½) +11.
 Mrs. W. Longman (-½) beat F. Reynold (5) +6.
 N. W. T. Cox (2) beat I. Baillieu (1) +17.
 M. B. Reckitt (2) beat W. E. Moore (-½) +8.
 Prof. A. S. C. Ross (2½) beat Comdr. G. Borrett (-2) +12.
 J. B. Meacham (0) beat C. G. Mayo (5) +15.
 Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) beat Major R. Driscoll (1½) +11.
 M. Stride (-1) beat R. O. Hicks (-1½) +18.
 Miss Sarah Hampson (3) beat Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey (-½) +25.
 Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) beat R. O. Havery (2) +18.

Third Round

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) beat D. Himmens (3) +2.
 Mrs. J. B. Meacham (6) beat Mrs. J. S. Turner (5) +15.
 W. G. B. Scott (6½) beat W. H. Austin (0) +6.
 Rev. J. E. Andrews (3) beat Mrs. W. Longman (-½) +7.
 N. W. T. Cox (2) beat M. B. Reckitt (2) +14.
 J. B. Meacham (0) beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross (2½) +14.
 M. Stride (-1) beat Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) +16.
 Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) beat Sarah Hampson (2) +18.

Fourth Round

Mrs. J. B. Meacham (6) beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) +1.
 W. G. B. Scott (6½) beat Rev. J. E. Andrews (3) +19.
 N. W. T. Cox (2) beat J. B. Meacham (0) +16.
 M. Stride (-1) beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) +13.

Semi-Final

Mrs. J. B. Meacham (6) beat W. G. B. Scott (6½) +12.
 N. W. T. Cox (2) w/o M. Stride (-1) (opp. scr.).

Final

Mrs. J. B. Meacham (6) beat N. W. T. Cox (2) +5.

Winner of Extra: Mrs. J. B. Meacham.

HANDICAP DOUBLES**First Round**

M. B. Reckitt and R. O. Havery (4) beat E. Montague Smith and Mrs. W. Naylor (6½) +6 on time.
 Comdr. Borrett and Mrs. S. J. Turner (3) beat W. H. Austin and Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +1.
 Dr. Bucknall and Mrs. Longman (1½) beat Mrs. F. Chittenden and Mrs. E. Cox (6) +12.
 M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (5½) beat W. J. Baverstock and Mrs. M. Speer (7½) +10.
 H. A. Green and H. A. Sheppard (½) beat Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey and Mrs. McMillan (0) +4 on time.
 D. E. Buckland and W. G. B. Scott (9½) beat R. O. Hicks and Miss D. Lintern (-½) +6.
 Mrs. F. Griffiths and Miss H. D. Parker (9) beat I. Baillieu and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) +12.

Second Round

H. A. Green and H. A. Sheppard (½) beat D. E. Buckland and W. G. B. Scott (9½) +1 on time.
 W. E. Moore and Prof. A. S. C. Ross (1) beat J. B. Meacham and Mrs. J. B. Meacham (6) +3.
 E. P. C. Cotter and Sarah Hampson (-2) beat W. E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (7) +4.
 M. B. Reckitt and R. O. Havery (4) beat Comdr. Borrett and Mrs. S. J. Turner (3) +3.
 M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (5½) beat Dr. Bucknall and Mrs. W. Longman (1½) +7.
 N. W. T. Cox and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) beat Mrs. Griffiths and Miss H. D. Parker (1) +1 on time.
 D. Himmens and Mrs. E. Tucker (8½) beat C. G. Mayo and Mrs. I. Stride (19) +2.
 E. A. Roper and Major R. Driscoll (1½) beat Miss M. M. Taylor and Mrs. F. Haddon (21) +11.

Third Round

E. P. C. Cotter and Sarah Hampson (-2) beat W. E. Moore and Prof. A. S. C. Ross (1) +5.
 M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (5½) beat M. B. Reckitt and R. O. Havery (4) +17.
 H. A. Green and H. A. Sheppard (½) beat N. W. T. Cox and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) +5.
 D. Himmens and Mrs. E. Tucker (8½) beat E. A. Roper and Major Driscoll (1½) +10.

Semi-Final

M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (5½) beat E. P. C. Cotter and Sarah Hampson (-2) +15.
 D. Himmens and Mrs. E. Tucker (8½) beat H. A. Green and H. A. Sheppard (½) +8 on time.

Final

D. Himmens and Mrs. E. Tucker (8½) beat M. Stride and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (5½) +5.

BRIGHTON (SOUTHWICK) UNOFFICIAL TOURNAMENT**September 1st-6th**

This popular tournament had an even larger entry than last year and there were 53 competitors in the "X" "Y" Handicap.

The Open Singles for the Abbey Challenge Cup was won by W. E. Moore who beat E. Whitehead by the narrow margin of 4 in an exciting final.

The Level Singles was won by F. Reynold who played well to beat H. C. Green of West Park in the final, and the Limited Handicap Singles provided a very close in and out finish in which Mrs. G. T. Trull of Parsons Green beat Miss M. M. Taylor, now a member of Southwick, by 3.

In the "X" Handicap for the Douglas Jones Cup, Norman Cox whose handicap has come down from 8 to ½ in a couple of seasons, again looked a likely winner. In the semi-final he defeated Whitehead by 4 in a desperate four-hour marathon and in the final came within an ace of winning, but Commander Borrett's patience and courtcraft deservedly gave him a victory by 3 after Cox had peeled one of his balls through the rover and pegged it out.

The final of the "Y" Handicap between Miss Parker and Mrs. Ross was postponed until the Sunday afternoon when Mrs. Ross emerged as the winner.

In the Doubles, Professor Ross and Peter Goulden looked likely winners from the start and were never in serious trouble during their progress to the final in which they defeated Mrs. Longman and Mrs. Cox. Mrs. Longman played consistently well throughout the tournament and looked very much like a winner, but towards the end of the week she was still in so many events she had to retire from both the Draw and the Process.

The weather was kind to us and improved steadily from day to day; when we were not on the courts the social atmosphere was, as always here, most congenial and under the kindly, firm and "unflappable" management of Mrs. Chittenden the crowded programme, with the exception of the "Y" Event, was completed without difficulty. The week closed with a pleasant farewell ceremony at which Mrs. Longman presented the prizes.

ABBEY CHALLENGE CUP**DRAW****First Round**

Mrs. W. Longman beat W. H. Austin +7.
 Professor A. S. C. Ross beat Comdr. Borrett +15.
 D. Himmens beat Miss D. Lintern +21.
 E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake beat H. A. Sheppard +15.
 G. F. Hallett beat Major R. Driscoll +13.
 N. W. T. Cox beat Capt. Nalder +11.
 W. E. Moore beat Miss H. D. Parker +16.
 H. A. Green beat E. Whitehead +10.

Second Round

Professor A. S. C. Ross w/o Mrs. W. Longman (opp. scratched).
 E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake beat D. Himmens +2.
 N. W. T. Cox beat G. F. Hallett +10.
 W. E. Moore w/o H. A. Green (opp. scratched).

Semi-Final

Professor A. S. C. Ross beat E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake +6.
 W. E. Moore beat N. W. T. Cox +15.

Final

W. E. Moore beat Professor A. S. C. Ross +15.

PROCESS**First Round**

H. A. Sheppard beat Miss H. D. Parker (no score).
 N. W. T. Cox beat Comdr. Borrett +21.
 E. Whitehead beat D. Himmens +20.
 W. H. Austin beat Major R. Driscoll +6.
 E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake w/o Capt. Nalder (opp. scratched).
 H. A. Green beat Professor A. S. C. Ross +5.
 W. E. Moore beat Miss D. Lintern +3.
 Mrs. W. Longman beat G. F. Hallett +5.

Second Round

H. A. Sheppard beat N. W. T. Cox +12.
 E. Whitehead beat W. H. Austin +21.
 H. A. Green beat E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake +9.
 Mrs. W. Longman beat W. E. Moore +6.

Semi-Final

E. W. Whitehead beat H. A. Sheppard +20.
 Mrs. W. Longman beat H. A. Green +6.

Final

E. Whitehead w/o Miss W. Longman (opp. scratched).
 Play-off: W. E. Moore beat E. Whitehead +4.

LEVEL SINGLES (3-6)**First Round**

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross beat Mrs. W. A. Naylor +13.
 H. C. Green beat Mrs. R. E. Tucker +18.
 Mrs. E. M. Speer beat Mrs. Farlie +10.
 G. C. Mayo beat G. F. Paxon +17.
 Mrs. H. F. Nalder beat W. J. Baverstock +14.
 W. G. B. Scott beat Mrs. M. Wooster (No score).

Second Round

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross beat Mrs. S. J. Turner (No score).
 H. C. Green beat Mrs. E. M. Speer +15.
 G. Mayo beat Mrs. H. F. Nalder +12.
 F. Reynold beat W. G. B. Scott +12.

Semi-Final

H. C. Green beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross +20.
 F. Reynold beat G. Mayo +6.

Final

F. Reynold beat H. C. Green +8.

HANDICAP (6½ and Over)**First Round**

Mrs. G. T. Trull (7) beat Mrs. E. Cox (6½) +16.
 Miss M. M. Taylor (7) beat Mrs. E. Thompson (7½) +7.

Second Round

Mrs. D. Waterhouse (14) w/o W. G. B. Scott (opp. scratched).

Peter Goulden (9) beat J. R. Pike (9) +6.
 Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) beat Mrs. P. M. Dehn (7½) +16.
 Mrs. G. T. Trull (7) beat Mrs. M. S. Tyrell (8) +14.
 Miss M. M. Taylor (7) beat Miss J. Piper (9) +4.
 Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) beat Miss G. Pirie (7½) +7.
 Mrs. F. L. Griffiths (6½) beat Mrs. Croal (6½) +15.
 Miss L. M. Cooke (14) w/o Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) (opp. scratched).

Third Round

Peter Goulden (9) beat Mrs. D. Waterhouse (14) +5.
 Mrs. Trull (7) beat Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) +13.
 Miss M. M. Taylor (7) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +10.
 Miss L. M. Cooke (14) beat Mrs. F. Griffiths (6½) +7.

Semi-Final

Mrs. Trull (7) beat Peter Goulden (9) +15.
 Miss M. M. Taylor (7) beat Miss L. M. Cooke (14) +7.

Final

Mrs. G. T. Trull (7) beat Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +3.

DOUGLAS JONES CUP**HANDICAP SINGLES****First Round**

Mrs. Nalder (6) beat Mrs. W. Naylor (5½) +19.
 N. W. T. Cox (1) beat Miss L. M. Cooke (14) +21.
 Miss D. Lintern (1) beat Mrs. M. Wooster (6) +13.
 H. C. Green (3) beat H. A. Green (-½) +11.
 Mrs. G. T. Trull (7) beat G. F. Paxon (6) +17.
 E. Whitehead (½) beat Mrs. R. E. Tucker (5) +10.
 Mrs. W. Longman (-1) beat Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) +21.
 Mrs. S. J. Turner (5) beat Peter Goulden (9) +12.
 W. G. B. Scott (6) beat Mrs. L. C. Farlie (6) +7.
 W. J. Baverstock (4) beat Mrs. Croal (8) +17.
 Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) beat E. A. Roper (0) +26.
 H. A. Sheppard (1) beat Miss E. Pratt (7) +8.
 Capt. H. Nalder (2) beat H. F. L. Jenking (10) +17.
 Comdr. G. Borrett (2) beat E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1½) +23.
 Major Driscoll (1½) beat Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +2.
 Mrs. Higinbotham (7) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +19.
 Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) beat Miss J. Piper (9) +3.
 Mrs. P. M. Dehn (7½) beat Mrs. E. Thompson (7½) +11.
 Miss Tyrell (8) beat W. P. H. Roe (5½) +21.
 Mrs. Griffiths (6½) beat Mrs. E. Roper (6) +5.
 Miss E. R. Cox (6½) beat Professor A. S. C. Ross (2) +10.

Second Round

W. H. Austin (0) beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6) +2.
 D. Himmens (2½) beat Mrs. D. Waterhouse (14) +10.
 Miss M. Towers (6) w/o Mrs. Nalder (6) (opp. scratched).
 N. W. T. Cox (1) beat Miss D. Lintern (1) +17.
 H. C. Green (3) beat Mrs. G. T. Trull (7) +11.
 E. Whitehead (-½) w/o Mrs. W. Longman (-1) (opp. scratched).
 Mrs. S. J. Turner (5) beat W. G. B. Scott (6) +10.
 Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) beat W. J. Baverstock (4) +8.
 H. A. Sheppard (1) w/o Capt. H. Nalder (2) (opp. scratched).
 Comdr. G. Borrett (-2) beat Major R. Driscoll (1½) +19.
 Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) beat Mrs. Higinbotham (7) +9.
 Mrs. M. Tyrell (8) beat Mrs. P. M. Dehn (7½) +3.
 Mrs. E. R. Cox (6½) beat Mrs. F. Griffiths (6½) +12.
 Mrs. E. Tucker (8) beat W. E. Moore (-1½) +19.
 F. Reynold (5) beat C. G. Mayo (5) +9.
 G. F. Hallett (2) beat Mrs. Jenking (14) +18.

Third Round

D. Himmens (2½) beat W. H. Austin (0) +19.
 N. W. T. Cox (1) w/o Mrs. H. Nalder (opp. scratched).
 E. Whitehead (-½) beat H. C. Green (3) +12.
 Mrs. S. J. Turner (5) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +8.
 Comdr. G. Borrett (-2) beat H. A. Sheppard (1) +13.
 Mrs. M. Tyrell (8) beat Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) +12.
 E. Tucker (8) beat Mrs. E. R. Cox (6½) +21.
 G. F. Hallett (2) beat F. Reynold (5) +12.

Fourth Round

N. W. T. Cox (1) beat D. Himmens (2½) +18.
 E. Whitehead (-½) beat Mrs. S. J. Turner (5) +15.
 Comdr. G. Borrett (-2) beat Mrs. M. Tyrell (8) +18.
 E. Tucker (8) beat G. F. Hallett (2) +7.

Semi-Final

N. W. T. Cox (1) beat E. Whitehead (-½) +4.
 Comdr. G. Borrett (-2) beat E. Tucker (8) +8.

Final

Comdr. G. Borrett (-2) beat N. W. T. Cox (1) +3.

"Y"

First Round

Miss M. Towers (6) beat Mrs. L. M. Cooke (14) +6.
 H. A. Green (-½) beat G. F. Paxon (6) +17.
 Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) beat Mrs. R. E. Tucker (5) +9.
 Mrs. E. Farlie (6) beat Peter Goolden (9) +13.
 E. A. Roper (0) beat Mrs. G. T. Trull (8) +8.
 Miss E. Pratt (7) beat H. F. L. Jenking (10) +7.
 Miss M. M. Taylor (7) w/o E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1½) (opp. scr.).
 Miss H. D. Parker (2½) beat Miss J. Piper (9) +4.
 Mrs. E. Thompson (7½) beat W. P. H. Roe (5½) +17.
 Professor A. S. C. Ross (2½) beat Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) +12.
 W. E. Moore (-1½) beat W. A. Naylor (5½) +24.

Second Round

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6) beat Mrs. Waterhouse (14) +11.
 Miss M. Towers (6) beat Mrs. Wooster (6) +10.
 H. A. Green (-½) beat Mrs. E. M. Speer (3½) +7.
 Mrs. E. Farlie (6) beat E. A. Roper (0) +8.
 Miss E. Pratt (7) beat Miss M. M. Taylor (7) (No result).
 Miss H. D. Parker (2½) beat Mrs. E. Thompson (7½) +10.
 W. E. Moore (-1½) beat Professor A. S. C. Ross (2½) +4.
 C. G. Mayo (5) beat Mrs. Jenking (14) +17.

Third Round

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6) beat Miss M. Towers (6) +12.
 Mrs. E. Farlie (6) beat H. A. Green (-½) +6.
 Miss H. D. Parker (2½) beat C. G. Mayo (5) (No result).

Semi-Final

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6) beat Mrs. E. Farlie (6) +6.
 Miss H. D. Parker (2½) beat W. E. Moore (-1½) +14.

Final

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +12.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

First Round

H. A. Green and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (7) beat W. E. Moore and W. G. B. Scott (4½) +7.
 E. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mrs. Naylor (4) beat H. F. L. Jenking and Mrs. Farlie (16) +3.
 D. E. Buckland and E. Tucker (10) beat E. Whitehead and Mrs. Whitehead (6½) +5.
 Capt. Nalder and Mrs. Nalder (8) beat Mrs. Chittenden and C. G. Mayo (4½) +12.
 Mrs. Longman and Mrs. E. Cox (5½) beat Miss H. D. Parker and D. Himmens (5) +12.

Second Round

Professor A. S. C. Ross and Peter Goolden (15) beat E. A. Roper and Mrs. Roper (6) +4.
 W. H. Austin and F. Reynold (5) beat Major Driscoll and Miss E. Johnston (6) +7.
 H. A. Green and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (4½) beat W. E. Moore and W. G. B. Scott (4½) +17.
 E. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (4) beat D. E. Buckland and E. Tucker (10) +6.
 Mrs. Longman and Mrs. E. Cox (5½) beat Capt. Nalder and Mrs. Nalder (8) +2.
 Mrs. Speer and Mrs. Tucker (8½) beat G. F. Hallett and Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) +10.
 H. A. Sheppard and Mrs. Turner (5½) beat Miss Lintern and Mrs. Trull (8) +2.
 N. W. T. Cox and Miss Cooke (15) beat Comdr. Borrett and Mrs. Higinbotham (5) +8.

Third Round

Professor A. S. C. Ross and Peter Goolden (15) beat W. H. Austin and F. Reynold (5) +7.
 H. A. Green and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (7) beat E. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (4) +19.
 Mrs. Longman and Mrs. E. R. Cox (5½) beat Mrs. E. M. Speer and Mrs. Tucker (8½) +10.
 H. A. Sheppard and Mrs. Turner (5½) beat N. W. T. Cox and Miss Cooke (15) +4.

Semi-Final

Professor A. S. C. Ross and Peter Goolden (15) beat H. A. Green and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (7) +10.
 Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. E. R. Cox (5½) beat H. A. Sheppard and Mrs. Turner (5½) +3 on time.

Final

Professor A. S. C. Ross and Peter Goolden (15) beat Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. E. R. Cox (5½) +16.

EDINBURGH TOURNAMENT

The first official Scottish Tournament was held at Edinburgh in the last week of August. Those of us who made the trip north of the border in a slightly wary mood need not have worried. We vaguely expected a bleak kind of croquet, played by gaunt, unsmiling men in kilts, with a pipe major on the sidelines bursting forth into "The Flowers of the Forest" when the local champion missed a short roquet! We consoled ourselves with the thought that if knocked out in the first round we could fall back on the varied entertainment provided by the Edinburgh Festival. These suspicions were not entirely removed on the first day when, although we saw no signs of kilts or pipes, we had a battle in a cold wind with courts much slower than anything we are used to down South. Several Sassenach heads rolled in the first round of the handicap singles. As the week went on, however, the courts and the weather both improved—the former mainly due to Herculean efforts in the evenings by local members (notably Dr. Milne) with the mower. By the middle of the week the sun had come out, the courts were shorn close, and the visitors, inspired by the example of Brian Lloyd-Pratt, had learned that 4 ball breaks were possible, providing one hit a little harder when playing up hill. More important, the local members had shown themselves so hospitable and friendly that there was no doubt that this was going to be a successful tournament.

By this time, too, the usual crop of improbable but true stories were circulating. Derek Caporn took a long shot at his opponent's two balls; these had been lined up on the left of a hoop so as to present a single ball target; he nevertheless managed to go between them by the roundabout method of going wide to the right of the hoop, hitting a bump and turning sharp left. In another game a lady found herself with a problem which I draw to the attention of all aspiring referees. What do you do when your ball becomes firmly wedged between the hoop uprights, half an inch from the ground? This happened to Mrs. Moorcraft, who had no doubts about her course of action. She called for help. The referee, with the wisdom of a Solomon, ruled that the hoop should be widened and the hoop shot taken again. The mystery is that the hoop in question was 3 back, and Mrs. M. had already made it twice from the other direction (i.e. as 4); sabotage during the tea interval was ruled out, and earth tremors are thought to be the only explanation.

The open singles were won by Brian Lloyd-Pratt. He was by far the most consistent player in the tournament and fully deserved his victory. The only player to take a game from him was David Nichols, but when these two met in the final Brian soon had one clip on the rover, and finished the game off with a very pretty single peel. Nichols was a worthy runner-up. He is a tough opponent, who never gives up and seems to have the right temperament for tournament play. The handicap singles were won by Dr. Milne, a stylish player who makes the most of his chances, and who was the only player in the tournament to show that he could give away a lot of bisques on these lawns and still win games. In the final he had to concede 7½ bisques to F. V. X. Norton, a newcomer who had improved visibly throughout the week and had overwhelmed several fancied opponents. Luck deserted Mr. Norton in the final, but he can nevertheless feel satisfied with the result of his first tournament, and will no doubt soon be receiving the attention of the handicap committee, for he won the 9 bisques and over event.

As usual the Doubles produced some nerve-racking moments. The winners were Drs. Milne and Kemp—a very strong pair—against Commander and Mrs. Rowe. Commander Rowe decided to peg out an opponent's ball, lined them up carefully from a yard or so, took a hefty swipe, missed the peg with the front ball but pegged himself out instead. His partner was for 6 at the time! Mrs. Moorcraft won the "Y" handicap singles (9 bisques and over) in a dogged match against Miss Murray. The handicap singles 3½-8 bisques was played as an American, so the competitors got full value for their money. The winner was W. M. Spalding, who won the All England last year and who showed that accurate shooting was possible on the Dunfermline lawns. The runner-up, Kenneth Paterson, was perhaps a little handicapped by having celebrated his birthday the

day before the decisive game (including a little party in the manager's tent).

To sum up—a week of croquet and culture. Where else can you combine the game with Rigoletto, Shakespeare, or even a late night revue? The courts may not be Hurlingham standard, but the view (over the Firth of Forth) is, with the possible exception of Carrickmines, the best in the croquet world. Our manager (Derek Caporn) presided over all with his usual charm and efficiency. The locals gave us a great welcome. And the prizes, all won outright except the five silver trophies awarded for the main handicap singles, were superb cut glass dishes or beautiful table mats engraved with a Scottish Castle. Thank you, Scotland!

OPEN SINGLES

DRAW

First Round

D. C. Caporn beat Col. G. Wheeler +11.

Second Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt beat J. O'D. Alexander +25.
 D. Moorcraft beat D. L. Lackie +20.
 R. F. O. Kemp beat D. C. Caporn +7.
 Dr. D. I. Nichols beat Dr. R. M. Milne +2 on time.

Semi-Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt beat D. Moorcraft +13.
 R. F. O. Kemp beat Dr. D. I. Nichols +1.

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt beat R. F. O. Kemp +13.

PROCESS

First Round

J. O'D. Alexander beat Dr. R. M. Milne +2.

Second Round

D. Moorcraft beat R. F. O. Kemp +21.
 D. C. Caporn beat J. O'D. Alexander +22.
 Dr. D. I. Nichols beat D. L. Lackie +25.
 B. Lloyd-Pratt beat Col. G. Wheeler +18.

Semi-Final

D. C. Caporn beat D. Moorcraft +7.
 Dr. D. I. Nichols beat B. Lloyd-Pratt +2.

Final

Dr. D. I. Nichols beat D. C. Caporn +14.
 Play-off: Lloyd-Pratt beat Nichols +12.

HANDICAP SINGLES (3½-8) Played as American

W. Spalding (4) beat M. A. Brougham (7) +16; beat J. C. McCullough (6) +11; beat Comdr. J. E. Rowe (7) +6; beat K. H. Paterson (3½) +19. 4 wins.
 Comdr. J. E. Rowe (7) beat M. A. Brougham (7) +24; beat J. C. McCullough (6) +11; beat K. W. Paterson (3½) +1 on time; lost to W. Spalding (4) -6. 3 wins.
 K. W. Paterson (3½) beat M. A. Brougham (7) +19; beat J. C. McCullough (6) +13; lost to Comdr. J. E. Rowe (7) -1 on time; lost to W. Spalding (4) -19. 2 wins.
 M. A. Brougham (7) beat J. C. McCullough (6) +2 on time; lost to Comdr. J. E. Rowe (7) -24; lost to K. W. Paterson (3½) -13; lost to W. Spalding (4) -16. 1 win.

HANDICAP SINGLES (9 and over)

First Round

I. H. Wright (14) beat Miss A. B. Hart (10) +8.
 Mrs. D. F. Caporn (10) beat I. Forrester (9) w/o.
 Mrs. C. Rowe (9) beat Mrs. C. Lackie (12) +15.

Second Round

F. V. X. Norton (10) beat Miss A. Murray (9) +22.
 I. H. Wright (14) beat Dr. Humphreys (9) +14.
 Mrs. C. Rowe (9) beat Mrs. D. F. Caporn (10) +4.
 Mrs. V. Macpherson (11) beat Mrs. D. Moorcraft (14) +14.

Semi-Final

F. V. X. Norton (10) beat I. H. Wright (14) +22.
 Mrs. C. Rowe (9) beat Mrs. V. Macpherson (11) +3 on time.

Final

F. V. X. Norton (10) beat Mrs. C. Rowe (9) +20.

"Y"

First Round

Miss Murray (9) beat Dr. Humphreys (9) +15.
 Miss Hart (10) beat I. Forrester (9) +10.
 Mrs. Caporn (10) beat Mrs. Lackie (12) +8 on time.

Semi-Final

Miss Murray (9) beat Miss Hart (10) +10.
 Mrs. Moorcraft (14) beat Mrs. Caporn (10) +20 on time.

Final

Mrs. Moorcraft (14) beat Miss Murray (9) +?.

HANDICAP SINGLES (Open)

"X"

First Round

R. F. O. Kemp (3) beat Comdr. J. E. Rowe (7) +22.

Second Round

K. H. Paterson (3½) beat J. O'D. Alexander (4) +19.
 F. V. X. Norton (10) beat B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) +18.
 Mrs. C. Rowe (9) beat D. Moorcraft (2½) +17.
 R. F. O. Kemp (3) beat M. A. Brougham (7) +11.
 Dr. R. M. Milne (2½) beat I. Forrester (9) +20.
 Col. G. Wheeler (1) beat D. C. Caporn (½) +7.
 Dr. D. I. Nichols (0) beat D. L. Lackie (7) +10.
 Dr. Humphreys (9) beat Mrs. C. Lackie (12) +15.

Third Round

F. V. X. Norton (10) beat K. H. Paterson (3½) +24.
 R. F. O. Kemp (3) beat Mrs. C. Rowe (9) +15.
 Dr. R. M. Milne (2½) beat Col. G. Wheeler (1) +15.
 Dr. D. I. Nichols (0) beat Dr. Humphreys (9) +13.

Semi-Final

F. V. X. Norton (10) beat R. F. O. Kemp (3) +7.
 Dr. R. M. Milne (2½) beat Dr. D. I. Nichols (0) +26.

Final

Dr. R. M. Milne (2½) beat F. V. X. Norton (10) +12.

"Y"

First Round

D. Moorcraft (2½) beat J. O'D. Alexander (4) (opp. retired on peg).
 Comdr. J. E. Rowe (7) beat M. A. Brougham (7) +21.
 I. Forrester (9) w/o D. C. Caporn (½).
 D. L. Lackie (7) beat Mrs. C. Lackie (12) +10.

Semi-Final

Comdr. J. E. Rowe (7) beat D. Moorcraft (2½) +7.
 D. L. Lackie (7) beat I. Forrester (9) +15.

Final

Comdr. J. E. Rowe (7) beat D. L. Lackie (7).

HANDICAP DOUBLES

First Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. Caporn (7) beat Col. G. Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler (14) +20.
 Dr. D. I. Nichols and F. V. X. Norton (10) beat M. A. Brougham and I. Forrester (16) +17.
 K. H. Paterson and Dr. Humphreys (12½) beat D. C. Caporn and Mrs. Macpherson (11½) +17.
 Dr. R. M. Milne and R. F. O. Kemp (5½) beat J. O'D. Alexander and Miss Murray (13) +6.

Second Round

Comdr. J. E. Rowe and Mrs. Rowe (16) beat D. L. Lackie and Mrs. Lackie (19) +13.
 Dr. D. I. Nichols and F. V. X. Norton (10) beat B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. Caporn (7) +14.
 Dr. R. M. Milne and R. F. O. Kemp (5½) beat K. H. Paterson and Dr. Humphreys (12½) +6.
 W. Spalding and Mr. Brown (12) beat D. Moorcraft and Mrs. Moorcraft (14½) +12.

Semi-Final

Comdr. J. E. Rowe and Mrs. Rowe (16) beat Dr. D. I. Nichols and F. V. X. Norton (10) +2.
 Dr. R. M. Milne and R. F. O. Kemp (5½) beat W. Spalding and Mr. Brown (12) +2.

Final

Dr. R. M. Milne and R. F. O. Kemp (5½) beat Comdr. J. E. Rowe and Mrs. Rowe (16) +7.

COLCHESTER WEEK-END TOURNAMENT

This year's tournament yet again provided the added attraction for the lucky entrants of the inclusion of a Doubles competition despite the large number of 22 competitors with only four courts. This was due to the Singles event being run on the Swiss system which all players regarded as being highly successful. Roger Bray brought a considerable amount of mathematical expertise to the management of the week-end. He it was in fact who won the Doubles playing with one of the stars of the week, Miss Allardyce, who earlier provided the spectators with a wonderfully close Singles game with Peter Hallett. Miss Allardyce won by a single point, pegging out from fully 10 yards.

The visitors included a fine array from Ipswich, notably Capt. Greenham, who played really well. Also the Irish champion, David O'Connor, who was soundly thrashed by the eventual winner, Jeremy Cockayne. For a relative newcomer to the game Cockayne has a great range of shots and a very sound tactical sense. His final shot against the ever youthful Cyril Ratcliffe in the play-off is one that will linger long in this writer's memory: being for the stick with one ball, he found himself badly hampered by the rover hoop—a hammer shot was impossible—so he played a scythe-shot with the shaft of the mallet parallel to the ground. He hit the stick right in the middle.

Other players who are certain to figure prominently in the future are Mr. H. G. T. Bolton, Duncan Reeves, Dr. Dean and Mrs. Haworth.

A more enjoyable tournament could hardly be imagined, as on top of everything the lawns were superb and the food surpassed even the well-known high standards of Colchester.

HANDICAP SINGLES (22 entries)

- 4 wins:** C. S. Ratcliffe (2½) and J. Cockayne (11).
3 wins: Dr. R. W. Bray (-4), D. B. O'Connor (-2), Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½), E. P. Duffield (½), Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (6).
2 wins: Capt. A. W. Greenham (11), Miss M. G. Anderson (6½), Miss W. K. Allardyce (8), C. G. Hopewell (-1), G. S. Digby (11), P. D. Hallett (-1½), Miss M. Palmer (7), Mrs. G. S. Digby (10), C. W. Haworth (2½).
1 win: H. G. T. Bolton (9), J. N. Robinson (-½), W. J. Millie (14), Mrs. W. J. Millie (14).
0 wins: D. E. Reeves (16*), Dr. W. Dean (16*).
Play-off: J. Cockayne (11) beat C. S. Ratcliffe (2½) +14.

HANDICAP DOUBLES (11 entries) (3rd hoop start)

- First Round**
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon and G. S. Digby (17) beat C. S. Ratcliffe and J. Cockayne (11½) +7 on time.
P. D. Hallett and Dr. W. Dean (12½) beat J. N. Robinson and Capt. A. W. Greenham (8) +6.
Dr. R. W. Bray and Miss W. K. Allardyce (4) beat D. B. O'Connor and Mrs. W. J. Millie (12) +11.
Second Round
E. P. Duffield and Mrs. C. W. Haworth (14½) beat Miss M. G. Anderson and D. E. Reeves (20½) +3 on time.
Mrs. Puxon and G. S. Digby beat C. W. Haworth and H. G. T. Bolton (11) +11 on time.
Dr. R. W. Bray and Miss Allardyce beat P. D. Hallett and Dr. Dean +8.
C. G. Hopewell and W. L. Millie (13) beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot and Mrs. G. S. Digby (10½) +2 on time.
Semi-Final
E. P. Duffield and Mrs. Haworth beat Mrs. Puxon and G. S. Digby +11.
Dr. R. W. Bray and Miss Allardyce beat C. G. Hopewell and W. J. Millie +21.
Final
Dr. R. W. Bray and Miss Allardyce beat E. P. Duffield and Mrs. Haworth +6.

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HUNSTANTON TOURNAMENT

September, 1969

The Hunstanton Tournament lived up to its tradition of good weather and good company. We had the benefit this year, for the first time, of a substantial entry from the up-and-coming Ipswich club, and it is to be hoped that they will become regular participants in the tournament.

Mrs. Cordy, a high bisquer from the Ipswich club, made a fine three-ball break in the second round of the Handicap Doubles, and might well have succeeded in beating her opponents, Mrs. Prichard and Miss Samuel, after Mrs. Prichard had pegged herself out but failed to do the same to her partner. Miss Samuel, however, eventually succeeded in putting an end to the game by a well-executed trickle shot from the vicinity of 3-back to the peg.

History more or less repeated itself when, in the final of the Doubles, Mrs. Prichard again pegged herself out when their opponents, W. de B. Prichard and Mrs. Zinn, were both for rover. Again Miss Samuel saved the day, this time by a mighty hit-in from the corner. Miss Samuel, indeed, had a successful tournament, for not only was she one of the winning Doubles pair but she won her class event (6½ bisques and over) against Mrs. Carlisle, who was also a finalist in the "Y" event, being defeated by Mrs. Cordy in a closely-fought match which lasted long into the evening.

It was a pleasure to have Mrs. Prichard back at the tournament again, although the manager may have regarded her as a mixed blessing since she was in such fine form that she remained in too many events to be able to fit all her games in. In spite of playing 3½ games on the Friday, she had to scratch from the open event. She was beaten in the final of the Handicap by Mrs. Simpson.

There were, however, some men playing too. Another Prichard, William, was involved in an interesting semi-final of the Handicap Singles against Mrs. Simpson. William was for penultimate and peg before Mrs. Simpson had made a hoop. However, she got round with one ball and, surprisingly, pegged out William's rover ball. The tactic was justified in the event, because she won by 1.

One newcomer who did outstandingly well was Mr. Palmer. Among his other feats was his defeat of Joan Warwick by 25. Clearly, Palmer will soon be a name as much to be reckoned with in the world of croquet as it is in that of golf.

Brian Lloyd-Pratt won both the Draw and the Process of the Open event. In the final of the draw he executed a delayed triple with his customary delicacy thereby defeating Richard Rothwell by 00.

If the test of good management of a croquet tournament is that every competitor has his fair share of games reasonably well spaced out over the week without realising that he is being managed, Joan Warwick and Richard Rothwell passed it with flying colours.

As usual, all had cause to be grateful to those kind ladies who provided the excellent refreshments. Mrs. Perowne, the doyenne of the Hunstanton club, presented the prizes.

NORFOLK CUP

DRAW

- First Round**
R. A. Simpson beat A. D. Karmel +22.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon beat H. B. H. Carlisle +4.
B. Lloyd-Pratt beat W. de B. Prichard +21.
Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson +6.
J. G. Warwick beat P. Gifford-Nash +15.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard beat R. O. Havery +8.
R. F. Rothwell beat Mrs. J. Neville-Rolfe +11.

- Second Round**
R. A. Simpson beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon +10.
B. Lloyd-Pratt beat Miss E. J. Warwick +9.
J. G. Warwick beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard +19.
R. F. Rothwell beat I. C. Baillieu +7.

- Semi-Final**
B. Lloyd-Pratt beat R. A. Simpson +19.
R. F. Rothwell beat J. G. Warwick +4.

- Final**
B. Lloyd-Pratt beat R. F. Rothwell +24.

Winner: B. Lloyd-Pratt. Play-off 2nd place: R. F. Rothwell beat P. Gifford-Nash +23.

PROCESS

First Round

- Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. J. Neville-Rolfe +10.
H. B. H. Carlisle beat R. O. Havery +11.
B. Lloyd-Pratt beat I. C. Baillieu +12.
J. G. Warwick beat A. D. Karmel +10.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson +12.
W. de B. Prichard beat R. F. Rothwell +3.
P. Gifford-Nash beat R. A. Simpson +12.

Second Round

- H. B. H. Carlisle beat Miss E. J. Warwick +16.
B. Lloyd-Pratt beat J. G. Warwick +12.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon +24.
P. Gifford-Nash beat W. de B. Prichard +5.

Semi-Final

- B. Lloyd-Pratt beat H. B. H. Carlisle +19.
P. Gifford-Nash w/o Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (opp. scratched).

Final

- B. Lloyd-Pratt beat P. Gifford-Nash +15.

LEVEL SINGLES

(2½ to 6 Bisques) American

- Miss S. Hampson beat Miss C. Brumpton +13; beat Miss M. Brumpton +19; beat Mrs. A. D. Karmel +7.
Miss C. Brumpton beat Miss M. Brumpton +4; Mrs. A. D. Karmel +17.

Winner: Miss S. Hampson. Second: Miss C. Brumpton.

HANDICAP SINGLES

(6½ Bisques and Over)

First Round

- Miss J. K. Samuel (9) beat Miss M. E. Day (9) +10.
Miss E. I. Wood (14) beat Miss D. A. Taylor (13) +20.
Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) beat Miss M. Mactier (16) +18.

Second Round

- Miss J. K. Samuel (9) beat Mrs. M. S. Cordy (11) +7.
C. R. Palmer (11) beat Mrs. P. Gifford-Nash (12) +15.
Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) beat Mrs. E. L. Wood (14) +10.
W. H. Carlisle (9*) beat Mrs. A. A. Zinn (10) +2 on time.

Semi-Final

- Miss J. K. Samuel (9) beat C. R. Palmer (11) +8.
Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) beat W. H. Carlisle (9*) +18.

Final

- Miss J. K. Samuel (9) beat Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) +3 on time.

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First Round

- Mrs. R. A. Simpson (½) beat Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) +7.
Mrs. P. Gifford-Nash (12) beat Mrs. J. Neville-Rolfe (1½) +9.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) beat R. F. Rothwell (-2) +10.
W. de B. Prichard (-½) beat Miss M. Brumpton (4½) +2.
A. D. Karmel (-1½) beat Miss J. K. Samuel (9) +5.
C. R. Palmer (11) beat P. Gifford-Nash (1) +6.
Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) w/o.
R. A. Simpson (0) beat Miss E. M. Garratt (7) +19.
J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Mrs. M. S. Cordy (11) +7.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-½) beat Miss M. Mactier (16) +17.
Miss C. Brumpton (3½) beat Mrs. A. A. Zinn (10) +6.
H. B. H. Carlisle (0) beat Miss E. I. Wood (14) +4.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) beat Miss D. E. Taylor (13) +18.
I. C. Baillieu (1) beat Miss M. E. Day (9) +12.
R. O. Havery (2) w/o.

Second Round

- Mrs. R. A. Simpson (½) beat Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5) +5.
Mrs. P. Gifford-Nash (12) beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +20.

- W. de B. Prichard (-½) beat A. D. Karmel (-1½) +20.
C. R. Palmer (11) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +25.
R. A. Simpson (0) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) +11.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-½) beat Miss C. Brumpton (3½) +8.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) beat H. B. H. Carlisle (0) +7.
R. O. Havery (2) beat I. C. Baillieu (1) +4.

Third Round

- Mrs. R. A. Simpson (½) beat Mrs. P. Gifford-Nash (12) +13.
W. de B. Prichard (-½) beat C. R. Palmer (11) +5.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-½) beat R. A. Simpson (0) +6.
R. O. Havery (2) beat B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) +6.

Semi-Final

- Mrs. R. A. Simpson (½) beat W. de B. Prichard (-½) +1.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-½) beat R. O. Havery (2) +10.

Final

- Mrs. R. A. Simpson (½) beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-½) +4.

"Y"

First Round

- Mrs. M. S. Cordy (11) beat Miss E. M. Garratt (7) +23.
Mrs. A. A. Zinn (10) beat Miss M. Mactier (16) +14 on time.
Miss M. E. Day (9) beat Miss S. Hampson (3) +8.
Miss E. I. Wood (14) beat Miss D. E. Taylor (13) +15.
Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) beat Mrs. J. Neville-Rolfe (1½) +2.
R. F. Rothwell (-2) beat Miss M. Brumpton (4½) +12.
P. Gifford-Nash (1) w/o Miss M. K. Samuel (9).
W. H. Carlisle (9*) w/o Miss E. J. Warwick (-3).

Second Round

- Mrs. M. S. Cordy (11) beat Mrs. A. A. Zinn (10) +2 on time.
Miss M. E. Day (9) beat Miss E. I. Wood (14) +4.
Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) beat R. F. Rothwell (-2) +14.
P. Gifford-Nash (1) beat W. H. Carlisle (9*) (opp. retired).

Semi-Final

- Mrs. M. S. Cordy (11) beat Miss M. E. Day (9) +20.
Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) w/o P. Gifford-Nash (1) (opp. retired).

Final

- Mrs. M. S. Cordy (11) beat Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (9) +3 on time.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

First Round

- J. G. Warwick and Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (7) beat Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Miss E. I. Wood (13) +7.
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Miss M. Mactier (13) beat Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. P. Gifford-Nash (9) +3.
Mrs. A. Neville-Rolfe and C. R. Palmer (12½) beat B. Lloyd-Pratt and Miss M. E. Day (9½) +6.
R. O. Havery and Mrs. Cordy (13) beat R. F. Rothwell and Miss D. A. Taylor (11) +8.
Mrs. D. M. Prichard and Miss J. K. Samuel (8½) beat I. C. Baillieu and P. Gifford-Nash (2) +16.

Second Round

- W. de B. Prichard and Mrs. A. A. Zinn (9½) beat J. G. Warwick and Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (7) +7.
Mrs. A. Neville-Rolfe and C. R. Palmer (12½) beat B. Lloyd-Pratt and Miss M. Mactier (13) +11.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard and Miss J. K. Samuel (8½) beat R. O. Havery and Mrs. M. S. Cordy (13) +8.
H. B. H. Carlisle and W. H. Carlisle (7) beat R. A. Simpson and Miss C. Brumpton (3½) +18.

Semi-Final

- W. de B. Prichard and Mrs. A. A. Zinn (9½) beat Mrs. A. Neville-Rolfe and C. R. Palmer (12½) +13.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard and Miss J. K. Samuel (8½) beat H. B. H. Carlisle and W. H. Carlisle (7) +8 on time.

Final

- Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard and Miss J. K. Samuel (8½) beat W. de B. Prichard and Mrs. A. A. Zinn (9½) +4.