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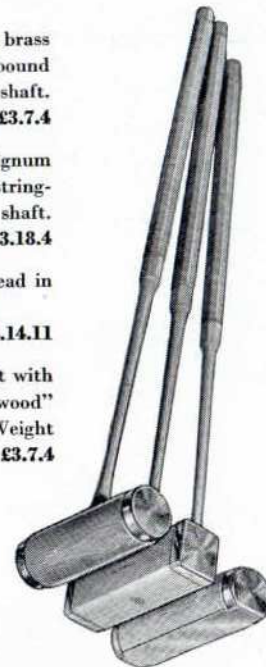
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By E. P. C. COTTER



## TOURNAMENT FIXTURES

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 " 7 Match. Hurlingham v. The Rest (Hurlingham).  
 " 11 All England Handicap Final Stages (Roehampton).  
 to 13  
 " 12 Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup. Golf Croquet, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
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 " 23 Brighton. *Hon. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 28 Mansfield Road, Hove 3.  
 " 30 Hunstanton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. C. Perowne, 65 Victoria Avenue, Hunstanton.  
 " 30 Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, The Orchard, Parkstone.  
 Sept. 6 President's Cup and Greyke Cups (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
 " 20 Roehampton. *Games Secretary*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.5.  
 " 27 Eastbourne, Devonshire Park. *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
 Oct. 2 Match. Men v. Women (Devonshire Park).  
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 Sept. 6 Cheltenham. *Hon. Sec.*, T. J. Gould, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

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- 9 C. S. Ratcliffe (Colchester).  
 2 Dr. B. R. Sandiford (Edgbaston).  
 1/2 H. O. Hodgson (Nottingham).  
 —1/2 F. H. Fisher (Leamington Spa).  
 O. de la Nougerede (Parkstone).  
 5/2 S. S. Townshend (Hurlingham).  
 3 Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (Sidmouth).  
 3 1/2 G. W. Solomon (Roehampton).  
 1 1/2 Major J. H. Dibley (Ryde).  
 —1 E. P. Duffield (Colchester).  
 —1 J. G. Warwick (Hunstanton).  
 2 1/2 D. M. Anderson (Cheltenham).  
 —4 E. P. C. Cotter (Roehampton).  
 —1 1/2 Dr. H. J. Penny (Buxton).  
 Mrs. H. T. Farris (Woking) W.O., opponent scratched  
 3 Miss A. E. Mills (Budleigh Salterton).  
 2 1/2 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (Southwick).  
 3 1/2 D. E. Buckland (Hurlingham).

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### NOTICES

#### LADIES' FIELD CUP

Hurlingham, Monday, July 26th, and following days.

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 Mrs. L. H. Ashton  
 Mrs. M. Craven  
 Miss M. J. Daldy  
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey  
 Mrs. A. N. Fotiadi  
 Miss D. A. Lintern  
 Mrs. E. Rotherham

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 Miss M. S. Carlyon  
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 Mrs. N. Oddie  
 Miss D. D. Steel  
 Mrs. G. J. Turketine  
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Mrs. H. T. Dorling  
 J. A. Hollweg  
 R. W. Page  
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It has been suggested that Associates who are not members of clubs, or who do not live within easy access to a club might like to be put in touch with others similarly situated. The Secretary would be pleased to publish names and addresses of such persons.

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*Secretary.*

# United We Stand . . .

PETERBOROUGH," the so readable columnist of the *Daily Telegraph*, remarked after a visit to the Open Championship at Hurlingham, that it was somewhat curious that "only some 600 persons should play this elegant game." The epithet is a happy one in this connection, even if it cannot be applied with equal confidence to all its exponents! But in fact "Peterborough's" comment was more than a little misleading, since it implies, what is unhappily far from being the case, that all those who find interest and pleasure in Croquet are—or rapidly become—members of our Association. It would be interesting to know what proportion, even of members of our registered clubs, are in fact associates; in default of any available statistics we hazard a guess that not more than a third of these are so. Add to these all those up and down the country who play, or attempt to play, the game on private or sometimes public courts, and we might reach a figure at least four times that suggested by "Peterborough." There cannot be fewer than 2,500 players in this island, and we suspect that there are in fact several hundreds more.

The most obvious moral suggested by reflecting on these figures is that the membership of our Association is not only, as we know, smaller than it used to be, but far smaller than it ought to be, or need be, even as things at present stand. We wonder whether even the majority of Associates realize how vitally necessary the Association is, not only to their individual advantage and pleasure as players, but to the well-being and even the very existence of the game itself. Purchasers of the C.A. Year Book (who are not so numerous as they ought to be) are presumably familiar with that page in it on which the "Advantages of Membership" are set forth. These paragraphs, quite rightly, lay primary stress not on the benefits accruing to persons who apply for membership, though these are real enough—and include the regular receipt of that journal the pages of which you are now (we hope) enjoying. They call attention even more strongly to the role which the Association plays in controlling and organizing the game. This is an aspect of the matter which, we suspect, most players simply take for granted. But it ought not to be taken for granted. Without the labours of those who are chosen to govern the various departments of the game, Croquet in this country would soon fall into a chaotic condition and cease to be an organized sport at all. We are not suggesting that the members of our Council ask or expect any special gratitude for their efforts; no doubt they often derive no little interest from the pursuit of them. But we are suggesting that associates in general should take the existence of their governing body rather more seriously than they are wont to do; support it with a more whole-hearted enthusiasm; and make more determined efforts to bring every single individual in the country with any interest in Croquet into its ranks.

Beyond what has so far been said, there is the financial aspect. Our Association has been and is carrying on in a world of post-war costs on a subscription which has not been raised for thirty years. The Victory Fund, raised by donations in order to afford assistance to local clubs—a vitally important function of the C.A.—has been expended with the utmost care, but is now exhausted. The Association which formerly employed a staff of five persons, is now run on the most modest salary basis conceivable, and largely by voluntary effort in many directions. All this suggests that those who care for the future of Croquet must examine very seriously the economic situation. In the meantime two points may be tactfully hinted at. Donations will at all times be most gratefully received. And a further source of revenue might be provided by the foresight of those associates who are contemplating what may be discreetly described as a final retirement from the game. The Association has received helpful assistance from bequests in the past, but it is a long time since it was proved that where there's a Will there's a way to help the game.

Finally, a word may be said of that essential function performed for the game by the Association's handicapping system. We have often been surprised to find how little many associates seem to know—or at any rate to grasp—about the elaborate and carefully balanced arrangements for securing justice and accuracy in this intricate matter. To expound this in full would take more space than is now available, but it may be briefly summarised as a four-tier system. At the base is the club handicap authority, which apart from making adjustments for its own purposes, may—and is advised to—forward suggestions for alterations to headquarters. Then of course the tournament handicappers make their recommendations after Calendar Fixtures. All these are carefully considered by the Handicap Co-ordination Committee, against whose decisions, however, there is the right of appeal to the Handicap Appeal Committee. Finally, any associate may at any time apply to headquarters, either through his club or individually, for an increase in handicap if he will provide some evidence for his claim. None of this would be possible without the existence of a governing body, and handicap play would, for lack of it, soon fall into chaos.

We hope we have said enough to suggest that the Association, the existence and functions of which we can all too easily take for granted, calls for more intensive support and a more energetic propaganda to draw every croquet player into its membership. The more we are together, and the more of us who are together, not only the merrier we shall be, but the more prosperous and the more secure will be the game which means to most of us so much.

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## NOTES by ROVER

'ANOTHER British title goes abroad'—such was the headline we almost expected to see in the papers on Sunday morning, July 11th. Yet perhaps never did the loss of a championship give greater satisfaction to the devotees of one of our national games than did the victory of Arthur Ross in the big event at Hurlingham. True, as Mr. Longman remarked at the little presentation ceremony, this achievement was but a 'revenge' for the annexation of the New Zealand title by John Solomon a short while ago. But the name of Ross had been one of renown here for many years before we had the pleasure of watching its bearer play, partly from tales of his prowess brought back by members of our international teams, partly as a result of perusal of a book from which many of our players have learnt much. It was indeed an antipodean final, since Dr. Penny, whose tenacious play won him his place on the last day, learnt his croquet in South Australia. Much as we may rejoice in the victory of a 'Kiwi' on this occasion, we cannot allow this to establish a precedent, and we may hope that our 'test' team in 1956 will offer stout resistance to whatever invaders this dominion may send us. Two of those who may be counted upon to do so were winners of the Doubles Championship on this occasion, and in both the main events played, as we expect them to do, some of the most brilliant croquet seen during the week.

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The close proximity of three of our greatest players in the draw for the Championship, two of them actually meeting in the first round, has revived discussion of whether some sort of 'seeding' ought not to be introduced for this event, and possibly some other of our major tournaments. Since this matter was ventilated in the *C. A. Gazette* quite recently, there is no need (and there is in any case no space) to discuss it at length here. But two points in regard to it ought to be noted. In the first place, principles by which to determine such discrimination are not easy to formulate, and recalling how much discussion the selection of a 'Best Eight' is apt—quite understandably—to arouse, we doubt if any body of persons charged with the responsibility of 'seeding' would welcome the task, or perhaps agree to undertake it at all. But the second point is, some may think, a more cogent one still. It is that 'seeding' would, almost certainly, have an adverse effect upon the number of entries for any event in which it was applied. There are players today, with no expectations—or even ambitions—to assume the role of David against our Goliaths, who enter for championship events in the reasonable hope of getting through a round or two before encountering an 'irremovable obstacle.' 'Seeding' would of course very much reduce this possibility. Yet in view of the consolation events included in the pro-

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gramme of these tournaments, is not such an outlook needlessly faint-hearted? We pause, orator-like, for a reply.

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In a former Note in this series we propounded the question whether there might be an *optimum* number of tournaments in which a player should compete in a season. No one having commented on this point, we now raise the apparently much simpler one of what is the ideal number of tournament games to play in a day. We say 'apparently,' since of course the matter is not a simple one at all, the answer obviously depending upon the length of the game, the age and fitness of the contestants, and the character of the weather—to name a few factors only. We imagine that four games is about as much as most people would normally care to tackle. We were, however, somewhat intrigued to hear recently of a lady player in one of the Dominions who said that once at a tournament she had played as many as seven. This remarkable feat had been—as perhaps it only could be—achieved with the aid of flood-lighting, and in the course of a 'day' on the courts which, beginning at 9.30, concluded only at 2 a.m. the following morning. Asked if she had enjoyed this experience she replied, 'well, only the first four games,' but added, 'the Manager was very kind; he let me lie down while I had my supper.' Whether any competitor here would take such a spell 'lying down' we are disposed to doubt.

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That 'a game's never lost till it's won' is one of those platitudes with which we (very sensibly) comfort ourselves when things seem to be going against us. But in more favourable circumstances it is perhaps equally important to remember that a game's never *won* till it's won either. We are not now thinking so much of the 'nerves' which may overcome us near the end of a crucial encounter, when perhaps the red cross-bar over the last hoop seems to shout 'danger' at us. We are thinking rather of the mental excitement which the prospect of victory so often appears to create, resulting, as it frequently does, in the overturning of the player's judgment at a moment when its use may be especially called for. It is not only the high-bisquer by any means who is subject to such emotional subversions. We recently watched a championship match in which a particularly intelligent player, with the game almost in his hands, proceeded to embark upon a series of manoeuvres of such exceptional foolishness that a fine chance of victory was thereby thrown away. Success at croquet is at least as much a matter of good judgment as of good execution, and it is never more necessary to *keep* your head than when you are ahead with the peg clearly in view. *Finis coronat opus* is a good motto for the croquet-player.

*Beginners, Please!*

## DOING THE SPLITS — and other Croquet strokes

by

The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey

WELL—here we are again! Now before we go on to the next phase in our instruction, I can see that one of my beginners is simply bubbling over with a question, and the question, of course, is, in view of a certain interesting letter in *Croquet*, what about holding the mallet vertically or otherwise? My answer is that for centre-play the mallet should be held as nearly vertical as possible, but for side-play I should not like to be nearly so dogmatic, as there have been and no doubt still are, excellent shots who hold their mallets somewhat at an incline. But, and this is the crux of the whole matter, whether the mallet is vertical or nearly vertical, or held at an incline, it is a great advantage to have a straight shaft, but if the shaft has slightly warped it is better that the shaft should lean, so to speak, forwards or backwards rather than sideways.

Having dealt with this matter, we will now go on to the stroke which is the special characteristic of our game—the CROQUET STROKE. In no other game, as far as I know, does the player, as it were, strike two balls at the same time. In billiards indeed, he positions two balls by causing the cue ball to make an impact on other balls, but he does not in any sense strike two balls at the same time, or, if you want me to be quite accurate, place two balls in contact, and position both by striking the mallet ball.

Croquet strokes are usually defined as follows:—The Take-off, the Stop-Shot, the Drive, the Roll and Pass-Roll, and—except for the Take-off—the split form of these same strokes.

Now in learning some of these strokes we are going to make use of the right-angle provided for us by the yard line, so I am going to ask one of my pupils to place Blue on the Fourth Corner Spot. Place Red in contact with it on the yard-line on the right. Then try and take-off towards the First Corner Spot. You did not move the croqueted ball! I knew you probably wouldn't, but I wanted you to see it for yourself. Try again, and this time aim about a yard to the right of the First Corner Spot. You did not get there, but we were not worrying about that; what we were thinking about was the right direction and being sure to move the croqueted ball. Now, taking off is very simple if you just remember this. Put your mallet behind your ball so that a line through the mallet and mallet ball, and another line through the two balls would form a right angle. Then move your mallet ever so slightly, so that the same imaginary lines form an obtuse angle, a very slight one, indeed an angle only just more than a right angle. Just get in the habit measuring up the Take-off in this way, and it will soon come easy to you, and you will avoid the embarrassing experience of your opponent saying:—"Did you move that

ball?" You will always move the croqueted ball, possibly sometimes too much, but you will never fail to comply with the law by shaking it.

We shall be coming back to the Fourth Corner Spot in a few minutes. For the moment, one of you, put Blue on the Baulk Line opposite, but not quite behind the First Hoop. Put Red in contact with it, in line with the Second Hoop. Put Black two feet in front of the First Hoop. Now croquet Red up to the Second Hoop, stopping yourself by Black. Not a bad try, but Blue went too far. The reason was that you did not play it as a Stop-Shot—not your fault a bit, because I have not told you yet how to do a Stop-Shot. Try again. This time raise the toe of your mallet and strike near the bottom edge. For all Stop-Shots hit up in this way. Well—that was not perfect, but it *was* a Stop-Shot, and if you practise it that way you will soon be able to do it correctly.

Now bring Blue and Red back where they were before. We are not bothering about Black this time, we are merely seeing what happens as a result of different ways of hitting the mallet-ball. This time strike the mallet-ball as nearly as possible in the very centre of the face of the mallet, keeping the mallet absolutely level with the ground. You see Red has gone up to the Second Hoop and Blue has gone several yards beyond the First Hoop; this is the Drive, which I might call the basic stroke. When you are trying a new mallet, try it with a Drive. Make a note in your mind of what happens, and adjust the other strokes accordingly.

Bring Blue and Red back again. Now instead of hitting up, or hitting level, stand somewhat in front of your ball, and hit down on to it, putting your hands down the mallet shaft to a much lower position than usual. You will find the Blue goes still further up the lawn. This is the Roll. An extreme Roll in which Blue would pass Red is a Pass-Roll. But the Pass-Roll belongs definitely to advanced Croquet, and so I am not going to trouble you with it. Moreover it is definitely a "mallet stroke," by which I mean that it depends very much on the kind of mallet you are playing with. A heavy-headed mallet with a cane or very whippy hickory shaft tends to make this stroke reasonably easy, a light mallet with a stiff shaft makes it nearly impossible. I would add that there are a few players, who have a wonderful knack with the Pass-Roll, and so if you aspire to be a successful Pass-Roll exponent, the best advice I can give you is—look out for them and copy their methods.

Before we pass on I want to emphasize that when you hit up you will send the croqueted ball a long way and your own a short way: that when you hit level you will send the mallet-ball about

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a third or perhaps nearly half as far as the croqueted ball; and that when you hit down, you will send the mallet-ball nearly as far as the croqueted ball. You will, of course, realise that these strokes merge into one another according to what we want to accomplish with them.

I would specially emphasize that for all roll strokes, you must hit down. By doing so you will avoid making those scrapes and rattles which soon cause trouble of one sort or another.

Now I am going to ask one of my pupils once more to place Blue on the corner spot at the Fourth Corner. Aim at the Fourth Hoop and try and hit it. Don't go too hard as we have no wicket-keeper and we do not want to spend precious moments retrieving balls from distant boundaries. Thank you so much for fetching Blue. Put Blue back on the fourth corner spot, and put Red in contact with it, on the yard-line of the East Boundary. Here I must pause to explain that by a very old and convenient convention, the boundary where the Baulk Line is opposite the First Hoop is called the South Boundary, the other end boundary is called the North Boundary, the long Boundary on the left the West Boundary, and that on the right the East Boundary. Now, do just what you did before. Forget about Red, and aim straight at the Fourth Hoop with Blue. Again, don't go too hard, we have two balls to retrieve this time. Look what has happened. Blue has run somewhat in the direction of the First Hoop, and Red has followed more closely the yard line. The reason, of course, is that Red went on its way the moment your mallet hit Blue, but Blue had a little more of the force of your mallet, which pulled it inwards.

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July 21st, 1954

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Now, instead of putting Red exactly on the yard line in contact with Blue; put it in just a little bit, then do the same thing again, aim at the Fourth Hoop with Blue. You will find now that as Red will be getting rather more of the force of the mallet, both Blue and Red will be pulled in possibly equally, or nearly so. One must not be too dogmatic about these strokes, because in playing them a very great deal depends on the mallet. A heavy mallet will pull the balls in much more than a light one. The type of mallet shaft will make a difference, whether it is whippy or whether it is stiff. The old rule that in split strokes you first look to see where you want each ball to go, and then aim exactly midway between, is a rough and ready guide to these strokes. But I think that you will find in practice that to get the balls where you want them, you usually need to push a little more into the croqueted ball than the mallet-ball.

It is in these croquet strokes more than any others, that practice and experience come in. Don't be down-hearted; if you persevere, there will come a time when you will know instinctively just how to play these strokes. But a word of warning. Don't be afraid of pushing the balls about the Court. You may and you will make many mistakes, but if you are courageous you will win through, but if you allow an "I can't" complex to develop, you will never get anywhere.

This is where our lesson stops today. It has been great fun, and I hope you have enjoyed it. I know I have.

### LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

EDGBASTON *versus* BEDFORD

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#### SINGLES.

R. H. Newton (2½) bt Canon Pym (½) by 13.  
F. S. B. Lawes (5) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (6) by 20.  
Miss C. Templeton (10) and Canon G. A. Green (9), unfinished.

#### DOUBLES.

R. H. Newton and Miss C. Templeton (12½) bt Miss E. Steel and Mrs. Eakin (7) by 14.  
F. S. B. Lawes and Miss H. Trought (14) lost to Canon Pym and Canon Green (9½) by 6.  
RESULT.—Edgbaston bt Bedford by 3 games to 1, one unfinished.

HURLINGHAM *versus* ROEHAMPTON

Played at Hurlingham 17th JULY, 1954. Hurlingham players named first.

#### SINGLES.

D. E. Buckland (3½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 13.  
I. W. Cheavin (3½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) by 3.  
S. S. Townsend (5½) bt Hollwegg (0) by 3.

#### DOUBLES.

D. E. Buckland and S. S. Townsend (9) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (7) by 16.  
I. C. Baillieu and I. W. Cheavin (9) v G. W. Solomon and Hollwegg (8½) unfinished.

RESULT.—Hurlingham bt Roehampton by 4 games and 1 unfinished.

## A LITTLE of EVERYTHING

by

ARTHUR ROSS

*Open Champion of Great Britain and New Zealand.*

THE four experts who have preceded me in this series have dealt with such a wide field of essentials that my most useful function will, I think, be to supply practical detail where they have, perforce, confined themselves to more general terms.

Mention was made of the "Will to Win." Determination is, of course, a vital ingredient in the make-up of any successful player, but I think it worth stressing that this should be directed towards the successful accomplishment of constructive manoeuvres and *not* wasted on tactics that can only result in a lack of progress by both sides.

Then there is the matter of the take-off; one must have a clear picture of how this type of stroke should be made before one can hope to succeed in making it consistently. In a take-off the balls always go off at right angles, so there is never any question of forcing the striker's ball as is the case with most other croquet strokes, and the placing of the balls becomes even more important than ever. In the case of the fine take-off, the very greatest care should be taken to place them exactly at right angles to the line the striker's ball is to follow; if this is done and the mallet is aimed exactly in the direction that ball is to follow, the other ball will always move, but as many players are nervous about the possibility of a foul, I suggest that if they place them as described and then move the striker's ball back a fraction of an inch, they will be able to hit in the right direction with absolute confidence. When faced with a hoop approach from directly behind the hoop, place the balls so that the striker's ball will just clear the hoop if the stroke is made in the ordinary way and then aim the mallet at the near wire instead of exactly in the direction the player wishes his ball to follow. If this is done and the stroke executed by means of a swing through rather than a stop-shot movement, it is surprising how often the striker's ball will swing round in front of the hoop. When making the thick take-off that follows the hitting of the tice at the beginning of a game, if the balls are not more than half-way up the lawn and are arranged correctly at right angles to the direction in which the striker's ball must go, it will be found that the peg is the proper aiming mark for the mallet, a swing through with the mallet aimed in this direction will always result in the croqueted ball going towards hoop two, while the striker's ball will go in the proper direction—one cannot give an exact tip regarding strength, but the player should remember that the bulk of the power imparted will inevitably go into the mallet ball, so he will have to hit very



little harder than he would if he were playing a single ball stroke to the spot selected.

A little tip regarding finding out the "speed" of the lawn. When playing your first ball on to the lawn, try to land it exactly on the boundary line at the spot chosen, the result of this has often given me valuable information.

Hoop approaches: One frequently sees quite good players experiencing difficulty over this and resorting to ugly little roll-up strokes as the only answer they can find to the problem. Here are some ideas on the subject that are well worth trying out.

If you approach, say, the first hoop from any ordinary position and the ball from which you are taking croquet is not more than four feet from the hoop, line the two balls up aiming at a spot, directly behind the hoop, which is the same distance from the hoop as are the balls at that present moment, and aim the mallet at the near wire of the hoop. Make the stroke by means of a little swing through movement that will move the striker's ball the required distance, and you will find that it will *always* go in the right direction, while the other ball will be well beyond the hoop in a position that should be useful after the hoop has been run. If the approach is from a spot some feet further away, arrange the balls in similar fashion, but aim the mallet for a spot directly behind the hoop and eighteen inches from it (two average mallet-heads from it). These two mallet-aiming-marks are constant irrespective of the direction from which the approach is being made, provided the stroke is made by means of a swing and not a stop-shot

Seven

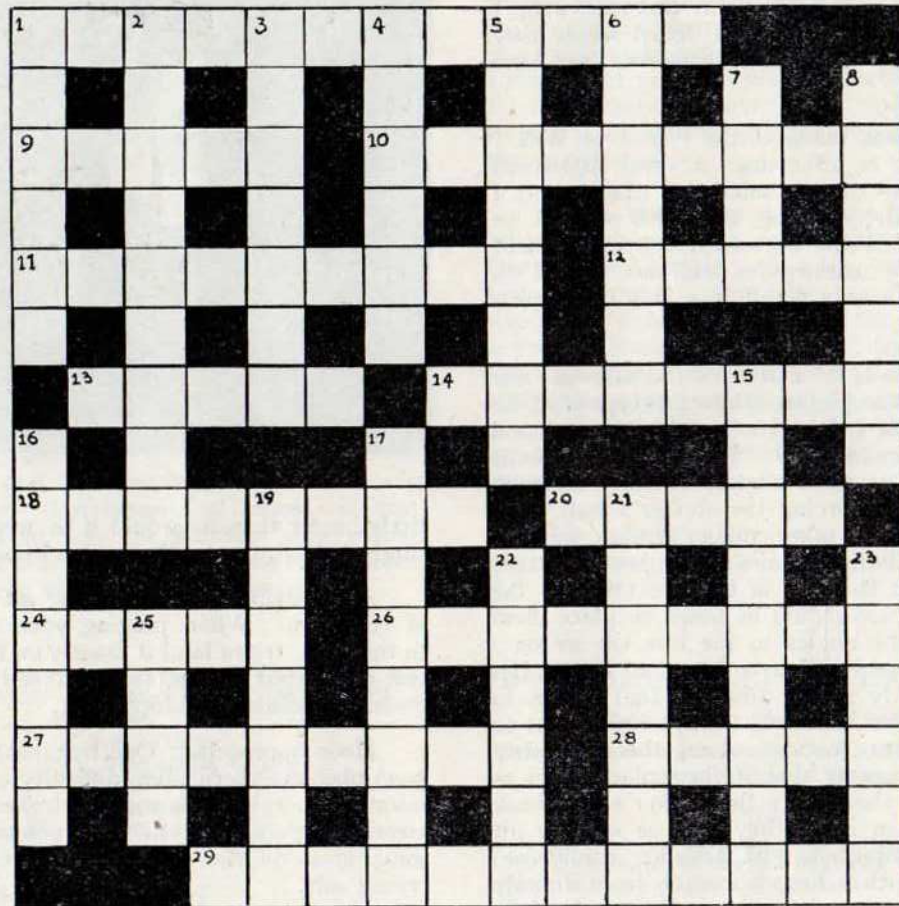


movement—a stop-shot will always result in the striker's ball going wide of the selected mark, so my advice is to shun it!

Peeling: This is *not* difficult if the business is studied in a common-sense manner, but please remember that when you are peeling from any reasonable distance and you want your own ball to go off at an angle, you will be almost certain to

pull the ball you are peeling about the width of a hoop upright towards the direction in which your ball goes so, when lining them up, allow for that amount of deflection. Remember also that if you are to the right of straight in front of the hoop, you will get better results if you hit your own ball off to the right when making the peeling stroke, and *vice versa*.

## FOR BISQUERS HIGH OR LOW . . . By W.L.



### CLUES—ACROSS.

1. A fitting epithet for our game (12).
- 9 & 10. (Two words) with 24 & 26 (two words). A disaster in the Championship (5, 6-3, 3, 6-3).
11. Unpopular in time-limited games (9).
12. Only two move in 9 & 10. (5).
13. A loser always should be, even if he misses his train! (5).
14. 9 & 10 might be so described (4, 4).
18. (Three words) If the striker's ball in hand is moving the partner must (3, 2, 3) (Law 43 (a).)
20. An adjective for 17. (5).
- 24 & 26. See 9 & 10 across.
27. In an Open Championship Match the peg cannot be scored more than once (two words) (4, 5).
28. See 19 down.
29. Pathetic epithet of a male 17 down (four words) (2, 3, 2, 5).

### CLUES—DOWN.

1. May be seen on the road, but should not be heard on the Court as often as it is (6).
2. If there is no 5 down, the striker often asks this (three words) (4, 1, 4).
3. Polo is, in origin, not Croquet (7).
4. Our late President was, our present President is (6).
5. See 2 down (two words) (4, 4).
6. THEORA! (7).
7. To make a hopeful player add what he should not do (4).
8. Saint—No. But the reverse of devil! (7).
15. Lateness is one of the Manager's.....(9).
16. O—what a mallet (7).
17. Relatively unpopular (two words) (4, 4).
19. With 28 across an important task for the Referee of the Meeting (three words) (4, 3, 5).
21. Sees most of the game (7).
22. All benefit with this, not only in a heat wave! (6).
23. IS is the middle (6).
25. What advice may a Referee give if called on to a Court? (4).

## Notes from the Clubs

THE PARKSTONE Club is in the throes of all its Club events. Everyone, we hear, is busy playing off games in the American Tournament and in other various competitions as well. V. de la Nougerede is to be congratulated on winning the club section of the All England Handicap. His final game was a close contest with Commander G. V. G. Beamish.

A Novices Competition has also been arranged which is open to anyone who has never played in an Open Tournament. This has attracted a large entry drawn chiefly from Tennis members of the Club. Each player is shepherded by a croquet player who may help the competitor in any way except by actually striking the ball. The game, which consists of six hoops and the peg, and appears very popular, aims at interesting newcomers and leading them to take up Croquet. We understand that Parkstone is indebted to the Budleigh Salterton Club in this matter, for it was the latter club who first experimented with this type of competition. We would urge our clubs to introduce what is obviously both a popular and valuable competition.

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We have received news from the RYDAL Club, which has just had a visit from Mr. H. O. Hicks. The Secretary writes:—"Mr. Hicks, who had looked us up in the winter, paid us a promised visit, when he accepted our invitation to give us an exhibition game. He asked Capt. Reid-Walker, who was in the neighbourhood to play him, and Rydal had the enjoyable experience of watching a performance that reminded us of the great players who used to come to our Tournaments before the War. We do not, however, remember any who gave quite such a perfect example of how the game can be played. Mr. Hicks' quiet, easy style set us all wishing we could do likewise, and his performance has certainly inspired us with fresh enthusiasm for the game."

We were very glad to see that Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert, who do so much for the Rydal Club, were playing at Sidmouth earlier in the season. We wish they could visit southern clubs more often. They would be very welcome.

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The NOTTINGHAM Club held a most successful tournament in June under the able management of Miss Steel and thanks to the very hard preparatory work which the tournament Secretary, Mr. N. L. Bright, had undertaken. It was due to his initiative that on one evening during the tournament week the Midland Region broadcasted a talk on the tournament. This was most valuable publicity and brought the game of Croquet to the notice of a very wide public. The officers and committee of the Nottingham Club are to be congratulated.

A match was played on July 3rd between the home club and Edgbaston which resulted in a win for the home team by 4-2.

The results of the games were as follows:

H. O. Hodgson bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford;  
W. F. Lord bt Miss Trought;  
Mrs. A. E. Robinson bt Mrs. Wilson;  
Miss A. S. C. Lockton lost to F. S. B. Lawes;  
H. O. Hodgson and Miss Lockton lost to Dr. B. R. Sandiford and F. S. B. Lawes;  
W. F. Lord and Mrs. A. E. Robinson bt Mrs. Wilson and Miss Trought.

We are told that Mrs. Lidbury, who some years ago was well known in the croquet world as Miss Mary Lomas, a daughter of the late J. E. H. Lomas, has most kindly presented the Club with a silver cup which will be known as the Lidbury Cup and will be competed for by novices only.

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The semi-final of the Longman Cup inter-club competition was played at HURLINGHAM on Saturday, 17th July, between the home club and Roehampton. The latter lost by 4 games to nil with one double unfinished. It was by no means the easy victory which the score in games suggests. Doubles were played in the morning and resulted in one unfinished game and one victory for Hurlingham by 16 points. In the late afternoon three single games started, and at the end of an hour and a half Roehampton looked as likely winners as Hurlingham. This was due in part to Mrs. Solomon's refusal to succumb to her opponent, D. E. Buckland, in spite of the latter having taken one ball to the rover hoop in the early stages of the game. Mrs. Solomon is never beaten till the match is over and indeed often looked dangerous, but finally lost by 13 points.

The other two singles resulted in very close games. Hurlingham won by only three points in each case. J. A. Hollweg, playing for Roehampton in his first match, showed both in the unfinished double and in his singles match that his handicap of five will very soon be reduced. He played an admirable three-ball break from the 4th hoop to the peg and with his partner already for the rover hoop, it looked as if he might finish at any moment. His Hurlingham opponent, S. S. Townsend, is a very difficult player to beat and did in fact manage to make the last few points to win a most interesting game.

On an adjoining court another close game was fought out between I. W. Cheavin and that improving player, Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts. It was an in-and-out affair which led finally to a victory for I. W. Cheavin by 3 points.

The full scores appear elsewhere in this issue. We understand that the winners will now meet the Edgbaston Club in the final.



## A QUESTION OF LAW . . . by Lex

WE return today to the subject of the duties of the intervening referee. In our first issue in April we discussed the question of when a referee should intervene and when he should remain silent. We suggested that the referee should not do the work of the out player whose business it is to claim a foul. We invited comment upon this interpretation of the intervening referee's duties and have had none.

We would now raise a further point. The *raison d'être* of the intervening referee is to put an end to double tapping and the undesirable habit of 'shepherding' a ball into position in front of a hoop—in short, to put an end to what have been aptly described as 'rattling' good shots. We suggest that the referee can achieve this by intervening chiefly in matches where such shots are frequent, and that it was never intended that a player who, perhaps, plays a questionable shot maybe only once in a season should be penalised. We think the intervening referee should distinguish between such a player and the habitual double tapper.

Once again we invite the views of our readers upon this point.

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We asked an expert to send us a few lines of advice as to how to avoid double-tapping. We gladly pass this on to our readers.

The roll-shot and the croquet approach shot to a hoop are the strokes which are most liable to lead to double-tapping. The following method

of execution ensures a clean shot. In the *roll stroke*, stand very firmly on the ground, raise the heel of the mallet off the ground, take a firm grip with fingers and thumbs, but not with the palms of the hands, stand well over the balls and sweep them forward after taking a somewhat short back swing.

The short croquet approach shot can be achieved without any risk of a foul by using the same stance and grip as in the roll shot. Having the heel of the mallet well off the ground, hit the ball low and make one short sharp stroke with no follow-through, the mallet head finishing on the ground. As a result of this stroke, properly executed, one ball will come to rest immediately in front of the hoop, and the other at the point beyond the hoop at which you aimed it.

We were recently asked the following questions:—

1. On taking croquet the player hits the ground instead of his ball. Is he entitled to the last shot of his turn?
2. Do two corner balls in contact constitute a group, or are they to be treated as line balls with the right only to move the player's ball?
3. In a handicap game is the player entitled to know if his adversary has an open shot before deciding if he will take a bisque?

*Answers on page twenty-three.*

## Golf Croquet . . . Tactics

WITHOUT some recognised plan of attack and defence this pleasant game—perhaps the 'prep' school for croquet itself—is hardly worth playing. Yet the tactics are not very difficult to acquire—at least in theory, though the practice may not always follow the theory precisely.

It is obvious that position for each of the hoops must be the aim of the first and third players; they not only have the advantage of playing for—concentrating on, is better—a perfect position, but they should retain command of the hoops, even if they fail to get position. In theory, the first and third players should, one or other of them, score the hoop. What could stop them, you may ask. The answer is the judicious use of the stop-shot by the second and fourth players. Before bringing in these second and fourth players, let us return to the attackers, the first and third players.

The value of getting a perfect position for each hoop is so great that, if attained, and the hoop is run smoothly and with the right strength, the player should, so to speak, be able to usurp the right of the opponents to be first at the next hoop. Let us suppose that Blue and Black are the first two balls to play for the first hoop, and, though harassed by Red and Yellow, have played

so cleverly—perhaps stymied Red from Black—that Black is in a perfect position for the first hoop. Black runs it with the right strength to be down by the second hoop before Yellow. Yellow dare not take position for the hoop or Black, in his next turn, will stop-shot Yellow away, retaining the position which Yellow had unwisely taken up.

Here we may now say something about Red and Yellow when playing second and fourth for the first hoop. They are on the defensive from the attack on the hoop of Blue and Black. If Blue gets a position straight away for this hoop, then Red must shoot to remove it—and if Red fails, Yellow must also shoot at the Blue ball in position. Suppose that there is no ball in position for the first hoop, what are Red and Yellow to do? They must then take up some position in the 7-yard square—the corners of which are the first hoop and the first corner flag.

The reason of this is obvious, for, if they were to come up short of the first hoop, or to the right of its playing side, Blue or Black could stop-shot Red or Yellow to the other end of the court. This 7-yard square is therefore to be looked upon as the safety zone for the second and fourth players when one or other of the corner hoops are being played for. When playing for

either of the two middle hoops, there is, of course, no such protection; but the second and fourth players must use their judgment as to where they take up position, and avoid going too close to a ball of the other side. Obviously, if there is an enemy ball in good position for, say, the fifth hoop, it must be removed by one of the second or fourth players.

The stop-shot is the most valuable stroke in the game of golf croquet, and, if not learnt, a player is under a great disadvantage. Contrariwise, if acquired, this stroke can, literally, remove a ball in position for its hoop quite 15 yards while the ball of the 'stop-shooter' takes the removed ball's place. The shot requires practice and is well worth it. The mallet is checked when making the stroke so that the object ball goes yards away and the striker's ball hardly moves. It is obvious that the only other removal of an enemy ball in position, namely, the long shot, has nothing like the same value as the stop shot; for both balls will be scattered by the impact of the long shot, whereas the stop-shot can retain position for the hoop while driving the enemy far away.

These, then, are the elements of the game of golf croquet, and it is hoped that this short description of them will be found helpful, especially to players in the forthcoming event at Roehampton in August.

## Stanley Horsley

### A Tribute

BY the sudden death of Stanley Horsley, early in July last, there has been lost a great sportsman in every sense of the word.

Though the writer—and numerous others—had known him as a player of croquet for many years, he had taken to the game—and soon became a minus player—after excelling at other more strenuous games.

He was educated at Loretto, and Clare College, Cambridge. He played full-back for the University three times, and was reserve in that position for England. He was also a cricketer of quality, and a forceful hitter of the ball—he had no use for the passive batsman.

As a shot he excelled, as those who had been out with him, both in Devonshire and Scotland, will remember. He was a first-class golfer, and could make his hundred on the Billiards table.

Perhaps it was its close resemblance to Billiards that attracted Horsley to croquet, and it was in 1927 that we first met him at Bournemouth where he was competing in the Tournament on the Dean Park ground. He soon suffered severe treatment from the Official Handicapper; starting at 9, this figure was regularly reduced to keep pace with his habit of winning games at the various Tournaments where he competed.

He finally played at  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and, at his best, was a formidable opponent in first class croquet.

A most popular figure among the many friends he made—whether at the Bridge table or in the Croquet lawn—the striking personality and quiet humour of Stanley Horsley will be sadly missed.

H.F.C.S.

## Sussex County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club

NOBODY driving along the main coast road between Hove and Shoreham—a particularly dreary and ugly stretch of road—would imagine that, by merely taking a small turning on the right under the railway, they would find themselves in a lovely country lane bordered by huge elms and having on one side the playing fields of a school and on the other side the smooth green lawns of the Sussex County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club.

The Club was founded about 1900 by Major H. Jellicorse and Mr. W. H. Abbey, whose son, Major J. R. Abbey, is the present President. For a short time, Archery was a feature of the Club's activities, but the adjacent field where this was held becoming no longer available, this sport ceased. About 1935 three hard courts were added to the tennis section which now consists of seven grass and three hard courts.

There are ten croquet lawns beautifully laid out, each having its own shelter for the use of players. Three open tournaments are held each year, one in May and two in consecutive weeks at the end of August and the beginning of September. Except during the war years, these have taken place almost since the foundation of the Club. Club competitions, of which there are several, are keenly contested, no less than eight handsome silver trophies being the coveted prizes.

One of the outstanding events in the Club's history was the visit of a team from Australia in 1937. Five test matches were played to compete for the Macpherson Robertson Trophy in various parts of the country and the Sussex County Croquet Club was chosen as a rendezvous for one of these matches. It was during this match that the picture on the cover was taken.

There are comfortable Club buildings, consisting of a large canteen, a Bridge room, a pavilion and cloakrooms. The canteen has a licensed bar and teas are served daily, and lunches as well as teas during tournament weeks. Just as the Australian visit was one of the high spots in the Club history, the taking over in 1940 by the Army of three courts bounded on one side by the Southern Railway was one of the low spots. When invasion was threatened these courts were covered with barbed wire entanglements—part of the defences of the Southern Railway. As can be imagined, it was no easy task to rehabilitate courts which had been thus treated for five years. However, it is done, and they are now in as good condition as the rest of the lawns. Although the Club is a little distance from Brighton and Hove, it is well served by buses from the two towns and it has its own large car park.

There were seventy-four croquet members last year and this year ten more have joined the Club, and the number of non-playing members has increased considerably. It is good to know that this lovely Club laid out in such a beautiful setting includes in its membership players from all over Sussex.



# BRIDGE

by

E. P. C. Cotter, *British International*

THIS month I am going to deal with one of the problems what were set (not by me!) in the May number of *Croquet*. The really interesting problem was No. 1. For convenience I repeat the layout:—

S—Q, 10, 9, 2.  
H—J, 4, 2.  
D—K, Q, 5, 4.  
C—A, 4.

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S—K, J.  
H—A, Q, 3.  
D—A, 9, 3, 2.  
C—10, 9, 3, 2.

South has to make 3NT against West's lead of the seven of clubs. On trick one the ace of clubs must be played. This is a standard safety play with this holding. It is clear that West cannot have led the seven of clubs if his clubs were headed by king, queen and knave. One of these honours must be held by East. Furthermore if West holds five clubs West can have only two. Thus the play of the AC creates a block.

Now I, in common with numerous other experts, failed to make the correct continuation. It is second nature for any good player to attack the *inescapable loser*, the ace of spades. But in this particular hand this is not the best play. It is clear that if the diamonds break 3-2 the contract is cold. Therefore the diamond situation must be investigated. The ace of diamonds must be played first and then the king on the table takes trick three. Now if both opponents have followed twice, South now plays on spades and must take 3 spades, 1 heart, 4 diamonds and a club. If East turns up with four diamonds to the knave ten, now a heart finesse must be taken. If it holds the contract is again assured by switching to spades. If the heart finesse loses and clubs are continued the contract is still made if the club block occurs and East holds the ace of spades. If the diamonds do not break and West holds both ace of spades and king of hearts the contract is doomed.

I will explain where I went wrong. I played the king of diamonds before the ace in case West held a singleton knave or ten, to allow the other honour in East's hand to be picked up by finesse. But I readily admit that the chance of West's singleton being one of these specific cards is less than that of West's *not* holding both spade ace and heart king. It should be noted, of course, that this method of play fails if West started with only four clubs, but when a singleton diamond is located in West's hand this is less likely. Altogether a most instructive hand.

Twelve

To end with here is a small quiz to test your bidding:—

Your partner North bids 1NT, what do you South bid, holding:

- (a) S—K, 8, 6; H—Q, 9, 5; D—K, 6, 3; C—J, 9, 8, 2;  
(b) S—K, 4, 2; H—Q, 5, 2; D—10, 8, 7; C—Q, 6, 4, 2;  
(c) S—4, 2; H—6, 5, 2; D—7, 6; C—A, Q, J, 8, 4, 2? (Copyright)

## CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor, *Croquet*.

Dear Sir,

At our Annual General Meeting, the Chairman paid a fitting tribute to our late President, Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss as a great sportsman. But Sir Francis was not only a great sportsman, but a very able man of affairs. He had been High Sheriff of his native county of Gloucestershire. He was Chairman of the Cheltenham Bench of Magistrates for some years, also a Governor of the famous Cheltenham Ladies' College. On the Monday when his death was announced, the Magistrates Court at once adjourned, while tributes were paid to his memory by the Chairman of the Magistrates, by Counsel, and by the Police. It is surely suggestive of the quality of our game that it does attract men of such high standing to the ranks of its players.

Yours truly,

G. F. HANDEL ELVEY.

## THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS THE HURLINGHAM CLUB JULY 5th

For the first time—at least in the very long experience of the writer—the Championship Meeting was held at the Hurlingham Club. It was unfortunate that this premier event of the game could not be completely staged at Hurlingham, so that four of the matches had to be played at Roehampton on Monday, and two others on Tuesday.

The weather, perhaps, need not be mentioned; but, miserable as it was most days, there was not the heavy rain of last year, with water standing on the surface of the courts, that held up the play.

There were 29 entries for the Open Championship, a slight increase on those of last year.

Of the matches played at Roehampton on Monday, that between E. P. C. Cotter and H. O. Hicks was bound to attract attention. Cotter hit the tice and laid the break. Hicks at once hit the ball near the peg and, with an exemplary break, went directly to 4-back. Cotter only just missed with the lift shot, and Hicks proceeded to the third hoop, where he stuck. There was then a lull in the game, until Hicks made his last three hoops and put his clip on the peg—though the third hoop was still unmade. Cotter was now in, and round with a fine break; but the backward clips remained unmoved for some time. Hicks on the fourth hoop and Cotter on the first. Eventually Cotter won this very close game +4.

The second, and decisive, game was a fine example of accurate yet quick play. Cotter went for the triple, and succeeded, except that when peeling his partner through the rover hoop his mallet-ball just contacted the other. Nothing, however, interfered with his very soon concluding the game in the customary way, with the score +26. The game was finished in 35 minutes.

The holder of the Championship, J. W. Solomon, was opposed to W. Longman—this match also played at Roehampton. Solomon's first break was a perfect example of how to make the first nine points—plus one for the partner, through the first hoop. Longman failed to hit with the lift shot, and though there was little material to hand for progress, Solomon was soon at the peg with both balls—having done a triple peel.

The second game was not so one-sided, for Longman had chances, some of which looked likely to be made full use of; but only five points resulted. Solomon then could not be denied the innings and, making full use of this essential, won the game and match, +21.

The match, Col. C. C. Adams *v.* G. Williams, in the second round, was remarkable for the fact that each in the first game gave the other contact. The match went to three close games, —11, +4, +3, to Adams.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey is to be commended for her win, in the first round, against Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins. After losing the first game, —16, she won the next two +2, +5. In the next round she met Mrs. W. Longman. This was a very long three-game match which eventually went to Mrs. Elvey. C. W. R. Hodges beat Mrs. B. H. Wiggins after a three-game match, the first of which went to Mrs. Wiggins; the second game was a long one and was won by Hodges, +5. The third, and therefore the match, was his, +18.

M. B. Reckitt *v.* J. W. Solomon, was an interesting match for spectators, indeed the second game—though played to the accompaniment of thunder—looked quite likely to go to Reckitt, for he was playing accurate croquet in spite of the disturbance from above. Solomon, however, did not permit a second game for the match went to him, +13, +5.

M. Spencer Ell made a fine effort to get to the quarter-finals instead of Dr. H. J. Penny; he won the second game, +22, and the score of the third game, +9, suggests what a desperate struggle both players were concerned in.

Miss D. A. Lintern lost to Hodges after a long first game, and—as the score suggests—she had chances in the second. The finish of this second game was rather unusual; both the rovers failed to contact the peg and they remained around the centre of the court for some time. It made spectators wonder if this was to be an example of the trite truth that a game of croquet is never won till both balls have hit the peg.

Cotter *v.* Capt. H. G. Stoker provided good entertainment, for Stoker very nearly won the first game; he appeared to ignore the opportunity he had of pegging out his opponent's rover, which seemed to spectators—credited with knowing most of the game—to be one way of winning it.

In the second, and match-winning game, Cotter brought off a clever delayed triple peel, the success of which depended on a most accurate rush on his partner ball—with which he made the 2-back hoop—close to the penultimate.

The match which was to take the winner into the semi-final, Cotter *v.* Solomon, was a great attraction. Solomon hit Cotter's tice; Cotter missed the shot from baulk. Soon all four balls were in play and Solomon's clips on 4-back and 2, partner peeled through 1st hoop. But Solomon failed at the second hoop. Cotter soon had his clip on 4-back, and Solomon, having missed with the lift shot, Cotter was in play. He too, however, failed at the second hoop. Solomon was then in from a 30-yard roquet; his break was now in progress and the triple—only begun after the 5th hoop—had soon been accomplished. The slight blemish—for his mallet-ball just touched its partner, after both were through the rover—did not prevent Solomon pegging both balls out, after the lift shot had missed, to win +16.

The second and conclusive game began with Cotter hitting Solomon's tice; but, after laying the break, Solomon hit the ball in the centre of the court and went round to 4-back. Cotter hit the shot from baulk, but failed to make the first hoop. Though Solomon hit in with his backward ball—a long shot—he broke down at the third hoop when trying to start a triple. There was a pause in the game until Solomon was active, peeling his partner through the penultimate when for 2-back and the rover—from quite 3 yards. He finished the game in under the hour, +26.

Dr. Penny found Mrs. Elvey disputing very sternly his right to enter the semi-final. She won the second game, +24, and only just failed in the final game by 3 points. Hodges and Adams, had three closely fought games, +5, —5, +14; but Hodges made the final game his own—and entitled to meet Penny in the semi-final. These three games were long ones, each appeared to be obsessed by the super-importance of the match, for one or other was to be a finalist in the Premier Event of Croquet. Penny, having lost the first game, a fine example by Hodges—he won +26—made a determined though prolonged effort to win the next two. This he did, though not without strenuous opposition from his opponent.

Our popular visitor from New Zealand, A. Ross, Champion of his country eleven times, reached the semi-final at the expense of Capt. C. G. Reid-Walker and

Major J. W. Cobb. This latter match, which took him into the semi-final, provided in the third game a fine example of croquet. His opponent never took croquet; Ross finished the game with a triple peel in 35 minutes.

J. W. Solomon *v.* Ross was a great match. Solomon to 4-back; the lift shot missed. Solomon, from little to do it with, was going well with his second break when the 5th hoop stopped him. Ross was in later and went to 4-back, putting the two opponent's balls—one almost on the West boundary, the other on the East. The shot was missed, but only the third hoop was made. Then Solomon failed with a roquet; but Ross stuck in the fifth hoop, letting his opponent in. The peg-out was laid, and the shot missed, Solomon winning +13.

The second game started with every suggestion that Ross would go round, but the third hoop prevented it. Then Solomon went to 4 back. Ross was now playing fine croquet, put his clip on the peg, and, having peeled his partner through 4-back, the other on the penultimate. But he left the cross-pegged balls just open. Solomon hit the exposed part and peeled his other ball through 4-back; then, trying to peel it through the penultimate, he stuck in it. Later, though he got both balls through he missed a roquet. The lift put Ross in to win the second game +4.

The third game started with Ross all set for a break, but the third hoop stopped it. Solomon let in by this went to 4-back, peeling partner through 1st hoop as usual. The lift shot missed and he proceeded to make his second break from the second hoop. Collecting the balls to proceed, he missed a roquet, and Ross was in; from a lovely break he went to 4-back. After an interlude, Ross made another fine break to the peg. Though the lift shot missed those last five points were not made—and he scattered the balls. Solomon was in and made some progress; but the end came when later he missed a roquet which, with the lift due, gave Ross those last few points from 4-back—and the match.

## THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

A. Ross *v.* Dr. H. J. Penny

Ross soon put a clip on 3-back, and not long after Penny did the same—but the other two balls were not so active. After some interval Ross made the few points from the fourth hoop to 2-back. Though he could not find material to make that hoop and the lift was imminent, no advantage to Penny resulted from it. Ross made 2-back, but Penny was now allowed to make 3-back—and two more. The clips, therefore, were: Ross, 3-back and 4-back—Penny, the rover and second hoop. Ross was now in, and to the peg he went. Penny failed with the lift shot, yet Ross delayed making those last three hoops and the peg. He won this game +12.

Penny let Ross in early in the second game by going off the boundary—but no points resulted. Ross was the first to make progress, playing well, and reaching 4-back. Another all-round break stopped after the sixth hoop, where he miscued, hampered by the hoop. Penny, though comfortably supplied by this mishap, failed at the first hoop. Ross now was at 4-back with his other ball, but trying to peel his partner, let Penny in. He made one hoop and then Ross went to the peg. Penny hit the lift shot and made another hoop. There followed an interval because Ross had left a ball wired. Penny not only gained no advantage from this, but that very ball remaining at 4-back supplied the key to the last three hoops, and the Open Championship for Ross—a very popular victory.

## THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

There were some interesting, not to say strong pairs competing in this important event; amongst them, of course, the holders, Hicks and Wiggins, and the runners-up, Cotter and Solomon. This latter pair had a quick victory over Mrs. Edmund Reeve and E. V. Carpmal, especially for a Double, for the game went to the two men, +25, in less than an hour. A very close game was that between the Elveys and Reckitt and Adams. It looked to be all over when a foul stopped progress to the peg, and probably the game would have been over and won by the two men. Instead, as the score, +4, shows, it nearly went to the combined talent of the Elveys.

Cobb and Miss Lintern won a good game from Ross and Penny; Miss Lintern hit nearly every long shot she aimed at and was soon round to 4-back. Her partner

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then gave her his assistance until the rover hoop where he failed. Penny found the sixth hoop unwilling to be run, but Cobb overcame the rover hoop and he and his partner entered the semi-final.

Here they were faced with what appeared on paper to be a pair impregnable—none other than the holders, Hicks and Wiggins. The suggestion of impregnability proved to be erroneous, for Cobb and Miss Lintern entered the final, precluding any idea of this powerful pair retaining their hold on the Doubles Championship.

The final, therefore, was between the runners-up of 1953, and Cobb and Miss Lintern. It was not a great game—and soon over. Cotter played one of his immaculate breaks to 4-back. It was some time before any of the other three endeavoured to make points in sequence until Solomon at last settled down to a break. Neither of the opponents could get a break going, and so Cotter and Solomon are the holders of the Doubles Championship of 1954.

#### THE ASSOCIATION PLATE

This was won for the second year in succession by Reckitt. He beat Carpmael with the convincing score of +24. Mrs. Wiggins was his opponent in the final, and she did not allow him anything like an easy route to the peg and the consolation for winning the Association Plate.

Bernard Wiggins again proved how well fitted he is to manage the Championships, wherever they are held, and gave universal satisfaction to all concerned.

A most pleasing ceremony concluded the week when Mrs. Arthur Ross presented the Gold Cup to her husband, the 1954 Open Champion. Col. C. C. Adams, Chairman of the Croquet Association, opened the proceedings with a few well-chosen words, and W. Longman, a Vice-President, added his apt remarks in conclusion.

The presentation, when made, called forth loud and prolonged cheers.

#### THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP.

(29 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —1 +2 +5.  
M. Spencer Ell bt E. V. Carpmael +12 +14.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt G. W. Solomon +14 +9.  
Col. C. C. Adams bt R. G. H. Belcher +7 +17.  
G. Williams bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton +13 +17.  
Miss D. A. Lintern bt G. M. FitzPatrick +20 +10.  
C. W. R. Hodges bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins —9 +5 +18.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. E. Reeve +11 +20.  
J. W. Solomon bt W. Longman +26 +21.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt H. O. Hicks +4 +26.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury +13 opponent retired.  
A. Ross bt I. W. Cheavin +10 +12.  
Capt. C. G. Reid-Walker bt Mrs. L. C. Apps +5 +22.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. W. Longman +17 —3 +15.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt M. Spencer Ell by +21 —22 +9.  
Col. C. C. Adams bt G. Williams by —11 +4 +3.  
C. W. R. Hodges bt Miss D. A. Lintern +11 +17.  
J. W. Solomon bt M. B. Reckitt +13 +5.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +5 +20.  
A. Ross bt Capt. C. G. Reid-Walker +5 +22.  
Major J. W. Cobb bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey +18 +21.

##### THIRD ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +21 —24 +3.  
C. W. R. Hodges bt Col. C. C. Adams +5 —5 +14.  
J. W. Solomon bt E. P. C. Cotter +16 +26.  
A. Ross bt Major J. W. Cobb +5 —1 +26.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt C. W. R. Hodges —26 +16 +13.  
A. Ross bt J. W. Solomon —13 +4 +9.

##### FINAL.

A. Ross bt Dr. H. J. Penny +12 +22.

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#### THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

(9 Pairs).

##### FIRST ROUND.

J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. E. Reeve by 25.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt and Col. C. C. Adams bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 4.  
J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman by 25.  
Major J. W. Cobb and Miss D. A. Lintern bt A. Ross and Dr. H. J. Penny by 12.  
H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt G. M. FitzPatrick and Mrs. B. H. Wiggins by 17.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt and Col. C. C. Adams by 21.  
Major J. W. Cobb and Miss D. A. Lintern bt H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 9.

##### FINAL.

J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt Major J. W. Cobb and Miss D. A. Lintern by 21.

#### THE ASSOCIATION PLATE.

(Variation "B").

(11 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. W. Longman by 16.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 12.  
W. Longman bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 7.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

E. V. Carpmael bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 9.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 15.  
W. Longman bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 3.  
Mrs. B. H. Wiggins bt Mrs. Spencer Ell by 11.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt E. V. Carpmael by 24.  
Mrs. B. H. Wiggins bt W. Longman by 18.

##### FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins by 11.

#### BUXTON

June 21st—26th

There could be no more idyllic surroundings for croquet than those of the Buxton Pavilion Gardens with 23 acres of richly wooded grounds, undulating paths, two independent streams wending their ways amongst rocks and attended by wild fowl. These latter are most sociable creatures, obviously very knowledgeable of croquet as evinced by their frequent and prolonged appearances by, and on, the courts during play and by distinctly audible derisory chuckles at such times as a short roquet was missed or a hoop "bossed." Add to all this the fact of six courts of above average standard, cut every morning and improving with each cut, and morning coffee and afternoon tea efficiently served by Mrs. M. Dean and her helpers; there is thus provided every necessary ingredient.

The North of England Championship meeting this year attracted an entry of 30 players, including five from Devonshire and two from Edinburgh. Not for some years has there been so many as six minus players entered for the open event. Altogether it appeared that there might be some difficulty in completing the advertised programme, having regard to the number of entries, but it must be recorded that, with such an experienced manager as Miss D. D. Steel, the Tournament reached an unhurried conclusion on the Saturday afternoon. There was general regret that Mrs. D. E. Chorlton, the Tournament Secretary, was prevented by a troublesome foot from playing more than one game, but the disablement was not allowed to prevent her discharging to the full her manifold duties.

Now a word about Mr. Ronald Faulkner, who, in convincing manner, retained the North of England Championship he won in 1953, and this in spite of opposition sterner than he met in the earlier year. Able to play only a limited amount of croquet, and seldom

against players of his own calibre, this was his fourth Tournament. It would be a grand thing if he were able to take part in an occasional event where the foremost contemporary players are engaging, and there are good grounds for surmising that his game would become even more formidable as a result. In the Draw, Mr. Faulkner beat Mr. E. P. Duffield in the Final, having achieved *en route* a maximum win against such a formidable player as Mrs. Eustace Rotherham. Dr. H. J. Penny proved to be the only player capable of beating Mr. Faulkner, and he proceeded to win the Process after a tense final against Mrs. Rotherham. The Play-off took place in a wind of near-gale force, and it was not long before Mr. Faulkner's chips were on Rover and Penultimate respectively. At this point Dr. Penny hit a 30 yards shot and proceeded to within 5 points of game before Mr. Faulkner again hit-in and very soon pegged-out.

Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi proved herself a consistent player throughout the week, winning the final of X by a comfortable margin against Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows, and appears ready to take part in Championship events forthwith.

It was nice to see Mr. H. C. Davey in action again. Playing with Miss H. D. Parker he reached the final of the Doubles, to be beaten by the strong combination of Messrs. J. K. Brown and J. Hunter. In the "B" Levels Final, with the high wind playing a prominent part, the Reverend F. J. Denbow played steadily whilst Mrs. A. L. Megson found long shooting something of a problem.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.

##### OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Lives" System).

##### THE DRAW.

(13 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Major F. Stone bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 1.  
E. P. Duffield bt T. Wood-Hill by 21.  
Mrs. A. Fotiadi bt Miss A. Mills by 21.  
R. Faulkner bt J. K. Brown by 5.  
Mrs. Rotherham bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 26.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Major F. Stone bt Mrs. M. Briggs by 6.  
E. P. Duffield bt Mrs. A. Fotiadi by 17.  
R. Faulkner bt Mrs. Rotherham by 26.  
Mrs. M. Curnick bt H. O. Hodgson by 10.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. Duffield bt Major F. Stone by 1.  
R. Faulkner bt Mrs. M. Curnick by 16.

##### FINAL.

R. Faulkner bt E. P. Duffield by 8.

##### PROCESS.

(13 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hodgson bt Mrs. A. Fotiadi by 5.  
Dr. H. J. Penny w.o. Major F. Stone scratched.  
R. Faulkner bt Mrs. Briggs by 24.  
J. K. Brown bt Mrs. Curnick by 13.  
Mrs. Rotherham bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 14.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt H. O. Hodgson by 20.  
R. Faulkner bt E. P. Duffield by 17.  
T. Wood-Hill bt J. K. Brown by 7.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt R. Faulkner by 6.

##### FINAL.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt Mrs. Rotherham by 9.

##### PLAY-OFF.

R. Faulkner bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 5.

#### LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B.').

(3½ bisques and over).

(11 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

W. B. Renwick bt J. Hunter by 7.  
Miss D. Schofield bt Miss H. D. Parker by 6.  
Miss V. Mills bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 20.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. L. Megson bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse by 12.  
W. B. Renwick bt Miss D. Schofield by 7.  
Miss V. Mills w.o. Mrs. D. E. Chorlton scratched.  
Rev. F. Denbow bt Mrs. A. Madge by 2.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. L. Megson bt W. B. Renwick by 11.  
Rev. F. Denbow bt Miss V. Mills by 7.

##### FINAL.

Rev. F. Denbow bt Mrs. A. L. Megson by 20.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C.').

(8 bisques and over).

(4 Entries).

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. Archer (14) bt Lord Mackay (10) by 11.  
Mrs. Job (14) w.o. Mrs. Dean (10) retired.

##### FINAL.

Mrs. Archer (14) and Mrs. Job (14).

#### HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.Z.').

(Unrestricted).

EVENT "X."

(28 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

E. P. Duffield (—1) bt J. Hunter (6) by 17.  
Miss A. Mills (3) bt H. C. Davey (2) by 12.  
Mrs. Briggs (2) w.o. Major F. Stone (—3½) scratched.  
W. B. Renwick (5\*) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 5.  
J. K. Brown (—1) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 7.  
Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (6) by 5.  
Mrs. A. Fotiadi (2) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) by 20.  
Miss D. Schofield (3½) bt Lord Mackay (10) by 3½.  
Rev. F. Denbow (6) bt Miss M. Roebuck (7) by 5.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt Mrs. A. Madge (5) by 12.  
Mrs. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 1.  
Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) w.o. Miss Ruthven (14) scratched.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (3½) bt Miss V. Mills (3½) by 17.  
Miss A. Mills (3) bt E. P. Duffield (—1) by 1.  
Mrs. M. Briggs (2) bt W. B. Renwick (5\*) by 14.  
Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1½) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 1.  
Mrs. A. Fotiadi (2) bt Miss D. Schofield (3½) by 12.  
Rev. F. Denbow (6) bt H. O. Hodgson (½) by 11.  
Mrs. Rotherham (—3) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) by 23.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Mrs. Curnick (1½) by 6.

##### THIRD ROUND.

Miss A. Mills (3) w.o. Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (3½) scratched.  
Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1½) bt Mrs. M. Briggs (2) by 1.  
Mrs. A. Fotiadi (2) bt Rev. F. Denbow (6) by 3.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Mrs. Rotherham (—3) by 23.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1½) bt Miss A. Mills (3) by 15.  
Mrs. A. Fotiadi (2) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 17.

##### FINAL.

Mrs. A. Fotiadi (2) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1½) by 18.

##### EVENT "Y."

(14 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

J. Hunter (6) w.o. H. C. Davey (2) retired.  
T. Wood-Hill (1½) w.o. Major F. Stone (—3½) retired.  
Mrs. Gatehouse (6) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 21.

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Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) bt Lord Mackay (10) by 8.  
Mrs. A. Madge (5) bt Miss M. Roebuck (7) by 9.  
Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) w.o. Miss Ruthven (14) scratched.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

J. Hunter (6) bt Miss V. Mills (3½) by 1.  
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. E. C. Gatehouse (6) by 9.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) w.o. Mrs. Madge (5) retired.  
Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt J. Hunter (6) by 7.  
Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) by 2.

FINAL.

Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 11.

EVENT "Z."

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

J. K. Brown (—1) w.o. E. P. Duffield (—1) retired.  
W. B. Renwick (5\*) w.o. Miss V. Mills (3½) retired.  
Lord Mackay (10) w.o. Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) retired.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt Miss D. Schofield (3½) by 2.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. Roebuck (7) w.o. H. C. Davey (2) retired.  
J. K. Brown (—1) bt W. B. Renwick (5\*) by 7.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt Lord Mackay (10) by 6.  
A. L. Megson (1½) w.o. Major F. Stone (—3½) retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. Roebuck (7) w.o. J. K. Brown (—1) retired.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 12.

FINAL.

H. O. Hodgson (½) bt Miss M. Roebuck (7) by 14.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(13 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

H. C. Davey and Miss H. D. Parker (7½) bt A. L. Megson and Miss M. Roebuck (7½) by 4.  
Rev. F. Denbow and Miss D. Schofield (9½) bt H. O. Hodgson and Mrs. M. Dean (10½) by 10.  
Major F. Stone and Miss V. Mills (0) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill (0) by 10.  
J. K. Brown and J. Hunter (5) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson and Mrs. A. Fotiadi (6) by 12.  
Mrs. M. Briggs and Mrs. M. Curnick (3½) bt Mrs. Gatehouse and Miss A. Mills (9) by 7.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

H. C. Davey and Miss H. D. Parker (7½) bt Lord Mackay and W. B. Renwick (15) by 4.  
Major F. Stone and Miss V. Mills (0) bt Rev. F. Denbow and Miss D. Schofield (9½) by 3.  
J. K. Brown and J. Hunter (5) bt Mrs. M. Briggs and Mrs. M. Curnick (3½) by 3.  
E. P. Duffield and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt Mrs. Rotherham and Mrs. A. Madge (2) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. C. Davey and Miss H. D. Parker (7½) bt Major Stone and Miss V. Mills (0) by 7.  
J. K. Brown and J. Hunter (5) bt E. P. Duffield and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) by 5.

FINAL.

J. K. Brown and J. Hunter (5) bt H. C. Davey and Miss H. D. Parker (7½) by 8.

BEDFORD

June 28th—July 3rd

This was a most successful and happy event. For the first time for some years there were more entries than could be accepted, and there were several newcomers who were most welcome. The Open Event was won by Mr. E. V. Carpmael, who played consistently and persistently throughout the week and was rarely off the courts. Mrs. Eakin was another who became increasingly busy on the courts right up to Saturday evening. There were many who thought—and nearly

as many who found—that Canon Green had too many bisques. The same can be said of Mrs. Heley.

There was one particular match between two veterans which excited the admiration of all and gave a splendid example of how to get on with the game. Quick play and no messing about finished the game in two hours. Everyone, even the losers, must have been delighted to see one of those veterans, Miss Elphinstone Stone carry her partner, the winner of the Opens, safely to victory in the Doubles and win one of the trophies. Her accuracy in hoop running and in taking off to far boundaries surprised onlookers who did not know her of old, and her opponents wilted before her.

The weather throughout the week was kind. Such rain as there was fell at night and late on Saturday afternoon. It was rather cold, perhaps, for spectators at times, but not for players. To say that Miss Steel was our manager is sufficient comment on the efficiency of the management, and at Bedford it is in addition a guarantee of coffee in the morning and tea in the afternoon at the court where you are playing, without your having to worry about it.

OPEN SINGLES.

TOM DICKSON CHALLENGE CUP.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. V. Carpmael bt Canon A. J. W. Pym by 21.  
F. H. Fisher bt J. G. Warwick by 19.  
Mrs. Cumberlege bt H. C. Davey by 12.  
R. H. Newton bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison by 4.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Com. D. W. Roe bt T. Wood-Hill by 22.  
E. V. Carpmael bt F. H. Fisher by 7.  
Mrs. Cumberlege bt R. H. Newton by 6.  
G. H. Mason bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. V. Carpmael bt Com. D. W. Roe by 12.  
G. H. Mason bt Mrs. Cumberlege by 26.

FINAL.

E. V. Carpmael bt G. H. Mason by 12.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(4 bisques and over).

THE STEEL CUP.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (5) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) by 9.  
Miss M. Allen (9) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 3.  
Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 9.  
Canon G. A. Green (9) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) by 3.  
Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) bt Mrs. C. Barror (5½) by 20.  
Mrs. K. Eakin (7) bt Mrs. W. F. Haynes (6½) by 16.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (5) bt Mrs. England Smith (9) by 11.  
Miss M. Allen (9) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 2.  
Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) w.o. Canon G. A. Green (9) scratched.  
Mrs. K. Eakin (7) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (5) bt Miss M. Allen (9) by 12.  
Mrs. K. Eakin (7) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 5.

FINAL.

Mrs. K. Eakin (7) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (5) by 20.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.Z.').

EVENT "X."

(28 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (5) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 9.  
Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) bt Miss M. Allen (9) by 3.  
Canon G. A. Green (9) bt H. R. Newton (2½) by 12.  
Mrs. A. G. Stephens (1½) bt E. V. Carpmael (½) by 7.  
Mrs. Cumberlege (2½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 21.  
G. H. Mason (—½) bt Mrs. Cervantes (8) by 4.  
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 10.  
Canon A. J. W. Pym (½) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 13.  
Com. D. W. Roe (2) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (7) by 3.

Rev. H. B. W. Denison (0) bt Mrs. W. F. Haynes (6½) by 21.

Mrs. England Smith (9) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 15.

Miss D. N. Towle (6) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 8.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (5) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 12.  
Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) w.o. H. C. Davey (2) scratched.  
Canon G. A. Green (9) bt Mrs. A. G. Stephens (1½) by 11.  
G. H. Mason (—½) bt Mrs. Cumberlege (2½) by 16.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 14.  
Canon A. J. W. Pym (½) bt Com. D. W. Roe (2) by 25.  
Rev. H. B. W. Denison (0) bt Mrs. England Smith (9) by 11.

Miss D. N. Towle (6) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 8.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (5) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) by 4.  
Canon G. A. Green (9) bt G. H. Mason (—½) by 13.  
Canon A. J. W. Pym (½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 7.  
Rev. H. B. W. Denison (0) bt Miss D. N. Towle (6) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (5) bt Canon G. A. Green (9) by 17.  
Rev. H. B. W. Denison (0) w.o. Canon A. J. W. Pym (½) absent.

FINAL.

Rev. H. B. W. Denison (0) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (5) by 4.

EVENT "Y."

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 13.  
Miss M. Allen (9) w.o. H. C. Davey (2) scratched.  
E. V. Carpmael (½) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 10.  
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 13.  
Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 16.  
Mrs. K. Eakin (7) bt Mrs. W. F. Haynes (6½) by 10.  
Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 2.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) bt Miss M. Allen (9) by 2.  
E. V. Carpmael (½) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) by 17.  
Mrs. K. Eakin (7) w.o. Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) retired.  
Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) w.o. E. V. Carpmael (½) retired.  
Mrs. K. Eakin (7) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 11.

FINAL.

Mrs. K. Eakin (7) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 17.

EVENT "Z."

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. W. F. Haynes (6½) by 15.  
Miss G. Allen (9) bt Mrs. A. G. Stephens (1½) by 1.

SECOND ROUND.

R. H. Newton (2½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 5.  
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 11.  
Miss G. Allen (9) w.o. Mrs. Cumberlege (2½) scratched.  
Com. D. W. Roe (2) bt Mrs. England Smith (9) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. H. Newton (2½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 13.  
Com. D. W. Roe (2) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 16.

FINAL.

Com. D. W. Roe (2) w.o. R. H. Newton (2½) scratched.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined Handicaps not less than 1 bisque).

THE BARRON CUPS.

(13 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. A. J. Stephens and Miss M. C. Macaulay (5) bt Com. and Mrs. D. W. Roe (8½) by 13.  
Canon A. J. W. Pym and A. F. Wood (4) bt F. H. Fisher and Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) by 20.  
Rev. H. B. W. Denison and Canon G. A. Green (9) bt T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. K. Eakin (8½) by 17.  
R. H. Newton and Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (10½) bt Miss D. N. Towle and Mrs. F. A. Ellard (16) by 8.

G. H. Mason and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (7½) bt Mrs. Cumberlege and Mrs. W. F. Haynes (9) by 8.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

H. C. Davey and Miss H. D. Parker (7½) bt Mrs. A. J. Stephens and Miss M. C. Macaulay (5) by 9.  
Rev. H. B. W. Denison and Canon G. A. Green (9) bt Canon A. J. W. Pym and A. F. Wood (4) by 6.  
G. H. Mason and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (7½) bt R. H. Newton and Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (10½) by 7.  
E. V. Carpmael and Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (4) bt Miss M. G. Allen (18) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Rev. H. B. W. Denison and Canon G. A. Green (9) bt H. C. Davey and Miss H. D. Parker (7½) by 17.  
E. V. Carpmael and Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (4) bt G. H. Mason and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (7½) by 8.

FINAL.

E. V. Carpmael and Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (4) bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison and Canon G. A. Green (9) by 7.

PARKSTONE

June 21st—26th

Those who come to Parkstone, and there are many who come again and again, must be struck with the fact that this is a happy Tournament. For one thing, Mr. and Mrs. Ashton and others go all out to make visitors welcome and to make the meeting thoroughly enjoyable for all. This, the first Parkstone Tournament of 1954, lost some of the fans we usually meet here. We understand some of them have fallen for the Peaks of Derbyshire, or shall we say the hollow of Buxton, but we believe we shall see them here in September.

As to the play, though the entry was small, the courts were never vacant and interest did not for a moment flag. Everyone was kept busy by that splendid manager, Mr. Ashton.

In the big Handicap, Commander Beamish gained a well deserved win. He has been improving for some time past and well deserves his success. Mr. Eliot Scott is also to be congratulated especially for his good play in the semi-final against Mrs. Elvey, who had done well in the event and specially distinguished herself by defeating Mrs. Gasson in two breaks, leaving the latter with 3 bisques in hand.

In the 2½—7 handicap, Commander Beamish and Mrs. Roe were the finalists. We congratulate Mrs. Roe on the improvement in her play.

In the 7½ and over, two promising players—Mrs. Cork and Mrs. Thornewill were the finalists—the former being the winner.

In the chief event—the Opens—the Draw was won by Mrs. Elvey and the Process by Commander Roe. These two finalists decided to divide as it was too late, after a long Doubles Final, for the play-off. The most sensational game in this event was Commander Roe's victory over Mrs. Ashton, after a long struggle, by 1 point. In pegging-out, Mrs. Ashton's front ball just skimmed past the peg and a good shot by the Commander gave him the winning innings. After peeling at the rover hoop he had the remarkable good fortune to find himself with a dead rush to the peg, which gave him the game.

The Handicap Doubles were won by Mr. and Mrs. Elvey from V. de la Nougerede and P. Eliot Scott and the score, +3, tells its own story of a closely contested game in which good long shots were scored by both sides.

Altogether a very happy week, owing to excellent management and weather which was not too bad for 1954! Thanks are due also to the Referee, Colonel Baldwin; and many, many thanks are owed to Mrs. Ashton and all the other charming people who looked after the lunches and teas.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DORSET SALVER AND HALSE CUP.

"Two Lives."

(2 bisques and under).

THE DRAW.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

V. de la Nougerede bt J. Hewitt by 7.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Com. D. W. Roe by 10.  
Miss M. K. Haslam bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 7.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 13.



SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt V. de la Nougerede by 13.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Miss M. K. Haslam by 13.

FINAL.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 11.

PROCESS.  
(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 2.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt J. Hewitt by 17.  
Com. D. W. Roe bt Miss M. K. Haslam by 5.  
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt V. de la Nougerede by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 8.  
Com. D. W. Roe bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 10.

FINAL.  
Com. D. W. Roe bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 1.

PLAY-OFF.  
Divided.

HANDICAP SINGLES.  
THE EVANS TROPHY.

(2½ to 7 bisques).  
(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2½) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 10.  
Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) by 8.  
Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) bt Major C. T. Carfrae (6) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2½) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) by 8.  
Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) w.o. Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3) opponent scratched.

FINAL.  
Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2½) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 7.

HANDICAP SINGLES.  
THE COPE CUP.

(7½ bisques and over).  
(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) w.o. Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) bt Mrs. H. R. Hardwick (10) by 19.  
Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt P. Eliot Scott (9) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) bt Mrs. M. D. Robertson (12) by 13.  
Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt Mrs. L. H. Tudor (9) by 19.

FINAL.  
Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) by 22.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").  
(Unrestricted).

THE BISHOP CUP AND EVANS ROSE BOWL.  
EVENT "X."

(23 Entries).

Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt V. de la Nougerede (0) by 2.  
Mrs. T. H. F. Clarkson (0) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 10.  
Mrs. H. R. Hardwick (10) w.o. Major C. T. Carfrae (6) opponent scratched.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) by 19.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton (-2) bt Mrs. L. H. Tudor (9) by 16.  
Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 11.

Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2½) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 1.

SECOND ROUND.  
P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 10.  
Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) by 7.  
Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt Mrs. T. H. F. Clarkson (0) by 3.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt Mrs. H. R. Hardwick (10) by 18.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton (-2) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) by 12.

Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2½) bt H. Wilson Smith (2) by 13.  
Com. D. W. Roe (2) w.o. Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8) opponent scratched.

J. Hewitt (-½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) by 7.

THIRD ROUND.  
P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 11.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) by 6.

Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (-2) by 4.

J. Hewitt (-½) bt Com. D. W. Roe (2) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.  
P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) by 21.  
Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2½) bt J. Hewitt (-½) by 25.

FINAL.  
Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2½) bt P. Eliot Scott (9) by 17.

EVENT "Y."  
(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
V. de la Nougerede (0) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 11.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) w.o. Major C. T. Carfrae (6) opponent scratched.

Mrs. L. H. Tudor (9) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 11.  
Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) w.o. H. Wilson Smith (2) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.  
Miss G. L. Weston (11) w.o. Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) opponent scratched.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt V. de la Nougerede (0) by 26.  
Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) bt Mrs. L. H. Tudor (9) by 13.  
Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) w.o. Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8) opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 12.  
Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 23.

FINAL.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) by 13.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.  
(Unrestricted).

(8 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.  
V. de la Nougerede and P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Mrs. T. H. F. Clarkson and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) by 4.  
Mrs. J. A. McMordie and Major F. Hill-Bernhard (15½) bt Com. D. W. Roe and Mrs. Roe (8½) by 2.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Com. G. V. G. Beamish (4½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) by 4.  
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. Elvey (-3) bt Miss M. K. Haslam and Mrs. L. H. Tudor (10½) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.  
V. de la Nougerede and P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie and Major F. Hill-Bernhard (15½) by 11.  
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. Elvey (-3) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Com. G. V. G. Beamish (4½) by 7.

FINAL.  
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. Elvey (-3) bt V. de la Nougerede and P. Eliot Scott (9) by 3.

EXTRA EVENT.  
HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Unrestricted).  
(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt J. Hewitt (-½) by 5.  
Com. D. W. Roe (2) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 1.  
Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 10.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3) retired.  
Com. D. W. Roe (2) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 7.

FINAL.  
Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) bt Com. D. W. Roe (2) by 4.

## COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

June 28th—July 3rd

Favoured by fine weather, if at times rather cold, this tournament went with a swing. There was an entry of thirty-one, four more than last year, but with five lawns, the manager had no difficulty in finishing without imposing time limits, so common and, indeed, inevitable now at many tournaments, owing to the vagaries of the weather or, dare I whisper it, the effect of Law 44 and its variations; at all events many games take much longer than they should.

The lawns were in excellent condition and it would be difficult, did we wish it, to find fault with them. The committee and the groundsman are to be congratulated on bringing them to a state reminiscent of pre-war times, when they were as good as any lawns in the country.

As ever at Compton, the luncheons and teas, to say nothing of coffee, were above praise, whilst the ladies of the club could not have done more than they did to anticipate the needs and satisfy the appetites of competitors; in fact we were waited on hand and foot.

As regards the play, games were completed generally with commendable speed and had a time-limit been imposed there would have been few games not finished before the call of "time."

A word or two on the players: Kirk-Greene had little difficulty in winning the open event, both Draw and Process. Surely that definition of genius as "an infinite capacity for taking pains" applies to him in full measure.

Mrs. Chittenden played consistently well and she was victorious in two finals. True, the entries were not very large and, when it is remembered that she is playing only in her fourth season, it may be hoped that the handicappers will take this into consideration and not be too drastic, a practice which is discouraging to players coming on as she has; there is no doubt that she was at the top of her form in her game with W. R. D. Wiggins and was able to profit by the errors of her opponents in other games.

Gerald Williams, whose swing and general style is the envy of less consistent players, reached the final of both Draw and Process and with Mrs. Irwin won the Doubles.

Mrs. Irwin had a very dour battle with Mrs. Chittenden in the final of the Level Singles (3 bisques and over) both playing at 3½. She looked a certain winner, but in attempting to peg out the first ball, missed the peg and lost by 1. She also won the Doubles, partnered by Gerald Williams, having in a previous match, against Mr. and Mrs. Belcher, brought off a spectacular win when, after Williams had been pegged out by Belcher, she took her single ball from 5 to 1 back and later picked up a three-ball break from 2 back to the peg. She played very well in the final of the Doubles which she and Williams won by 16.

R. V. N. Wiggins as usual played sound croquet and reached the final in the Big Handicap.

The Handicap Singles (6 bisques and over) was won by Mrs. R. Whitham after a good fight in the final with H. A. Hall.

All praise is due to Major Dibley who undertook that most unselfish of tasks as Manager so courteously and efficiently.

The arrangements for the Tournament were, as last year, in the hands of Lt.-Col. R. A. Irwin, who also acted as a most efficient waiter! We are all most grateful to him.

OPEN SINGLES.

(Draw and Process, Variation B.).

THE DRAW.  
(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 25.

SECOND ROUND.  
R. V. N. Wiggins bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 26.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 26.  
G. Williams bt S. F. Sopwith by 10.  
N. Oddie bt R. G. H. Belcher by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 16.  
G. Williams w.o. N. Oddie scratched.

FINAL.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt G. Williams by 23.

PROCESS.  
(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt R. G. H. Belcher by 16.

SECOND ROUND.  
G. Williams bt N. Oddie by 5.  
Mrs. G. J. Turketine bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 21.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt S. F. Sopwith by 10.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.  
G. Williams bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 11.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 11.

FINAL.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt G. Williams by 10.

LEVEL SINGLES.  
(3 Bisques and over).

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
G. H. Child w.o. Mrs. Franc scratched.  
Mrs. C. M. Irwin bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher by 19.  
J. R. Bickersteth bt L. F. C. Darby by 7.  
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. C. M. Irwin bt G. H. Child by 20.  
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden bt J. R. Bickersteth by 25.

FINAL.  
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden bt Mrs. C. M. Irwin by 1.

HANDICAP SINGLES.  
(26 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
J. C. Bullock (5) bt N. Oddie (1) by 3.  
G. H. Child (3½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 11.  
R. Whitham (8) bt R. G. H. Belcher (2½) by 13.  
R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt R. W. Page (10\*) by 21.  
Mrs. R. Whitham (10) bt L. F. C. Darby (3½) by 21.  
S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Dr. H. R. Mc'Aleenan (9) by 16.  
Miss E. M. Palmer (12) bt Mrs. B. M. Farris (6½) by 16.  
Mrs. D. Attfield (6) bt H. A. Hall (8) by 10.  
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (3½) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine (-½) by 11.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) bt J. R. Bickersteth (4½) by 18.

SECOND ROUND.  
Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) w.o. Mrs. H. Franc scratched.  
G. Williams (0) bt J. C. Bullock (5) by 23.  
G. H. Child (3½) bt R. Whitham (8) by 13.  
R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (10) by 13.  
S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 23.  
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (3½) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 4.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 14.  
Mrs. C. M. Irwin (3½) bt Mrs. J. M. Purves (12\*) by 10.

THIRD ROUND.  
Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) bt G. Williams (0) by 1.  
R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt G. H. Child (3½) by 11.  
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (3½) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 23.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) bt Mrs. C. M. Irwin (3½) by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.  
R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) by 9.  
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (3½) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) by 26.

FINAL.  
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (3½) bt R. V. N. Wiggins (½) by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES.  
(6 bisques and over).

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Miss E. M. Palmer (12) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 2.  
R. W. Page (10\*) bt E. Plaistowe (10) by 11.  
H. A. Hall (8) bt R. Whitham (8) by 11.  
Mrs. R. Whitham (10) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (10) by 5.  
Miss M. White (9) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 5.  
Dr. H. R. Mc'Aleenan (9) bt Mrs. B. M. Farris (6½) by 13.



SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. J. M. Purves (12\*) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 2.  
H. A. Hall (8) bt R. W. Page (10\*) by 8.  
Mrs. R. Whitham (10) bt Miss M. White (9) by 14.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Dr. H. R. Mc'Aleenan (9) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.  
H. A. Hall (8) bt Mrs. J. M. Purves (12\*) by 2.  
Mrs. R. Whitham (10) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 21.

FINAL.  
Mrs. R. Whitham (10) bt H. A. Hall (8) by 4.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. G. J. Turketine and Mrs. D. Attfield (5½) bt G. H. Child and Miss E. M. Palmer (15½) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.  
S. F. Sopwith and Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (5) bt R. Whitham and Mrs. R. Whitham (18) by 13.  
R. V. N. Wiggins and J. R. Bickersteth (5) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine and Mrs. D. Attfield (5½) by 1.  
R. G. H. Belcher and Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (12½) bt Mrs. B. M. Farris and Miss E. P. Carmouche (9½) by 13.  
G. Williams and Mrs. C. M. Irwin (3½) bt Dr. H. R. Mc'Aleenan and Mrs. Mc'Aleenan (19) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.  
S. F. Sopwith and Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (5) bt R. V. N. Wiggins and J. R. Bickersteth (5) by 6.  
G. Williams and Mrs. C. M. Irwin (3½) bt R. G. H. Belcher and Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (12½) by 3.

FINAL.  
G. Williams and Mrs. C. M. Irwin (3½) bt S. F. Sopwith and Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (5) by 16.

### NOTTINGHAM

The Nottingham Croquet Club completed their annual tournament on Saturday, June 19th. The Committee wisely co-opted the clerk of the weather who in his official capacity gave his promise for good visibility and sunshine. So it was that the meeting in Nottingham was favoured with perfect Croquet weather.

From the first day, Monday, June 14th, the tournament started with surprise results and excitement. Here are a few: G. N. Bright, the Assistant Tournament Secretary, beat F. H. Fisher in the Robin Hood Gold Cup by 20, and G. Birch beat T. Wood-Hill from Darley Dale by 21.

The following day (Tuesday) a great match was witnessed between G. N. Bright and G. Birch, both of whom are local Club players, the former winning by +6. This was followed by a good game between Dr. G. L. Ormerod and H. O. Hodgson.

Wednesday the Doubles were introduced when most spectators assembled on lawn 3 to witness a match between Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. L. Robinson, a local player, against Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Cook played extremely well and recorded a victory by 17. They were fancied for the Final by odds at 3 to 1 (see results).

Thursday proved an exciting day, forms of the younger players entirely upsetting the more experienced. Friday, devoted to semi-finals, was a good day for those not in "class Croquet" to improve their tactics of the game by watching Dr. G. L. Ormerod beating G. N. Bright by 9 in the Robin Hood Gold Cup Event. In the Handicap Singles Mrs. E. J. Cook recorded a victory against her husband by 10. This match was of great local interest and had many exciting phases. On the same day in Div. Y the Rev. F. J. Denbow reached the Final by beating E. J. Cook by 3. This game was lost by Mr. Cook through not making the most of his positional advantages during the last stages of the game.

At the prize distribution at which the Lord Mayor of Nottingham officially attended he spoke of the interest he had in the sports of the City. He congratulated the Nottingham Croquet Club on its effort and enterprise in arranging such a sports meeting.

After the distribution of Prizes the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, spoke on the development of Croquet in the country.

The Secretary of the tournament expressed the view that Croquet in Nottingham was gradually becoming

more popular and that the Club's effort in holding a tournament would be a benefit to the future of the Club's development.

The Refreshments Committee were congratulated on their splendid catering and service. The only complaint which Mr. F. H. Fisher, who proposed the vote of thanks, could make was that the "charges were too low."

Mrs. J. R. Elliott, M.B.E., presided, and expressed thanks on behalf of the Club members and visitors to the Lord Mayor for his attendance and to those who had taken part in the tournament. She hoped that the example Nottingham had set in Croquet would be of some benefit to the game throughout the country.

Mr. T. Wood-Hill was the rock upon which the Committee could rely for help and co-operation for "tomorrow's" play. The Secretary gives his thanks to this Croquet enthusiast from Darley Dale.

Finally all thank Miss D. D. Steel, who with her usual capable management, conducted the Tournament with such efficiency.

#### ROBIN HOOD GOLD CUP.

##### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
G. N. Bright (3) bt F. H. Fisher (-1½) by 20.  
G. Birch (4) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 21.  
E. J. Cook (8) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) by 11.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (6) bt Miss A. S. E. Lockton (4) by 14.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt G. H. Mason (-½) by 15.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
G. N. Bright (3) w.o. Miss D. D. Steel (-4).  
G. Birch (4) bt E. J. Cook (8) by 11.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (6) bt H. O. Hodgson (½) by 24.  
Dr. H. J. Penny (-1½) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.  
G. N. Bright (3) bt G. Birch (4) by 16.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (6) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (-1½) by 15.

FINAL.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (6) bt G. N. Bright (3) by 9.

##### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5 bisques and over).

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
E. J. Cook (8) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 6.  
Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) bt Mrs. M. E. Bradfield (9\*) by 19.  
Mrs. L. Abdy (10) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 19.  
Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) bt Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) by 18.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (6) bt Mrs. G. N. Bright (13\*) by 16.  
W. F. Lord (10) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 22.  
Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) w.o. Mrs. E. Curnow (12).  
A. O. Taylor (5) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.  
E. J. Cook (8) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) by 16.  
Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (10) by 9.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (6) bt W. F. Lord (10\*) by 2.  
Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt A. O. Taylor (5) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) bt E. J. Cook (8) by 10.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (6) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 16.

FINAL.  
Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (6) by 4.

##### DRAW.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
G. N. Bright bt H. O. Hodgson by 2.  
G. H. Mason bt G. Birch by 23.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Miss E. P. Carmouche bt F. H. Fisher by 13.  
G. N. Bright bt T. Wood-Hill by 9.  
G. H. Mason bt N. L. Bright by 17.  
Dr. H. J. Penny w.o. Miss D. D. Steel.

SEMI-FINAL.  
G. N. Bright bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 19.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt G. H. Mason by 23.

FINAL.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt G. N. Bright by 23.

#### OPEN SINGLES.

##### PROCESS.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt F. H. Fisher by 25.  
Miss E. P. Carmouche w.o. Miss D. D. Steel.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
T. Wood-Hill bt G. Birch by 5.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt G. N. Bright by 15.  
H. O. Hodgson bt N. L. Bright by 5.  
G. H. Mason bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt T. Wood-Hill by 18.  
H. O. Hodgson bt G. H. Mason by 2.

FINAL.  
H. O. Hodgson bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 9.

PLAY-OFF.  
H. O. Hodgson bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 17.

##### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (18) bt F. H. Fisher and Miss W. L. Stevenson (7½) by 1.  
E. J. Cook and Mrs. E. J. Cook (17) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. A. E. Robinson (5) by 17.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
G. N. Bright and G. Birch (7) bt H. O. Hodgson and Mrs. E. A. Clark (12½) by 11.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow and Mrs. L. Abdy (17) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (18) by 6.  
E. J. Cook and Mrs. E. J. Cook (17) bt T. Wood-Hill and D. Woodhams (9½) by 26.  
N. L. Bright and J. R. Cullen (16) bt F. W. Lord and Mrs. F. W. Lord (22) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.  
G. N. Bright and G. Birch (7) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow and Mrs. L. Abdy (17) by 8.  
E. J. Cook and Mrs. E. J. Cook (17) bt N. L. Bright and J. R. Cullen (16) by 5.

FINAL.  
E. J. Cook and Mrs. E. J. Cook (17) bt G. N. Bright and G. Birch (7) by 5.

##### HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "X.Y.").

##### EVENT "X."

(24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (6) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 7.  
Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 2.  
Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) by 20.  
Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) bt Mrs. N. L. Bright (13) by 15.  
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) by 5.  
Miss A. S. E. Lockton (4) bt Mrs. G. N. Bright (13) by 14.  
W. F. Lord (10) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 9.  
Dr. H. J. Penny (-1½) bt G. H. Mason (-½) by 6.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. L. Abdy (10) bt A. O. Taylor (5) by 16.  
G. Birch (4) bt F. H. Fisher (-1½) by 12.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (6) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) by 3.  
Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 11.  
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Miss A. S. E. Lockton (4) by 18.  
W. F. Lord (10) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (-1½) by 1.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt E. J. Cook (8) by 7.  
G. N. Bright (3) bt Mrs. E. L. Smith (10\*) by 20.

THIRD ROUND.  
G. Birch (4) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (10) by 11.  
Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (6) by 6.  
W. F. Lord (10) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 8.  
G. N. Bright (3) bt H. O. Hodgson (½) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) bt G. Birch (4) by 11.  
G. N. Bright (3) bt W. F. Lord (10) by 7.

FINAL.  
G. N. Bright (3) bt Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) by 9.

#### EVENT "Y."

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 10.  
Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) w.o. Mrs. N. L. Bright (13).  
Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) bt Mrs. G. N. Bright (13) by 18.  
D. Woodhams (8) bt G. H. Mason (-½) by 1.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
F. H. Fisher (-1½) bt A. O. Taylor (5) by 2.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) by 8.  
D. Woodhams (8) bt Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) by 8.  
E. J. Cook (8) w.o. Mrs. E. L. Smith (10\*).

SEMI-FINAL.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt F. H. Fisher (-1½) by 26.  
E. J. Cook (8) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 26.

FINAL.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt E. J. Cook (8) by 3.

### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

July 12th-17th.

This famous Club, where croquet has been played for seventy years, and more continuously, we believe, than anywhere in England or indeed in the world, has made many friends for itself who never miss its summer tournament if they can help it. All such are pleased to find its Croquet section in a flourishing condition, with a number of new and rapidly improving players. Very much is due in this respect to Major Stone, who must be pleased to see his thorough-going tuition so well rewarded by the success of his protégés, several of whom did noticeably well on this occasion.

Entries in all classes were well up to scratch this year—and indeed in the Opens very much below it! Quality was very evident in this event and was in particular represented by the new Open Champion, whose presence and play were a source of much gratification and interest. But not even Mr. Ross could interrupt the flow of victories by Mr. Hicks, unbroken since 1948. Indeed this holder never looked very much like losing a game to anyone, though Mrs. Elvey, who was playing particularly well during the week, made a courageous effort to reduce a long lead in the final of the "Process" and Mr. Reckitt gave himself a very good start in the "Draw" before missing a fatal roquet.

It seems somewhat surprising to find so formidable a player as Major Abbey competing in a "B" event, though not at all surprising that he should win it. It was rather more unexpected perhaps to find a five-bisquer contesting the final, but Col. Cave has made so rapid an advance that we have to regard him as a potential winner of any event in which he is entered. His fine shooting and admirable hoop running will surely soon carry him into the "A" class.

Mr. George Black, a product of the local "nursery" is another who should go further. He has an excellent style and only needs more experience. Others who did well during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Roper, both obviously improving players, Commander Beamish and Major Thackwell. It gave an especial pleasure to see Mrs. Briggs, an old supporter of this tournament, doing so well on this occasion; she has a rhythm in her swing which any of us might envy—as no doubt many of us do.

In the Doubles time limits were altogether avoided by beginning games at the third hoop, an arrangement which seemed to be popular with everyone. So much could hardly be said perhaps of the practice of interpolating shortened games in the middle rounds of the Handicap Singles—a rather dubious expedient. The doubles were chiefly notable for the masterly exhibition of the art of piloting a high-bisquer given—as so often before—by Hicks. But this victory was certainly much assisted by the play of his partner, a recruit from archery, competing in his first tournament.

The weather was described by the forecast each day as "rather cool," which, chilled as we were, most of us thought rather cool cheek on the part of the meteorological authorities. But there were a good many "bright periods," and no heavy rain fell until the last day, and then only intermittently. The courts were certainly easier than normal, and two of them are very good. Others were often described as "sporting" by those who won on them and as something else by those who did not.



This tournament is a particularly difficult one to manage, as only a few of the eight courts are visible from any particular point on the ground, which makes the Manager's task a very exhausting one. No one could take more trouble than does Mrs. Reeve to overcome these difficulties and cope with a numerous entry. Col. Cave and Major Stone put in much hard work in a secretarial capacity and, like everyone else at this delightful Club, made us all feel happy to be there once again.

#### OPEN SINGLES. (Draw and Process).

#### THE COLMAN CUP.

##### THE DRAW. (13 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 9.  
Major G. F. Stone bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 11.  
A. G. F. Ross bt J. K. Brown by 16.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 7.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 5.

##### SECOND ROUND.

W. W. Sweet Escott bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 18.  
A. G. F. Ross bt Major G. F. Stone by 11.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 11.  
H. O. Hicks bt M. B. Reckitt by 13.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

A. G. F. Ross bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 16.  
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 21.

##### FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt A. G. F. Ross by 25.

##### PROCESS.

##### (13 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

A. G. F. Ross bt M. B. Reckitt by 20.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 9.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 24.  
H. O. Hicks bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 13.  
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 5.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt A. G. F. Ross by 7.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham w.o. Major G. F. Stone opponent scratched.

H. O. Hicks bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 21.  
J. K. Brown bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 10.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 4.  
H. O. Hicks bt J. K. Brown by 26.

##### FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 13.

#### LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B"). (1 to 5 bisques).

#### THE LONGMAN CUP. (16 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 19.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt V. C. Cave by 10.  
Mrs. W. A. Traill bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot by 15.  
Major N. E. O. Thackwell bt Com. G. V. G. Beamish by 9.

Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 6 on time.  
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross bt Mrs. K. Ault by 4.  
Miss V. E. Mills w.o. H. F. Crowther Smith opponent scratched.

Major J. R. Abbey bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores by 21.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Miss A. E. Mills by 5.  
Major N. E. O. Thackwell w.o. Mrs. W. A. Traill opponent retired.

Mrs. A. G. F. Ross bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 12.  
Major J. R. Abbey bt Miss V. E. Mills by 5.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Major N. E. O. Thackwell by 10.  
Major J. R. Abbey bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross by 8.

##### FINAL.

Major J. R. Abbey bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 8.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5½ bisques and over).

(23 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. K. Eakin (6) bt Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14) by 1 on time.  
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (6) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 16.  
G. A. Black (10) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 9.

Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8) bt Mrs. W. L. Machell (8) by 6.  
Mrs. A. B. Ward (10) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 18.  
W. J. Dixon (9) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 22.  
Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (6½) by 2 on time.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. L. Stevenson (14) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 11.  
G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt E. A. Roper (7) by 10.  
Mrs. K. Eakin (6) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (6) by 2.  
G. A. Black (10) bt Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8) by 13.  
W. J. Dixon (9) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (10) by 10 on time.  
Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 3 on time.

Capt. G. R. Bald (7) bt Brig.-Gen. P. M. Davies (11) by 13.

Mrs. E. A. Roper (7) bt Miss C. Templeton (10) by 3.

##### THIRD ROUND.

G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (14) by 9.  
G. A. Black (10) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (6) by 4.  
W. J. Dixon (9) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 9.  
Mrs. E. A. Roper (7) bt Capt. G. R. Bald (7) by 5.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

G. A. Black (10) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 1 on time.  
Mrs. E. A. Roper (7) bt W. J. Dixon (9) by 7 on time.

##### FINAL.

G. A. Black (10) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7) by 8.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES.

#### THE OLIVER BOWL.

(48 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 10.  
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 9.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 2 on time.

Major G. F. Stone (-3½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7) by 10.  
V. C. Cave (2) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (10) by 1 on time.

Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (14) by 12.  
Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) bt J. K. Brown (-1) by 15.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 15.

Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey (-1) by 23.  
Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) bt Mrs. K. Ault (5) by 10.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (3) by 6.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (5) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (6) by 12.

Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) bt A. G. F. Ross (-4) by 5.  
G. A. Black (10) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (-½) by 9.  
M. B. Reckitt (-3) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 10.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Major N. E. O. Thackwell (2) bt Miss C. Templeton (10) by 3 on time.

Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 12 on time.

Mrs. H. T. Farris (6½) w.o. Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14) opponent retired.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (-1½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 20.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) bt Capt. G. R. Bald (7) by 6.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (-1) by 9.

Major G. F. Stone (-3½) bt V. C. Cave (2) by 7.  
Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) by 3.

Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 10.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) by 21.  
Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (5) by 2.

M. B. Reckitt (-3) bt G. A. Black (10) by 12.  
Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (6) by 2.

Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 16.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton (-2) w.o. H. F. Crowther Smith (3) opponent scratched.

E. A. Roper (7) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 13.

##### THIRD ROUND.

Major N. E. O. Thackwell (2) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 10.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (-1½) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (6½) by 13.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) by 5.

Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt Major G. F. Stone (-3½) by 15.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt Miss A. E. Mills (3) by 6.

Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) bt M. B. Reckitt (-3) by 10.  
Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 7.  
E. A. Roper (7) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (-2) by 17.

##### FOURTH ROUND.

Major N. E. O. Thackwell (2) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (-1½) by 3.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1) by 15.

Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) by 4.  
E. A. Roper (7) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) by 15.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Major N. E. O. Thackwell (2) by 15.

E. A. Roper (7) bt Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) by 5.

##### FINAL.

E. A. Roper (7) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) by 9.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(No two minus players to play together).

#### LE MESSURIER CHALLENGE CUPS.

(23 Pairs).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris and Mrs. A. B. Ward (16½) by 1 on time.

Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (0) bt A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (3) by 4.

E. A. Roper and Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (10) bt Major J. R. Abbey and Capt. M. Buller (9) by 8.

M. B. Reckitt and Major N. E. O. Thackwell (-1) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (16½) by 10.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmores and Mrs. W. A. Traill (6½) bt G. A. Black and Miss S. C. Gough (19) by 14.

Mrs. K. Eakin and W. J. Dixon (15) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (13) by 4.

Col. D. W. Beamish and Com. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) by 8.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (10) bt Miss K. Ault and Miss W. L. Stevenson (14) by 3.

H. O. Hicks and J. Weston Martyr (6½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) by 12.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (0) by 8.

E. A. Roper and Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (10) bt M. B. Reckitt and Major N. E. O. Thackwell (-1) by 5.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmores and Mrs. W. A. Traill (6½) bt Mrs. K. Eakin and W. J. Dixon (15) by 8.

J. K. Brown and Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Com. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 4.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (2) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (9) by 3.  
G. A. H. Alexander and Miss C. Templeton (18) w.o. opponents withdrawn.

##### THIRD ROUND.

H. O. Hicks and J. Weston Martyr (6½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (10) by 17.

E. A. Roper and Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (10) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 15.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmores and Mrs. W. A. Traill (6½) bt J. K. Brown and Miss A. E. Mills (2) by 5.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (2) bt G. A. H. Alexander and Miss C. Templeton (18) by 8.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and J. Weston Martyr (6½) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (10) by 6.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (2) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores and Mrs. W. A. Traill (6½) by 6.

##### FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and J. Weston Martyr (6½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (2) by 4.

#### ANSWERS:

- No. This is a foul, because the croqueted ball did not move and the turn therefore ends.
- Yes. Law 40 c.
- Yes. See instruction to referees, section 5, end of first paragraph.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1934 by Trevor Williams, Esq.

Holder—E. P. C. Cotter.

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

No Entrance Fee.

Will be played for at

### THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

The Headquarters of the Croquet Association.

on

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1954**

AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager—Mrs. G. J. Turketine.

Referee and Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury

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

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

#### CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3 11/16th inches wide, and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. The Council of the C.A. reserve the right to substitute hoops 3¼ inches wide at their discretion.

The remaining conditions (similar to those of 1953) under which this competition will be played will be printed in full in the September issue.

## ROEHAMPTON CLUB

### OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, and Five following Days**

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Roehampton Club.

Manager.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

Referee.—T. Wood-Hill.

Handicapper.—The Croquet Handicapping Committee of the Roehampton Club.

Secretary.—The Games Secretary, Roehampton Club, London, S.W.15.

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

#### EVENTS.

- THE RANELAGH GOLD CUP. Holder, Mr. J. G. Warwick. Draw and Process. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- OPEN SINGLES (CLASS B). Open to Competitors with a handicap of 1 bisque or more. Variation B. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS C). Open to Competitors with a handicap of 4 bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- N.B.—No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.
- X & Y HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event shortened games may be played in accordance with Reg. 12 at the discretion of the Manager. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps not less than 1 bisque. Entrance Fee, 5s. each person.

#### CONDITIONS.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by first post on **Thursday, September 16th, 1954**. Entries for Event 5 close on **Tuesday, September 21st**. The Draw will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 16th.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. Eight Courts will be provided and Eclipse Balls used. Standard 3¼ in. Hoops. All Competitors must wear such flat-heeled boots or shoes as cannot damage the ground.

Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club during the Tournament.



## THE CHALLENGE CUPS and GILBEY CUP

Will be played for at

### THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

The Headquarters of the Croquet Association

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12th, to SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 21st, 1954

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Managers and Handicappers.—Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson.

Referee.—E. P. C. Cotter.

Assistant Referees on the Official List will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

### EVENTS.

Open to Associates only.

### THE CHALLENGE CUPS.

- FIRST DIVISION. THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP (Open).** Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Level Play. This event will be played on the "Two Life" system. Prizes: The Challenge Cup, presented by the Roehampton Club, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—E. P. C. Cotter.
- SECOND DIVISION. THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to Associates handicapped at  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games except that matches best of three games will be played in the semi-final (if time permits) and final. Level play. This event will be played under Variation "B." Prizes: The Challenge Cup, presented by the Council of the C.A., and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—M. Spencer Ell.
- THIRD DIVISION. THE LUARD CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to Associates handicapped at 3 to 5 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level Play. Prizes: The Challenge Cup, presented by the late E. S. Luard, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—Miss A. E. Mills.
- FOURTH DIVISION. THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to Associates handicapped at  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Prizes: The Challenge Cup, presented by the late G. L. Reckitt, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—Mrs. D. Attfield.
- FIFTH DIVISION. THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to Associates handicapped at 8 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Prizes: The Challenge Cup, presented by the late Mrs. W. Stevenson, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—E. Whitehead.

Law 44 will be suspended in respect of Events 3, 4 and 5.

N.B.—No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above five events.

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### 6.—THE "GILBEY" CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES.

This event will be drawn in four Blocks, "A," "B," "C" and "D" according to handicaps, so as to give nearly as possible an equal distribution of competitors. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Prizes: Winner, a Challenge Cup presented by Arthur N. Gilbey; other Winners of Blocks, Silver Challenge Cups presented by Trevor Williams, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received, the winner and runner-up receiving additional prizes. To qualify for the "Gilbey" Cup, the winner of "A" v. "B" will play the winner of "C" v. "D." Holders—The Event, Miss J. Warwick (7), Block "A" Major J. W. Cobb (—), Block "B" Major R. A. D. Fullerton (2½), Block (D) E. Whitehead (8).

Block "D" one of the authorized shortened games may be played.

- HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Combined handicaps of 1 bisque or over. Entries should be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games throughout. The number of prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Winners—E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. P. E. Heley (7½).

### CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3¼ in. wide. "Brento" Balls will be used.

Eight Courts will be provided.

The Winners hold the respective Challenge Cups for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason, and to decide any question that may arise.

Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Courts.

### ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees, for Events 1 to 6, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, so as to reach her not later than the first post on Friday, August 6th, and for Event 7 (in pairs) by 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 14th.

Competitors must give with their Entries, the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament. Standard entry forms should be used.

### DRAW.

The Draw for the Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup will take place at 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, on Monday, August 9th, at 10.30 a.m.

The Draw for Event No. 7 (Handicap Doubles) will take place at the Roehampton Club at noon on Saturday, August 14th.

### PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified, and continue until 7 p.m. or later if necessary.

Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival, and ascertain, if not previously notified at what hour they must be ready to play.

Any Competitor who wishes to leave the ground before the conclusion of play must obtain the permission of the Manager.

Any Competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched.

## GOLF CROQUET

### THE ASCOT CUP

and

### DELVES BROUGHTON CHALLENGE CUPS

will be played for at

### THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

On THURSDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1954

and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson.

Assistant Referees on the Official List will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

- GOLF CROQUET SINGLES.** The "Ascot" Challenge Cup. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Prizes: The "Ascot" Challenge Cup and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries. Matches of single games. This Event will be played under Alternative "Y.", in two blocks according to handicaps; the winners of the blocks playing off to decide the winner of the cup. Holder—Mrs. H. F. Chittenden.

- GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES.** The "Delves Broughton" Challenge Cups. Open to pairs with combined Croquet handicaps of not less than scratch. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. each player. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Entries should be made in pairs. Prizes: The Challenge Cups presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton, Bart., and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries. Matches of single games. This Event will be played under Alternative "Y." Holders—C. L. Robertson and Mrs. D. M. Cork.

### CONDITIONS.

Standard Setting, with Hoops 3¼ in. wide, and "Brento" Balls will be used.

The alternative game (18 points) authorized for 1954 will be played.

The winners will hold the respective Challenge Cups for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason, and to decide any question that may arise.

Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Court.

### ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Friday, August 6th.

Competitors must give with their entries the address and telephone number at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

### DRAW.

The Draw for Event 1 will take place at 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, August 9th.

Draw for Event 2 on the ground at noon on Saturday, August 14th.

### PLAY.

Afternoon and evening play. Postal notification will be sent to competitors not playing in the Challenge and Gilbey Cups events.

Any competitor who wishes to leave the ground before the conclusion of play must obtain the permission of the Manager.

Any competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched.

## THE CREYKE CUPS

Presented to the C.A. in 1935 by Mrs. Walter Creyke.

Will be played for at

### THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1954

AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. G. J. Turketine.

Referee & Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Assistant Referees on the Official List will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

### EVENTS.

OPEN TO ALL.

### THE "CREYKE" CUPS. HANDICAP SINGLES.

Entrance Fee, 7s. Prizes: Two Silver Challenge Cups, and the number of other Prizes will be according to the number of entries received.

Holder—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (8)

The Event will be played in two blocks.

### CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3¼ in. wide and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason, and to decide any question that may arise.

Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Court.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, September 1st.

Competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament. Standard entry forms should be used.

### DRAW.

The Draw will take place at 4, Southampton Row, on Wednesday, September 1st, at 10.30 a.m.

### PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified.

Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival, and ascertain, if not previously notified, at what hour they must be ready to play.

Any Competitor who wishes to leave the ground before the conclusion of play must obtain the permission of the Manager.

Any Competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched.

### NOTICE

You are particularly requested to enter for tournaments on the C.A. form and not by letter.