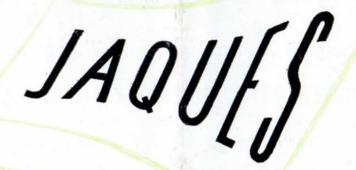
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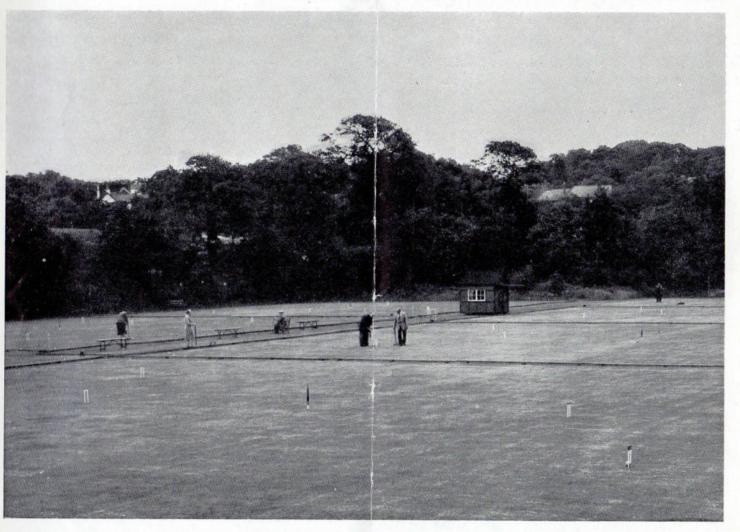
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 - 23 Roehampton. Games Sec., Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.15.
 - 30 Devonshire Park (Eastbourne). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

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Official Handicappers are reminded that, when they inform a player at the end of a tournament that a handicap reduction has been recommended, they should make it clear to the competitor concerned that the new handicap comes into force at once, pending confirmation by the Handicap Co-ordinating Committee.

NEW VARIATION

The attention of Associates is called to the fact that a new form of shortened game is to be given an extensive trial during the forthcoming season, in which each ball will start at the fifth hoop. In order to give this experiment a thorough try-out for all classes of players the Council has decided that it will be played in the following C.A. events.

October—Devonshire Park, Men's and Women's Open Singles, Restricted Handicap Singles and Handicap Doubles. Attention is drawn to the amendment to the Devonshire Park Tournament advertisement. Events 2 and 3 will be played "Draw and Process".

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Miss D. A. Lintern
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Mrs. E. Rotherham
J. W. Solomon
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins

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LORN C. APPS, Secretary.

NOTES by ROVER

Fiesta at Eastbourne

It was said of Byron that nothing in his life became him as the leaving of it. There are some of us who have long felt that no feature of the season is so delightful as the last, and this year at Devonshire Park should be more joyous than ever. If it should rain (and it hardly ever does at this tournament) there will be tents besides the courts to shelter us, which may be welcome too on chilly mornings. There will be the now customary Bridge and Canasta evening on October 5th. Arrangements, too, have been made for those who dislike "hanging about" to play friendly games or to practice at the Compton Club on payment of the normal club green fee. But in addition to all this-to say nothing of the tournament itself !- there are two features of special interest this year. On October 4th the Mayor of Eastbourne is inviting all competitors to a reception and cocktail party to mark this, the 50th tournament to be held at Devonshire Park; further details of this will be found in an advertisement elsewhere in this number. This generous hospitality will be most welcome, not only for its own sake but as a sign of the happy relations which exist between the municipal authorities and our Association. And finally, the traditional match on the first Saturday is to assume a new complexion when a younger side is to challenge a team of seniors, with expectation and enterprise as the keynotes of the contest. "With youth on the prow and pleasure at the helm," this year at Devonshire Park should be a notable occasion and one not to be missed by anyone who can contrive to be present.

'Well and truly laid'

Experienced players are often asked by those who are less so for advice on how to make dispositions for their next turn when they are unable to make immediate progress. "We know how to make a break," they say, "but we don't seem to know how to prepare for one." There is perhaps no matter in which it is harder to offer suggestions, for the situations to be met are so various. It is indeed precisely experience, rather than any conscious theory, which leads most of our star performers to lay their breaks effectively, and advice founded on this is not easy to formulate and still less to communicate. Nevertheless an effort has been made from time to time in these Notes (as, e.g., last October and in the issue of last month) to make some suggestions on this subject. An important key to the problem lies in the right selection —and the proper order—of the split shots best calculated to get balls on to the court in such a way that it will be possible to make a fruitful use of them in the next turn, whatever one's opponent may decide to do. It is generally best to begin one's turn with a split shot which takes one's partner ball to its (or one's own) next hoop, care of course being exercised so to arrange this as to secure that one's own ball will stop within easy range of one of the opponent balls.

The Complete Angler

We shall now have put ourselves in a good position to prepare a promising situation but there is a good deal more to be thought of, which should in fact have been thought of before we began our turn at all. The clue lies in the right perception of angles: which ball in each croquet stroke now to be made will travel with least difficulty to the spot at which we wish one to arrive. A game recently observed in the Ladies' Field Cup presented an example of failure to seize this point. The player who had laid her partner ball correctly and accurately at its hoop (1-back), was so concerned to send an enemy ball to two-back that she did so at once, failing to perceive that if she had sent to three-back she would have left herself with the easiest of split shots with which to send the other ball to two-back and travel back to her own partner ball. It is of course essential to remember that the penultimate stroke of a break-laying turn should, wherever possible (and good planning will make it possible), be a split shot which brings one's ball back to its partner ball, thus enabling a controlled rush to be laid for its or one's own hoop. The moral of all this is to think before you begin your turn and carefully calculate the angles involved. Don't merely hope for the best; plan for it.

A Fair Question

With the season three-quarters of the way to its end at the time of writing, Rover has yet to witness-or even hear of—any instance of a referee being called on to adjudicate on a croquet stroke. This experimental privilege does not seem to have "caught on" here, though it appears to be valued in New Zealand, whence the idea was borrowed. It is still apparently untried in Australia, in which country the Council's official journal records an interesting case that would seem to have some bearing on the matter. A referee was called in to watch a croquet stroke in which the croqueted ball was lying in contact with the peg, the possibility of a foul being envisaged. In fact the only foul which appeared to the referee to occur was that under Law 26(m). She thereupon asked the striker whether he had moved or shaken the croqueted ball; the reply being in the affirmative the matter could not (with the laws as they are) be carried further. On leaving the court the referee was taken to task by several players for exceeding her powers. The right to challenge a striker on this point being (it was contended) reserved to his opponent. On inquiring of the authority who runs the excellent column on legal queries in the Australian journal (none other than our old friend Col. Saalfeld), the referee received his support, reference being made to No. 6 of the "Instructions to Referees" which lays down that his responsibilities extend to all matters immediately contingent to the stroke. Rover agrees with this ruling; do his readers do so ?

Come to Devonshire Park

See Rover's First Note

THE CHARM OF CROQUET

By D. JESSON DIBLEY

MY earliest recollection of Croquet is not, in fact, a genuine recollection-earliest recollections rarely are. It is a photograph: self, aged 3½, plus ball, hoop, lawn-and the wooden hammer used for knocking the hoops into position. From the tenth to the fourteenth croquet season of my life, however, I can remember much. For this was the "intensive" period of my croquet life, played out on a reasonably level three-quarter size lawn (disregarding the land-slide at the third hoop—an instructive hazard that put a premium on forethought and deftness of "touch"; and disregarding the worn patches, the rifts and hollows created on those days when the lawn served as a tennis court or cricket pitch). As often as not, I played by myself: blue and black versus red and yellow-sometimes, even, blue and red versus black and yellow, just for a change. I had my preferences, yet, oddly enough, unless there were voices crying out that lunch was ready, I cannot recall cheating my favourite combination to an abrupt victory. Since my opponents were figures of the imaginationreal people, nevertheless: cricketers, mainly-the temptation to cheat was less urgent, less devilishly satisfying.

I enjoyed playing by myself: I still enjoy playing. Although now, being less self-sufficient and fanciful, I do not care to play by myself, my reasons for enjoying the game have not changed. First, like most enjoyable games, it is played out of doors. More than that, unlike other out-door games, it is one that I find myself, at present, more able to win at than to lose. Other games, at which I might have preferred to shine—cricket, tennis, rugger, soccer—requires more energetic application than I have been prepared to give to them. One must practise, too, at Croquet; but, thanks to my early grounding in the game, I have found it possible to pick it up again and to "get by" in recent years without having to keep myself constantly in playing trim.

This advantage affords another reason for playing the game. I am a lazy person, in so far as I dislike training for sport of any kind. Fortunately, to play Croquet tolerably, it is unnecessary to run round a court before breakfast, jumping over the hoops in passing. Nor, in my case, has it been necessary to go far afield to practice.

But there must be other attractions in the game for a lazy person to go to the lengths of acquiring a mallet, bending down to get the balls out of the box and putting the clips on the first hoop—to say nothing of treking to tournaments. Most important, I find myself suited temperamentally to the game. I like to be independent, I like to reflect, I like to create, I like to contend. The desire for independence has always governed my preferences for various sports. I have never had any ambitions about the Boat Race, needless to say. Cricket would satisfy me more if I could bat on, irrespective of the number of mistakes made. But, unlike croquet, a fluffed shot sends one back to the pavilion without the opportunity to make amends. Unlike Croquet, besides, one needs quick reflexes as a batsman; and that goes for the tennis player as well. Once on the Croquet lawn, however, one is at liberty to pursue a chosen course of action, unruffled and unrushed. One has to think progressively, creating, in one's mind, and subsequently

in effect, a sequence of events. To realise these, a variety of strokes has to be applied, with a touch as sensitive as a pianist's or a painter of pictures. Finally, however elaborate the strokes, however true the eye, however shrewd the tactics, to be successful one must be mentally and physically relaxed and poised. This last requirement, though necessary for success in practically any game is, I think, more satisfying when achieved on the Croquet lawn, because there it is complete and entirely personal. However fiercely an opponent may glower from the boundary, he or she cannot intervene while you are in play. He or she is not required to bowl, strike or kick the ball at you: your skill in play, your consideration, your poise, does not have to depend upon or adapt itself to your opponent's prior action. Consequently you have no one but yourself to blame for your errors, no one but yourself to commend on the quality of your performance. If for nothing else, Croquet would be worth playing for the exercise that it gives in selfsufficiency and "inner calm."

If, of all games, it is the most self-centred, it is not, fortunately, a selfish game. It should and need never be that. For there is more than enough pleasure to be had off the court, especially when one's opponent's style of play, his tactics or his skill is stimulating. Moreover, praise-be, the tempo of the game remains more or less constant whether one is in play or not. Consequently, one has, when off the court, time to stand and stare, to reflect, to gossip—if so inclined—and to enjoy or shelter from whatever weather prevails. And these pleasures are no less enjoyable if one happens only to be a spectator. I do not, by the way, share the view that the game ought to be speeded up, though I am as irritated as anyone by needless delaying tactics and timid, defensive play. Croquet players, like batsmen, are what they are, or ought to be, because they are individualists. An individualist is most himself when adopting cavalier tactics: it should satisfy him more to err on the side of fool-hardiness than to be excessively cautious.

One would like Croquet to be more popular, though not too popular. The world should realise that it is not an inordinately expensive game to play; that to play and enjoy it, one does not have to be contemporary of Trollope or Tennyson; that it is as complex, stimulating and refreshing as any non-athletic game played out of doors—and more so; that it is a much easier game to play passably than is commonly thought, yet not so easy that one becomes bored because there is nothing more to learn about the game. The world should know that here is a quietly absorbing pastime for the weary and harrassed, yet, since the demands put upon temperament are great, not a pastime that can be called "soft".

It cannot compete, of course, with the athletic games, and no one expects it to. A nation of youthful croquet-players would be as lamentable as a nation of rock-and-rollers. But it is a pity that more cricketers, tennis, hockey and rugger players, passé or manqué, do not turn to Croquet; first, as a side-line and later as their principal summer pastime. Potentially, I am convinced the enemies of Croquet are to be found less in their ranks than on the bowling green and golf course.

Croquet players must try to divert the exhausted athletes from these kindred and flourishing markets.

How is this to be done? Wisdom and experience have been seeking an answer for longer than I have years, so I can hardly presume to provide an answer. Nevertheless, I will suggest three possible answers! Since many Croquet clubs are tennis clubs as well, there should be as much liaison between players of the two games as possible. Croquet players should be quick to make the acquaintance of any tennis player complaining of stiff joints and lack of staying power. Incidentally, moreover, they should never hesitate to point out to the waning cricketer that in no other game will he experience a like satisfaction when it comes to stroke-play as in Croquet. A well executed "stop-shot" or "pass-roll" can be as rewarding as a cover-drive or a late-cut. Nor should they cease reminding the bleary-eyed seedy billiards player that Croquet would provide a healthy and natural outlet for his indoor skill.

Secondly, a club should announce hospitality and free tuition to all local organisations at the beginning of each season. One afternoon or evening for three successive weeks should suffice. At least 50% of the club's members would have to be press-ganged for their services, of course.

Lastly, if a friend or chance acquaintance rashly expresses curiosity, or even just plain ignorance of the game, then, assuming the person to be under 100 years of age, possessing at least one eye and one leg—no more has been proved by some of our most admired players to be necessary—he or she should be called for and taken to the nearest lawn, without ado or by-your-leave, and presented with mallet, two balls and a hoop, and told to "have a bash." On no account "talk croquet" till they have mucked about by themselves for half-an-hour. The chances are that the fortunate sucker will find himself asking you questions about the game, and being drawn into it, without being so much as aware that he is being "got at".

Personally, I dislike "getting at" people as much as I dislike being "got at". Consequently, if anyone raises the topic inquiringly, I can never get beyond stating the bare facts that I play the game and I like it. But I decline to speak apologetically; Croquet needs no apology. For it is, above all, a courteous and civilising game and to play it means—nearly always does mean—that one is playing it with courteous and civilised people; which is not the same as saying, as so many outsiders wrongly imagine, that one is "mixed up with" a lot of dreary, doddery, snobbish, half-witted cranks.

Your Turn to Play

by Tactician

Solution to Problem 1

This is an exceptionally good problem, given by a leading exponent of our game. The supreme object is to exemplify the need of thoroughly studying the position of the balls before taking action. If Bloggs overlooks the fact that Red and Yellow are wired from Hoop 1, he is likely to waste a bisque. Unfortunately in the foreshortened Diagram it appears as though Black was wired from Hoop 1. This is not the case. The correct solution, then, is for Bloggs to play Blue gently at Red or Yellow and failing to hit, he takes a bisque. He then roquets one or the other—say—Yellow, and takes croquet, obtaining a rush on Red to behind Black. He then croquets Red to Hoop 2, getting a rush on Black to Hoop 1.

then croquets Red to Hoop 2, getting a rush on Black to Hoop 1.

In view of the possible misunderstanding of the position of Black in the Diagram, Tactician is awarding the marks for this problem's solutions on their respective merits.

Solution to Problem 2

Mr. Ross's method was as follows. With a jump shot, he ran the Rover Hoop, Blue going off the South Boundary behind Red. He rushed Red to the playing side of the Rover Hoop, took croquet from Red, cannoning Black through the hoop, and went himself to the West of Yellow, which he roqueted. Then in taking croquet from Yellow, he cannoned Black clear of the Rover Hoop, at the same time getting his rush to the Peg. He rushed Black to the Peg

Hoopee: Problem 1, 5 marks; Problem 2, 4 marks.

Problem 1, max. 5 marks; Problem 2, max. 4 marks. Dogged, Problem 1, 4; Problem 2, 3. Lucky Dip, Problem 1, 3; Problem 2, 3. Hoopee 3 and 2.

(Hoopee's solutions for the June Problems arrived one day after the matter had gone to Press.)

This month's Problems

- (1) You are a scratch player, playing in an Open Singles. You play first and put Blue two yards north of the fourth corner. Your opponent lays an eight yard tice with Red on the West Boundary. This you hit with Black and send it level with the second hoop. What is your best leave?
- (2) In the second game of the same event, your opponent plays first and puts Red on the third corner spot. What is your best reply?

No Diagrams required for above Problems.)

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

August 23rd, 1957

CHELTENHAM

Miss R. M. Allen 10 to *7 before play.

Miss R. M. Allen *7 to 6.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels 4½ to 4.

Miss I. M. Roe 7½ to 6.

Dr. T. E. Ryves 5 new handicap.

Miss L. Wilkinson 14 (D 12) to *12 before play.

Miss L. Wilkinson *12 to 12.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall 7 to 5½.

LEAMINGTON

Mrs. R. A. Slade 10 Club handicap confirmed. E. Sidwell 9 to 7.

NON-ASSOCIATES

W. R. Bolton 14 (D 12) new handicap. W. R. Bolton 14 (D 12) to 12. K. Dann 14 (D 12) new handicap. K. Dann 14 (D 12) to 11. H. E. Jones 14 (D 12) new handicap. H. E. Jones 14 (D 12) to 11.

HURLINGHAM

Miss B. Duthie 10 to $8\frac{1}{2}$.

Major A. M. Hicks 7 to $6\frac{1}{2}$.

B. Lloyd Pratt 5 to 4.

A. D. Karmel 6 to 5.

C. H. R. Penny 10 to 6.

S. S. Townsend 0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$.

M. Vlasto 9 to 8.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Mrs. M. B. Reckitt 2½ to 3.

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General Davidson 7 to 6½

Mrs. V. C. Gasson 1½ to 1.

G. E. W. Hitchcock 2 to 1½.

A. D. Karmel 5 to 4½.

B. Lloyd Pratt 4 to 3½.

Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith 12 to 12 (D 10).

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

A MATCH

SENIORS Captained by E. P. C. Cotter

7UNIORS Captained by J. W. Solomon

Saturday, October 5th

at 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The teams will be as follows:—

Seniors:

E. P. C. Cotter

Major J. W. Cobb

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey

S. S. Townsend

Miss J. Warwick

Funiors:

J. W. Solomon

B. Buchanan

D. Jesson-Dibley

J. B. Meachem

G. F. Rothwell

R. F. Rothwell

Reserve:

B. Lloyd Pratt

Notes from the Clubs

Budleigh Salterton

Budleigh Salterton has continued to experience inclement weather conditions, as practically the only rain of the seaon fell during the July Tournament. Fortunately more normal conditions appear to be returning to date.

We have been somewhat "Dominion Tour Fund Conscious"

throughout the season, and are pleased to have been able to forward

a cheque for £36 as the result.

A Croquet Gymkhana and Fun Fair held on June 27th was the main source of "Benefit" to the Fund. This consisted of a variety of amusing games, involving the use of a mallet and a number of balls of different sorts, weights and sizes, which were found to

react in an amazingly different manner to the urge of the mallet.

A "White Elephant Sale," organised by Mrs. Gatchouse and Miss V. E. Mills brought in far the major financial contribution, whilst the "Raffle" of a number of articles kindly presented for the purpose came in a very good second. A most successful and

enjoyable afternoon, was the general verdict.

A "One Shilling" Voluntary Contribution to the Fund, on each tournament entry also yielded a pleasing harvest, and we are very grateful to all those competitors who so kindly co-operated.

The July tournament was held in poor weather, but, under the

tactful and sympathetic management of Major Dibley, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves as much as ever.

An interesting match against London is to be played here on September 15th, 16th and 17th. There will be 8 a side, and 8

singles and 4 doubles will be played.

The idea originated from some of our high bisquers, anxious to see some of London's best players in action, which, it is hoped, will include such aces as E. P. C. Cotter (Capt.), M. B. Reckitt, J. W. Solomon and Dr. Wiggins.

We are most appreciative of London's wholehearted response to the idea, and hope that a keen and thoroughly interesting match will result, with 7 out of last year's 9 Test Match Players par-

An interesting high-light to the Golf Croquet Competition, of August 10th, was the astonishing play of the 11 year old granddaughter of Mrs. E. M. Mander, whose name will be remembered in Croquet circles.

We, as a Club, are celebrating our golden jubilee this year. It was on July 13th, 1907, when our Courts were opened for the first time for play. On that occasion a garden party was held, attended by 300 people, enlivened by the band of the 1st Royal

Times having changed so much since then a repeat was out of the question so instead, to celebrate our fiftieth birthday, we held a successful dance in the Club pavilion on July 13th last to which the Club benefited to the extent of £10. Furthermore we are going to have a much larger dance on Friday, October 25th, at the Castle Hotel, when all Croquet players will be warmly welcomed. Tickets including refreshments are 10s. 6d. each.

Major Dibley is now our President. Mr. A. B. Ward having resigned at his own request, after having held this office for a number of years. We are much indebted to him for all the valued help and assistance he has given to the Club. Mr. Ward, being a trustee of the Club, we are fortunate in still having his guidance

We congratulate our representative, Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth, in the All England Handicap on reaching the semi-final at Roehampton. She was narrowly beaten by Mr. J. Hollweg, a most formidable opponent, by 5 points. Our hearty congratulations to Mr. Hollweg on winning the event and the New Zealand Plaque.

Roehampton

Roehampton Croquet Team drew against Ryde, Isle of Wight, in the Longman (Club Team) Cup this year. In order to facilitate travelling, Woking Croquet Club kindly lent their ground for the contest, which took place on 29th July. The Roehampton team were J. A. Hollweg, Mrs. Pavia, Miss E. Fisher and Mrs. Adler. J. A. Hollweg, partnered by Mrs. Adler in the doubles, won both his singles and doubles games. We congratulate our opponents on winning the match by 3 games to 2.

The finals of the All England Handicap competition were played at Roehampton on 14th and 15th August, the results being reported elsewhere in this journal. This year the Roehampton croquet representatives were J. B. Gilbert and J. A. Hollweg. J. A. Hollweg, who was playing well, defeated R. C. V. de Wesselow by 8 hoops in the final game, so winning the event.

It is with deep concern that our members have heard of the serious illness of Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson, after an operation in the Putney Hospital. Mrs. Nickisson has for so long been the friend and helper of all croquet players that her presence is sadly missed among us. Miss Lintern has arranged for some beautiful flowers to be sent to her in hospital with the good wishes of us all.

Members would also like to convey their sympathy and good wishes to Mrs. George Solomon who has now left England for a visit to her daughter in Africa. They hope this trip will prove beneficial to her and they will see her on the courts again next

Towards the end of 1956 several members got together and held a coffee morning and sale of work, resulting in the substantial sum of £140. This has enabled the lawns to be put into good condition. On August 14th a croquet evening was held, to which, five prospective members were invited; Doubles were played, and afterwards a cold supper was provided by some of the members to which

The Hon. Secretary has received a letter from Leeds, from people who have only played on their own lawn, and who wish to see a good game. It has been arranged for them to come early in

September, and eight or nine are expected.

Whit week and August Bank Holiday, short tournaments are held—and the usual American and knock-out tournaments, run through the summer.

Mr. H. T. Pinckney Simpson thanks all friends for their kind letters and is glad to say he is recovering from his recent accident.

ROEHAMPTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1957, and five following days (Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee.—Mrs. I. H. Turketine (Chairman), Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Col. C. C. Adams, Mrs. H. J. Collins, Mr. J. B.

Gilbert, Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson.

Manager and Referee.—Miss D. A. Lintern, assisted by the

Handicapper.—The Croquet Handicapping Committee of the

Roehampton Club.
Secretary.—Mr. W. H. Abel (Games Secretary), Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The Winner to hold the Ranelagh Gold Cup for one year. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 2.—OPEN SINGLES. Single games. Law 44 partially suspended. Open to Competitors with a handicap of ½ or more. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 4½ bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Games start at the 5th Hoop.
- N.B.-No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above
- 4.-X and Y HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event shortened games may be played in accordance with Reg. 12 at the discretion of the Manager. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. The Winners of X and Y hold the Creyke Cups for a year.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than scratch. Entrance Fee, 5s. 0d. each. Games start at the

N.B.—The above Entrance Fees include the Croquet Associa-

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by the first post, Thursday, September 19th, 1957. Entries for Event 5 close at midday on Tuesday, September 24th, 1957. The draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 19th, 1957.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily.
Six courts will be provided and Eclipse balls used. Standard

Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament.

All Competitors must wear such flat-heeled boots or shoes as cannot damage the ground.

There are facilities for playing Bridge at the Croquet Pavilion.

OBITUARY

MR. P. ELIOT-SCOTT

The gentle, unobtrusive presence of Mr. P. Eliot-Scott, who has just died in his 80th year, will be sadly missed by his many friends

Mr. Scott was for many years a member of the Bournemouth Club, and joined the East Dorset Club at Parkstone, after the closing down of the former.

Though he never rose out of the "C" class, he was a keen student of the game and had a sound and thorough knowledge of its laws and its tactics, as is evidenced by his having gained 2nd place in the first series of Tactician's "Your Turn to Play" competitions.

CAPTAIN H. J. PULLEIN-THOMPSON

It was during the Eastbourne Croquet Tournament last September that the writer was told of Captain Pullein-Thompson, a keen Croquet player who would like to take an interest in the Oxford University Croquet Club, which had been far from active

In December, 1956, he was elected Secretary and from that time Capt. Pullein-Thompson put his heart and soul into reviving the Club and organising an Open Tournament which had not been held in Oxford since 1938.

All rejoiced at this successful achievement but before the end of the week one could see the effort had heavily taxed the strength and not very robust health of the Secretary.

Captain Pullein-Thompson was taken ill a day or two later and died on 8th August, 1957.

The members of the Club feel bereft; he achieved so much in a few months, his kindness and courtesy endeared him to all, members, visitors and groundsmen alike, his death is a great loss.

The members are resolved to continue his good work and keep the Club going in appreciation of all he did.

BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, British International

ENTRY TROUBLES

This month's hands are more of the bread-and-butter variety and are both concerned with entries. The first hand was dealt capably by South:-

South made a normal opening bid of 2NT which was raised to 3NT by North. West opened the Knave of Hearts and South dejectedly saw dummy's Queen covered by East's King. South held off twice—more to get his breath than for any real reason because the Club finesse must be taken into the West hand.

Still, after winning trick three with the Ace of Hearts South entered dummy with the King of Clubs and led the Knave of Diamonds for a successful finesse. A second Diamond was led and the ten finessed. There was no further entry to dummy to try another (perhaps unnecessary) finesse so South laid down the Ace of Diamonds and bewailed his luck when the King did not fall.

In this hand dummy is woefully short of entries and there is no means of creating another. But South should have preserved the one he had. The first Diamond lead from the table should have been the nine and then the Knave. With this sequence dummy retains the lead as the ten falls under the Knave and one more lead from the table means a fourth Diamond trick and 3NT in the bag.

This is an error made daily at the Bridge table. Dummy had little but it was enough properly handled.

The second hand was dealt by East as follows:-

East bid one Club and South bid four Spades without stopping to think-two Spades is a better bid.

The opening lead was the ten of Clubs, which was a real break for South. He has five apparently inescapable losers but the opening lead gives him a chance to set up two Club winners by ruffing out East's masters. To utilise the winners the trumps must break 2-2. But he requires two entries—one to set up the Clubs, one to get in to use them. The ten of Spades is one entry but where is another? South created one by leading a small trump to trick two and finessing the eight. When this held the Queen of Clubs was led, covered by East and ruffed with an honour. A trump to Dummy's ten drew the adverse trumps and left South with ten tricks, purring contentedly! [Copyright

ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

This important fixture dates back a long way and among the winners of it, are many famous names, including the present Open Champion, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins. This season's event was not noted for the number of entries—one less than last year—14 instead of 15-and six less than 1955.

Nevertheless the keen interest in the contest was obvious. In the writer's opinion the event should be considered of the utmost importance, for it obviously represents the highest degree of quality in the handicap game competition.

Capt. K. B. Millar (Woking), 4 bisques, made a good start by defeating J. B. Gilbert (Roehampton), $-\frac{1}{2}$, by 21. His next opponent, Miss I. M. Roe, 6, from Cheltenham, put up such strong opposition that she passed into the semi-final with the score +21.

De Wesselow (Hurlingham) had drawn one of the two byes, and joined her, Miss Roe, in the semi-final after defeating Mrs. Gasson from Parkstone.

The lower half of the Draw had resulted in J. H. Hollweg, 1 (Roehampton), opposing Major B. M. Hicks, 6 (Reigate); Hollweg was the winner here, and then he proceeded to defeat Lloyd Pratt (Hunstanton), 4, by only 4 points—but enough to create him a semi-finalist. Mrs. F. Farnsworth (Ryde) reached the same position at the expense of Mrs. Chittenden (Brighton), and L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (Hurlingham).

Both these semi-finals were hotly contested; de Wesselow reached the final after a keen game, as the score, +4, suggests. Hollweg became the other finalist, though Mrs. Farnsworth put up strong opposition as the six points against her indicate.

The Final

De Wesselow was receiving one bisque from Hollweg, but Hollweg was the first to make a good break to the penulitmate. After this the game became somewhat untidy; though the clips were moved this was not often in sequence—and yet the uprights of the hoops were, after long intervals, adorned with the four clips. Spectators were eager to see de Wesselow's one bisque employed; unfortunately it failed to give him full value, and Hollweg eventually became the winner by 8 points of the All England Handicap for

AREA FINALS.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Parkstone) (11) bt E. P. Duffield (Colchester)

(—1) by 10.

Capt. K. B. Millar (Woking) (4) bt J. B. Gilbert (—½) by 21.

Miss I. M. Roe (Cheltenham) (6) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (—1) by 23.

J. A. Hollweg (Roehampton) (½) bt Major B. M. Hicks (Reigate)

B. Lloyd Pratt (Hunstanton) (4) bt J. B. Meachem (Edgbaston) (3)

Mrs. F. Farnsworth (Ryde) (51) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (Southwick) (11) by 9.

SECOND ROUND

R. C. V. de Wesselow (Hurlingham) (11/2) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Parkstone) (14) by 11.

Miss I. M. Roe (Cheltenham) (6) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (Woking)

J. A. Hollweg (Roehampton) (1) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (Hunstanton) (4) by 4. Mrs. F. Farnsworth (Ryde) (5½) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts

(Hurlingham) (9) by 9. SEMI-FINAL

R. C. V. de Wesselow (Hurlingham) (14) bt Miss I. M. Roe (Cheltenham) (6) by 8.

J. A. Hollweg (Roehampton) (1/2) bt Mrs. F. Farnsworth (Ryde)

J. A. Hollweg (Roehampton) (1) bt R. C. V. de Wesselow (Hurlingham) (1½) by 8.

CHELTENHAM

JULY 22nd-27th

Cheltenham lived up to its reputation of being lucky in the weather and rain was conspicuous by its absence. Favourable comments were made on the vastly improved lawns, but as there was not much sun or wind to dry them out they were distinctly heavy. However, things went with a swing, there were no unduly prolonged games and under the able management of Mr. Langley all came to a successful conclusion soon after tea on Saturday. Both visitors and members were agreed that it was a "happy" tournament for which some of the credit must go to the genial President, Colonel Daniels, who is also the hard-working Secretary. The bus strike was a minor annoyance but it wasn't actually used as an excuse for failure to turn up on time !

Mrs. Rotherham, whose attractive style is always a pleasure to watch, was the winner of the Open Singles, but only just! In the final an unaccountable lapse by her opponent, G. E. P. Jackson, the missing of a short roquet after making the penultimate, deprived him of the opportunity of winning the Cheltenham Challenge Cup at his first attempt. (In 1956 he had won the "B" Levels.) Considering his lack of experience with the players in the top class this was a remarkable performance on the loser's part. There is certainly nothing amiss with his shooting and hoop running, and he seems to delight in collecting balls from all sorts of out of the way places to get his break going.

It was indeed an Event, and an uncommon rare one for two local players to reach the final of the big Handicap "X", and both the winner, Miss Roe, and the loser, Miss Allen, received well merited congratulations. Long shots being hit was the most frequent cause of the innings changing hands, and Miss Allen was running hoops from incredible distances. Miss Roe has been well taught, and is learning to make things easy for herself by accurate play

Mrs. Daniels was a popular winner of the "B" levels, and had some convincing wins on the way to the final where she didn't have things all her own way, as A. McClure Williams put up a

Nothing but praise was heard of the catering department which was most skilfully managed by Mrs. Langley and grateful thanks are due to her and her helpers for all their hard work.

THE CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW. (14 Entries).

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 7. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. F. Rothwell by 12. Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 26.

Miss D. D. Steel bt Major J. W. Cobb by 20, Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt F. H. Fisher by 9. V. A. de la Nougerede bt Col. G. E. Cave by 9. SECOND ROUND

J. K. Brown bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 2. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 7 Miss D. D. Steel bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford by 24. G. E. P. Jackson bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 1. SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. K. Brown by 8. G. E. P. Jackson bt Miss D. D. Steel by 9.

FINAL. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. E. P. Jackson by 17.

> PROCESS. (14 Entries) FIRST ROUND

Col. G. E. Cave bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 4.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford by 1. Miss D. D. Steel bt J. K. Brown by 8 V. A. de la Nougerede bt Major J. W. Cobb by 4. G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 14. F. H. Fisher bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 23.

SECOND ROUND. Col. G. E. Cave bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 7. Miss D. D. Steel bt G. F. Rothwell by 20. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 15. G. E. P. Jackson bt F. H. Fisher by 19.

SEMI-FINAL Col. G. E. Cave bt Miss D. D. Steel by 22. G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 19. FINAL.

G. E. P. Jackson bt Col. G. E. Cave by 11.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. E. P. Jackson by 3.

THE MONEY CHALLENGE SALVER.

LEVEL SINGLES. (2 Bisques and over). (13 Entries). FIRST ROUND

Miss E. P. Carmouche bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 15. E. G. Bantock bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews by 21. D. G. B. Harries bt Miss Elphinstone-Stone by 20. Comdr. D. W. Roe bt Dr. T. E. Ryves by 2. Miss H. D. Parker bt Miss L. F. Hulton by 4. SECOND ROUND.

A. McClure Williams bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 8. D. G. B. Harries bt E. G. Bantock by 8. Comdr. D. W. Roe bt H. D. Parker by 15. Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Miss M. A. Posford by 19. SEMI-FINAL.

A. McClure Williams bt D. G. B. Harries by 17. Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 18.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt A. McClure Williams by 5,

HANDICAP SINGLES. (5 Bisques and over). (13 Entries).

Miss R. M. Allen (7) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 17. G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Mrs. N. E. L. Thackwell (11) by 16. Capt. L. C. Adye (9) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 8. Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (61) by 16. Miss L. Wilkinson (12) bt Miss D. L. Latham (81) by 7.

SECOND ROUND. Miss R. M. Allen (7) w.o. opponent scratched.
G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Capt. L. M. Adye (9) by 7.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (12) by 10.
Miss I. M. Roe (7½) bt W. J. Dixson (9) by 21.

G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Miss R. M. Allen (7) by 9. Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) bt Miss I. M. Roe (7½) by 12.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 3.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X". (42 Entries). FIRST ROUND.

G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (8) by 11. A. McClure Williams (2) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 7.

Mrs. F. N. Latham (1½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 10.

Miss H. D. Parker (3½) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (5) by 14.

E. G. Bantock (4) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8½) by 3.

Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 6. Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) bt Mrs. C. D. Cumberlege (31) by 24. Miss R. M. Allen (7) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (11) by 8 Col. D. W. Beamish (—2½) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 11. Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) bt Major A. F. P. Knapp (10) by 3. SECOND ROUND.

Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) w.o. opponent scratched. Major J. W. Cobb (—1) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 12. F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) by 11. Miss L. F. Hulton (4½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (3) by 10. Miss I. M. Roe (7½) bt Miss M. A. Posford (5) by 4. Miss H. McKean (7½) bt G. E. P. Jackson (0) by 3. Mrs. F. N. Latham (1½) bt A. McClure Williams (2) by 12. Miss H. D. Parker (3½) bt E. G. Bantock (4) by 8. Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 21.

Miss R. M. Allen (7) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—2½) by 15.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) by 2.

V. A. de la Nougerede (—½) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 7.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (4½) bt G. F. Rothwell (—2) by 9. Mrs. V. C. Gasson (11) bt D. G. B. Harries (3) by 21. Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (11) by 5 Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (12) by 8.

THIRD ROUND. THIRD ROUND.

Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—1) by 4.

F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Miss L. F. Hulton (4½) by 8.

Miss I. M. Roe (7½) w.o. opponent scratched.

Miss H. D. Parker (3½) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (1½) by 9.

Miss R. M. Allen (7) bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) by 23.

V. A. de la Nougerede (—½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) by 10.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (4½) by 14.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Col. G. E. Cave (½) by 8. FOURTH ROUND.

Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt F. H. Fisher (-11) by 4. Miss I. M. Roe $(7\frac{1}{2})$ bt Miss H. D. Parker $(3\frac{1}{2})$ by 21. Miss R. M. Allen (7) bt V. A. de la Nougerede $(-\frac{1}{2})$ by 17 Mrs. V. C. Gasson $(1\frac{1}{2})$ bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 25.

Miss I. M. Roe $(7\frac{1}{2})$ bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 3. Miss R. M. Allen (7) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson $(1\frac{1}{2})$ by 14. FINAL.

Miss I. M. Roe (71/2) bt Miss R. M. Allen (7) by 8.

EVENT "Y". (20 Entries). FIRST ROUND

Miss D. L. Latham ($8\frac{1}{2}$) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone ($3\frac{1}{2}$) by 7. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (3½) by 2. Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Major A. F. P. Knapp (10) by 7. G. F. Rothwell (—2) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 24.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 10. Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (3) by 8 Miss E. M. Leonard (8) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (61) by 4. Miss D. L. Latham (8½) w.o. opponent withdrawn.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 5.

G. F. Rothwell (—2) bt D. G. B. Harries (3) by 15.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford (1½) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (12) by 9. Miss E. P. Carmouche (5) w.o. opponent scratched.

THIRD ROUND. Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) by 5. Miss E. M. Leonard (8) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8½) by 11. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt G. F. Rothwell (—2) by 17. Dr. B. R. Sandiford (11) w.o. opponent scratched. SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (8) by 8. Dr. B. R. Sandiford $(1\frac{1}{2})$ bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden $(1\frac{1}{2})$ by 14.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford (1½) bt Miss M. A. Posford (5) by 23.

THE BARWELL SALVERS. HANDICAP DOUBLES. (Unrestricted) (16 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe and Miss L. Wilkinson (18½) by 3. Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (5) bt G. E. P. Jackson

and Miss E. M. Leonard (8) by 18. Capt. L. C. Adye and Miss M. M. Taylor (21) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Miss H. D. Parker (7) by 8 on time. Col G. E. Cave and Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2½) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham

and Miss M. Chancellor (6½) by 7. V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe and Miss I. M. Roe (10½) by 23. Major J. W. Cobb and A. McClure Williams (1) bt E. G. Bantock

and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (71) by 2. Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (1) bt D. G. B. Harries

and Miss L. Hulton (7½) by 11.

Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (13) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford and Miss E. P. Carmouche (6½) by 16 on time. SECOND ROUND.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (5) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 3.

Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2½) bt Capt. L. C. Adye and Miss M. M. Taylor (21) by 8.
V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) bt Major

J. W. Cobb and A. McClure Williams (1) by 16.

Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. A. M. Daniesl (½) bt Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (13) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (5) bt Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. E. Rotherham (-2½) by 23.

V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (1) by 4.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (5) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (31) by 14.

LEAMINGTON

JULY 29th

It is very pleasant to report that after an interval of one year, we again enjoyed the hospitality of the Warwickshire Croquet Club at Leamington Spa.

Although quite a good entry, it was disappointing to find so few people in the "Opens", which in consequence was played as an "American."

It was a most enjoyable week for every one. The weather was perfect and the lawns played very well indeed.

In spite of the unexpected absence of Mr. Fisher, the Chairman

of the Croquet Committee, all went very well, and great credit is due to the Secretary, Mr. Sidwell, for his excellent organisation.

Miss Philpot and her willing helpers provided very good lunches and teas for the comfort of the "inner man"-not to mention "inner lady"—and of course Leamington has always set an example (which could well be followed elsewhere) to provincial clubs in having a bar, in this club very ably run by Col. Hughes.

No report would be complete without sincere thanks to Miss A. Mills for the efficient and kindly way in which she managed

I shall look forward to next year's Leamington tournament.

HANDICAP SINGLES. $(3\frac{1}{2}$ Bisques and over). (12 Entries).

Miss G. Birch (4½) bt Mrs. T. A. Madge (5) by 10. L. D. Overell (11) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 17. E. Sidwell (9) bt A. H. Fabb (10) by 20. Mrs. L. G. Stevenson (8) bt Miss S. Gough (10) by 1.

SECOND ROUND W. R. Bolton (14) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 14. L. D. Overell (11) bt Miss G. Birch $(4\frac{1}{2})$ by 9. E. Sidwell (9) bt Mrs. L. G. Stevenson (8) by 12. Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt Mrs. R. A. Slade (10) by 5. SEMI-FINAL.

L. D. Overell (11) bt W. R. Bolton (14) by 00. E. Sidwell (9) bt Miss E. McKay (9) by 20.

E. Sidwell (9) bt L. D. Overell (11) by 16.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X". (17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. H. O. Hodgson (0) bt Mrs. M. Craven (3) by 2. SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. T. G. Stevenson (8) bt H. O. Hodgson (0) by 13. W. R. Bolton (14) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 10.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) w.o. F. A. Fisher (1\frac{1}{2}) opponent scratched.

E. Sidwell (9) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (-1\frac{1}{2}) by 19.

A. H. Fabb (10) bt L. D. Overell (11) by 11.

Miss S. Gough (10) bt Mrs. R. A. Slade (10) by 4. Mrs. T. A. Madge (5) bt Miss J. Birch (41) by 1. Miss A. E. Mills $(1\frac{1}{2})$ bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone $(3\frac{1}{2})$ by 12.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. T. G. Stevenson (8) bt W. R. Bolton (14) by 3. E. Sidwell (9) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 19. A. H. Fabb (10) bt L. D. Overell (11) by 11. Mrs. T. A. Madge (5) w.o. Miss A. E. Mills (1½) opponent retired.

E. Sidwell (9) bt Mrs. T. G. Stevenson (8) by 9. A. H. Fabb (10) bt Mrs. T. A. Madge (5) by 00.

E. Sidwell (9) bt A. H. Fabb (10) by 11.

EVENT "Y". (8 Entries). FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. Craven (3) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 9. Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (-11) by 00. Mrs. R. A. Slade (10) bt L. D. Overell (4) by 5. Miss G. Birch (4½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL. Mrs. M. Craven (3) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 5. Miss G. Birch (41) bt Mrs. R. A. Slade (10) by 11.

Miss G. Birch (41) bt Mrs. M. Craven (3) by 19.

HANDICAP DOUBLES. (9 Pairs).

Miss A. E. Mills and Miss S. Gough (111) bt Miss Elphinstone-Stone and Mrs. R. A. Slade (131) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

R. Dann and H. E. Jones (24) bt Mrs. M. Craven and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (14) by 14.

Miss A. E. Mills and Miss S. Gough (111) bt W. J. Bolton and Mrs.

T. A. Madge (17) by 13. E. Sidwell and L. D. Overell (20) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill and Mrs. L.

Stevenson (14) by 5. H. O. Hodgson and A. H. Fabb (10) bt Miss G. Birch and Mrs. E. M. Kay $(11\frac{1}{2})$ by 8.

R. Dann and H. E. Jones (24) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Miss S. Gough (11½) by 4. H. O. Hodgson and A. H. Fabb (10) bt E. Sidwell and L. D. Overell

H. O. Hodgson and A. H. Fabb (10) bt R. Dann and H. E. Jones

THE "LADIES" FIELD" CUP

JULY 29th

This was the 37th competition for the cup given by "The Ladies' Field" Magazine in 1911, originally for the ten best women players of each season. As happened with the Beddow Cup, the 1914 to 1918 war years also stopped this competition. "The Ladies' Field" competition was resumed in 1919 still able to produce ten best women; but after 1924 there were only eight until 1933 when there were again ten competitors for the next seven years. The war in 1939 of course prevented any such competition until 1946— and then only eight again competed. In 1953 only six players took part and it was necessary to play just two games a day. Then for the next four years the eight ladies competed.

After seeing the play on the Hurlingham lawns in the 1957 competition it really looked as if two games a day would be the only comfortable way of playing it. We believe we are right in saying that on not one of the six days were all three games reasonably completed.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Edmund Reeve was not able to accept the invitation to play, and Miss E. J. Warwick filled her place As her scores suggest she proved a very worthy substitute.

For some years now the records show that either Mrs. Rother-ham or Miss Lintern carried off this trophy. Miss Lintern had won it four times in succession, 1949-1952. Then these two ladies tied with an equal number of games more than than once, and now Mrs. Rotherham has won the event three times in sequence, 1955,

Miss Lintern started to lead the field, but then Mrs. Rotherham came along; they kept level till the 11th round when Mrs. Rotherham went ahead and finally scored 12 games to Miss Lintern's 10.

Mrs. Turketine included in her 5 games a victory over Mrs. Rotherham; and Miss Warwick defeated Miss Lintern twice.

Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Gasson won 6 games each, and included in them was a win when competing against each other as well as a defeat.

Mrs. Ernest Turner again managed this event with her usual tact and courtesy.

ANALYSIS OF PLAY

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 12 games: namely, against Miss E. J. Warwick +5 +22, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +5 +22, Mrs. L. C. Apps +26 +24, Miss D. A. Lintern +8, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +10 +25, Mrs. V. C. Gasson +20 +22, Mrs. I. H. Turketine +19; and lost 2 games to Miss D. A. Lintern -13, Mrs. I. H. Turketine -7.

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Miss D. A. Lintern won 10 games: namely, against Mrs. G. F.
H. Elvey +2 +22, Mrs. L. C. Apps +14, Mrs. E. Rotherham +13,
Mrs. L. H. Ashton +4 +17, Mrs. V. C. Gasson +2 +12, Mrs.
I. H. Turketine +10 +8,; and lost 4 games to Miss E. J. Warwick
—3 —3, Mrs. L. C. Apps —17, Mrs. E. Rotherham —8.
Miss E. J. Warwick won 8 games: namely, against Mrs. L. C.
Apps +10 +15, Miss D. A. Lintern +3 +3, Mrs. L. H. Ashton
+11 +5, Mrs. V. C. Gasson +1, Mrs. I. H. Turketine +15;
and lost 6 games to Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey —5 —11, Mrs. E. Rotherham —5 –22, Mrs. V. C. Gasson —12, Mrs. I. H. Turketine —6.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey won 7 games: namely, against Miss E. J.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey won 7 games: namely, against Miss E. J. Warwick +5 +11, Mrs. L. C. Apps +15 +14, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +3, Mrs. V. C. Gasson +8, Mrs. I. H. Turketine +2; and lost 7 games to Miss D. A. Lintern -2 -22, Mrs. L. H. Aston -3, Mrs. V. C. Gasson -10, Mrs. I. H. Turketine -2, Mrs. E. Rother-

ham —5 —22.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton won 6 games: namely, against Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +12, Mrs. L. C. Apps +15 +6, Mrs. V. C. Gasson +19, Mrs. I. H. Turketine +18 +7; and lost 8 games to Miss E. J. Warwick —11 —5, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey —3, Miss D. A. Lintern —4—17, Mrs. E. Rotherham—10—25, Mrs. V. C. Gasson—3.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson won 6 games: namely, against Miss E. J. Warwick +12, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +10, Mrs. L. C. Apps +14, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +3, Mrs. I. H. Turketine +4 +7; and lost 8

games to Miss E. J. Warwick —1, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey —8, Mrs. L. C. Apps —3, Miss D. A. Lintern —2 —12, Mrs. E. Rotherham -20 -24, Mrs. L. H. Ashton -19.

Mrs. I. H. Turketine won 5 games: namely, against Miss E. J. Mrs. I. H. Idrethe worl 3 games, harriery, against wiss E. J. Warwick +6, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +17, Mrs. L. C. Apps +17 +4, Mrs. E. Rotherham +7; and lost 9 games to Miss E. J. Warwick -15, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -2, Miss D. A. Lintern -10 -8, Mrs. E. Rotherham -19, Mrs. L. H. Ashton -18 -7, Mrs. V. C.

Mrs. L. C. Apps won 2 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +17, Mrs. V. C. Gasson +13; and lost 12 games to Miss E. J. Warwick —10 —15, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey —15 —4, Miss D. A. Lintern —14, Mrs. E. Rotherham —26 —24, Mrs. L. H. Ashton —15 —6, Mrs. V. C. Gasson —14, Mrs. I. H. Turketine —17 —4.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP

This handsome trophy, presented by Mr. H. T. Pinckney Simpson, did not produce an entry worthy of it—namely ten only.

The first round of the event was remarkable for the close

scores of both matches. Brigadier Stokes-Roberts beat Mrs. Carrington +4; and Mrs. Reckitt defeated Mrs. Collins +8.

This single figure victory was continued into the next round where Stokes-Roberts overcame Mrs. Pavia +6, Capt. H. G. Stoker beat Mrs. Reckitt +9, and de Wesselow beat Mrs. Bristow also +9. Mrs. Thom was the only double figure victory, namely, +18, against Lord Charles Hope. All these scores produced the four semi-finalists—but the finalists, Mrs. Thom and de Wesselow, became so each with double figures.

This final was a close fought affair. When de Wesselow was for 3-back and 4-back, and two of Mrs. Thom's bisques had gone —two of her three—she got the innings and looked like going as far as she wanted; but she stuck in 2-back. Her opponent was in from this but merely moved his clip from 4-back to the penultimate. Mrs. Thom then was in, and went to 3-back, where she had to take her last bisque, but could only make 3-back with it. A little later she missed a short roquet, enabling her opponent to reach the peg. Mrs. Thom was in again, and though it looked as if her opponent's Blue would be pegged out, this failed to happen—because of a missed roquet. Then he stuck in the rover and let her in; she again failed to make use of this, and a little later he won the Silver Jubilee Cup by +7.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (9) by 4. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 8. The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (41) bt Lord Charles Hope (8) by 18. Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (11) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 6. Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (21) by 9. R. C. V. de Wesselow (1½) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 9

Mrs. M. L. Thom $(4\frac{1}{2})$ bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts $(1\frac{1}{2})$ by 20. R. C. V. de Wesselow $(1\frac{1}{2})$ bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) by 12.

R. C. V. de Wesselow $(1\frac{1}{2})$ bt Mrs. M. L. Thom $(4\frac{1}{2})$ by 7.

HURLINGHAM

AUGUST 5th-13th

To some of us who are not so young as we were, the years roll by very quickly and it seems but a very short time ago that we were writing an account of the 1956 tournament. It was this yearas it usually is-a great success. That is to say we had a good entry, good management, good courts with pleasant surroundings and everyone in good spirits. Our spirits were a little damped, however, during the last four days when we were treated to cold winds and continuous rain.

The entries were a little smaller than last year when we had our New Zealand friends with us and the numbers in the various Double matches were rather disappointing. But we had forty-five competitors in the Single Handicap event.

On the first day much sympathy was felt for Mrs. Rotherham who, whilst playing Dr. Penny in the principal event, fell over a hoop injuring her right hand which required immediate hospital treatment. She was fortunately able to return to the court on Wednesday afternoon when she finished (and won) her game with Dr. Penny, and in spite of her handicap, played well throughout the week

The Hurlingham Cup was won by John Solomon who defeated Miss Lintern in the final when he won two games by twenty-five and twenty-six points respectively, bringing off a triple peel in each

An interesting match was the semi-final when Solomon beat Cotter. In the first game Cotter was pegged out when his remaining ball was for the second hoop. With the odds against him, he played

with extraordinary accuracy and with a successful two-ball break he won the game

It is generally agreed that much of the charm and interest of croquet lies in the fact that, however hopeless a player's chances may appear to be at some stage of the game, and however remote his prospects of success, there is always the possibility that a successful long shot on his part or some error in his opponent's play may change the whole aspect of the game, and even bring victory when defeat seemed inevitable. Shakespeare might almost have been anticipating the game of croquet when he wrote:

"Oft expectation fails and most oft there Where most it promises; and oft it hits Where hope is coldest and despair most sits."

The Ladies' Field Candlesticks was won by Mrs. Heley and Miss Warwick and the Open Doubles by Cotter and Miss Lintern The Men's Handicap Doubles was won by Longman and

There was an interesting match in this event when Victor Evans and Major Dibley were drawn against Brigadier Stokes-Roberts and Brigadier Russell-the latter pair receiving four and a half bisques. In this game Stokes-Roberts peeled his weaker partner through four hoops. In his first break he peeled him through 3- and 4-back, and in a later turn, with the aid of two bisques, he did a straight double peel and finished the game. Altogether he made five points for his partner—a very remarkable performance.

Another player who played well was A. K. Karmel who beat John Solomon in the Handicap Singles. In less than three-quarters of an hour, and with several bisques in hand he defeated his formidable opponent by 26. He followed this up the following day by playing (and winning) three games before lunch.

The Turner Cup was won by Townsend who was in good form throughout the tournament. Lloyd Pratt who won the Longworth

Cup last year when in that class, was the winner of the Younger

Cup. Possibly he is planning to win the Turner Cup next year.

We congratulate C. H. Penny (son of our old friend Dr. Penny)
on winning the Singles Handicap, playing at 10 bisques. Throughout
this event he played exceedingly well and in his progress en route
to the final he won most of his games by more than twenty points. In the final he defeated Townsend, finishing with five bisques in hand whilst his opponent never took croquet. This to a newcomer playing in his first tournament was a remarkable feat. He was also successful in reaching the final stage of the Extra and during the week he had eleven winning games to his credit.

We are always pleased to welcome new recruits to the game and such success in a first tournament must be very encouraging.

We conclude, as usual, with the pleasant task of recording our appreciation of all who worked for the success of the tournament. But to Brackenbury in his eighth year of capable and experienced management, to Col. Heywood for his always ready help, to Gray the groundsman and to others who assisted:

> "We can no other answer make but thanks, And thanks, and ever thanks; for oft good turns Are shuffled off with such uncurrent pay."

The end of the Hurlingham tournament marks the beginning of the end of the croquet season and before long we shall be putting away our mallets for the winter. But there are many who will carry away pleasant memories of the Hurlingham tournament of

OPEN SINGLES.

HURLINGHAM CUP.

(17 Entries).

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Col. C. C. Adams +24 +17.

SECOND ROUND. E. P. Duffield bt W. Longman +19-2+3. J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton +24+22. M. Spencer Ell bt Mrs. L. C. Apps +10 +15. E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +25 +16. J. G. Warwick bt G. V. Evans +24 +17.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Dr. H. J. Penny +19 +4.

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Major J. W. Cobb —3 +20 +18.

M. B. Reckitt bt D. E. Buckland +20 +20.

THIRD ROUND. J. W. Solomon bt E. P. Duffield +22 +6. E. P. C. Cotter bt M. Spencer Ell +21 +22. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. G. Warwick -11 + 20 + 14. Miss D. A. Lintern bt M. B. Reckitt +9 + 19. SEMI-FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt E. P. C. Cotter —10 +10 +26. Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +15 +7.

J. W. Solomon bt Miss D. A. Lintern +25 +26.

TURNER CUP. (Scratch and over). (11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Capt. H. G. Stoker w.o. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden opponent scratched. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Dr. N. H. Oliver by 18. S. S. Townsend bt Major J. R. Abbey by 4.

SECOND ROUND. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt E. Carlile by 17. Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 4. S. S. Townsend bt R. C. V. de Wesselow by 14. Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts bt Major J. H. Dibley by 3.

SEMI-FINAL. Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 21. S. S. Townsend bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 7.

S. S. Townsend bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 6.

LEVEL SINGLES. YOUNGER CUP. (21 Bisques and over). (9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Capt. K. B. Millar bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork by 4.

Mrs. S. Phillips bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 6.
Capt. K. B. Millar bt Mrs. H. J. Collins by 6.
Mrs. P. E. Heley w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt opponent scratched.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt K. E. Shelley by 24. SEMI-FINAL.

Capt. K. B. Millar bt Mrs. S. Phillips by 21. B. Lloyd Pratt bt Mrs. P. E. Heley by 12.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt Capt. K. B. Millar by 3.

LEVEL SINGLES.

LONGWORTH CUP. (6 Bisques and over). (5th Hoop Variation). (13 Entries).

Lord Charles Hope bt R. J. Pickett by 15. Major A. H. Hicks bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett by 4. Mrs. J. H. Murray bt Miss B. Duthie by 4. A. D. Karmel bt C. H. R. Penny by 11. Brig. C. C. Russell bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington by 4.

SECOND ROUND. G. A. H. Alexander w.o. Lord Charles Hope opponent scratched. Major A. H. Hicks bt Mrs. J. H. Murray by 4. A. D. Karmel bt Brig. C. C. Russell by 16. M. Vlasto bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 10.

Major A. H. Hicks bt G. A. H. Alexander by 5. M. Vlasto bt A. D. Karmel by 13.

M. Vlasto bt Major A. H. Hicks by 1.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (45 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (-1) by 18. G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) by 18.

K. E. Sheiley (5) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3½) by 15.

Capt. K. B. Millar (4) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (9) by 5.

A. D. Karmel (6) bt J. W. Solomon (—4) by 26.

G. V. Evans (—½) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (½) by 12.

Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (1½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (½) by 13.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) by 4.

Brig. C. C. Russell (12) bt M. Vlasto (9) by 9.

E. P. Duffield (—1) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—2½) by 20.

Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6) bt M. Spencer Ell (—½) by 2.

W. Longman (—3) w.o. Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) opponent scratched. W. Longman (—3) w.o. Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) opponent scratched. C. H. R. Penny (10) bt R. C. V. de Wesselow (1½) by 16.

B. Lloyd Pratt (5) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1) by 13. SECOND ROUND. Mrs. R. J. Pickett (11) bt Major J. R. Abbey (0) by 5.
S. S. Townsend (0) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) by 11.
R. J. Pickett (11) w.o. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) opponent scratched.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—4) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 17.
Miss B. Duthie (10) bt G. A. Alexander (8) by 10. Capt. K. B. Millar (4) bt K. E. Shelley (5) by 2. A. D. Karmel (6) bt G. V. Evans (-½) by 8.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (1½) by 1.

E. P. Duffield (-1) bt Brig. C. C. Russell (12) by 15.

Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6) bt W. Longman (-3) by 14. C. H. R. Penny (10) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (5) by 26.

J. G. Warwick (-1½) w.o. Major J. W. Cobb (-1) opponent

scratched. Mrs. N. E. Wallwork $(3\frac{1}{2})$ bt Dr. H. J. Penny $(-1\frac{1}{2})$ by 19. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury $(\frac{1}{2})$ w.o. Dr. N. H. Oliver $(\frac{1}{2})$ opponent

Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt D. E. Buckland (1) by 1. Major A. H. Hicks (7) bt Lord Charles Hope (8) by 14.

THIRD ROUND.
S. S. Townsend (0) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (11) by 11.
R. J. Pickett (11) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—4) by 10. Miss B. Duthie (10) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (4) by 3. A. D. Karmel (6) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 26. Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6) bt E. P. Duffield (-1) by 25. C. H. R. Penny (10) bt J. G. Warwick $(-1\frac{1}{2})$ by 25. Mrs. N. E. Wallwork $(3\frac{1}{2})$ w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury $(\frac{1}{2})$ opponent scratched.

Major A. H. Hicks (7) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (21) by 20. FOURTH ROUND.
S. S. Townsend (0) bt R. J. Pickett (11) by 14

Miss B. Duthie (10) bt A. D. Karmel (6) by 3. C. H. R. Penny (10) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6) by 23. Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3½) bt Major A. H. Hicks (7) by 7. SEMI-FINAL.

S. S. Townsend (0) bt Miss B. Duthie (10) by 9. C. H. R. Penny (10) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (31) by 24.

C. H. R. Penny (10) bt S. S. Townsend (0) by 26.

MIXED DOUBLES. (6 Pairs). FIRST ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Mrs. L. C. Apps by 25.

J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. P. E. Heley by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt S. S. Townsend and Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton by 25.

J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 3.

FINAL. E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick by 5.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS. (5 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork and Miss B. Duthie (13½) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (11½) by 15. SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork and Miss B. Duthie (13½) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7½) by 21. Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom $(1\frac{1}{2})$ by 17.

FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork and Miss B. Duthie (131) by 2.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. (5th Hoop Variation)

(8 Pairs). FIRST ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and Brig. C. C. Russell (134) bt Major J. H. Dibley and G. V. Evans (0) by 12. W. Longman and E. P. Duffield (-4) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and J. G.

Warwick (3½) by 6. S. S. Townsend and A. D. Karmel (6) bt D. E. Buckland and R.

C. V. de Wesselow (2½) by 14. M. B. Reckitt and Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (—3) bt C. H. R. Penny and Dr. H. J. Penny (81) by 4. SEMI-FINAL

W. Longman and E. P. Duffield (-4) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and Brig. C. C. Russell (131) by 2.

S. S. Townsend and A. D. Karmel (6) bt M. B. Reckitt and B. V. F. Brackenbury (-3) by 16. FINAL

W. Longman and E. P. Duffield (-4) bt S. S. Townsend and A. D. Karmel (6) by 1.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Commencing at 3rd Hoop). (17 Entries). FIRST ROUND

Major J. H. Dibley (1/2) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

G. V. Evans (-\frac{1}{2}) w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2\frac{1}{2}) opponent scratched. C. H. R. Penny (10) bt W. Longman (-3) by 22.

E. P. Duffield (—1) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) by 21. A. D. Karmel (6) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 12. Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (1½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3½) by 22. Miss E. J. Warwick (½) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (5) by 19. Mrs. N. E. Wallwork $(3\frac{1}{2})$ bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 13. J. G. Warwick $(-1\frac{1}{2})$ bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) by 15.

THIRD ROUND.

C. H. R. Penny (10) bt G. V. Evans (-\frac{1}{2}) by 20.

A. D. Karmel (6) bt E. P. Duffield (-1) by 22.

Miss E. J. Warwick (\frac{1}{2}) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (1\frac{1}{2}) by 4.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3\frac{1}{2}) w.o. J. G. Warwick (-1\frac{1}{2}) opponent

THIRD ROUND.

C. H. R. Penny (10) bt A. D. Karmel (6) by 8. Miss E. J. Warwick (\frac{1}{2}) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3\frac{1}{2}) by 3.

Miss E. J. Warwick (1) bt C. H. R. Penny (10) by 8.

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

Ryde versus Roehampton. Played at Woking on Monday, July 29th. Roehampton players named first

SINGLES

J. A. Hollweg (\(\frac{1}{2}\)) bt Major J. H. Dibley (\(\frac{1}{2}\)) by 20.

Mrs. F. Pavia (4) lost to Mrs. F. N. Latham (1\(\frac{1}{2}\)) by 5.

Miss E. H. Fisher (5) lost to Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5\(\frac{1}{2}\)) by 15.

DOUBLES

J. A. Hollweg and Mrs. S. M. Adler (9) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. R. W. Burrell (9½) by 14. Mrs. F. Pavia and Miss E. H. Fisher (9) lost to Mrs. F. N. Latham

and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (7) by 14.

RESULT.—Ryde bt Roehampton by 3 games to 2.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1934 by the late Trevor Williams, Esq. Holder-E. P. C. Cotter

For the 8 best available players of the preceding 12 months in the C.A. invited by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the ROEHAMPTON CLUB, the Headquarters of the Croquet Association on Monday, September 9th, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee.—E. A. Roper.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London,

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3 11/16in. wide and Jaques "Eclipse" Balls will be used. The Council of the C.A. reserve the right to substitute hoop 33in. wide at their discretion.

Each Competitor meets each of the other Competitors twice in each Competition.

If a Competitor fails from any cause to play through the whole of the games in the series, his or her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the Competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the Competition has once begun. Single games throughout provided that in the event of a tie in the score the possession of the Cup for the year will be decided by a match of three games. In the event of a tie between three Competitors, each of these

three will play a single game against each of the other two. If the issue is still undecided the three names will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system and single games will be played in each

In the event of tie between more than three Competitors, the names of the winners will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system and single games will be played in each round.

All competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES

The winner holds the Trophy for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period and will receive

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified. Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival and no leave can be given in any circumstances.

SURREY CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1955 by the Officers of the former Surrey County Union

To be played for at the EAST DORSET L.T. & C. CLUB (Parkstone), by courtesy of the Club Committee, on Monday, September 9th, and following days

Manager.-L. H. Ashton

Referee.-Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin. Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the C.A.

For eight players invited by the Council to compete Conditions as for the President's Cup, except that 34in. hoops will be used.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fiftieth Annual Open Tournament will start on Monday, September 30th, and continue during the following two weeks. (Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—The Entertainment Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A. and the local representatives of the C.A.—H. C. S. Perry and Capt. H. C. Davey

Manager.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury; Assistant Manager,

Major J. H. Dibley. Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve

Handicapper.—M. B. Reckitt.
Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).
Secretary.—The Secretary, Croquet Association, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1 (to whom all entries should be sent).

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors (see conditions below). Entrance fee, 13s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides—A. G. F. Ross.

2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callighan—A. G. F. Ross.

3.-WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAM-PIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see Conditions below). Entrance

Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by Mrs. H. Franc—Miss D. D. Steel.

4.—"B" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 1½ to 4½ bisques inclusive (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual challenge Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company—Mrs. F. H. Chittenden.

5.—"C" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 5 to 8½ bisques inclusive (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.—Lt.-Col. F. Stobart.

6.—"D" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 9 bisques or over (see Conditions below). Entrance Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.—Mrs. M. H. Vincent.

7.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. each competitor. Law 44 partially suspended.

8.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES.—Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 1 bisque (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. each competitor.

9.—HANDICAP SINGLES—to be drawn in one block. THE SUSSEX PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s.

10.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 1½ bisques or more. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2 or 3, or 7. Entrance CONDITIONS

1.—In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. Events 2 and 3 Draw and Process. In all other events matches of single games will be played.

2. Events 2, 3, 8 and 10 will be played under the 18 point variation, starting at 5th hoop.

3.-Law 44 will be suspended in Events 4, 5 and 6.

4.—Competitors may not enter for more than TWO of Events 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 and 6.

5.—Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday, September 30th; in Events 5 and 9 on Tuesday, October 1st; in Event 7 on Wednesday, October 2nd; in Event 6 on Thursday, October 3rd; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, October 4th; in Event 8 on

Monday, October 7th.
6.—Events 1 and 7 will be completed by Monday, October 7th.
Players in Events 2, 3, or 6, may enter for Event 9 on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in that event before Friday, October 4th.

INFORMATION

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 7 and 8 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, by Tuesday, September 24th. (Do not send Entries to Devonshire Park). Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet

ADDRESSES.—Competitors are particularly requested to send with their entries the addresses and telephone numbers which will

find them during the Tournament.

DRAW.—The Draw for all events except Events 7 and 8 will take place at the C.A. Office, 4 Southampton Row, London, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25th. The Draw for Event 7 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, October 1st, and for Event 8 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday,

COURTS AND EQUIPMENT.—Ten Courts will be provided at Devonshire Park and Competitors must also be prepared to

play on the courts at the Compton Club if required to do so. Jaques "Eclipse" balls and hoops 3½in. wide will be used.

PLAY.—Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, or earlier if necessary, and will continue until daylight fails. Competitors in Events 1 and 4 will be notified, and must be prepared to play if they are required at 10 a.m., or some later time on Monday, September 30th.

All competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival at the ground each day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—No leave should be applied for, nor

could it be granted save in exceptional circumstances.

HEELS.-Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES.—In addition to the Challenge Trophies mentioned, two prizes will be given in each event with 8 Entries, and the number of other prizes will be in accordance with the number of Entries.

The Challenge Trophies may be held by the winner for one year or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period. ADMISSION.-Associates will be admitted free on production of their Membership cards. Otherwise admission is 1s.

PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

Throughout the Tournament courts will be available for practice and friendly games at the Compton Croquet Club. These may be booked at Devonshire Park and green fees should be paid there at the same time. Please read the Notice in the Devonshire Park Pavilion.

There will be a

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It is hoped that, being held on a Saturday again, high proportion of the Croquet Players at Devonshire Park will be able to take part.

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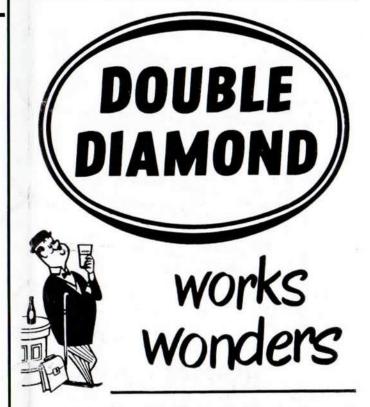
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