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1962

- May 14—Peel Memorials (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 21—Southwick. *Tourn. Sec.*, Miss H. D. Parker, 4 Third Avenue, Hove 3.
- " 29—Inter-County Championships (Hurlingham). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- June 4—Men's and Women's Championships (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 4—Ryde. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss K. A. Wade, Partlands Avenue, Ryde, I.O.W.
- " 18—Compton (Eastbourne). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Sussex.
- " 18—Nottingham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, G. Birch, 88 Cedar Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham.
- " 25—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- July 9—Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- " 16—The Ladies' Field Cup (Southwick). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 23—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- " 30—Open Championships (Hurlingham). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 6-15—Hurlingham. *Games Secretary*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6. (NOT Secretary C.A.).
- " 16-25—Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 20—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- " 27—Southwick. *Tourn. Sec.*, Miss H. D. Parker, 4 Third Avenue, Hove 3.
- Sept. 3—Hunstanton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- " 10—President's Cup (Hurlingham), Surrey Cup (Cheltenham). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 20-22—All England Handicap. Area Finals (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 24—Roehampton. *Games Secretary*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15. (NOT Secretary C.A.).
- Oct. 1—Devonshire Park (Eastbourne). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- NON-OFFICIAL**
- Apr. 27-30—Hunstanton (American). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- May 7—Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- " 21-26—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- June 16-23—Championship of Ireland. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamate, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- July 3-6—Budleigh Salterton (American). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- Aug. 11-18—Championship of County Dublin. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamate, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- Sept. 3—Southwick. *Tourn. Sec.*, Miss H. D. Parker, 4 Third Avenue, Hove 3

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The new edition of the Laws, 2s. 6d. (Non Associates 3s. 6d.) All Associates are strongly advised to purchase the new Laws.

12 Hints to Beginners, 1s. 0d. A very valuable booklet which contains much useful information.

Entry forms for C.A. Tournaments. Pads of 25 price 2s. 0d.

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Associates who wish to become Referees should send their names to the Chairman of the Laws Committee (c/o. The Secretary, C.A.), who will arrange for their examination.

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The Secretary has a brown case containing a pair of dark glasses with special lenses sent from Devonshire Park. Will the owner write to the Secretary?

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NEW ASSOCIATES

Mrs. B. G. F. Weitz
Miss B. M. Croft
H. B. Gorsuch
R. Green
J. Macleod Pratt
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pearson

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APPS TROPHY

Major E. C. Heathcote has been awarded the Apps Trophy for 1961.

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SILVER MEDALLISTS

The following qualified for a Silver Medal during 1961 under Regulation 25 for Official Tournaments:—

A. J. Cooper
Capt. H. G. Stoker

V. C. GASSON,

Secretary

THE 1961 SEASON

By MAURICE B. RECKITT

"We are certainly due for something a lot better in 1961." These words are taken from a paragraph in this survey relating to last season, which had pointed out that summers with odd numbers to finish up with had been, for a good many years of late, much finer than those ending with even ones. And so it was again. 1961 could not rival 1959, or even 1955, but it was "a lot better" than 1960. Now we shall be hoping that 1962 will show a break in this curious and unaccountable sequence.

1961 was a notable season in three ways. First, for the appearance in May and immediate application (in "Counties Week") of the revised Laws. Ian Baillieu was fortunately with us to interpret any dubious points—and to be the target of any criticisms—which were the upshot of the legislative enterprise he had so vigorously, even relentlessly pioneered. Also, it must be added, to receive the congratulations which were so evidently his due. One thing is absolutely clear, the re-arrangement of our code has resulted in a much more logical sequence than that which we had inherited from the past, a fact which is likely to become increasingly obvious as we become more used to it. How far some of the phraseology presents difficulties, at any rate to some of us, only because we are still unfamiliar with it, remains to be seen. There are certainly a few ambiguous phrases which need to be clarified, and presumably will be when our Laws Committee has got to work on them. But what is of such capital importance, that the Laws should commend themselves to croquet players in the Antipodes, would seem to have been achieved. As the new Dominion Referee in New Zealand has written to me:

"I'm very much occupied with dispensing the message of the new laws which I find have caught on remarkably quickly here. They should, for I consider them the epitome of commonsense and fairness. Why, they're even readable! They're interesting and—most important—easy to remember."

To have satisfied so experienced and so exacting an official as Mr. Ashley Heenan is no small achievement. It has to be remembered of course that the virtues of our new code owe much to our New Zealand friends, and perhaps to Mr. Heenan most of all.

The second noteworthy feature of the season's play was its bearing upon the selection of our team for the Test Matches in New Zealand in the early months of 1963. Selection Committees are apt—and quite rightly—to be insistent that the secrecy of their deliberations should be preserved. But when, as in this case, seven selectors show themselves to be immediately unanimous on the first seven names to be chosen for a team, there can surely be no valid reason why this fact should not be known. Nor will associates be very likely to quarrel with the choice of the seven most successful competitors in this year's President's Cup to represent their country. We shall be sending the very best team that we could muster—with one possible exception. The Selection Committee desired it to be known that owing to Mr. Kirk Greene's indifferent health this season, it was with deep regret that they were unable to consider the pos-

sibility of inviting him to join the team. Many will feel that had he been able to join it, he would have made it even stronger than it is. Whether it is going to be strong enough to achieve the so far unparalleled feat of winning the trophy as a visiting side must remain to be seen. We know something of the strength of New Zealand croquet; and we have just heard from Australia that they will be sending a team of eight, of whom we are told that "all of them do the triple peel". This should put our players on their mettle!

The third feature of the past season has been one which may cause 1961 to go down to croquet history as the Year of the Young Men. "Surely," we wrote here last year, "a Varsity Match must be a strong possibility in the near future." That future was even nearer than most of us had guessed; and not only was the first of these matches played last May, but it looks as if an unbroken series of these encounters can be predicted, at any rate for some years. Cambridge, with more than fifty members of their newly established Club, are in a particularly strong position. A team headed by Arthur Reed, Derek Watson and Christopher Dashwood is going to take some beating. But Oxford, coming later into the field, have promising performers in P. J. Fidler, Richard Nelson and Roger Green, to mention but three. It is to be hoped that this very welcome and significant contest will attract more spectators, at any rate from amongst London players, than it did this year. Cambridge has already given us two players of international standard in William Ormerod and Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, and both Universities may be expected, if suitably encouraged, to give us more in the future.

A player who may perhaps be expected to appear in the Cambridge side next year is David Miller, initially a pupil of David Curtis, who made so promising a debut in tournament play this season. And if we are to speak of the young, let us not forget the youngest tournament player of all, John Bolton, who starting at the age of 13 may perhaps expect to have seventy seasons as a competitor before him! But while we delight in the emergence of the young men, we have still to lament the absence of the young women. Which college, we wonder, will have the honour to provide the first one to play in a University team? And how long must we wait for her to appear?

Having said so much of the young, a few lines may be spared to record the successes of some who will hardly resent being described as the aged. Two names among these stood out last season. Captain Stoker's remarkable victories in the Men's Championship, when he captured the scalps of two of our "Big Three" and came very close to winning a game in the final against the third, were only the most notable achievements of one who has done what few, if any, competitors have done before—a notably *improved* as a first-class player while in his seventies. The other to earn honourable mention is Mr. de la Nougerede who having shared in a triple tie in the Surrey Cup, could, in the opinion of many, have won the event had it not been his lot to have to play two games in the resulting play-off at the end of an exceptionally exacting week.

Not for the first time by any means our three top players divided the season's main events between them. John Solomon won the Open Championship; Patrick Cotter won at Hurlingham and Brighton; Humphrey Hicks won the Men's Championship, and from a strong field the President's Cup. This did not leave much for anyone else. But Dr. Wiggins won both of the main events at the two Eastbourne tournaments, and Miss Warwick in addition to a victory in the Ladies' Field Cup, after having the Women's Championship "stolen" from her by Miss Roe's brilliant shooting, won at Budleigh. More noteworthy still was her striking success both in the Open Championships and at Hurlingham, where her victims included Hicks in the former and (at one stage) Cotter in the latter. Robert Tingey, "maturing slowly" as usual, won the Challenge Cup. Colonel Prichard, repeating his numerous successes of the previous season, showed a marked advance, signified by his victory in the Surrey Cup. In this event it was good to welcome two newcomers, both Mr. Leonard and Mr. Birch playing better and better as the week went on.

Space does not permit of so generous a tribute as one would wish to pay to the many improving players whose form has, however, generally been noted and commended in earlier numbers of this journal during the season. Special mention must be made of the winner of the All-England Handicap, Major Heathcote, whose steadiness is remarkable; of A. V. Camroux and Mrs. Solomon victorious in Peels' week at the beginning of the season, and of Christopher Dashwood and Mrs. Perry each so successful at Devonshire Park at the end; of Miss Hickson (who has come on wonderfully), of Mr. and Mrs. Skempton at Hurlingham, and of Mr. Caporn at Roehampton. Miss Roe's meteoric rise has already been suggested.

Our game is assuredly not short of promising players, and at some of our larger clubs the numbers are not only rising satisfactorily but beginning to create problems of congestion on the courts. A good deal was said in this survey last year of the tendency to "centralisation" which seems to be increasing in the croquet world and it cannot be repeated now. But it is essential for us to realise that what our Association needs is not only new players but, even more, new places for them to play at and—perhaps still more immediately—the preservation of those we already have. It is lamentable that any croquet club should expire, whether from lack of players or from lack of energetic efforts to attract them. And such efforts must not be left till too late; if any signs of decreasing vitality are being shown at a club the time to tackle so dangerous a situation is NOW—before decay becomes incurable.

It has been a notable season, and not the least notable feature of it has been the leadership in so many directions given to the Association by the Chairman of its Council. He has had more and more exacting tasks fall to his lot than has often been the case for his predecessors, but Brigadier Stokes-Roberts has coped nobly and successfully with them all. If precedent is followed, as we may fully expect, he will be succeeded in office by the youngest Chairman the C.A. has ever known. John Solomon will go to New Zealand not only with the prestige of the many Championships (including theirs) which he has won, but with the authority and responsibility of a position he is especially fitted to uphold among our friends in countries far away.

TEST TEAM

The following seven were selected to form the Team to visit New Zealand in the winter of 1962-63 and all accepted:—

E. P. C. Cotter (Captain)
H. O. Hicks
Dr. W. P. Ormerod
B. Lloyd Pratt
J. W. Solomon
Miss E. J. Warwick
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins

The Council desired it to be known that its Selection Committee regretted that owing to the ill-health of Mr. Leslie Kirk-Greene it felt unable to consider the possibility of extending an invitation to him to join the Team.

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Associates are reminded of the new rates of subscription which were agreed at the A.G.M. on May 29th, 1961, and which come into force on 1st January, 1962, by the amendment of Rule XXIV.

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BUDLEIGH

November 7th 1961

Col. D. W. Beamish —½ to —1.
Capt. M. F. Buller 4 to 3.
Miss M. C. Carlyon 4½ to 4.
Miss J. Cooper 6½ to 6.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse 7½ to 7.
Mrs. N. E. Kitchin 15 to 13 (14D12).
Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty 7½ to 6½.
Mrs. T. F. Laverty 14D13 to 10.
A/VM F. H. M. Maynard 10D9 to 8D7.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore 5 to 4.
Miss V. E. Mills 3 to 2.
Mrs. W. Newnham Davis 13D12 to 11D10.
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt 4½ to 3½.
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt 7 to 5½.

NEW HANDICAPS GIVEN

Miss Brackenbury 16 D14.
Mrs. S. Cruden 16 D14.
Mrs. R. C. Hawkins 14 D12.
J. Lee 9.
W. Nash 16 D14.
Mrs. W. Nash 15 D14.
Dr. R. R. Traill 14.

ROEHAMPTON

R. Whitham 7½ to 7.
A. J. Oldham 6½ to 6.
Mrs. Haws 16 D14 to 14 D12.

HURLINGHAM

Mrs. V. C. Gasson 3 to 2½.
N. M. Baldwin 7½ to 6½.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson 8 to 7.
R. J. Pickett 9 to 8.
Mrs. A. D. Karmel 9½ to 9.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton 10 D9 to 8½.
Major P. Villiers 12 to 10.
B. L. P. Caillard 12 to 11.
Mrs. L. P. Caillard 14 to 13.

RYDE

Miss K. A. Wade 15 D14 to 14.

BRIGHTON

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Mrs. M. H. Carrington 8 to 7½.
Mrs. R. J. Pickett 9 to 8½.

ROEHAMPTON

BEFORE PLAY

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson 8 to 7½.

AFTER PLAY

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard 0 to —½.
D. C. Caporn 8 to 6½.
Mrs. M. Francis 11 to 9½.
D. R. Watson 6½ to 6.
Miss Bartlett 11 to 10.
Brig. J. S. Omond 7 to 6½.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson 6 to 5½.

GOLF CROQUET

Mrs. Pethebridge 3 to 2.

DEVONSHIRE PARK

Mrs. H. C. S. Perry 10 to 8.
Lady Ursula Abbey 3½ to 2½.
M. F. Buller 4 to 3.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson 3 to 2½.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith 6½ to 5½.
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton 4½ to 4.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley 6 to 5½.
C. J. E. Dashwood 4½ to 3.
Mrs. G. Fitter 8½ to 8.
A/VM F. H. M. Maynard 10 to 8.
Miss M. Bryan 12 to 11.
Mrs. J. Povey 14 to 12.
Mrs. J. R. Oxley 10 to 9.
Miss Warwick —½ to —2.

ALL ENGLAND

Major E. C. Heathcote 3 to 1½.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave ½ to 0.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden 2 to 1½.

CHELTENHAM

NON-OFFICIAL

NEW HANDICAP

Colin H. L. C. Prichard *14 (non-associate).
Robert D. C. Prichard *14 (non-associate).

BEFORE PLAY

Miss M. A. Posford 6½ to 6.
W. H. Thorp 5 to 4.
A. K. Priday 14 to 12 (non-associate)

AFTER PLAY

Miss V. Bolton 12 to 11.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews 4 to 3½.
Miss K. O. Sessions 10 to 7.
H. A. Sheppard 9 to 8.
W. H. Thorp 4 to 3½.

NON-ASSOCIATE

Colin H. L. C. Prichard *14 to 14.
Robert D. C. Prichard *14 to 16.

SURREY CUP

Analysis of Play

V. A. de la Nougerede 9 games, Col. D. M. C. Prichard 9 games, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish 9 games, A. D. Karmel 8 games, J. G. Warwick 7 games, Miss I. M. Roe and R. L. Leonard 5 games, G. Birch 4 games.

PLAY-OFF

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 2.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 9.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard +9 +7, R. J. Leonard +15, Miss I. M. Roe +14, A. D. Karmel +6, J. G. Warwick +4, G. Birch +15, Comdr. Beamish +12 +2; and lost to R. J. Leonard —6, Miss I. M. Roe —7, A. D. Karmel —17, J. G. Warwick —4, G. Birch —6.
Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt R. J. Leonard +14 +13, Miss I. M. Roe +17, A. D. Karmel +4 +10, J. G. Warwick +8 +10, G. Birch +5, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +9; and lost to Miss I. M. Roe —2, V. A. de la Nougerede —9 —7, G. Birch —17, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish —3.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard +3, R. J. Leonard +4 +4, Miss I. M. Roe +7, A. D. Karmel +6, J. G. Warwick +4 +7, G. Birch +15 +7; and lost to Col. Prichard —9, Miss I. M. Roe —16, A. D. Karmel —7, V. A. de la Nougerede —12 —2.
A. D. Karmel bt R. J. Leonard +8, Miss I. M. Roe +5 +16, V. A. de la Nougerede +17, J. G. Warwick +7 +5, G. Birch +2, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +7; and lost to Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard —4 —10, R. J. Leonard —13, V. A. de la Nougerede —6, G. Birch —2, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish —6.
J. G. Warwick bt R. J. Leonard +2 +13, Miss I. M. Roe +21 +16, V. A. de la Nougerede +4, G. Birch +12 +22 and lost to Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard —8 —10, A. D. Karmel —7, V. A. de la Nougerede —4, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish —4 —7.
Miss I. M. Roe bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard +2, V. A. de la Nougerede +7, G. Birch +6 +8, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +16; and lost to Col. D. M. C. Prichard —17, R. J. Leonard —8 —19, A. D. Karmel —5 —19, V. A. de la Nougerede —14, J. G. Warwick —21 —16, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish —7.
R. J. Leonard bt Miss I. M. Roe +8 +19, A. D. Karmel +13, V. A. de la Nougerede +6, G. Birch +12; and lost to Col. D. M. C. Prichard —14 —13, A. D. Karmel —8, V. A. de la Nougerede —15, J. G. Warwick —2 —13, G. Birch —9, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish —4 —4.
G. Birch bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard +17, R. J. Leonard +9, A. D. Karmel +2, V. A. de la Nougerede +6; and lost to Col. D. M. C. Prichard —5, R. J. Leonard —12, Miss I. M. Roe —6 —8, A. D. Karmel —2, V. A. de la Nougerede —15, J. G. Warwick —12 —22, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish —15 —7.

LONGMAN CLUB CUP

FINAL

Played at Hurlingham on 23rd September, 1961
Edgbaston bt Hurlingham by 3 games to 2

SINGLES

J. B. Meachem (3) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (2) by 13.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 12.
F. R. Meachem (10) bt A. W. Skempton (6½) by 3.

DOUBLES

Dr. B. R. Sandiford and F. R. Meachem (13) lost to Mrs. R. Tingey and A. W. Skempton (8½) by 1 on time.
J. B. Meachem and Miss C. Templeton (13½) lost to Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (12) by 5.

Notes from the Clubs

Budleigh Salterton

The summer season finished with a tea at the Club for all croquet members. There were 47 present and judging by the talk, all appeared to enjoy the occasion. The Chairman of the Croquet Committee, Miss Warwick, gave a resumé of the season's activities. The innovation of a coaching scheme had been very helpful and between 50 and 60 lessons had been given by all the leading players who had acted as "coach-for-the-week."

The Club was congratulated on so many of its members winning Croquet Association events. The All-England Handicap plaque with the winner's and runners-up cups were on view.

A general discussion followed on tournaments, local competitions, lawns, balls, etc. The dates of our tournaments will be May 7th-12th, July 3rd-6th, and July 9th-14th.

Unfortunately, the match against the London Clubs could not be arranged this season, but everyone was glad to hear that Mr. Cotter had accepted an invitation to bring a team to Budleigh Salterton at Easter next year, from April 20th-22nd.

A vote of thanks was passed to Major Stone who was retiring as Hon. Secretary of the Croquet Committee after working hard in that capacity for two years.

Brigadier R. B. Peters, Chairman of the Club, then presented the cups won in all the local competitions. The prize-winners were as follows:—

Club Championship (Two Life system, 10 entries):

Winner: Mrs. E. Rotherham
Runner-up: Col. D. W. Beamish

Gossage Cup (26 entries):

Winner: Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave
Runner-up: Dr. R. B. N. Smartt

Simpson Cup (18 entries):

Winner: Miss E. J. Warwick
Runner-up: Mrs. E. Rotherham

Bull Cup (13 entries):

Winner: Miss V. E. Mills
Runner-up: Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt

Calthrop Salver (11 pairs):

Winners: Miss V. E. Mills and G. R. Mills
Runners-up: Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt

Hutchinson Cup (26 entries):

Winner: Miss M. S. Carlyon
Runner-up: Miss E. J. Warwick

Novices Salver (7 entries):

Winner: Mrs. T. F. Laverty
Runner-up: Mrs. Hawkins

Heathcote Cup (Golf Croquet, 13 entries):

Winner: A. J. Cooper
Runner-up: Mrs. T. F. Laverty

The new committee elected for the 1962 season consists of: Miss E. J. Warwick (Chairman), J. K. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss A. E. Mills, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (Hon. Secretary).

Hunstanton

The Club played a match against some members of the Cambridge University Croquet Club on Sunday, October 15th, and though it was so foggy that it was only just possible to see from one end of the lawns to the other, we all enjoyed it, and hope to make it a regular feature here.

We open our 1962 season on 1st April, and our American Tournament (non-official) will be from April 27th to 30th.

All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

Another very successful season ended at Wimbledon on Saturday, 21st October, when Dacre Stoker retained the Club Championship by defeating Herman David, our Chairman and former Davis Cup Captain, by 17 in the final.

It was a great disappointment to us all that Brian Gilbert was unable to compete this year. We all hope that he will have fully recovered by next season and perhaps fight out another final with Stoker, who has had a most successful season in the course of which he defeated both John Solomon and Patrick Cotter in the Men's Championships, unfortunately having to retire to H. O. Hicks in the final.

Congratulations also to Herman David on reaching the final after a very good win against Frank Stobart. Great interest is

being shown by a number of young tennis players including the present Davis Cup Captain, John Barrett, who did well in the handicap event. Thanks to our hard working ground staff we have a perfect lawn to play on. One day we hope to have some more.

Parkstone

A successful season. At the outset losses of members by death or removal caused anxiety, but new members quickly filled the gap, amongst these Colonel de Brisay and Mrs. Derett show great promise. Several new members are expected next year. Canon and Mrs. Creed Meredith gave tea and prizes for a Gymkhana which attracted some of the tennis members, and produced a useful sum for the New Zealand tour.

Both tournaments were happy affairs, visitors praising courts, catering and management, the latter by "Della" of course.

Miss Hickson won the American and the Ashton trophy, Miss Black the cup for 11+, a Club 3-day tournament created interest, Commander Beamish and Miss Wooley winning the Doubles and Mr. Rash the Singles. Golf Croquet found Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Kay victorious.

In the outside world we congratulate "Della" and Commander Beamish on their exploits in the Surrey Cup and Miss Hickson on a fine season and a much reduced handicap.

The Club owes much to Mrs. McMordie, its hardworking Croquet Hon. Secretary.

Cheltenham

We have been very lucky with the weather for all our tournaments, and fortunate also in being able again to have the help of two such able managers as Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Reeve.

We are very proud of Miss I. M. Roe, who won the Ladies' Championship and of Colonel D. M. C. Prichard, who after winning the Open Handicap at Budleigh, went on to win the Cheltenham Championship Challenge Cup, the Surrey Cup and the Ranelagh Cup.

Our once popular Non-Official Tournament in September, it is feared, has lost its attraction to visitors. The Committee are examining the reasons for this decline and considering what can be done about it. Possible causes may be the death or retirement of our old regulars, that it is only a non-official tournament, that it is too late in the year or that hotel costs at the end of the season may exceed the budget provision made for long distance engagements.

Hurlingham

Let us first congratulate Edgbaston on winning the Club Cup, narrowly beating us on our home territory by the odd game. The match finished in virtual darkness with Professor Skempton having to locate the position of the opponent's balls more by the theory of determinants than by ocular evidence. The Birmingham team who had been up at cock crow to travel the 100 miles to Hurlingham were naturally jubilant at their victory which we hope will mean a resurgence of the game at their delightful club.

We have had our end of season get together, the meeting being reinforced by the experience of William Longman and Maurice Reckitt. Numerous suggestions were forthcoming from the floor which will keep the Committee occupied during the winter.

Bristol

The Bristol Club's playing season closed at the end of October. Our club matches were all over by September 30th and on that afternoon the finals were played followed by our usual end of season tea and prize-giving. Mr. Brent Smith won the Open American handicap and his wife the over 8 bisques event and also the golf croquet. These two have come on a lot this year. William Ormerod won the Open Singles, thus retaining the West of England Cup. As a happy ending to the prize-giving the Rev. F. G. Walmsley on behalf of the club congratulated William on his forthcoming marriage to Miss A. M. Coutts who is also a doctor, and presented him with a beautiful picnic case with the good wishes of the members.

At outside tournaments Bristol competitors were less successful than in previous seasons but the Rev. Henry Ormerod—a recent member—carried all before him at the Parkstone tournament in June. Also at the President's Cup which was his only tournament during the season Doctor William Ormerod came fourth. As these notes are being written he has received an invitation to play in the English team against New Zealand in 1963.

In June we paid a return visit to the Croquet section of the Windsor Bowling Club at Penarth where we had a most enjoyable afternoon. The lease of our ground runs out at the end of next season and we are at present negotiating to have it renewed for another three years. We were very sorry not to see Captain Vaughan Jenkins this season but we were very glad that Mr. F. W. Ward our other former Best Ten player was able to come quite often.

Felixstowe

The croquet lawn at this club has been prepared for play during the winter months and ten members, eight of them from the Ipswich Club, have joined for the winter season.

Compton (Eastbourne)

There was great demand for the lawns in the afternoons and people arriving at the Club after 2 p.m. frequently found there was no court available. This was particularly hard on country members and plans are being formulated to deal with the whole problem.

Not for the first time the finalists in the Horsburgh Cup were a husband and his wife, on this occasion Commander and Mrs. Style, the former proving the winner. They are particularly to be congratulated on the good form they showed, since neither can devote much time to croquet. What fine players they might well become if they had fewer other commitments.

It is a good many years since Compton took part in both the Club Team Cup and the All-England Handicap. In the former we defeated Southwick in the first round, but owing to delay in other clubs completing their matches we did not know who our second round opponents were until after the date by which that round should have been completed.

In fact owing to various difficulties it was Compton who had regretfully to scratch.

In the All-England Handicap that experienced campaigner Wiggins is to be congratulated on winning the preliminary stage at Compton. Unfortunately the result was not sent in by the specified date and he could not therefore compete in the final stages.

A high-light of the Compton season was the birthday of Mr. Plaistowe. This was marked, in a very modest way, by sending him a 90th birthday card, autographed by all the other members of the club. He has had this framed and it hangs in his dining room.

Mr. Plaistowe has not played croquet as often this year as last, because he has given up driving his car; but he did take part in the Compton tournament, where his relaxed swing and beautiful follow through set an example which all would do well to emulate.

Roehampton

The Golf Croquet day, which marks the end of the croquet playing season, took place on 21st October. There were fewer entries this year than usual. The prizes were all given by members, Mrs. Jacobs being the winner of the popular bottle of sherry, given each year by Mr. Spencer Ell. The results at the end of the day were:—

Singles: 1st, Mrs. Solomon.

2nd, Mrs. E. Haigh Smith.

Doubles: 1st, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Curtis.

2nd, W. A. FitzGerald and Miss Fisher.

On 10th and 11th November an indoor croquet tournament was held, by invitation to her private home, by a member of the croquet section. The tournament was held in aid of the Dominion Tour Fund, and was a delightful entertainment, very much enjoyed by the numerous members who took part, as well as several Hurlingham players who kindly joined in and helped with subscriptions to the sum collected, prizes, and also with tea and the running of the sideshows. No trouble had been spared by the hostess to make the tournament a success. Two courts were laid out in the spacious and attractive rooms. The tournament was run by the Roehampton croquet committee, and the games which were timed, were under the able management of Miss D. A. Lintern and Mr. Roper who very kindly came to help us. The buffet tea produced a show of magnificent cakes made by croquet members. Besides the interest in the croquet, which required definite skill, there were numerous sideshows arranged, among them being a display of excellent coloured photographs of croquet players at different clubs in England. All this meant an enormous amount of work behind the scenes for our generous hostess, who must have been pleased to hear that the magnificent total of £107 was raised towards the fund. At the end of the tournament General Davidson expressed the gratitude of everyone to our hostess and all the helpers for making such a success of the first indoor croquet tournament.

The Annual General Meeting of the croquet section of Roehampton Club was held on Saturday, 18th November, with twenty-seven members present. The Chairman (Mr. J. B. Gilbert) opened the meeting by welcoming Mrs. Gowing (Miss Daisy Jennings) and her husband. He thanked all those who had sent messages of goodwill to him while he was in hospital, which were much appreciated. He welcomed Dr. Oliver who had come to present the prizes. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. B. Gilbert; Captain, Miss D. A. Lintern; Press Representative for Roehampton for *Croquet*, Mrs. Collins; Col. C. C. Adams was re-elected the croquet representative on the Roehampton Club Committee. The Chairman then expressed the thanks of everyone to the hostess of the indoor croquet tournament which raised the remarkable total of £107 towards the Dominion Tour Fund. He also would like to thank Mr. Roper for his help and all those who gave prizes, subscriptions or helped with the tea and sideshows to make the tournament such a success. He then invited the Captain (Miss D. A. Lintern) to give her report.

The Captain began by saying the early part of the year was marked by illness among the croquet section: Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Longman, Mrs. Adler and Mrs. Collins, were all unable to play, Mr. Spencer Ell could not play as before, and was missed in the Surrey Cup. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs were also ill, as well as Mrs. Adams who was recuperating from a recent operation. She then commented on the successes of Roehampton players in the various matches and tournament during the season, and read out a list of prize-winners in the club competitions, as follows:—

Championship of the Club (The Heathcote Cup):

Winner: Miss D. A. Lintern
Runner-up: Major R. Tingey.

Ladies' Championship (Whitaker Cup)

Winner: Miss D. A. Lintern
Runner-up: Mrs. R. Tingey

Open "B" Singles (Philpot Cup)

Winner: Mrs. R. Tingey
Runner-up: A. V. Camroux

Open "C" Singles (Mrs. Reginald Brook Cup)

Winner: Mrs. M. Francis
Runner-up: F. H. Curtis

Handicap Singles (open to all) (Middlesex Hussars Cup)

Winner: Major R. Tingey
Runner-up: A. J. Oldham

American Handicap Singles (The Thorpe Cup)

Winner: Col. C. C. Adams
Runner-up: J. H. Hollweg

All England Handicap Singles (Mrs. John Bell Cup)

Winner: A. J. Oldham
Runner-up: Miss E. Fisher

Handicap Singles (Turketine Tray)

Winner: Col. C. C. Adams
Runner-up: A. V. Camroux

Miss Lintern expressed her thanks to Miss Adams, Games Secretary of the Club, who was always so helpful to her, also to the groundsmen and to Mrs. Dan for the teas and to Miss Gesty who each year drew out the handicap board.

Miss Lintern then referred to the Indoor croquet tournament, the success of which was entirely due to the generous welcome given by the hostess to all those who took part. Miss Lintern made a presentation to her of flowers and chocolates from her croquet friends to express their thanks.

Dr. Oliver then presented the prizes to the winners of the club competitions. He said that he had been a member of Roehampton Club for 50 years. When asked to present the prizes he had promised to make a speech, but at the moment he felt the following verse was applicable to him—

"Swans sing before they die
I were no bad thing
If certain folk
Would die before they sing."

He had enjoyed his croquet very much, and as an old player would give a word of advice to present players: "If you have started, keep on and you will enjoy the game more and more." He wished all the players a very happy and successful season next year.

Mrs. Solomon thanked Dr. Oliver for coming to give the prizes.

DEVONSHIRE PARK

MIDDLESEX v. THE REST

October 14th, 1961

"The Saturday on which the match took place was the best day of perhaps the best week of croquet weather during the whole season." This was written in the account of the 1957 match and was very nearly true for 1961.

The match began at 10.30 a.m. with the doubles, of which only one was finished before lunch, the other two being pegged down to allow the six singles to start at 2 p.m. In the finished game Mr. Cotter was soon round to 4-back, followed by Dr. Wiggins. Mr. Kirk-Greene got in with a 3-ball break, but after making the first four hoops went off, while trying to pick up the fourth ball from a boundary. This gave Mr. Solomon his chance and although he failed to peel his partner's ball after making the third hoop, he was able to remedy this later and gave a splendid exhibition of accurate croquet to complete the triple peel and win the game for Middlesex.

After lunch Dr. Wiggins and Mr. Solomon had a rather in-and-out sort of game. The former, who at first was not rushing with his usual accuracy and had frequent collisions with "the furniture", shot very well and beat Mr. Solomon, who did not quite reproduce his morning brilliance, by 7 points.

In the game between Mr. Cotter and Mrs. Rotherham, Mr. Cotter soon placed one clip on 4-back and the other on the peg, where it remained but briefly, since in "returning to mum" he accidentally pegged himself out. Mrs. Rotherham now made steady progress with some accurate 2-ball breaks, but Mr. Cotter shot in and quickly made the last three hoops and pegged out to win by 13. The other singles produced well-contested games.

All now depended on the two pegged down doubles, the Rest needing one victory to win the match. They were soon well ahead in both games. In one game Mrs. Rotherham was for 4-back and Miss Warwick for the peg, when Mr. Hollweg got in, made his remaining hoops and pegged Miss Warwick out. Although Mrs. Rotherham ran a very long 4-back and later hit in from a great distance she was only able to make the penultimate before Captain Stoker, greeting each successful stroke with a delighted chuckle and greatly entertaining the spectators, won the game for Middlesex.

The result of the match now hung on the last game, in which Miss Lintern and Mr. Townsend (Middlesex) were for 3-back and 4-back and Mrs. Longman and Colonel Prichard for the penultimate and the peg. Mr. Townsend hit in and appeared to have a good chance of making the last three hoops and pegging out Colonel Prichard, but he broke down at the penultimate and let Mrs. Longman in. She made the penultimate and rover, but failed to peg out her partner's ball and decided to leave a short rush for the stick. Once more Mr. Townsend's long shot was successful and having separated his opponents he joined up with his partner.

At this stage the Middlesex Captain had to catch a train, leaving Mr. Townsend with the formidable task of peeling his partner through four hoops with both his opponents for the peg. It would be nice to end the story there; but it must be admitted that subsequently both Mrs. Longman and Colonel Prichard failed to finish the game, when they had good opportunities, and Mr. Townsend's long shots at last missed, though narrowly.

It is nice to record that although Mrs. Longman and Colonel Prichard were well aware that Miss Lintern's "black" could be treated as "a dead ball", they were careful to avoid leaving a double for it, although it made their task that much harder. It was dusk before their virtue was rewarded and the Rest had won by 5 games to 4, and Miss Lintern's train was on its way to Victoria, which happy and glorious terminus her team just failed to reach.

H.C.S.P.

Results

Middlesex names first

SINGLES

J. W. Solomon lost to W. R. D. Wiggins by 7.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 13.
H. G. Stoker bt L. Kirk-Greene by 13.
J. A. Hollweg lost to Miss J. Warwick by 10.
Miss D. A. Lintern lost to Mrs. W. Longman by 6.
S. S. Townsend lost to D. M. C. Prichard by 10.

DOUBLES

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt W. R. D. Wiggins and L. Kirk-Greene by 13.
J. A. Hollweg and H. G. Stoker bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss J. Warwick by 2.
S. S. Townsend and Miss D. A. Lintern lost to Mrs. W. Longman and D. M. C. Prichard by 7.

Questions and Answers

Question: If a player takes croquet from the *wrong* ball is it just inadvertence?

Answer: No, new Law 29 (a) states that if the adversary notices *this before* the striker has had his next stroke (i.e., *after* he has actually taken croquet), he must stop play and can decide whether he will have a replay or not. For *further procedure read 29 (a) very carefully* and please note that if the adversary fails to stop play the stroke is valid and the turn goes on.

Question: At what point is a ball deemed to come to rest?

Answer: Law 22 states that it has finally come to rest if the striker has taken his stance for the next stroke or left the court in the belief that the ball has come to rest.

Question: May the player pick up a ball in the game and wipe it?

Answer: Yes, Law 23 (d) allows this at any time.

Tiger at Bay

(To be sung to the tune of "A Heavy Dragoon" from *Patience*.
With acknowledgements to the late W. S. Gilbert.)

If you want a receipt for that popular mystery
Known to the world as a Tiger at Bay,
Take all the great people who make Croquet history
Rattle them off to a melody gay.

The shriek of our DAISY when scoring a victory,
Skill of LLOYD PRATT in devising a break—
Add ORMEROD'S cunning—a word benedictory—
MAURICE'S hoop which he's trying to make.

A smack of LORD TOLLY—the great notability—
Coolness of BOBBY about to peg out,
A roquet from FREDDIE who hits with agility,
Dear old AUNT EMMA who's always about.

The genius strategic of COTTER and SOLOMON
Quintuple peel—that fantastic phenomenon—
Faults of high bisquers who're always impenitent,
LONGMAN and RIVINGTON—publishers eminent—
HODGES and HUMPHREY—who stands on his own—
HAMILTON-MILLER and ELPHINSTONE-STONE.

Take of these elements all that is fusible,
Melt them all down in a pipkin or crucible,
Set them to simmer and take off the scum,
And a "TIGER AT BAY" is the residuum!

If you want a receipt for this TIGER so frightening
Go through the lists of the Champions of old,
The CORBALLY brothers with tactics enlightening,
BEATON, O'CALLAGHAN, MATHEWS so bold.

Then from the hemisphere in Southern latitude
Into the pot will go IZARD and ROSS,
TINGEY the terror—but take him with gratitude—
For with his mallet you'll gather no moss.

Back home again you must never be dilatory
Go to Roehampton and pick out the military,
Tactical colonels and men with Majority,
Brigadier-Generals with awesome authority!
Add a Vice-Marshal—on this I insist—
And a nautical STOKER to make up the list.

Take of these elements, etc.

E.A.R.

BRIDGE

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

This year's competition is based on two actual hands from rubber Bridge played recently.

1. S—9, 5.
H—Q, J, 9, 6, 3.
D—A, Q.
C—K, 8, 7, 3.
N
S
S—K, J, 10, 8, 4, 3.
H—
D—7, 5.
C—A, 9, 5, 4, 2.

West dealt and bid one heart, North passed, and East said two diamonds. You made the (not recommended) bid of three spades, which West doubled, and all passed. West leads the ten of clubs which you win with the ace. Answer the following questions:—

- What do you think the best lead to trick two?
- What do you think the next best?
- What is the probable distribution of West's hand?
- On what does the contract depend?

2. S—K, Q, 3.
H—6.
D—Q, 8, 6, 2.
C—J, 10, 9, 6, 5.
N
S
S—10, 9, 8, 6, 4.
H—K, J, 5.
D—A, K.
C—A, 8, 4.

After a third hand bid of one heart by East, supported by West you find yourself in a contract of four spades. West leads the ace of hearts followed by the two of spades. Dummy's Queen is taken by East's ace, and a spade is returned, which your eight wins. You play ace and king of diamonds, and enter dummy with the king of spades, drawing West's knave. You now lead the queen of diamonds (both opponents follow suit). Answer the questions:—

- What do you discard on the queen of diamonds?
- What is your next lead from dummy?
- Why?
- How do you propose to make the contract?

A prize of one pound will be given for the best series of answers. These should be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6, not later than 1st January, 1962.

How does the limit of claims vary in the new laws?

The main alterations were referred to in *Croquet* for July, 1961, but as this is by no means a short and simple question we are now publishing the following comprehensive article on the subject by Mr. Ian Baillieu.

One cannot say that under Law 47 of the Old Laws the Limit of Claims was before the first stroke of the next turn and under the New Laws it is so and so. No one under the Old Laws could refer to Law 47 and be safe in acting upon it because it only applied "except as provided in these Laws". There were express exceptions in the Laws and there were other cases where commonsense demanded its exclusion. Surely an adversary could not postpone by an indefinite number of strokes the decision to have a stroke replayed under old Law 37, or announce under old Law 38 (d) that he had elected to decide that the striker had not made the fourth hoop after the striker had been continuing his break and run the sixth hoop? Further to some extent Old Law 42 was a dead-letter. The final complication was the rule that the "striker's opinion prevailed" which would frequently render nugatory any claim by his adversary.

I now turn to *Part 2, Section D, New Laws 26-35* which set out the "Criminal Code"; for it is only in relation to Irregularities that the Limit of Claims falls to be considered.

Law 27. Playing when not entitled to play

This re-enacts Old Law 30 (e) assuming, as has been generally accepted, that the Old Law was governed by Old Law 47. No variation.

Law 28. Playing when any ball is misplaced—General Rule

This is a violent departure from the letter of the Old Law. If the adversary observes the striker about to play when a ball is misplaced, he not only has the right but he now has a duty to forestall play. In the cases covered by the General Rule this is his only remedy. Under the Old Laws an adversary could watch a striker irregularly place his ball on the yard line and attempt a return roquet. If the roquet was missed he could say nothing. If it was hit, he could recall the stroke. The adversary could even postpone his claim until the first stroke of the next turn. This was the effect of Old Law 42 which has been abolished. In practice there is really no difference; for all honourable adversaries who observed the irregularity exercised their right to forestall under Old Law 49 (iii).

Law 29. Playing when any ball is misplaced—Exceptions to General Rule

(a) **Taking croquet from the wrong ball.** This was previously covered by Old Law 42. This Law was universally disregarded and an automatic replay was made if the error was discovered before the first stroke of the next turn. This Law has now been altered. The Limit of Claim has also been altered and is now before the next stroke but one.

(b) **Taking Croquet when not entitled to do so.** This was not covered by the Old Laws specifically but it also fell within the ambit of Old Law 42. The Limit of Claims is now before the next stroke but one and the *existing practice* but not the *existing Law* has been preserved.

(c) **Failing to take croquet when entitled to do so.** The remarks under (b) above apply.

(d) **Wrongly removing or failing to remove a ball from the game.** This enlarges the scope of Old Law 39 (d) and preserves the old Limit of Claim. There is a replay if the irregularity is discovered before the end of the game.

Law 30. Playing the wrong ball

The old Limit of Claim is preserved, namely before the first stroke of the next turn.

Law 32. Making a fault in the striking

I commented upon this in the October issue. The Old Law was that the Limit of Claim was before the first stroke of the next turn. This was a dead letter. If a referee was watching the stroke, the decision was announced at once. If a referee was not watching, the adversary had no remedy unless the striker elected to fault himself. This is still the position. The new Limit of Claims, namely the next stroke but one is almost a dead letter but it is possible that an adversary might persuade a striker to fault himself notwithstanding that he had postponed his claim by one stroke. I doubt it.

Law 33 and 34.

The result of any such interference as is covered by these Laws could only result in the striker possibly playing when a ball was misplaced. Therefore Laws 28 and 29 would apply, and no further Law is necessary.

Law 35

(b) **Mistakes in the Score.** The score is always adjusted prior to the end of the game. This is an old practice but there was no Law in the Old Laws which expressly stated this fact; unless possibly it can be extracted from Old Law 31 (d), and it may well be asked why wasn't the Old Law governed by Old Law 47?

(c) **The effect of a misplaced clip.** The Limit of Claims has not been altered. It is before the second stroke of the adversary's next turn.

Law 38 (e). Playing a bisque before completing previous turn.

Since this only applies to Handicap Play this Law does not appear in Section D but in Section C of Part 2, and cancels Old Law 46 (f). Previously a claim could have been made before the first stroke of the next turn. An adversary still has the duty to forestall if he observes a striker playing a bisque before he has concluded his preceding turn. But if he has failed to do so, it has been considered kinder to let the striker continue on the plans to which he has orientated his play.

It will be observed that there is nothing in the New Laws to replace Old Law 47 as a general law because the exact Limit of Claim is appended to each irregularity. IAN BAILLIEU

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Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Hurlingham Club on 29th May, 1961.

Present: Brig. Stokes-Roberts (Chairman), I. C. Baillieu, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, J. A. Hollweg, A. D. Karmel, Miss D. A. Lintern, H. C. B. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Col. F. E. Stobart, J. W. Solomon, Cmdr. G. W. Style, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Apologies

G. N. B. Huskinson, Canon Creed Meredith, Brig. J. S. Omond, J. M. Rivington and R. F. Rothwell.

Correspondence

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Buckland to the Chairman on his resignation, offering to help in any way if he could.

Part of a letter from Miss Morrison was read thanking the Council for making the Laws available at such a low cost and congratulating them on the outcome of the reprint.

Part of a letter from Mrs. R. R. Williams was read saying the Llandudno Club was now operating, though only on two lawns at the moment. They would be very glad to welcome members when they were in the vicinity.

Presentation Copies of the Laws

The Chairman told Council there was to be one de luxe edition for the Queen and some not so expensive, but well-bound, copies for anyone who cared to buy one.

Appointment of sub-committee to choose the badges

The Brigadier showed designs of a badge for all Associates, a metal reproduction to be made in the form of a brooch for the women. The sub-committee appointed was: the Chairman, J. A. Hollweg and Mrs. Chittenden. These were proposed by J. W. Solomon and seconded by A. D. Karmel. It was also decided that the country members of Council should find out the reaction of their clubs to the idea of badges.

Composition of the Editorial Panel

Mr. Reckitt said the Journal had two aspects—literary and financial. It was suggested that S. S. Townsend be invited to become Editor with four consultants—two members from the Publicity Committee and two from the Finance. In the event of Mr. Townsend replying in the negative, there should be a panel formed of these people: Mr. Townsend, Miss D. A. Lintern, M. B. Reckitt, J. M. Rivington and Cmdr. G. W. Style. The Panel was given power to co-opt one member if desirable.

Mr. Longman's Amendment to Mr. Solomon's Motion

This matter having been in abeyance so long Mr. Solomon read out the Amendment, which he said he had much pleasure in presenting. After prolonged discussion it was finally decided that the Manager should be empowered to go round at 6 p.m. and put a Time Limit on any unfinished match of 1½ hours. This to apply at Eastbourne only.

Any other business

It was agreed that the new Laws would come into operation at the Inter-County Championships.

Composition of Selectors Committee for Invitation Events

Four names were put forward and balloted for and the following were chosen; Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, E. P. Duffield and M. B. Reckitt.

A sub-committee of I. C. Baillieu, A. D. Karmel and H. C. S. Perry was formed to redraft Rules 6 and 12 dealing with Election to Council and after having given their decision the matter is to be published in *Croquet*.

Mr. Reckitt proposed that the Eastbourne Match to be held on the second Saturday be between the Champion County and the Rest. This was agreed.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row, on 19th October, 1961.

Present: Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (Chairman), Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, J. A. Hollweg, A. D. Karmel, Miss D. A. Lintern, W. Longman, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith, Brig. J. S. Omond, H. C. S. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. W. Solomon, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Apologies

E. P. Duffield, Rev. G. F. H. Elvey, G. N. B. Huskinson, J. M. Rivington, Mrs. E. Rotherham and Cmdr. G. W. Style.

Matters arising from Minutes of previous meetings

Badges: The Chairman asked what reactions country members had had from their clubs on this question and found it was very varied. He suggested leaving the matter in abeyance until the badge for the Test Team had been chosen.

Time Limits at Devonshire Park: Major Dibley asked for the last sentence to be deleted in future and pointed out that even with daylight saving in operation it was not possible to play after 6.45 p.m. This was agreed.

Editorship

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Townsend explaining why he could not be official Editor of the magazine, but expressing his willingness to continue in his present capacity.

Correspondence

A letter was read from Dr. Wiggins on alterations in the conditions for the All-England Competition. This was passed to the Tournament Committee for consideration and report.

The Secretary read a letter from the President of the Llandudno Club, Mrs. Williams, thanking the Council for the grants given, but returning the cheques uncashed to be put into the C.A. funds as they found they were able to manage without using this money.

A letter was read from Mr. Duffield regretting his absence from the present meeting and also at the Selectors' meeting on 25th October, and asking if the Council would care to appoint a substitute in his place. The matter was discussed and it was agreed not to appoint a substitute.

Questions

Mr. Longman asked: "What is Council's interpretation of the words 'best available players of the preceding 12 months' in the conditions for the President's and Surrey Cups?" After discussion Mr. Reckitt proposed and Mr. Solomon seconded "That it was the 12 months subsequent to the date of the previous selection, taking into account the form showed in the event the previous year." This was passed unanimously.

Notices of Motion

Major Dibley submitted: "That in tournaments the practice of a player retiring on the peg to a losing opponent be abolished."

Canon Creed Meredith proposed: That this Council while gratefully recognising many merits in the Eastbourne 1961 Tournament refers the following questions of policy about which there are conflicting views to the Tournament Committee for consideration and report.

- (i) The decision not to use the Compton Courts.
- (ii) The general practice of time-limits for morning games to enable afternoon games to start at the appointed hour.
- (iii) The time-limits imposed on players of 11 bisques and over for the Felix Cup.
- (iv) The importance of an Extra Event in relation to an advertised programme.

Report on the Sale of the New Laws

In presenting this Report the Chairman told Council that Australia had bought 5,000 copies and the transaction had gone smoothly. With New Zealand there had, at first, been serious misunderstandings and a good deal of trouble, but this had all been straightened out and the following conditions arrived at:—

That we should recognise in writing that New Zealand had the vested Copyright of the Laws within New Zealand. They, in turn, would recognise our sole title to Copyright outside New Zealand.

On agreement they would buy 2,000 copies of the Laws from us at 1s. 0d. a copy. They would, however, only take 250 copies and give us back 1,750 to re-sell as we wished. We could sell Laws to individuals and Clubs in New Zealand and they would put an advertisement to this effect in their Annual.

We sent confirmation of all the above points on 27th July, 1961, and offered to sell copies of the Laws at 2s. 6d. post free surface mail to individuals, or 1s. 6d. to Clubs for orders of not less than one dozen. New Zealand now have their 250 copies and have deposited £100 in our name in deposit Account at the New Zealand Bank, Wellington, to be used by our Test Team.

TOTAL SALES TO DATE		£	s.	d.
Australia—5,000 at 1s.	.. .. .	250	0	0
New Zealand—2,000 at 1s.	.. .. .	200	0	0
(1,750 returned for re-sale)	.. .. .	100	0	0
Jaques—1,000 at 1s. 5d.	.. .. .	70	0	0
Sold by Secretary—about 500 copies at varying prices	.. .. .	70	0	0
		£490	0	0
Total cost of printing	.. .. .	£365	0	0
Approximate profit to date	.. .. .	£125	0	0

STOCK POSITION		
Number printed	.. .. .	15,000
Sold to date	.. .. .	8,500
Balance in hand	.. .. .	6,500
Returned by New Zealand	.. .. .	1,750
Total balance	.. .. .	8,250

(The sale of these in due course will be clear profit).

The Council was very pleased with this Report. It was pointed out that the £100 paid by New Zealand was really for the Copyright.

Mr. Reckitt said New Zealand had always printed the Laws in their Annual, so their demand for Copyright was not unreasonable. *Interim Report on discussion with New Zealand on Dominion Tour*
In presenting this Report Mr. Reckitt said it was hoped the Team would arrive in New Zealand on 1st January, 1963, and proceed at once to Dunedin where they played their first Match on 10th-12th. The itinerary was fixed so that they worked their way from South to North of the Islands, that February 26th-28th would be the last match at Whangarei against Australia. On March 2nd, there would be a farewell dinner at Auckland where the Dominion Tournament took place on March 5th, and it was hoped that all the teams would stay for this. The winner of such an event could well be called "the best player in the world"! He outlined the expected policy the committee were likely to pursue.

The Report on the Resignation of the Hon. Treasurer

The Chairman said General Wilson-Haffenden resigned because he could not give sufficient time to the supervision of the Accounts that he considered necessary, owing to pressure of work and his wife's ill-health. After consultation with the Chairman of the Finance Committee and Mr. Solomon it was agreed that it was infinitely preferable to have a local man to supervise the accounts and to do the audit. Our present Auditors entirely agreed and have tendered their resignation. John Cooper & Co. have been recommended by the Midland Bank and the Chairman has been in touch with him and hopes to get the matter finalised in the near future. As an election of an Hon. Treasurer has to be passed by the A.G.M. there is no hurry to choose one. Anyway he would have very little to do once a professional has taken over supervision. Covering approval of what he had done so far was agreed, and a further report would be submitted to Council.

Col. Stobart's Motion

"That in the Regulations for Official Tournaments, Sub-section (iii) of Regulation 12 should be cancelled. That a new Regulation should be inserted stating that not more than two minutes practice should be allowed before starting any game in any Tournament."

There was considerable discussion, some of the reasons put forward against the Motion being:

- (a) It detracts from the skill of the game.
- (b) That it would be impossible for a Manager to see that two minutes only were taken.
- (c) That it would mount up to a considerable time lost from playing time in the tournament.

The supporters argued that it would shorten the game. All were agreed that the greater advantage would be with the better player. Mr. Evans seconded the Motion.

Mr. Solomon proposed an amendment "That it should be five minutes, not two, and that the idea should be tried out in tournaments." Votes were taken on the amendment and it was defeated by 10-8.

A vote was then taken on the original Motion and that was defeated 10-8.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

At meetings held on 26th June and 20th September, 1961, the Committee wished to report to Council as follows:—

1. It was decided that it was desirable to define the relationship between the Hon. Treasurer and the Finance and General Purposes Committee so that, if thought fit by the Council, this may be incorporated in the Rules of the Association and the Standing Orders of Council. The Committee's recommendation on this subject is in the hands of Members of Council.
2. An Investment Sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman of Council, the Chairman of the Finance and G.P. Committee and the Hon. Treasurer, was formed and the following statement was agreed for submission to Council:—
"That the Finance and G.P. Committee assumes that the Council of the C.A. expects it to act in conjunction with the Hon. Treasurer, without reference to Council in regard to the purchase and sale of securities."
3. (a) It was agreed that a uniform system of Tournament accounting be worked out and put into force.
(b) It was agreed to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that the Devonshire Park Tournament was run at a loss in 1960 and to suggest that this matter be referred to the Tournament Committee for consideration.
4. It was agreed to recommend that the Council should appoint a small Trophies Sub-Committee to deal with arrangements for the recording of names on trophies when all existing space is filled, and allied matters.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Southampton Row on 2nd November, 1961.

Present

Brigadier Stokes-Roberts (Chairman), J. W. Solomon, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, J. A. Hollweg, A. D. Karmel, Miss D. A. Lintern, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith, Brig. J. Omond, H. C. S. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. M. Rivington, Cmdr. G. W. Style, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Apologies

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, G. N. B. Huskinson, Mrs. E. Rotherham, R. F. Rothwell, Col. F. E. Stobart.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October, 1961, were read, approved and signed by the Chairman with two slight amendments.

Matters Arising

The Chairman made a brief report on further negotiations with Mr. Cooper, the new accountant, pointing out the advantages of employing a local firm. He told the Council the Secretary had taken the books up and had a discussion and the matter might be finalised soon.

Mr. Reckitt reported that the Selection Committee for the Test Tour had met and the first seven invitations had been sent out. He was pleased to tell Council that the first seven names were approved by the Selectors unanimously.

Correspondence

Mr. Perry read a letter from Mr. George Hill, Manager of the Pavilion, Eastbourne, giving figures for the Devonshire Park Tournament gate receipts from 1959 to 1961 inclusive, which showed a satisfactory upward trend.

Questions

Mr. Reckitt wished to know upon whom the onus fell of convening a Laws Committee meeting. It was found no one had been officially appointed to act for Mr. Baillieu and, on Mr. Duffield's suggestion, it was decided that the Chairman of Council should convene a meeting and appoint Mr. Rivington to act as Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Perry.

Mrs. Reeve wished to know to whom items for the Agenda of a Laws Committee meeting should be sent and was told the Secretary.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Solomon tabled a Motion for the next meeting: "That Managers be asked to complete forms, giving details of times taken in all games of the Tournament for record purposes."

Mr. Duffield put forward the Motion: "That the Trophies sub-committee, if appointed, or the Tournament Committee, shall consider and report as to whether successful players in Tournaments, or a majority thereof, might prefer to receive durable mementoes of their successes in lieu of the cash prizes usually awarded."

Mr. Perry submitted a Motion: "That a small Committee be formed to examine the Rules of the C.A. and the Standing Orders of Council, noting particularly the cases where the Rules seem ambiguous or in conflict with present practice." Mr. Brackenbury here interposed and said he trusted these alterations would come before Council for ratification before being included in the new Handbooks.

It was decided that a sub-committee of Mr. Perry (Chairman), Mr. Reckitt and Mr. Rivington be appointed to consider this.

Finance and General Purposes Committee Report

Cmdr. Style, Chairman, presented this Report, but prefaced it with a few remarks: (a) That he was in full agreement with all that Brig. Stokes-Roberts had done about the accounting arrangements; (b) That when Treasurers change it is an unwritten law that a snap audit takes place and cash and debit balances are agreed. As Chairman of the Finance Committee he had to take over the Treasurership until the next A.G.M. but, as in this case there had been no snap audit, he wished to make it quite clear that he could accept no responsibility until there had been one.

Item 2 of Report. Investments. In the past investments had been dealt with by the whole Finance Committee, which was not conducive to rapidity of action, so a small sub-committee has now been formed. He said that if Council accepted the Report they also accepted "that the Finance and General Purposes Committee assumes that the Council of the C.A. expects it to act in conjunction with the Hon. Treasurer, without reference to the Council in regard to purchase and sale of securities."

Item 3 (a). It was agreed that a uniform system of Tournament accounting should be worked out and that Mr. Perry should be consulted by Mr. Cooper in this matter.

(b) The Tournament Committee should consider the whole question of Tournament finances.

Item 4. Since the Hon. Treasurer at the time of the resolution on this relationship between the Treasurer and the Finance Committee has now resigned, Cmdr. Style thought Council might like to refer this back to the Committee. It was proposed by Mr. Brackenbury and seconded by Mr. Duffield that this should be done and Council agreed.

Cmdr. Style then gave a brief account of what changes had been made in the investments.

Item 5. Cmdr. Style proposed and Mr. Reckitt seconded that Brig. Stokes-Roberts and Miss Lintern should form a small committee to deal with trophies and allied matters.

Miss Lintern proposed and Mr. Hollweg seconded the adoption of the Report, which was unanimously agreed.

Motions

Major Dibley's Motion, seconded by Mrs. Reeve "That in Tournaments the practice of a player retiring on the peg to a losing opponent be abolished." After a full discussion the Motion was put to the vote and defeated.

Canon Creed Meredith's Motion, seconded by Mr. Perry. The Canon said he wished to make some comments before this was discussed by the Tournament Committee. His motion was concerned with the question of policy and not criticism of the management.

i. Council had deliberately chosen to word the Devonshire Park advertisement so that it read "it has been decided to use the Compton Courts"—but they were not used.

ii. People disliked time-limits in the morning and not in the afternoon. In Open Doubles two players spent 39 minutes during the match in discussion.

The Canon suggested that games should start at 9.45 a.m. and continue with ¼ hour for lunch till 2.45 p.m. and, in his view all the timed games would then have been finished.

iii. He considered it most important to encourage long bisquers to enter in Tournaments, but 3½ hours is not long enough for them to finish a game. He would suggest that the Felix Cup be played, except for the final, at Compton. He said players would welcome this.

iv. He considered too much prominence was given to the extra event.

During the discussion which followed it was pointed out that the use of Compton lawns incurred extra cost and that some long bisquers did not like too long a game.

It was agreed that the Tournament Committee should examine all the questions raised and report to Council.

Mr. Solomon's Motion *re* a small executive committee. In presenting this Mr. Solomon pointed out that the Association was now much more active than in the past and that therefore there were more important decisions to be taken, and if there were an executive committee it would take the responsibility off the Chairman. There was much discussion with past Chairmen stating their views, two small amendments were made and finally a vote taken and the motion was defeated 9-7.

CHELTENHAM

September 18th to 23rd

Only two visitors to the Cheltenham non-official tournament—what a pity! Not for the visitors, but for the members who can play each other any day of the week, and for the Club finances. The sad thing is, that those who did not come, missed a very good week, with lovely weather and the lawns in good condition thanks to the hard work of the groundsman.

Perhaps two young Prichards should be classed as "visitors", and it was splendid to see them playing in a tournament, and getting their eyes in for future triumphs. One does not like to single out individuals too much, but I noted the accurate and attractive play of Mr. Thorp and the great improvement made by Miss Sessions, who looks like a first-class player in the making.

The catering, as ever, was of a very high standard, the bar worked like magic and the management, under the gentle, but firm handling of Mrs. Reeve, brought everything to a successful conclusion.

This tournament may be on a different date in 1962, so watch the fixture list carefully, and don't miss a good thing next year, as so many of you have this!

(Non-official)
OPEN SINGLES
(Two Lives)

DRAW

(5 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

G. E. P. Jackson bt T. G. S. Colls by 11.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. E. P. Jackson by 6.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt C. W. R. Hodges by 11.

FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 23.

PLAY-OFF

Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt G. E. P. Jackson by 2.

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt C. W. R. Hodges by 7.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt T. G. S. Colls by 21.

G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 26.

FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. E. P. Jackson by 15.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B")

(3½ bisques or more)

(5 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Cdr. D. W. Roe bt Miss M. A. Posford by 8.

SEMI-FINAL

Cdr. D. W. Roe bt Miss R. M. Allen by 4.

Mrs. B. de C. Mathews bt E. G. Bantock by 7.

FINAL

Mrs. B. de C. Mathews bt Cdr. D. W. Roe by 21.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C")

(6½ to 10½ bisques)

(6 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) bt F. H. Pugh (10) by 22.

H. A. Sheppard (9) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (10) by 14.

H. A. Sheppard (9) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (10) by 13.

FINAL

H. A. Sheppard (9) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) by 2.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "D")

(11 or more bisques)

(5 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss M. M. Bolley (14) bt Colin H. Ll. Prichard (14) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL

A. K. Priday (12) bt Miss M. M. Bulley (14) by 20.

Miss V. Bolton (12) bt Robert D. C. Prichard (14) by 19.

FINAL

Miss V. Bolton (12) bt A. K. Priday (12) by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.")

(Unrestricted)

EVENT "X"

(21 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss H. McKean (10) bt Colin H. Ll. Prichard (14) by 19.

Miss R. M. Allen (5) bt H. A. Sheppard (9) by 6.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (10) by 19.

G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) by 9.

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 18.

SECOND ROUND

T. G. S. Colls (1½) bt W. H. Thorp (4) by 6.

Miss V. Bolton (12) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (10) by 6.

Miss H. McKean (10) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) by 11.

Miss R. M. Allen (5) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 4.

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) bt G. E. P. Jackson (0) by 18.

F. H. Pugh (10) bt E. G. Bantock (3½) by 10.

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt C. W. R. Hodges (—½) by 15.

Col. D. W. Roe (4) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 5.

THIRD ROUND

T. G. S. Colls (1½) bt Miss V. Bolton (12) by 15.

Miss R. M. Allen (5) bt Miss H. McKean (10) by 10.

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) bt F. H. Pugh (10) by 12.

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt Col. D. W. Roe (4) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL

T. G. S. Colls (1½) bt Miss R. M. Allen (5) by 8.

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) by 23.

FINAL

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) bt T. G. S. Colls (1½) by 26.

EVENT "Y"
(11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

H. A. Sheppard (9) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (10) by 11.
Miss B. de C. Mathews (4) bt Colin H. Ll. Prichard (14) by 7.
W. H. Thorp (4) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) by 14.

SECOND ROUND

Miss E. M. Leonard (10) bt E. G. Bantock (3½) by 19.
H. A. Sheppard (9) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) by 9.
W. H. Thorp (4) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 15.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) w.o. C. W. R. Hodges (—) opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL

H. A. Sheppard (9) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (10) by 10.
W. H. Thorp (4) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 12.

FINAL

W. H. Thorp (4) bt H. A. Sheppard (9) by 11.

HANDICAP DOUBLES
(9 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (1) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard and Robert D. C. Prichard (23) by 20.

SECOND ROUND

Miss M. A. Posford and Miss E. M. Leonard (16) bt Miss L. Wilkinson and Miss V. Bolton (22) by 10.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (1) bt F. H. Pugh and Miss H. McKean (20) by 7.
W. H. Thorp and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (14) bt T. G. S. Colls and E. G. Bantock (5½) by 21.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and H. A. Sheppard (10) bt Mr. and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (8) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (1) bt Miss M. A. Posford and Miss E. M. Leonard (16) by 11.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and H. A. Sheppard (10) bt W. H. Thorp and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (14) by 21.

FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (1) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels and H. A. Sheppard (10) by 24.

EXTRA EVENT
HANDICAP SINGLES

(11 Entries)

FINAL

T. G. S. Colls (1½) bt Miss V. Bolton (12) by 18.

ALL ENGLAND AREA FINALS
(15 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Major A. M. Hicks (Reigate) (7) bt Miss E. E. Fisher (Roehampton) (2½) by 5.
J. B. Meachem (Edgbaston) (3) bt E. Whitehead (Colchester) (2) by 18.
Major E. C. Heathcote (Budleigh) (3) bt T. A. Chignell (Southwick) (4) by 23.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (Cheltenham) (0) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (Hurlingham) (6½) by 2.
C. S. Ratcliffe (Colchester) (5½) bt A. J. Oldham (Roehampton) (5½) by 19.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (Southwick) (2) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (Parkstone) (—1) by 2.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (Budleigh) (½) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (Ryde) (2) by 17.

SECOND ROUND

J. B. Meachem (Edgbaston) (3) bt Major A. M. Hicks (Reigate) (7) by 10.
Major E. C. Heathcote (Budleigh) (3) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (Cheltenham) (0) by 12.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (Southwick) (2) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (Colchester) (5½) by 8.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (Budleigh) (½) bt N. M. Baldwin (Hurlingham) (7½) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL

Major E. C. Heathcote (Budleigh) (3) bt J. B. Meachem (Edgbaston) (3) by 17.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (Budleigh) (½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (Southwick) (2) by 3.

FINAL

Major E. C. Heathcote (Budleigh) (3) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (Budleigh) (½) by 9.

THE ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

ROEHAMPTON

September 21st to 23rd

The feature freshly remembered of the All England Handicap this year was the unusual, and indeed possibly unprecedented, situation of two representatives of the same club contesting the final. Congratulations, therefore, at the outset to Budleigh Salterton who are keeping the croquet flag flying so strongly in the West Country, and to their two representatives, Cave and Heathcote.

Fifteen players came to Roehampton for this the final stage of an event that had been pursuing its course up and down the country since early summer. Five clubs by virtue of having sixteen or more competitors had a dual representation—Budleigh, Colchester, Hurlingham, Roehampton and Southwick, and to complete the picture five clubs each had one, Cheltenham, Edgbaston, Parkstone, Reigate and Ryde. We missed seeing Hunstanton and Nottingham this year—temporary absences it is to be hoped.

The only minus player, Della, did not survive the first round, but only after a close battle with Mrs. Chittenden who prevailed by 2 points. Della, who had played no less than sixteen games at Roehampton during the previous week, showed undiminished vigour. One feature of the early play was the defeat of the four metropolitan representatives at their first hurdles, Baldwin's defeat by Cave being perhaps surprising, as the former was nicely placed on his entitlement of bisques. Whitehead, the holder, found Meachem, of Edgbaston, in sparkling form and had to concede his title in the first round. Heathcote's play suggested from the outset that he was quietly fancied to win, and he duly reached the final by beating Chignell, Pritchard and Meachem, all with something in hand. The other finalist, Cave, had a close struggle with Mrs. Chittenden in the semi-final, and had the lady gone for her final hoop instead of going away unsuccessfully to separate her opponent's balls, she might have entered the final which she last graced in 1954.

The final looked like finishing in about an hour when Heathcote with one ball already on the peg was quietly bringing his other ball to its haven. Having reached the penultimate, however, and with everything sitting nicely for the coup de grace his mind must have taken wings and dwelt on the neighbouring Rosslyn Park-Waterloo rugby game, since he proceeded to do one or two unaccountable things and forfeited the innings to Cave. The latter then took one ball from the fourth hoop to the peg and, with Heathcote failing to hit in, proceeded smoothly with the other. Unfortunately in taking off to an opponent's ball, he overhit and left the court and Heathcote soon settled the issue. So Budleigh hold the trophy for the first time for fourteen years when Hope Rotherham won.

ROEHAMPTON

September 25th to 30th

OPEN SINGLES

("Two Life" System)

THE RANELAGH GOLD CUP

THE DRAW

(21 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

M. B. Reckitt bt T. G. S. Colls by 17.
Major E. C. Heathcote bt M. Spencer Ell by 8.
E. A. Roper bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 3.
A. V. Camroux bt H. R. Abbot by 8.
Mrs. S. M. Adler w.o. G. W. Williams opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent scratched.

Col. C. C. Adams bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 19.
M. B. Reckitt bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 11.
Major E. C. Heathcote bt E. A. Roper by 6.
Mrs. S. M. Adler bt A. V. Camroux by 3.
A. D. Karmel bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 10.
Miss E. Fisher bt Major J. H. Dibley by 7.
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 15.

THIRD ROUND

Col. C. C. Adams w.o. Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard opponent scratched.

Major E. C. Heathcote bt M. B. Reckitt by 4.
A. D. Karmel bt Mrs. S. M. Adler by 3.
J. G. Warwick bt Miss E. Fisher by 18.

SEMI-FINAL

Col. C. C. Adams bt Major E. C. Heathcote by 15.
A. D. Karmel bt J. G. Warwick by 15.

FINAL

Col. C. C. Adams bt A. D. Karmel by 25.

PLAY-OFF

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Col. C. C. Adams by 4.

PROCESS

(21 Entries)

Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts bt Miss E. Fisher by 14.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 20.
A. D. Karmel bt Mrs. W. Longman by 13.
J. G. Warwick bt Col. C. C. Adams by 13.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Major J. H. Dibley by 14.

SECOND ROUND

T. G. S. Colls w.o. G. W. Williams opponent scratched.
Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts bt E. A. Roper by 20.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt H. R. Abbott by 17.
A. D. Karmel bt Major E. C. Heathcote by 2.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt M. Spencer Ell by 8.
A. V. Camroux bt J. G. Warwick by 9.
M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. S. M. Adler by 7.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard w.o. Mrs. V. C. Gasson opponent scratched.

THIRD ROUND

T. G. S. Colls bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 11.
A. D. Karmel bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 18.
A. V. Camroux w.o. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller opponent retired on peg.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt M. B. Reckitt by 3.

SEMI-FINAL

A. D. Karmel bt T. G. S. Colls by 13.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt A. V. Camroux by 13.

FINAL

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt A. D. Karmel by 3.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "B")

BROOK CHALLENGE CUP

(3½ to 8½ bisques)

(20 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

D. W. Miller (7) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) by 5.
D. C. Caporn (8) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) by 12.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7½) by 2.
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (8½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7) by 7.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) bt Mrs. H. M. Read (7) by 18.
D. R. Watson (6½) w.o. F. H. Curtis (8) opponent scratched.
Major Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) bt H. M. Read (7) by 17.
D. C. Caporn (8) bt D. W. Miller (7) by 24.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6) bt Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (8½) by 10.
Mrs. R. Whitham (8) bt Mrs. H. R. Abbott (2½) by 6.
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) w.o. G. V. Evans (3½) opponent scratched.
Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 13.

THIRD ROUND

D. R. Watson (6½) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) by 9.
D. C. Caporn (8) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) by 24.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8) by 17.
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) by 21.

SEMI-FINAL

D. R. Watson (6½) bt D. C. Caporn (8) by 13.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 12.

FINAL

D. R. Watson (6½) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6) by 2.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C")

(9 bisques or more)

(11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9½) bt Mrs. V. Wheeler (16) by 20.
Mrs. B. L. Caillard (12) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (9) by 4.
Mrs. M. Francis (11) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 18.

SECOND ROUND

Miss G. Bartlett (11) bt Mrs. J. Omond (9) by 2.
Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9½) bt Mrs. B. L. Caillard (14) by 8 on time.
Mrs. M. Francis (11) bt B. L. Caillard (12) by 10.
Mrs. D. F. Caporn (12) bt W. G. A. Burgess (14) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9½) bt Miss G. Bartlett (11) by 21.
Mrs. M. Francis (11) bt Mrs. D. F. Caporn (12) by 11.

FINAL

Mrs. M. Francis (11) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9½) by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.")

CREYKE CUP

EVENT "X"

(47 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

T. G. S. Colls (1½) bt Mrs. B. L. Caillard (14) by 13.
A. V. Camroux (2) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 13.
D. W. Miller (7) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (9) by 15.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) bt Major E. C. Heathcote (1½) by 3.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6) bt Mrs. M. Francis (11) by 18.
Mrs. H. M. Read (7) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7) by 9.
J. G. Warwick (—1) w.o. Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) opponent scratched.

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 A. D. Karmel (0) bt W. G. A. Burgess (14) by 13.
 D. R. Watson (6½) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 3.
 M. B. Reckitt (—1) bt Mrs. V. Wheeler (16) by 15.
 M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Mrs. H. R. Abbott (6½) by 17.
 Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) w.o. G. V. Evans (3½) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND

G. W. Williams (½) w.o. F. H. Curtis (8) opponent scratched.
 Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) bt Miss E. Fisher (2½) by 9.
 Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 18.
 H. R. Abbott (2½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 1 on time.
 T. G. S. Colls (1½) bt A. V. Camroux (2) by 19.
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) bt D. W. Miller (7) by 17.
 Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6) bt Mrs. H. M. Read (7) by 11.
 Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1) by 21.
 Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (8½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (—½) by 17.
 D. R. Watson (6½) bt A. D. Karmel (0) by 1 on time.
 M. Spencer Ell (0) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 6.
 Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) bt Miss G. Bartlett (11) by 18.
 H. M. Read (7) bt B. L. Caillard (12) by 7 on time.
 D. C. Caporn (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 15.
 Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 13.
 Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 15.

THIRD ROUND

G. W. Williams (½) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) by 5.
 Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt H. R. Abbott (2½) by 5 on time.
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) bt T. G. S. Colls (1½) by 8.
 Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7½) by 16.
 Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (8½) bt D. R. Watson (6½) by 4.
 M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) by 8.
 D. C. Caporn (8) bt H. M. Read (7) by 3 on time.
 Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 24.

FOURTH ROUND

Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt G. W. Williams (½) by 7.
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6) by 8.
 M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (8½) by 14.
 D. C. Caporn (8) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—1) by 22.
 D. C. Caporn (8) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 10.

FINAL

D. C. Caporn (8) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) by 23.

EVENT "Y"

(24 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (9) by 9.
 Major E. C. Heathcote (1½) w.o. Mrs. M. Francis (11) opponent scratched.
 Brig. J. S. Omond (7) w.o. J. G. Warwick (—1) opponent scratched.
 Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) by 8.
 Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (—1) opponent scratched.
 W. G. A. Burgess (14) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 11.
 Mrs. V. Wheeler (16) w.o. Mrs. H. R. Abbott (6½) opponent scratched.
 Miss G. Bartlett (11) w.o. G. V. Evans (3½) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND

Miss E. Fisher (2½) w.o. Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) opponent scratched.
 Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Mrs. B. L. Caillard (14) by 12.
 Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) w.o. Major E. C. Heathcote (1½) opponent scratched.
 Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) by 1 on time.
 Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) bt W. G. A. Burgess (14) by 12.
 Miss G. Bartlett (11) bt Mrs. V. Wheeler (16) by 2.
 B. L. Caillard (12) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 3.
 Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 6.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Miss E. Fisher (2½) by 9.
 Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 8.
 Miss G. Bartlett (11) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) by 2 on time.
 Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt B. L. Caillard (12) by 1 on time.

SEMI-FINAL

Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 3.
 Miss G. Bartlett (11) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 10.

FINAL

Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Miss G. Bartlett (11) by 4.

HANDICAP DOUBLES
 (Combined handicap not less than scratch)
 (17 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

F. H. Curtis and Mrs. E. A. Roper (15½) bt Mrs. J. Pavia and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (13½) by 8.

SECOND ROUND

Capt. H. G. Stoker and H. M. Read (6½) bt D. C. Caporn and Mrs. D. F. Caporn (20) by 6.
 A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. J. S. Omond (11) by 17.
 T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (10) bt Major E. C. Heathcote and Mrs. H. M. Read (8½) by 14.
 Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and Mrs. M. Francis (18½) bt E. A. Roper and Miss E. Fisher (5½) by 7.
 J. G. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) bt F. H. Curtis and Mrs. E. A. Roper (15½) by 7.
 M. B. Reckitt and D. R. Watson (5½) bt W. G. A. Burgess and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (18) by 5.
 H. R. Abbott and Mrs. H. R. Abbott (9) bt D. W. Miller and Mrs. L. A. Showan (11) by 8.
 A. V. Camroux and Dr. T. E. Ryves (7) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 15.

THIRD ROUND

Capt. H. G. Stoker and H. M. Read (6½) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9½) by 7.
 T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (10) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and Mrs. M. Francis (18½) by 3.
 J. G. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) bt M. B. Reckitt and D. R. Watson (5½) by 12.
 H. R. Abbott and Mrs. H. R. Abbott (9) bt A. V. Camroux and Dr. T. E. Ryves (7) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL

T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (10) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and H. M. Read (6½) by 11.
 J. G. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) bt H. R. Abbott and Mrs. H. R. Abbott (9) by 18.

FINAL

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) bt T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (10) by 16.

SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Played at Pietermaritzburg on 30th September—7th October

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

THE BELCHER CUP

THE CROQUET ASSOCIATION SILVER AND BRONZE

MEDALS

(23 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss N. Knight bt Mrs. G. Phillips by 21.
 F. Hough bt Miss O. McDougall by 24.
 Miss K. Hoare bt Miss K. Robertson by 6.
 Mrs. B. Hough bt I. Gillespie by 10.
 Miss M. Chick bt Mrs. E. Turnbull by 3.
 Miss H. Robertson bt Miss N. Leeny by 8.
 Miss E. McDougall bt Capt. R. Belcher by 21.

SECOND ROUND

Miss M. Simkins bt Mrs. H. Neaves by 16.
 Mrs. L. Armour bt Mrs. F. Bull by 9.
 Miss N. Knight bt Comdr. A. Clark by 11.
 F. Hough bt Miss K. Hoare by 15.
 Mrs. B. Hough bt Miss M. Chick by 26.
 Miss E. McDougall bt Miss H. Robertson by 23.
 G. Neaves bt Miss G. Cotton by 23.
 B. Evans bt Mrs. D. Woodhead by 4.

THIRD ROUND

Miss M. Simkins bt Mrs. L. Armour by 16.
 F. Hough bt Miss N. Knight by 13.
 Mrs. B. Hough bt Miss E. McDougall by 12.
 B. Evans bt G. Neaves by 6.

SEMI-FINAL

F. Hough bt Miss M. Simkins by 7.
 Mrs. B. Hough bt B. Evans by 12.

FINAL

F. Hough bt Mrs. B. Hough —4 +4 +6.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP
 LADY STEELE SILVER SALVER

(8 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

I. Gillespie and Mrs. E. Turnbull bt Capt. and Mrs. R. Belcher by 8.
 G. Neaves and Miss M. Simkins bt Mrs. D. Woodhead and Miss G. Cotton by 12.
 B. Evans and Miss S. Barras bt Miss N. Knight and Miss M. Chick by 11.
 Mrs. H. Neaves and Miss O. McDougall bt Mrs. F. Bull and Mrs. L. Armour by 18.

SECOND ROUND

F. Hough and Mrs. F. Hough bt Mrs. G. Phillips and Miss K. Hoare by 9.
 G. Neaves and Miss M. Simkins bt I. Gillespie and Mrs. E. Turnbull by 17.
 B. Evans and Miss S. Barras bt Mrs. H. Neaves and Miss O. McDougall by 18.
 Comdr. and Mrs. A. Clark bt Misses H. and K. Robertson by 22.
 G. Neaves and Miss M. Simkins bt F. Hough and Mrs. F. Hough by 4.
 Comdr. and Mrs. A. Clark bt B. Evans and Miss S. Barras by 16.
 Comdr. and Mrs. A. Clark bt G. Neaves and Miss M. Simkins by 4.

DEVONSHIRE PARK

October 2nd to 14th

However the solar cycle which determines the dates of our official tournaments may affect this fixture, one phenomenon appears to be a "constant"—the second week always gets better weather than the first. So it was again this year. The opening day was a lovely one, but as the week went on the weather became boisterous, some rain fell, though not much during playing hours, and there was an uncomfortable amount of wind. But with the second week the weather steadily improved and culminated in a really glorious Saturday, just such a day as that with which we so often seem to welcome our visitors to and spectators of the match.

It was feared that the construction of the new "Congress Theatre" might somewhat affect our arrangements at the Park, but this did not prove to have any adverse effect. Refreshments were available in the morning (coffee), afternoon (tea), and evening (chiefly whisky), on the balcony and ground floor of the pavilion, and were often borne out to competitors by their more altruistic fellows—Miss Bryan, Mrs. Prichard and Mrs. Perry being particularly assiduous in this friendly service. The ground was surrounded this year by three building sites, and play was occasionally punctuated not only by the grinding of the concrete mixers and the squeaks of cranes, but by the *bel canto* of an Italian opera singer on the "Congress" scaffolding—a pleasant example of joy in labour.

No space can be sufficient adequately to report a fortnight's play in a dozen events, and this reporter was too often playing himself to be on hand when exciting contests were going on elsewhere. Experience in previous years had given rise to—perhaps rather exaggerated—apprehensions that "best of three" in the main event would lead to a number of matches lasting into a second day. It was therefore ordained that play should cease when such a danger threatened, but this only happened once (Prichard v. Hodges) and then very narrowly. Mrs. Rotherham, who played the only other contests of this kind, won them both within the allotted time and showed a most welcome return to her best form in doing so. The scalps of Humphrey Hicks and Leslie Kirk-Greene are not easily captured. The former was secured by a timely "last shot" in the third game, and the latter might possibly not have been had not Leslie, then well in the lead, played with a wrong ball at 2-back on his second break, an error symptomatic perhaps of fatigue consequent upon the ill-health from which he has so unluckily suffered this season. Meanwhile Dr. Wiggins had been forging ahead in the other half of the competition, and eventually won the South of England Championship without losing a game. The final, as is so often the case, did not show the contestants at their best, but the lady made a characteristically stubborn effort to pull the second game out of the fire when with her clips still on the first hoop and her opponent with only five points to make, she came within six points of overhauling him. Dr. Wiggins always plays well at Eastbourne, and taking the week as a whole was a deserving winner.

The other events which chiefly occupied the first week were the B Opens and the Open Doubles. It was rather surprising to find Col. Stobart in a B event, but not at all surprising that he should win this one. But he was hunted home in the final by Capt. Buller who played most notably well throughout the week and seemed to be always on the courts. He has greatly improved this season and is clearly due for a reduction in his handicap.

The feature of the play in the Open Doubles was the brilliant exhibition of practical and tactical wizardry by Humphrey Hicks. To take a ten bisquer, albeit so singularly steady a one as A/V.M. Maynard, to within one turn of final victory in an event such as this is a truly astonishing feat for which no praise can be too high. The finalists, Maurice Reckitt and Joan Warwick, have shown themselves to be an effective pair at this tournament before, but they looked very unlikely to reach this stage when Maurice, who had been till then the lame duck of the party, was required to collect and complete a break from the third hoop to the peg to save the game, which to the surprise of none more than himself he managed to do. In the final, Humphrey, who contrived, as usual, to hit precisely the shots he had to if the game were to be kept alive, was cheated of victory by the steadiness of Joan Warwick who, with her partner pegged out, made two beautifully accurate hoop approaches and hit a "last shot" at the (very) critical moment.

Having dealt with one Doubles event it will be convenient at this point to refer to the other. The semi-finals brought together four well-fancied pairs, four men doing battle with each other in one half and four ladies in the other. Reckitt and Dashwood, each in their best form, won with surprising ease; Joan Warwick and Enid Haigh-Smith only a little less conclusively in their game. The final became a regular "dog fight"; everyone made mistakes, and fortune swayed from side to side up to the very last when Maurice, taking a slow shot at his partner ball into the middle of the lawn, with intimidatory intent on Mrs. Haigh-Smith, who had a difficult 4-back to negotiate, hit it and polished off the game at speed on the very stroke of time.

Here let a word of praise be given to one of the most promising players in the game, Christopher Dashwood, to whose admirable steadiness throughout the success of this partnership was so largely due. Entering in this, only his third tournament in his first season, in four events, he won three of them, winning most of his games by conclusive margins. He has good strokes (and will soon have still better ones), a good head, and that most valuable asset to a beginner, a capacity for self-criticism. With such resources at his command he will surely go far.

The Men's Championship, played in the second week, always looked a good thing for Dudley Hamilton-Miller, but Capt. Stoker has slain even greater giants this season and came very near to victory on this occasion. Mrs. Reeve, not for the first time, won the Women's Championship after rather a chequered course in the event, Mrs. Haigh-Smith in effect defeating her, by playing far above the form her handicap suggests, but retiring on the peg to reserve herself for the Doubles. Then subsequently that rapidly improving player, Miss Hickson, might well have won had she not forgotten at the end of the game that a lift was coming up, a mistake very natural to one who has not competed in "Advanced Play" before. Muriel kept her best form for the final and won a very creditable victory over Mrs. Rotherham, who missed a cut rush just when she was showing signs of overhauling her opponent.

With space running out, it is time to turn to the big Handicap, always a particularly interesting event at this tournament. Lady Ursula Abbey, after a narrow escape from Mrs. Longman in the first round, found her way fairly easily into the final (she was the only player to beat Mr. Dashwood during the week). There she encountered a very dark horse, Mrs. Perry, who had never competed in a tournament Singles before, but soon showed herself to be a player of admirable nerve, considerable tactical acumen, and commendable enterprise. In short, jolly good. Only Mrs. Fitter—who later won the Trevor Cup—had made much of a fight against her. The final was not a very good game, but here Mrs. Perry showed her spirit by coming from behind when nearly all her bisques were gone. If she has time and strength to play more she could "go places" in a game the essentials of which she has so evidently mastered. But she might be well advised to try playing with a rather lighter and perhaps longer mallet, and with her feet more close together; no player with a wide open stance has ever reached success in first-class croquet, surely a significant fact.

There had been a good deal of rain at Eastbourne in mid-September, with the result that the courts were heavier and therefore less "interesting" than is generally the case. But they were, as always, most carefully prepared. Mr. McKellar, the head groundsman of the Eastbourne Corporation, has long been known to us for the expert advice he has given to many croquet players and clubs on the upkeep of their lawns; Mr. Fred Jones, the groundsman at Devonshire Park, puts into practice such expertise with the most admirable results.

How fortunate our Association is to have this large expanse available to it, not only for its players but for those who come to watch them and discover what a fine game croquet is and what fun it would be to take it up themselves. The stewards who were on hand to answer questions found many very ready to ask them, and it is reported that a number of inquirers, especially local ones, declared their intention to get into touch with a club as soon as possible. All this must be particularly encouraging to Mr. Perry, who forms so valuable a liaison with the authorities at Eastbourne,

Mr. George Hill, the Corporation's Entertainment Manager, and Mr. Peter Harland who supervises all sporting events at the Park. Finally, a warm word of thanks to those officials who make this tournament the success that it is. Mrs. Reeve is the most zealous and tireless of Referees; no one takes more trouble than she does to see that hoops are all that they should be. And Major Dibley, now in sole command as Manager, got through the tournament to universal satisfaction, with a minimum of time limits and no reliance on the lawns at "another place", as they say in Parliament. It was good to find Mrs. Dibley, who has been much harassed by ill-health this year, free to play—and win—so many games, and to see such old friends of this tournament as Mr. and Mrs. Elvey, and Mr. Brackenbury, free to enjoy themselves at a tournament for which they have in past years done so much.

The handsome array of no fewer than nine cups was set out in front of the pavilion at the close of the proceedings and presented to the winners by Mrs. Reeve, amid the plaudits of a good gathering of competitors and spectators in the evening sunshine, which smiled benevolently on the close of Devonshire Park's 54th annual tournament—one of the most successful of this memorable series.

P.S.—By a happy (if slightly suspicious) coincidence, the sweepstake, organised each year by the energies of Messrs. Della and Victor, the "Old Firm", was won on this occasion by Mr. G. V. Evans.

OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND

(16 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +24 +16.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt C. W. R. Hodges +7 —16 +3 on time.
H. O. Hicks bt M. B. Reckitt +16 +13.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Rev. Canon Creed Meredith +17 +24.
Mrs. W. Longman bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller +6 +12.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt V. A. de la Nougerede +24 +12.
G. Williams bt J. K. Brown +21 +9.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Dr. H. J. Penny +20 +24.

SECOND ROUND

L. Kirk-Greene bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +16 +17.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt H. O. Hicks +12 —8 +5.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. W. Longman +12 +16.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt G. Williams +24 +19.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt L. Kirk-Greene +25 —2 +10.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Miss E. J. Warwick +16 +9.

FINAL

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +8 +6.

MEN'S OPEN SINGLES

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND

(12 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

M. B. Reckitt bt Rev. Canon Creed Meredith by 2.
G. Williams bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 8.
N. F. Blackwood bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 8.
Major J. R. Abbey bt J. K. Brown by 13.
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 16.
C. W. R. Hodges bt L. Kirk-Greene by 9.

SECOND ROUND

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt M. B. Reckitt by 11.
N. F. Blackwood bt G. Williams by 16.
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt Major J. R. Abbey by 7.
C. W. R. Hodges w.o. opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt N. F. Blackwood by 6.
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt C. W. R. Hodges by 17.

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 6.

WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND

(15 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Miss H. D. Parker by 6.
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Miss A. E. Mills by 8.
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 9.
Mrs. E. Reeve w.o. Mrs. E. Haigh Smith retired on peg.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. W. Longman by 20.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 23.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 18.

SECOND ROUND

Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 8.
Mrs. E. Reeve bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 11.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 11.
Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 11.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. E. Reeve bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 4.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi by 14.

FINAL

Mrs. E. Reeve bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 16.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B") A CHALLENGE SILVER SALVER

(1½ to 4 bisques)

(16 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

N. F. Blackwood bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 22.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 22.
Miss H. D. Parker bt Major J. R. Abbey by 13.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt G. V. Evans by 24.
M. F. Buller bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 15.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 7.
Miss A. E. Mills bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 6.
Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 15.

SECOND ROUND

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt N. F. Blackwood by 15.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Miss H. D. Parker by 5.
M. F. Buller bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 6.
Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi bt Miss A. E. Mills by 8.

SEMI-FINAL

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 21.
M. F. Buller bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi by 7.

FINAL

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt M. F. Buller by 6.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "C") A CHALLENGE TROPHY

(4½ to 7½ bisques)

(12 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 6.
Miss G. F. Rose bt Miss Elphinstone-Stone by 24.
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 3.
Mrs. E. M. Temple bt Mrs. M. McMordie by 8.

SECOND ROUND

C. J. E. Dashwood bt G. R. Mills by 15.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Miss G. F. Rose by 6.
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton bt Mrs. E. M. Temple by 8.
Miss M. M. Taylor bt W. H. Austin by 16.

SEMI-FINAL

C. J. E. Dashwood bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 6.
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton bt Miss M. M. Taylor by 10.

FINAL

C. J. E. Dashwood bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton by 5.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "D") TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP

(8 to 10½ bisques)

(8 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. E. E. Clark by 18.
A/V.M. F.H.M. Maynard bt Mrs. D. M. Owen by 9.
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes bt G. H. A. Alexander by 3 on time.
Mrs. D. M. Cork bt Mrs. A. W. Naylor by 6.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. G. Fitter bt Capt. H. G. Gilbey by 21.
A/V.M. F. H. M. Maynard bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard by 4.
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes bt Mrs. M. D. Cork by 4.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan by 20.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. G. Fitter bt A/V.M. F. H. M. Maynard by 6.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes by 3.

FINAL

Mrs. G. Fitter bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster by 6.

LEVEL SINGLES FELIX CUP

(11 bisques and over)

(4 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. C. E. Devitt bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein by 13.
Miss M. White bt Mrs. Creed Meredith by 2 on time.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss M. Bryan bt Mrs. C. E. Devitt by 3 on time.
Mrs. J. Povey bt Miss M. White by 5.

FINAL

Miss M. Bryan bt Mrs. J. Povey by 2.

UNRESTRICTED DOUBLES

(14 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

H. O. Hicks and A/V.M. Maynard bt Mrs. F. H. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker by 17.
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. E. Reeve and Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 15.
Lady Ursula Abbey and Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi bt Rev. Canon and Mrs. Creed Meredith by 3 on time.
C. W. R. Hodges and Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Miss A. E. Mills by 5 on time.
M. B. Reckitt and Miss E. J. Warwick bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and N. F. Blackwood by 8.
J. K. Brown and Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Major J. R. Abbey and Capt. M. Buller by 8.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and L. Kirk-Greene bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. W. Longman by 10.

SECOND ROUND

H. O. Hicks and A/V.M. Maynard bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 2.
C. W. R. Hodges and Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Lady Ursula Abbey and Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi by 1 on time.
M. B. Reckitt and Miss E. J. Warwick bt J. K. Brown and Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 16.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and L. Kirk-Greene bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. Elvey by 10.

SEMI-FINAL

H. O. Hicks and A/V.M. Maynard bt C. W. R. Hodges and Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 6.
M. B. Reckitt and Miss E. J. Warwick bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and L. Kirk-Greene by 10.

FINAL

M. B. Reckitt and Miss E. J. Warwick bt H. O. Hicks and A/V.M. Maynard by 3 on time.

RESTRICTED DOUBLES HANDICAP

(Not less than 2 bisques)

(24 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Rev. Canon and Mrs. Creed Meredith (14) bt Col. F. E. Stobart and N. F. Blackwood (3½) by 5.
W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. Temple (13) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7½) by 1 on time.
Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. G. Fitter (7½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. E. E. Clark (7) by 3.
G. Williams and Major J. R. Abbey (2) bt Mrs. McMordie and Mrs. C. E. Devitt (16) by 10.
Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi and Mrs. J. R. Oxley (12) bt Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (8½) by 12.
Mrs. E. Reeve and Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (4½) by 4.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Mrs. R. A. Hill (9½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. F. E. Stobart (18) by 6 on time.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (5) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. J. M. Donati (12½) by 3 on time.

SECOND ROUND

G. R. Mills and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (5) bt M. Buller and Lady Ursula Abbey (7½) by 19.
M. B. Reckitt and C. J. E. Dashwood (3½) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Miss M. Bryan (11) by 10.
W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. M. Temple (13) bt Canon and Mrs. Creed Meredith (14) by 8.
G. Williams and Major J. R. Abbey (2) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. G. Fitter (7½) by 2.
Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi and Mrs. J. R. Oxley (12) bt Mrs. E. Reeve and Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 6 on time.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (5) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Mrs. R. A. Hill (9½) by 14.
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. J. R. Povey (15½) bt J. K. Brown and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 10.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. Haigh Smith (5) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (7) by 8.

THIRD ROUND

M. B. Reckitt and C. J. E. Dashwood (3½) bt G. R. Mills and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (5) by 14.
G. Williams and Major J. R. Abbey (2) bt W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. M. Temple (13) by 12.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (5) bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi and Mrs. J. R. Oxley (12) by 8.
Miss G. J. Warwick and Mrs. Haigh Smith (5) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. J. Povey (15½) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL

M. B. Reckitt and C. J. E. Dashwood (3½) bt G. Williams and Major J. R. Abbey (2) by 18.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. Haigh Smith (5) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (5) by 13.

FINAL

M. B. Reckitt and C. J. E. Dashwood (3½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. Haigh Smith (5) by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES

THE "SUSSEX" PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

(58 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt Mrs. D. M. Cork (9½) by 4.
C. J. E. Dashwood (4½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 8.
Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1) by 3.
M. F. Buller (4) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) by 20.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) bt Miss M. Bryan (12) by 5.
W. H. Austin (5½) bt G. Williams (1) by 5.
C. W. R. Hodges (—½) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (0) by 8.
G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 3.
Capt. V. G. Gilbey (10) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (8) by 4.
Mrs. J. R. Oxley (10) bt Rev. Canon Creed Meredith (0) by 8.
Mrs. E. E. Clark (10) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) by 7 on time.
Miss R. M. Allen (5) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) by 18.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) by 19.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) by 2.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 2.
Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 15.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) by 5.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 16.
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (—1½) bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi (2) by 15.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (8) by 11.
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (7) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 13.
N. F. Blackwood (2) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 21.
Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) bt Mrs. J. Povey (14) by 16.
Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (16) bt G. R. Mills (5) by 19.
G. V. Evans (3½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 3.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (—1) by 13.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. L. H. Ashton (4) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 9.
Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) by 4.
Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt C. J. E. Dashwood (4½) by 16.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) bt M. F. Buller (4) by 13.
C. W. R. Hodges (—½) bt W. H. Austin (5½) by 15.
G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (10) by 15.
Mrs. E. E. Clark (10) bt Mrs. J. R. Oxley (10) by 4 on time.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Miss R. M. Allen (5) by 17.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) by 11.
Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 11.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) by 4.
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (7) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) by 17.
Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) bt N. F. Blackwood (2) by 3.
Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (10) bt G. V. Evans (3½) by 19.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. C. E. Devitt (12) by 8.
Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4½) by 6.

THIRD ROUND

Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (4) by 10.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 7.
C. W. R. Hodges (—½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 12.
Mrs. E. E. Clark (10) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 15.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) by 21.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (7) by 8.
Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (10) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) by 5.
Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 15.

FOURTH ROUND

Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 18.
C. W. R. Hodges (—½) bt Mrs. E. E. Clark (10) by 15.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 12.
Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (10) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL

Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt C. W. R. Hodges (—½) by 18.
Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (10) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) by 12.

FINAL

Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (10) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 10.

LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES

(3½ bisques and over)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. J. R. Oxley (10) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4½) by 8.
G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (10) by 11 on time.
M. F. Buller (4) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) by 3.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. F. E. Stobart (16) by 14.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton w.o. opponent scratched.
 W. H. Austin (5½) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 20.
 A/V.M. F. H. M. Maynard (10) bt Miss M. Bryan (12) by 17.
 Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) by 11.
 Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt Mrs. J. Povey (14) by 4.
 Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) bt Mrs. C. E. Devitt (12) by 6.
 G. R. Mills (5) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) by 5.
 Mrs. E. E. Clark (10) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) by 18.
 C. J. E. Dashwood (4½) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (8) by 8.
 Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 4.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. J. R. Oxley (10) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) by 12.
 M. F. Buller (4) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 8.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (4) by 2.
 Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) bt W. H. Austin (5½) by 8.
 A/V.M. F. H. M. Maynard (10) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) by 2.
 Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) bt G. R. Mills (5) by 4.
 C. J. E. Dashwood (4½) bt Mrs. E. E. Clark (10) by 18.
 Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (3½) w.o. opponent retired.

THIRD ROUND

M. F. Buller (4) bt Mrs. J. R. Oxley (10) by 18.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) by 8.
 A/V.M. F. H. M. Maynard (10) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 6.
 C. J. E. Dashwood (4½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (3½) by 23.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) w.o. M. F. Buller (4) opponent retired.
 C. J. E. Dashwood (4½) bt A/V.M. F. H. M. Maynard (10) by 2.

FINAL

C. J. E. Dashwood (4½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 15.

DUBLIN

(Results not published in October)

BOXWELL CUP
 HANDICAP SINGLES
 (20 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

G. Gilpin (10) w.o. Lady FitzGerald (1) scratched.
 D. Figgis (3) bt Miss G. Hopkins (8) by 12.
 R. E. Steen (3) bt Miss I. Haire (9) by 9.
 H. M. Read (7) bt D. Campbell (5) by 8.

SECOND ROUND

R. J. Leonard (1) bt J. H. Wilson (9) by 5.
 Mrs. Figgis (10) bt Miss E. Haire (8) by 10.
 T. V. Murphy (3) bt Mrs. Phibbs (12) by 10.
 D. Figgis (3) bt G. Gilpin (10) by 8.
 R. E. Steen (3) bt H. M. Read (7) by 8.
 D. Jesson-Dibley (3) bt Mrs. H. M. Read (7) by 6.
 T. Read (8) bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard (3) by 4.
 Mrs. Boxwell (7) bt Mrs. Tottenham (7) by 14.

THIRD ROUND

R. J. Leonard (1) bt Mrs. Figgis (10) by 12.
 D. Figgis (3) bt T. V. Murphy (3) by 7.
 R. E. Steen (3) bt D. Jesson-Dibley (3) by 3.
 T. Read (8) bt Mrs. Boxwell (7) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL

D. Figgis (3) bt R. J. Leonard (1) by 6.
 T. Read (8) bt R. E. Steen (3) by 23.

FINAL

D. Figgis (3) bt T. Read (8) by 7.

DUFF MATHEWS CUP
 LEVEL SINGLES

(Eligible to 5½ bisques and over)

(No lifts)

(11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. Tottenham bt G. Gilpin by 12.
 H. M. Read bt Mrs. Phibbs by 20.
 T. Read bt Miss G. Hopkins by 10.

SECOND ROUND

Miss Stoker bt Miss E. Haire by 12.
 Mrs. Tottenham bt Miss I. Haire by 15.
 T. Read bt H. M. Read by 16.
 Mrs. H. M. Read bt J. H. Wilson by 14.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. Tottenham bt Miss Stoker by 10.
 Mrs. H. M. Read bt T. Read by 4.

FINAL

Mrs. Tottenham bt Mrs. H. M. Read by 21.

HANDICAP DOUBLES
 CORONATION CUPS
 (10 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Miss Stoker and Mrs. Tottenham (15) bt G. M. FitzPatrick and R. E. Steen (5) by 6.
 D. Jesson-Dibley bt J. D. Robinson (6) bt J. H. Wilson and A. Robinson (10) by 10.

SECOND ROUND

T. V. Murphy and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (7) bt D. Campbell and Miss I. Haire (14) by 9.
 Miss Stoker and Mrs. Tottenham (15) bt Mrs. Figgis and Miss G. Hopkins (18) by 10.
 D. Jesson Dibley and J. D. Robinson (6) bt D. Figgis and H. M. Read (10) by 14.
 R. J. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard (4) bt T. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read (15) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss Stoker and Mrs. Tottenham (15) bt T. V. Murphy and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (7) by 4.
 R. J. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard (4) bt D. Jesson-Dibley and J. D. Robinson (6) by 6.

FINAL

Miss Stoker and Mrs. Tottenham (15) bt R. J. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard (4) by 6.

PRIZE WINNERS 1961

The list includes all events (of which the full scores have been received for publication in the Gazette) at (1) Open Tournaments, (2) Tournaments open to all Associates, together with the All-England Handicap and the Champion Cups. Where the entries in an event were less than 16, semi-finalists are not included unless they actually won two matches. The same applies to the second prize-winner where the entries were less than 8.

Figures in square brackets indicate the handicap of players at the beginning and end of season.

OS—Open Singles or Open Singles (Class "A"); MOS—Men's Open Singles; WOS—Women's Open Singles; LS—Classes ("B", "C", "D"); LHS—Limited Handicap Singles; HSX—(Y.Z.)—Handicap Singles (Event "X") ("Y", "Z"); HSEX—Extra Handicap Singles; MHS—Men's Handicap Singles; WHS—Women's Handicap Singles; OD—Open Doubles; MOD—Mixed Open Doubles; HD—Handicap Doubles; MHD—Men's Handicap Doubles; WHD—Women's Handicap Doubles.

ABBEY, Lady Ursula [3½] Brighton (August), LSB, 2; Eastbourne, HS, 2 [2½].
 ABBOTT, H. R. [2½] Roehampton, HD, 3.
 ABBOTT, Mrs. H. R. [6½] Roehampton, HD, 3.
 ADAMS, Col. C. C. [—1] Peels, HSEX, 2, Challenge and Gilbey, HD, 3; Roehampton, OS, 2, HSX, 3.
 ALEXANDER, C. H. O'D. [4½] Cheltenham, HS, 1 [3½].
 ALLEN, Miss R. M. [5] Cheltenham (non-official), HSX, 3.
 AULT, Miss K. [4½] Parkstone (September), LSB, 2.
 AUSTIN, W. H. [8] Brighton (May), HS, 1; Compton, LSB, 1; Budleigh Salterton (non-official) (July), HSEX, 2; Brighton (August), LSB, 3, HD, 1 [5½].
 BAILLIEU, I. C. [3] Compton, HD, 1.
 BANTOCK, E. G. [4½] Cheltenham, HS, 2; Brighton (August), HS, 2 [2½].
 BARTLETT, Miss G. (11) Roehampton, HSY, 2 [10].
 BEAMISH, Col. D. W. [—½] Hurlingham, MHD, 3; Parkstone (September), OS, 2, [—1].
 BEAMISH, Comdr. G. V. G. [1] Parkstone (June), HSX, 2, HD, 2; Cheltenham, HD, 1; Surrey Cup, 3 [½].
 BIRCH, G. [1½] Ryde, OS, 1, HSX, 1, HD, 2; Surrey Cup, 8 [1].
 BLACK, G. A. [7] Budleigh Salterton (July), HSC, 3.
 BLACKWOOD, N. F. [2½] Cheltenham, HD, 3; Brighton (non-official), HSA, 1 [2].
 BOLTON, Miss V. [12] Cheltenham (non-official), HSD, 1, HSEX, 2 [11].
 BOUCHER, Dr. C. A. [8] Parkstone (September), LSC, 1, HS, 1, HD, 1 [5½].
 BRACKENBURY, Rev. B. V. F. [3½] Brighton (August), LSB, 3.
 BROWN, Mrs. A. R. [14] Ryde, HSD, 1; Brighton (non-official), HSD, 2, HD, 2 [13].
 BROWNING, Dr. [14] Hunstanton, HD, 2.
 BRUMPTON, Miss E. C. [7] Nottingham, HS, 2; Hunstanton, HSB, 2 [6].
 BRUMPTON, Miss E. M. [12] Nottingham, LHS, 1; Hunstanton, HSC, 1, HSY, divided [9].
 BRYAN, Miss M. [12] Eastbourne, LSE, 1 [11].
 BUCHANAN, Mrs. L. L. [2½] Ryde, HSX, 3; Ladies' Field Cup equal 3; Parkstone (June), HSX, 3; Hurlingham, LSB, 3; Brighton (August), OS Draw, 2; Brighton (non-official), HSA, 2.
 BUCKNELL, A. J. [9] Nottingham, LHS, 2, HSX, 2.

BULLER, Capt. M. F. [4] Budleigh Salterton (July), HD, 2; Eastbourne, LSB, 2, LHS, 3 [3].
 BURGESS, W. G. A. [16] Gilbey Cup, 3 [14].
 CAMPBELL, D. [5½] Carrickmines (June), LSB, 1 [5].
 CAMROUX, A. V. [3½] Peels, MHS, 1; Hurlingham, MOD, 3, MOD, 2 [2].
 CAPORN, D. C. [9] Stevenson Challenge Cup, 1; Roehampton, HSB, 3, HSX, 1 [6½].
 CARLYON, Miss M. S. [4½] Carrickmines (June), HS, 3 [4].
 CARRINGTON, Mrs. M. H. [8] Reckitt Challenge Cup, 2; Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 3; Brighton (non-official), HD, 1 [7½].
 CAVE, Lt.-Col. G. E. [½] Budleigh Salterton (July), HS, 3, HD, 1; Cheltenham, OS, 2; All England Handicap, 2 [0].
 CERVANTES, Mrs. F. M. [9] Hunstanton, HSY, divided.
 CHANCELLOR, Miss M. [8] Parkstone (June), HSC, 2.
 CHIGNELL, T. A. [4] Parkstone (June), LSB, 1; Brighton (non-official), HSB, 3.
 CHITTENDEN, Mrs. H. F. [2] Brighton (May), OS Draw, 2, HS, 3, HD, 1; Ladies' Field Cup, 6; Hurlingham, LSB, 2; All England Handicap, 3 [1½].
 CHORLTON, Mrs. D. E. [4½] Compton, HSY, 1; Eastbourne, LSC, 2 [4].
 CLARKE, Comdr. A. [2½] Budleigh Salterton (May), HSEX, 3; Nottingham, OS Process, 2, HSY, 1, HD, 1 [2].
 CLARKE, Mrs. A. [3] Nottingham, HSY, 2, HD, 1; Budleigh Salterton (non-official) (July), HS, 3 [2½].
 COOPER, A. J. [2] Budleigh Salterton (May), HD, 1; Budleigh Salterton (non-official), HS, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), OS, 2, HD, 2 [—½].
 COOPER, Miss J. [7½] Budleigh Salterton (May), HD, 1 [6].
 COLLS, T. G. S. [1½] Hurlingham, LSB, 3; Roehampton, HD, 2; Cheltenham (non-official), HSX, 2, HSEX, 1.
 COTTER, E. P. C. [—3] Men's Championship, 3; Doubles Championship, 1; Hurlingham, OS, 1, MOD, 2; Brighton (August), OS, 1; President's Cup, 3.
 CURTIS, D. W. [1½] Association Plate, 3; Brighton (non-official), HS, 3; President's Cup, 8 [0].
 CURTIS, F. H. [8] Hurlingham, MHD, 2; Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 3; Delves Broughton Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 1.
 CURTIS, Mrs. F. H. [13] Challenge and Gilbey Doubles, HD, 1.
 DANIELS, Mrs. A. M. [2] Budleigh Salterton (May), HSEX, 1; Brighton (August), OS Process, 2; Cheltenham (non-official), OS, 2, HD, 2.
 DASHWOOD, C. J. E. [9] Compton, HSX, 1; Hurlingham, LSC, 1; Eastbourne, LSC, 1, LHS, 1, HD, 1 [3].
 DAVIDSON, Major-Gen. F. H. N. [8] Reckitt Challenge Cup, 1; Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 2 [7].
 DAVIDSON, Mrs. F. H. N. [6½] Peels, HD, 2; Budleigh Salterton (non-official) (July), HSEX, 3.
 DE BUSAY, Col. R. L. [15] Parkstone (September), HSD, 2.
 DE LA NOUGEREDE, V. A. [—1] Surrey Cup, 2.
 DENBOW, Rev. F. J. [7] Nottingham, HSX, 3.
 DEVITT, Mrs. C. [13] Parkstone (September), HSD, 1 [12D11].
 DIBLEY, Mrs. J. H. [6] Eastbourne, LHS, 2 [5½].
 DRISCOLL, Major R. [9] Brighton (May), HSX, 3 [7].
 ELL SPENCER, M. [0] Roehampton, HSX, 3.
 ELVEY, Mrs. G. F. H. [0] Budleigh Salterton (May), HD, 2; Compton, HD, 2; Cheltenham, HD, 3; Hurlingham, MOD, 1.
 FIDLER, P. J. M. [9] Compton, HSC, 1, HSX, 3, HD, 1 [5½].
 FIGGIS, D. [3] Championship of Co. Dublin, OS, 1, HS, 1.
 FISHER, Miss E. H. [2½] Council Challenge Cup, 1.
 FITTER, Mrs. G. [8½] Hurlingham, LSD, 3; Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 1; Eastbourne, LSD, 1 [8].
 FITZGERALD, Lady [1] Carrickmines (June), Championship of Ireland, 2.
 FITZGERALD, W. A. [12] Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 2.
 FOTIADI, Mrs. N. A. [2] Eastbourne, LSB, 3.
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HAIGH SMITH, Mrs. E. [6½] Roehampton, HD, 1; Eastbourne, HD, 2 [5½].
 HAMILTON-MILLER, D. J. V. [—1½] Compton, OS, 2; Doubles Championship, 2; Eastbourne, MOS, 1, HS, 3.
 HAMPSON, Miss S. G. [9] Gilbey Cup, 2; Challenge and Gilbey Doubles, 2; Parkstone (September), LSC, 2, HD, 2 [8].
 HEATHCOTE, Major E. C. [4½] Budleigh Salterton (July), LSB, 1, HS, 2; All England Handicap, 1; Apps Bowl [1½].
 HICKS, Major A. M. [8] Hurlingham, MHD, 1; Brighton (August), HSC, 3 [7].
 HICKS, H. O. [—3] Men's Championship, 1; Nottingham, OS, 1, HS, 1; Open Championships, 3; Hurlingham, OS Draw, 2, MHD, 1; Hunstanton, OS, 1; President's Cup, 1; Eastbourne, OD, 2.
 HICKSON, Miss K. D. [7] Brighton (May), HSX, 3; Ryde, HSX, 2; Hurlingham, HS, 1; Brighton (August), LSB, 1, HD, 2 [4].
 HODGES, C. W. R. [—½] Eastbourne, HS, 3.
 HOLLWEG, J. A. [—1] Mixed Doubles Championship, 1.
 HORRIDGE, G. B. [7] Budleigh Salterton (non-official) (July), HSEX, 1; Hunstanton, HD, 1.
 HUSKINSON, G. N. B. [3] Peels, HD, 1; Nottingham, OS Process, 2.
 HULTON, Mrs. R. W. [12] Ryde, HSD, 2.
 JACKSON, G. E. P. [0] Cheltenham (non-official), OS, 3.
 JESSON-DIBLEY, D. W. J. [3] Championship of Co. Dublin, OS Draw, 2.
 JOHNSTON, Miss E. [5½] Brighton (May), HSY, 3, HD, 2; Brighton (non-official), HSB, divided [5].
 KARMEL, A. D. [1] Du Pre Cup, 2; Association Plate, 3; Hunstanton, HSX, 3; Surrey Cup, 4; Roehampton, OS, 3 [0].
 KARMEL, Mrs. A. D. [9½] Roehampton, HSC, 2 [9].
 KAY, Mrs. E. M. [6] Ryde, LSB, 2.
 KIRK-GREENE, L. [—1½] Brighton (May), OS, 1; Brighton (August), OS, 2; Eastbourne, OS, 3.
 LACEY, Miss M. [13] Brighton (non-official), HD, 3.
 LATHAM, Mrs. F. N. [2] Ryde, OS, 2; Parkstone (June), OS, 3.
 LAVERTY, Lt.-Col. T. F. [10] Budleigh Salterton (May), HD, 3; Budleigh Salterton (July), HSC, 1 [6½].
 LEONARD, R. J. [2] Carrickmines (June), Championship of Ireland, 1, HS, 3, HD, 1; Cheltenham, HD, 2; Championship of Co. Dublin, OS, 2, HS, 3, HD, 2; Surrey Cup, equal 6 [1].
 LEONARD, Mrs. R. J. [3] Carrickmines (June), HD, 1; Dublin, HD, 2.
 LINTERN, Miss D. A. [—1] Hurlingham Ladies' Field Candlesticks, HD, 2; MOD, 2.
 LOWEIN, Miss K. M. [15] Ryde, HSY, 2 [13].
 LLOYD-PHILLIPS, B. [—1½] Association Plate, 1; Hurlingham, MOD, 1; Roehampton Challenge Cup, OS Process, 2; Challenge and Gilbey Doubles, 2; Hunstanton, OS Process, 2, HSX, 2; Parkstone (September), OS, 1, HD, 2; President's Cup, 5.
 LONGMAN, Mrs. W. [—1] Open Championships, 3.
 MATTHEWS, Mrs. B. de C. [4] Cheltenham, LSB, 1; Cheltenham (non-official), LSB, 1, HD, 1 [3½].
 MAYNARD, Air Vice-Marshal F. M. [10] Eastbourne, LHS, 3, OD, 2 [8D7].
 MEACHEM, J. B. [3] All England Handicap, 3.
 MEREDITH, Canon R. Creed [0] Ryde, OS, 3, HSX, 3, HD, 1; Parkstone (June), OS, 2.
 MEREDITH, Mrs. R. Creed [16] Ryde, HD, 1.
 MILLER, D. W. [10] Challenge and Gilbey Doubles, 3; Brighton (non-official), HS, 1 [7].
 MILLS, Miss A. E. [2] Mixed Doubles Championship, 1; Ladies' Field Cup, 5; Budleigh Salterton (July), HD, 3; Gilbey Cup, 1 [1½].
 MILLS, G. R. [7] Budleigh Salterton (May), HS, 2, HD, 3; Budleigh Salterton (July), LSB, 2, HD, 1; Cheltenham, HD, 3 [5].
 MOORE, W. E. [4] Brighton (non-official), HSB, divided, HS, 2 [3].
 MURPHY, T. V. [4] Carrickmines (June), HD, 2 [3].
 NEWMAN, Miss L. [7] Brighton (non-official), HD, 2.
 OMOND, Brig. J. S. [7] Brighton (May), HSY, 1; Challenge and Gilbey Doubles, 3; Brighton (non-official), HSB, 3; Roehampton, HSY, 1 [6½].
 OMOND, Mrs. J. S. [9] Challenge and Gilbey Doubles, 3.
 ORMEROD, Mrs. G. L. [14] Hunstanton (non-official), HS, 2 [12].
 ORMEROD, Rev. H. L. [6½] Parkstone (June), HSX, 1, HD, 1 [5].
 ORMEROD, Dr. W. P. [—1½] President's Cup, 4.
 OWEN, Miss M. D. [8] Compton, HSC, 2.
 PARKER, Miss H. D. [3½] Brighton (May), HS, 3, HD, 1; Compton, LSB, 2 Eastbourne, HSEX, 2, [3].

PAVIA, Mrs. J. [6½] Brighton (non-official), HD, 1.
 PENNY, C. H. R. [2½] Parkstone (September), OS, 3, HS, 3, HD, 1 [2].
 PENNY, Dr. H. J. [3½] Council Challenge Cup, 2; Brighton (August), HD, 2 Eastbourne, HSEx, 1 [3].
 PERRY, Mrs. H. C. [10] Eastbourne, HS, 1 [8].
 PETHEBRIDGE, Mrs. H. [Golf Croquet 3] Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 1 [Golf Croquet 2].
 PICKETT, R. J. [9] Brighton (non-official), HSC, 2 [8].
 POVEY, Mrs. J. [14] Eastbourne, LSE, 2 [12].
 PRICHARD, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. [1½] Peels, MHS, 2; Budleigh Salterton (July), HS, 1; Cheltenham, OS, 1, HS, 3; Surrey Cup, 1; Roehampton, OS, 1, HSX, 2 [—].
 PRICHARD, Mrs. D. M. C. [10] Cheltenham, HSC, 1; Cheltenham (non-official), HSX, 3 [9].
 PRIDAY, A. K. [12] Cheltenham (non-official), HSD, 2.
 PURVES, Mrs. I. M. [12] Roehampton, HSY, 3.
 PUXON, F. E. M. [9] Compton, HD, 2 [8].

RASH, A. F. [8] Parkstone (July), HSY, 2 [7½].
 RATCLIFFE, C. S. [6] Brighton (August), HS, 3; Brighton (non-official), HD, 3 [5½].
 READ, H. M. [8] Carrickmines (June), LSB, 2; Roehampton, HD, 3 [7].
 READ, Mrs. H. M. [7] Dublin, LSB, 2.
 READ, T. [8] Dublin, HS, 2.
 RECKITT, M. B. [—1] Budleigh Salterton (July), HS, 3; Roehampton Challenge Cup, OS Draw, 2, Eastbourne, OD, 1 HD, 1.
 REED, A. A. [5] Hunstanton (non-official), HS, 1 [4].
 REEVE, Mrs. M. [0] Eastbourne, WOS, 1.
 ROBERTSON, C. L. [10] Stevenson Challenge Cup, 2 [9].
 ROBINSON, A. [3] Carrickmines (June), HS, 1 [2].
 ROE, Comdr. D. W. [4] Cheltenham (non-official), LSB, 2.
 ROE, Miss I. M. [3] Women's Championship, 1; Ladies' Field Cup, equal 3; Hunstanton, HD, 1; Surrey Cup, equal 6 [2].
 ROLFE, Mrs. A. Neville [8½] Budleigh Salterton, HD, 3; Hunstanton, HSX, 3; Roehampton, HD, 3.
 ROPER, E. A. [3] Hurlingham, MHD, 3.
 ROPER, Mrs. E. A. [7½] Brighton (May), HSY, 3.
 ROSE, Miss E. F. [5½] Compton, HSY, 3 [6½].
 ROTHERHAM, Mrs. E. [—3] Du Pre Cup, 1; Ladies' Field Cup, 2; Cheltenham, HS, 3; Hurlingham, MOD, 3; Cheltenham (non-official), OS, 1, HD, 1; Eastbourne, OS, 2, WOS, 2.
 RYVES, Dr. T. E. [5] Cheltenham, HD, 3; Roehampton, HSB, 3.

SESSIONS, Miss K. M. O. [10] Cheltenham, HSC, 2; Cheltenham (non-official), HSC, 2, HSX, 1 [7].
 SHEPPARD, H. A. [9] Cheltenham, HD, 2; Cheltenham (non-official), HSC, 1; HSY, 2, HD, 2 [8].
 SHOWAN, Mrs. L. A. [5½] Peels, WHS, 2; Hurlingham, LSC, 2 [4].
 SIDWELL, E. [6] Budleigh Salterton (May), HS, 3 [4½].
 SKEMPTON, A. W. [8] Hurlingham, LSD, 1, HS, 2 [6½].
 SKEMPTON, Mrs. A. W. [11] Ladies' Field Candlesticks, 1 [8½].
 SMARTT, Dr. R. B. N. [4½] Parkstone (June), LSB, 2, HSY, 1 [3½].
 SMARTT, Mrs. R. B. N. [7] Parkstone (June), HSC, 1, HD, 2; Brighton (August), HSC, 3 [5½].
 SMITH, Miss L. H. [7] Hunstanton, HSC, 2, HD, 2 [6½].
 SNELL, N. V. [9] Budleigh Salterton (May), HSEx, 2; Compton, HSY, 3.
 SOLOMON, Mrs. G. W. [3] Peels, WHS, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), HD, 3; Hurlingham, LSB, 1; Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 2; Roehampton, HSY, 3 [2].
 SOLOMON, J. W. [—3] Open Championship, 1; Doubles Championship, 1; President's Cup, 2.

SPEER, Mrs. M. E. [7½] Peels, WHS Process, 2 [6½].
 STEER, Dr. R. E. [3] Dublin, HS, 3.
 STEPHENS, F. B. [9] Nottingham, HSX, 3.
 STEVENSON, Mrs. J. G. [6] Ryde, LSB, 1, HD, 2; Parkstone (June), HD, 1; Roehampton, HSB, 2 [5½].
 STOBART, Lt.-Col. F. E. [2½] Budleigh Salterton (July), HD, 3; Brighton (August), HS, 1; Eastbourne, LSB, 1 [1½].
 STOKER, Capt. H. G. [1] Peels, MHS Process, 2, HD, 1; Men's Championship, 2; Carrickmines (June), HS, 2, HD, 2; Roehampton, HD, 3; Eastbourne, MOS, 2 [—].
 STOKER, Miss [8] Dublin, HD, 1.
 STOKES-ROBERTS, Brig. A. E. [2] Hurlingham, MHD, 3.
 STOKES-ROBERTS, L. E. W. [9] Peels, HSEx, 1; Hurlingham, LSD, 2, MHD, 3 [7].
 STYLE, Comdr. G. W. [7½] Compton, HSY, 2.
 SULLEY, E. A. L. [10] Nottingham, HSX, 1, HD, 2 [9].

TAYLOR, Miss M. M. [8] Ryde, HSY, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), HSC, 3; Brighton (August), HSC, 2 [7].
 TEMPLE, Miss E. M. [7½] Brighton (August), HD, 1.
 THOM, Mrs. M. L. [5½] Ladies' Field Candlesticks, 2; Hurlingham, MOD, 3; Hunstanton, HSB, 3.
 THOMPSON, P. [3½] Parkstone, LSB, 1, HS, 3.
 THORPE, W. H. [4] Cheltenham (non-official), HSY, 1 [3½].
 TINGEY, Major R. [—1] Mixed Doubles Championship, 2; Budleigh Salterton (July), OS Draw, 2; Cheltenham, OS Draw, 2; Hurlingham, HS, 3; Roehampton Challenge Cup, 1; Challenge and Gilbey Doubles, 1.
 TINGEY, Mrs. R. [2½] Peels, WHS, Draw 2; Mixed Doubles Championship, 2 [2].
 TOPP, Mrs. A. [12] Brighton (May), HSY, 2 [10].
 TOTTENHAM, Mrs. [7] Dublin, LSB, 1, HD, 1.
 TOVEY, H. J. [3½] Hunstanton, HSB, 1.
 TURKETINE, Mrs. I. H. [3] Brighton (May), HSX, 1 [2].

VINCENT, Mrs. M. H. [4] Budleigh Salterton (non-official), HS, 2.

WARWICK, Miss E. J. [—1] Budleigh Salterton (May), HD, 3; Women's Championship, 2; Brighton (May), OS Process, 2; HS, 2; Ladies' Field Cup, 1; Parkstone (June), OS, 1, HD, 3; Open Championship, 2; Hurlingham, OS, 1; Ladies' Field Candlesticks, 1; Hunstanton, OS, 2, HSX, 1; President's Cup, 7; Eastbourne, OS, 3, OD, 1, HD, 2 [—2].

WARWICK, J. G. [—] Budleigh Salterton (May), HS, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), OS Process, 2; Association Plate, 2; Surrey Cup, 5; Roehampton, HD, 1 [—1].

WATSON, D. R. [7½] Hunstanton (non-official), HS, 2; Nottingham, HD, 2; Brighton (August), HSC, 1, HS, 3; Roehampton HSB, 1 [6].

WHITEHEAD, E. [2½] Brighton (non-official), HD, 3 [2].
 WHITEHEAD, Mrs. E. [16] Brighton (non-official), HD, 3 [14].
 WHITHAM, R. [7½] Brighton (non-official), HSC, 1 [7].
 WIGGINS, R. V. N. [2] Compton, HSX, 2.
 WIGGINS, Dr. W. R. D. [—3] Compton, OS, 1; Doubles Championship, 2; Hurlingham, MOD, 3; President's Cup, equal 5; Eastbourne, OS, 1.

WILLIAMS, A. McClure [3] Cheltenham, LSB, 2.
 WILLIAMS, G. W. [½] Compton, HSX, 3.
 WILLIAMS, Mrs. R. R. [6½] Gilbey Cup, 3 [5½].
 WILSON-HAFFENDEN, Major-Gen. D. J. [6] Hurlingham, HS, 3 [5].
 WOOLLEY, Miss H. F. [8] Parkstone (June), HSX, 3; Parkstone (September), HS, 2 [7].
 WOOSTER, Mrs. H. D. [8] Eastbourne, LSD, 2.

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