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CHAMPION COUNTY (Middlesex)

v.

THE REST

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NOTES by ROVER

Catching up

As in the case of our last issue, this number covers the activities of more than one month. The printing trade dispute held up publication of material that would normally have been in the possession of Associates at the beginning of July and August until the latter end of August when we issued a joint July/August edition. There was then little time to prepare a September issue that would have been available early in the month and we accordingly again have a "one-plus" number for September/October.

We regret any inconvenience or disappointment suffered by Associates or clubs having to wait for their copies. In particular, clubs which have held tournaments during the last month or two whose advertisements would normally have appeared may have wondered whether their non-appearance affected the entry. Fortunately, all the July tournaments were advertised in the June number as was the August Hurlingham tournament so that the possible ill effects were not as great as they might have been.

One subject on which we have had inquiries and on which we could perhaps have more suitably dwelt last month, was the smooth way in which the move of the C.A. office from Southampton Row to Hurlingham was carried out. This was due entirely to the unsparing labours of Miss Lintern, and Mrs. Thom, for days before and after the move. Those who have had occasion to move house will sympathise with them over the accumulations of years that confront one at these times.

Where time stands still

That we live in a changing world is one of the most irrefutable truisms of our age, but a visit to the Sussex County Croquet Club, first seen by this Rover a full half century ago, led him to reflect on how little the venues of our tournaments have altered. Save that one of the erstwhile courts on the upper tier is now a car park, and that a small pavilion has (only this year) appeared beside the tennis courts, everything is exactly as it was fifty years ago. At Devonshire Park all looks just as it did in 1907 when a young man of 19 arrived, poring over Locock's just published *Modern Croquet Tactics* at every moment (and they were many) when he was not actually on the court. Woking, again, looks now just as it has done ever since the pavilion on Hook Heath was enlarged 30 years ago. The historic ground at Budleigh Salterton has only been known to him for a quarter of a century, but except for the removal of the pine trees on the western side, nothing has altered the scene since then. At the London Clubs, however, time has not so evidently stood still. Few associates perhaps will now remember a day when Rivermead Court did not exist to form so convenient a home for members of Hurlingham, nor Fairacres direct glances at us when we retire to the garden at Roehampton. It is at this club, alas, where the scene perhaps has altered most and lawn tennis players now bound about a sward once reserved exclusively for our more ancient game.

Read, mark, learn . . .

"I have never read the journal", a leading player was recently heard to declare, referring to *Croquet*. Since a consequence of this shameful confession (as the Editorial Board may be pardoned for regarding it) was that the said player omitted to note, until too late, the correct date of a tournament in which he was particularly keen to play, he may think fit (literally) to turn over a new leaf in future. But realization of the fact that such negligence is not confined to leading players emboldens the compilers of this column sometimes to repeat what they believe to be good advice tendered here on a previous occasion. What now follows is an example of this. When, *When*, *WHEN* will our higher bisquers—and not a few of our medium ones too—realize that the way to lay up for a profitable turn is not—repeat not—merely to croquet an opponent's ball away and drift back with the last stroke of the turn to one's partner. There is scarcely any exception to the rule that the penultimate stroke of such a turn should be a croquet stroke *directed as much to bringing one's own ball close to its partner as to banishing the adversary*. This may often require more care in the take-off to the opponent's ball than many players trouble to take, since it may be necessary to roquet it into a position from which an easy and effective split shot can be made. But only if such a shot is made can one ensure that an accurate rush for one's partner will be "well and truly laid."

Etiquette for spectators

The Laws booklet contains, as all Associates know or should know, hints on certain matters of Etiquette. Most of these concern the players only and it is proper to remark that in our experience contravention of the guidance that is given is seldom met save sometimes in regard to what is tactfully referred to as "Expedition in Play". Indeed, many conscientious players go out of their way in a strict observance of Etiquette. Not so, however, some spectators, and we would remind readers that there is a paragraph in the Laws booklet directed to the onlooker. He should, in particular, abstain from audible comments on the game, that is, when audible to the participants, and also abstain from offering advice to players during a game. Players, for their part, may often feel they would like to offer some advice on the conduct of spectators, not only during but soon after a game. A good rule for all spectators is to say as little to the players as is consistent with normal courtesy. Some players there are who seem to welcome as much conversation as possible when not engaged on court, but it is more prudent for the onlooker to assume the contrary. We recently heard a newly arrived spectator ask a player who had just previously fluffed an easy hoop whether he was playing up to his usual form. Another example of tactless behaviour is to ask a player why he had failed to take his lift shot: there may have been a number of reasons, but the chances are that the player had forgotten it, in which case he will not be put at ease in being reminded of his error.

King-Ball Croquet

Dear Sir,

Having enjoyed the many tournaments which this splendid summer has enabled me to play in and being especially appreciative of the very kind and friendly welcome given to me by croquet players, I do feel that each and every player should try to increase the game's popularity and interest. As with a pack of cards the number of games one can play is large so with the croquet equipment there are also many different games that can be played.

In Melbourne a game called "King-Ball Croquet" is played with enthusiasm, not only by day but also by night under floodlights. I now enclose a copy of the rules. You may feel inclined to publish them in *Croquet*.

Whether or not the committee engaged in redrafting the Laws of Association Croquet, and, I assume equally those of Golf Croquet, would be interested in also including these I must leave to your well informed judgment.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. SAALFELD

LAWS OF "KING-BALL" CROQUET

Introduction

The game is played between two sides—either singles or doubles. The object is to score 26 points in order as in Croquet.

The four coloured balls shall be used—one side shall play blue and black and the other red and yellow.

The order of play shall be blue, red, black and then yellow throughout the entire game which shall commence from the centre court end of "A" baulk.

The players shall, in order of play, hit their balls into position to the first hoop in preparation to run the first point.

No ball shall be considered to be in play until it has made the first point, and must therefore be lifted if it interferes with a stroke or the movement of any other ball, and then be replaced when that stroke or movement of the other ball is completed.

There shall be no croquet strokes except under the provisions of Rule 7.

The game is won by the side which first scores all its 26 points in order.

Order of play to be determined by the toss of a coin.

Rules

1. No player shall roquet another ball which has not scored its first point.

2. Extra strokes are gained by running a hoop in order, or by a roquet on to an opponent's ball after that ball has scored, as hereunder:—

- After running a hoop in order—1 further stroke.
- After roqueting an opponent's ball—1 further stroke.
- After running a hoop in order and then roqueting an opponent's ball in the one stroke—2 further strokes.
- After roqueting an opponent's ball and running a hoop in order in the one stroke—2 further strokes.
- After running two hoops in order in the one stroke—2 further strokes.

3. Opponent's ball may be roqueted alternatively, indefinitely, between the running of each hoop in order.

4. No further stroke shall be taken for roqueting a partner ball.

5. All balls roqueted through their hoop in order shall, except as under Rule 9 (b), be deemed to have made that point.

6. When the ball runs the Rover (12th) hoop in order it becomes a King-Ball.

7. A King-Ball may roquet the opponent's balls (Rule 3) or, having roqueted an opponent's ball, may play a croquet stroke from that ball. The croquet stroke will end the turn.

8. No ordinary opposition ball can score from a King-Ball. (Any hoop or roquet made after contacting an opposition King-Ball is not scored in that stroke; however any stroke gained as in Rule 2 before contacting an opposition King-Ball in that stroke shall be played).

9. (a) A King-Ball may roquet its partner ball through any hoop in order and that point is scored;

(b) No point shall be scored when an opponent's ball is roqueted or croqueted through a hoop in order by a King-Ball.

10. A King-Ball may score off an opponent's King-Ball, or peg same out at any time.

Pegged-out Gamesmanship

Dear Sir,

While it is true, as your Editorial in June *Croquet* suggests, that a game, in which one ball has been pegged-out by an opponent, offers much interest to both players and few appear to recognise its possibilities yet in my view a change of law is desirable. Though personally I have won many games as "pegger" by wiring and boundary play, as "pegged" by a variety of stratagems, nevertheless I have voiced a proposal which many from different classes of players welcome warmly.

I suggest when A has pegged out one of B's balls A must thereafter leave B an open shot whether he has touched B's ball or not.

This change of law would shorten the tedious and long drawn out struggle which often follows a peg-out. A would be encouraged to go for his 3-ball break. It would also speed up end games as players would be less reluctant to go to the peg with their forward ball.

It would create a more sporting finish.

Yours faithfully,

The Rev. Canon R. CREED MEREDITH

A Pegged-out Game Event

Dear Sir,

Since there is much ignorance among less experienced players of how to play a pegged-out game, it has been suggested that an experiment might be made along the following lines:—

One side (A) plays the two balls beginning with one clip on the 1st hoop, and the other (of course) on the peg.

The other side (B) playing the one ball begins with his clip on 1-back and receives half the number of bisques to which he would be entitled in an ordinary game (handicap game).

All balls start from one of either baulks.

Where time permits, the contest is played as a sort of Draw and Process, each player acting as A or B in turn. The start in the first game is decided by the toss, the other side having the choice in the other game.

When time only permits of one game, the winner of the toss chooses whether to play as A or B. The loser then starts first.

Yours faithfully,

M. B. RECKITT

THE APPS MEMORIAL FUND

The subscription list for the Apps Memorial Fund will close on October 31st, and Clubs or Associates who have not yet contributed are reminded that contributions should be sent to Mrs. I. H. Turketine, 8 Ann Boleyn's Walk, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey. A notice was circulated to Clubs early in the summer but there will, of course, be many Associates who are not members of clubs and this will serve to bring the proposed Fund to their notice.

Questions and Answers

Question: What may the striker do and what may he *not* do when adjusting the balls for taking croquet, to:—

- His own ball?
- The ball off which croquet is about to be taken?

Answer: (a) See Law 18 (c). A ball in hand may be touched, moved or handled at any time by the striker.

(b) In adjusting his ball for taking croquet the striker may touch or steady the ball *from which* croquet is being taken but he may not move such ball into a different position or press it into the ground without the consent of the adversary or the sanction of the referee (Law 38 (b)).

Question: May a player ask a referee to watch a croquet stroke and if so is the referee responsible for saying if the croqueted ball has moved or shaken?

Answer: Yes, a referee *may* be called by the player or the opponent and the referee is thus responsible for declaring if the ball in contact has been moved or shaken. If there is no referee called the player must declare this. In 1957 the permission for calling a referee was granted; because the Laws have not been reprinted since then it is not included in 34 (a) yet. M.M.R.

HOW TO FINISH A BREAK

by HUMPHREY HICKS

(Winner of Open Championship 1932, 1939, 1947-50, 1952)

ONE of the most important things in Croquet is to leave the balls well at the end of a break.

Too many players are content to lay up for their partner-ball by leaving a short rush near the partner-ball's hoop, having separated each of the opponents' balls as far as possible. This may be all right; or it may be all wrong. It will be wrong if your opponent is left a "double" shot with *either* ball. It is not safe to assume that your adversary will necessarily play with the ball you have so carefully sent to your partner-ball's next hoop. If there is a "double", or even a tempting target for the other ball, it is quite likely that this shot will be taken—and, worse still, that it will be hit. (And if it is it will be your own fault.)

Forewarned is forearmed, and if the player realizes that it *really* is all-important NOT to leave any sort of a "double" for either of the opponents' balls—then—unless a ball "rolls right round," "runs down a hill," or "comes in a yard" (any or all of which contingencies seem always to be happening to some players), surely there will be no "double" left.

Special care should be taken in this respect when the opponent has a "lift." The reason is surely clear; nevertheless it is extraordinary how often a "double" can be obtained from a lift shot.

Having got a four-ball break going perfectly, it is advisable to start thinking early on—say after you have made the 4th hoop, about how you are going to leave the balls at the end of your turn. Let us assume you are in play with Yellow (with a 4-baller) and that you intend to put the Yellow clip on the rover hoop. You should say to yourself, "I don't want to make penultimate off Red"—it is never a good thing to make the last hoop of a break off your partner-ball—"therefore, I don't want to make 3-back off Red—and therefore I don't want to make 1-back off Red." After making the 4th hoop, is an excellent time to see to it that you don't make 1-back off Red. It should, at this point, be comparatively simple to arrange matters accordingly—but, one word of warning here. Don't—whatever you do—risk sacrificing your break by attempting some sort of split-shot you don't perhaps feel very happy about.

It is, of course, also necessary to think where the opponents' balls are to be left. We all *know* that Black should not be left near Blue's hoop (yet how often one sees this done), and we all know that, generally speaking, it is a good thing to leave Blue near to Blue's hoop.

If the opponent already has one ball round, it is very important that he should be made to play with this ball—it is never *quite* so serious if the long shot is hit with the forward ball, for you know you are bound to have at least one more chance. Provided that this point is thought of in reasonable time, it should always be possible to force the opponent to play with his forward ball, or to make him "pay" very heavily should he decide to shoot with his backward ball—and miss.

Four-ball breaks—fortunately for the opponent—sometimes go awry. Unless one has failed at a hoop—or sent a ball off—(or missed a short roquet) there may yet be time to make some sort of a leave. At any rate, don't play your last shot in a despairing fashion. A ball may hit the wire of a hoop on its way to a corner, if there has been a careless mis-cue.

Sometimes it is a good idea to "guard" the boundary, by going say four or five yards away from your partner-ball. Again, it may be possible to "scatter" two balls successfully, but this shot should not be undertaken just for the fun of it. It is very likely that more harm than good will be achieved.

At the end of the game, when you are laying for your partner-ball to go out, it is possible to err on the side of over-caution. You are so anxious—naturally—to leave very little for your opponent if he hits in, that you find—after he has missed—that you yourself cannot finish the game after all. In most cases it is wiser to leave something comparatively easy for yourself, and to bank on the opponent's long shot being missed. But, please, *no* "double".

OBITUARY

Mrs. L. M. BEATON

Mrs. Lilian Mary Beaton died on July 29th in her 82nd year. There passes from our midst one of the most famous, as she was ever one of the most devoted, figures in the history of croquet.

It was very shortly after the revival of the game in the middle 'nineties that Lily Gower took up croquet as a young girl. She came to the front very rapidly, winning her Silver Medal in 1898, and becoming Lady Champion (the Victorian phrase was still in use) for the first time in the following year. But by the time she had done so for the third consecutive occasion it was apparent that Miss Gower was "out by herself" among women players and that she could only find competitors of her own class by competing with men. This was recognized in 1901 when the Beddow Cup for the "Best Ten" was instituted, Miss Gower being invited to compete and finishing tied second. She won the trophy in 1904 and the Open Championship in 1905. She was thus the first woman to prove that our game was one at which women could compete on equal terms with men, but she was for many years the only one to exemplify this fact. Not until the rise of Miss D. D. Steel (the only other woman ever to win the Open Championship) in the inter-war period did any other member of her sex exert any such domination.

Miss Gower married Mr. Reginald Beaton—a player of fame and skill equal to her own—after the 1905 season, thus beginning the most famous married partnership in the history of the game. A record of their successes, and of Mrs. Beaton's individual triumphs, would occupy far more space than is available here, but it is interesting to notice that Mrs. Beaton won both Doubles Championships, with different partners, in 1938 (40 years after she had won her first C.A. prize), and ten years later still won the Peel Memorial, her third victory in this event.

Among Mrs. Beaton's leading characteristics as a player were her intense power of concentration and the pertinacity which won her success in many an uphill game. Though her skill fell away somewhat with advancing years, her enthusiasm both for playing and watching the game never did so; she remained a shrewd tactician, and it was a rewarding experience to sit by her side during tournaments and note her comments in this capacity. In later years she became one of Hurlingham's keenest members, and it is here perhaps that she will be particularly missed, though her memory can never fade in any circles where Croquet's long story is remembered. Sympathy will be extended by all of us to her two sons, one of whom (Walter) was as a young man a player of much skill and promise.

M.B.R.

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Notes from the Clubs

Hurlingham

These notes extend back to the end of July at which time we succumbed to Colchester in the final of the Longman Club Cup. Although we took a strongish quartet in the persons of Mrs. Thom, Brig. Stokes-Roberts, Jack Rivington and S. S. Townsend we returned empty handed, the nearest approach to a won game being Townsend's unfinished tussle with Ratcliff. Although we felt that the Colchester team were favourably placed on bisques, the fact is that none of our team were quite up to their usual form and no excuses are being offered. What Colchester failed to do in providing a fine day was balanced by their generous hospitality.

Our internal competitions are now finished, the winners being:

Club Championship: E. P. C. Cotter.

Restricted Level Singles: F. Byrne.

Lomas Cups, Group A: Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts.

Group B: A. D. Karmel.

Group C: Mrs. A. D. Karmel.

Handicap Doubles: Capt. H. G. Stoker and Gen. D. Wilson-Haffenden.

Golf Croquet Handicap: Capt. H. G. Stoker.

The last event had been won by Teddy Miles from time immemorial and was only wrested from him this year at the 19th hole in the final.

Ryde, Isle of Wight

Although the Club does not close officially until the end of the month, the end-of-the-season party was held on Saturday, September 19th. A very enjoyable American Croquet Tournament was held in which, one was pleased to note, nearly half the contestants were young tennis players. They played extremely well!

Tea was served in the Pavilion at which fifty members, including the President, Major Dibley, M.C., and his wife, attended. After tea, Mrs. Dibley very kindly distributed the cups and prizes for the Club Croquet events and also for the winners of the American Croquet Tournament.

The season, thanks to the really splendid weather, has been a very successful one, particularly for the tennis section which has arranged many enjoyable matches with other clubs and also American Tournaments amongst the members. The croquet section arranged one croquet match against the Southsea Croquet Club during July. Four Southsea members came and four completed games were held in which Ryde won against the visitors by three games to one. This was a very pleasant event, held in brilliant sunshine, and it is a great pity that the distance between the island and other mainland clubs prevent us from entertaining them in a similar manner.

It is very sad that Mrs. Cowper-Blake, a past President, and one of the most generous and enthusiastic members of our Club, and, as members and visitors from the mainland are aware, no mean exponent of the game of croquet, has been unable to play at all this season owing to the serious illness of her husband and her own indifferent health. She was not able to attend the party on the 19th and her presence was greatly missed.

Club Notes have been conspicuous by their absence in recent issues and we hope Secretaries will next year be more regular in sending contributions.

A MUSICAL BREAK

It is said that heard melody is sweet; unheard possibly sweeter, and yet it may be true, some of us have been inspired to play rhythmical croquet sustained by haunting waltzes played by a string orchestra at Hurlingham on Saturday afternoons.

We hear that at Reigate they go far beyond this—no mercenary minstrels for them; they compose and produce their own music.

Dr. J. E. H. Creed, one of their members, a gifted Doctor of Music, has composed a suite with the title of "Croquetisms".

It is divided into four parts:—

Part 1—

"The four-ball Breakdown," agitato and desperato.

Part 2—

"Irish Croquet Ballad—The Wiring of the Blue", freely adapted from "the Wearing o' the Green," and to digress, our greens are a little worn just now. With a parody on Pat Pegemout's "Rhymes of a Rollicking Rover" 1762.

"O Paddy dear, an' did ye hear the news that's goin' round?
The Plaintain is by law forbid to grow upon our ground
An' sure at Peel Memorials tide our colours we may rue
For there's a cruel law agin' the wirin' o' the blue.
I met wid Captain Bashem and he took me by the hand.
Saying 'How's the game of Croquet and how does she stand?
Last doubles Major Messabout he swore by all that's true
I'll hang ye and yer partner for the wirin' o' the blue."
This music we note is: Irato con Energia.

Part 3—

"Aunt Emma's Gavotte"—Allegretto placido—this introduces more than a hint of a gentle lullaby.

Part 4—

Grandsire's Triple Peel—to the tune of "Sage Leaf"—Allegro júbilo.

The music is also scored for the descant recorder or 'cello, the former is played by the Honorary Secretary. This gentleman is reticent regarding his degree of skill, and feels he will require much practice before he is worthy to play the suite with the imaginative Doctor, unless perhaps he could receive some musical bisques, perhaps Rule 44 would uplift them both. L.W.B.

BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, British International

I wandered into the club yesterday in search of copy for this article. I found it! The same partner produced both these absurdities. This is the first hand:—

S—K, 10, x, x.
H—A, 9, x, x.
D—A, J, x, x.
C—x.

S—A, J, x.
H—Q, 10, x, x.
D—Q, x.
C—K, J, 10, x.

The bidding was North: 1 Spade. South: 2 NT. All pass.

Let us see where the fault lay. Some diehard point-counters will ask why I did not bid 3 NT. The answer is that to bid 3 NT with only Q x in Diamonds is bad, as I might go down in a NT contract with 4 Spades or 4 Hearts to make. Let us see what else I could have bid. 3 Spades?—certainly not. 2 Hearts?—unthinkable with a four-card suit and attenuated at that. 2 Clubs?—the only other possibility. This would, I admit, have got us to the game level, whatever my partner replied.

But the real fault lay with the opening bid. I know that the books recommend that with three 4-card suits you should bid the one below the singleton, but this hand is not one on which to follow this maxim. It is, or should be, patent to the meanest intelligence, that North is unlikely to do well in Spades or Hearts unless South can himself bid the suit. Therefore, every effort must be made to find out whether South can bid 1H or 1S. The correct bid is undoubtedly 1 Diamond. This enables South to bid 1 Heart and a contract of 4 Hearts is easily reached. North's bid of 1 Spade started the whole bidding on a wrong foundation. It made it virtually impossible to reach a Heart contract at all. It gave a wrong impression of his hand. This hand is worth deep study. The principle involved, if learned, may save you a lot of heartache and points.

The second hand is not so interesting but it makes you think. Here it is:—

S—A, J, 9, 5, 4.
H—K, 5.
D—7, 6, 4.
C—8, 6, 5.

S—7.
H—A, Q, 10, 9, 7.
D—Q, 8, 3.
C—A, K, 4.

The dealer was West and he was vulnerable. He bid 1 Diamond. This was passed round to me and I bid 2 Hearts. West then bid 2 Spades. What bid do you think my gallant North found? He passed! Is it conceivable that any one could fail to double? So I had to play the hand in 3 Hearts and make 90 points, instead of collecting at least 500. Of course, I could have made 3 NT, but it was not easy to bid it. [Copyright

THE LADIES' FIELD CUP

HURLINGHAM, JULY 27th—31st

This event has been variously competed for by six, eight or ten players but never until this year by seven. The unusual number chosen on this occasion was designed to allow for a bye in each round thus giving all players one respite in each series. As last year, the occasion produced a new holder of the cup. Twelve months ago we welcomed Mrs. Longman's win, breaking the sequence of wins of Miss Lintern and Mrs. Rotherham, and this year saw a very clear cut victory by Miss Warwick. For one who was only selected in the first instance as a reserve two years ago this was a notable victory, although some of the shrewder critics of the game were not surprised at her speedy rise to the top flight.

The meeting lost some of its colour by the absence of last year's holder, and also of Miss Lintern. The former having undergone a serious operation last winter had reluctantly declined the invitation to compete, while Miss Lintern who has had a particularly strenuous and testing period of office as Chairman of Council doubtless felt that she would not be able to do herself justice by entering. Let the absence of these two, however, in no way belittle Miss Warwick's achievement.

Perhaps the most surprising result of the first day's play was Miss Mills' win over Mrs. Rotherham. This rather unexpected result, coupled with a further defeat suffered by Mrs. Rotherham at the hands of Miss Warwick, suggested at this early stage that the cup would have a new name engraved. It was not until the eighth round that Miss Warwick lowered her colours and this in a game against Mrs. Rotherham which she was set to win when the latter with two devastating breaks came from behind and inflicted what proved to be Miss Warwick's only defeat of the week.

Mrs. Elvey and Mrs. Rotherham both won sufficient games to keep the issue still open when play finished on Thursday evening with two rounds to play, but Friday's play saw no faltering by Miss Warwick.

Miss Mills can feel pleased with her inaugural week with the top ladies and had a number of good wins. Mrs. Chittenden, Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Heley were not disgraced by their few wins, and many of their losses as is so often the case could so easily have been wins with the rub of the green in their favour.

A cloud was cast over the play on Wednesday by the news of the death of Mrs. Beaton who among her many triumphs was the first holder of the Ladies' Field Cup in 1911.

Mrs. Haigh Smith presided at the manager's tent with efficiency and grace.

Analysis of Play

Miss E. J. Warwick won 11 games: namely, against Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +14 +25, Mrs. A. M. Daniels +14 +14, Miss A. E. Mills +17 +13, Mrs. G. F. Chittenden +18 +14, Mrs. P. E. Heley +10 +18, Mrs. E. Rotherham +5; and lost 1 game to Mrs. E. Rotherham -3.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey won 9 games: namely, against Mrs. A. M. Daniels +16 +17, Miss A. E. Mills +8 +10, Mrs. G. F. Chittenden +7 +17, Mrs. P. E. Heley +9 +20, Mrs. E. Rotherham +8; and lost 3 games to Miss E. J. Warwick -14 -25, Mrs. E. Rotherham -9.

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 9 games: namely, against Mrs. A. M. Daniels +25 +12, Mrs. G. F. Chittenden +26 +24, Mrs. P. E. Heley +21 +15, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +9, Miss A. E. Mills +10, Miss E. J. Warwick +3; and lost 3 games to Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -8, Miss A. E. Mills -12, Miss E. J. Warwick -5.

Miss A. E. Mills won 5 games: namely, against Mrs. A. M. Daniels +9 +8, Mrs. E. Rotherham +12, Mrs. G. F. Chittenden +12, Mrs. P. E. Heley +9; and lost 7 games to Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -8 -10, Miss E. J. Warwick -17 -13, Mrs. E. Rotherham -10, Mrs. G. F. Chittenden -7, Mrs. P. E. Heley -3.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden won 4 games: namely, against Mrs. P. E. Heley +2 +15, Mrs. A. M. Daniels +6, Miss A. E. Mills +7; and lost 8 games to Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -7 -17, Mrs. E. Rotherham -26 -24, Miss E. J. Warwick -18 -14, Mrs. A. M. Daniels -8, Miss A. E. Mills -12.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels won 3 games: namely, against Mrs. P. E. Heley +14 +20, Mrs. G. F. Chittenden +8; and lost 9 games to Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -16 -7, Mrs. E. Rotherham -25 -12, Miss E. J. Warwick -14 -14, Miss A. E. Mills -9 -8, Mrs. G. F. Chittenden -6.

Mrs. P. E. Heley won 1 game: namely, against Miss A. E. Mills +3; and lost 11 games to Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -9 -20, Mrs. E. Rotherham -21 -15, Miss E. J. Warwick -19 -18, Mrs. A. M. Daniels -14 -20, Mrs. G. F. Chittenden -2 -15, Miss A. E. Mills -9.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON v. LONDON

AUGUST 16th—18th

This popular match, played in perfect weather, was obviously greatly enjoyed by the players and the numerous spectators.

The Doubles, played on the 16th, resulted as follows:

E. P. C. Cotter and Dr. Wiggins v. Col. Beamish and Major Stone: Not an exciting match. Stone was decidedly below form; but the others showed us all how croquet should be played. London won +9.

M. Reckitt and Lloyd Pratt v. Mrs. Rotherham and G. Warwick: A slow start with a thrilling finish. Mrs. Rotherham pegged out Lloyd Pratt, with Warwick for 4-back and Reckitt for the penultimate. Warwick laid a good rush for his hoop, with Reckitt miles away in the 4th corner. It looked like a sure thing for Budleigh—but Reckitt, with a do-or-die shot, hit in and went round to the peg. London won +4.

Mrs. Longman and G. Rothwell v. Miss Warwick and Col. Cave: Another do-or-die shot brought this rather dull match to an end. London players were both for the peg, with their balls in opposite corners. Miss Warwick was for the peg and Cave for the penultimate, and in position for his hoop, with his partner's ball waiting just beyond it. But Rothwell hit in and that was the end of that. London won +3.

I. Baillieu and A. D. Karmel v. Miss A. Mills and J. Cooper: With the London players both off their form, with Budleigh at the top of their's, the result was soon seen to be a foregone conclusion. Budleigh won +20.

DOUBLES RESULT.—London won 3 games, Budleigh 1 game.

The Singles (best of three games) were scheduled to be played on the 17th and 18th.

A. D. Karmel v. J. Cooper: Two very good games to watch, with both players obviously enjoying themselves. Cooper won the first game and the second game was touch and go until Cooper's last shot—a very daring, long peg-out, which, had it failed, would have handed the game to Karmel on a plate. London lost -7 -3.

Mrs. Longman v. Col. Cave: Three long drawn out, dour games. London won -3 +3 +6.

Dr. Wiggins v. Major Stone: Stone, who began playing very badly owing to strained leg muscles, suddenly found his true form and finished brilliantly. London lost +5 -21 -12.

Lloyd Pratt v. Miss Warwick: Miss Warwick told the writer after this match that she had never played better in her life. What Lloyd Pratt said about his play will not bear repeating! That he lost -5 +8 -26, is therefore not surprising.

E. P. C. Cotter v. Mrs. Rotherham: Three good games in which the players showed us all how croquet should be played. The last two games were anybody's money until the last shot. London won +10 -3 +4.

M. Reckitt v. Col. Beamish: Reckitt won the second game +4. Beamish won the first +18. Reckitt then had to return to London and the match was counted as a draw.

I. Baillieu v. Miss A. Mills: The players had each won one game at the end of the third day's play; but, as the result of the whole London-Budleigh match depended on which of these two players won their third game, it was decided to play it off on the 19th. At this point the position was: London and Budleigh had each won 5 games, with one game "drawn".

The deciding game should have proved very exciting—but wasn't! Both players seemed to feel their responsibility to their sides and played very cautiously. The game dragged on until 3 p.m. and was finally won by Miss Mills +7.

Result of the meeting: Budleigh Salterton won 6 matches, London won 5 matches.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

September 7th—12th

THE 48th ANNUAL COMPETITION

It is impossible to imagine a more perfect setting for this competition than the Hurlingham Club. When ideal weather—perhaps even too hot!—and plenty of first-class croquet are added, what more could the most fastidious ask for?

D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller, who won this Cup in 1946, and who has not played in official competitions since 1951, made a welcome re-appearance; at the other end of the scale we welcomed the youthful B. Lloyd Pratt, who was making his debut in this exacting event, winning a creditable five games. We were most sorry to find Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins conspicuous by his absence—an unfortunate circumstance that deprived the competition of a player who was runner-up in 1951 and who always gives an exhibition of sparkling croquet. The idyllic weather brought out more spectators than usual. The lawns were very variable as to pace, and at times they were so fast that play became really difficult. Good shooting also prolonged many of the games, but the competition was brought to a successful conclusion by 6.30 p.m. on Friday.

It would help to speed things up if some players would not waste time examining the position of their opponent's balls and walking up and down the lawn before deciding on their shot. The tight hoops were another source of delay in some matches. Most of the games were reasonably quick, though a few had to be pegged down. The quickest game—in 50 minutes—was that between W. Ormerod and Mrs. Elvey. There were three wins 26-0, one game was decided by one point and there was only one triple peel—by J. W. Solomon against Mrs. Rotherham.

The cup was won by J. W. Solomon (holder) with 13 games. He has now won as well the Men's Championship, the Doubles Championship and the Open Championship, a feat only achieved by H. O. Hicks in 1948. At the end of the first series the sequence ran from 7 to 0 in the following order:—J. W. Solomon, H. O. Hicks, W. Ormerod, E. P. C. Cotter, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller, Mrs. E. Rotherham, B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey. The final placings seemed about right, with Cotter taking third place above Ormerod. The latter was the only player to beat Solomon. It would be invidious to criticise the performance of individual players, but mention must be made of the beautiful croquet of John Solomon. It was a joy to watch and he fully deserved to win.

Final placings were:—J. W. Solomon 13, H. O. Hicks 11, E. P. C. Cotter 9, W. Ormerod 8, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller 5, B. Lloyd Pratt 5, Mrs. E. Rotherham 4, and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey 1.

Notes on some of the games

1st series. Solomon v. Ormerod, Solomon was on peg and rover before Ormerod had started. Ormerod played first-class croquet, got both balls round and after being pegged out ran the penultimate with his other ball and had the misfortune to land against the peg, being unable to make a shot. Solomon thus won by the narrow margin of 2 points.

There was a close game between Ormerod and Cotter which was won by the player who hit the "lift" shots—i.e. Ormerod, by 7 points.

Mrs. Rotherham had it all her own way against Mrs. Elvey but in the 2nd series the game was very close. All four clips were on the peg. Mrs. Rotherham tried a long peg out from behind the rover hoop and failed. She had left her opponent's balls together in the 3rd corner. As a result of this Mrs. Elvey won by 1 point. *Verb sap!*

2nd series. Hamilton-Miller v. Ormerod. Hamilton-Miller went round to the peg in his first break. Ormerod did the same and pegged him out. Hamilton-Miller's other ball was for the 3rd hoop. He went round with it and stuck in the rover hoop; Ormerod did ditto from the 3rd hoop also and stuck in the penultimate hoop! Result: Hamilton-Miller won by 4 points. N.B. Ware hoops!

Hamilton-Miller played beautiful croquet in the game against Mrs. Elvey. He was cool, calm, controlled and accurate and outplayed his opponent.

Lloyd Pratt put up a very good fight against Hicks and was only beaten by 4 points.

The game between Solomon and Ormerod took 3 hours! Ormerod was for the peg and penultimate hoop when Solomon was on the 1st and 3rd hoops. He made a splendid recovery but failed at the rover and lost by 6.

There was a unique ending to the game between Lloyd Pratt and Hamilton-Miller. Lloyd Pratt's blue ball was pegged out and his black ball was for the penultimate: Hamilton-Miller's red clip was on the peg and his yellow clip was on the rover. Lloyd Pratt from his "lift" shot ran the penultimate from the North boundary and took an awkward position for the rover. Hamilton-Miller missed. Lloyd Pratt ran the rover and although almost wired by the hoop managed to hit the peg in the return roquet. A remarkable achievement!

The game between Ormerod and Mrs. Elvey was over very quickly. Ormerod went to the rover with his second ball before the 4th ball was in play. He thus gave contact to his opponent who was unable to get anything out of it. Ormerod then proceeded to go to the peg with his other ball peeling his first ball through the rover on the way. The game took 50 minutes and the luckless Mrs. Elvey only had one shot bar the opening and the contact!

There was a very interesting struggle between Hicks and Hamilton-Miller. The game was progressively reduced from a 4-ball to a 3-ball to a 2-ball game. The latter part lasted nearly half an hour and afforded an excellent example of how to finish a game when two balls have been pegged out. Hicks eventually won by 5 points.

Points gained out of a possible 364 are as follows:—

J. W. Solomon	358	Final order	1st
H. O. Hicks	323	"	2nd
W. Ormerod	316	"	4th
E. P. C. Cotter	314	"	3rd
D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller	248	"	5th
Mrs. E. Rotherham	226	"	7th
B. Lloyd Pratt	215	"	6th
		(tied with Hamilton-Miller)	
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey	103	"	8th

E. A. Roper again managed the event and presided over the week's proceedings with his customary sangfroid and efficiency.

Analysis of Play

J. W. Solomon won 13 games: namely, against E. P. C. Cotter +6 +11, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +23 +16, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller +7 +24, H. O. Hicks +7 +18, W. P. Ormerod +2, B. Lloyd Pratt +24 +15, Mrs. E. Rotherham +23 +26; and lost 1 game to W. P. Ormerod -4.

H. O. Hicks won 11 games: namely, against E. P. C. Cotter +26, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +24 +18, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller +12 +5, W. P. Ormerod +6 +10, B. Lloyd Pratt +15 +14, Mrs. E. Rotherham +25 +13; and lost 3 games to J. W. Solomon -7 -18, E. P. C. Cotter -16.

E. P. C. Cotter won 9 games: namely, against Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +13 +25, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller +15 +11, H. O. Hicks +16, W. P. Ormerod +23, B. Lloyd Pratt +19, Mrs. E. Rotherham +16 +4; and lost 5 games to H. O. Hicks -7, W. P. Ormerod -7, B. Lloyd Pratt -15, J. W. Solomon -6 -11.

W. P. Ormerod won 8 games: namely, against E. P. C. Cotter +7, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +21 +26, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller +14, B. Lloyd Pratt +12 +3, Mrs. E. Rotherham +16, J. W. Solomon +4; and lost 6 games to E. P. C. Cotter -23, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller -4, H. O. Hicks -6 -10, Mrs. E. Rotherham -3, J. W. Solomon -2.

D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller won 5 games: namely, against Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +20 +25, W. P. Ormerod +4, B. Lloyd Pratt +16, Mrs. E. Rotherham +10; and lost 9 games to E. P. C. Cotter -15 -11, H. O. Hicks -12 -5, W. P. Ormerod -14, B. Lloyd Pratt -3, Mrs. E. Rotherham -25, J. W. Solomon -7 -24.

B. Lloyd Pratt won 5 games: namely, against E. P. C. Cotter +15, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +17 +7, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller +3, Mrs. E. Rotherham +5; and lost 9 games to E. P. C. Cotter -19, H. O. Hicks -15 -4, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller -16, W. P. Ormerod -12 -3, Mrs. E. Rotherham -16, J. W. Solomon -24 -15.

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 4 games: namely, against Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +25, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller +25, W. P. Ormerod +3, B. Lloyd Pratt +16; and lost 10 games to E. P. C. Cotter -16 -4, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -1, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller -10, H. O. Hicks -25 -13, W. P. Ormerod -16, B. Lloyd Pratt -5, J. W. Solomon -23 -26.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey won 1 game: namely, against Mrs. E. Rotherham +1; and lost 13 games to E. P. C. Cotter -13 -25, D. V. J. Hamilton-Miller -20 -25, H. O. Hicks -24 -18, W. P. Ormerod -21 -26, B. Lloyd Pratt -17 -7, Mrs. E. Rotherham -25, J. W. Solomon -23 -16.

THE SURREY CUP

September 7th—11th

This year saw the fifth in the series of competitions for the Surrey Cup, an event contested as keenly as the more exalted President's Cup but partaking perhaps of a slightly less formal atmosphere. With three contestants from Budleigh Salterton and two from Parkstone, the South West was well represented. There were three new "boys", Victor Evans, Canon Creed Meredith and Townsend, although as Victor was in his heyday in the thirties and the Canon was no mean performer back in the two-peg sequence days, the word boy is of limited application.

The manager, Mrs. Turketine, who was her usual efficient self throughout the week, opened the proceedings with a few well chosen words before the serious business began. As the week developed she had need to exercise patience and planning ability to work off pegged down games of which there were an average of two per day. These were often not so much due to indifferent play as excellent shooting, discomfiting laid breaks.

After a few rounds the winner appeared likely to come from Spencer Ell who had won his first five games or Col. Cave, with the Canon, who brings a most rigorous application to his play, running only slightly behind. Spencer Ell then lost two games which made the issue very open at the end of the first series when the results stood as follows:—Spencer Ell, Cave and Creed Meredith, 5 games; de la Nougerede, 4; Townsend, Warwick and Miss Warwick, 3 games; Victor Evans, 0 games.

Victor Evans was playing with competence, but with the rub of the green tending to be against him, just failed to clinch the issue in a number of his games, and he can be regarded as very unlucky not to have opened his score. Indeed, it was not till the thirteenth round that he won his first and only game, by a substantial margin against Townsend.

By Thursday evening Cave had worked himself into a favourable position, having 9 games to Spencer Ell's 8 with two rounds to play. As these two were to meet in the last round the scene seemed set for a grandstand finish, but with Cave beating "Della" and Spencer Ell losing to Warwick in the penultimate round, Cave established an unassailable lead by lunch time on Friday, thus repeating his win two years ago at Parkstone. Spencer Ell finished one game behind and there then followed Della, the Canon and Townsend as joint thirds with eight games apiece, the Warwicks having six games each.

There were few spectacular games during the Tournament and we do not recall seeing any attempts at triple peels. Two games in which the Canon participated remain in the memory. In the first he punished Col. Cave for going to the rover when his other ball was a long way back by peeling and pegging him out and then winning comfortably. In the other he pegged out Townsend and seemed set to finish when the latter hit in, made the last three hoops and went out.

The Warwicks showed good form at times, but gave occasional signs of staleness at the end of a strenuous season for both of them. Della always proved a difficult man to beat and the games he lost were usually by a small margin.

Finally a tribute to the lawns which having regard to the weeks and weeks without rain, were in excellent condition. I do not remember the sun failing to shine at any point during the week and yet apart from one or two boundaries, the lawns were just as true on Friday afternoon as on Monday morning.

Analysis of Play

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave won 10 games: namely, against Rev. Canon Creed Meredith +14, M. Spencer Ell +23, V. de la Nougerede +13, Miss E. J. Warwick +9 +20, J. G. Warwick +16 +10, S. S. Townsend +15, G. V. Evans +19 +10; and lost 4 games to Rev. Canon Creed Meredith -8, M. Spencer Ell -4, V. de la Nougerede -6, S. S. Townsend -12.

M. Spencer Ell won 9 games: namely, against Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +4, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith +12 +20, V. de la Nougerede +18 +5, Miss E. J. Warwick +7, S. S. Townsend +16, G. V. Evans +7 +21; and lost 5 games to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave -23, Miss E. J. Warwick -10, J. G. Warwick -8 -10, S. S. Townsend -6.

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V. de la Nougerede won 8 games: namely, against Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +6, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith +3, Miss E. J. Warwick +5, J. G. Warwick +3 +6, S. S. Townsend +4, G. V. Evans +10 +14; and lost 6 games to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave -13, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith -8, M. Spencer Ell -18 -5, Miss E. J. Warwick -13, S. S. Townsend -9.

Rev. Canon Creed Meredith won 8 games: namely, against Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +8, V. de la Nougerede +8, Miss E. J. Warwick +12 +4, J. G. Warwick +11, S. S. Townsend +18, G. V. Evans +7 +8; and lost 4 games to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave -14, M. Spencer Ell -12 -20, V. de la Nougerede -3, J. G. Warwick -11, S. S. Townsend -3.

S. S. Townsend won 8 games: namely, against Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +12, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith +3, M. Spencer Ell +6, V. de la Nougerede +9, Miss E. J. Warwick +4, J. G. Warwick +6 +3, G. V. Evans +1; and lost to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave -15, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith -18, M. Spencer Ell -16, V. de la Nougerede -4, Miss E. J. Warwick -1, G. V. Evans -19.

Miss E. J. Warwick won 6 games: namely, against M. Spencer Ell +10, V. de la Nougerede +13, J. G. Warwick +9, S. S. Townsend +1, G. V. Evans +6 +16, and lost to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave -9 -20, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith -12 -4, M. Spencer Ell -7, V. de la Nougerede -5, J. G. Warwick -4, S. S. Townsend -4.

J. G. Warwick won 6 games: namely, against Rev. Canon Creed Meredith +11, M. Spencer Ell +8 +10, Miss E. J. Warwick +4, G. V. Evans +3 +3; and lost to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave -16 -10, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith -11, V. de la Nougerede -3 -6, Miss E. J. Warwick -9, S. S. Townsend -6 -3.

G. V. Evans won 1 game: namely, against S. S. Townsend +19; and lost to Lt. Col. G. E. Evans -19 -10, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith -7 -8, M. Spencer Ell -7 -21, V. de la Nougerede -10 -14, Miss E. J. Warwick -6 -16, J. G. Warwick -3 -3, S. S. Townsend -1.

COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

JUNE 22nd—27th

There was a reduction of about 25% in the number of competitors compared with last year. Whether this was due to ill-health and increasing age among the usual entrants or to a less attractive programme, is hard to say. There is no doubt we are losing more old stalwarts than we are replacing with young bloods.

There was a very strong field in the Open event and D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller was perhaps a little unfortunate not to win. He lost in the Draw to Mrs. Rotherham by one point and when he had a good chance of going out against Dr. Wiggins in the final of the Process, he declared he had not seen the ball shake, when he was playing a take-off. Dr. Wiggins then went out, winning by 2. In the play-off, Dr. Wiggins gave a fine display of control on a fiery lawn. Mrs. Rotherham unfortunately failed to get into orbit.

Dr. Wiggins defeated Mrs. Chittenden in the final of the "X" handicap, which was played on Friday evening. It was a cool evening and when the manager departed to his hotel for dinner the Secretary, who had to lock up, was left as the sole spectator.

In the final of the Doubles, Col. Saalfeld pegged out Hamilton-Miller, whose partner, Charles Speer, still had to make the Rover. This he proceeded to do from a position in which his opponents had left him, judging that there was no danger.

The catering and the general comfort of the competitors and spectators were looked after once again by Compton's President, Mrs. Irwin; nor could these have been in better hands. It is unfortunate that the date of the tournament prevents her and Mrs. Chittenden from being present on the final Saturday. In Mrs. Irwin's absence, Mrs. Rocktiff, who, though not a croquet player, does so much for the club, kindly gave away the prizes. These included a prize for good management well-earned by Major Dibley.

(The results of the Tournament appeared in the July/August issue)

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

September 22nd, 1959

HURLINGHAM

Major-Gen. D. Wilson-Haffenden 10 to 9.
B. Lloyd Pratt 1 to $\frac{1}{2}$.
J. G. Warwick $\frac{1}{2}$ to 0.
A. D. Karmel $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 3.
D. W. Curtis 6 to $4\frac{1}{2}$.
Mrs. Haigh Smith 8 to $6\frac{1}{2}$.
A. V. Camroux 9 to 8.
G. Williams $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 1.
R. F. O. Kemp 9 to 8 during play.
R. F. O. Kemp 8 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ after play.

HURLINGHAM CLUB

Major-Gen. D. Wilson-Haffenden 9 to 8.
J. M. Rivington 6 to 5.
J. Leary-Hine 14 to 12.

ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

N. F. Blackwood $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 4.
Col. Prichard $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$.

GILBEY AND CHALLENGE CUPS

B. Lloyd Pratt $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$.
R. J. Pickett 12 to 10.
Mrs. R. J. Pickett 12 to 10.
Mrs. Carrington $8\frac{1}{2}$ to 8.
Miss E. Fisher 5 to $4\frac{1}{2}$.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson 10 to $9\frac{1}{2}$.
C. L. Robertson 11 to 10.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson 10 to $9\frac{1}{2}$.
Miss Bartlett 13 to 12.

PERSONAL REQUEST

Miss M. S. Carlyon 3 to $4\frac{1}{2}$.

BRIGHTON (OFFICIAL)

Mrs. W. Longman $\frac{1}{2}$ to 0.
N. F. Blackwood 4 to $3\frac{1}{2}$.
H. A. Green $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5.
Col. Prichard $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$.
Miss Ault 5 to $4\frac{1}{2}$.
Mrs. Daniels $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 3.
Dr. C. A. Boucher 10 to 8.
Miss K. D. Hickson 10 to $9\frac{1}{2}$.
Mrs. W. P. Roe 10 to 9.

BRIGHTON (UNOFFICIAL)

Miss Parker $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5.
Mrs. Chittenden 3 to $2\frac{1}{2}$.
Miss M. Morgan 9 to 8.
E. C. Mogridge $10\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{1}{2}$.
Major Driscoll 12 to 12 (D 11).
Mrs. Temple 14 to 12.
W. E. Moore 6 to $4\frac{1}{2}$.
H. A. Green 5 to 4.
D. W. Curtis $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 4.

NON-ASSOCIATES

Mrs. W. Goodall *14 to 16
Mrs. C. M. Gibson 14
Mrs. D. Thorn 14

HUNSTANTON

J. E. Reeve *9 to 10.
Mrs. G. D. Perowne 7 to 6.
Miss E. C. Brumpton 10 to 9.
Mrs. A. N. Rolfe 14 to 12.
Mrs. E. Rotherham -2 to -3.

PARKSTONE

P. Thompson $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$.
Canon Creed Meredith $\frac{1}{2}$ to 0.
Lady Ursula Abbey 4 to $3\frac{1}{2}$.
A. F. Rash 11 to 10.
Mrs. G. Fitter 12 to 11.
Mrs. A. V. Wilson 13 to 12 (D 11).
Major F. Hill-Bernhard 7 to 5.

ROEHAMPTON CLUB

Mrs. Phillips 6 to 7.
Miss E. Fisher $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$.
A. J. Oldham 8 to $6\frac{1}{2}$.

ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

AUGUST 11th—13th

Although there were 15 competitors as last year, the clubs represented were somewhat different. This year there were no entries from Sidmouth and Nottingham but these omissions were cancelled out by representation from Hunstanton and Bristol. Hurlingham and Roehampton as usual supplied two competitors by virtue of their original entries being 16 or more.

There were only two minus players, both newly promoted to that status, Joan Warwick having come down after her win in the big handicap at Budleigh, and Brian Lloyd Pratt after his all-round form at Hurlingham. A glance at the entries suggested, however, that they would be hard pressed to progress very far because of the unusual number of middle bisquers, always hard to beat if they know how to use their bisques. In fact, from what was known of the form, we anticipated seeing the names of Blackwood, Hinnell, Karmel and Prichard in the semi-finals. This nearly happened as of the four Karmel only failed to appear, having lost narrowly to Dr. Ormerod in the previous round.

There were no runaway victories in the first round and that of de la Nougerede over Mrs. Longman was particularly exciting to watch in the latter stages. Blackwood and Prichard whose improving form in recent months marked them out as among the favourites, showed their mettle in double figure victories both in this round and the second. Indeed, Prichard allowed Lloyd Pratt no respite when beating him by 26 to enter the semi-final. In passing, we noted that all five lady competitors succumbed in the first round.

Hinnell went out to Blackwood in the semi-final very narrowly. Here is a player who would benefit by more experience of wider competitive croquet and we would hope to see more of him. His play did much to win the Longman Club Cup for Colchester. In the other semi-final there was never any doubt on Prichard's win over Ormerod, the $4\frac{1}{2}$ bisques conceded by the latter being too great a burden.

In the final we felt that Blackwood's longer experience would prove the turning point, and although Prichard received two bisques these proved to be inadequate. The game was interesting to watch, and the margin was only 8 points. And so Southwick retain the trophy which they held as a result of Hitchcock's win last year, the first time since the war at any rate that a club has had two consecutive wins.

ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP SINGLES.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

V. de la Nougerede (Parkstone) ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt Mrs. W. Longman (Hurlingham) ($\frac{1}{2}$) by 3.
R. J. Hinnell (Colchester) (8) bt Dr. R. B. Sandiford (Edgbaston) (3 $\frac{1}{2}$) by 7.
N. F. Blackwood (Brighton) ($5\frac{1}{2}$) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (Ryde) (5) by 12.
J. B. Gilbert (Roehampton) ($1\frac{1}{2}$) bt R. Whitham (Woking) (8) by 12.
A. D. Karmel (Hurlingham) (3) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (Chelmsford) (10) by 13.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (Bristol) (3) bt Miss J. Warwick (Budleigh) ($\frac{1}{2}$) by 7.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (Cheltenham) ($7\frac{1}{2}$) bt Miss E. F. Rose (Roehampton) ($4\frac{1}{2}$) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

R. J. Hinnell (8) bt V. de la Nougerede ($\frac{1}{2}$) by 8.
N. F. Blackwood ($5\frac{1}{2}$) bt J. B. Gilbert ($1\frac{1}{2}$) by 13.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt A. D. Karmel (3) by 8.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard ($7\frac{1}{2}$) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (Hunstanton) ($\frac{1}{2}$) by 26.

SEMI-FINAL.

N. F. Blackwood ($5\frac{1}{2}$) bt R. J. Hinnell (8) by 3.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard ($7\frac{1}{2}$) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) by 18.

FINAL.

N. F. Blackwood ($5\frac{1}{2}$) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard ($7\frac{1}{2}$) by 8.

Nine

HURLINGHAM

AUGUST 3rd—11th

Fine weather blessed this popular holiday tournament through most of its eight days and so contributed to the enjoyment of competitors. The lawns would doubtless have been very tricky but for the liberal watering which Tom Grey had been giving for some weeks—save only that Lawn 6, particularly in the fourth corner, tested competitors to the full in delicacy of touch. We saw Mrs. Enid Haigh Smith and that promising newcomer General Wilson Haffenden labouring hard for some hours before the latter garnered the spoils. By contrast its neighbour Lawn 5 was playing very easily. The entry, although a little less than in 1958, tested Della fully: the condition that the Handicap Singles was to finish by the Saturday added to his problems and it is thought that this experiment has served little purpose and could well be reviewed by the Hurlingham Croquet sub-committee. The thanks of all competitors go to Della in managing his second Hurlingham tournament with unruffled competence.

The Hurlingham Cup

The vagaries of the Draw accounted for the heavy guns being in the top half of the draw. Cotter, Solomon and Wiggins, to say nothing of Lloyd Pratt who showed his quality throughout the tournament, were a powerful phalanx out of the eight players in this section. Cotter met Solomon on Friday morning and the first game was one of their specials. Cotter went to 4-back in the first fifteen minutes and Solomon then hit the lift, triple-peeled and pegged out his opponent leaving his two balls in the second and fourth corners. Cotter then did a very good split shot from the fourth corner but landing a little short of the second corner, just missed his roquet. A little later Solomon picked up a three-ball break and went out. The second game, which Solomon also won, contained more errors on both sides than one expected. Lloyd Pratt's win over Wiggins was a notable one. Had Wiggins' shooting not deserted him in the third game the issue would, in all probability, have been reversed.

Solomon duly won the event although dropping one game to Mrs. Rotherham in the final, the first level game he had lost this year, we believe.

The Turner Cup

Gerald Williams, one of the back markers, was a worthy winner of this event, one of the few opens where "one" bisquers can meet each other without the giants. Winston Cheavin played well in his three games and only just failed in his semi-final against Williams in a game where two balls were pegged out. Karmel, who lost to Williams in the final, found 3-back rather an obstacle.

The Younger Cup

The promising Curtis, who is certainly the tallest and possibly the heaviest player in contemporary croquet, was fancied to win this event and so it proved. He ran out a comfortable winner in most of his games. The younger Penny, Christopher, who might have contested the final with Curtis, succumbed rather surprisingly to Miss Forbes Cowan.

The Longworth Cup

General Wilson-Haffenden, whose first tournament this was, and who is better known for his sterling work with the Boys' Brigade, ran out a comfortable winner against L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts after a very narrow victory against Mrs. Haigh Smith in an earlier round. Having also beaten Miss Duthie and Mrs. Davidson the General can feel well satisfied.

The Handicap Singles

This event, which now carries the handsome Pinckney Simpson Cup had a worthy winner in Mrs. Haigh Smith, the first lady winner for twenty years. It is surprising that she should have still been playing off 8. We remember her winning the Gilbey Cup three years ago among other triumphs, and the handicappers seem to have treated her rather tenderly in the past. She came from behind very strongly in the final against Curtis at a stage when the latter was probably thinking the issue was his. A useful neophyte, R. F. O. Kemp who entered under the mentorship of Brack, played as if ten yard roquets were unmissable until he met Curtis in the semi-final when some of his accuracy deserted him. Last year's winner, Camroux, seemed nicely placed on 9 but had a bad game against Guy Warwick who did well to reach the semi-final.

Mixed Open Doubles

The play in this event was generally sadly below the standard we are led to expect. The only game which stays in our memory was that in which Ian Baillieu and Mrs. Enid Haigh Smith nearly overtopped Wiggins and Mrs. Rotherham. Cotter and Miss Lintern as often before came through to win the event, though not without some alarms.

The Candlesticks

This event seems to involve more and more prolonged games and whatever enjoyment is had by the players is seldom communicated to the onlookers. The holders, Miss Warwick and Mrs. Haigh Smith, were closely despatched by Miss Lintern and Mrs. Thom in a timed game. The ultimate winners, Mrs. Rotherham and Mrs. Elvey, excelled in tactics and execution and did well to prevail with a combined handicap of minus 2.

Men's Handicap Doubles

Guy Warwick chose well in asking Jack Rivington to partner him, and they always looked the winners. The pair who looked most likely to challenge them, Cotter and Karmel, drew them in the first round and found Rivington in particularly strong form.

OPEN SINGLES.

HURLINGHAM CUP.

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. P. Duffield +6 +20.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt W. Longman +20 +24.
J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. W. Longman +26 +25.
E. P. C. Cotter bt R. Tingey +9 +23.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Miss D. A. Lintern +16 +46.
J. G. Warwick bt M. B. Reckitt +5 -9 +2.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt D. E. Buckland +18 +16.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt S. S. Townsend +16 +13.

SECOND ROUND.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +1 -24 +25.
J. W. Solomon bt E. P. C. Cotter +12 +17.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt J. G. Warwick -13 +15 opponent retired.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss E. J. Warwick +16 -2 +12.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt B. Lloyd Pratt +15 +25.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +16 -2 +12.

FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. E. Rotherham -3 +26 +3.

TURNER CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(1 bisque and over).
(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. E. Saalfeld bt H. J. Penny by 2 on time.
E. A. Roper bt K. B. Millar by 14.
A. D. Karmel bt Mrs. P. E. Heley by 19.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury w.o. M. Spencer Ell opponent scratched.
I. C. Baillieu w.o. G. E. W. Hitchcock opponent retired.
I. W. Cheavin bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 9.
G. Williams bt Major J. H. Dibley by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

A. E. Saalfeld bt E. A. Roper by 11.
A. D. Karmel bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 21.
I. W. Cheavin bt I. C. Baillieu by 3.
G. Williams bt G. Victor Evans by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. D. Karmel bt A. E. Saalfeld by 8.
G. Williams bt I. W. Cheavin by 4.

FINAL.

G. Williams bt A. D. Karmel by 9.

LEVEL SINGLES.

YOUNGER CUP.

(4 bisques and over).
(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

C. H. R. Penny bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 5.
Mrs. M. L. Thom w.o. Mrs. R. Tingey opponent scratched.
F. Hill Bernhard bt J. M. Rivington by 14.
D. W. Curtis bt K. E. Shelley by 21.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss G. Forbes Cowan w.o. Mrs. H. J. Collins opponent scratched.
C. H. R. Penny bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 7.
D. W. Curtis bt F. Hill Bernhard by 5.
Miss E. Fisher bt Mrs. S. M. Adler by 21.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss G. Forbes Cowan bt C. H. R. Penny by 3.
D. W. Curtis bt Miss E. Fisher by 16.

FINAL.

D. W. Curtis bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan by 19.

LEVEL SINGLES.

LONGWORTH CUP.

(8 bisques and over).
(Starting at 3rd hoop).
(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. Carrington bt A. V. Camroux by 11.
Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden bt Miss B. Duthie by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. Jones Bateman bt Mrs. C. M. Turner by 7.
L. E. W. Stokes Roberts bt Mrs. M. Carrington by 4.
Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 2.
Mrs. B. Davidson bt Brig. C. C. Russell by 22.

SEMI-FINAL.

L. E. W. Stokes Roberts bt Miss D. Jones Bateman by 15.
Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden bt Mrs. B. Davidson by 12.

FINAL.

Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden bt L. E. W. Stokes Roberts by 14.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(50 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

R. F. O. Kemp (9) bt R. Tingey (-1) by 26.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (11) w.o. N. H. Oliver (2½) opponent scratched.
D. W. Curtis (6) bt J. W. Solomon (-3) by 12.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (7) bt J. M. Rivington (6) by 13.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt A. D. Karmel (3½) by 17.
E. P. Duffield (1) bt A. E. Saalfeld (1) by 7.
D. E. Buckland (3) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (12) by 15.
B. Lloyd Pratt (1) w.o. M. Spencer Ell (1) opponent scratched.
C. H. R. Penny (5) bt Mrs. B. Davidson (10) by 9.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Brig. C. C. Russell (14) by 18.
J. G. Warwick (½) bt W. Longman (-1) by 11.
A. V. Camroux (9) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 12.
Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (10) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (3) by 18.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-2) bt Miss B. Duthie (8) by 11.
E. A. Roper (3) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (8½) by 20.
I. C. Baillieu (3) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 14.
H. J. Penny (3½) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) by 3.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (2½) by 25.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt M. B. Reckitt (-1½) by 7.
Mrs. W. Longman (½) bt S. S. Townsend (1½) by 2.
Mrs. S. M. Adler (5½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (-½) by 9.
R. F. O. Kemp (9) bt Miss E. Fisher (5) by 26.
D. W. Curtis (6) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (11) by 12.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (7) by 5.
D. E. Buckland (3) bt E. P. Duffield (1) by 8.
B. Lloyd Pratt (1) bt C. H. R. Penny (5) by 14.
J. G. Warwick (½) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 2.
A. V. Camroux (9) bt Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (10) by 5.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-2) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 15.
I. C. Baillieu (3) bt H. J. Penny (3½) by 10.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt G. Victor Evans (1½) by 12.
G. Williams (1½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 14.
Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt K. E. Shelley (7) by 17.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 11.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt Mrs. W. Longman (½) by 8.
R. F. O. Kemp (9) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (5½) by 18.
D. W. Curtis (6) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) by 24.
B. Lloyd Pratt (1) bt D. E. Buckland (3) by 7.
J. G. Warwick (½) bt A. V. Camroux (9) by 8.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-2) bt I. C. Baillieu (3) by 16.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt G. Williams (1½) by 9.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 7.

FOURTH ROUND.

R. F. O. Kemp (9) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 26.
D. W. Curtis (6) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (1) by 14.
J. G. Warwick (½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-2) by 14.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. W. Curtis (6) bt R. F. O. Kemp (9) by 9.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt J. G. Warwick (½) by 21.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt D. W. Curtis (6) by 4.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Starting at the third hoop).
(14 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

E. P. Duffield and A. E. Saalfeld (2) bt R. Tingey and Capt. K. B. Millar (2½) by 9.
J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (6½) bt E. P. C. Cotter and A. D. Karmel (½) by 16.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and R. F. O. Kemp (10½) bt G. Williams and Major J. H. Dibley (4) by 15.
A. V. Camroux and D. W. Curtis (15) bt D. E. Buckland and Gen. Wilson-Haffenden (13) by 4 on time.
M. B. Reckitt and G. V. Evans (0) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (13) by 13.
H. J. Penny and C. H. R. Penny (8½) bt W. Longman and E. A. Roper (2) by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

E. P. Duffield and A. E. Saalfeld (2) bt I. C. Baillieu and Brig. C. C. Russell (17) by 12.
J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (6½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and R. F. O. Kemp (10½) by 10.
M. B. Reckitt and G. V. Evans (0) bt A. V. Camroux and D. W. Curtis (15) by 7.
B. Lloyd Pratt and Major F. Hill Bernhard (8½) bt H. J. Penny and C. H. R. Penny (8½) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (6½) bt E. P. Duffield and A. E. Saalfeld (2) by 17.
B. Lloyd Pratt and Major F. Hill Bernhard (8½) bt M. B. Reckitt and G. V. Evans (0) by 13.

FINAL.

J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (6½) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Major F. Hill Bernhard (8½) by 9.

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES.

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. W. Longman by 9.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. N. Oddie by 25.

SECOND ROUND.

R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey bt D. E. Buckland and Mrs. M. L. Thom by 10.
B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 9.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 5.
E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. P. E. Heley by 6.
E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 7.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey by 12.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES.
LADIES' FIELD CANDLESTICKS.
(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Mrs. M. Carrington and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (20½) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7½) by 4 on time.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan and Miss D. Jones Bateman (16) by 7.
Mrs. R. Tingey and Miss E. Fisher (9½) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley and Mrs. H. J. Collins (10) by 5 on time.
Mrs. W. Longman and Miss B. Duthie (8½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) by 10.
Mrs. W. Longman and Miss B. Duthie (8½) bt Mrs. R. Tingey and Miss E. Fisher (9½) by 17.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Miss B. Duthie (8½) by 11.

THE CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS
AUGUST 12th—22nd

This once favoured meeting surely deserves a better attendance again and at least much more staunch support from regular local players.

For great is the enjoyment to be derived from a tournament under Miss Lintern's leadership amid all the attraction of the Roehampton setting.

True, in the eyes of many, the lush lawns of the club have become synonymous with "heaviness" for several seasons past, and so do not entice the more expert exponent—nor, alas, those who find lawn heaviness a fatal bar to confidence and touch. True, too, the time is overdue for the programme itself to be reconstructed at least in regard to Challenge Cup revision in order to avoid the existing anomaly and absurdity whereby this is played in as many as five divisions.

The C.A. Council Cup, for example, for those handicapped from the narrow range of 2 to 4 bisques, drew exactly four followers and was won by Brig.-Gen. A. E. Stokes-Roberts almost on the opening day. A few seasons ago (1953), this same Event attracted an entry of 17 players. Prior to 1954 matches were always best of three games in the premier division of the Challenge Cup, but now, for the sixth successive occasion, the Two Lives system has been introduced with all its complications.

It was good to see that cultured player Mr. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller so well to the fore; without reproducing his finest form by any means, he yet easily overcame all opposition in both Draw and Process, and deservedly took first place.

In the third division of the Challenge Cups that most promising performer Mr. D. W. Curtis, of Dulwich, proved too strong even for Mrs. S. M. Adler, and was a worthy winner.

Clearly, with more knowledge and greater experience, Mr. Curtis is of a calibre certain to grace the very front ranks, an event already foreshadowed. His enviable equanimity will help him on his way. Mrs. M. H. Carrington came through division four without undue exertions, and Mr. C. L. Robertson who, with his wife, a welcome visitor from Chelmsford, consolidated his rising reputation by emerging victorious in division five.

In the Gilbey Cup, Mr. B. Lloyd Pratt, Miss Eileen Fisher, Mrs. Carrington and Mrs. R. J. Pickett, duly won their respective sections and so qualified for the play-off ties. These matches were close and exciting. The winner of Block "D", the aforesaid Mrs. Pickett, very nearly got home against Mrs. Carrington, and the same may be said of the other Block final in which Miss Fisher's struggle against Mr. Lloyd Pratt was considerably closer than might be suggested by reference to score sheets. Miss Fisher may be said to have lost through lack of strategic insight and imagination, coupled with her unaccountable refusal to observe the tactic of the pegged-out game; but not before giving Mr. Lloyd Pratt a fright and obliging him to fight uphill and very valiantly for the honour of representing his Block in the final.

The final of the Gilbey Cup, however, did not happen to see Mr. Lloyd Pratt running true to form or playing with his usual concentration and verve. Mrs. Carrington appeared tired and quite unable to take advantage of the (limited) chances offered, and moreover was unnecessarily injudicious and unthinking as to the right use of bisques. Much more deliberation is required in a classic final against a crack opponent.

As to the Gilbey winner, it is a truism, of course, to remark that he has improved out of all recognition; playing most of the week above his new (minus) handicap, it was not easy to envisage Mr. Lloyd Pratt as the same player, who only two seasons ago in the Gilbey Cup bore a handicap of 4 bisques and was graded in Class "C".

Ten pairs were entered for the Handicap Doubles, always a distinguishing feature at this meeting. No game indeed could have been more even and exciting than the doubles final, the vicissitudes towards the climax being varied beyond description, but resulting in a rewarding victory for the felicitous partnership of Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson and Mrs. R. Tingey. This match was a lengthy proceeding, distracted but not delayed by ear-splitting outbursts of violent thunder, albeit without a single drop of rain.

Eighteen entries made for a sizeable "Extra", in which event Mr. R. J. Pickett, a Roehampton member, offered some effective opposition only succumbing at the last to Mr. M. Spencer Ell, who had been playing altogether with extraordinary accuracy, particularly as to hoop-approaching, throughout the entire tournament.

The usual Golf Croquet trophies were played for and provided diversion to those taking part.

Great gratitude was felt, and expressed, towards Miss Lintern as the most tactful and selfless of Managers, Mrs. I. H. Turketine and Mr. J. B. Gilbert, when available, being ready to assist or take over of an evening. Consistently and characteristically indulgent was the August weather to those who favour a series of tropical days undisturbed by a fall in the thermometer.

CHALLENGE CUPS.

DIVISION I.

THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP.

("Two Lives").

THE DRAW.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

M. Spencer Ell bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 17.
E. P. Duffield bt G. V. Evans by 4.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt Major R. Tingey by 4.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. Spencer Ell bt E. P. Duffield by 10.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 26.

FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt M. Spencer Ell by 15.

PROCESS.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt G. V. Evans by 21.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 4.
Major R. Tingey bt E. P. Duffield by 16.
M. Spencer Ell bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 20.
Major R. Tingey bt M. Spencer Ell by 17.

FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Major R. Tingey by 14.

DIVISION II.

THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP.

(2 to 4 bisques).

(4 Entries).

SEMI-FINAL.

Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 19.
G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 5.

FINAL.

Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts bt G. E. W. Hitchcock by 9.

DIVISION III.
THE LUARD CHALLENGE CUP.

(4½ to 6½ bisques).
(5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. Tingey bt Mrs. J. Pavia by 12.
Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. W. Curtis bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 19.
Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Miss E. H. Fisher by 8.

FINAL.

D. W. Curtis bt Mrs. S. M. Adler by 3.

DIVISION IV.
THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP.

(7 to 9½ bisques).
(4 Entries).

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson by 8.
Mrs. E. Bristow w.o. opponent withdrawn.

FINAL.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington bt Mrs. E. Bristow by 8.

DIVISION V.
THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP.

(10 bisques and over).
(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

F. H. Curtis bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson by 10.
C. L. Robertson bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson by 9.
Miss G. W. Bartlett bt Mrs. M. Francis by 15.
Mrs. D. M. Staub bt Mrs. G. Fitter by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

C. L. Robertson bt F. H. Curtis by 8.
Miss G. W. Bartlett bt Mrs. D. M. Staub by 7.

FINAL.

C. L. Robertson bt Miss G. W. Bartlett by 4.

THE GILBEY CUPS.

BLOCK "A".

(—1 to 1½ bisques).
(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. P. Duffield (1) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) by 10.
B. Lloyd Pratt (—½) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 16.
M. Spencer Ell (1) bt Major R. Tingey (—½) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt (—½) bt E. P. Duffield (1) by 16.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1) bt M. Spencer Ell (1) by 8.

FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt (—½) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1) by 8.

BLOCK "B".

(2 to 5½ bisques).
(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

D. W. Curtis (4½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 24.
Mrs. S. M. Adler (5½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (3) by 9.
Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) bt Dr. N. Oliver (2½) by 21.
Miss E. H. Fisher (5) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. W. Curtis (4½) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (5½) by 8.
Miss E. H. Fisher (5) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 21.

FINAL.

Miss E. H. Fisher (5) bt D. W. Curtis (4½) by 2.

BLOCK "C".

(6 to 10 bisques).
(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (10) by 3.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) w.o. opponent retired.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) by 13.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) by 1.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) by 18.

FINAL.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 9.

BLOCK "D".

(11 to 14 bisques).
(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12) bt W. A. Fitzgerald (14) by 6 on time.
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) bt Mrs. M. Francis (11) by 13.
C. L. Robertson (11) bt F. H. Curtis (14) by 3.
R. J. Pickett (12) w.o. opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) by 7.
C. L. Robertson (11) bt R. J. Pickett (12) by 4.

FINAL.

Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12) bt C. L. Robertson (11) by 6.

PLAY-OFF.

SEMI-FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt (—½) bt Miss E. Fisher (5) by 11.
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12) by 9.

FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt (—½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) by 16.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined handicap of 4 or over).
(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond (17½) bt E. P. Duffield and F. H. Curtis (13) by 13.
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. C. L. Robertson (9½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Mrs. C. L. Robertson (14½) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (14½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and W. A. Fitzgerald (13½) by 7.
Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and Mrs. M. Carrington (10½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond (17½) by 8.
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. C. L. Robertson (9½) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and Miss D. A. Lintern (7) by 4.
D. W. Curtis and Miss E. Fisher (9½) bt G. V. Evans and Miss M. Carlyon (4½) by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (14½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and Mrs. M. Carrington (10½) by 11.
D. W. Curtis and Miss E. Fisher (9½) bt Major R. Tingey and Mrs. C. L. Robertson (9½) by 5.

FINAL.

Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (14½) bt D. W. Curtis and Miss E. Fisher (9½) by 3.

EXTRA EVENT.
HANDICAP SINGLES.

(1- and 3-back).
(2½ hour time limit).
(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

M. Spencer Ell (1) bt C. L. Robertson (11) by 6.
Miss M. S. Carlyon (3) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (16) by 11.
Miss Bartlett (13) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) by 4.
Major R. Tingey (—½) bt F. H. Curtis (14) by 12.
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) w.o. opponent retired.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) bt E. P. Duffield (1) by 7.
Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 1 on time.
R. J. Pickett (12) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

M. Spencer Ell (1) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (3) by 9.
Major R. Tingey (—½) bt Miss Bartlett (13) by 14.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) by 3 on time.
R. J. Pickett (12) w.o. opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. Spencer Ell (1) bt Major R. Tingey (—½) by 14.
R. J. Pickett (12) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) by 11.

FINAL.

M. Spencer Ell (1) bt R. J. Pickett (12) by 4.

GOLF CROQUET.
THE ASCOT CHALLENGE CUP.

(0 to 1 bisques).
(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major R. Tingey (0) bt Mrs. Phillips (1) by 4 and 2.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (0) by 4 and 2.
B. Lloyd Pratt (0) bt Miss E. Fisher (1) by 6 and 4.
Mrs. S. M. Adler (1) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) by 3 and 1.
D. W. Curtis (1) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) by 7 and 5.

SECOND ROUND.

Major R. Tingey (0) bt Col. C. C. Adams (0) by 2 up.
B. Lloyd Pratt (0) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) by 6 and 4.
D. W. Curtis (1) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (1) by 1 up.
M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Miss D. Jennings (1) by 6 and 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt (0) bt Major R. Tingey (0) by 1 up.
D. W. Curtis (1) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 6 and 4.

FINAL.

D. W. Curtis (1) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (0) by 1 up.

BLOCK "B".

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. Hawes (3) by 3 and 2.
Mrs. D. M. Staub (2) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (3) by 2 up.
Mrs. L. Frenken (3) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (2) by 3 and 1.
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (2) bt Mrs. Kozhevar (3) by 1 up.
S. M. Adler (2) bt W. A. Fitzgerald (3) by 1 up.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) by 1 up.
Mrs. M. Francis (3) w.o. opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. M. Staub (2) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (2) by 6 and 4.
Mrs. L. Frenken (3) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (2) by 3 and 2.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt S. M. Adler (2) by 1 up.
F. H. Curtis (2) bt Mrs. M. Francis (3) by 4 and 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. D. M. Staub (2) bt Mrs. L. Frenken (3) by 2 and 1.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt F. H. Curtis (2) by 4 and 3.

FINAL.

Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (2) by 3 and 2.

PLAY-OFF.

D. W. Curtis (1) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) by 1 up.

DELVES BROUGHTON CHALLENGE CUP.
HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(14 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. Fisher and Mrs. M. Carrington (3) bt Col. C. C. Adams and A. E. Whitcomb (2) by 3 and 1.
Mrs. Frenken and Mrs. Kozhevar (6) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Miss D. Jennings (1) by 2 up.
D. W. Curtis and F. H. Curtis (3) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and W. A. Fitzgerald (3) by 5 and 3.
Major R. Tingey and Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. E. Bristow (3) by 5 and 4.
Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Curtis (5) w.o. opponents scratched.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson and Miss D. A. Lintern (2) bt Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. D. M. Staub (3) by 1 up.

SECOND ROUND.

S. M. Adler and Mrs. S. M. Adler (3) bt Miss E. Fisher and Mrs. M. Carrington (3) by 2 up.
D. W. Curtis and F. H. Curtis (3) bt Mrs. Frenken and Mrs. Kozhevar (6) by 2 up.
Major R. Tingey and Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. Francis and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (5) by 5 and 3.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson and Miss D. A. Lintern (2) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and Dr. H. J. Penny (1) by 3 and 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. W. Curtis and F. H. Curtis (3) bt S. M. Adler and Mrs. S. M. Adler (3) by 3 and 1.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson and Miss D. A. Lintern (2) bt Major R. Tingey and Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) by 1.

FINAL.

Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson and Miss D. A. Lintern (2) bt D. W. Curtis and F. H. Curtis (3) by 6 and 4.

BRIGHTON

August 24th—29th

The Brighton tournament was, as usual, most successful. Miss Daldy carried out the secretarial duties with great efficiency but it was disappointing not to see her competing. Mr. Roper managed a difficult programme with assurance, tact and consideration. The catering was excellent and a great debt of gratitude is due to Mrs. Roper for the organisation of lunches and teas, and to Mesdames Cobden-Sanderson, Millar and Stone for their untiring efforts in the canteen and to Mrs. Truett for her capable handling of the bar.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Maurice Reckitt on his Jubilee—for having attended the Brighton tournament without a break from 1909.

The ten courts were a tribute to Adams, and the hoops were really well set. As the week progressed the courts became difficult—only one triple peel was done—by E. P. C. Cotter.

Blackwood, fresh from his All-England Handicap victory was consistently good and Prichard showed excellent form in winning the Handicap Singles.

THE GOLD CUP.

DRAW.
(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt Major G. F. Stone by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 6.
Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 6.
E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt by 22.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 6.
L. Kirk Greene w.o. Miss D. D. Steel retired.
W. Longman bt Capt. K. V. Millar by 9.
H. O. Hicks bt Rev. R. Creed Meredith by 15.
Mrs. W. Longman bt R. H. Newton by 14.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 18.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 23.
L. Kirk Greene bt W. Longman by 13.
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. W. Longman by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 19.
H. O. Hicks bt L. Kirk Greene by 7.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt H. O. Hicks by 7.

PROCESS.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt R. H. Newton by 18.

SECOND ROUND.

Rev. R. Creed Meredith bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 14.
L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 22.
E. P. C. Cotter bt W. Longman by 13.
Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 12.
Mrs. W. Longman bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 22.
Col. F. E. Stobart bt Capt. K. V. Millar by 19.
H. O. Hicks bt M. B. Reckitt by 11.
Miss D. D. Steel w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury scratched.

THIRD ROUND.

L. Kirk Greene bt Rev. R. Creed Meredith by 25.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Major G. F. Stone by 14.
Mrs. W. Longman bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 20.
H. O. Hicks bt Miss D. D. Steel by 21.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt L. Kirk Greene by 2.
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. W. Longman by 5.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt E. P. C. Cotter by 4.

PLAY-OFF.

H. O. Hicks bt E. P. C. Cotter by 14.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

THE FRANC CUP.

(Law 44 suspended).
(4 to 7 bisques).
(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. N. Wallwork bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

H. A. Green bt G. F. Paxon by 25.
Col. F. G. W. Baldwin bt W. H. P. Roe by 17.
Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. A. L. Megson by 6.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 23.
Miss H. D. Parker bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone by 19.
T. A. Chignell bt A. L. Megson by 12.
N. F. Blackwood bt W. E. Moore by 16.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan bt E. C. Bantock by 15.

THIRD ROUND.

H. A. Green bt Col. F. G. W. Baldwin by 3 on time.
Mrs. N. Wallwork bt Miss K. Ault by 7.
Miss H. D. Parker bt T. A. Chignell by 1.
N. F. Blackwood bt Miss Forbes Cowan by 1 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. N. Wallwork bt H. A. Green by 9.
N. F. Blackwood bt Miss H. D. Parker by 20.

FINAL.

N. F. Blackwood bt Mrs. N. Wallwork by 16.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

MONTEITH BOWL.
(7½ bisques and over).
(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. C. Mogridge (10½) bt Miss E. Bennett (11) by 17.
Dr. C. A. Boucher (10) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) retired.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt Miss M. Morgan (9) by 1.
Dr. C. A. Boucher (10) bt E. C. Mogridge (10½) by 7 on time.
Mrs. W. H. P. Roe (10) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 5.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt M. B. Vlasto (10) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. W. H. P. Roe (10) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 14 on time.
Dr. C. A. Boucher (10) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 20.

FINAL.

Dr. C. A. Boucher (10) bt Mrs. W. H. P. Roe (10) by 4 on time.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
MAURICE RECKITT BOWL.
(42 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss H. D. Parker (5½) w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (2½) opponent retired.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Miss L. Tallemach (7) by 16.
Mrs. N. Oddie (—½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 14.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5) bt M. B. Vlasto (10) by 15.
Mrs. W. Longman (½) bt Miss M. Morgan (9) by 10.
N. F. Blackwood (4) bt E. P. C. Cotter (—3) by 26.
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt W. H. P. Roe (6½) by 14.
H. A. Green (5½) bt Miss E. Bennett (11) by 2.
Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 12.
Miss E. Johnston (6) bt E. C. Bantock (5) by 21.

SECOND ROUND.

Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (4½) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 18.
W. E. Moore (6) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 21.
M. B. Reckitt (—½) bt Capt. K. V. Millar (3) by 14.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3½) w.o. G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) opponent scratched.
Miss K. Ault (5) bt W. Longman (—1) by 19.
L. Kirk Greene (—1) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 4.
Mrs. N. Oddie (—½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 7.
Mrs. W. Longman (½) bt Mrs. Farnsworth (5) by 3.
N. F. Blackwood (4) bt Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) by 8.
H. A. Green (5½) w.o. Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) opponent retired.
Miss E. Johnston (6) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 12.
Rev. R. Creed Meredith (½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 14.
Col. D. M. C. Prichard (6½) bt T. A. Chignell (4½) by 17.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt Mrs. N. Wallwork (4½) by 4.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 20.
Dr. C. A. Boucher (10) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (7) by 20.

THIRD ROUND.

W. E. Moore (6) bt Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (4½) by 17.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—½) by 9.
Miss K. Ault (5) bt L. Kirk Greene (—1) by 5.
Mrs. W. Longman (½) w.o. Mrs. N. Oddie (—½) opponent scratched.
H. A. Green (5½) bt N. F. Blackwood (4) by 11.
Rev. R. Creed Meredith (½) bt Miss E. Johnston (6) by 18.
Col. D. M. C. Prichard (6½) bt Miss Forbes Cowan (6) by 12.
Dr. C. A. Boucher (10) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) by 20.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3½) bt W. E. Moore (6) by 9.
Miss K. Ault (5) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (½) opponent scratched.
H. A. Green (5½) bt Rev. R. Creed Meredith (½) by 21.
Col. D. M. C. Prichard (6½) bt Dr. C. A. Boucher (10) by 1 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3½) bt Miss K. Ault (5) by 3.
Col. D. M. C. Prichard (6½) bt H. A. Green (6) by 8.

FINAL.

Col. D. M. C. Prichard (6½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3½) by 22.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Starting at No. 3 Hoop).

(Unrestricted).

(18 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Major Stone and Mrs. Roper (4½) bt Mrs. Farnsworth and Miss Bennett (16) by 5.
Mrs. Oddie and Miss Forbes Cowan (5½) bt Miss Parker and Miss Johnston (11½) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

Capt. Millar and Mrs. Daniels (6½) bt Col. Stobart and N. F. Blackwood (6½) by 3.
 R. H. Newton and Mrs. Wooster (11) bt G. F. Paxon and M. Vlasto (17) by 7 on time.
 M. B. Reckitt and R. Driscoll (10½) bt H. O. Hicks and Miss Elphinstone Stone (4) by 9.
 Mrs. Longman and Mrs. Wallwork (5) bt Major Stone and Mrs. Roper (4½) by 9.
 Mrs. Oddie and Miss Forbes Cowan (5½) bt Dr. Penny and Miss Hickson (12½) by 8.
 H. A. Green and W. E. Moore (11½) bt W. Longman and Rev. Creed Meredith (—) by 3.
 Dr. Boucher and Mrs. Chittenden (13) bt E. P. C. Cotter and E. A. Roper (0) by 9.
 L. Kirk Greene and Miss Ault (4) bt Col. Prichard and E. C. Bantock (11½) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.

Capt. Millar and Mrs. Daniels (6½) bt R. H. Newton and Mrs. Wooster (11) by 1.
 Mrs. Longman and Mrs. Wallwork (5) bt M. B. Reckitt and R. Driscoll (10½) by 9.
 Mrs. Oddie and Miss Forbes Cowan (5½) bt H. A. Green and W. E. Moore (11½) by 4.
 L. Kirk Greene and Miss Ault (4) bt Dr. Boucher and Mrs. Chittenden (13) by 3 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

Capt. Millar and Mrs. Daniels (6½) bt Mrs. Longman and Mrs. Wallwork (5) by 13.
 L. Kirk Greene and Miss Ault (4) bt Mrs. Oddie and Miss Forbes Cowan (5½) by 3 on time.

FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene and Miss Ault (4) bt Capt. Millar and Mrs. Daniels (6½) by 4.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
 (Shortened Games 1 and 3-back).
 (2½ hours time limit).
 (21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. Longman (—) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 9 on time.
 Col. D. M. C. Prichard (6½) bt E. C. Mogridge (10½) by 11.
 Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) bt Mrs. H. Chittenden (3) by 4.
 Capt. K. D. Millar (3) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—) by 16.
 Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (2½) bt Miss E. Johnston (6) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss Hickson (10) bt Mrs. Wooster (8) by 13.
 Miss Parker (5½) bt Mrs. Turner (9) by 2.
 Miss Bennett (11) bt M. Vlasto (10) by 10.
 Col. D. M. C. Prichard (6½) bt W. Longman (—) by 9.
 Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) bt Capt. K. V. Millar (3) by 13.
 Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (2½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 7.
 E. C. Bantock (5) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 7.
 W. H. P. Roe (6½) w.o. Mrs. Farnsworth (5) opponent retired.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss Parker (5½) bt Miss Hickson (10) by 11.
 Col. D. M. C. Prichard (6½) bt Miss Bennett (11) by 12.
 Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (2½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 3.
 W. H. P. Roe (6½) bt E. C. Bantock (5) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

Col. D. M. C. Prichard (6½) w.o. Miss H. Parker (5½) opponent scratched.
 W. H. P. Roe (6½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (2½) by 6 on time.

FINAL.

Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. H. P. Roe divided.

BRIGHTON

(unofficial)

August 31st—September 5th

Perfect weather. The observation has become a commonplace this summer; nevertheless, it must be recorded, with thanks and relief, lest the powers that be imagine we have taken it all for granted. We have not forgotten the quagmire that was, last year, the present, bone-dry car-park. And if the lawns, in marvellous condition, as ever, have caused the balls to skim and whizz at times, the excuses they might provide for inaccurate play were preferable to the lament, "my ball got stuck in a puddle".

The excellence of the courts made possible several all-round breaks during the week. In the Opens, Mr. Kirk-Green carried nearly all before him. Not quite all, because Mr. D. W. Curtis, employing bold tactics successfully, earned a "play-off" for a notable win in the Draw.

In the singles, Mr. Curtis was the outstanding visitor. In the other final events, it was our hosts who gained the spoils. Mr. Moore and Mr. Green, especially, demonstrated their rapidly developing accomplishments. Miss Morgan, too, was an opponent to be feared.

Miss Mills, partnering Mrs. Wallwork, represented the visitors in the final of the Doubles. Two steady and thoughtful players were matched against Mrs. Longman's exceptional patience and skill as a doubles player. Through three rounds, albeit, all won by one point on time, she had guided her partner, Major Driscoll, who had good reason to be pleased with his performance in this, his first season. It was, however, the better balanced team that carried the day, both players having established themselves with good breaks. But they were not to win until Mrs. Longman had put up one of her proverbial rear-guard counter-attacks that took her clip to the peg.

The entries were up on last year: a compliment to our hosts, a tribute to the weather—and a headache for the manager! It was necessary for Major Dibley to place a time limit of three hours on all games, except the "X" Event, to ensure smooth running. Without coming to blows with anyone—as far as is known—Major Dibley successfully steered us through the week, and provided an extra event for the less fortunate performers. In the past, he has been able to count upon the considerable support of Mr. Corke, the Club Secretary. Now that arduous office has passed to Miss Daldy, who, throughout the week, toiled energetically and thoughtfully for us in the back ground.

This year, our creature comforts were provided by Mrs. Roper and a "happy family" of helpers, led by a non-croquet player, Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson. With much consideration and efficiency, they put their time and energies at our disposal. And always, at the end of a long day, there was Mrs. Truett to dispense "good spirits," in both senses, to those who needed reviving. So long as the Club can rely upon such willing supporters as these, so long will we visitors be spared the drab inconvenience of packed lunches and thermos flasks beside the courts.

Roll on next summer—and may 1959 have taught its successor how to behave weather-wise.

OPEN SINGLES.

DRAW.
(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. F. N. Latham bt E. A. Roper by 5.
 W. Longman bt R. H. Newton by 1 on time.
 D. W. Curtis bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 23.
 D. Jesson Dibley bt Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 23.
 L. Kirk Greene bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 21.
 Mrs. N. Oddie bt N. F. Blackwood by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Miss A. Mills by 11.
 D. W. Curtis bt W. Longman by 6 on time.
 L. Kirk Greene bt D. Jesson Dibley by 24.
 Mrs. N. Oddie bt Mrs. W. Longman by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. W. Curtis bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 11.
 L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 11.

FINAL.

D. W. Curtis bt L. Kirk Greene by 12.

PROCESS.
(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

D. W. Curtis bt Mrs. W. Longman by 5.
 L. Kirk Greene bt E. A. Roper by 11.
 D. Jesson Dibley bt Miss A. Mills by 10.
 Mrs. N. Oddie w.o. Col. F. E. W. Baldwin opponent scratched.
 N. F. Blackwood bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 5.
 Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

L. Kirk Greene bt D. W. Curtis by 22.
 D. Jesson Dibley bt R. H. Newton by 2.
 Mrs. N. Oddie bt W. Longman by 6.
 N. F. Blackwood bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 13 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt D. Jesson Dibley by 10.
 Mrs. N. Oddie w.o. N. F. Blackwood opponent scratched.

FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 20.

PLAY-OFF.

L. Kirk Greene bt D. W. Curtis by 26.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(4 bisques and over).

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. C. F. Rand w.o. N. F. Blackwood opponent withdrawn.
 Mrs. N. E. Wallwork bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

H. A. Green bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan by 13.
 Miss H. D. Parker bt Mrs. C. F. Rand by 17.
 W. E. Moore bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork by 13.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt W. P. H. Roe by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker w.o. H. A. Green opponent scratched.
 W. E. Moore bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 19.

FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker bt W. E. Moore by 10.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X."

(53 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt Miss M. Lacey (13) by 3 on time.
 Mrs. G. M. Temple (14) bt A. L. Megson (4½) by 9 on time.
 Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) bt Miss A. Mills (2½) by 13.
 Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) bt D. W. Curtis (4½) by 2 on time.
 Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) by 14.
 Mrs. C. F. Rand (5½) bt Mrs. W. Goodall (14) by 19.
 R. H. Newton (3) bt Mrs. K. Baker (12) by 16.
 Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) bt Miss G. Sparks (9½) by 4 on time.
 Miss E. Bennett (11) bt R. Whitham (8) by 16.
 W. E. Moore (6) bt F. H. Curtis (14) by 5.
 E. A. Roper (3) bt Miss L. Isaac (14) by 2 on time.
 H. A. Green (5) bt Mrs. W. Longman (0) by 11.
 Mrs. R. Whitham (8½) bt Miss D. Toms (14) by 7 on time.
 Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt Miss C. Templeton (10½) by 22.
 Mrs. F. N. Latham (3) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (7) by 2 on time.
 Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (2½) bt Miss M. Morgan (9) by 5.
 Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt W. P. H. Roe (6½) by 21.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (14) by 12.
 Mrs. N. Oddie (—) bt N. F. Blackwood (3½) by 7.
 E. C. Mogridge (10½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 23.
 D. Jesson Dibley (3) w.o. Miss E. Johnston (6) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) bt Miss M. Towers (14) by 17.
 Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4½) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 15.
 Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (4½) bt Major R. Driscoll (12) by 13.
 W. Longman (—) bt Mrs. K. Lowein (15) by 10.
 D. Jesson Dibley (3) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (9½) by 9.
 Mrs. Temple (14) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 10 on time.
 Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 7.
 Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) bt Mrs. C. F. Rand (5½) by 16.
 Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 14.
 W. E. Moore (6) bt Miss E. Bennett (11) by 10.
 H. A. Green (5) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 10.

Mrs. R. Whitham (8½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 4.
 E. C. Mogridge (10½) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (3) by 16.
 Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (2½) by 16.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (—) by 21.
 Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Miss L. Tallemach (7) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.

Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) bt W. Longman (—) by 9.
 D. Jesson Dibley (3) bt Mrs. Temple (14) by 13.
 Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 5.
 W. E. Moore (6) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) by 17.
 H. A. Green (5) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8½) by 17.
 E. C. Mogridge (10½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 14.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 15.
 Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (4½) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4½) by 6.

FOURTH ROUND.

D. Jesson Dibley (3) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) by 16.
 W. E. Moore (6) w.o. Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) opponent scratched.
 H. A. Green (5) bt E. C. Mogridge (10½) by 17.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) bt Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (4½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. E. Moore (6) bt D. Jesson Dibley (3) by 25.
 H. A. Green (5) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) by 2.

FINAL.

W. E. Moore (6) bt H. A. Green (5) by 21.

EVENT "Y".

(27 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. Johnston (6) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (9½) by 3 on time.
 Miss M. Lacey (13) w.o. A. L. Megson (4½) opponent scratched.
 D. W. Curtis (4½) bt Miss A. Mills (2½) by 3.
 Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) w.o. Mrs. W. Goodall (14) opponent retired.
 Mrs. K. Baker (12) bt Miss G. Sparks (9½) by 2 on time.
 F. H. Curtis (14) bt R. Whitham (8) by 4 on time.
 Mrs. W. Longman (0) bt Miss L. Isaac (14) by 13.
 Miss C. Templeton (10½) bt Miss D. Toms (14) by 10 on time.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (7) by 1 on time.
 Miss M. Morgan (9) bt W. P. H. Roe (6½) by 16.
 N. F. Blackwood (3½) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (14) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. K. Lowein (15) bt Miss M. Towers (12) by 1 on time.
 Miss E. Johnston (6) bt Miss M. Lacey (13) by 2.
 D. W. Curtis (4½) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) by 14.
 F. H. Curtis (14) bt Mrs. K. Baker (12) by 10.
 Mrs. W. Longman (0) bt Miss C. Templeton (10½) by 8.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) w.o. Miss M. Morgan (9) opponent retired.
 N. F. Blackwood (3½) bt Miss L. Tallemach (7) by 12.
 G. F. Baxton (7) bt Major R. Driscoll (12) by 6 on time.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss E. Johnston (6) bt Mrs. K. Lowein (15) by 10.
 D. W. Curtis (4½) bt F. H. Curtis (14) by 10.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (0) opponent scratched.
 N. F. Blackwood (3½) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. W. Curtis (4½) bt Miss E. Johnston (6) by 16.
 N. F. Blackwood (3½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 10.

FINAL.

N. F. Blackwood (3½) bt D. W. Curtis (4½) by 1.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(7 bisques and over).
(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. Bennett (11) bt Miss C. Templeton (10½) by 15.
 Mrs. R. Whitham (8½) bt Miss L. Tallemach (7) by 5 on time.
 R. Whitham (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 2.
 Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 9 on time.
 Miss M. Morgan (9) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) by 11.
 G. F. Paxon (7) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 2 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

E. C. Mogridge (10½) bt Miss E. Bennett (11) by 3 on time.
 R. Whitham (8) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8½) by 2 on time.
 Miss M. Morgan (9) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) by 15.
 Miss G. Sparks (9½) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 8 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. C. Mogridge (10½) bt R. Whitham (8) by 20.
 Miss M. Morgan (9) bt Miss G. Sparks (9½) by 13.

FINAL.

Miss M. Morgan (9) bt E. C. Mogridge (10½) by 20.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(11 bisques and over).
(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. Lacey (13) bt Miss M. Towers (12) by 17.
Mrs. Temple (14) bt Mrs. K. Baker (12) by 5 on time.
Mrs. C. M. Gibson (14) bt Mrs. K. Lowein (14) by 5 on time.
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) bt Major R. Driscoll (12) by 5.
F. H. Curtis (14) bt Miss D. Toms (14) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. Lacey (13) bt Mrs. W. Goodall (14) by 17.
Mrs. Temple (14) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (14) by 10.
F. H. Curtis (14) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 14.
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) bt Miss L. Isaac (14) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. Temple (14) bt Miss M. Lacey (13) by 12 on time.
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) bt F. H. Curtis (14) by 1 on time.

FINAL.

Mrs. Temple (14) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) by 11 on time.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(19 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

R. Whitham and Mrs. R. Whitham (16½) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (17½) by 17.
Miss A. Mills and Mrs. N. Wallwork (7) bt E. C. Mogridge and G. F. Paxon (17½) by 8.
Miss H. D. Parker and F. E. Corke (11½) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham and Mrs. K. Lowein (18) by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Mrs. C. M. Turner (11½) by 13.
Mrs. E. A. Roper and W. Longman (6½) bt F. H. Curtis and Miss L. Tallemach (21) by 8.
R. H. Newton and Miss C. Templeton (13½) bt Miss Elphinstone Stone and D. Jesson Dibley (10) by 5.
Miss A. Mills and Mrs. N. Wallwork (7) bt R. Whitham and Mrs. R. Whitham (16½) by 7.
H. A. Green and Miss E. Johnston (11) bt Miss H. D. Parker and F. E. Corke (11½) by 12.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss M. Morgan (12) bt Mrs. C. F. Rand and Miss G. Sparks (15) by 6.
Major R. Driscoll and Mrs. W. Longman (12) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond and D. W. Curtis (14½) by 1 on time.
W. E. Moore and Miss Forbes Cowan (12) bt E. A. Roper and L. Kirk Greene (1) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. A. Roper and W. Longman (6½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13½) by 7.
Miss A. Mills and Mrs. N. Wallwork (7) bt R. H. Newton and Miss C. Templeton (13½) by 7.
H. A. Green and Miss E. Johnston (11) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss M. Morgan (12) by 4.
Major R. Driscoll and Mrs. W. Longman (12) bt W. E. Moore and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (12) by 1 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss A. Mills and Mrs. N. Wallwork (7) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper and W. Longman (6½) by 7.
Major R. Driscoll and Mrs. W. Longman (12) bt H. A. Green and Miss E. Johnston (11) by 1 on time.

FINAL.

Miss A. Mills and Mrs. N. Wallwork (7) bt Major R. Driscoll and Mrs. W. Longman (12) by 6.

PARKSTONE

August 31st—September 5th

The committee must be congratulated on the condition of the courts after a difficult summer, on a most pleasant and well run tournament and particularly on the weather which they arranged for us. While a couple of the outlying courts were distinctly tricky, the others were good and number one court remained in first-class condition up to the last stroke.

The entry was somewhat smaller than usual, particularly in the "A" class, but the Gold Cup produced some excellent croquet and P. Thompson had to play well above his handicap all through the event to achieve his victory. The winners of all events are to be congratulated on their successes.

A. F. Rash produced the most surprising stroke of the tournament. His ball was lying in front of the fifth hoop and about a foot away. He drove hard at it, made the hoop, went round the peg, made the sixth hoop and went off the top boundary all in one stroke.

A delightful week of croquet and this competitor speaks for all others in thanking the Parkstone Croquet Club for their kindness and hospitality.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A").

AMERICAN.

BOURNEMOUTH BOWL AND ASHTON TROPHY.

(5 Entries).

Winner: Col. D. W. Beamish 3 games (102).
Second: Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith 3 games (98).
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish 2 games (87).
W. W. Sweet Escott 1 game (70).
Major J. R. Abbey 1 game (63).

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

DESHON CUP.

(2½ to 7 bisques).
(Law 44 suspended).
(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. G. S. Colls bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 10.
Major F. Hill Bernhard bt Miss K. Ault by 9.
Dr. H. J. Penny bt Mrs. M. McMordie by 12.
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. E. M. Kay by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major F. Hill Bernhard bt T. G. S. Colls by 9.
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 25.

FINAL.

Lady Ursula Abbey bt Major F. Hill Bernhard by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

HALSE CUP.

(7½ bisques and over).
(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (14) by 15.
Sir Henry C. Prior (10) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (8) by 4.
Miss M. M. Taylor (12) bt Miss H. M. Pettitt (16) by 10.
Mrs. G. Fitter (12) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) bt Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (11) by 13.
Sir Henry C. Prior (10) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) by 17.
Mrs. G. Fitter (12) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (12) by 11.
P. Thompson (8½) bt A. F. Rash (11) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) bt Sir Henry C. Prior (10) by 1.
P. Thompson (8½) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (12) by 5.

FINAL.

P. Thompson (8½) bt Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) by 15.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

GOLD CUP.

(Unrestricted).
(26 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. G. S. Colls (6) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 1.
Miss M. M. Taylor (12) bt Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) by 7.
Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (11) by 7 on time.

P. Thompson (8½) w.o. Mrs. L. H. Ashton scratched.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 11.
W. W. Sweet Escott (1) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (16) by 15.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) by 12.
Miss K. Ault (4) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 13.
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (½) bt Sir Henry C. Prior (10) by 10.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (7) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1½) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

A. F. Rash (11) w.o. Mrs. E. M. Kay opponent scratched.
T. G. S. Colls (6) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 11.
Miss M. M. Taylor (12) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (8) by 14.
P. Thompson (8½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 4.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (1) by 21.
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (½) bt Miss K. Ault (4) by 9.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (7) bt Miss H. M. Pettitt (16) by 21.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (12) by 4.

THIRD ROUND.

A. F. Rash (11) bt T. G. S. Colls (6) by 11.
P. Thompson (8½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (12) by 14.
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (½) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) by 24.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (7) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (4) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

P. Thompson (8½) bt A. F. Rash (11) by 11.
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (½) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (7) by 4.

FINAL.

P. Thompson (8½) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (½) by 4.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (12½) bt A. F. Rash and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (22) by 13.
T. G. S. Colls and Major F. Hill Bernhard (13) bt Sir Henry C. Prior and P. Thompson (18½) by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. A. V. Wilson (12) by 3.
Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (12½) bt V. A. de la Nougere and Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (11½) by 8.
T. G. S. Colls and Major F. Hill Bernhard (13) bt Mrs. M. McMordie and Miss M. M. Taylor (17) by 12.
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith and Miss K. Ault (4½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill and Miss H. M. Pettitt (17).

SEMI-FINAL.

Col. D. W. Beamish and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (12½) by 8.
T. G. S. Colls and Major F. Hill Bernhard (13) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith and Miss K. Ault (4½) by 17.

FINAL.

T. G. S. Colls and Major F. Hill Bernhard (13) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 2.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Shortened game).
(Normal routine to 2-back and then to peg).
(Time limit 2 hours).
(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Mrs. G. Robertson (14) by 17.
Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 4 on time.
Mrs. H. F. Woolley (8) bt Miss K. Ault (4) by 1 on time.
T. G. S. Colls (6) bt Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) by 12.
A. F. Rash (11) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (12) by 13.
Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) bt Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (11) by 1 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (12) by 2 on time.
Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) by 17.
A. F. Rash (11) bt T. G. S. Colls (6) by 10.
Sir Henry C. Prior (10) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 2 on time.
A. F. Rash (10) bt Sir Henry M. Prior (10) by 1 on time.

FINAL.

A. F. Rash (11) bt Miss H. J. Woolley (8) by 6.

HUNSTANTON

August 31st—September 5th

This tournament, always small, was this year less well supported than usual. But if the numbers were down the quality was up, half the competitors being in the "A" class, two of them going on to the President's Cup and two to the Surrey Cup. Of particular pleasure to the home players and spectators was the entry of Mrs. Rotherham, who swept the board by winning all three events in which she entered. It is a very long time since a player of this calibre has been seen on the club courts.

Unfortunately the lawns were not up to their usual standard. The continuous drought and an unfortunate application of weed-killer accounted for this, not the neglect of the groundstaff who had done everything possible in very difficult circumstances.

Competitors should be particularly grateful to Mrs. Reeve for undertaking the management at short notice, having intended to play. It was hoped that in such a small tournament she would do both. But no.

Of the Club Secretary special mention must be made. While not herself a croquet player, Mrs. Clarke labours incessantly in their interest and, in addition to the tedious paper work, is largely responsible for their comfort and well being.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A").

NORFOLK CHALLENGE CUP.

THE DRAW.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

J. G. Warwick bt I. C. Baillieu by 14.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt E. V. Carpmael by 11.
Miss J. Warwick bt J. K. Brown by 16.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt J. G. Warwick by 14.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss J. Warwick by 13.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 9.

PROCESS.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt E. V. Carpmael by 12.
Miss J. Warwick bt I. C. Baillieu by 10.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt J. K. Brown by 15.
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 18.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt J. G. Warwick by 6.

FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 9.

PLAY-OFF.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss J. Warwick by 18.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").
HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL.
(4 to 8½ bisques).
(3 Entries).

SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. G. D. Perowne bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey by 19.

FINAL.
Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne by 17.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").
(9 bisques and over).
(4 Entries).

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss S. Hampson (14) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (10) by 12.
Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (14) bt Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (11) by 16.

FINAL.
Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (14) bt Miss S. Hampson (14) by 11.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "X").
INGLEBY CHALLENGE CUP.
(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (14) by 6.
Miss J. Warwick (—½) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (10) by 3.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Miss S. Hampson (14) by 8.
I. C. Baillieu (3) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (—1) by 1.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 2.
Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (8½) by 3.
E. V. Carpmael (3½) bt Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (11) by 15.
J. G. Warwick (0) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (13) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt Miss J. Warwick (—½) by 11.
I. C. Baillieu (3) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 17.
Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) by 7.
J. G. Warwick (0) bt E. V. Carpmael (3½) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt I. C. Baillieu (3) by 6.
Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7) bt J. G. Warwick (0) by 14.

FINAL.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7) by 20.

EVENT "Y".
(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss E. C. Brumpton (10) bt Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (14) by 8.
B. Lloyd Pratt (—1) bt Miss S. Hampson (14) by 12.
J. K. Brown (1) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (8½) by 4.
Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (11) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (13) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss E. C. Brumpton (10) w.o. B. Lloyd Pratt (—1) opponent scratched.
J. K. Brown (1) bt Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (11) by 16.

FINAL.
J. K. Brown (1) w.o. Miss E. C. Brumpton (10) opponent retired.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.
(8 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss S. Hampson (12) bt Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (12) by 12.
E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. P. E. Heley (7½) bt Mrs. E. Reeve and J. E. Reeve (9) by 17.
J. G. Warwick and Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (14) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. F. E. Stobart (13) by 8.
J. K. Brown and Miss E. C. Brumpton (11) bt Miss J. Warwick and Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss S. Hampson (12) bt E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. P. E. Heley (7½) by 22.

J. K. Brown and Miss E. C. Brumpton (11) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (14) by 6.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss S. Hampson (12) bt J. K. Brown and Miss E. C. Brumpton (11) by 4 on time.

EXTRA EVENT.
HANDICAP SINGLES.
(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
I. C. Baillieu (3) bt E. V. Carpmael (3½) by 7.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.
I. C. Baillieu (3) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) by 16.
Miss J. Warwick (—½) bt Mrs. F. E. Stobart (14) by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss E. M. Brumpton (13) bt I. C. Baillieu (3) by 15.
Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (14) bt Miss J. Warwick (—½) by 21.

FINAL.
Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (14) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (13) by 9.

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