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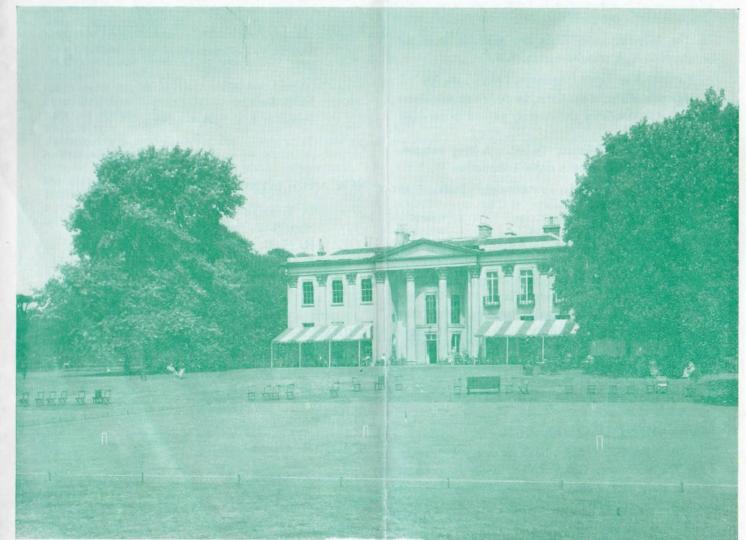
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The subscription of £1 10s. 0d. due on January 1st, 1961, should be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding and it would assist the Secretary considerably if they were promptly paid.

It would also be appreciated if Associates who tender Subscriptions, Entry Fees, etc., when they see the Secretary away from her office would use an envelope and enclose a slip giving name and particulars of the payment.

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Clubs are reminded that the last meeting of the Handicap Co-ordination Committee in 1961 will be early in November. Secretaries should, therefore, ensure that any alterations which they wish to recommend at the close of this season should reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than 28th October.

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Will Club Secretaries who have not yet done so notify the Secretary, C.A., of their 1962 Tournament dates as early as possible.

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## NOTES by ROVER

#### Off the cuff

There may be some readers of this page who, witnessing a programme on Southern Television (I.T.V.) early last month, detected this Rover, disguised behind a pair of dark glasses he had forgotten to remove, attempting on a court at Southwick to keep his end up in an unscripted dialogue with the expert in charge of the mysterious mechanism. There were the expected questions ("Would you say that croquet is a spiteful game ?"), and the unexpected ones ("Is it a snobbish game ?")-to which having briefly replied "Nonsense", one could only go on to suggest that as indulgence in its tournaments required a good deal of leisure time, its addicts were generally those who were lucky enough to have this at their disposal. But there were also the sensible questions, and it was one of these that the victim on this occasion found it, on the spur of the moment, most difficult to answer. Learning that he had been a tournament player for half a century, his interlocutor asked him what it was in the game which could exercise such an enduring fascination. Confronted suddenly by this very natural inquiry, poor Rover could only stammer out something about the interest of attempting to deal with the differing surfaces on which (as distinct from billiards) the game had to be played. Conscious of the glaring inadequacy of his answer, Rover found himself wondering how others would have replied, and how he might have done so himself if given more time for reflection.

#### Solving a mystery

Thinking over the question afterwards, Rover was struck by the fact that it should have been asked at all. It is doubtful whether a veteran golfer, for instance, would ever be asked why he had continued to play the game throughout his lifetime. Golf is taken for granted as a natural activity of the English-speaking peoples; hitting very small balls into scarcely larger holes presents no mystery; hitting large balls through scarcely wider hoops apparently does. This is not so odd as it might at first seem. Croquet as it is played in our tournaments is something completely unfamiliar to the vast majority of our fellow citizens, and if they do happen to witness it they are, quite naturally, mystified by what is going on. Something of the mystery may, we must hope, be dispelled by Dr. Ormerod's admirable "Know the game" volume. Even so, croquet is pre-eminently a game which can only be really appreciated "from the inside"; the co-operation of hand and brain which success in it demands raises problems which have to be experienced for their fascination to be understood. The late Ben Apps, who did so much for "propaganda" thirty years ago, had for his slogan, "get them on the court with a mallet in their hands". Perhaps it is those (like the present writer) who have no natural aptitude for the game who find the endeavour to match themselves with the problems it presents most fascinating-even after more than fifty years.

#### Golf croquet

The only golf croquet competitions in the C.A. calendar are those which now form part of the Challenge and Gilbey Cups meeting at Roehampton in mid August, and it has from time to time been suggested that players would welcome a few more such events to be incorporated into our tournaments. Managers who find themselves in charge of unwieldy entries may well ask to be spared from further labours, but it may be that the less hard pressed might consider, where circumstances permit, putting on a golf croquet event instead of the "extra event starting at the third hoop" which is often tacked on at the tail end of competitions. Indeed, clubs might consider adding to their Tournament Conditions, "A golf croquet event will be played if time permits". There are of course other variations available as extra events; thus, two ball croquet, or the pegged out game as played at Devonshire Park a year or two back.

Some there are who regard Golf Croquet with a jaundiced eye and would view the prospect of a Class A final being contested on a lawn adjacent to one where a golf croquet game was in progress as a deplorable proceeding. In a letter some years ago Noel Hicks was saddened to find that a Golf Croquet tournament was being held at Roehampton in the same week as the President's Cup competition. Whether he would still describe golf croquet as "so retrograde an amusement" is not known, but it is pertinent to remark that had any Associate gone to Roehampton on the first Saturday afternoon of the Challenge and Gilbey Cups meeting he would have found that only golf croquet was being played.

#### Success in long shots

Colonel Beamish's article in June Croquet on the reasons why we miss our roquets dealt only with the human element of this tantalising aspect of croquet. When all the faults enumerated by the Colonel have been corrected and proper weight given to the principles he correctly enunciates there remain two other factors which contribute to the making of a successful long shot but which are outside your control—the ball and the lawns. As to the quality of the lawns, while this often provides an excuse for the unsuccessful long shot, it may be just as likely a lapse in some particular by the man behind the mallet which caused the miss. Faulty sections of lawns there will always be but it is surely a matter for satisfaction that Clubs with limited resources are so often able to offer for use lawns of a quality which stand comparison with the best in the land.

As to the balls the general run of players probably find little about which to complain, certainly as adversely affecting the success or otherwise of a long shot. If a ball has faults these are likely to be revealed in stages of the game other than in the long shooting. Adverse comments may sometimes be heard regarding the degree of resilience, the sound, etc., of balls but in these matters many present-day players having had experience of only one make of ball find it difficult to make comparisons.

#### Moon-struck in the rever

A Dream Sequence, inspired by that weird and wonderful mis-quotation of the Times correspondent, commenting on the Croquet Championships of 1961 . . . "Cotter was struck in the

With apologies to those, whose names I have taken (not, I hope, altogether !) in vain.

> 'Twas filig, - fifty filigrees, and that is odd, I thought, how malmsey are the Baillieu trees around the centre court.

A stranger clapped me on the back, "It's you to play—don't potter!"
I laughed, because I knew he'd crack. being wholly Terra-Cotta.

Now here it says I've drawn a bye, so one thing's categoric, I'm up in arms against Sir Guy and then Saint Joan of Warwick.

"Oh ref-er-ee!" (I called, distraught) "Look yonder! Samuel Beckett waiting for Godot on my court ! -but Maurice didn't Reck it.

He said, "You've got to learn this game, here's one who knows the tricks, I'll introduce him now, his name is Humphrenetic Hix !"

Said Hix, "this penny piece I'll spin. and it is yours to choose,you understand it's 'Heads, I win', conversely, 'Tails, you lose' ?"

"Why, that seems fair enough," (I said), "like you, I don't take risks," -and presently I'd gone to bed with half a dozen bisques.

This made me wonder how I could defeat such adverserries. I thought it out in Wygginswood which teemed with Brackenberries.

My magic Lintern then I press't to guide my steps from "L' if I'm to climb Mount Everest, I must surmount Karmel

My plans were laid: I played and played, till everything came pat, -Hope Rotherham? No botherham! and Pooh-Pooh to Lloyd Pratt!

To match the climax, this decade no parallel can show, (those 'Wildest Dreams" of Julian Slade were dreams in embryo).

Upon a moonlit croquet court I played the Champion Cup, five thousand seats had all been bought, the place was quite full up.

Stroquet by roquet, round and round we went,-yet oft in vain: the hoops kept dropping underground and popping up again.

The croquet balls changed size and shape in manner most distressing, and frequently they would escape off court, (which had us guessing),

A B.B.C. announcer purred, "this game's at six and sevens !"
-(What? Dimbleby? Don't be absurd, my dear ! that's Victor Evans !")

By half past two I'd battled through, weary of arm and leg, and I could see the Cup for me, if I could hit the peg.

I cried, "I've slain the Sollow Mon!" oh, rash and brash mistake ! with one galoop he jumped a hoop and made the winning break.

\*Twas filig,-fifty filigrees in Tingey-Tangeypore. all malmsey were the Baillieu trees, and then . . . I knew no more.

**ENVOI** Sweet Thames, run soft! Though I'm resigned to Fate, that gay deceiver, I pray that I may never find myself "Struck in the Rever.

## Notes from the Clubs

#### Hunstanton

At the A.G.M. on the Sunday before our Tournament Mrs. Reeve was re-elected President, and Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Neville Rolfe joint secretaries. Mrs. Clarke was able to report on a successful year, though our lack of resident playing members is much to be deplored.

The Tournament Committee has fixed the American Handicap Tournament for its usual date, the first weekend after Easter, April 27th-30th; and the official open tournament for September 3rd-8th. Other clubs, as well as intending competitors, please note! We have had to put this Autumn tournament back again next year, so as to avoid following immediately after the Hunstanton

An important fixture, which we much hope will become a permanent one, is a two-day match between Cambridge University and a team to be arranged by Mr. Lloyd Pratt. This is to take place on May 5th and 6th. Any Associates who may be able to attend are warmly invited to come along.

This year's official tournament was an unqualified success. We congratulate the winners, and look forward to seeing our friends, many of whom came from over 300 miles away, next year.

During the tournament our President, Mrs. Reeve, made an excellent recorded talk for a wireless broadcast, and this was transmitted at the improbable hour of 8.15 a.m. Also some of the players made an appearance on television's "East Anglian News" and in the local "rag"

#### Rochampton

Members were distressed to learn of a nasty fall suffered at her home by Miss Lintern during the course of the Challenge and Gilbey Cups. Fortunately she was able to come and watch the final stages on the Saturday. It was fortunate that the services of Miss Agnes Mills were at hand to pilot affairs, and fitting that she should have carried off the Gilbey Cup despite her other pre-occupations. Members and his many friends were gladdened to see Brian Gilbert at the Club during August and we wish him continued

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### HOOP BOUND

Dear Sir,

In "The Two Marshals" Philip Guedalla recounts that Marshal Bazaine was aided in his escape from the citadel of Ile Ste. Marguerite near Cap d'Antibes where he was imprisoned in 1873 by a rope and "some assistance from a croquet hoop". After this episode he went to Switzerland to pay his respects to the ex-Empress Eugène and found the young Prince Imperial playing croquet. Yours faithfully, T. S. OMOND

### THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

#### SEPTEMBER 11th—15th

If there were ever to be a Croquet Quiz programme (with Mr. Noel Hicks as the pre-destined Quiz Master) an interesting series of questions might run thus:-

(i) When was the President's Cup initiated ?

(ii) Why?

(iii) Who was the first winner of the trophy?

(iv) Who was the President thus commemorated? The answer to (i) is 1934; to (ii) because the previous trophy (the Beddow Cup, dating from 1901) had been won outright in the previous year by Miss D. D. Steel in virtue of a fourth victory in the event; to (iii) Miss Steel, who was to win again in 1934; to (iv) Trevor Williams, who became President of the Association in

The event thus "came of age" this year, and the most remarkable fact about its history is that for fifteen of those years, ever since 1946 when Mr. Hamilton-Miller was the winner, it has been monopolised by three players. Mr. Cotter has won it six times; Mr. Hicks five (but he had previously won the Beddow Cup in 1930); Mr. Solomon four, in addition to which he has tied with Cotter three times, in each case losing the play-off.

These facts are recalled to emphasise the extent to which these magnificent players have dominated postwar croquet. As in 1958 and 1959, they again finished in the first three places, William Ormerod, who had tied second last year, gaining the fourth place on this occasion, a remarkable feat for one who had been unable to play

any tournament croquet this season.

The reporter of this contest has no easy task. Even if he has been able to see something of all the games played, he may very well have missed the most important moments in them, moreover some of the most sensational or intriguing encounters may not have had any important bearing on the competition considered as a whole. A mere day-to-day record would require more space than is available and might not make very interesting reading. The best that can be attempted here will be a compromise between the various methods indicated, with some comments on the play of individual competitors and a few references to particular games of especial interest in themselves or for their effect on the contest in its closing stages.

It is no great exaggeration to say that many would regard our present Open Champion as starting favourite for any competition in which he enters. John Solomon, who had had little or no practice since winning the aforesaid title, at once disappointed these expectations by losing his first two games, thereby hanging something of a millstone round his neck, which became heavier when he lost yet another (to his traditional rival, Cotter) in the fifth round. Meanwhile, Patrick and Humphrey Hicks were progressing to a natural primacy in the first series, losing only one game each. Both, however, had had the narrowest escapes on the way, Hicks from David Curtis and Cotter from Miss Warwick, their margin of victory being only two points on each occasion. Curtis won his first game in the fifth round and did not win another until the thirteenth. This lack of success, your reporter believes, can largely be traced to the fact that, alone of the competitors, he had never encountered a 3 11/16 inch hoop before, and their effect on him was progressively intimidating. His hoop stroke, which is not a very satisfactory one, being not "flat" enough,

brought him into so much trouble that the natural result was to produce a rather paralysing effect on the rest of his game. Let him take heart: this has happened to neophytes in this event before, who have often gone on to achieve conspicuous success; with a little more experience he will certainly do the same.

Miss Warwick began well, but seemed to tire somewhat as the competition continued. She had a number of very close contests, sometimes against the top players, but on the last morning won the closest victory of the week in a game against Dr. Wiggins which proved to be the most sensational of the competition. Nothing very interesting having happened in the early stages, the game suddenly caught fire, as it were, when the lady, having pegged out Dr. Wiggins' ball and her own, the doctor being then on 1-back with the other, proceeded to hit three enormously long shots and ran two sensational hoops. Ultimately he found himself in perfect position for the rover hoop, Miss Warwick having crept up behind the peg, but on running it firmly was then completely wired from both peg and ball, the game thus going to the lady. Another "two ball game" of greater tactical interest was that between Hicks and Lloyd Pratt in the second series. Humphrey had gone to the peg, though his backward ball was only on the third hoop, and Bryan with his other ball on 3-back, very naturally seized an opportunity to peg out his opponent's ball and his own. A battle of wits then began in which Humphrey's skill and shrewdness came very near to bringing him victory, and though losing by two points, gave to all who watched him a masterly exhibition of how to play the pegged out game from an apparently hopeless position.

Lloyd Pratt improved slightly on his position in the competition on his last appearance in 1959. He is a better player now than he was then; his break-making is beautifully accurate, and no-one comes more courageously from behind. It is good to see any player with such tremendous zest for the game as he has, and one who

"treats these two impostors just the same."

By Thursday evening the "key games" were being reached. One of these was a very close encounter between Cotter and Solomon. A good many mistakes were in fact made on both sides in this game, but the fatal one was that by John when an uncontrolled croquet stroke in preparation for a peg-out of his opponent sent a ball off the boundary and speculation began as to the prospect of a "triple tie", but it was not to be. A most interesting game between Cotter and Hicks brought victory to the latter, through no fault (at that point anyway) of the former, a courageous shot, a finely picked-up break, and yet another shot after a temporary failure, putting Humphrey ahead when the last round began, neither Solomon who won, nor Cotter who again (very narrowly) failed, being able to catch him.

Would that there were space to record and to praise all that these great men did. The winner has seldom been seen to greater advantage. The extraordinary consistency with which he hit without fail the shots which it was essential that he should hit; the shrewd and subtle judgment which was behind all that he planned to seize or maintain an advantage or get himself out of a hole, were quite pre-eminent in their way. Pre-eminent as ever in another way was John Solomon's mastery of peeling; he was the only player to bring offand one of the few to attempt—those "triples" which we now take almost for granted from him when he starts on a second break. Patrick Cotter found fortune a little adverse in some respects during the week; he had several games "stolen" from him through small fault of his own. But how beautifully smoothly his break-making flows (if perhaps a little too swiftly on occasion). And if there was ever a more perfect hoopstroke than his, this reporter cannot recall having seen it.

The weather could be optimistically described as "variable", but the "variation" on the Wednesday and Friday was most unpleasant and obviously affected the "gallery". But one spectator was observed to be so enthusiastic that he was wont to carry his tea to the court side, not being able to tear himself away from the spectacle for a moment throughout the week.

The management of the event was again in the hands of Mrs. Elvey, who has made for herself a special reputation in this position. Watching over her players to see that they got their morning coffee, and later got (but did not linger over) their lunch, she contrived, despite a certain amount of retardation in the early stages, to have all completed by 4.15 on Friday. Mrs. Wills, the secretary of the New Zealand Croquet Council, happily being present, was then invited to present the Cup, thus suggesting a link between the contest and those still greater ones to which we look forward in the early months of 1963.

#### RESULTS

H. O. Hicks, 11 games
J. W. Solomon 10 games
E. P. C. Cotter, 9 games
Dr. W. P. Ormerod, 7 games
B. Lloyd Pratt, 6 games
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, 6 games
Miss E. J. Warwick, 5 games
D. W. Curtis, 2 games

#### Analysis of Play

H. O. Hicks bt E. P. C. Cotter +4, D. W. Curtis +2 +17, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +6 +22, B. Lloyd Pratt +16, J. W. Solomon +23, Miss E. J. Warwick +5 +21, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +15 +26; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter —15, B. Lloyd Pratt —2, J. W. Solomon —26.

J. W. Solomon bt D. W. Curtis +26 +15, H. O. Hicks +26, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +26 +15, B. Lloyd Pratt +26 +17, Miss E. J. Warwick +16 +12, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +22; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter —16 —4, H. O. Hicks —23, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —7.

E. P. C. Cotter bt D. W. Curtis +21 +14, H. O. Hicks +15, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +5, J. W. Solomon +16 +4, Miss E. J. Warwick +2 +8, B. Lloyd Pratt +12; and lost to H. O. Hicks -4, Dr. W. P. Ormerod -7, B. Lloyd Pratt -22, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -23 -3.

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt E. P. C. Cotter +7, D. W. Curtis +8+21, B. Lloyd Pratt +4+26, Miss E. J. Warwick +26, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +3; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter -5, H. O. Hicks -6-22, J. W. Solomon -26-15, Miss E. J. Warwick -7, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -20.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt E. P. C. Cotter +22, D. W. Curtis +3, H. O. Hicks +2, Miss E. J. Warwick +14+17, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +7; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter -12, D. W. Curtis -10, H. O. Hicks -16, Dr. W. P. Ormerod -4, -26, J. W. Solomon -26-17, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -14.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. P. C. Cotter +23 + 3, D. W. Curtis +26, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +20, B. Lloyd Pratt +14, J. W. Solomon +7; and lost to D. W. Curtis -8, H. O. Hicks -15 -26, Dr. W. P. Ormerod -3, B. Lloyd Pratt -7, J. W. Solomon -22, Miss E. J. Warwick -7 -1.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt D. W. Curtis +16 +3, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +7, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +7 +1; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter -2 -8, H. O. Hicks -5 -21, Dr. W. P. Ormerod -26, B. Lloyd Pratt -14 -7, J. W. Solomon -16 -11.

D. W. Curtis bt B. Lloyd Pratt +10, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +8; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter -21 -14, H. O. Hicks -2 -17, Dr. W. P. Ormerod -8 -21, B. Lloyd Pratt -3, J. W. Solomon -26 -15, Miss E. J. Warwick -16 -3, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -26.

#### REMINDER TO ASSOCIATES

Associates are reminded of the increased subscriptions that take effect from 1st January, 1962. The main features are:—

3 guineas per annum if over the age of 21, but only 30s, for those who signify their intention not to participate in any Tournaments other than those at their own Clubs, and 30s, for Associates in their first year.

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£35 for Life Membership.

Fuller details were printed in *Croquet* for April and June this year. Associates who pay their subscriptions by Standing Order are asked to notify their Banks of the increased amount where necessary.

## HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

September 20th, 1961

#### BRIGHTON

(Official)

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart 2½ to 1½. E. C. Bantock 3½ to 2½. Miss K. D. Hickson 5 to 4. D. R. Watson 7½ to 6½. A. M. Hicks 8 to 7. Miss M. M. Taylor 8 to 7.

NON-ASSOCIATE

J. Bolton 9\* to 9.

#### BRIGHTON

(Unofficial)

W. E. Moore 4 to 3.
D. W. Miller 9 to 7.
N. F. Blackwood 2½ to 2.
E. Whitehead 2½ to 2.
Mrs. E. Whitehead 16 to 14.
Miss E. Johnson 5½ to 5.
D. Temple Page 9\* to 9.
C. S. Ratcliffe 6 to 5½.

#### HUNSTANTON

Miss L. H. Smith 7 to 6½. Mrs. A. D. Karmel 10 to 9½.

NON-ASSOCIATE

Miss E. M. Brumpton 11 to 9.

#### PARKSTONE

Mrs. L. H. Ashton 4\* to 4. Dr. C. A. Boucher 8 to 5½. Miss H. F. Woolley 8 to 7. C. H. R. Penny 2½ to 2. Miss O. M. Black 12 to 11. Mrs. Devitt 12 (D 11).

#### CORRECTIONS

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard 0. Mrs. A. W. Skempton 10 (D 9).

#### THE SURREY CUP

September 11th-16th

The courts at Roehampton were the setting of a prolonged series of interesting contests for this Cup. Only three of last year's contenders were in the field this year and Colonel Cave's enforced absence was particularly regretted. At the end of the fourteenth round, de la Nougerede, Beamish and Pritchard had each scored nine points. This result was unique in the annals of this competition. These three players had to attend on the Saturday morning and afternoon before a final decision of this Homeric croquet marathon could be reached. De la Nougerede defeated Beamish by 2 and then lost to Pritchard by 9. The latter fully deserved his victory. He played steadily and consistently throughout the week. Congratulations are also due to the other two. With a little luck in the run of the balls, either of them might well have been the ultimate winner. Beamish's quiet unruffled play is always pleasing to watch, while no praise can be too high for Della, who at the age of 75 played as well as he has ever done and seemed to draw on fresh resources of strength as the week progressed. In the all-important sixteenth game of the week, the final of the play-off, he did, however, show increasing signs of tiredness.

There were many good and exciting games but it did seem at times to spectators as if the battles of wits were unduly prolonged. On the whole the results justly reflect the skill, experience and cunning of the respective players. It was pleasing to see newcomers taking part. Their experience should give a fillip to their clubs, in addition to whatever benefit they have gained for themselves. A feature of the second half of the week was the plucky effort of Birch and Leonard to catch up from a discouraging start. At one point Karmel was thought to be a likely winner but he faltered in the run in. Miss Roe and Guy Warwick were never far behind and had many close finishes where the issue could have gone one way or the other.

The players in this competition have been called (perhaps, mistakenly) the second eight of the year which, it may be argued, holds or should hold a place in the croquet world akin to that of the Isis and Goldie crews in that of rowing. However that may be, it is to be hoped that going home with their "ties" prevented any of them going home in the "blues".

Brigadier Omond managed the event, the first we hope of many future occasions, and he can look back on the week with pleasure, although having to put in a day's overtime. Maurice Reckitt took over on one morning, his chief labours being to worm out the contestants from the bridge room whence they had retired during heavy rain.

(The Analysis of play will appear in the December issue)

#### Questions and Answers

A correction in the third question in September Croquet is necessary as the wrong word was printed. "Aiming at his ball" should read "Aiming over his ball," etc., as some players do in swinging backwards thus moving the ball and making a fault under Law 32 (iv). See also Law 31 a and b for the striking period. The answer was correct.

Question: In the August issue of Croquet there is a letter from E. C. Allberry asking if it is a fault not to shake the croqueted ball and must the balls be replaced?

Answer: Yes it is a fault under Law 32 (xii), the balls must be replaced and the turn ends. Law 32 b (i); the wording of this law has, however, proved misleading and will eventually be re-worded to mean the following. Omit "except for a fault during a croquet stroke" and then read on from there. This makes the Law quite plain.

Question: At what point is the player beginning to strike?

Answer: Law 31 (a) clearly defines that the striker shall begin to strike when he swings his mallet with intent to hit the ball.

Question: When does the striking end?

Answer: Law 31 (c) states the striking shall end when the striker has completed his swing and quitted his stance.

#### NEW LAW 32 (b)

Mr. E. C. Allbery is not alone in commenting on Law 32(b) so I propose to discuss it and in the discussion to go back to first principles.

In croquet, play is made by striking a ball with a mallet and the stroke must be a fair one—see Law 4(b). If a striker is "hoop-bound" he may not push or scoop the ball away any more than he may kick it away. That is not croquet. If then in an attempt to strike it away legitimately, he inadvertently pushes it away, what is to happen? The answer is that he has failed to play a valid stroke and his turn accordingly must end. Now what is to happen to a striker's ball which for example has been "scooped" from position A to position B? Its proper place on the court must be position A for it has never been legitimately played from that position. If under the Laws it is to occupy any other position, that must be because it is the policy of the Laws to impose on the striker a penalty exceeding the price of failure. It is conceivable that the Laws might require the balls to be automatically, or at the option of the adversary, "spotted" as in billiards or returned to baulk. It is conceivable that the striker might be punished by forfeiture of the whole of the turn and the replacement of the balls as at the beginning of the turn. And of course a remedy could be given to the striker to leave the balls where they were illegitimately played. But the last remedy is generally no more appropriate than would be a similar remedy if the balls were casually kicked away. What has been the policy of the Laws with regard to balls moved by an illegitimate stroke? Prior to 1957 there was no exception to the general rule that all balls moved during a foul stroke must be replaced.

Then in 1957 at the suggestion of New Zealand an exception was created to meet the following type of situation which frequently arises.

The striker finds that his adversary's balls are joined on the yard line in some remote part of the court and that he has no alternative but after roqueting his partner ball to take-off to them. He approaches those balls in jeopardy for if he goes off the innings will change and the adversary will begin his turn with three balls close together. The risk involved plays a vital part in the game of croquet and the policy of the legislators of the game ought to be to make the unsuccessful striker pay the price of failure. New Zealand thought that some players, realising that the striker's ball was about to go off the Court were apt to confess a fault they had not made or perhaps would not otherwise have confessed so as to avoid paying the price of failure for going off the Court. And so an exception was created the intent of which was to prevent the striker escaping from the price of failure, and a right was given to the adversary NOT to have the balls replaced.

Unfortunately the scope of the exception was not accurate and for this reason the intent behind the 1957 exception was not apparent. The following two examples illustrate the point:

- (a) The striker in a croquet stroke takes off for his adversary's balls, which are joined on a distant boundary. The striker's ball goes off the court nearby. The striker confesses he has made a fault by grazing the croqueted ball with his mallet. Accordingly the balls automatically go back, and the striker has escaped the price of failure which it is the policy of the game to impose upon him.
- (b) Once again the striker takes off in a croquet stroke but on this occasion comes to rest about two feet from his adversary's ball. He confesses he has made a fault and on this occasion by failing to shake the croqueted ball. The adversary then had the right NOT to have the balls replaced. In this case the striker had suffered a penalty although he had not made that type of failure which attracts that type of penalty.

New Law 32(b) has remedied these anomalies. The first thing to do was to state the Rule, simultaneously stating that the Rule was subject to an Exception.

The first sentences of Law 32(b) might have recorded the Exception differently namely: "Subject to the exception appearing immediately hereunder, etc." Had this been done anyone reading the rule for any kind of fault would have had to read the exception to ascertain whether or not the case under review came within the scope of the exception. This is undesirable.

The first sentence is intended to prepare the reader for the exception, which only occurs in a croquet stroke.

Similarly the second sentence might have begun with words of limitation such as; "The only exception is that in a croquet stroke, etc." The only objection to that is the use of the extra words which lengthens the sentence and obscures the focus.

At the end of the Law as drafted the following words might have been added: "In all cases except as above the balls are replaced." Which is how the Law should be read. The words were omitted because it seemed to me that the principle of not having the balls replaced is clearly established and arises from an express right given to the adversary to waive the fault at his discretion and treat the balls as having been validly played, so implementing the object of the Law which is to enforce the price of the failure which the striker has made.

IAN BAILLIEU, S.S. Oriana, 16.8.1961

Editor's Note

The above article has been received via Jack Rivington who writes:

"I entirely agree with Ian Baillieu's exposition of the Law but I am sorry that clarity had to be somewhat sacrificed for the sake of brevity. Personally I should like to see Law 32(b) amended by the addition of three words to read: ". . . and in all cases, except under certain circumstances for a fault made during a croquet stroke, the balls are replaced. If during a croquet stroke . . ."

#### GOLF CROQUET

Roehampton versus Dulwich. Played at Roehampton on August 31st, 1961. Roehampton players named first.

AMERICAN DOUBLES

Miss E. Fisher and Miss G. Bartlett bt Miss King and Mrs. Kozhevar by 8 to 5. lost to Mrs. Furlong and Miss Ward by 6 to 7 bt Mrs. Bayly and Miss Eaton by 7 to 6.

Mrs. F. Pavia and Mrs. M. H. Carrington bt Miss King and Mrs. Kozhevar by 8 to 5 bt Mrs. Furlong and Mrs. Ward by 7 to 6 bt Mrs. Bayly and Miss Eaton by 8 to 5.

Mrs. Staub and Mrs. G. Fitter
bt Miss King and Mrs. Kozhevar by 7 to 6
bt Mrs. Furlong and Mrs. Ward by 8 to 5
lost to Mrs. Bayly and Miss Eaton by 6 to 7

RESULT.—Roehampton bt Dulwich by 7 games to 2.

#### Challenge and Gilbey Cups

August 17th-26th

The weather left a good deal to be desired through most of the period of this sociable meeting, downpours and gales being quite the order of the day. Six lawns were in use and though inevitably somewhat heavy (they were under pools of water on the second Thursday), were otherwise beyond praise.

Miss D. A. Lintern was once more in charge—with Miss Agnes Mills as partner—and indeed the only flaw throughout was the painful misadventure suffered by Miss Lintern when she unhappily injured her back in a fall at her house on the Sunday. Her disablement was indeed unfortunate, but Miss Mills carried on single-handed with the same relaxed efficiency and earned approbation and admiration in every quarter.

It was no surprise that the Rochampton Challenge Cup should fall to Major Tingey as his form of late has been very consistent, ranking him still as one of our finest living players. Major Tingey won the Draw and he won the Process and only Mr. Lloyd Pratt ever really seemed likely to balk his way. Yet a glance at the score sheets will disclose no lack of opposition even at President Cup level.

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In an early round of the Process, Mrs. G. W. Solomon did extremely well to prevail against so strong an opponent as Col. Cecil Adams, but Mrs. Solomon is apt to shine in exalted company as was recently evidenced at Hurlingham.

The entries happened to be precisely similar in number to 1960, yet the C.A. Council Cup included only three names for challenge, a mortifying total. Miss E. Fisher's little procession to victory was prettily achieved, and so impressive was her performance that one felt it an affront that she could not take it further.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson becomes the new holder of the Reckitt Challenge Cup. He must already be familiar with its graceful design since it was his wife who won the trophy last year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Robertson, of Chelmsford, are unfailing supporters of this tournament and always do well—nor was the present occasion any exception, Mr. Robertson duly coming second

to Mr. D. C. Caporn in the Stevenson Challenge Cup. Mr. Caporn is himself a greatly improved player as witness his continued success in so many of his club matches at Roehampton this season.

It was a matter of much regret that indisposition prevented Mrs. S. M. Adler from taking part in any event—her winning presence on the courts being genuinely missed.

How satisfactory to note one or two quite youthful entrants of coming eminence, of whom it would perhaps not be invidious to mention Mr. David Miller (as the youngest aspirant), by name.

Play in the Golf Croquet competitions occupied the afternoon hours of Saturday, August 19th. These annual events are a striking feature and enjoyed by many. All the same, to an onlooker visiting the grounds on a Saturday afternoon it may be disappointing to find no good croquet of another kind in progress. Mrs. Petheridge, a member of the Dulwich Croquet Club, by dint of rare discernment and dash, won the Golf Croquet Singles, and so becomes the holder of the attractive Ascot Challenge Cup. By special arrangement, the final of the Golf Croquet Doubles was held over until the Friday after the tournament, when on a most sultry afternoon, Mr. Curtis senior, partnered by Mrs. G. P. Fitter, captured the Challenge Cups presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton by out-manoeuvring even the sureness and strategy of Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and Mr. W. A. Fitzgerald.

The main interest of this meeting is really more derived from the Gilbey (and supplementary) Cups, not forgetting another event, namely the Handicap Doubles which is becoming an increasingly popular item. A combined handicap of not less than four seems the right ratio to promote well-adjusted alliances and it would not have been easy to pick out the winners. The final, between Major Tingey and Mrs. F. H. Curtis versus Mr. Lloyd Pratt and Miss Hampson, proved a curious game and took up most of Saturday. The advantage always rested with the ultimate winners, who were in receipt of two bisques, but not until the end was in sight were they utilised by Mrs. Curtis to speed up the finish and peg out undisturbed. Certainly the losing side played up with great resource and their brilliant bid to snatch the game from the fire was deserving of a more rewarding result.

Miss A. Mills, Mrs. R. R. Williams, Miss S. G. Hampson, and Mr. W. G. A. Burgess, came through their respective—Gilbey—sections, albeit very slenderly, at least so far as the first two ladies were concerned. But Miss Hampson, the winner of Group C, was never seriously extended, and the same may be said of Mr. Burges, the winner of D, whose debut to tournament croquet it was. An early victim of Miss Hampson's was Mr. Curtis senior, the holder of the cup.

The position in the sectional play-off between Mr. Burgess and Miss Hampson was very much in favour of the latter when stumps were drawn over-night. Mr. Burgess, being unfortunately unable to resume operations next morning, thereupon yielded the game. Mrs. R. R. Williams (whom we remember formerly as Mrs. O. C. Roberts) played a splendid finish against Dr. Penny (who is returning to form), and seems almost back to her pre-war game. No-one could be better equipped to promote croquet in North Wales than Mrs. Williams who is the power behind the croquet club at Llandudno.

The (conclusive) Gilbey Cup Final between Miss Hampson and Miss Mills began after tea when both parties must have been very tired, the former coming to court straight from Doubles, and Miss Mills from a strenuous engagement with Mrs. Williams in the forenoon, but with the strain of her managerial duties no doubt also beginning to tell.

In this final test Miss Hampson was erratic and, alas, by no means at her best. She quite failed to avail herself of the chances she received in the interval before her opponent was established. But Miss Mills, after a shaky start, settled down to admirable croquet and took very little time to complete the game.

It is a delight to watch Miss Mills in action, superb as to style and swing, a model for all to heed.

Many congratulations to her on this excellent win, which only narrowly eluded her a year ago.

Not since 1938 has an actual final been contested as between two ladies, the only precedent there is for this pleasing proceeding.

At the prize-giving the presentation of the numerous trophies to the winners was gracefully made by Mrs. Solomon; she was introduced by the Chairman of the Croquet Association, Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts, spokesman also for everybody when he paid special tribute to Miss Lintern and Miss Mills and expressed the deep lament at the accident to the former.

Fortunately Miss Lintern at least was able to be present in person on the last afternoon and was the recipient of many a message of sympathy, gratitude and regard.

CHALLENGE CUPS DIVISION I

THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP ("Two Lives")

THE DRAW (12 Entries)

Major R. Tingey bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson-by 9. Col. C. C. Adams bt Miss A. E. Mills by 14. D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt M. Spencer Ell by 20. B. Lloyd Pratt bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 20.

Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 10. Major R. Tingey bt Col. C. C. Adams by 9. B. Lloyd Pratt bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller by 5. M. B. Reckitt bt A. D. Karmel by 2.

Major R. Tingey bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 25. M. B. Reckitt bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 5.

Major R. Tingey bt M. B. Reckitt by 21.

PROCESS (12 Entries)

A. D. Karmel bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 24.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 6.
M. Spencer Ell bt M. B. Reckitt by 14.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon w.o. opponent retired.

A. D. Karmel bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller by 3. B. Lloyd Pratt bt Miss A. E. Mills by 3. Major R. Tingey bt M. Spencer Ell by 9. Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Col. C. C. Adams by 6.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt A. D. Karmel by 24.
Major R. Tingey bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 24.

Major R. Tingey bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 2.

DIVISION II

THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP (3 Entries)

Miss E. E. H. Fisher bt G. V. Evans by 15.

FINAL

Miss E. E. H. Fisher bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 7.

DIVISION III
LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "C")
THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP

FIRST ROUND

F. H. Curtis bt R. A. Stigant by 21.

Major Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Mrs. R. R. Williams by 1. Mrs. C. J. Speer bt F. H. Curtis by 16. Brig. J. S. Omond bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson by 12. Mrs. M. H. Carrington bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 8.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Mrs. C. J. Speer by 8. Mrs. M. H. Carrington bt Brig. J. S. Omond by 2.

FINAL Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Mrs. Carrington by 12.

DIVISION IV
THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP
(12 Entries)

Miss Bartlett bt Mrs. K. Gray by 7.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson w.o. opponent scratched.
Miss S. G. Hampson bt Mrs. D. F. Caporn by 16.
D. C. Caporn bt Mrs. J. S. Omond by 10.

SECOND ROUND
C. L. Robertson bt D. W. Miller by 19.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson bt Miss Bartlett by 15.
D. C. Caporn bt Miss S. G. Hampson by 18.
Mrs. F. H. Curtis bt B. C. P. Caillard by 6.

C. L. Robertson bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson by 9, D. C. Caporn bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis by 14.

D. C. Caporn bt C. L. Robertson by 15.

THE GILBEY CUPS BLOCK "A" (-1½ to 2 bisques) (16 Entries)

M. Spencer Ell w.o. opponent scratched.
B. Lloyd Pratt (—1½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 12.

SECOND ROUND

D. W. Curtis (0) bt Major R. Tingey  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  by 14.

Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 1.

B. Lloyd Pratt  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Col. C. C. Adams (-1) by 11.

A. D. Karmel  $(\frac{1}{2})$  bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 10.

Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt D. W. Curtis (0) by 1. A. D. Karmel ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt B. Lloyd Pratt ( $-1\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 8.

Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt A. D. Karmel (1/2) by 6.

BLOCK "B" (2½ to 6½ bisques) (10 Entries)

Mrs. R. R. Williams  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. C. J. Speer  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  by 9. Miss E. E. Fisher  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt Major J. H. Dibley  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  by 3.

Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith (6½) bt G. Victor Evans (3½) by 17.
Mrs. R. R. Williams (6½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 9.
Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) bt Miss E. E. Fisher (2½) by 4.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) by 16.

Mrs. R. R. Williams  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  by 13. Dr. H. J. Penny  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 16.

Mrs. R. R. Williams  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Dr. H. J. Penny  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  by 2.

BLOCK "C"
(7 to 9 bisques)
(11 Entries)
FIRST ROUND

Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 2.

D. C. Caporn (9) bt R. A. Stigant (7½) by 7. Mrs. J. S. Omond (9) w.o. opponent scratched.

Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (9½) by 4. D. C. Caporn (9) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) by 2. Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (9) by 15. Miss S. G. Hampson (9) bt F. H. Curtis (8) by 14.

D. C. Caporn (9) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7) by 7. Miss S. G. Hampson (9) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) by 19.

Miss S. G. Hampson (9) bt D. C. Caporn (9) by 10.

BLOCK "D"
(10 to 16 bisques)
(10 Entries)
FIRST ROUND

Miss G. W. Bartlett (11) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (13) by 6. Mrs. M. Francis (11) bt Mrs. K. Gray (12\*) by 11.

W. G. A. Burgess (16) bt Mrs. V. E. Wheeler (16) by 1. Miss G. W. Bartlett (11) bt Mrs. D. F. Caporn (12) by 3. D. W. Miller w.o. opponent scratched. C. L. Robertson (10) bt B. L. P. Caillard (12) by 2.

W. G. A. Burgess (16) bt Miss Bartlett (11) by 19. C. L. Robertson (10) bt D. W. Miller (10) by 6.

W. G. A. Burgess (16) bt C. L. Robertson (10) by 8.

PLAY-OFF

Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. R. R. Williams by 12. Miss S. G. Hampson w.o. W. A. G. Burgess opponent retired.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Miss S. G. Hampson by 8.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES (Combined handicap of 4 or over) (17 Pairs)

Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (81) bt C. L. Robertson and F. H. Curtis (18) by 5.

SECOND ROUND

Brig, J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond (16) bt Major J. H. Dibley and G. Victor Evans (5) by 1 on time.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and W. A. FitzGerald (10) bt Mrs. M. Francis and Mrs, D. F. Caporn (23) by 3 on time. Major R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (11½) bt M. B. Reckitt and

Mrs. C. L. Robertson (8½) by 3 on time.

Dr. H. J. Penny and B. L. P. Caillard (15½) bt Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 1 on time.

Miss E. E. Fisher and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (10½) bt Mrs. V. C.

Gasson and Mrs. J. E. Speer (9½) by 15.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (7½) bt D. W. Curtis and

Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) by 11.

Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. Karmel (10½) by 16.

Col. C. C. Adams and D. W. Miller (7) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and R. A. Stigant (9½) by 14.

THIRD ROUND

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Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond w.o. opponents retired.

Major R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (11½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and B. L. P. Caillard (15½) by 8 on time.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (7½) bt Miss E. E. Fisher and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (10½) by 9.
Col. C. C. Adams and D. W. Miller (7) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5) by 1.

Major R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (11½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. Omond (16) by 7.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (7½) bt Col. C. C. Adams and D. W. Miller (7) by 16.

Major R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (111) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (71) by 7.

GOLF CROQUET THE ASCOT CHALLENGE CUP

BLOCK "A" (16 Entries)

FIRST ROUND F. H. Curtis (2) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 1 up. Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (0) by 3 and 2. Mrs. S. Phillips (1) bt A. D. Karmel (0) by 2 and 1. Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (1) by

Miss A. E. Mills (0) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) by 3 and 2. Major R. Tingey (0) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (1) by 3 and 2. R. A. Stigant (2) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (0) by 1 up. Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt D. W. Curtis (0) 2 up.

F. H. Curtis (2) bt Col. C. C. Adams (0) by 3 and 2.

Mrs. S. Phillips (1) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) 1 up.

Major R. Tingey (0) bt Miss A. E. Mills (0) by 3 and 2.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt R. A. Stigant (2) by 3 and 2.

F. H. Curtis (2) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (1) by 3 and 2. Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt Major R. Tingey (0) 1 up.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt F. H. Curtis (2) by 3 and 2,

Mrs. Pethebridge (3) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) by 2 and 1.

BLOCK "B" (15 Entries)

Mrs. M. Francis (2) bt Mrs. D. F. Caporn (2) by 3 and 2. Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) bt Mrs. K. Gray (2) by 2 and 1. Mrs. Pethebridge (3) bt Mrs. V. E. Wheeler (3) by 4 and 3. Mrs. A. D. Karmel (2) bt Miss S. G. Hampson (2) by 3 and 2. W. G. FitzGerald (3) bt D. C. Caporn (2) by 5 and 3. Mrs. G. Fitter (2) bt Miss M. Young (3) by 7 and 3. W. G. A. Burgess (3) bt Miss G. Bartlett (2) by 2 and 1.

Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) bt Mrs. M. Francis (2) by 1 up. Mrs. Pethebridge (3) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (2) by 1 up. Mrs. G. Fitter w.o. opponent scratched. Mrs. M. H. Carrington (2) bt W. G. A. Burgess (3) by 5 and 4.

SEMI-FINAL Mrs. Pethebridge (3) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) by 1 up. Mrs. M. H. Carrington (3) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (2) by 1 up.

Mrs. Pethebridge (3) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (2) by 1 up.

#### DELVES BROUGHTON CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP DOUBLES (11 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND Miss E. E. Fisher and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (3) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. Hampson (2) by 1 up. Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and L. A. FitzGerald (5) bt D. W. Curtis and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) by 3 and 2. Mrs. Pethebridge and Miss Young (6) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. Karmel (2) by 3 and 2.

SECOND ROUND Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. D. F. Caporn (2) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 4 and 3. Major-Gen. Davidson and L. A. FitzGerald (5) bt Miss E. E. Fisher and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (3) by 3 and 2. Mrs. Pethebridge and Miss Young (6) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs.

S. Phillips (1) by 3 and 2. F. H. Curtis and Mrs. G. Fitter (4) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. Davidson (1) by 2 and 1.

SEMI-FINAL Major-Gen. Davidson and L. A. FitzGerald (5) bt Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. D. F. Caporn (2) by 1. F. H. Curtis and Mrs. G. Fitter (4) bt Mrs. Pethebridge and Miss Young (6) by 3 and 2.

F. H. Curtis and Mrs. G. Fitter (4) bt Major-Gen. Davidson and L. A. FitzGerald (5) by 4 and 3.

#### BRIGHTON

August 28th-September 2nd

The Brighton Official Tournament was blessed with glorious weather throughout. The courts were extremely fast and all round breaks were at a premium. Entries were good, although a number of the "stars" were diverted by the clash with Hunstanton.

In the opens E. P. C. Cotter and L. Kirk Greene both narrowly defeated each other in the Draw and Process respectively and won these events. Kirk Greene however, not in the best of health, was obliged to scratch in the play-off. The B levels were won by Miss K. D. Hickson who defeated Lady Ursula Abbey in the final, a very creditable performance as this is the first time Miss Hickson has been in a B level event.

In the open handicap many people regarded D. R. Watson, a much improved player since last year, as the potential winner at 71 bisques, but he was beaten by the greater experience and consistency of Col. F. E. Stobart in the semi-final. Col. F. E. Stobart went on to win the final with E. G. Bantock playing his customary role of professional bridesmaid, but this time, oh, so nearly the

The doubles produced a good many time-limited finishes, perhaps the most exciting being the semi-final when Cotter doublepeeled and pegged out Mrs. Temple. This left W. H. Austen the problem of getting round from 2-back with two bisques, Cotter's partner, Mrs. Roper being still for the 4th hoop. In a cat and mouse finish Austen just kept his nose in front to win by 1 on time. It is a great pity that nothing can be done to speed up the doubles and cut out the time-wasting discussions that many players consider

J. Bolton, aged 13, has a nice style and plays his strokes well, but naturally has, as yet, little knowledge of tactics and the conduct

Major J. H. Dibley had a harassing time as manager, but he must be used to this by now and took it all in his stride. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Thompson for the excellent lunches and teas, to Mrs. Truett for welcome service behind the bar, to Mrs. Naylor for the flower arrangements in the canteen and to all the other helpers who made the tournament so enjoyable.

Finally, Adams, the groundsman, despite the dry weather managed to produce the high standard of courts that we have been given to expect at Southwick.

OPEN SINGLES THE GOLD CUP THE DRAW (17 Entries) FIRST ROUND

Major J. R. Abbey bt N. F. Blackwood by 5. SECOND ROUND D. Jesson Dibley bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 7. M. B. Reckitt bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 16. Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Major J. R. Abbey by 12. L. Kirk Greene bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 24.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 9. Mrs. F. R. Briggs bt E. Whitehead by Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 15.

Mrs. L. Buchanan bt D. Jesson Dibley by 8. M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 12. L. Kirk Greene bt E. P. C. Cotter by 2.

Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 23

Mrs. L. L. Buchanan bt M. B. Reckitt by 3. L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. W. Longman by 9. FINAL

L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan by 7.

**PROCESS** (17 Entries) FIRST ROUND

Mrs. W. Longman bt T. G. S. Colls by 16. Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 7

L. Kirk Greene bt D. Jesson Dibley by 16. E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt by 25 Mrs. W. Longman bt N. F. Blackwood by 20. Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Major J. R. Abbey by 8. Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 8. Col. F. E. Stobart bt E. Whitehead by 24. Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan by 15.

L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 14.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. W. Longman by 3.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels w.o. Mrs. F. N. Latham opponent scratched.
Col. F. E. Stobart bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 9.

THIRD ROUND

SEMI-FINAL E. P. C. Cotter bt L. Kirk Greene by 3 Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 2.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 11, E. P. C. Cotter bt L. Kirk Greene opponent scratched.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B")

THE FRANC CUP (Law 44 suspended) (3 to 5½ bisques) (16 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss H. D. Parker by 9. Miss E. Johnston bt E. G. Bantock by 12. W. P. H. Roe bt Miss K. Ault by 8. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt R. H. Newton by 11 W. H. Austin bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan by 6. E. A. Roper bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 7. Capt. M. Buller bt T. A. Chignell by 1. Miss K. D. Hickson bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt by 20.

SECOND ROUND Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss E. Johnston by 10.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt W. P. H. Roe by 15.
W. H. Austin bt E. A. Roper by 1.
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Capt. M. Buller by 4.

SEMI-FINAL Lady Ursula Abbey bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 10. Miss K. D. Hickson bt W. H. Austin by 20.

Miss K. D. Hickson bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 15. HANDICAP SINGLES MONTEITH BOWL

(6 bisques and over) (22 Entries) FIRST ROUND Mrs. E. A. Roper  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt J. Bolton (\*9) by 5.

Mrs. A. Topp (10) bt Mrs. G. A. Paxon (8) by 9. D. M. Horne (8) bt Mrs. I. R. Veale (8½) by 10. Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) w.o. Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) opponent A. M. Hicks (8) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 8.

Miss G. Bennett (9) w.o. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) opponent scratched

D. R. Watson (7½) bt Mrs. R. St. G. Atchley (14) by 21. Miss L. Tallemach (7) bt M. Vlasto (10) by 3 on time. Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 11. Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (/) of Mrs. E. A. Koper (/½) by 11. D. M. Horne (8) bt Mrs. A. Topp (10) by 5. A. M. Hicks (8) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 14. Miss E. Bennett (9) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) by 12. Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt Major R. St. G. Atchley (14) by 11. C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) by 1 on time.

THIRD ROUND D. R. Watson (7½) bt Miss L. Tallemach (7) by 12. Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) bt D. M. Horne (8) by 7. A. M. Hicks (8) bt Miss E. Bennett (9) by 7. Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (6) by 4.

D. R. Watson (7½) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) by 9. Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt A. M. Hicks (8) by 4.

D. R. Watson (71) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (8) by 16.

HANDICAP SINGLES MAURICE RECKITT BOWL (Unrestricted) (53 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss K. D. Hickson (5) bt W. H. P. Roe (51) by 9. Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) by 6.

J. Bolton (\*9) bt Miss K. Ault (4½) by 2.

D. R. Watson (7½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) by 8.

Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 8.

Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 3. Miss H. D. Parker (3) w.o. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) opponent scratched. Miss H. D. Parker (3) W.o. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) opponent scratched. T. A. Chignell (4) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 16. Miss E. Johnston (5½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (3½) by 21. Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 9. Miss E. Bennett (9) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 5. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (4½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 16. N. F. Blackwood (2½) bt Mrs. A. Topp (10) by 12. E. G. Bantock (4) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 8. Mrs. L. Buckapan (2½) bt Mrs. G. W. Salesmen (2) by 11. E. G. Bantock (4) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 8, Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (2½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 11. Capt. M. Buller (4) bt Miss L. Tallemach (7) by 12. A.M. Hicks (8) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2½) by 6. E. A. Roper (3) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 19. Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) bt Mrs. G. A. Paxon (8) by 13. D. M. Horne (8) bt M. Vlasto (10) by 7 on time. W. H. Austin  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt E. Whitehead  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  by 7.

SECOND ROUND Mrs. W. Longman (-1) w.o. G. E. W. Hitchcock (21/2) opponent retired.

Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (½) by 15.

Miss K. D. Hickson (5) bt T. G. S. Colls (1½) by 17.

Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt J. Bolton (9\*) by 11.

D. R. Watson (7½) bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) by 22.

Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 6.

Miss E. Johnston (5½) bt T. A. Chignell (4) by 5.

Miss E. Bennett (9) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) by 4.

Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (4½) bt N. F. Blackwood (2½) by 1.

E. G. Bantock (4) bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (2½) by 8.

A. M. Hicks (8) bt Capt. M. Buller (4) by 11.

E. A. Roper (3) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) by 6.

D. M. Horne (8) w.o. W. H. Austin (5½) opponent retired D. M. Horne (8) w.o. W. H. Austin (51) opponent retired. H. A. Green (21) bt D. Jesson Dibley (3) by 5. Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) by 16. C. S. Ratcliffe (6) w.o. Mrs. I. R. Veale (8½) opponent scratched.

Mrs. W. Longman (-1) w.o. Miss M. M. Taylor (8) opponent retired.
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (5) by 2.
D. R. Watson (7½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) by 17.
Miss E. Johnston (5½) bt Miss E. Bennett (9) by 1.
E. G. Bantock (4) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (4½) by 5.

A. M. Hicks (8) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 9. H. A. Green (2½) bt D. M. Horne (8) by 9. C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 2. FOURTH ROUND

Col. F. E. Stobart  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1) by 25. D. R. Watson  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss E. Johnston  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  by 6. E. G. Bantock (4) w.o. A. M. Hicks (8) opponent scratched. C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt H. A. Green (2½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL Col. F. E. Stobart  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt D. R. Watson  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  by 8. E. G. Bantock (4) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (6) by 9.

Col. F. E. Stobart (21) bt E. G. Bantock (4) by 6.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Unrestricted)

(20 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. L. Buchanan and D. Jesson Dibley (51) bt Major J. R. Abbey and E. G. Bantock (5½) by 15.

Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (8) bt Lady Ursula Abbey and Capt. M. Buller (7½) by 1 on time.
W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. M. Temple (13) bt Miss K. Ault and H.

A. Green (7) by 10. M. B. Reckitt and D. R. Watson (6½) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. G.

W. Solomon (5) by 12.

Miss Forbes Cowan and Miss E. Bennett (13) bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) by 2 on time.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and T. A. Chignell (7½) bt G. F. Paxon

and Mrs. G. A. Paxon (15) by 4 on time. Miss M. M. Taylor and J. Bolton (17) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and

Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 6. Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (8) bt Mrs. L. Buchanan

and D. Jesson Dibley (5½) by 1 on time.

W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. M. Temple (13) bt M. B. Reckitt and D. R. Watson (6½) by 5 on time.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs and Major R. St. G. Atchly (161) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (111) by 9 on time.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. A. Roper (41) bt E. Whitehead and C. S. Ratcliffe (8½) by 2. L. Kirk Greene and Mrs. W. Longman (—2½) bt R. H. Newton and D. M. Horne (11) by 14.

THIRD ROUND

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and T. A. Chignell (71) bt Miss Forbes Cowan and Miss E. Bennett (13) by 15.

Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (8) bt Miss M. M. Taylor and J. Bolton (17) by 6. W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. M. Temple (13) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs

and Major R. St. G. Atchly (161) by 4. E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. A. Roper (41) bt L. Kirk Greene and

Mrs. W. Longman  $(-2\frac{1}{2})$  by 3.

SEMI-FINAL Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (8) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and T. A. Chignell (7½) by 7. W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. M. Temple (13) bt E. P. C. Cotter and

Mrs. E. A. Roper  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  by 1 on time.

W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. M. Temple (13) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (8) by 4 on time.

#### BRIGHTON

(Unofficial)

September 4th-9th

High bisquers came into their own in this unofficial tournament, though a scratch President's Cup player was rather a cat among the pigeons! The sixty competitors were evenly divided— 31 at 7½ upwards and 29 below.

On the whole the weather was lovely except for one ghastly afternoon of cold wind and rain. The meals were, as usual, liberal and varied, the catering being in the very capable hands of Mrs. Chittenden and her helpers. Mrs. Truett was "behind bars" and Mrs. Naylor's flowers were a sight for sore eyes! The tournament was efficiently and pleasantly managed by Miss Steel. Unfortunately, Miss Daldy, the Tournament Secretary, was taken ill towards the end of the week, and we hope that by the time these lines appear she will have fully recovered.

David Miller, playing in his first tournament with a handicap of 9, showed us that he was by no means a beginner as he won the big handicap and was promptly reduced to 7. As was fitting, our Chairman, Mr. N. Blackwood, won the low bisquer's handicap. Omonds, Paxons, Picketts, Ropers, Whiteheads and Whithamshave we strayed into a circus by mistake ?—took part in the doubles, the final of which consisted of two ladies' pairs whose combined handicap was 34 (!), and was won by Mrs. Pavia and Mrs. Carring-

As there were no time limits, the high bisquers could spend as long as they liked on the courts-and some of them certainly did ! but Miss Steel brought the tournament to a successful conclusion late on Saturday afternoon.

HANDICAP SINGLES (Up to 3½ bisques) (13 Entries) FIRST ROUND

Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (2½) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 19. D. W. Curtis (0) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (½) by 13. Miss A. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine (2) by 4. N. F. Blackwood (21) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) by 12. E. A. Roper (3) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 12.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (2½) bt Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) by 23.

D. W. Curtis (0) bt Miss A. Mills (1½) by 20.

N. F. Blackwood (2½) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 24.

E. Whitehead (2½) bt H. A. Green (2½) by 17.

Mrs. L. L. Buchanan  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt D. W. Curtis (0) by 7. N. F. Blackwood  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt E. Whitehead  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  by 6.

N. F. Blackwood (2½) bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (2½) by 18.

HANDICAP SINGLES (4 to 7 bisques) (16 Entries) FIRST ROUND

C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt Major R. Driscoll (7) by 11. Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (7) by 21. E. C. Mogridge (7) bt Miss L. Tallemach (7) by 11. W. E. Moore (4) bt Mrs. B. Phillips (7) by 18. G. F. Paxon (7) bt W. P. H. Roe (51) by 1. Miss E. Johnston (51) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (61) by 6. Miss E. F. Rose (61) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) by 11. T. A. Chignell (4) bt Miss L. Newman (7) by 11. SECOND ROUND

Brig. J. S. Omond (7) w.o. C. S. Ratcliffe (6) opponent scratched. W. E. Moore (4) bt E. C. Mogridge (7) by 10. Miss E. Johnston (5½) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 10. T. A. Chignell (4) bt Miss E. F. Rose (61) by 10. SEMI-FINAL

W. E. Moore (4) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7) by 11. Miss E. Johnstone (5½) bt T. A. Chignell (4) by 11. FINAL

W. E. Moore and Miss E. Johnstone divided.

HANDICAP SINGLES 7½ to 10 bisques) (21 Entries)

D. W. Miller (9) bt Miss M. Towers (10) by 8. Miss G. Sparks (9½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 18. Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) bt Mrs. G. A. Paxon (8) by 18. R. Whitham (7½) bt Miss C. Templeton (9½) by 1. Mrs. E. A. Roper  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss M. M. Taylor  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  by 6.

SECOND ROUND R. J. Pickett (9) w.o. Mrs. I. R. Veale (81) opponent scratched. Miss H. Trought (9) bt D. Temple Page (9) by 8.
D. W. Miller (9) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (9) by 19.
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) bt Miss G. Sparkes (9½) by 17.
R. Whitham (7½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 4. F. H. Curtis (8) w.o. Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) opponent retired. Mrs. F. E. Griffiths (8) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (9) by 14. Mrs. R. H. Whitham (8) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 3. THIRD ROUND

R. J. Pickett (9) bt Miss H. Trought (9) by 11. Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) bt D. W. Miller (9) by 12. R. Whitham (7½) w.o. F. H. Curtis (8) opponent retired. Mrs. F. E. Griffiths (8) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8) by 11.

R. J. Pickett (9) w.o. Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) opponent retired. R. Whitham (7½) bt Mrs. F. E. Griffiths (8) by 3.

FINAL R. Whitham (74) bt R. J. Pickett (9) by 5.

HANDICAP SINGLES (10½ bisques and over) (11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Mrs. A. R. Brown (13) bt Major R. St. G. Atchley (14) by 6. Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) bt Mrs. K. Lowein (13) by 9.

Mrs. E. Thompson (14) w.o. Mrs. F. H. Curtis (13) opponent scratched.

Mrs. A. R. Brown (13) bt Miss M. Lacey (13) by 2. Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) bt Mrs. R. St. G. Atchley (14) by 5. Mrs. E. Whitehead (16) bt Mrs. J. Povey (14) by 8.

Mrs. A. R. Brown (13) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (14) by 7.
Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) w.o. Mrs. E. Whitehead (16) opponent

Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) bt Mrs. A. R. Brown (13) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES (Unrestricted) (54 Entries)

Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Miss M. Towers (10) by 11. C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt Mrs. G. A. Paxon (8) by 15. R. J. Pickett (9) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 7.

Miss M. Lacey (13) w.o. Mrs. I. R. Veale (8½) opponent scratched.

Mrs. F. E. Griffiths (8) bt Mrs. K. Lowein (13) by 11. W. E. Moore (4) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8) by 5. Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (24) Lt Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) by 16. Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (9) by 7. Miss A. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) by 16.
D. Temple Page (9\*) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 14.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) bt Miss H. Trought (9) by 2.
G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt E. C. Mogridge (7) by 11. T. A. Chignell (4) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 13. E. A. Roper (3) bt Miss L. Newman (7) by 13. E. A. Ropel (3) bt Miss L. Rewhall (7) by 13.

R. Whitham (7½) bt Miss J. Povey (14) by 11.

Mrs. I. H. Turketine (2) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7½) by 15.

D. W. Miller (9) bt Miss G. Sparks (9½) by 5.

Mrs. E. Whitehead (16) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) by 4. Mrs. J. S. Omond (9) w.o. Mrs. F. H. Curtis (13) opponent scratched. N. F. Blackwood (2½) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) by 22. F. H. Curtis (8) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 4. E. Whitehead (2½) w.o. Mrs. N. Oddie (½) opponent retired. SECOND ROUND

Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Miss C. Templeton (91) by 10. H. A. Green  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. A. R. Brown (13) by 1 Miss E. Johnstone (5½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7) by 18. C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt R. J. Pickett (9) by 6. Mrs. F. E. Griffithis (8) bt Miss M. Lacey (13) by 1. W. E. Moore (4) bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (2½) by 14. Col. F. E. Stobart (11/2) bt Miss A. Mills (11/2) by 6. Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) bt D. Temple Page (9\*) by 9. T. A. Chignell (4) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 12. E. A. Roper (3) bt R. Whitham (7½) by 16. D. W. Miller (9) bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine (2) by 24. Mrs. J. F. Omond (9) w.o. Mrs. E. Whitehead (16) opponent N. F. Blackwood (21) bt F. H. Curtis (8) by 12.

E. Whitehead (2½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 9. D. W. Curtis (0) bt Mrs. E. M. Thompson (14) by 26. Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) bt Miss L. Tallemach (7) by 6.

H. A. Green (24) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 11. C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt Miss E. Johnstone (51) by 9. W. E. Moore (4) bt Mrs. F. E. Griffiths (8) by 21. Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) by 11. E. A. Roper (3) bt T. A. Chignell (4) by 5. D. W. Miller (9) bt Mrs. J. F. Omond (9) by 5. N. F. Blackwood (2½) bt E. Whitehead (2½) by 25. D. W. Curtis (0) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) by 2.

H. A. Green (2½) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (6) by 6. W. E. Moore (4) bt Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) by 6. D. W. Miller (9) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 12. D. W. Curtis (0) bt N. F. Blackwood (21) by 6. SEMI-FINAL

W. E. Moore (4) bt H. A. Green (21) by 8. D. W. Miller (9) bt D. W. Curtis (0) by 26.

D. W. Miller (9) bt W. E. Moore (4) by 21.

HANDICAP DOUBLES (Combined handicap not less than 5) (22 Pairs)

D. W. Curtis and D. W. Miller (7) bt R. J. Pickett and Mrs. R. J.

Pickett (18) by 14. E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (16½) bt G. F. Paxon and

Mrs. G. F. Paxon (15) by 18. R. Whitham and Mrs. R. Whitham ( $15\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt W. E. Moore and Miss

G. Forbes Cowan (8) by 5.
F. E. Corke and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (15½) bt R. H. Newton and Miss C. Templeton (12½) by 6.
C. S. Ratcliffe and Miss M. Lacey (19) bt Mrs. F. G. Griffiths and

Miss M. Towers (18) by 3. F. H. Curtis and Mrs. R. St. G. Atchley (21½) bt Miss A. Mills and Mrs. J. Povey (151) by 5.

SECOND ROUND Mrs. A. R. Brown and Miss L. Newman (20) bt Miss L. Tallemach and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (15) by 10.

E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (101) bt Miss H. Trought and

Mrs. K. Lowein (22) by 16. D. W. Curtis and D. W. Miller (7) bt Brig. Stokes Roberts and D. Temple Page (11) by 12.

E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (161) bt R. Whitham and Mrs. R. Whitham (151) by 15.

C. S. Ratcliffe and Miss M. Lacey (19) bt F. E. Corke and Mrs. W.

A. Naylor (15<sup>1</sup>) by 5. Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond (16) bt F. H. Curtis and

Mrs. R. St. G. Atchley (21½) by 7.
Mrs. M. H. Carrington and Mrs. J. Pavia (14½) bt Miss M. Taylor

and Major R. St. G. Atchley (21½) by 12. H. A. Green and Miss E. Johnston (8) bt T. A. Chignell and Mrs. L. Buchanan (6½) by 15.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. A. R. Brown and Miss L. Newman (20) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (10½) by 11.

E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (16½) bt D. W. Curtis and

D. W. Miller (7) by 5. C. S. Ratcliffe and Miss M. Lacey (19) bt Brig. J. S. Omond and

Mrs. J. S. Omond (16) by 7. Mrs. M. H. Carrington and Mrs. J. Pavia (141) bt H. A. Green and Miss E. Johnston (8) by 16.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. A. R. Brown and Miss L. Newman (20) bt E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (16½) by 7. Mrs. M. H. Carrington and Mrs. J. Pavia (14½) bt C. S. Ratcliffe

and Miss M. Lacey (19) by 9. FINAL

Mrs. M. H. Carrington and Mrs. J. Pavia (141) bt Mrs. A. R. Brown and Miss L. Newman (20) by 13.

#### HUNSTANTON

August 28th-September 2nd

Glorious sunshine, a high standard of play, and, above all, a thoroughly friendly and happy atmosphere, made this 63rd Annual Tournament one of the most enjoyable on record. The courts, though satisfactory, were not up to their best standard, as the Tournament Committee had inadvertently arranged our meeting for the week immediately following the Hunstanton Tennis Tournament, so the groundsman and his staff had only one day in which to prepare our courts. This will not happen again

Miss Warwick, who seldom seems to make copy-book breaks but has a noticeable habit of winning games, was the only com-petitor to get a game off Mr. Hicks in the Opens, which he won from an entry containing seven scratch and minus players.

The B class level event had attracted only four entries, so it was played as an American competition, which was eventually won by Mr. Tovey, of Norwich, after a play-off resulting from a triple tie between himself, Mrs. Thom and Miss Brumpton.

The C class handicap trophy was won by Miss Maud Brumpton who met a fellow Nottingham player, Miss Smith, in the final. Miss Smith has some effective strokes and a good knowledge of the game, but she could not manage on this occasion to give her improving opponent three and a half bisques.

The big handicap was won by Miss Warwick from Mr. Lloyd Pratt, who had struggled to the final after three hair-raising single-figure victories against Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Neville Rolfe, and Mrs. Karmel whose game has notably improved.

As is often the case, the Handicap Doubles provided the most entertainment. The event was won by Miss Roe and Mr. Horridge ("Sausage" and "Porridge") from Miss Smith and Dr. Mary Browning. These ladies, jointly handicapped at 21, are specially to be congratulated on reaching the final. Their narrowest escape had been from Mr. Tovey and Mrs. Thom (+1 on time). In this game the Hurlingham lady, after making 3-back in the last turn of the game, had to take off to try for position for 4-back in order to make the crucial equalizing point. She only just failed, and the Nottingham ladies went into the next round where they had a most commendable win against the redoubtable Miss Warwick ably partnered by Mrs. Cherry. Another good gallery game was the Karmels' win against Mr. Hodgson and Miss Brumpton. The Nottingham pair were laid up to go out, when Mr. Karmel hit the dying shot right across the court, and the game swung the other

It was good to see Mr. Bell striking his old form and making two beautiful all-round breaks. The writer also has a vivid recollection of the 1960 Open Champion, Mrs. Rotherham, soigné and distinguished under a polka dot parasol, seated behind a rapidly diminishing palisade of seventeen bisques.

No account of this delightful week would be complete without recording the players' gratitude to the managers, Miss Warwick and our President, Mrs. Reeve; and, above all, to the Club Secretary, Mrs. Clarke and her very efficient band of ladies, without whose kindly ministrations our enjoyment of the tournament would have been greatly diminished.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A") NORFOLK CHALLENGE CUP

> THE DRAW (9 Entries) FIRST ROUND

H. O. Hicks bt J. G. Warwick by 13. SECOND ROUNI B. Lloyd Pratt bt H. O. Hodgson by 12.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 26. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt A. D. Karmel by 13. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Miss I. M. Roe by 5. SEMI-FINAL

H. O. Hicks bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 8. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 16.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt H. O. Hicks by 18.

PLAY-OFF H. O. Hicks bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 14.

**PROCESS** FIRST ROUND

B. Lloyd Pratt bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 14. SECOND ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 4. B. Lloyd Pratt bt J. G. Warwick by 20. H. O. Hicks bt Miss I. M. Roe by 17. A. D. Karmel bt H. O. Hodgson by 15

B. Lloyd Pratt bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 14. H. O. Hicks bt A. D. Karmel by 17.

FINAL H. O. Hicks bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 18.

> HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "B") HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL (Played American)

 $(2\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 bisques) (4 Entries)

Miss E. C. Brumpton won 2 games. Mrs. M. L. Thom won 2 games. H. J. Tovey won 2 games. W. T. Bell won 0 games.

PLAY-OFF
Miss E. C. Brumpton bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 5. FINAL

H. J. Tovey bt Miss E. C. Brumpton by 9.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C") (6½ bisques and over) (11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Miss E. M. Brumpton (11) bt Miss S. C. Hampson (8) by 11. W. Trevor Johnson (14) bt Dr. H. M. Browning (14) by 10. Mrs. T. A. Cherry (12) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 7.

SECOND ROUND Mrs. A. D. Karmel (10) w.o. Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) opponent

Miss E. M. Brumpton (11) bt W. Trevor Johnson (14) by 21. Major G. B. Horridge (7) bt Mrs. T. A. Cherry (12) by 9. Miss L. H. Smith (7) bt Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (8½) by 10. SEMI-FINAL

Miss E. M. Brumpton (11) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (10) by 11. Miss L. H. Smith (7) bt Major G. B. Horridge (7) by 10.

Miss E. M. Brumpton (11) bt Miss L. H. Smith (7) by 9.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "X") INGLEBY CHALLENGE CUP (Unrestricted)

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt W. T. Bell (5) by 17.
W. Trevor Johnson (14) bt Miss S. C. Hampson (8) by 1 on time.
Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. T. A. Cherry (12) by 18.
Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt Dr. H. M. Browning (14) by 18. Mrs. A. D. Karmel (10) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (6) by 4 on time. H. J. Tovey (3½) bt Major G. B. Horridge (7) by 7 on time. B. Lloyd Pratt (-11/2) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 2.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (0) by 14. A. D. Karmel (0) w.o. Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) opponent scratched. Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) w.o. W. Trevor Johnson (14) opponent

retired.

Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) bt Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 2.

Mrs. A. D. Karmel (10) bt H. J. Tovey (3½) by 11.

B. Lloyd Pratt (—1½) bt Miss L. H. Smith (7) by 15.

Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (8½) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 3.

J. G. Warwick (—1) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (11) by 3.

A. D. Karmel (0) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  by 14. Miss E. J. Warwick  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 8. B. Lloyd Pratt  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (10) by 1.

Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (81) bt J. G. Warwick (-1) by 4. SEMI-FINAL Miss E. J. Warwick  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt A. D. Karmel (0) by 10. B. Lloyd Pratt  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. A. N. Rolfe  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  by 4.

Miss E. J. Warwick ( $-1\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt B. Lloyd Pratt ( $-1\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 5.

(12 Entries)

FIRST ROUND W. T. Bell (5) bt Miss S. G. Hampson (8) by 7.
Mrs. T. A. Cherry (12) bt Dr. H. M. Browning (14) by 2.
Miss E. C. Brumpton (6) bt Major G. B. Horridge (7) by 6.
Miss L. H. Smith (7) w.o. H. O. Hodgson (2) opponent retired.

SECOND ROUND Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (0) by 8. W. T. Bell (5) bt Mrs. T. A. Cherry (12) by 15. Miss E. C. Brumpton (6) bt Miss L. H. Smith (7) by 10. Miss E. M. Brumpton (11) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 12. SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) bt W. T. Bell (5) by 18. Miss E. M. Brumpton (11) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (6) by 3.

Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) divided with Miss E. M. Brumpton (11).

HANDICAP DOUBLES (Combined handicap not less than 6) (10 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss E. M. Brumpton (8) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. A. N. Rolfe  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  by 13.

Miss L. Smith and Dr. H. Browning (21) bt H. J. Tovey and Mrs.

M. L. Thom (9) by I. Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. Cherry (10½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss E. M. Brumpton (8) by 5. Miss I. M. Roe and Major Horridge (9) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss

S. Hampson (6½) by 14.
A. D. Karmel and Mrs. Karmel (10) bt H. O. Hodgson and Miss E. C. Brumpton (8) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL Miss L. Smith and Dr. H. Browning (21) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. T. A. Cherry (101) by 6.

Miss I. M. Roe and Major G. B. Horridge (9) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (10) by 2. FINAL

Miss I. M. Roe and G. B. Horridge (9) bt Miss L. Smith and Dr. Browning (21) by 5.

#### PARKSTONE

September 4th-9th

Once again it has been a pleasure to come to this friendly tournament. The lawns had become very fiery and dry due to lack of rain, but were remarkably true, allowing of no excuse for bad

After heavy rain on Tuesday conditions became very pleasant for the remainder of the week. Although a small entry, there was a good proportion of young and coming players. Amongst these must be mentioned Miss Hampson and Christopher Penny, the latter likely to reach the scratch mark very soon.

Mrs. Fitter, a local player, when going to play against Col. Beamish was heard to remark that she had not yet ever beaten a Beamish, she achieved her ambition in the game to the tune of

Dr. Boucher, a newcomer to this tournament, was the most successful player, winning the coveted Gold Cup (Unrestricted Handicap), his "C" Class and the Handicap Doubles with C. H. R. Penny +22.

The final of the "A" Opens event, between Col. Beamish and

Brian Lloyd Pratt provided a long and close game, the latter winning by +4. The game was, however, enlivened by a brilliant finish by

Lloyd Pratt.

The club pavilion has been much improved, providing more comfort for all concerned. An interesting—and I think successful innovation was the staging of the Doubles on Tuesday instead of

Altogether a most successful week, skilfully managed by 'Della'.

Much credit goes to the groundsman, Mr. A. Barrow for the really excellent conditions of the lawns.

A pleasant feature was the large number of players and others present at the prize-giving by the Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A")

BOURNEMOUTH BOWL AND ASHTON TROPHY

PROCESS (6 Entries)

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 5. Col. D. W. Beamish w.o. B. Lloyd Pratt opponent scratched.

C. H. R. Penny bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 5. Col. D. W. Beamish w.o. Major J. R. Abbey opponent scratched.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt C. H. R. Penny by 19.

THE DRAW (6 Entries) FIRST ROUND

C. H. R. Penny bt Major J. R. Abbey by 13. Col. D. W. Beamish bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 14. SEMI-FINAL

C. H. R. Penny bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 2. B. Lloyd Pratt bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 26.

FINAL B. Lloyd Pratt bt C. H. R. Penny by 15.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 4.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B") (Law 36 suspended) (2½ to 6 bisques) (10 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Lady Ursula Abbey bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 16. Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. E. M. Kay by 14.

SECOND ROUND
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Major F. Hill Bernhard by 21. P. Thompson bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 12. Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 11. Mrs. M. McMordie bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 7.

P. Thompson bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 11. Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. M. McMordie by 17.

P. Thompson bt Miss K. Ault by 12.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "C").

HALSE CUP (6½ to 9½ bisques) (7 Entries) FIRST ROUND

Miss S. G. Hampson bt Mrs. A. L. Drake Brockman by 15. Mrs. E. M. Temple bt A. F. Rash by 3. Dr. C. A. Boucher bt Mrs. G. Fitter by 22.

Miss S. G. Hampson bt Mrs. E. M. Temple by 7. Dr. C. A. Boucher bt Miss H. F. Woolley by 23.

Dr. C. A. Boucher bt Miss S. G. Hampson by 23.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "D") (10 bisques and over) (5 Entries)

Lt.-Col. R. L. de Busay (15) bt Miss N. N. Fickling (15) by 9. SEMI-FINAL

Lt.-Col. R. L. de Busay (15) w.o. Mrs. F. N. Thornewill (11) opponent scratched. Mrs. C. Devitt (13) bt Mrs, R. Creed Meredith (16) by 17.

Mrs. C. Devitt (13) bt Lt.-Col. de Busay (15) by 9.

HANDICAP SINGLES GOLD CUP

(Unrestricted) (25 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Miss S. G. Hampson (8) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 14. A. F. Rash (7½) w.o. B. Lloyd Pratt (—1½) opponent scratched. C. H. R. Penny (2½) bt Mrs. S. M. Kay (6) by 11. Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) by 21. Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) bt Miss N. N. Fickling (15) by 7. Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (5) Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (13) by 7. Mrs. L. H. Ashton (4\*) bt Mrs. C. Temple (7½) by 3. P. Thompson (3½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 25.

SECOND ROUND Dr. C. A. Boucher (8) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 21. Miss S. G. Hampson (8) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 9 on time. C. H. R. Penny (2½) w.o. A. F. Rash (7½) opponent scratched.

Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) by 26.

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 7.

P. Thompson (3½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (4\*) by 7.

Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 3. Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt Miss K. Ault ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 10.

Dr. C. A. Boucher (8) bt Miss S. G. Hampson (8) by 11.
C. H. R. Penny (2½) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) by 10.
P. Thompson (3½) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) by 26. Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL
Dr. C. A. Boucher (8) bt C. H. R. Penny (2½) by 25.
Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt P. Thompson (3½) by 2.

Dr. C. A. Boucher (8) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (8) by 12.

HANDICAP DOUBLES (Combined handicaps not less than 2 bisques) (10 Pairs)

Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Miss O. M. Black (16) bt Dr. H. J. Penny

and Miss K. D. Hickson (7) by 17.
P. Thompson and Major F. Hill Bernhard (8½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill and Mrs. E. M. Kay (12) by 6 on time.

SECOND ROUND

C. H. R. Penny and Dr. C. A. Boucher (8½) bt Miss K. Ault and Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) by 10.

Col. D. W. Beamish and Mrs. M. McMordie (4½) bt Mrs. L. H.

Ashton and Miss O. M. Black (16) by 6. B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (61) bt P. Thompson and

Major F. Hill Bernhard (8½) by 7.

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. Devitt bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Miss H. F. Woolley (8½) by 4 on time. SEMI-FINAL

C. H. R. Penny and Dr. C. A. Boucher (81/2) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Mrs. M. McMordie (4½) by 7.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (6½) bt Rev. Canon R.

Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. Devitt (13) by 3

C. H. R. Penny and Dr. C. A. Boucher (81) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (64) by 22.

#### DUBLIN

CHAMPIONSHIP OF CO. DUBLIN (Rule 44 partially suspended)

**PROCESS** (10 Entries) FIRST ROUND

D. Jesson-Dibley bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 2. Mrs. R. J. Leonard w.o. Lady FitzGerald scratched. SECOND ROUND

D. Campbell bt R. E. Steen by 14. D. Figgis bt D. Jesson-Dibley by 17. Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt J. Stokes by 9. R. J. Leonard bt J. D. Robinson by 14.

D. Figgis bt D. Campbell by 18.
R. J. Leonard bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 8. FINAL

R. J. Leonard bt D. Figgis by 25.

DRAW FIRST ROUND

D. Figgis bt J. D. Robinson by 16. R. J. Leonard bt R. E. Steen by 7.

SECOND ROUND G. M. FitzPatrick w.o. Lady FitzGerald scratched.

D. Figgis bt D. Campbell by 24 J. Stokes bt R. J. Leonard by 6.
D. Jesson-Dibley bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 3.

D. Figgis bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 17. D. Jesson-Dibley bt J. Stokes by 19.

FINAL D. Figgis bt D. Jesson-Dibley by 19.

D. Figgis bt R. J. Leonard by 16.

The remainder of the Dublin results will appear in our next

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