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## TOURNAMENT FIXTURES

1962

- 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.*, 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.*, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- NON-OFFICIAL
- Sept. 3—Southwick. *Tourn. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick.

### PRESIDENT'S CUP

The following players were invited:—

E. P. C. Cotter  
H. O. Hicks  
B. Lloyd Pratt  
Dr. W. P. Ormerod  
J. W. Solomon  
Miss E. J. Warwick  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins  
Capt. H. G. Stoker

Capt. Stoker was unable to play and D. W. Curtis was invited and accepted.

The Council regrets that owing to Mr. Kirk-Greene's uncertain health it was unable to consider extending an invitation to him.

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### SURREY CUP

The following were invited:—

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish  
Col. G. E. Cave  
A. J. Cooper  
A. D. Karmel  
V. A. de la Nougerede  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard  
A. A. Reed  
J. G. Warwick

V. A. de la Nougerede was unable to accept and A. V. Camroux was invited and accepted.

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### NEW ASSOCIATES

Andrew Potter  
Mrs. D. P. Horsley  
O. A. Kerensky  
Mrs. O. A. Kerensky  
Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick  
Mrs. Towers  
Dr. R. K. Lewis  
R. O. Havery  
Mrs. W. D. Rankin

Vice-Admiral Sir Gordon Hubback, K.B.E., C.B.  
(We regret incorrect designation last month)

## CROQUET ASSOCIATION NOTICES

Subscriptions due on January 1st, 1962, should be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6. Reminders cost time and money so Associates are asked to pay now.

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The following publications are available from the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

The Abridged Croquet Association Handbook, 1962/63, 2s. 6d. (Non Associates 3s. 6d.).

The new edition of the Laws, 2s. 6d. (Non Associates 3s. 6d.). All Associates are strongly advised to purchase the new Laws which can also be obtained through Clubs.

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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PLEASE NOTE.—ENTRIES FOR DEVONSHIRE PARK TOURNAMENT TO REACH THE SECRETARY, CROQUET ASSOCIATION, HURLINGHAM CLUB, S.W.6, BY SEPT. 20th, FIRST POST.

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Reigate Priory want to buy second-hand sets of hoops at a kindly price. Reply to L. W. Buckley, St. Monica, Alma Road, Reigate. Tel. 3131.

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Clubs are reminded that the last meeting of the Handicap Co-ordination Committee in 1962 will be early in November. Secretaries should ensure that any alterations which they wish to recommend at the close of this season should reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than mid-October.

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### REFEREES

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 following can be obtained from T. M. Lewin and Sons, Ltd., 103, Jermyn Street, London, W.1. (Post free, except for overseas):—

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V. C. GASSON,  
*Secretary*

## NOTES by ROVER

### A happy omen

It was fitting that Patrick Cotter should regain the title of Open Champion after an interval of four years, in view of his forthcoming captaincy of the Test team which will leave for New Zealand in a few months. His play throughout championship week was of a particularly high order and brought back memories of 1956 when he was at peak form, week in and week out. It may be thought strange that for one who has been on the top level of croquet so long it was only his third championship victory, but with John Solomon and Humphrey Hicks among his compeers to name but two, it is not perhaps surprising that the honours have been spread around. William Ormerod who was contesting his first final was given little scope to show his prowess but can look back to a very good week, his victories against John Solomon and Bobby Wiggins being particularly noteworthy.

There was nearly a turn up for the book in the Doubles Championship. David Curtis and Alex Karmel, having ousted Bobby Wiggins and Joan Warwick in the semi-final, came very close to defeating the holders in the final. Congratulations to Kay Longman in carrying off the Association Plate for the first time.

### Windswept

The high winds which have plagued the country throughout much of the year have no doubt discomfited many players whose displeasure at having their breaks affected has only been mildly abated by the sight of their opponents suffering under the same conditions. The vagaries of the wind led some years ago to an incident which was mentioned in these Notes at the time. In the final round of the preliminary stage of the All England handicap at Hurlingham which was to decide whether de Wesselow or Townsend should go forward to Roehampton, the former having made his last hoop was set to finish the game after making a simple return roquet of less than two yards. At the moment of striking, however, a sudden gust of wind threw him off balance and had the effect of diverting his shot sufficiently to miss his partner ball. Townsend, who was at this point a dozen or so hoops behind, then hit across the lawn and eventually caught up and won. He then went on to win the event at Roehampton. How often after a game are we tempted to indulge in a series of "ifs", which usually refer to what would have happened if only we had done this or that, but this particular "if", as referring to a gust of wind, must have been particularly galling to de Wesselow.

### A Past Master

Who won the Open Championship in 1900? How many associates (excluding Noel Hicks of course) could

give an immediate reply to this question? The answer is J. E. Austin, the last title holder before an "Irish Invasion" which began with R. N. Roper and Cyril Corbally. Austin, who was born at some date in the middle eighteen-fifties, was a well known figure in his day, and not only for his skill on the court—he appeared in the first "Best Ten". He used to play with a remarkable scythe-like mallet with short side-pieces jutting out from the shaft, indeed this writer can recall seeing him doing so. The legitimacy of this curious implement was said to have been impugned, but there seems to be nothing in our present Law 2(d) to invalidate it. He was concerned with William Davidson in producing the hoop so named, which appeared early in this century and to which tournament players have stuck to—and in or on—ever since. Mr. Hodges has informed us that Austin told him towards the end of his life, that he was six years of age, when he first saw croquet played, at Budleigh Salterton, "in an orchard"—eight wooden balls, eight very small and light mallets, and a "cage" with a bell in the middle of the playing area. It would be interesting to know just when croquet began to be played in our principal croquet centres. Though it began at Hurlingham only about 1900 the club itself started with pigeon shooting in 1869. This was abandoned 36 years later as inhumane, but the pigeons do not seem to have been informed of this, and it was only this summer that they have begun to swarm on the courts.

### It pays to advertise

One of our roving representatives reports that during a walk down Reigate High Street he was gratified to see prominently on show in the island window of La Trobes, a well-known local sports outfitters there, a fine gleaming silver challenge cup. This was decorated in silk ribbons of the four croquet colours, surrounded with mallets, a set of balls and croquet literature. This cup together with an appropriate and well produced poster setting out the name of the winner for 1961 and a reference to the "All England" competition, combined to make an attractive form of publicity. Many passers by have been seen to stop and comment on the setting.

The press cutting of the annual meeting of the Reigate Priory Croquet Club which appears elsewhere in this issue is additional evidence of the enterprise of this small club, and serves as an example which could be followed to good purpose by other clubs.

It must be remembered it is not sufficient—however laudable this may be—just to keep one's own club flourishing, it is so important never to lose any opportunity to publicise our fascinating game both on a local basis and on a national basis.

# Council Meeting

A Council Meeting was held at the Hurlingham Club immediately after the Annual General Meeting on 28th May, 1962.

## Apologies

Rev. G. F. H. Elvey, W. Longman and Mrs. R. R. Williams.

## Present

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (Chairman), J. W. Solomon (Vice-Chairman), G. Birch, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, D. C. Caporn, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Maj. J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, J. A. Hollweg, A. D. Karmel, Miss D. A. Lintern, Rev. Canon Creed-Meredith, H. S. C. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

## Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of 1st March, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## Matters arising

None.

## Questions

None.

## Election of Chairman

Brig. Stokes-Roberts proposed and Cmdr. Style seconded that J. W. Solomon be elected Chairman. This was agreed unanimously. Brig. Stokes-Roberts then vacated the Chair which Mr. Solomon took over. He thanked the Council for the honour they had done him and said he undertook to do his best to work (and play!) for the Association.

The new Chairman said that first he wished to pay a tribute to Brig. Stokes-Roberts who had been tireless in his efforts during his term of office: always imperturbable whatever crisis arose and a tower of strength helping sort things out.

Mr. Solomon then welcomed the four new members of Council (the fifth, Mrs. R. R. Williams, being unavoidably absent)—and proposed J. M. Rivington for the new Vice-Chairman. A. D. Karmel seconded this and Mr. Rivington was unanimously elected.

## Notices of Motion

Mr. Roper gave two. One, that in a handicap event one bisque may be divided into two halves; two, that Indoor Croquet be recognised by the Council.

## Report of the Laws Committee

In presenting this Report Mr. Rivington (Chairman) said he was happy to be able to say that almost complete unanimity had been reached with Australia and New Zealand, and the Laws Committee therefore recommended that the Laws should now be formally amended in accordance with the Interpretations and Rulings already promulgated. The Council unanimously approved this recommendation and that the Laws be now formally amended as follows:—

Law 8: Substitute a colon for a full stop at the end of both sub-laws 8(b) and (c) and then add the following proviso: "provided that a ball on which an actual roquet has been made always occupies its rightful position on the yard line by reducing to hand any ball which would otherwise interfere with its correct placing".

Law 32(a) (XI): Delete entirely and substitute: "Touches a ball other than his own ball with the mallet or any part of his body or clothes; or allows his own to touch any part of his body or clothes or to retouch his mallet".

Law 32(b) (1): Delete first sentence entirely and substitute: "Unless a fault is condoned the striker's turn ends, no point can be scored, and in all cases except for a fault made during a croquet stroke wherein the turn would have ended under Law 19(c) the balls are replaced".

The Council next considered suggested modifications to Regulations for Tournaments in the United Kingdom and after considerable discussion on the proposal of Canon Creed-Meredith seconded by Mrs. Reeve by a majority (3 members dissenting) approved the following modifications.

Regulation 6: Modification by Mr. J. W. Solomon, seconded by Mr. M. B. Reckitt and recommended by the Laws Committee. Add sub-paragraph (e): "On any question of fact a Referee on appeal has no power to award a fault under Law 32 in cases where the matter cannot be decided by the existing position of the balls".

Regulation 8: Draft submitted by Mr. H. C. S. Perry (preferred to draft amended by Laws Committee, forbidding taking of bisques in games subject to time limits at any time after time has been called):

Delete Regulation 8 entirely and substitute.

## 8 Time Limits

(a) Time limits may be imposed as follows:

(i) The Committee of a Tournament may in any advertised programme fix a time limit of not less than 3 hours for any event, but in any series of events played in classes according to handicap or sex the time limit must be the same for all games in each class.

(ii) The Manager, before the start of the event, may impose a time limit of not less than 3 hours for that event. He shall also have power before the start of a particular round of any event to impose a time limit of not less than 3 hours in all the games in that round and all subsequent rounds.

(iii) Where no time limit has been imposed under (i) or (ii) above, the Manager shall have power to impose a time limit of one hour on any game after it has been played for not less than 2 hours, if in his opinion the length of that game would otherwise impede the progress of the Tournament. If when play has ended under a time limit so imposed neither side has more than 4 points to make a further half hour shall be added.

(b) Time limited games are brought to an end as follows:

(i) Time is called, the competitor in play completes his turn and the opposing side plays one subsequent turn. The side which has then scored the greater number of points wins. In Handicap play notwithstanding the provisions of Law 38 a bisque may not be used after either of these turns.

(ii) If the points are equal at this stage, play continues and the side which scores the next point wins. In Handicap play bisques may be used during this continuation of the game.

(c) For the purpose of this Regulation only, one turn ends and the next turn begins as soon as the striker has played the last stroke which he is entitled to play in that turn.

The Council authorised the Chairman of the Laws Committee to arrange for 2,000 copies of appropriate slips to be printed and distributed to:

(i) All associates with Croquet.

(ii) To the Trade who had purchased copies of the Laws Books in bulk.

(iii) To all subsequent purchasers of the Laws Book.

## Examination of Referees

The Chairman of the Laws Committee reported that with the help of Mrs. Reeve, Miss Lintern and Mr. Reckitt he had been through the Examination Book for Referees and amended the Law references therein, and that they proposed to produce a short questionnaire on the new Laws for examination of existing Referees and a new examination book for the examination of new Referees.

Considerable discussion took place as to whether aspirants to become Referees should be allowed to study the examination book prior to the examination. After a motion by Canon Creed Meredith to defer the question till the next meeting had been rejected it was agreed that all Referees and aspirants to becoming Referees should be allowed to have the examination book.

The recommendation of the Laws Committee on the proposal of Mr. Solomon seconded by Mr. Duffield that Mrs. Reeve, Mr. Solomon, Mr. Perry and Mr. Rivington be appointed examining Referees with power to co-opt was approved.

The information that Miss Lintern, who had been also recommended by the Laws Committee as an examining Referee was unable to undertake the duties was received with regret.

The recommendation of the Laws Committee on the proposal of Mr. Solomon seconded by Dr. Wiggins that all existing Referees should be examined on the changes in the Laws during 1962 was approved.

## Any other Business

The motion in abeyance re dinner to Test Team was suspended. Canon Creed Meredith proposed that sympathetic good wishes be sent to Mrs. Sundius-Smith.

The selectors for Invitation Events were chosen by vote as follows:

W. Longman, M. B. Reckitt, Miss D. A. Lintern and E. P. Duffield.

The meeting was then closed.

# THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 30th—August 4th

This historic tournament, the oldest in our annals since it dates back nearly a century, attracted a worthy entry on this occasion, including as it did as many as sixteen players who have at some time played in the President's Cup, seven of these being members of our Test Team, from whom so much is confidently expected. Some interest was shown at the beginning of the week in the question of whether any of these giants might fall to lesser beings on their way to the final stages but in the event only one of them did so. Lloyd Pratt, who arrived having had few opportunities for play earlier this season, was below his best in his first round match against Karmel, and as is so often the case when a player is out of form, he was out of luck too. But he would have needed not only skill but fortune to have beaten his adversary who ran into his best form quickly, and maintained it so well that he threatened to take the scalp of another member of the team in the next round, winning a game from Joan Warwick. William Ormerod was another who did not show his best at once and yielded a game to Maurice Reckitt who, becoming afflicted by a sharp attack of (presumably) lumbago, was quite unable even to begin a third game. Eventually four members of the team appropriately arrived in the semi-finals, two who did not having been eliminated by their compeers.

John Solomon, the holder, began with a good victory over Hicks, who did not find opportunity to show us his best during the week, and went on to beat Hodges, his sound game presenting the excited onlookers with one of the most magical triples which even he has ever performed. As one spectator said to him afterwards, "I can't imagine not only how you brought off some of those shots, but how you ever got the idea of trying them." Skill such as this looked quite invincible, yet it did not prove so, and the close of the champion's match against Ormerod produced perhaps the most thrilling finish of the tournament. The first game had featured the expected triple from John. At the beginning of the second William was a little lucky to hit a ball by ricocheting off a hoop, but after this played perfectly and performed an exemplary triple. The third game was somewhat "in and out"; spectators reported with something like wonder that "John made three mistakes" (how glad most of us would be were ours only three!). Then, with his clip on 4-back and his adversary's on 2-back, William pegged out John's forward ball and his own. This tactic was not generally approved, the "best opinion" being that in such company a two hoop lead is not a safe margin. Would that space permitted a record of all that happened after this point. The upshot of it was that John, having run the penultimate, with William's ball lying in the region of the rover hoop, his ball was slightly deflected by the peg, leaving him with a longer shot than would otherwise have been the case, yet not so long that it would be expected that he would fail to hit it. Yet miss it he did, and William's victory soon followed. A more absorbing contest could hardly have been imagined; it was sad that either should have had to be eliminated at this stage.

In this round Bobby Wiggins and Patrick Cotter, who was playing particularly well, won their matches without serious challenge, but Miss Warwick and

Stoker had an all-day match; the first two games were close, with the veteran player winning from behind in each case. In the third both players were understandably somewhat tired and the game was protracted, the lady emerging victorious shortly before seven o'clock.

The match between Cotter and Joan Warwick did not present any special features of interest. Patrick got his triple in the first game. His opponent was first round in the second, but Patrick hit in from the lift and got round. After this, play degenerated somewhat and easy hoops were missed by both contestants, but eventually the game went fairly decisively to our team captain. But if this semi-final was uneventful the other certainly was not. William Ormerod on two occasions took most incautious shots in the first game and from the failure of each Wiggins made good breaks, but just when it looked as if he was going out, he missed a roquet after 4-back, the ultimate consequence of which was that his other ball was pegged out. When William seemed likely to win the game, Bobby saved the situation for himself by hitting a splendid full length shot, made his last two hoops and played to the peg. William replied by hitting a long shot himself which enabled him to win the game by one point.

In the second game Bobby seemed likely to win, but William when far behind picked up a beautiful break with his backward ball. His other ball being for the penultimate, he laid up near the second hoop, but his opponent hit what would probably have been a last shot and won the game by 4. The final game more or less reversed the process. Playing (as had been the case in the previous game) in drenching rain right on to eight o'clock, it was William who took the lead, but next morning Bobby got in and all went well for him until the final lift shot which (as in both other games) William hit, pegged out the rover ball and soon afterwards won the game. The consistency of both players, under very trying conditions, was quite remarkable right through this match, as was the high standard of shooting, William having the very slight edge here which brought him success.

The final was played on a lovely afternoon before a good gallery. After a few weak strokes from each player, Cotter picked up a very good break to 4-back, ending it with a leave at which even his ever audacious opponent was not prepared to shoot, and he placed his ball in No. 1 corner. But this unwonted caution availed him nothing, for Patrick with a characteristically daring take-off to a boundary ball established a break and started a triple but this did not materialise. The lift shot was missed and the game went to the English captain in 45 minutes. Caution having proved unprofitable, William threw it to the winds at the opening of the second game, shooting at two balls in the second corner, from which Patrick cleverly obtained a break. William's lift shot was so imprudently aimed that on his missing it his ball hit the fifth hoop and remained there. This gave his opponent what was (for him) an easy chance of a triple, and it looked as if he was about to win the match with a second 26 when he became slightly hoop-bound after running the penultimate and missed the roquet. William seized this unexpected gift to make an excellent all-round break and to start another, when for no obvious reason (unless possibly the outbreak of the

club orchestra) he stuck at an easy third hoop. This gave Patrick an easy opportunity to win, and the conclusion of the match synchronised conveniently with the opening of the cafeteria at tea time.

Our Captain well deserved his third Championship victory. He never came near losing a game in the event and was playing throughout with the greatest confidence—if sometimes, one felt, a little more hastily than was altogether prudent. It is a very good omen for the tour that at least four members of the team should show themselves to be in such outstanding form on this occasion. What a fine President's Cup it promises to be!

The main event has this year demanded so much space that the others must perforce be treated much more briefly than is fitting. With three test team couples in the Doubles the outlook may have appeared to be somewhat intimidating to others, for only nine pairs in all were entered. Hicks and Ormerod disappeared rather easily, to the holders, and Wiggins and Miss Warwick fell to the dashing play of David Curtis and Alex Karmel. The latter pair indeed went very near to robbing our premier couple of their title. Play had gone on for fully an hour before Patrick and John began their assault. David had gone round early with an excellent break; Patrick was the next to follow; the lift was missed, and then John went to the peg, peeling his partner through 4-back on the way. The lift shot was then hit, John was pegged out and Alex starting from the third hoop, began a light-hearted career with not a few mishaps and some hair breadth escapes till after 4-back Patrick at length hit in and the champions won their sixth title by four points.

The Association Plate is an event in which the unexpected happens, and there would have been few perhaps who could have picked the finalists to finish as they did. It looked at one time as if another event was to go to a member of the test team, but Bryan Lloyd-Pratt failed by a very narrow margin to overcome Mrs. Longman after a long game. In the other half that much improved player, Mr. Camroux, was having some good wins, his steadiness being aided by excellent shooting. But unhappily for him this art completely eluded him in the final and Mrs. Longman won a bloodless victory. She has been in the final of this event before, and it was good to see this tenacious player bringing off so conspicuous a success.

The weather was patchy, being chilly on the first two days and dimly wet on the Friday evening, but there was a good deal of sunshine at other times. The courts, as always here, beautifully prepared, were somewhat slower, and so less interesting than usual. General Davidson, managing this premier event for a second year, continued to please everybody while making no unjustifiable concessions in order to do it. Some of our most famous managers in the past have been military men, and no higher praise could be given to the General than to say that if the ghost of Colonel Brooke had been standing beside his tent, a spectral voice might have been heard to whisper, "Well done."

Championship week ended on a pleasing note with a cocktail party given by the senior vice-president and his lady as an occasion to honour the Test Team. Mr. Longman expressed the wishes of all present in wishing the team a successful tour and the Team captain, Patrick Cotter suitably responded.

### OPEN SINGLES THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP (27 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson +16 —6 +10.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent scratched.  
C. W. R. Hodges bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +14 —7 +18.  
J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks +9 +21.  
Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt M. B. Reckitt —6 +17 (opponent retired).  
A. V. Camroux bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +9 +19.  
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts +21 +24.  
A. D. Karmel bt B. Lloyd Pratt +16 +18.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt D. W. Curtis +3 +9.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon w.o. W. Longman opponent scratched.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +9 +19.

#### SECOND ROUND

G. W. Williams bt G. M. FitzPatrick +22 —5 +14.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt J. G. Warwick +16 +17.  
J. W. Solomon bt C. W. R. Hodges +24 +22.  
Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt A. V. Camroux +3 +11.  
Miss E. J. Warwick bt A. D. Karmel +13 —14 +17.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon +22 +17.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt T. G. S. Colls +20 +18.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Major E. C. Heathcote +17 +17.

#### THIRD ROUND

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt G. W. Williams +23 +15.  
Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt J. W. Solomon —17 +24 +2.  
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +4 —4 +9.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +26 +21.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +1 —4 +4.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss E. J. Warwick +16 +12.

#### FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. W. P. Ormerod +26 +15.

### DOUBLES HANDICAP THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP (9 Pairs)

#### FIRST ROUND

T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Major E. C. Heathcote and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 4.

#### SECOND ROUND

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Miss E. J. Warwick bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 21.  
D. W. Curtis and A. D. Karmel bt T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 19.  
H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and J. G. Warwick by 22.  
E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 13.

#### SEMI-FINAL

D. W. Curtis and A. D. Karmel bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Miss E. J. Warwick by 5.  
E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. P. Ormerod by 26.

#### FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt D. W. Curtis and A. D. Karmel by 4.

### OPEN SINGLES THE ASSOCIATION PLATE (17 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

D. W. Curtis bt J. G. Warwick by 14.

#### SECOND ROUND

A. V. Camroux bt M. B. Reckitt by 15.  
T. G. S. Colls bt Major E. C. Heathcote by 3.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 3.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts bt D. W. Curtis by 3.  
G. M. FitzPatrick w.o. W. Longman opponent retired.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 4.  
A. D. Karmel bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 13.  
B. Lloyd Pratt bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 20.

#### THIRD ROUND

A. V. Camroux bt T. G. S. Colls by 7.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 14.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 16.  
B. Lloyd Pratt bt A. D. Karmel by 9.

#### SEMI-FINAL

A. V. Camroux bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 21.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 3.

#### FINAL

Mrs. W. Longman bt A. V. Camroux by 26.

## They are Seven

### An Ode

occasioned by the departure of a British Team to the Antipodes in quest of a glorious Shield.

Awake my muse, and so inspire my strain  
Fifty I'll tell of those who'll strive to gain  
A victory unheard of heretofore  
Against their foes on Ocean's furthest shore  
At Kpwké, that is man's sublimest game,  
And win—if win they may—a deathless fame.  
Macpherson, son of Robert, once decreed  
(And of a surety 'twas a noble deed)  
A splendid Shield be granted to the land  
Which shows the highest skill by brain and hand.  
And so across the globe we send forth these,  
Cleaving the air or battling with the seas,  
To fields made famous by the mighty deeds  
Of Ross, and those whom now young Ashley leads.  
What hope can mortals have against such odds?  
In such extremity we call upon our GODS!

The leader's JOVE—who else could fill the role?  
Massive in mind, magnanimous in soul.  
Completely master of all classic speech,  
The which he deigns most graciously to teach,  
He leaves his scholars weeping at St. Paul's  
To juggle, godlike, with the coloured balls.  
In one hand mallet, while the other which  
To nether raiment gives a prudent hitch  
(As well it may)—just once he glances round,  
And planting feet full firmly on the ground  
Speeds forth his ball, which knows not how to stray,  
To hit another thirty yards away.  
How does he do it? You have but to look  
At pictures Jove himself has shown us in his book.

See how beside his captain now there stands  
Bright MERCURY with magic in his hands.  
Oft as we gaze, so oft the wonder grows  
That one slight frame can show us all he shows.  
His adversary's confidence he'll cripple  
In every match with the recurrent Triple.  
Do everything in turn, and nothing wrong,  
Yet still one feat eludes him—for how long?  
'A chance at last,' his awed opponent feels,  
When Mercury attempts sextuple peels.  
Do English faint hearts hope, against Kiwis  
The god will not too often strive for these,  
The feat may cost too dear and we shall rue it—  
Yet who will dare to say that he will never do it!

Beside them both, and fully peer of these,  
We next descry the massive HERCULES.  
Recalling the triumphant paths he's trod,  
Who now could deem him less than any god?  
'Tis patent e'en to casual observer  
He fully shares the wisdom of Minerva.  
Subtle in skill, in strategy sagacious,  
'Tis in adversity he's most tenacious.  
While others aim at more—but perhaps should not do—  
He'll always hit the shot that he has got to.  
His doughty labours gained a champion's status  
So often that we know he has divine afflatus.

Jupiter Tonans, needing it no more  
His hammer has passed on to mighty THOR,  
And mightily he wields it, in physique  
Tremendous, and as handsome as a Greek.  
While up his sleeve a special gift he'll keep,  
For his the art to put all men to sleep.  
Has he no weakness? Well, 'tis sometimes said  
That in attempts the obstinate hoop to thread  
He'll check his swing, and as the stroke expires,  
The luckless ball is left between the wires.  
No matter though, for there is no disputing  
So strong his arm, so accurate his shooting,  
He'll overtake his enemies, and best them;  
They'll find this Bobby knows just how he should arrest them.

Like Thor possessed of Physic's subtle skills  
Young AESCULAPIUS cures all Nature's ills.  
But this he'll interrupt to make the trip,  
Seize mallet in a strange but sinuous grip,  
And soon with lupine stride around he'll lope,  
Arousing in opponents groundless hope  
That he is bound to fail, that ten yard roquet,  
That four yard hoop—it simply isn't croquet!  
Even his friends, admiring what he'll do,  
Recall that prudence is a virtue too.  
And hope he'll add to other prophylactics  
A cure for over-optimistic tactics.  
Each break he gets, it seems he must make hay with it,  
But in the end he'll nearly always get away with it.

Straw on his head, but no straws in his hair,  
PHOEBUS APOLLO now delights the air.  
The graceful figure, clothed with perfect taste,  
An azure surcingle around the waist,  
Matches such elegance of outer wear  
By elegance of bearing debonaire.  
Yet more important for our subtle sport  
His elegance of stroke upon the court;  
Of manner too, for cheerful and loquacious,  
What more impresses still, he's ever gracious.  
If games go badly he'll continue grinning,  
So though he's losing, he is always winning.  
Victorious or not, we all may feel  
To far New Zealand he will bring a bright new zeal.

At last—a fitting climax to my song—  
A goddess comes to join th' Olympian throng.  
Majestic JUNO, queen of many a game,  
Returns to swards familiar with her fame.  
At hockey once she sped a flying ball,  
Now four of them dismay her not at all.  
Then black and blue no doubt, today more mellow,  
She's just as dangerous if red and yellow!  
When in, her chances seldom she'll let slip,  
And to four-back will urge th' obedient clip.  
When out, her shots will hit three times in four,  
Diana's arrows could not fly more sure.  
Kiwi and Kangaroo, when she's appeared,  
Will cry, "D. D. herself was not more to be feared."

'Tis well they're gods, both veteran and new man,  
For now their task is truly superhuman.  
Who but divinities could e'er succeed in  
Auckland and Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin,  
And wrest the trophy from the eager hands  
Of those they'll battle with in southern lands?  
Never before have those from far revealed  
Power to win on distant shores the Shield.  
But now, with Seven godlike in their skill,  
Can it be done? We cry "It can be and it WILL!"  
EMBER

The above was delivered by the author at the Hurlingham Club Dinner on August 9th. For the benefit of those who are not sufficiently in the croquet picture to know the foibles, etc., of the team, the order of their appearance in the Ode is Patrick Cotter, John Solomon, Humphrey Hicks, Bobby Wiggins, William Ormerod, Brian Lloyd Pratt and Joan Warwick.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A tribute to management

Dear Sir,

I know that Miss Steel's managing—at the last moment—of the Cheltenham tournament was very greatly appreciated; and due tribute will doubtless be paid to her in the account of the tournament.

Nevertheless I would like to place on record that I have never known a tournament more skilfully managed. Before the heavy rain came on the Thursday, the courts were distinctly difficult, and there were some very long games in the Doubles on the Wednesday; yet play in this event started at the first hoop and no time-limits came into force (how much more satisfactory, especially to the losers).

D. D., I feel sure, put more hard work and thought, backed up by her great experience, into the week, than was perhaps generally realised.

Yours faithfully,

H. O. HICKS

## The Hurlingham Club Dinner

The sustained high quality of the speeches at this popular biennial function must increasingly pose the question to the croquet committee of the club whether they can continue to guarantee speakers of such high calibre. No such qualms need to have been—or indeed were—entertained this year. Maurice Reckitt and Patrick Cotter, Jack Rivington and Joan Warwick all saw to it that we were nobly regaled in our post-prandial relaxation. The tour de force was undoubtedly Maurice's Ode which we reproduce in this number. His introduction to, and recital of, this gem will long live in the memories of his listeners.

Space prevents full justice to the content of the other speeches. Patrick Cotter made a succinct review of each member of his team, which he added would be second to none in its team spirit. He wanted particularly to thank Maurice Reckitt and Brigadier Stokes-Roberts for their invaluable help in making the tour possible. He was confident that the Macpherson Shield would be won on overseas soil for the first time.

Jack Rivington's toast to the ladies put us in mind of a fine crusted old port, full of mellow fruitfulness. Here indeed is a natural. Particularly felicitous were his historical references to Joan of Arc and Warwick the Kingmaker. Joan Warwick replied on behalf of the ladies with charm and quiet eloquence. She voiced the thoughts of all in regretting Brack's absence from the dinner. As one who had in many of her previous activities—on the hockey field, in the A.T.S., etc.—been accustomed to predominantly female company she would find it stimulating to adapt herself to being the only lady among six male members of the team.

Alex Karmel who was in the chair referred to the fact that they had three vice-presidents with them, which was greeted with acclamation. He was also pleased to welcome four (at least) of the keen undergraduates who have taken up the game.

We imagine many of the 67 present went home making a mental note to come again in two years' time.

## Croquet Gymkhana

Brigadier and Mrs. Stokes-Roberts were "At Home" for a Croquet Gymkhana at Hurlingham on Friday, 20th July. About 70 people took part including a number of guests from clubs as far afield as Llandudno, Nottingham, Eastbourne, Southwick and Budleigh Salterton.

To start with the weather was perfect and six lawns and a large part of the cricket ground were fully occupied until tea was served. Then sad to say we had a typical example of this year's summer—it rained and rained and continued to rain to make any further play impossible.

However, thanks to the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. Winston Cheavin and Miss Deborah Bowyer, who seized this opportunity for selling raffle tickets for prizes presented by the Hurlingham Croquet Committee a good deal of the money was gathered in, which could no longer be spent on the lawns. We were all delighted when Monty Spencer Ell won the bottle of Haig, especially as he has been such an enthusiastic supporter of events like these.

The Dominion Tour Fund has been credited with a further £61 odd and if all had gone well this might have been much nearer £100.

Of the ten events, only three could really be counted as being directly connected with orthodox croquet and so likely to be won by a player of the premier class—little wonder therefore that two of these should fall to John Solomon, although he was only allowed one prize!

Undoubtedly his best performance was in the two ball break when he scored nine hoops a feat which had been equalled by Captain Stoker last time we held this tourney. Mrs. Longman achieved a notable success in the first event when in four shots from the boundary she made the first hoop with three and hit the wire with the fourth.

We were indebted to Alex Karmel for donating the prizes, ten very high-class Biro pens and to members of the Hurlingham croquet committee for the raffle prizes. It was pleasing to note that two of the prizes were won by long bisquers B. L. Caillard and Mrs. Wheeler and we hope this will give them further encouragement to persevere.

Finally a special word of praise for the volunteers who supervised each event. Several never had a chance of playing in any of the other events, which they had decided to defer until after tea, and then rain stopped play!

## GETTING OUT

(Another hint to improving players)

How often do we hear players complaining that they don't know what to do at the end of a game, or even if they don't admit this, they show only too clearly that it is the case. This is, of course, a large and rather complex subject, but one hint in regard to it may be helpful. Suppose that your Black is on the peg and Blue is still for the Rover hoop. Red is in the third corner, Yellow is near the south boundary, and Black when it has made the Rover has had no chance to wire near the hoop from either of the opponent's balls. He, therefore, gets a rush on his partner to the neighbourhood of the second corner and lays a rush for his partner's ball in such a way that it can be directed towards either Blue's hoop or the peg. Yellow joins Red in corner III.

Blue's problem now is to decide whether to attempt the rush to his hoop or to send Black towards the peg, take off to the third corner, and try to rush one of the adversary's balls to his hoop.

In nearly every case—unless perhaps the ground near corner III is particularly fast and unreliable—the second course is the wiser one, for these reasons: (i) Unless Blue's rush to the hoop is extremely accurate he is unlikely to make it with sufficient control to make sure of pegging out both his balls; (ii) If he does not, he will not only risk leaving a ball in the middle of the court with a dangerously short shot for the opponent, but he will probably have a longer take-off to corner III than he would have had from a ball left at the peg; but (iii) what needs to be done above all is to separate the adversary's balls, for then even if he fails to make the Rover hoop, he will have avoided leaving a certain innings for his opponent.

All this may seem fairly obvious, but how often does a player's eagerness to get out induce him to snatch at the chance of making his hoop at once. Let him remember that important as it is that he should get out, it is more important still that his adversary should not get in—and act accordingly. M.B.R.

## Questions and Answers

**Question:** Do you know the difference in (a) replacing the balls after any fault and (b) replacing the balls after playing with the wrong ball although this also is a fault?

**Answer:** In the first instance, making a fault (Law 32), the balls are replaced exactly as they were (unless a ball, being so placed is inside the yard-line area, when it must be adjusted on to the yard-line). In the second instance the player may place his ball against any part of the correctly roqueted ball (within the law), as in this case he is giving it a position which he had not done previously when it was in hand.

**Question:** If the striker fails to take croquet when he is entitled to do so what is the duty of the adversary?

**Answer:** If the adversary observes the mistake he should forestall play at any time before the next stroke but one and any balls moved shall be replaced and the striker shall take croquet. If the adversary fails so to forestall, play shall continue as if the striker, being entitled to play, had never made the preceding roquet, Law 29 (c).

## Things we would like to know

What did the charming lady referee really think of the player in a competition at Sussex by the sea, who demanded a second referee, and did this player feel so very cock-a-hoop when in the reply she was given the stroke?

What did the Secretary of Reigate Priory say after donning his fairly clean white flannel trousers and then found that he had forgotten to bring a white shirt, and did his blue one match the azure Sussex sea?

How did this same Secretary feel after he had advised with avuncular concern a new member to buy a certain 2s. 6d. book, and then found the new member's handicap was 3?

Did the well-known lady associate feel quite relaxed when asked to teach the triple peel to a presumptuous "Handicap 7" on an undulating garden lawn of 12 by 25 yards?

We wonder what Miss Joan Warwick would have said if she had overheard two country associates, as they left the side of No. 1 lawn at Hurlingham remarking: "Of course I have never spoken to her, but she gave me a lovely smile," with the reply "Oh yes, she also gave me a most gracious smile." L.W.B.

## Notes from the Clubs

### Reigate Priory

The following excerpt from *The Surrey Mirror* describes the annual meeting held earlier this year.

"At the annual meeting of the Reigate Priory Croquet Club Mr. Philip Ashurst was in the chair and Mrs. L. W. Buckley, Mrs. L. M. Shroff, Dr. J. E. H. Creed and Mrs. G. Hurry were elected to the committee for 1962.

"The accounts for last season showed a small surplus, after charging cost of repainting part of the club premises. However, this surplus had been achieved only by generous donations by some members in addition to annual subscription. Due to this the club had been able to avoid an increase in the subscription.

"The Croquet Association silver cup was won by Maj. A. M. Hicks, who prevailed over Mr. Tom Gandy in the final by three points on time. Maj. Hicks represented Reigate—no small honour to this small club—in the All-England competition held at Roehampton where he won a bronze medal. The silver challenge cup presented by Mrs. Frances Payne was won by Mrs. Shroff, who beat Mr. Denny by one point, the score being 17-16. The silver cup given by Col. N. B. Fuller, for ladies, to be won outright, went to Mrs. Buckley by 12 points on time in the final against Dr. Greta Hartley.

"Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Secretary of the Croquet Association, referred to the international character of croquet today. A Test team was to visit New Zealand, and to the growing popularity of the game particularly in boys' schools and the universities, there were now two annual fixtures between Oxford and Cambridge. She paid a warm tribute to the honorary secretary, Mr. Buckley, for his efforts, and the keenness of the members which had brought Reigate to its present flourishing condition, and this despite the limitation of one lawn.

"Mr. Buckley reported that they sent a team to the Sussex County Croquet Club, one of the largest in England, where they played four singles games and won two; and two doubles and won one, the net result being a draw. He had visited the club lawn in the beautiful setting of the Reigate Priory Cricket Ground that morning and had never known it looking better; the credit for this was due to the skill of Meadows, the new groundsman, and the co-operation of the cricket club.

"The club was entertained to tea by the kindness of Mrs. Buckley, followed by a short piano recital by one of its members, Miss Joan Sladen. She then ably accompanied Mr. E. Woolgar, who charmed his audience by his mastery of the concert flute."

### Southwick

It is pleasing to learn that Mr. Adams, the groundsman, will in future have more time to devote to the croquet courts, as the tennis club lawns have been taken over by another groundsman. The centre shelter windows have been glazed, and the larger panes of glass inserted, give a much clearer view for onlookers.

Perhaps it might be permitted to refer to the new shopping centre "Southwick Square", just off The Green, and recently officially opened. The Urban District Council and traders are to be congratulated upon this combined effort which is one of unique progress in Sussex. The former shops had to be vacated for road widening, and now that the new centre is open, it contains a variety of businesses, and easy car parking facilities for over 300 cars and there is still another group of shops to be erected.

### All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

The Club Championship was retained by Dacre Stoker after a splendid final against Brian Gilbert, the score—10, + 15, + 11.

Everyone was delighted to see Brian Gilbert in action again after his absence through illness last year. He rather threw away his chances in the last game by going off the boundary three times, each occasion giving Stoker a good leave.

The Handicap Singles was again won by Bernard Neal, who beat the Club Chairman, Herman David in the final by eight points, giving one bisque.

This was a very good performance as he was playing off handicap four, three less than last year.

Neal who is a professor of Engineering at London University, and a Cambridge tennis blue is a most accurate player. He has not played very much croquet but has studied Cotter's book most thoroughly and makes very few mistakes and has great powers of concentration. If he could find the time to play in a few first class tournaments he would soon be in the top flight. In the semi-final he beat Stoker by 26 points when receiving 4½ bisques which he used most intelligently.

### Burley (Hants)

A new Croquet Club has been founded in Burley (Hants), on the initiation of one or two of its residents with some past experience of the game.

The Club is now registered with the C.A. and five of its members are already Associates.

At present its membership necessarily has to be limited owing to lack of lawns and facilities generally, but there is a large potential of 50 to 100 persons who would be interested both in Burley and the district around.

Two kind and interested ladies have very generously placed at the Club's disposal their lawn which is nearly full sized and also their garden house for use as a Club room and have also offered to allow the Club the use of a paddock adjoining their garden for further lawn development.

The Secretary of the C.A. recently visited Burley and introduced to the Club members Major and Lady Ursula Abbey who with much experience of croquet and making lawns, were able to give some very useful suggestions in respect of developing the paddock referred to.

Lady Gurney Dixon, another well-known croquet player now living in the New Forest area, is also taking a kindly interest in the Burley Croquet Club.

Should further information be desired from any quarter, letters should be addressed to: Brigadier J. C. Burnett, Forest Corner, Burley, Ringwood, Hants.

### Hurlingham

The highlights of the month were the tournament and the dinner, both of which are dealt with fully elsewhere. While club members did not in general partake as fully as we might have expected in the finals we congratulate Patrick Cotter on again winning the Hurlingham Cup, V. C. and Bernie Duthie on their Candlesticks victory and Brian Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. Longman for their half shares in their respective Doubles. Mary Karmel had a good tournament while Godby was on the lawns during a high proportion of the week.

## LONGMAN CUP

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. OXFORD

Semi-final round: played at Roehampton, Friday 10th August, 1962.

### SINGLES

E. A. L. Sulley (5) lost to P. J. Fidler (5½) by 9.  
D. W. Miller (7) lost to D. C. A. Boucher (5) by 4.  
J. T. Laurensen (8½) bt C. G. Miller (8) by 15.

### DOUBLES

E. A. L. Sulley and J. T. Laurensen (13½) bt P. J. Fidler and D. C. A. Boucher (10½) by 6.  
D. W. Miller and R. J. Thorp (16) bt C. G. Miller and R. W. Farrington (17) by 17.  
Result: Cambridge University bt Oxford by 3 games to 2.

### HURLINGHAM v. EDGBASTON

Played at Hurlingham on Saturday, 18th August, 1962. Hurlingham players named first.

### SINGLES

H. F. Buller (3) lost to J. Meacham (3) by 12.  
Gen. H. J. Wilson-Haffenden (4) bt F. Meacham (8) by 3.  
Miss B. Duthie (7½) bt Miss C. Templeton (9½) by 12.

### DOUBLES

H. F. Buller and Mrs. M. L. Thom (8½) lost to J. Meacham and Miss C. Templeton (12½) by 14.  
Gen. H. J. Wilson-Haffenden and Miss B. Duthie (11½) bt F. Meacham and Mrs. de la Lacey (20) by 9.  
Hurlingham beat Edgbaston by 3 games to 2.

## DEVONSHIRE PARK

Match on October 6th,

The Test Team v. The Rest

The Rest

J. A. Hollweg  
Miss D. A. Lintern  
Mrs. W. Longman  
L. Kirk-Greene  
Mrs. E. Rotherham  
Capt. H. G. Stoker

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

July 9th-14th

For all those with a proper pietas towards our game the courts here should be sacred ground. For croquet has been played on this spot without any interruption for ninety years. And today Budleigh can justly claim to be England's champion club, and no doubt actually would be if the event had not fallen into desuetude. Croquet continues to prosper here, and every year new players are found to join the club and the Association too.

But "sacred" or not, the ground can be difficult to treat in such a dry season as has been experienced this year, and on the opening day some of the courts were very tricky. Heavy rain which fell that night (not by any means for the last time, alas) took most of the sting (and some of the interest) out of the lawns. But of the four best ones, three are very good indeed; No. 2 in particular seemed better than ever, and clearly the greatest possible care had been devoted to the whole ten of them.

There is no doubt that the most remarkable feature of this big tournament, with its large complement of first-class players, local and otherwise, was the play of Arthur Reed, the Captain of the Cambridge team. This young man made his debut at this tournament two years ago, and was at once recognisable as a potentially first-class player; his stance bears a striking resemblance to that of the great Cyril Corbally. He is a magnificent shot and has learnt a great deal, though not everything, about tactics in a very short time. In the writer's opinion he is the most significant figure to rise above the horizon since the arrival of his fellow Cantabs, William Ormerod and Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, and if he can get enough opportunities to play will soon equal their achievements.

But the strain of a long week on the courts (five games on the Friday) began to show a little at the end. Even so, it was only a missed rover hoop which stood between him and a Silver Medal in his exciting match with Miss Warwick. Meanwhile Col. Cave had been going from strength to strength, playing better every day the tournament lasted. As it was 7 o'clock by the time he was due to play Miss Warwick, the Opens were divided, the lady holder relinquishing her grip on one of the handles of the handsome Colman Cup.

A player who did notably well in this event, as also in the Handicap, in which he had to scratch in the semi-final, was Cdr. Beamish. He always plays well here, but this year he improved even on his past performances.

In the B Opens, as later in the Doubles, two very good medium bisquers met each other, Godby and Sitwell. The former, aided by Miss Agnes Mills in the Doubles, was the winner on both occasions. He has come on remarkably quickly and is not likely to remain a medium bisquer much longer. It was good to see Richard Rothwell playing in something like his old form and doing well in this event.

The two ladies who reached the final of the C event had had good wins in the semi-final. But the final was a very protracted affair in which each player showed a great deal of generosity to the other. Eventually Miss Gough made a wonderful approach to the rover hoop after her other ball had been pegged out, and a little later a no less remarkable shot at the peg from beyond the second hoop won her a closely fought game.

The handicap final was played between two local ladies who had each had some very good wins on the way, Mrs. Smartt being the first to check the victorious progress of Arthur Reed. She ultimately emerged as the winner after much good play from each competitor, marred only by a few unaccountably fluffed hoops. Mrs. Smartt is prepared to go to no end of trouble to achieve her results, but she does achieve them, largely by masterly hoop approaches. Every visitor to Budleigh knows by this time what a good player Mrs. Vincent is, and many of us think it cannot be long before she receives an invitation for the Ladies' Field Cup. Her success on this occasion was the more creditable in that she had all the burdens of a tournament secretary upon her shoulders. Croquet at Budleigh owes much to the Walters family, and Mrs. Vincent follows the fine example set here by her father for so many years.

Major Dibley's fame as a manager needs no further recommendation for it is widely known in many parts of the country. At Budleigh he literally works a twelve hour day; play on several evenings this year did not conclude until darkness fell about 10 p.m. the players nobly co-operating by returning from their dinner to continue their struggles. All this is characteristic of the spirit which pervades what many of those who return here again and again feel to be their happiest tournament of the year.

(The results of this Tournament appeared in the August number.)

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

### COMPTON

C. J. E. Dashwood 3 to 2.  
Mrs. G. W. Style 6 to 4.

### CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. D. Karmel 0 to —½.  
A. V. Camroux 2 to 1½.

### CHELTENHAM

#### BEFORE PLAY

C. H. O'D. Alexander 3½ to 3.  
Rev. J. E. Andrews 6½ to 5½.  
Miss K. M. O. Sessions 6½ to 6.  
W. H. Thorp 3½ to 3.

#### AFTER PLAY

Miss R. M. Allen 5 to 4.  
Rev. J. E. Andrews 5½ to 4½.  
C. H. O'D. Alexander 3 to 2½.  
F. W. Meredith 5½ to 5.  
N. F. Blackwood 2 to 1½.  
Miss K. M. O. Sessions 6 to 5.  
W. H. Thorp 3 to 2.  
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard 9 to 8.  
E. A. L. Sulley 6 to 5.  
Group Captain P. W. Lowe-Holmes 10 (D9).  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton 6\* to 7½\*.

### HURLINGHAM

Mrs. A. D. Karmel 9 to 8.  
Mrs. S. M. Adler 2½ to 2.  
R. A. Godby 4 to 3.  
T. F. H. Jessel 8\* to 6.  
P. J. M. Fidler 5½ to 4.  
E. A. L. Sulley 5 to 3½.  
D. W. Miller 7 to 5.

### CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS

#### BEFORE PLAY

R. O. Havery 11.  
J. Leaver 13.

#### AFTER PLAY

G. V. Evans 3½ to 4½.  
Mrs. K. Gray 12 to 14.  
W. A. G. Burgess 12 (D10).  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington 7½ to 7.  
D. C. Caporn 6½ to 6.  
Miss E. Fisher 2½ to 2.

## CHELTENHAM

July 23rd-28th

Once again it was a pleasure to come to this popular tournament, where the club is set in such lovely surroundings. We were all sorry to learn that Mrs. Chittenden, who was to have managed, was unable to do so, and for such a sad reason. All the players were very grateful to Miss D. D. Steel, who stepped into the breach at short notice and managed us with her well-known efficiency.

At the start of the week the lawns were difficult, being slippery and very fast. This caused many games to be protracted. When rain fell on Wednesday evening, surprising as it may seem, many were pleased. Thereafter the conditions were easier, even heavy.

There were some good games and exciting finishes, particularly in the doubles, which usually produce the greatest fun, if also the worst croquet. In one of the semi-finals the Prichards, though only 3 points from home, lost to Alexander and Andrews, who when they got in were on 2 and 4 respectively. Both of them made fine breaks to win by 3. The final of the doubles against Blackwood and Ryves was almost as exciting and took much longer. The terrible catastrophes when all clips were either on the rover or the peg kept the result in doubt for almost half an hour.

It was a pleasure to see that Sulley from Cambridge won the Money Salver, the B levels at the first attempt. Congratulations to all the winners. The results are given below.

All the visitors appreciated very much the hospitality afforded to them by the members of the Cheltenham Club. A very enjoyable week for us all.

## OPEN SINGLES THE CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE CUP (Two Life System)

### THE DRAW

(16 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 7.  
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt G. W. Williams by 22.  
W. H. Thorp bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 15.  
E. G. Bantock bt J. K. Brown by 16.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 15.  
N. F. Blackwood bt H. O. Hodgson by 11.  
H. O. Hicks bt Miss I. M. Roe by 16.  
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 5.

#### SECOND ROUND

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt G. E. P. Jackson by 23.  
W. H. Thorp bt E. G. Bantock by 7.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt N. F. Blackwood by 13.  
H. O. Hicks bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 8.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt W. H. Thorp by 6.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt H. O. Hicks by 9.

#### FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 3.

### PROCESS

(16 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

H. O. Hicks bt J. K. Brown by 12.  
H. O. Hodgson bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 8.  
V. A. de la Nougerede bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 21.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 12.  
N. F. Blackwood bt E. G. Bantock by 20.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt G. W. Williams by 20.  
Miss I. M. Roe bt W. H. Thorp by 7.  
Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt G. E. P. Jackson by 7.

#### SECOND ROUND

H. O. Hicks bt H. O. Hodgson by 13.  
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 11.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt N. F. Blackwood by 10.  
Miss I. M. Roe bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 7.

#### SEMI-FINAL

H. O. Hicks bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 22.  
Miss I. M. Roe bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 3.

#### FINAL

H. O. Hicks bt Miss I. M. Roe by 19.

#### PLAY-OFF

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt H. O. Hicks by 23.

### LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B) THE MONEY CHALLENGE SALVER (3 bisques and over)

(15 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

F. W. Meredith bt Mrs. M. McMordie by 10.  
Miss K. M. O. Sessions bt R. H. Newton by 19.  
E. Sidwell bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews by 12.  
C. H. O'D. Alexander bt G. R. Mills by 17.  
E. Sulley bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 8.  
Miss M. A. Posford bt Dr. T. E. Ryves by 7.  
Rev. J. E. Andrews bt Miss R. M. Allen by 3.

#### SECOND ROUND

Miss K. M. O. Sessions bt F. W. Meredith by 23.  
C. H. O'D. Alexander bt E. Sidwell by 14.  
E. Sulley bt Miss M. A. Posford by 20.  
Rev. J. E. Andrews bt Cmdr. D. W. Roe by 19.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Miss K. M. O. Sessions bt C. H. O'D. Alexander by 2.  
E. Sulley bt Rev. J. E. Andrews by 14.

#### FINAL

E. Sulley bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions by 5.

### HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS C) (6½ bisques or more)

(9 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (10) by 12.

#### SECOND ROUND

H. A. Sheppard (7½) bt F. H. Pugh (9½) by 6.  
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 2.  
Group-Capt. P. W. Lowe-Holmes (11) w.o. Mrs. L. H. Ashton opponent retired.

#### SEMI-FINAL

W. Green (11) bt Miss H. V. Bolton (11) by 24.  
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt H. A. Sheppard (7½) by 8.  
Group-Capt. P. W. Lowe-Holmes (11) bt W. Green (11) by 13.

#### FINAL

Group-Capt. P. W. Lowe-Holmes (11) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) by 3.

## HANDICAP SINGLES (37 Entries)

### FIRST ROUND

F. W. Meredith (5½) bt H. A. Sheppard (7½) by 8.  
Rev. J. E. Andrews (5½) bt G. R. Mills (5) by 7.  
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt E. G. Bantock (2½) by 13.  
J. K. Brown (1) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (1½) by 21.  
Miss I. M. Roe (1½) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (10) by 7.

### SECOND ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Miss H. V. Bolton (11) by 16.  
V. A. de la Nougerede (—1) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 14.  
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) bt G. W. Williams (½) by 2.  
Miss R. M. Ailen (5) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—½) by 6.  
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (6) bt E. Sidwell (4½) by 7.  
W. H. Thorp (3) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—½) by 15.  
F. W. Meredith (5½) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 16.  
Rev. J. E. Andrews (5½) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 20.  
Miss I. M. Roe (1½) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 11.  
W. Green (11) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 4.  
N. F. Blackwood (2) bt C. H. O'D. Alexander (3) by 11.  
E. Sulley (6) bt F. H. Pugh (9½) by 7.  
Cmdr. D. W. Roe (4) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 13.  
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) bt R. H. Newton (4) by 17.  
G. E. P. Jackson (—½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (7½) by 18.  
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 6.

### THIRD ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (—1) by 9.  
Miss R. M. Allen (5) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 12.  
W. H. Thorp (3) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (6) by 11.  
F. W. Meredith (5½) bt Rev. J. E. Andrews (5½) by 15.  
Miss I. M. Roe (1½) bt W. Green (11) by 4.  
N. F. Blackwood (2) bt E. Sulley (6) by 7.  
Cmdr. D. W. Roe (4) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) by 3.  
G. E. P. Jackson (—½) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (9) by 6.

### FOURTH ROUND

Miss R. M. Allen (5) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 23.  
W. H. Thorp (3) bt F. W. Meredith (5½) by 22.  
Miss I. M. Roe (1½) bt N. F. Blackwood (2) by 8.  
Cmdr. D. W. Roe (4) bt G. E. P. Jackson (—½) by 25.

### SEMI-FINAL

W. H. Thorp (3) bt Miss R. M. Allen (5) by 4.  
Cmdr. D. W. Roe (4) bt Miss I. M. Roe (1½) by 7.

### FINAL

W. H. Thorp (3) bt Cmdr. D. W. Roe (4) by 21.

## HANDICAP DOUBLES THE BARWELL SALVERS (Unrestricted) (17 Pairs)

### FIRST ROUND

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (8½) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Group-Capt. P. W. Lowe-Holmes (9½) by 5.

### SECOND ROUND

H. O. Hodgson and E. Sulley (8) bt F. H. Pugh and Miss H. V. Bolton (20½) by 10.  
C. H. O'D. Alexander and Rev. J. E. Andrews (8½) bt R. H. Newton and Miss M. A. Posford (10) by 14.  
G. R. Mills and H. A. Sheppard (12½) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche and Miss L. Wilkinson (17) by 12.  
Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (8½) bt Mrs. M. McMordie and Mrs. R. A. Hill (11) by 11.  
V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (2½) bt E. Sidwell and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (4½) by 3.  
E. G. Bantock and J. K. Brown (3½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe (3) by 7.  
N. F. Blackwood and Dr. T. E. Ryves (7) bt G. M. FitzPatrick and F. W. Meredith (7½) by 5.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (3) bt G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson (7½) by 4.

### THIRD ROUND

C. H. O'D. Alexander and Rev. J. E. Andrews (8½) bt H. O. Hodgson and E. Sulley (8) by 16.  
Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (8½) bt G. R. Mills and H. A. Sheppard (12½) by 11.  
E. G. Bantock and J. K. Brown (3½) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (2½) by 2.  
N. F. Blackwood and Dr. T. E. Ryves (7) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (3) by 10.

### SEMI-FINAL

C. H. O'D. Alexander and Rev. J. E. Andrews (8½) bt Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (8½) by 3.  
N. F. Blackwood and Dr. T. E. Ryves (7) bt E. G. Bantock and J. K. Brown (3½) by 10.

### FINAL

C. H. O'D. Alexander and Rev. J. E. Andrews (8½) bt N. F. Blackwood and Dr. T. E. Ryves (7) by 4.

## LADIES' FIELD CUP

### Analysis of Play

**Miss E. J. Warwick won 11 games;** namely against Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +23 +12, Mrs. A. M. Daniels +24 +21, Miss A. E. Mills +24 +9, Miss I. M. Roe +24 +13, Mrs. E. Rotherham +6, Mrs. G. W. Solomon +20 +23. She lost to Mrs. E. Rotherham -3.

**Mrs. E. Rotherham won 9 games;** namely against Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +12, Mrs. A. M. Daniels +16 +17, Miss A. E. Mills +21, Miss I. M. Roe +18 +5, Mrs. G. W. Solomon +11 +12, Miss E. J. Warwick +3. She lost to Mrs. H. F. Chittenden -8, Miss A. E. Mills -6, Miss E. J. Warwick -6.

**Miss I. M. Roe won 6 games;** namely against Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +2 +10, Mrs. A. M. Daniels +6 +10, Miss A. E. Mills +13, Mrs. G. W. Solomon +11. She lost to Miss A. E. Mills -11, Mrs. E. Rotherham -18 -5, Mrs. G. W. Solomon -3, Miss E. J. Warwick -24 -13.

**Miss A. E. Mills won 5 games;** namely against Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +11, Mrs. A. M. Daniels +15, Miss I. M. Roe +11, Mrs. E. Rotherham +6, Mrs. G. W. Solomon +11. She lost to Mrs. H. F. Chittenden -8, Mrs. A. M. Daniels -17, Miss I. M. Roe -13, Mrs. E. Rotherham -21, Mrs. G. W. Solomon -11, Miss E. J. Warwick -24 -9.

**Mrs. H. F. Chittenden won 5 games;** namely against Mrs. A. M. Daniels +17, Miss A. E. Mills +11, Mrs. E. Rotherham +8, Mrs. G. W. Solomon +12 +8. She lost to Mrs. A. M. Daniels -9, Miss A. E. Mills -11, Miss I. M. Roe -2 -10, Mrs. E. Rotherham -12, Miss E. J. Warwick -23 -12.

**Mrs. A. M. Daniels won 3 games;** namely against Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +9, Miss A. E. Mills +17, Mrs. G. W. Solomon +6. She lost to Mrs. H. F. Chittenden -17, Miss A. E. Mills -15, Miss I. M. Roe -6, -10 Mrs. E. Rotherham -6 -17, Mrs. G. W. Solomon -12, Miss E. J. Warwick -24 -21.

**Mrs. G. W. Solomon won 3 games;** namely against Mrs. A. M. Daniels +12, Miss A. E. Mills +11, Miss I. M. Roe +3. She lost to Mrs. H. F. Chittenden -12 -8, Mrs. A. M. Daniels -6, Miss A. E. Mills -11, Miss I. M. Roe -15, Mrs. E. Rotherham -11 -12, Miss E. J. Warwick -20 -23.

By an unfortunate error it was stated in the account of the event in the August number, that Mrs. A. M. Daniels was playing in the Ladies' Field Cup at Southwick for the first time. In fact she played in this competition in 1959. We tender her our sincere apologies.

## HURLINGHAM

August 6th-15th

The entry this year, while a little below last year's post war record, was still gratifyingly high and looked like posing problems for the management. The Hurlingham croquet committee had prudently—and indeed with his active support—relieved Brack of part of his cares by inviting Mr. Roper as joint manager. After a worrying first day when a continuous downpour prohibited any play after lunch things went very smoothly and the joint overseers can be very pleased with the results of their planning. The lawns were in really beautiful condition and games as a consequence were in most cases finished expeditiously. A pleasing feature of the tournament was the presence of a number of the Oxford and Cambridge teams as well as others of the younger generation. Some of the low bisquers suffered severely at their hands in the big handicap but were comforted by the thought of the entry of such promising new blood into croquet.

### The Hurlingham Cup

Four of the touring team were entered for this, the premier event of the tournament, and it was fitting that Patrick Cotter, the team captain and Open Champion, should again win. Last year he lost in one half to Joan Warwick but won the play-off. This year there were no half measures as Patrick beat David Curtis in the final of the Draw and Joan in the final of the Process. Perhaps the feature to be remembered however was the form of David Curtis. After a number of good wins in both halves he came up against Cotter twice and in both games was very close to beating the champion. Just one mistake in each game at four-back and he was unable to regain the advantage which he had had up to that point. There was no play off for second place as David became indisposed after the final of the Draw, or we might have seen a repeat of the very close game in which he had beaten Joan by 2 points.

### The Turner Cup

As last year, the ladies shone in this event. True, Major Abbey only just failed to reach the final and Townsend defeated the holder, Pat Solomon, and Miss Hickson and Dr. Penny before losing very decisively to Mrs. Anderson in the semi-final. This lady from New Zealand impressed all by her quiet, smooth play and was a very popular visitor. After her form earlier in the event she was fancied to beat Mrs. Adler in the final and indeed had worked up a substantial advantage at the end of the first hour. Mrs. Adler however, who is nothing if not tenacious, hit in courageously, caught up gradually and allowed the New Zealander to score no more points. As a result she moved up one class for the ensuing Challenge Cup event at Roehampton and caused a reshuffle of the draw.

### The Younger Cup

A not unexpected result was the victory of the Oxford captain, Peter Fidler, who while still lacking in experience compared with some of his opponents in this event, more than made up any deficiency by his execution. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts who last year lost in the final of the Longworth Cup moved up and had the galling experience of again being the losing finalist in the higher class, although having the satisfaction of a decisive win over Molly Thom in the semi-final.

### The Longworth Cup

The dark horse, Jessel, was an obvious favourite for this event. He proved to be a prodigious hitter of the ball, missing very little at a range up to 15 yards. Three yard hoops also gave him no qualms at all. Mary Karmel put up a gallant fight against him in the final and failed only by seven points. The entry for this event included three undergraduates and two schoolboys, a healthy sign for the future.

### The Mixed Doubles

An unfortunate feature of the draw was that the Warwicks were paired against Cotter and Miss Lintern. The former narrowly prevailed and went to the final where they met Hicks and Mrs. Longman who had earlier defeated the holders, Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. Elvey, in a game where the former pegged out Mrs. Longman; Hicks eventually hit in right across the lawn and made the last six points to go out. The final was a dour, protracted affair. Joan Warwick got her ball round early but the others proceeded in very slow stages. After an adjournment for lunch Hicks hit a long shot at a near double and shortly afterwards went out.

### The Candlesticks

The holders, Joan Warwick and Nancy Skempton, looked likely winners again and they duly reached the final after a particularly thrilling fight against the former winners, Miss Lintern and Mrs. Thom. In the final however they just succumbed to Mrs. Gasson and Miss Duthie. Many mistakes were made on each side and the issue could have gone either way so frequently did the innings pass from one to the other. It was pleasant to see V. C. on the winning side since her commitments to the Association during the last few years have somewhat restricted her opportunities for the fuller participation which she formerly had.

### The Men's Handicap Doubles

A surprising entry was the formidable combination of Humphrey Hicks and Bobby Wiggins with a handicap of minus six. They did in fact reach the final, having survived the first round only by the latter hitting across the lawn when Townsend and Christopher Miller were laid to go out. They then beat the former holders, Guy Warwick and Jack Rivington, more comfortably than might have been anticipated. In the final the bisque entitlement of Brian Lloyd Pratt and David Miller proved however too much for the minus players and so we had the youngest winners of this event for many years. The Pennys, father and son, could be held a little unlucky not to have beaten them in the first round since they were laid for the peg with the opponents a dozen or more points in arrears. With a successful long shot however and two handsome breaks the game swung the other way, a meritorious pull-back.

### The Handicap Singles

This attracted 63 entries, the draw being peppered with young men grossly overhandicapped according to the opinions of those fated to meet them. Some indeed by the manner of stroke execution could well have been thought by onlookers to be scratch players, but tactically they very naturally have much to learn. Jessel in particular struck the eye, his hooping and long shooting being prodigious until he reached the final where his art partly deserted

him. Sulley the ultimate winner did a double peel against Col. Beamish which was fair going for a 5-bisquer. Mary Karmel did well to reach the fourth round, beating the fancied Fidler, somewhat surprisingly on the book. Col. Adams usually does well in the handicap here and reached the semi-final beating David Miller in an exciting two-ball end game. Godby was another who took the eye and is one who has already come down this year from 8½ to 3.

The management found time unexpectedly for an extra event which attracted 20 entries. This was played on the one and three-back variation which prompted Guy Warwick to request the return of half his entry fee of 2s. 6d. after his game against Peter Fidler in which he had only three shots. On this light note the tournament ended. The successful joint administration to which abundant tribute is paid will it is hoped be resumed in twelve months' time.

### OPEN SINGLES

#### THE HURLINGHAM CUP

##### DRAW (18 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick w/o G. W. Williams (opponent scratched)  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 7.

##### SECOND ROUND

D. W. Curtis bt Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey by 26.  
J. G. Warwick bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 1.  
Col. C. C. Adams bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 18.  
Miss E. J. Warwick w/o M. Spencer Ell (scratched).  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt M. B. Reckitt by 16.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 24.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. W. Longman by 15.  
A. D. Karmel bt C. W. R. Hodges by 12.

##### THIRD ROUND

D. W. Curtis bt J. G. Warwick by 7.  
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Col. C. C. Adams by 2.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 12.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt A. D. Karmel by 23.

##### SEMI-FINAL

D. W. Curtis bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 2.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 26.

##### FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter bt D. W. Curtis by 4.

##### PROCESS (18 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

D. W. Curtis bt A. D. Karmel by 12.  
C. W. R. Hodges bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 14.

##### SECOND ROUND

Mrs. W. Longman bt M. Spencer Ell by 26.  
Col. D. W. Beamish bt J. G. Warwick by 21.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 14.  
D. W. Curtis bt G. W. Williams by 11.  
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 2.  
B. Lloyd Pratt bt M. B. Reckitt by 10.  
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Col. C. C. Adams by 15.  
C. W. R. Hodges bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 3.

##### THIRD ROUND

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. W. Longman by 9.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt D. W. Curtis by 7.  
Miss E. J. Warwick bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 21.  
C. W. R. Hodges bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 4.

##### SEMI-FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 23.  
Miss E. J. Warwick bt C. W. R. Hodges by 10.

##### FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 23.

### LEVEL SINGLES

#### TURNER CUP

(1 bisque and over)  
(18 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

S. S. Townsend bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 17.  
Major J. R. Abbey bt Miss E. Fisher by 16.

### SECOND ROUND

Mrs. E. Anderson bt D. Jesson Dibley by 19.  
C. H. R. Penny bt Capt. M. F. Buller by 24.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt R. A. Godby by 15.  
S. S. Townsend bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 11.  
Major J. R. Abbey bt Gen. Wilson-Haffenden by 10.  
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 16.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt G. Victor Evans by 19.  
Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan by 22.

### THIRD ROUND

Mrs. E. Anderson bt C. H. R. Penny by 5.  
S. S. Townsend bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 12.  
Major J. R. Abbey bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 3.  
Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 16.

### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. E. Anderson bt S. S. Townsend by 16.  
Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Major J. R. Abbey by 3.

### FINAL

Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Miss E. Anderson by 6.

### LEVEL SINGLES

#### YOUNGER CUP

(4½ bisques and over)  
(15 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

A. W. Skempton bt Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith by 11.  
Mrs. M. L. Thom bt R. A. Sigant by 22.  
Major F. Hill Bernhard bt Miss B. Duthie by 17.  
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson by 2.  
D. W. Miller bt J. M. Rivington by 14.  
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 16.  
E. A. L. Sulley bt Mrs. J. W. Speer by 7.

##### SECOND ROUND

Mrs. L. Thom bt A. W. Skempton by 3.  
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts bt Major F. Hill Bernhard by 17.  
D. W. Miller bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson by 14.  
R. T. M. Fidler bt E. A. L. Sulley by 11.

##### SEMI-FINAL

R. T. M. Fidler bt D. W. Miller by 22.  
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 20.

##### FINAL

R. T. M. Fidler bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts by 20.

### LEVEL SINGLES

#### LONGWORTH CUP

(8 bisques and over)  
(13 Entries)

(Starting at third hoop)

##### FIRST ROUND

R. J. Pickett bt Mrs. D. F. Caporn by 13.  
Miss S. Hampson w/o Mrs. R. M. Francis (opponent scratched)  
T. F. H. Jessel bt C. G. Miller by 20.  
Mrs. A. D. Karmel bt R. W. Farrington by 18.  
B. C. P. Caillard bt J. Leaver by 15.  
Mrs. R. J. Pickett bt R. G. Shewan by 21.

##### SECOND ROUND

R. J. Pickett bt Mrs. K. Gray by 16.  
T. F. H. Jessel bt Miss S. Hampson by 9.  
Mrs. A. D. Karmel bt B. L. P. Caillard by 8.  
Mrs. A. W. Skempton bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett by 16.

##### SEMI-FINAL

T. F. H. Jessel bt R. J. Pickett by 14.  
Mrs. A. D. Karmel bt Mrs. A. W. Skempton by 15.

##### FINAL

T. F. H. Jessel bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel by 7.

### HANDICAP SINGLES

#### PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP

(63 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

T. F. H. Jessel (8) bt Miss B. Duthie (7½) by 7.  
C. H. R. Penny (2½) w/o C. G. Miller (8) opponent scratched  
A. D. Karmel (-½) bt Mrs. O. A. Kerensky (14) by 11.  
S. S. Townsend (1½) bt Miss E. Fisher (2½) by 14.  
P. G. M. Fidler (5½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 26.  
O. A. Kerensky (14) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7) by 16.  
Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 8.  
Dr. H. J. Penny (3) bt Mrs. J. W. Speer (6½) by 7.  
R. W. Farrington (9) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (-2) by 22.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt M. B. Reckitt (—) by 8.  
 R. A. Godby (4) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 11.  
 Capt. M. F. Buller (3) bt W. Longman (1) by 3.  
 Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (8½) by 19.  
 Mrs. E. Anderson (1) bt D. Jesson Dibley (3) by 7.  
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) bt Miss V. E. Wheeler (16) by 15.  
 Dr. F. A. Bentley (10) bt R. A. Stigant (7½) by 24.  
 Col. D. W. Beamish (—) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (7) by 6.  
 E. A. L. Sulley (5) bt D. W. Curtis (—) by 23.  
 Mrs. A. W. Skempton (8½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) by 8.  
 J. G. Warwick (—) bt B. L. P. Caillard (11) by 14.  
 A. W. Skempton (6) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (—) by 25.  
 C. W. R. Hodges (—) bt Miss S. Hampson (8) by 10.  
 Miss E. J. Warwick (—) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) by 8.  
 Lady Ursula Abbey (2½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) by 11.  
 Mrs. W. Longman (—) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (5) by 11.  
 Mrs. E. Rotherham (—) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 2.  
 R. J. Pickett (8) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5½) by 2.  
 Col. C. C. Adams (—) w/o G. W. Williams (½) opponent retired.  
 Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) bt Major J. M. Rivington (4½) by 4.  
 Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (4) bt Mrs. B. L. P. Caillard (14) by 10.  
 D. W. Miller (7) w/o G. Victor Evans (3½) opponent retired.

SECOND ROUND

T. F. H. Jessel (8\*) bt C. H. R. Penny (2½) by 15.  
 S. S. Townsend (1½) bt A. D. Karmel (—) by 10.  
 P. J. M. Fidler (5½) bt O. A. Kerensky (14) by 13.  
 Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 13.  
 R. W. Farrington (9) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 12.  
 R. A. Godby (4) bt Capt. M. F. Buller (3) by 18.  
 Mrs. E. Anderson (1) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) by 13.  
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) bt Dr. F. J. Bentley (10) by 4.  
 E. A. L. Sulley (5) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—) by 26.  
 Mrs. A. W. Skempton (8½) bt J. G. Warwick (—) by 18.  
 A. W. Skempton (6) bt C. W. R. Hodges (—) by 13.  
 Lady Ursula Abbey (2½) w/o Miss E. J. Warwick (—) opponent scratched.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—) by 11.  
 Col. C. C. Adams (—) bt R. J. Pickett (8) by 16.  
 Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) bt Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (4) by 24.  
 D. W. Miller (7) bt Mrs. K. Gray (12) by 15.

THIRD ROUND

T. F. H. Jessel (8\*) bt S. S. Townsend (1½) by 6.  
 Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9) bt P. J. M. Fidler (5½) by 12.  
 R. A. Godby (4) bt R. W. Farrington (9) by 19.  
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) bt Mrs. E. Anderson (1) by 2.  
 E. A. L. Sulley (5) bt Mrs. A. W. Skempton (8½) by 6.  
 A. W. Skempton (6) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (2½) by 19.  
 Col. C. C. Adams (—) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—) by 23.  
 D. W. Miller (7) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) by 13.

FOURTH ROUND

T. F. H. Jessel (8\*) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9) by 10.  
 R. A. Godby (4) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) by 15.  
 E. A. L. Sulley (5) bt A. W. Skempton (6) by 8.  
 Col. C. C. Adams (—) bt D. W. Miller (7) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL

T. F. H. Jessel (8\*) bt R. A. Godby (4) by 24.  
 E. A. L. Sulley (5) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—) by 15.

FINAL

E. A. L. Sulley (5) bt T. F. H. Jessel (8\*) by 7.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES

LADIES' FIELD CANDLESTICKS

(Starting at the third hoop)

(9 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (6½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (4½) by 5.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. H. Chittenden and Miss H. Parker (4) bt Miss K. D. Hickson and Miss S. Hampson (12) by 11.

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (6½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—) by 10.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. E. A. Roper (9) bt Lady Ursula Abbey and Mrs. E. Anderson (3½) by 4.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss B. Duthie (10) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (3) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (6½) bt Mrs. H. Chittenden and Miss H. Parker (4) by 10.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss B. Duthie (10) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. E. A. Roper (9) by 8.

FINAL

Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss B. Duthie (10) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. H. Skempton (6½) by 7.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Starting at the third hoop)

(14 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

B. Lloyd Pratt and D. W. Miller (5) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and C. H. R. Penny (5½) by 2.

D. W. Curtis and M. B. Reckitt (—) bt Capt. M. F. Buller and R. A. Godby (7) by 6.

A. D. Karmel and R. J. Pickett (7½) bt Brig. Stokes-Roberts and L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (9) by 9.

H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—) bt C. G. Miller and S. S. Townsend (9½) by 2.

J. R. Rivington and J. G. Warwick (3½) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and G. V. Evans (2½) by 21.

D. J. Dibley and Major Hill Bernhard (8) bt D. J. M. Fidler and W. J. Wilson Haffenden (9½) by 9.

SECOND ROUND

B. Lloyd Pratt and D. W. Miller (5) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and E. A. L. Sulley (5) by 6.

D. W. Curtis and M. B. Reckitt (—) bt A. D. Karmel and R. J. Pickett (7½) by 16.

H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—) bt J. R. Rivington and J. G. Warwick (3½) by 21.

C. W. R. Hodges and A. W. Skempton (5½) bt D. J. Dibley and Major Hill Bernhard (8) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL

B. Lloyd Pratt and D. W. Miller (5) bt D. W. Curtis and M. B. Reckitt (—) by 7.

H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—) bt C. W. R. Hodges and A. W. Skempton (5½) by 6.

FINAL

B. Lloyd Pratt and D. W. Miller (5) bt H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—) by 8.

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES

(11 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. E. Anderson bt D. J. Wilson Haffenden and Miss B. Duthie by 6.

D. W. Curtis and Mrs. M. L. Thom bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson by 10.

H. O. Hicks and Mrs. W. Longman bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 11.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and V. A. de la Nougerede bt M. F. Bullen and Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 18.

SECOND ROUND

J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt D. W. Curtis and Mrs. M. L. Thom by 9.

H. O. Hicks and Mrs. W. Longman bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 8.

FINAL

H. O. Hicks and Mrs. W. Longman bt G. J. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick by 6.

EXTRA EVENT

(18 Point Game) (20 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

M. B. Reckitt (—) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (7) by 8.  
 Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5½) w/o Mrs. W. Longman (1) opponent retired.

C. G. Miller (8) bt S. S. Townsend (1½) by 18.  
 R. A. Godby (4) bt Miss S. Hampson (8) by 10.

SECOND ROUND

Dr. H. J. Penny (3) bt Miss E. Fisher (2½) by 7.  
 Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 5.

P. S. M. Fidler (5½) bt J. G. Warwick (—) by 18.  
 M. B. Reckitt (—) w/o Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5½) opponent retired.

C. G. Miller (8) w/o R. A. Godby (4) opponent scratched.  
 A. D. Karmel (—) bt Mrs. J. Pickett (8½) by 5.

Major Hill Bernhard (5) bt D. J. Dibley (3) by 5.  
 E. A. L. Sulley (5) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) by 7.

THIRD ROUND

Dr. H. J. Penny (3) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 9.  
 P. G. M. Fidler (5½) w/o M. B. Reckitt (—) opponent scratched.

C. J. Miller (8) bt A. D. Karmel (—) by 18.  
 E. A. L. Sulley (5) w/o Major Hill Bernhard (5) opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL

P. J. M. Fidler (5½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 18.  
 E. A. L. Sulley (5) bt C. G. Miller (8) by 12.

FINAL

P. J. M. Fidler (5½) bt E. A. L. Sulley (5) by 12.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fifty-fifth Annual Open Tournament will start on Monday, October 1st, and continue during the following two weeks

(Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—The Entertainment Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A.

Manager and Handicapper—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.  
 Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 3 (a).  
 Secretary.—The Secretary, Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6 (to whom all entries with fees should be sent).

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 15s. 0d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides: Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callaghan: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller.

3.—WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. H. Franc: Mrs. E. Reeve.

4.—DEVONSHIRE PARK SALVER. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 1½ to 4 bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual challenge Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company: Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart.

5.—LUARD CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 4½ to 7½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.: C. J. E. Dashwood.

6.—TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 8 to 10½ bisques (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.: Mrs. G. Fitter.

7.—FELIX CUP. Level play. Open to competitors handicapped at 11 bisques and over (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Miss M. Bryan.

8.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor. Holders M. B. Reckitt and Miss E. J. Warwick.

9.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. All games start at 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor. Holders M. B. Reckitt and C. J. E. Dashwood.

10.—HANDICAP SINGLES. To be drawn in one block. The Sussex Perpetual Challenge Cup (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder Mrs. H. C. S. Perry.

11.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 3½ bisques or more. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2 or 3. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder: C. J. E. Dashwood.

CONDITIONS

1.—In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. Time limit 7½ hours. In all other events matches of single games will be played.

2.—Competitors may not enter for more than two of Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

3.—Events 1, 2, 3 and 8 to be played under Laws of Advanced Play. Event 4 will be played under Laws of Semi-Advanced Play. Events 5, 6 and 7 under Laws of Ordinary Level Play. Events 9, 10 and 11 will be played under Laws of Handicap Play.

4.—Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday, October 1st, in Events 5 and 10 on Tuesday, October 2nd; in Events 8 and 11 on Wednesday, October 3rd; in Events 6 and 7 on Thursday, October 4th; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, October 5th; in Event 9 on Monday, October 8th.

INFORMATION

ENTRIES.—ENTRIES ACCOMPANIED BY ENTRANCE FEES FOR ALL EVENTS EXCEPT 8 AND 9 MUST REACH THE SECRETARY, THE CROQUET ASSOCIATION, HURLINGHAM CLUB, LONDON, S.W.6, BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER

20th. (Do not send Entries to Devonshire Park.) Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

Non-Associates must also pay a tribute of 35s. to the C.A. as this is an official tournament, or 17s. 6d. if they enter in only one event; but on their becoming Associates any tribute paid by them during the current year will be refunded or credited against their subscription.

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

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events except Events 8 and 9 will take place at the C.A. office, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, at 11.45 a.m. on Friday, September 21st. The Draw for Event 8 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, October 2nd, and for Event 9 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 6th.

A number of shelter tents will be provided.

COURTS AND EQUIPMENT.—Ten courts will be provided at Devonshire Park. It may, however, be necessary, should the Manager decide, to make use of the Compton Lawns in which case Mr. H. C. S. Perry will be in charge. *Intending competitors should make due note of this before sending in their entries.*

Jaques "Eclipse" balls and hoops 3½ in. wide will be used.

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

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

It is particularly asked that, in the interests of the Tournament, competitors who are timed for the first games each morning will be punctual and that they will be on the court and begin to play at the time stated.

Before leaving the ground for the day, competitors should not fail to consult the order of play announced on the board for the following day. A competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched under Regulation 12 (a) (i).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Granting of any leave must depend on the needs of the tournament.

HEELS.—Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

The Challenge Trophies may be held by the winner for one year or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period.

ADMISSION.—Associates will be admitted free on production of their Membership cards. Otherwise admission is 1s.

N.B.: The Match this year will be the British Test Team v. The Rest. It will take place on the first Saturday, October 6th, to enable those members of the team leaving early to complete their final preparations. Next year we hope to revert to holding the match on the second Saturday of the Tournament.

PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

Throughout the Tournament courts will be available for practice and friendly games at the Compton Club. These may be booked at Devonshire Park and green fees should be paid to the Tournament Manager when the booking is made.