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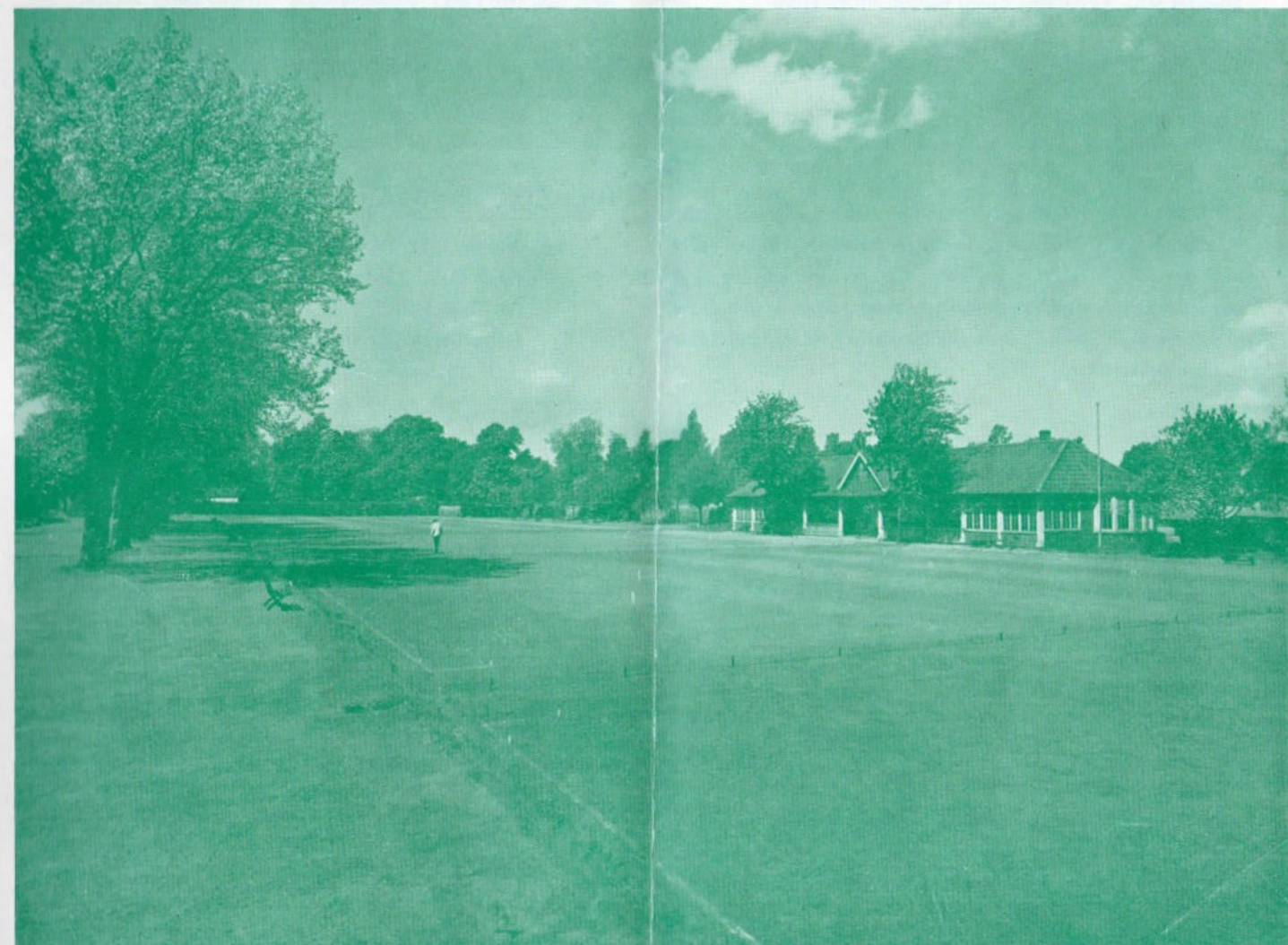
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Clubs are reminded that the last meeting of the Handicap Co-ordination Committee in 1963 will be early in November. Secretaries should, therefore, ensure that any alterations which they wish to recommend at the close of this season should reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than mid-October.

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F. H. Pugh

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V. C. GASSON,

Secretary

## NOTES by ROVER

### The Two Eights

While the unavoidable absence of three of the younger of last year's best Eight increased the average age of this year's contenders, the selection of Arthur Reed provided a worthy representation of the coming generation of croquet players and the results elsewhere in this number show that he held his own among his more experienced opponents. Youth was well to the fore in the Surrey Cup in the persons of Strachan, Fidler and Bolton, these three in fact participating in a triple play-off. It will be a long time we imagine before a boy of 15 is again selected for a C.A. Invitation Event and John Bolton, having annexed the All England handicap trophy at the unprecedentedly early age of 14, is creating a precedent for the second successive year. We have found that in the nine years since the Surrey Cup was first competed for, no fewer than 36 different players have appeared. Remembering that one of the objects of the introduction of the event was to recognise the merits of rapidly improving recent entrants to the game, it can be seen what a success has been achieved.

Six of the 36 have already moved on to the rarer atmosphere of the President's Cup, and judging by the performance of some Surrey Cup contenders this year, the number may well be added to in the future.

### Vox Populi

A report has reached us, which may be confirmed by the time these words are read, that the Council is to consider a temporary revival of the "Conference of Representatives of Registered Clubs" this autumn. This very useful opportunity of communication between the centre and what may be called the local constituencies was held almost every year between the Wars and was invariably well attended. Its purposes were two: first, to find out the opinion in the clubs on the problems by which the croquet world was faced as situations developed and new issues arose; secondly, to enable the Council to explain reasons for decisions which it was contemplating and policies it had in mind to pursue. A carefully prepared agenda was circulated well in advance and clubs were asked to discuss the matters therein raised, elect their spokesmen, and make clear the general line they should adopt in regard to these. Votes were taken at the conference, not of course to determine anything, but to assist the Council to assess the weight of opinion behind any views put forward. But here a snag arose which as time went on led to so much difficulty that the purpose of the conference as an occasion for free discussion tended to be largely frustrated thereby. Some clubs bound down their spokesman so closely that they were left with no freedom to take into account the arguments raised in the course of the debate. Should the experiment be repeated it may be hoped that clubs will encourage those whom they choose to attend to regard themselves rather as representatives than delegates, and trust them to arrive at their judgments only after a full consideration of the evidence.

### Croquet's Shop Window

As these lines are likely to be read—if read at all—during the tournament at Devonshire Park, a note about this famous event may be acceptable. It is probably, if not certainly, the oldest provincial item in the C.A. calendar still surviving, going back to the early days of croquet's revival in 1889, and it sprang into popularity at once; both entries and galleries were in those days enormous. There were 114 in the Handicap fifty years ago; as many as 140 in 1923, and 116 in 1933. The beautiful gold cups were presented, for 'Ladies and Gentlemen', by the Duke of Devonshire in 1907, and this remained for many years one of the very few tournaments where even the best of the female sex were not allowed to compete on level terms with men. All the greatest players in croquet history have played here; It was one of C. L. O'Callaghan's happy hunting grounds, and having won the Men's Cup outright for a fifth time in 1921, he gave it back for permanent competition. Soon after World War I, Mrs Ionides presented what is now the trophy for the principal Open event. The tournament has survived many vicissitudes—a railway strike in 1919; a General Election in 1959; and more seriously, what we recall as the Munich crisis in 1938. After World War II its revival was seriously threatened. Today it is the only occasion which attracts any considerable number of the public. *Fluctuat nec mergitur*: 'it tosses but it does not sink', is the motto of the city of Paris. May it always be true of this unique fixture.

### Peeling Limits

During the course of a handicap doubles in a recent Tournament the better player on one side was noticed to have peeled his partner through three hoops, and a spectator was heard to observe that the game would soon be finished if he went on at that rate. On being informed that the laws prohibited peeling a partner through more than four hoops in a handicap doubles, the spectator said that in that case the law was an ass and had no right to restrict the powers given to a good player to engineer matters to the best advantage of his side. The spectator would probably find himself in a small minority: there are obvious reasons for the law, since without it a handicap doubles could in many cases be little more than a specialised form of singles game. Strangely enough the law in former days read that in handicap doubles a player must not peel his *opponent* through more than four hoops, the reasons for its introduction coming from a game in which Captain Morgan participated. He and his partner had three bisques and the Captain, having encouraged by tactics the better of his two opponents to advance as far as 2 back, used his three bisques on gaining the innings to do a quintuple peel of the opponent's ball and peg him out, later winning the game. If ever a series were to be published of "Games I would have liked to see" this one would certainly merit inclusion.

## Notes from the Clubs

### Cambridge University

The Club ended a very successful season in a blaze of glory on September 14th, by winning the Longman Cup at the second attempt. In the final we beat Roehampton, prevailing narrowly over a strong challenge at the end of a long tiring day.

Throughout the series we have experienced great difficulty in raising a team, and though this was in part not our fault—being due to the considerable handicap reductions we have all undergone—we should like to thank Edgbaston, Colchester and Roehampton for their patience with our shortcomings, and for their generous hospitality. We are also grateful to Guy Warwick, and Arthur Reed for bringing teams to play us, and to all those people who have put themselves out to help and encourage us, especially Mrs Heley, whose lawn has been in constant use; and to Hunstanton and Hurlingham for the free loan of their lawns, and for their interest in our matches when we have visited them.

### Hurlingham

Members have had an opportunity during the past month of seeing the Top Eight displaying croquet at its best. What a pity the weather has not played its part, since the galleries would certainly have been larger had conditions been less inclement.

The winners of our Club events this year are:—

Open Championship: E. P. C. Cotter.

Level Singles (Scratch and over), S. S. Townsend

Lomas Cups (Handicap Singles): A: S. S. Townsend; B: R. A. Godby; C: Miss B. Duthie.

All England Handicap: N. Baldwin, R. J. Pickett.

### Southwick

Southwick held its first Croquet Gymkhana on Saturday, August 17th. The weather and the support from members and their friends ensured its success. Fortunately it was a fine afternoon and the Gymkhana was well attended and the eight varied events seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed. A "Bring and Buy" stall was a means of adding to the finances. It would be quite impossible to mention by name those who worked so well to help in every way and the Croquet Committee was impressed with the generosity shown by members in the form of donations, prizes and goods for the stall. The result was most satisfactory, nearly £50 being handed over to the Hon. Treasurer towards Croquet funds. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Members of the Southwick Club and their friends had a unique opportunity of seeing first-class Croquet when John Solomon and Patrick Cotter came down on Saturday, September 21st to play an Exhibition Match. Nearly 70 people saw some splendid play and we are sure they were all most interested and derived much benefit from watching these two champions playing each other. A splendid tea was arranged by Mrs Roper and a collection was taken for the benefit of the Croquet section of the Club. In all about £15 was raised and we are most grateful to John and Patrick for giving up their time to come down and show us how Croquet should be played. When they had finished their games, they played for a time with Captain and Mrs Synge as partners in doubles—the latter being duly thrilled to have such a chance of learning how things should be done.

## Questions and Answers

*Question:* If the striker, at the beginning of a turn finds his ball, a rover, on the peg, is it considered "pegged out"?

*Answer:* No, if the striker plays that ball away from the peg.

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

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Devonshire Park

Sir,

The exhortation to enter the Devonshire Park Tournament which appeared in the September issue was surely late in the day, since in the nature of things most intending competitors would have already made their plans. However, it inspired my wife and myself to consider entering, until my wife fortunately drew my attention to the fact that, as we had not taken part this year in any C.A. Tournament other than that at our own club, we would by playing at Devonshire Park be rendering ourselves liable to an additional subscription of no less than £3 6s., far exceeding the entry fees and adding materially to the outlay incurred in visiting Eastbourne.

I believe this negative form of encouragement is in fact disappearing this year, and so perhaps 1964 will see the welcome resurgence of entries at Devonshire Park hoped for in the Notices last month.

Yours truly

MEDIUM BISQUER

### Thanks to Managers

Dear Sir,

While attending a number of tournaments during the last few years, I have been forcibly struck by the responsible, onerous and thankless tasks that fall on our managers. We players, one and all, owe them a great measure of grateful thanks for their devoted services. They work long hours and get no games. Without them how could Tournaments be run? They are in charge. It is up to others to back them up by punctuality at the time they are called to be ready to play and to accept their decisions without needless criticism. Non-compliance with these simple points is too often evident and adds to their managerial burdens—frequently without rhyme or reason. After all, good manners and courtesy are essential in every sport and especially in Croquet, as Managers are so hard to enlist.

Yours faithfully,  
A PLAYER.

## LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

### ROEHAMPTON v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Played at Roehampton on September 14, 1963. Roehampton players named first.

#### SINGLES

Mrs G. W. Solomon (2) lost to D. W. Miller (2) by 4.

D. C. Caporn (6) bt J. Laurensen (3) by 11.

A. J. Oldham (6) lost to M. Murray (5) by 20.

#### DOUBLES

D. C. Caporn and Mrs G. W. Solomon (8) lost to D. W. Miller and P. D. Hallett (8) by 10.

Dr T. E. Ryves and A. J. Oldham (10) bt J. Laurensen and M. Murray (8) by 4.

RESULT.—Cambridge University beat Roehampton by 3 games to 2.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

September 9th—13th

In strong contrast to last year, when for the first time an identical team appeared again, there were four new places—and three new faces—in this competition on the present occasion. This is partly at any rate, to be accounted for by the absence in distant lands of half the members of our Test team, Humphrey Hicks, who had been playing so well at Hurlingham in August, having since then departed for a visit to Canada. The place was filled by Mrs Rotherham who had taken part on as many as nine occasions since the War, Guy Warwick (winner at Devonshire Park last October), and John Cooper, who combined to raise the Budleigh Salterton contingent to four, and Arthur Reed who had carried all before him in the Surrey Cup last season and was the winner of the Association Plate this year.

It is perhaps natural that in these circumstances the general standard of play should have been a little below that to be seen in this event in recent years. The weather in the early part of the competition no doubt made its contribution to this fact, it being unpleasantly dank and chilly, rising to a climax of pluvial gloom on the Wednesday afternoon when visibility fell so low that spectators, shivering in front of the house, if not the players themselves, talked of "appealing against the light". Radiant sunshine burst upon the scene, however, on the following morning, and the final day was one of the loveliest that we have enjoyed in what the calendar requires that we shall describe as this summer.

But for whatever reasons, more tactical errors were to be observed, more roquets were missed, and above all more hoops were stuck in—or on—than is usual in this contest. Indeed, perhaps never were so many hoops missed so often by such a galaxy of experts as was the case this week. Some of this seemed to be due to the failure of players to recognise that the three and eleven-sixteenth inch hoop is a formidable obstacle and cannot safely be regarded otherwise. Many of the competitors much of the time, and some of the best of them some of the time, failed to put that extra bit of spin on the ball which is necessary when so small a margin of error is presented to the striker, with the result that either the ball "died" between the wires or cleared them so narrowly as to leave the player hoop-bound, and with the lawns so heavy as they inevitably were in the climatic conditions, the ball was slotted down sooner than would normally have been the case.

Two of the newcomers made their mark on the very first day. John Cooper won all three of his games, and Arthur Reed knocked out John Solomon in the morning by 25 and Patrick Cotter in the evening by 24. Both these players showed clear evidence of "class". The former is a beautiful striker of the ball for all purposes, with an enviably rhythmic swing and an ideal serenity of temperament. Such is his skill and accuracy that it is to be hoped that he will cultivate the art of triple peeling for which he has such obvious abilities that one wonders why he has so far neglected it. He was in a leading position right through the competition and was only ousted from second place by Cotter in the final round.

As the week proceeded, Reed gave some evidence of strain; he is understood to be a victim of insomnia and he certainly seemed on some days to be very tired. It is a great credit to him that in those circumstances he should have made a good showing in his first President's Cup, and all the more since he gets so few opportunities for first-class play, or indeed for croquet of any kind. When he is "on his shot" he is a formidable "hitter-in", but he is apt to gamble too much on his shooting, though becoming more prudent in this respect as the competition proceeded. Understandably enough he has still something to learn about tactics and the calculation of risk, and in a close finish he tends to lose his head. One felt he would have been better suited by faster lawns. But there is no doubt about his potential, which is likely to become still more evident in coming years.

There is little space available to discuss particular encounters in such an account as this or more might have been said of the 'key-game' on Tuesday between Solomon and Cotter. Both played some beautiful croquet (there were two spectacular long shots from John) and some that was not; the ultimate win by four points by our "world champion" gave him a lead over his principal rival which was never quite overtaken. In the middle of the competition John was reeling off triples in incomparable form—he brought off one in eight of the fourteen games played. The most remarkable of these was achieved against Reed in the second series, when so much seemed to go wrong that it looked as if only miracles would put it right; but those miracles were forthcoming, for here is a master who never plays better than when he is in a tight place.

At the end of the first series Solomon was top with six games, Cooper and Reed close on his heels with five, Cotter and Mrs Rotherham had four, Dr Wiggins (surprisingly) only two. But from this point the doctor began to forge ahead and he started his recovery with a stirring victory over Cotter by one point—some of the spectators felt that Cotter would have avoided this defeat if he had not risked a long peg-out which, failing with the front ball, left Wiggins with a relatively short shot from which he pulled the game out of the fire. He did so from a no less critical position on the Thursday evening against Solomon, when John, who had played particularly well, found himself "pegged" from his partner ball which he was seeking to rush up to the rover hoop in completion of a triple. Obtaining the innings from this situation, Wiggins, with both clips on the first hoop, began to play splendidly, his second break including a beautifully accurate cannon from the second corner to the third hoop. But John was unlucky in that two very long shots missed by the proverbial hair after being 'dead on'.

Wiggins won six of his seven games in the second series as also did Cotter, who by the end of the competition was at the top of his form as he had not been earlier. But he was somewhat fortunate to defeat the luckless Miss Warwick, who up till then having won no game would almost certainly have won this one had not a take-off just drifted away over the boundary when it seemed certain to hit her opponent's ball in a corner.

She was no doubt a little consoled for this by a victory in the next round over Arthur Reed, a game in which she had gained a long lead only to incur that most heart-breaking of misfortunes—a rover rushed on to the peg from a boundary. As a consequence she came very near to losing this game and might have done so had not her opponent pegged out his rover prematurely before making the last hoop himself and left a double at the peg.

Miss Warwick's form in this competition was too bad to be true, and that it was *not* 'true' is known to all of us who have so often seen splendid play from her mallet. It is but natural to suspect that eighteen months almost continuous croquet has led to the insidious disease of staleness. If most players this week may have had too little opportunity of play to do themselves full justice, it is possible that this lady has had too much. But by the end of the week she had begun to play much more like her usual self.

Nothing has so far been said of Mrs Rotherham and Guy Warwick. The former won half the games she played, which is always a creditable record in this competition. If her hoop running had been more consistently good she would have won several more; few players have better split-shots or bring them off so frequently. Guy Warwick improved as the week went on, and was, the writer believes, the only player other than the two great experts in this art to complete a triple peel. He often 'shot himself in', but too often 'hooped himself out'.

On the last morning the situation was that Solomon must at least tie unless he were to lose his two games. He did lose the first against his traditional rival, Cotter, going over a boundary when he looked almost certain to win, after which his opponent, who was some way behind, gave him little chance to recover. Cotter went on to win against Cooper who put up a good fight, but found Patrick's shooting irresistible. Solomon, however, saw to it that his final game against Joan Warwick made the necessary addition to his score to bring him the victory which ever since early in the week had seemed the most likely upshot of the competition.

The two great Hurlingham players have now won this event six times each, a run of successes so striking as to provoke the suggestion that the trophy might well be re-named the "Resident's" Cup.

The sun shone brightly on the presentation ceremony, presided over by Major Rivington with Sadie, his labrador, standing gravely at his side clearly conscious of having a place in the proceedings. He introduced William Longman, himself a winner of the Bed-dow Cup nearly forty years ago, whose well chosen words, including a witty piece of verse, were unfeelingly interrupted by a passing aeroplane. Mrs Longman then presented the magnificent cup, being more fortunate in her congratulations to the winner in the matter of 'noises off'. What we did hear of Mr Longman's tribute to the quiet efficiency of Mr L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts was as well earned as it was well phrased. Here is a Manager whose services might surely be called on more often; this is an age of planning and no one knows better how to bring the gifts of foresight and statesmanship to the handling of a croquet week.

## RESULTS

J. W. Solomon, 11 games  
E. P. C. Cotter, 10 games  
A. J. Cooper, 9 games  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, 8 games  
Mrs. E. Rotherham, 7 games  
A. A. Reed, 6 games  
J. A. Warwick, 4 games  
Miss E. J. Warwick, 1 game

### Analysis of Play

J. W. Solomon won 11 games beating Miss Warwick +23 +22, E. P. C. Cotter +3, Dr. Wiggins +26, Mrs. Rotherham +11 +26, J. G. Warwick +17 +26, A. A. Reed +26, A. J. Cooper +26 +25; and lost 3 games to: E. P. C. Cotter -6, Dr. Wiggins-4, A. A. Reed -25.

E. P. C. Cotter won 10 games beating A. J. Cooper +25 +10, J. W. Solomon +6, Miss E. J. Warwick +14 +3, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +22, Mrs. E. Rotherham +15, J. G. Warwick +11 +12, A. A. Reed +16, and lost 4 games to: J. W. Solomon -3, Dr. Wiggins -1, Mrs. Rotherham -19, A. A. Reed -24.

A. J. Cooper won 9 games beating Miss Warwick +6 +15, Dr. Wiggins +26 +10, Mrs. Rotherham +23, J. G. Warwick +19 +18, A. A. Reed +11 +12; he lost 5 games to: J. W. Solomon -26 -25, E. P. C. Cotter -25 -10, Mrs. Rotherham -15.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins won 8 games beating J. W. Solomon +4, Miss Warwick +24 +26, E. P. C. Cotter +1, Mrs. Rotherham +19 +3, J. G. Warwick +13, A. A. Reed +22, and lost 6 games to: A. J. Cooper -26 -10, J. W. Solomon -26, E. P. C. Cotter -22, J. G. Warwick -22, A. A. Reed -10.

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 7 games beating A. J. Cooper +15, Miss Warwick +8 +20, E. P. C. Cotter +19, J. G. Warwick +23, A. A. Reed +24 +6, and lost 7 games to: A. J. Cooper -23, J. W. Solomon -11 -26, E. P. C. Cotter -15, Dr. Wiggins -19 -3, J. G. Warwick -6.

A. A. Reed won 6 games beating J. W. Solomon +25, Miss Warwick +11, Dr. Wiggins +10, E. P. C. Cotter +24, J. G. Warwick +17 +21, and lost 8 games to: A. J. Cooper -11 -12, J. W. Solomon -26, Miss Warwick -3, E. P. C. Cotter -16, Dr. Wiggins -22, Mrs. Rotherham -24 -6.

J. G. Warwick won 4 games beating Miss Warwick +15 +16, Dr. Wiggins +22, Mrs. Rotherham +6; and lost 10 games to: A. J. Cooper -19 -18, J. W. Solomon -17 -26, E. P. C. Cotter -11 -12, Dr. Wiggins -13, Mrs. Rotherham -23, A. A. Reed -17 -21.

Miss E. J. Warwick won 1 game beating A. A. Reed +3; and lost 13 games to: A. J. Cooper -6 -15, J. W. Solomon -23 -22, E. P. C. Cotter -14 -3, Dr. Wiggins -24 -26, Mrs. Rotherham -8 -20, J. G. Warwick -16 -15, A. A. Reed -11.

## INTER-CLUB MATCH

### GOLF CROQUET

#### ROEHAMPTON v. DULWICH

Played at Roehampton on August 29th, 1963. Roehampton players named first.

### AMERICAN DOUBLES

#### IN THREE ROUNDS

("A" Pair of Team named first)

Mrs S. M. Adler and Mrs M. Carrington  
(ROUND 1). Beat Mrs Pethebridge and Mrs Beck by 7-6.  
(ROUND 2). Beat Miss Hammer and Mrs Baylys by 7-6.  
(ROUND 3). Beat Mrs Pickard and Miss Eaton by 8-5.

("B" Pair of Team named first)

Mrs S. Phillips and Mrs D. Staub.  
(ROUND 1). Lost to Mrs Pethebridge and Mrs Beck by 6-7.  
(ROUND 2). Beat Miss Hammer and Mrs Baylys by 7-6.  
(ROUND 3). Beat Mrs Pickard and Miss Eaton by 8-5.

("C" Pair of Team named first)

W. A. FitzGerald and Mrs F. Pavia.  
(ROUND 1) lost to Mrs Pethebridge and Mrs Beck by 5-8.  
(ROUND 2) lost to Miss Hammer and Mrs Baylys by 6-7.  
(ROUND 3). Lost to Mrs Pickard and Miss Eaton by 5-8.

RESULT.—Roehampton beat Dulwich by 5 games to 4.

## THE SURREY CUP

September 9th-13th

The tournament was preceded by a week of deluge which made unplayable the Club's two best lawns. Four lawns were prepared on the drier ground more distant from the pavilion. They improved during a gloriously dry week, and the ball was running reasonably well before the end of the tournament. The groundsman, James Wooding, seemed to be mowing whenever the lawns were free from players and dew. Several of the players expressed their appreciation of his efforts.

The final results of 14 strenuous rounds was a triple tie between Strachan, Fidler and Bolton, and few spectators could doubt that these three deserved their positions, or, that Prichard, who won and lost to each of them, merited fourth place. It was a feature of the tournament that each of the four top players won and lost to each of his three rivals. Strachan was in the top position throughout, with the exception of the end of the 13th round, when Bolton went ahead. The triple tie became inevitable when, in the 14th round, Bolton, who was beginning to feel the strain of the lead, and of four days' hard croquet, went down to an impacable Prichard. Early in the game Bolton broke down at the 2nd hoop when he might have gone round. Later teased by Prichard, he spent a good deal of time getting past 1 back without giving a lift. Eventually one of Bolton's balls was pegged out, while his other was for 4 back. He could not hit when the balls were left open and Prichard went out. In their previous game Bolton had picked up a first break brilliantly, but in the end he only got home by 7 points.

In retrospect, three games of the first day's play can be seen to have exerted a powerful effect on the final result. In the first round, Baillieu and Prichard had a long drawn-out struggle which required pegging-down after three hours of unyielding play. Baillieu had to wait until the following morning for a victory which kept Prichard out of the leading positions.

At the same time, Bolton, playing beautifully against Hicks, went to 4 back and 3 back, later to the peg with one ball, leaving his opponent far behind. Hicks hit-in, went round, pegged-out an opponent ball and gave contact. Bolton made 4 back and had a chance of penultimate, but Hicks played almost faultlessly and eventually made a break of 4 hoops and the peg on two balls to win. This was not the only fighting finish by Hicks. Later, against Strachan, he was in danger of losing by 25, but he hit in 5 times in succession at distances of between 25 and 35 yards to keep Strachan on the peg for the first part of 1½ hours. Again, in the 11th round, Fidler seemed to have his game well in hand, but Hicks pulled up yet again to win by 6.

Possibly the most significant blow of all was struck in the first round when Karmel met Strachan, in a close game during which he missed more short roquets than is his custom. Eventually his forward ball failed to peg out and he put out the other. Strachan missed to give him a second chance, and he failed to hit the peg with his second ball. Subsequent shots at the peg failed, and Strachan went on to take the tournament lead which he held until round 13. This was not the only occasion on which Karmel had difficulty in finishing off the game; a difficulty not uncommon among players who have not much time to attune themselves to tournament play.

It is inevitable that recollections will be chiefly of the more brilliant play of the three leaders. Apart from the first Hicks-Bolton match, two other games were good examples of fine forward play—the games Strachan v. Bolton in the 6th and 13th rounds. In the 6th Bolton ran a very long 2nd hoop to establish a 3 ball break and went to 4 back. A second break to the peg followed with Strachan still for the 1st and 2nd. Strachan's lift shot hit the ball at the peg and he went round to peg out an opponent ball and give contact. Later, Bolton's shot from 1st corner at a nearly wired ball hit 5th hoop and ricocheted near the 4th, which was Strachan's hoop. A useful 3 ball break resulted and, although Bolton made 4 back and was terribly close with more than one long shot, Strachan got home.

In the return match of round 13, Bolton went to 4 back, with his other ball on 2nd, and set up the leave for a 'triple'. A rush to 3rd corner was not quite accurate enough, and the attempt to peel was finally abandoned when a long rush to 4th hoop hit 6th hoop. This time, with Bolton on 4 back and peg, Strachan missed the lift shot and Bolton went out on two balls in a break which included a somewhat long roll to penultimate. Remembering the previous performance of these two players it seemed that this match was largely decided by the fact that Strachan missed the tice and Bolton hit it.

Here are a few impressions of the play:—

Karmel doing the first 5 hoops on two balls.

A good game by Camroux against Prichard during which he shot well and ran some good hoops in sustained steady play which ended with a very long peg-out.

A good pegged-out game by Fidler. He pegged-out one of Camroux's balls and had to find his way home from the 3rd hoop; accurate wiring did it, and Camroux could not hit.

The cheerfulness of Baillieu in adversity. Missing dangerous short roquets, and failing closely but often in important long shots—characteristics of the out-of-form player.

A number of 'cross-peg' leaves, chiefly by Strachan.

The first play-off, Strachan v. Bolton, was started before tea in no little tension. Strachan made two useful breaks to 4th hoop. Safety play continued, but Strachan gradually worked his balls round to Rover and 3 back, when Bolton accepted his third chance of getting away. He went from 2nd to peg, peeling his opponent's yellow on the way and putting it out. Bolton now had to make a journey similar to that made by Strachan in their first encounter. Soon he left a ball open. Strachan hit in across the court and went out.

In the second play-off a few hoops were made and then Fidler laid up with the balls a little too close. Strachan made a 3-ball break to 4 back and left Fidler with one ball in 2nd corner and the other almost touching the peg. The lift shot was not taken and Fidler joined very wide on the north boundary. Strachan dug out the two balls from the boundary and laid a break which resulted in a 3-ball break with a long approach to the 4th and failure at the 5th hoop. When the break was restarted it continued through 2 back to a wiring accident near 5th hoop. Strachan laid up there and Fidler hit in only to fail on a bad approach to 3rd hoop. Strachan hit in and negotiated a difficult penultimate with real danger awaiting if he failed. Fidler hit the lift shot but missed a cut-rush to let Strachan in. Strachan then over-ran 3 back on to the wire and Fidler hit in and went to 4 back. Strachan missed the lift shot and Fidler went past 6th before collecting the baulk-ball and laying up in the 2nd corner. Strachan went courageously for a long hit when failure might have been disastrous. He made the hit and went out.

So ended a week of very good croquet in fine weather, with players responding nobly to the goad of the management. There were moments when some of them looked tired, but none complained.

Mrs A. M. Daniels was Manager, and Miss W. Adaye referee. Miss Armstrong led an indefatigable team of caterers, most of them non-players, who catered for every gastronomic want, to earn and receive the thanks and congratulations of the players.

## RESULTS

D. F. Strachan, 10 games  
J. Bolton, 10 games  
P. J. M. Fidler, 10 games  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, 8 games  
A. D. Karmel, 6 games  
R. O. Hicks, 6 games  
A. V. Camroux, 5 games  
I. C. Baillieu, 1 game

**Analysis of Play**

D. F. Strachan won 10 games beating I. C. Baillieu +16 +26, J. Bolton +3, A. V. Camroux +23, P. J. M. Fidler +12, R. O. Hicks +8 +17, A. D. Karmel +1 +19, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +8; he lost 4 games to: J. Bolton -26, A. V. Camroux -6, P. J. M. Fidler -19, Lt.-Col. Prichard -5.

J. Bolton won 10 games beating I. C. Baillieu +18 +19, A. V. Camroux +22 +16, P. J. M. Fidler +22, R. O. Hicks +21, A. D. Karmel +18 +6, Lt.-Col. Prichard +7, D. F. Strachan +26; he lost 4 games to: P. J. M. Fidler -7, R. O. Hicks -3, Lt.-Col. Prichard -4, D. F. Strachan -3.

P. J. M. Fidler won 10 games beating Baillieu +5 +19, Bolton +7, Camroux +6 +2, Hicks +24, Karmel +9 +21, Prichard +14, Strachan +19; he lost 4 games to: Bolton -22, Hicks -6, Prichard -10, Strachan -23.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard won 8 games beating Baillieu +11, Bolton +4, Camroux +8, Fidler +10, Hicks +6 +6, Karmel +16, Strachan +5; he lost 6 games to Baillieu -11, Bolton -7, Camroux -18, Fidler -14, Karmel -13, Strachan -8.

A. D. Karmel won 6 games beating Baillieu +22 +12, Camroux +15 +11, Hicks +2, Prichard +13; he lost 8 games to: Bolton -18 -6, Fidler -9 -21, Hicks -8, Prichard -16, Strachan -1 -19.

R. O. Hicks won 6 games beating Baillieu +3 +19, Bolton +3, Camroux +6, Fidler +6, Karmel +8; he lost 8 games to: Bolton -21, Camroux -11, Fidler -24, Karmel -2, Prichard -6 -6, Strachan -8 -17.

A. V. Camroux won 5 games beating Baillieu +1 +8, Hicks +11, Prichard +18, Strachan +6; he lost to: Bolton -22 -16, Fidler -6 -2, Hicks -6, Karmel -11 -15, Prichard -8, Strachan -6.

I. C. Baillieu won 1 game beating Prichard +11; he lost 13 games to: Bolton -18 -19, Camroux -1 -8, Fidler -5 -19, Hicks -3 -19, Karmel -22 -12, Prichard -11, Strachan -16 -26,

Play off: Strachan bt. Bolton and Fidler.

**THE CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS**

Roehampton, August 15th-24th

In 1963 the weather was fairly good. Six lawns were in use—in excellent condition. Miss D. A. Lintern was once more in charge, abetted again by Miss Mills as her able assistant.

The entries, unfortunately, showed a fall-away from last year, especially in the Challenge Cups. But Miss Lintern typically ensured that "a good time was had by all", by organising the Council and Reckitt Cups (4 entries each) as American Tournaments, and by starting on Wednesday an "Extra event" open to all players. Let it be recorded, with grateful thanks, that never has so many games been enjoyed by so few players. Let this also be remembered in 1964 by all potential starters. There were two new entries this year, Mrs Croal and P. D. Hallett, both of whom made their marks, especially the latter, who created a record by winning all four of the events in which he played. Though several "old favourites" were much missed, the Tingeyes were again welcomed on their return sojourn from Australia. Major Tingey again repeated his triumphs of 1961, by winning both the Draw and the Process in the Roehampton Challenge Cup. Unfortunately Mrs Tingey was unable to play owing to illness.

**THE CHALLENGE CUPS**

Major Tingey's victory in the premier event over Hamilton-Miller was a great feat as the latter had been showing fine form and had at one time a strong position in the final. He then went on to beat Baillieu for second place.

The Council Cup (American Tournament) was won by Mrs Speer, though at one time Major Dibley looked set to win. But in his last match, he struck Mrs Davidson in her top form, despite having the longest handicap in this event. As a result Mrs Speer got home by 1 point, after a close victory over Mrs Gasson.

In the Reckitt Cup, Miss Duthie won all her three matches in convincing form, despite a reduction in handicap after her win in the Ladies Candlesticks at Hurlingham, the previous week.

The Stevenson Cup resulted in the first of Hallett's many victories. He proved himself a strong and colourful player, with a bright future ahead.

**THE GILBEYS**

Once again the chief interest in the Tournament was in the Gilbey (and supplementary) Cups—

**BLOCK "A".** Hamilton-Miller beat Karmel (+12) in the final, having also shown his skill earlier by beating Miss Mills (+24), who was unable to use 2 of her bisques.

**BLOCK "B".** This was won by Mrs Davidson, who beat Buller by +1 in the final, staging a strong finish when things looked black for her. Capt. Buller missed the peg-out and Mrs Davidson showed great skill in wiring, in fact played much below her handicap.

**BLOCK "C".** Miss Duthie recorded her second win in the Tournament, beating General Davidson by +10.

**BLOCK "D"** Here again Hallett had another convincing win, undeterred by a severe reduction in handicap after winning the Stevenson Cup—his victim again being Mrs Croal.

**THE PLAY OFF.** In the semi-finals, Hamilton-Miller beat Mrs Davidson, again showing much fine croquet: and the ubiquitous Hallett defeated Miss Duthie by +8, going on to win the final by beating Hamilton-Miller by +7.

The Handicap Doubles again provided the excitement of the Tournament. Peeling was again in vogue, despite the poetical warnings of this writer in the October 1962 issue. One match was lost by a very short miss in pegging out. And one gallant player, by "looking the other way", failed to notice and thus to stop his lady partner from playing with the opponent's ball! The record shows how close were many of the matches—often in doubt up to the final peg-out. In the end Buller and his delightful partner—Mrs Davy from South Australia—won an exciting game against the well tried and this year renewed combination of Brig. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs Carrington.

The Golf Croquet competitions again produced a good entry including eight sporting ladies from Dulwich C.C.

In the singles (Block "A") R. O. Hicks, playing Golf Croquet for the first time, beat Mrs Adler in the final: and in Block "B", Mrs Beck beat Mrs Frenken, both being Dulwich ladies. Hicks then went on to beat Mrs Beck in the final by the close margin of 2 and 1.

In the doubles, after many close games, Mrs Carrington and Hallett beat Mrs Beck and Mrs Pethebridge of Dulwich C.C.

**THE EXTRA EVENT.** This produced no less than 16 starters and many exciting games. Mrs Carrington and Capt. Buller unfortunately had to scratch when in a fairly comfortable position, as they had the final of the Doubles to play, and this enabled M. Reckitt to contest the final round against P. D. Hallett.

In the final, Hallett again proved victorious, beating Maurice Reckitt by no less than +18.

Thus ended another happy and typically well-run Challenge and Gilbey Tournament—a tribute to Miss Lintern and Miss Mills. At the prize giving, Miss Lintern, after a few well chosen words, called on J. B. Gilbert, Chairman of the Croquet Committee of the Roehampton Club to present the prizes.

**THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP**

**OPEN SINGLES**

**DRAW**

(12 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs S. M. Adler by 4.  
Maj. R. Tingey bt M. Spencer Ell +11.  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt I. C. Baillieu +8.  
Miss A. E. Mills bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts +9.

**SECOND ROUND**

R. O. Hicks bt M. F. Buller by 13.  
Maj. R. Tingey bt M. B. Reckitt +23.  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Miss A. E. Mills +4.  
A. D. Karmel bt Mrs G. W. Solomon +13.

**SEMI-FINAL**

Maj. R. Tingey bt R. O. Hicks by 4.  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt A. D. Karmel +11.

**FINAL**

Maj. R. Tingey bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 9.

**PROCESS**

(12 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

Mrs G. W. Solomon bt Mrs S. M. Adler by 8.  
R. O. Hicks bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts +10.  
I. C. Baillieu bt A. D. Karmel +6.  
Miss A. E. Mills w.o. M. F. Buller opp. rtd.

**SECOND ROUND**

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs G. W. Solomon by 19.  
Maj. R. Tingey bt R. O. Hicks +16.  
I. C. Baillieu bt M. B. Reckitt +4.  
Miss A. E. Mills bt M. Spencer Ell +12.

**SEMI-FINAL**

Maj. R. Tingey bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 4.  
I. C. Baillieu bt Miss A. E. Mills +6.

**FINAL**

Maj. R. Tingey bt I. C. Baillieu +15.

**PLAY OFF FOR SECOND PLACE**

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt I. C. Baillieu +11.

**THE RECKITT CUP**

**OPEN SINGLES**

(6-8 Bisques)

(4 Entries)

| NAMES                  | Gen. F. H. N. Davidson | Miss B. Duthie | D. C. Caporn | Mrs. M. H. Carrington | Totals  |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Gen. F. H. N. Davidson |                        | 13             | 26           | 26                    | 2 games |
| Miss B. Duthie . . .   | 26                     |                | 26           | 26                    | 3 games |
| D. C. Caporn . . .     | 22                     | 20             |              | 26                    | 1 game  |
| Mrs. M. H. Carrington  | 21                     | 7              | 10           |                       | 0 games |

**COUNCIL CUP**

(2½-5½ bisques)

| NAMES                  | Mrs. J. Speer | Major J. H. Dibley | Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson | Mrs. V. C. Gasson | Totals               |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Mrs. J. Speer . . .    |               | 17                 | 26                     | 26                | 2 games<br>17 points |
| Major J. H. Dibley . . | 26            |                    | 16                     | 26                | 2 games<br>16 points |
| Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson | 7             | 26                 |                        | 19                | 1 game               |
| Mrs. V. C. Gasson . .  | 22            | 22                 | 26                     |                   | 1 game               |

**OPEN SINGLES**

**THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP**

(9 Bisques and over)

(5 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

Mrs T. Croal bt Mrs V. E. Wheeler +20.

**SEMI-FINAL**

Mrs T. Croal bt Mrs J. S. Omond +3.  
P. D. Hallett bt Mrs D. F. Caporn +11.

**FINAL**

P. D. Hallett bt Mrs T. Croal +8.

**THE GILBEY CUPS**

**BLOCK "A"**

(7 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

A. D. Karmel (—½) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 23.  
Mrs G. W. Solomon (2) bt M. B. Reckitt (—½) by 13.  
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt I. C. Baillieu (1) by 8.

**SEMI-FINAL**

A. D. Karmel (—½) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon (2) by 15.  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 24.

**FINAL**

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) bt A. D. Karmel (—½) by 12.

**BLOCK "B"**

(7 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

M. F. Buller (2) w.o. Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) opp. scr.  
Mrs J. W. Speer (5) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 4.  
Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5½) bt Mrs S. M. Adler (2) by 6.

**SEMI-FINAL**

M. F. Buller (2) bt Mrs J. W. Speer (5) by 19.  
Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5½) bt Mrs V. C. Gasson (2½) by 14.

**FINAL**

Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5½) bt M. F. Buller (2) by 1.

**BLOCK "C"**

(6 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

Mrs J. A. Davy (7 bt Mrs M. H. Carrington (6½) by 14.  
Miss B. Duthie (6½) bt Brig J. S. Omond (6½) by 18.  
D. C. Caporn (6) bt Dr F. Bentley (7) by 9.

**SEMI-FINAL**

Miss B. Duthie (6½) bt Mrs J. A. Davy (7) by 2.  
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) bt D. C. Caporn (6) by 13.

**FINAL**

Miss B. Duthie (6½) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) by 10.

**BLOCK "D"**

(6 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

P. D. Hallett (9) bt Mrs J. S. Omond (9) by 9.  
Mrs T. Croal (10) bt Mrs F. Bentley (14) by 22.

**SEMI-FINAL**

P. D. Hallett (9) bt Mrs D. F. Caporn (11) by 20.  
Mrs T. Croal (10) bt Mrs V. E. Wheeler (16) by 10.

**FINAL**

P. D. Hallett (9) bt Mrs T. Croal (10) by 18.

**PLAY OFF FOR GILBEY CUP**

"A" v. "B" D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs F. H. N. Davidson +16.

"C" v. "D" P. D. Hallett bt Miss B. Duthie +8.

**FINAL**

P. D. Hallett bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +7.

**HANDICAP DOUBLES**  
(Combined handicap of 4 or over)  
(8 Pairs)

**FIRST ROUND**

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs M. Carrington (8½) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs A. D. Karmel (7) by 2.  
Mrs V. C. Gasson and Miss B. Duthie (9) bt Mrs J. W. Speer and Mrs T. Croal (15) by 11.  
M. F. Buller and Mrs J. A. Davy (9) bt P. D. Hallett and Mrs G. W. Solomon (11) by 8.  
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs J. S. Omond (10½) bt I. C. Baillieu and Gen F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 10.

**SEMI-FINAL**

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs M. H. Carrington (8½) bt Mrs V. C. Gasson and Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (9) by 3.  
M. F. Buller and Mrs J. A. Davy (9) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs J. S. Omond (10½) by 1.

**FINAL**

M. F. Buller and Mrs J. A. Davy (9) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs M. H. Carrington (8½) by 5 on time.

**GOLF CROQUET**  
**THE ASCOT CHALLENGE CUP**

**BLOCK "A"**

(11 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

Mrs M. H. Carrington (1) bt Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (1) by 1 up.  
Mrs G. W. Solomon (0) bt Miss A. E. Mills (0) by 1 up.  
Mrs J. W. Speer (1) bt Mrs J. A. Davy (1) by 4 up.

**SECOND ROUND**

R. O. Hicks (0) bt A. D. Karmel (0) by 1 up.  
Mrs G. W. Solomon (0) bt Mrs M. H. Carrington (1) by 4 and 2.  
Mrs S. M. Adler (0) bt Mrs J. W. Speer (1) by 6 and 5.  
M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Dr F. Bentley (1) by 6 and 5.

**SEMI-FINAL**

R. O. Hicks (0) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon (0) by 5 and 3.  
Mrs S. M. Adler (0) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 6 and 5.

**FINAL**

R. O. Hicks (0) bt Mrs S. M. Adler (0) by 3 and 1.

**BLOCK "B"**

(14 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

Miss Hammer (2) bt Mrs S. Phillips (2) by 2 up.  
Mrs Pethebridge (2) bt Mrs V. E. Wheeler (3) by 3 and 1.  
Miss Young (2) bt Mrs D. F. Caporn (2) by 2 up.  
Mrs Frenken (2) bt P. D. Hallett (2) by 6 and 4.  
Mrs Kozhevar (2) bt Mrs F. Bentley (3) by 5 and 3.  
Gen F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Miss Eaton (2) by 1 up.  
Mrs Beck (2) bt Mrs T. Croal (2) by 1 up.

**SECOND ROUND**

Miss Hammer (2) bt Mrs Pethebridge (2) by 1 up.  
Mrs Frenken (2) bt Miss Young (2) by 3 and 1.  
Mrs Kozhevar (2) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) by 2 up.  
Mrs Beck (2) bt Miss E. M. King (2) by 2 up.

**SEMI-FINAL**

Mrs Frenken (2) bt Miss Hammer (2) by 2 up.  
Mrs Beck (2) bt Mrs Kozhevar (2) by 4 and 3.

**FINAL**

Mrs Beck (2) bt Mrs Frenken (2) by 6 and 5.

**GOLF CROQUET**  
**DELVES BROUGHTON CHALLENGE CUPS**

**HANDICAP DOUBLES**  
(Combined handicaps not less than 4)  
(14 Pairs)

**FIRST ROUND**

R. O. Hicks and Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs V. E. Wheeler (3) by 3 and 2.  
P. D. Hallett and Mrs Carrington (3) bt Miss Hammer and Miss Eaton (4) by 3 and 2.  
Miss B. Duthie and Mrs J. A. Davy (2) bt Dr F. Bentley and Mrs F. Bentley (4) by 4 and 2.

Mrs Kozhevar and Mrs Frenken (4) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (1) by 1 up.  
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs Phillips (2) bt Mrs Speer and Mrs T. Croal (3) by 2 up.

**SECOND ROUND**

R. O. Hicks and Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Miss E. M. King and Miss Young (4) by 3 and 2.  
P. D. Hallett and Mrs Carrington (3) bt Miss B. Duthie and Mrs J. A. Davy (2) by 2 up.  
Mrs Kozhevar and Mrs Frenken (4) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs Phillips (2) by 4 and 2.  
Mrs Pethebridge and Mrs Beck (4) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon and Mrs D. F. Caporn (2) by 4 and 3.

**SEMI-FINAL**

P. D. Hallett and Mrs M. Carrington (3) bt R. O. Hicks and Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) by 1 up.  
Mrs Pethebridge and Mrs Beck (4) bt Mrs Kozhevar and Mrs Frenken (4) by 2 up.

**FINAL**

P. D. Hallett and Mrs M. H. Carrington (3) bt Mrs Pethebridge and Mrs Beck (4) by 5 and 4.

**CHAMPIONSHIP OF COUNTY**  
**DUBLIN, 1963**

There is no doubt that the County Dublin Championship played at Carrickmines yearly is Ireland's most popular tournament.

This year the weather was kind for the first six days, but on Friday the semi-finals were played in a force eight gale and torrential rain. The rains continued and the prospects of the Finals being played were remote, but when the first match of the day went into court, the lawns were reported to be in excellent condition.

D. F. Strachan reached the Final of the Championship without too much difficulty, beating S. R. Duff by 17 in the Final of the Process. His opponent was D. Figgis, who had beaten S. R. Duff in the third round of the Draw in a very tight match, and R. J. Leonard who had beaten D. F. Strachan in the Final.

Saturday afternoon provided a climax to a week of excellent croquet for Strachan played his usual accurate game. He planned his breaks with intelligence and executed them with precision.

The most exciting match of the week was played at the height of the storm on Friday evening. It was the Semi-Final of the Coronation Cup Handicap Doubles in which H. M. and Mrs Read snatched a victory from A. Robinson and J. Stokes on the stroke of time. At half-past seven Robinson and Stokes appeared to have the game in their pocket but Mr and Mrs Read however, kept on playing undismayed. Mr Read was for the fourth hoop and he went round steadily, unperturbed by the raging elements, peeled his partner through the rover, missed with his forward ball but pegged out his own. Time was now up and Stokes, who had missed some shots to peg out from the boundary, steadied himself for this last effort. He missed, leaving Mrs Read a four foot shot which ended this thrilling game.

Mrs Lightfoot found herself with three matches to play on the final day; the Boxwell Cup final, a semi-final and the final of the Coronation Cups with T. O. Read.

The entry for the Boxwell Cup was so large that it had to be divided into two parts, and the winner of the B section was J. D. Robinson who had beaten D. Figgis by 13 and Lady FitzGerald by 2. Robinson was out of form on Saturday. Mrs Lightfoot hit in accurately and proceeded methodically and won by six points.

H. M. Read and T. Purefoy fought it out for the Duff Mathews Cup. Read played his usual game with deliberation and won by 24 points. A hurried cup of tea and Read was on court again, joining his wife in the Coronation Cups final.

The final of the Doubles was interrupted for a quarter of an hour while the prizes were presented. The President, Mr T. V. Murphy introduced Mrs Boxwell, a vice president, who presented the Cups. Mr Murphy's speech was a model

—short and to the point. He thanked Mrs B. T. O'Reilly and her assistant T. Purefoy for their efficient running of the Tournament, and Mrs Elizabeth Morgan for her share in the success of the week. He said how pleased the members of Carrickmines were to see the representative from across the waters, Mr G. N. Huskinson from Nottingham. Mr Murphy said that in one way he was sorry that Mr Huskinson had no trophy to take back with him, but in another he was glad, for it meant that Irish Croquet was getting back on its feet again.

After this interlude, the players went back into court to finish the Doubles, and H. M. and Mrs Read went round faultlessly to defeat their son Terence, and Mrs Lightfoot by 20, bringing this very enjoyable tournament to its end.

**CHAMPIONSHIP OF COUNTY DUBLIN**  
(17 Entries)

**DRAW**

**FIRST ROUND**

J. D. Robinson bt R. E. Steen +20.

**SECOND ROUND**

S. R. Duff bt Miss F. Joly +8.  
D. Figgis bt D. Campbell +7.  
G. N. Huskinson bt J. Stokes +17.  
Mrs Lightfoot bt J. W. Robinson +17.  
D. F. Strachan bt T. O. Read +25.  
Mrs Purefoy bt G. M. FitzPatrick +16.  
R. J. Leonard bt Lady FitzGerald +7.  
Mrs Read bt Mrs Tottenham +8.

**THIRD ROUND**

D. Figgis bt S. R. Duff +2.  
G. N. Huskinson bt Mrs Lightfoot +14.  
D. F. Strachan bt Mrs Purefoy +12.  
R. J. Leonard bt Mrs Read +8.

**SEMI-FINAL**

D. Figgis bt G. N. Huskinson +8.  
R. J. Leonard bt D. F. Strachan +1.

**FINAL**

D. Figgis bt R. J. Leonard +19.

**PROCESS**

**FIRST ROUND**

S. R. Duff bt Mrs H. M. Read +26.

**SECOND ROUND**

Lady FitzGerald bt Mrs Lightfoot +8.  
T. O. Read bt D. Figgis +8.  
J. Stokes bt Mrs Purefoy +9.  
S. R. Duff bt J. D. Robinson +21.  
Mrs Tottenham bt R. E. Steer +16.  
R. J. Leonard bt D. Campbell +19.  
D. F. Strachan bt G. N. Huskinson +14.  
Miss J. Joly bt G. M. FitzPatrick +18.

**THIRD ROUND**

T. O. Read bt Lady FitzGerald +11.  
S. R. Duff bt J. Stokes +13.  
R. J. Leonard bt Mrs Tottenham +11.  
D. F. Strachan bt Miss F. Joly +12.

**SEMI-FINAL**

S. R. Duff bt T. O. Read +17.  
D. F. Strachan bt R. J. Leonard +25.

**FINAL**

D. F. Strachan bt S. R. Duff +12.

**PLAY-OFF**

D. F. Strachan bt D. Figgis +19.

**HANDICAP SINGLES**

**BOXWELL CUP**

(25 Entries)

Divided into two sections "A" and "B"

**"A"**

**SECOND ROUND**

Mrs Lightfoot (4½) and Miss E. Haire (8) a bye.  
Mrs Figgis (9) bt G. Gilpin (9) +12 on time.  
J. Stokes (4) bt G. N. Huskinson (1½) +2.  
Mrs Tottenham (4) bt Miss G. Hopkins (7) +15.  
Mrs H. M. Read (5) bt Mrs Purefoy (5) +22.  
D. Campbell (5) bt H. M. Read (6) +3.  
Miss I. Haire—a bye.

**THIRD ROUND**

Mrs Lightfoot (4½) bt Miss E. Haire (8) +21.  
J. Stokes (4) bt Mrs Figgis (9) +5 on time.  
Mrs Tottenham (4) bt Mrs H. M. Read (5) +23.  
D. Campbell (5) bt Miss I. Haire (8) +16 on time.

**SEMI-FINAL**

Mrs Lightfoot (4½) bt J. Stokes (4) +13 on time.  
Mrs Tottenham (4) bt D. Campbell (5) +5 on time.

**FINAL**

Mrs Lightfoot (4½) bt Mrs Tottenham (4) +6 on time.

**"B"**

**SECOND ROUND**

R. J. Leonard (2) and J. Lightfoot (11) a bye.  
S. R. Duff (1½) bt Miss F. Joly (4) +13.  
Lady FitzGerald (2) bt Mrs L. O'Reilly (6) +10.  
J. D. Robinson (3) bt R. E. Steer (3) +14.  
Mrs H. Wilson (12) bt A. D. Craig (10) +11.  
Mrs K. FitzGerald (10) and D. Figgis (1½) a bye.

**THIRD ROUND**

R. J. Leonard (2) bt J. Lightfoot (11) +9.  
Lady FitzGerald (2) bt S. R. Duff (1½) +6.  
J. D. Robinson (3) bt Mrs H. Wilson (12) +16.  
D. Figgis (1½) bt Mrs K. FitzGerald (10) +23.

**SEMI-FINAL**

Lady FitzGerald (2) bt R. J. Leonard (2) +3.  
J. D. Robinson (3) bt W. Figgis (1½) +13.

**FINAL**

J. D. Robinson (3) bt Lady FitzGerald (2) +19.

**PLAY-OFF**

Mrs Lightfoot (4½) bt J. D. Robinson (3) +6.

**CORONATION CUPS**

**HANDICAP DOUBLES**  
(11 Entries)

(Games limited to three hours)

**FIRST ROUND**

A. Robinson and J. Stokes (6)—a bye.  
Miss Hopkins and J. D. Robinson (10)—a bye.  
H. M. and Mrs Read (11)—a bye.  
R. J. Leonard and G. N. Huskinson (3½) bt Miss I. Haire and D. Campbell (13) +19.  
R. E. Steer and G. Gilpin (12) bt Lady FitzGerald and T. V. Murphy (5) +1 on time.  
S. R. Duff and D. Strachan (1) bt Miss Joly and Mrs Tottenham (8) +2 on time.  
D. and Mrs Figgis (9½)—a bye.  
T. O. Read and Mrs Lightfoot—a bye.

**SECOND ROUND**

A. Robinson and J. Stokes (6) bt Miss G. Hopkins and J. D. Robinson (10) +8.  
H. M. Read and Mrs Read (11) bt R. J. Leonard and G. N. Huskinson (3½) +19.  
S. R. Duff and D. F. Strachan (1) w.o. R. E. Steer and G. Gilpin (12) opp. scr.  
T. O. Read and Mrs Lightfoot (8) bt D. and Mrs Figgis (9½) +12.

**SEMI-FINAL**

H. M. and Mrs Read bt A. Robinson and J. Stokes (6) +1 on time.  
T. O. Read and Mrs Lightfoot (8) bt S. R. Duff and D. F. Strachan (1) +3 on time.

**FINAL**

H. M. and Mrs Read (11) bt T. O. Read and Mrs Lightfoot (8) +23.

**DUFF MATHEWS CUP**  
(For 5½ bisques)

**LEVEL GAMES**  
(9 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

Mrs L. O'Reilly beat G. Gilpin +22.

**SECOND ROUND**

T. Purfoy bt Miss I. Haire +13.  
J. Lightfoot bt Mrs H. Wilson +1 on time.  
Mrs L. O'Reilly bt Miss E. Haire +18.  
H. M. Read bt Miss G. Hopkins +11 on time.

**SEMI-FINAL**

T. Purefoy w.o. J. Lightfoot opp. scr.  
H. M. Read bt Mrs L. O'Reilly +18.

**FINAL**

H. M. Read bt T. Purefoy +24.

**SOUTHWICK**

First Week, August 26th—31st

A unique charm of the Southwick Club is its nearness to Shoreham Harbour. The lighthouse that guides boats into the harbour, also serves to show motorists where to turn to go to the Club Car Park. One may any time hear a ship's siren or see the top of a mast above the trees, as a boat comes into the harbour.

In these days the Club grounds are beautifully kept up, and rose beds and flower beds were a mass of colour. It is easier however, to deal with flower beds than with lawns, and owing to the very heavy rain on the Sunday before the Tournament, the lawns were "heavy" and playing conditions difficult on the early days of the tournament. The high wind did not conduce to high play! Also a short thunderstorm was thrown in for good measure. In contrast the Thursday was the only real summer day we have had this August.

As was to be expected Mr Cotter pursued a triumphal progress to the Final of the Opens, winning all his games in both Draw and Process, doing some fine peels on the way. In both finals he met and defeated—but only by a narrow margin—Com. Beamish who had been equally successful, arriving indeed on Saturday morning without losing a game in either Opens or Handicap. In the latter however he had to retire on the peg to Mrs Solomon in the interests of finishing the Tournament on the final day.

The big Handicap was won by young John Bolton, who in the final against Mrs Chittenden gave a splendid exhibition of play—an all-round break to the penultimate, then a second all-round break with a double peel, and out. John shows a wonderful aptitude for the game, and his delicacy of touch is specially to be admired.

In the Handicap Doubles Mr Cotter with much tactical ability and high technical skill successfully piloted his partner Mrs Roper to the Final. But in the Final they met Mr and Mrs Simpson well armed with bisques, and in spite of a marvellous and most spectacular double peel by Mr Cotter, in which he put out Mr Simpson, leaving Mrs Simpson four hoops to make, and one bisque to make them with, he was unable to achieve final victory. After a game that thrilled the spectators with excitement, Mrs Simpson hit the peg.

This by the way was not the first thrilling finish that Mr and Mrs Simpson had, for in their game against Capt. Singe and John Bolton, when they were both for the penultimate, Capt. Syngé out, and John's ball close to the peg, Mr Simpson hit the "last shot" leading to a victory by 1 point.

Both the winners of the B and C Singles—Mr Green and Mr Simpson are to be congratulated on their play.

Before closing these notes, we would return for one minute to Mr Cotter. We could wish that inexperienced players and beginners would copy his quick ready way. He does not waste a minute studying the geography of the court, which, after all, does not change, but quickly makes up his mind what he wants to do, and does it with speed and precision.

It remains but to remark that Major Dibley, as we have learned to expect from him, did his managerial duties admirably; that the secretary who worked early and late giving up her own play and other officials of the Club were most courteous to all and sundry; that the catering arrangements were excellent in the hands of Mrs Roper and her charming helpers, and last but by no means least that the Groundsman worked very hard for the benefit of the players. Lest these notes should be regarded as mere fulsome adulation of all concerned, the writer would add one criticism. He would suggest that the lawns, to get rid of sponginess, should have three or four motor rollings in the year. Which treatment gave such good results in the past.

**OPEN SINGLES**

**THE GOLD CUP**

**DRAW**

(21 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

A. D. Karmel bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 24.  
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt M. F. Buller by 5.  
W. E. Moore w.o. G. Birch opp. scr.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt J. Bolton by 15.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs W. Longman by 6.

**SECOND ROUND**

Mrs A. M. Daniels bt D. Jesson Dibley by 9.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Dr H. J. Penny by 2.  
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt A. W. Karmel by 24.  
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt W. E. Moore by 6.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden by 12.  
M. B. Reckitt bt N. F. Blackwood by 18.  
Mrs G. F. H. Elvey bt E. A. Roper by 21.  
Mrs G. W. Solomon w.o. W. Longman opp. ret.

**THIRD ROUND**

Mrs A. M. Daniels bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 14.  
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 4.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt by 25.  
Mrs G. F. H. Elvey w.o. Mrs G. W. Solomon opp. ret.

**SEMI-FINAL**

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs A. M. Daniels by 23.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey by 21.

**FINAL**

E. P. C. Cotter bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 4.

**PROCESS**

(21 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

Dr H. J. Penny bt E. A. Roper by 7.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt W. Longman by 22.  
Mrs A. M. Daniels bt M. B. Reckitt by 16.  
Mrs G. W. Solomon bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 19.  
Mrs G. F. H. Elvey bt D. Jesson Dibley by 16.

**SECOND ROUND**

Mrs W. Longman bt S. M. FitzPatrick by 22.  
Dr H. J. Penny bt W. E. Moore by 11.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt J. Bolton by 16.  
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs A. M. Daniels by 13.  
M. F. Buller bt N. F. Blackwood by 5.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs G. W. Solomon by 23.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden bt A. D. Karmel by 10.  
Mrs G. F. H. Elvey w.o. G. Birch opp. scr.

**THIRD ROUND**

Mrs W. Longman bt Dr H. J. Penny by 13.  
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 8.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt M. F. Buller by 9.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey by 10.

**SEMI-FINAL**

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs W. Longman by 26.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden by 7.

**FINAL**

E. P. C. Cotter bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 14.

**LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B")**

**THE FRANC CUP**

(Law 37)

(2½ to 6 bisques)

(13 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

Miss K. Ault bt Mrs E. M. Temple by 8.  
Mrs J. H. Dibley bt Mrs G. D. Perowne by 22.  
H. A. Green bt Miss E. F. Rose by 14.  
Mrs K. D. Hickson bt Miss E. Johnston by 8.  
E. G. Bantock w.o. W. H. Austin opp. scr.

**SECOND ROUND**

Miss K. Ault bt R. H. Newton by 8.  
H. A. Green bt Mrs J. H. Dibley by 18.  
E. G. Bantock bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 7.  
Mrs E. M. Kay bt Mrs R. A. Hill by 10.

**SEMI-FINAL**

H. A. Green bt Miss K. Ault by 10.  
E. G. Bantock bt Mrs E. M. Kay by 13.

**FINAL**

H. A. Green bt E. G. Bantock by 18.

**HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C")**

(6½ bisques and over)

(16 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

Mrs H. M. Syngé (7\*) bt Mrs F. E. Stobart (16) by 16.  
R. A. Simpson (8) bt Mrs E. A. Thompson (10\*) by 10.  
D. M. Horne (8) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 15.  
Mrs W. A. Naylor (8) bt Miss M. K. A. Towers (8) by 3.  
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (8) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 12.  
Mrs R. A. Simpson (7) bt W. B. Scott (10\*) by 18.  
Miss S. G. Hampson (7) bt Mrs H. Wooster (8) by 16.

**SECOND ROUND**

R. A. Simpson (8) bt Mrs H. M. Syngé (7\*) by 8.  
D. M. Horne (8) bt Mrs W. A. Naylor (8) by 20.  
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (8\*) bt Mrs R. A. Simpson (7) by 8.  
Miss S. G. Hampson (7) bt Maj. R. G. Atcherly (12) by 7.

**SEMI-FINAL**

R. A. Simpson (8) bt D. M. Horne (8) by 2.  
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (8\*) bt Miss S. G. Hampson (7) by 7.

**FINAL**

R. A. Simpson bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (8\*) by 8.

**HANDICAP SINGLES**

**MAURICE RECKITT BOWL**

(46 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**

E. J. Bantock (2½) bt H. F. Sanderson (6) by 13.  
Mrs G. W. Solomon (2) bt Miss M. K. Towers (8) by 17.  
G. F. Paxon (7) w.o. G. Birch (1) opp. scr.  
Miss K. Ault (3½) bt M. B. Reckitt (0) by 10.  
Mrs A. M. Daniels (1) bt Dr H. J. Penny (1½) by 8.  
D. M. Horne (8) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—1½) by 3.  
R. H. Newton (4) bt Mrs W. A. Naylor (8) by 2.  
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Mrs H. D. Wooster (8) by 12.  
D. Jesson Dibley (3) bt N. F. Blackwood (1½) by 22.  
R. A. Simpson (8) bt Mrs E. M. Temple (5) by 14.  
H. A. Green (2½) bt Miss E. F. Rose (3½) by 3.  
W. E. Moore (2) bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 23.  
Mrs R. A. Simpson (7) bt Mrs R. A. Hill (6) by 16.  
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (8\*) bt Mrs G. D. Perowne (5½) by 8.

**SECOND ROUND**

E. A. Roper (2) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) by 3.  
A. D. Karmel (—½) bt Miss E. Johnston (4) by 4.  
J. Bolton (1) w.o. Mrs W. Longman (—1) opp. scr.  
Mrs W. A. T. Syngé (7\*) bt W. Longman (2) by 15.  
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—½) bt E. J. Bantock (2½) by 7.  
Mrs G. W. Solomon (2) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 20.  
Miss K. Ault (3½) bt Mrs A. M. Daniels (1) by 8.  
D. M. Horne (8) bt R. H. Newton (4) by 19.

Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt D. Jesson Dibley (3) by 19.  
R. A. Simpson (8) bt H. A. Green (2½) by 11.  
W. E. Moore (2) bt Mrs R. A. Simpson (7) by 5.  
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (8\*) w.o. W. H. Austin (3) opp. scr.  
W. P. H. Roe (5½) bt Mrs J. H. Dibley (5) by 12.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden (½) bt Maj. R. G. Atcherly (12) by 12.  
Miss S. J. Hampson (7) bt Mrs S. M. Kay (5) by 22.  
M. F. Buller (1½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 8.

**THIRD ROUND**

A. D. Karmel (—½) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 13.  
J. Bolton (1) bt Mrs W. A. T. Syngé (7\*) by 2.  
Mrs G. W. Solomon (2) w.o. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—12) opp. scr.  
D. M. Horne (8) bt Miss K. Ault (3½) by 19.  
Miss R. D. Hickson (4) bt R. A. Simpson (8) 20.  
W. E. Moore (2) w.o. Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (8\*) opp. scr.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden (½) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 11.  
M. F. Buller (1½) bt Miss S. J. Hampson (7) by 9.

**FOURTH ROUND**

J. Bolton (1) bt A. D. Karmel (—½) by 18.  
D. M. Horne (8) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon (2) by 20.  
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt W. E. Moore (2) by 20.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden (½) w.o. M. F. Buller (1½) opp. ret.

**SEMI-FINAL**

Mrs H. F. Chittenden (½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 3.  
J. Bolton (1) bt D. M. Horne (8) by 10.

**FINAL**

J. Bolton (1) bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden (½) by 25.

**HANDICAP DOUBLES**

(Combined handicap 2 or over)

(3rd hoop, 3½ hours time limit)

(18 Pairs)

**FIRST ROUND**

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs E. A. Roper (3½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs S. J. Hampson (7) by 14.  
R. J. Simpson and Mrs R. J. Simpson (15) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs A. D. Karmel (7) by 6.

**SECOND ROUND**

Mrs G. F. H. Elvey and Miss E. M. Rose (3½) bt R. H. Newton and D. Horne (12) by 2.  
I. C. Baillieu and Mrs W. A. T. Syngé (8) bt G. M. FitzPatrick and Mrs H. J. Wooster (10) by 12 on time.  
E. A. Roper and Mrs G. W. Solomon (4) bt G. M. Paxon and Miss M. M. Taylor (14) by 12.  
E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs E. A. Roper (3½) bt W. E. Moore and H. A. Green (4½) by 9.  
R. J. Simpson and Mrs R. J. Simpson (15) bt M. F. Buller and S. J. Bantock (4) by 18.  
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé and J. Bolton (9) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Miss K. Ault (2) by 15.  
D. Jesson Dibley and Mrs A. M. Daniels (4) bt Dr H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (5½) by 10.  
Mrs W. Longman and Mrs S. M. Temple (4) bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (3½) by 3.

**THIRD ROUND**

I. C. Baillieu and Mrs W. A. T. Syngé (8) bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey and Miss E. M. Rose (3½) by 6.  
E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs E. A. Roper (3½) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs G. W. Solomon (4) by 10.  
R. J. Simpson and Mrs R. J. Simpson (15) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé and J. Bolton (9) by 1.  
D. Jesson Dibley and Mrs A. M. Daniels (4) bt Mrs W. Longman and Mrs S. M. Temple (4) by 2 on time.

**SEMI-FINAL**

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs E. A. Roper (3½) bt I. C. Baillieu and Mrs W. A. T. Syngé (8) by 15.  
R. J. Simpson and Mrs R. J. Simpson (15) bt D. Jesson Dibley and Mrs A. M. Daniels (4) by 12.

**FINAL**

R. J. Simpson and Mrs R. J. Simpson (15) bt E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs E. A. Roper (3½) by 3.

## SOUTHWICK

(Unofficial)

Second Week—September 2nd—7th

There seems to have been a falling off of entries in Tournaments this year, with the exception of Budleigh Salterton, and this second week at Southwick was no better. There were twenty less in the Douglas-Jones Cup—the big Handicap—than last year, and only ten in the open event. Perhaps the uncertain weather is responsible or perhaps economics play their part, but we can assure those who hesitated to come this year, that everyone enjoyed this tournament in spite of the weather. Wednesday—"Doubles Day" was the worst day of the week, and twenty pairs battled on in the most dreadful downpour which lasted into the afternoon. Truly the Croquet player is an "Amphibious animal"! Even so, this event was not time-limited, and all games finished within 3½ hours except one! A "Draw and Process" event was arranged, Mrs W. Longman and T. G. S. Colls coming through to the Play-off which was won by Mrs Longman, who had played very well throughout the week. R. G. S. Shewan, who came with the inflated handicap of 13, soon proved that he knew how to use bisques and as he won the Doubles, aptly partnered by Mrs Chittenden, and as he beat her soon afterwards in the Final of the big Handicap, he had half a dozen bisques knocked off at the end of the Tournament. An interesting Final in event 2 (3½—7 bisques) was played by Mr and Mrs Simpson (from Bowden). In a very close finish He just got the better of Her by 3 points. Miss Towers, who shows promise, won the event for higher bisques and the extra was taken by Miss A. E. Mills. The catering was in the capable hands of Mrs Chittenden, Mrs Truett is now a *sine qua non* at the Bar, groundsman Adams had done his best with the lawns and the Tournament was managed and brought to a successful conclusion by E. A. Roper.

### OPEN SINGLES

#### DRAW

(3 bisques and under)

(10 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs W. Longman by 17.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Maj. J. H. Dibley by 20.

#### SECOND ROUND

T. G. S. Colls bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden by 9.  
Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs A. M. Daniels by 3.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Maj. J. H. Dibley by 20.  
N. F. Blackwood bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 8.

#### SEMI-FINAL

T. G. S. Colls bt Miss A. E. Mills by 23.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt N. F. Blackwood by 8

#### FINAL

T. G. S. Colls bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 8.

### PROCESS

(3 bisques and under)

(10 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs H. F. Chittenden bt N. F. Blackwood by 8.  
T. G. S. Colls bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 16.

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs A. M. Daniels bt W. Longman by 8.  
Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden by 1  
Mrs W. Longman bt Maj. J. H. Dibley by 22.  
T. G. S. Colls bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 2.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs A. M. Daniels bt Miss A. M. Mills by 19.  
Mrs W. Longman bt T. G. S. Colls by 6.

#### FINAL

Mrs W. Longman bt Mrs A. M. Daniels by 23.

### HANDICAP SINGLES

(3½ to 7 bisques)

(19 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (7) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 4.  
Mrs W. A. T. Syngé (6½) bt Miss L. Newman (7) by 4.  
Miss K. Ault (3½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 11.

### SECOND ROUND

Mrs E. M. Kay (5) bt Mrs E. A. Roper (6½) by 6.  
Mrs J. H. Dibley (5) bt E. C. Mogridge (7) by 2.  
R. A. Simpson (6½) bt Miss E. Johnston (4) by 14.  
Mrs W. A. T. Syngé (6½) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (7) by 21.  
Miss K. Ault (3½) bt Miss M. Morgan (7) by 4.  
Mrs R. A. Simpson (6½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (7) by 11.  
G. F. Paxon (7) bt R. A. Newton (4) by 10.  
Mrs E. M. Temple (5) bt Brig. T. S. Omond (6½) by 12

### THIRD ROUND

Mrs E. M. Kay (5) bt Mrs T. H. Dibley (5) by 16.  
R. A. Simpson (6½) bt Mrs W. A. T. Syngé (6½) by 22.  
Mrs R. A. Simpson (6½) bt Miss K. Ault (3½) by 11.  
Mrs E. M. Temple (5) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 12.

### SEMI-FINAL

R. A. Simpson (6½) bt Mrs E. M. Kay (5) by 5.  
Mrs R. A. Simpson (6½) bt Mrs E. M. Temple (5) by 12.

### FINAL

R. A. Simpson (6½) bt Mrs R. A. Simpson (6½) by 2.

### HANDICAP SINGLES

(7½ bisques and over)

(19 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs H. D. Wooster (8) bt Maj. St. G. Atchley (12) by 7.  
R. G. Shewan (13) bt Mrs W. H. P. Roe (8) by 6.  
Miss G. V. Pirie (10) bt Mrs F. E. Stobart (16) by 14.

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs J. S. Omond (9) bt W. B. Scott (10) by 8.  
Miss M. K. A. Towers (8) bt Miss C. Templeton (9) by 20.  
Miss J. L. Preston (7½) bt Capt. L. A. Spooner (\*14) by 7.  
R. G. Shewan (13) bt Mrs H. D. Wooster (8) by 20.  
Mrs R. D. Griffiths (8) bt Mrs G. V. Pirie (10) by 9 on time.  
Miss K. A. Wade (11) bt Mrs R. H. Burrell (10) by 6.  
Mrs E. Thompson (\*10) bt Miss M. Lacey (12) by 14.  
Mrs W. A. Naylor (8) bt Mrs K. Lowein (13) by 5.

#### THIRD ROUND

Miss M. K. A. Towers (8) bt Mrs J. S. Omond (9) by 12.  
R. G. Shewan (13) bt Miss J. L. Preston (7½) by 3.  
Miss K. A. Wade (11) bt Mrs R. D. Griffiths (8) by 13.  
Mrs E. Thompson (\*10) bt Mrs W. A. Naylor (8) by 12.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Miss M. K. A. Towers (8) w.o. R. G. Shewan (13) opp. scr.  
Mrs E. Thompson (\*10) bt Mrs K. A. Wade (11) by 11.

#### FINAL

Miss M. K. A. Towers (8) bt Mrs E. Thompson (\*10) by 9.

### HANDICAP SINGLES

(42 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs H. D. Wooster (8) w.o. W. Longman (2) opp. scr.  
G. F. Paxon (7) bt Miss M. Lacey (12) by 7 on time.  
Mrs E. M. Kay (5) bt R. H. Newton (4) by 2 on time.  
Mrs R. H. Burrell (10) bt Mrs E. Thompson (\*10) by 10.  
Miss M. Morgan (7) bt Mrs K. Lowein (13) by 17.  
Mrs W. A. T. Syngé (6½) bt Mrs J. H. Dibley (5) by 8.  
T. G. S. Colls (½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 2.  
R. G. S. Shewan (13) bt Miss M. K. A. Towers (8) by 22.  
Mrs E. A. Roper (6½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (7) by 12.  
Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (12) bt Mrs J. S. Omond (9) by 2.

#### SECOND ROUND

Miss E. Johnston (4) w.o. Mrs W. A. Naylor (8) opp. ret.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden (½) bt Miss J. L. Preston (7½) by 4.  
Miss K. Ault (3½) bt N. F. Blackwood (1½) by 15.  
Miss G. V. Pirie (10) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (6½) by 10.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt Mrs R. D. Griffiths (8) by 2.  
Mrs H. D. Wooster (8) bt Miss K. A. Wade (11) by 6.  
Mrs E. M. Kay (5) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 3 on time.  
Mrs R. H. Burrell (10) w.o. Miss M. Morgan (7) opp. scr.  
T. G. S. Colls (½) bt Mrs W. A. T. Syngé (6½) by 11.  
R. G. S. Shewan (13) bt Mrs E. A. Roper (6½) by 12.  
Miss C. Templeton (9) bt Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (12) by 6.  
Mrs W. Longman (—1) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 6.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) bt R. A. Simpson (6½) by 7.  
Mrs A. M. Daniels (1) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) by 24.  
Mrs E. M. Temple (5) bt Mrs R. A. Simpson (6½) by 4 on time.  
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (7) bt E. G. Mogridge (7) by 3.

### THIRD ROUND

Mrs H. F. Chittenden (½) bt Miss E. Johnston (4) by 14.  
Miss K. Ault (3½) bt Miss G. V. Pirie (10) by 11.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt Mrs H. D. Wooster (8) by 7.  
Mrs E. M. Kay (5) bt Mrs R. H. Burrell (10) by 5.  
R. G. S. Shewan (13) bt T. G. S. Colls (½) by 15.  
Mrs W. Longman (—1) bt Miss C. Templeton (9) by 17.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) bt Mrs A. M. Daniels (1) by 17.  
Mrs E. M. Temple (5) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (7) by 7.

### FOURTH ROUND

Mrs H. F. Chittenden (½) bt Miss K. Ault (3½) by 4.  
Mrs E. M. Kay (5) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 1.  
R. G. S. Shewan (13) w.o. Mrs W. Longman (—1) opp. scr.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) w.o. Mrs E. M. Temple (5) opp. scr.

### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs H. F. Chittenden (½) bt Mrs E. M. Kay (5) by 11.  
R. G. S. Shewan (13) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) by 22.

### FINAL

R. G. S. Shewan (13) bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden (½) by 11.

### HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Unrestricted)

(20 Pairs)

#### FIRST ROUND

R. A. Simpson and Mrs R. A. Simpson (13) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Miss K. Ault (5½) by 7.  
G. F. Paxon and Miss J. L. Preston (14½) bt G. Alexander and Mrs R. H. Burrell (17) by 8.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden and R. J. S. Shewan (11½) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley and Miss C. Templeton (11½) by 24.  
Miss A. E. Mills and Miss M. K. Towers (9½) bt Miss M. Morgan and Miss G. V. Pirie (17) by 7.

#### SECOND ROUND

Capt. W. A. T. Syngé and Mrs A. M. Daniels (8) bt Mrs W. A. Naylor and Miss M. Lacey (20) by 9.  
E. A. Roper and Mrs E. A. Roper (8½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs F. E. Stobart (17) by 15.  
Mrs W. Longman and Miss M. M. Taylor (6) bt N. F. Blackwood and Mrs W. A. T. Syngé (8) by 16.  
R. A. Simpson and Mrs R. A. Simpson (13) bt G. F. Paxon and Miss J. L. Preston (14½) by 11.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden and R. J. S. Shewan (11½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Miss M. K. Towers (9½) by 15.  
R. A. Newton and Mrs J. S. Omond (13) bt W. B. Scott and Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (22) by 10.  
Mrs E. Thompson and Miss K. Wade (21) bt Mrs H. D. Wooster and Mrs R. D. Griffiths (16) by 14.  
Miss H. D. Parker and Miss E. M. Temple (8) bt Mrs J. H. Dibley and Mrs K. Lowein (17) by 14.

#### THIRD ROUND

E. A. Roper and Mrs E. A. Roper (8½) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé and Mrs A. M. Daniels (8) by 3.  
Mrs W. Longman and Mrs M. M. Taylor (6) bt R. A. Simpson and Mrs R. A. Simpson (13) by 3.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden and R. G. S. Shewan (11½) bt R. A. Newton and Mrs J. S. Omond (13) by 19.  
Miss H. D. Parker and Mrs S. M. Temple (8) bt Mrs E. Thompson and Miss K. Wade (21) by 12.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs W. Longman and Mrs M. M. Taylor (6) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs E. A. Roper (8½) by 20.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden and R. G. S. Shewan (11½) bt Miss H. D. Parker and Mrs E. M. Temple (8) by 11.

#### FINAL

Mrs H. F. Chittenden and R. G. S. Shewan (11½) bt Mrs W. Longman and Mrs M. M. Taylor (6) by 5.

## HUNSTANTON

September 2nd—7th

Hunstanton is a small club menaced by the local council and with very few members within easy reach. Its survival is largely due to the excellent work of the secretary, Mrs Clarke, a handful of very much country members and a bridge club. Good weather is not to this writer's knowledge, one of the local amenities.

The Tournament provides its own special attractions. Its regular competitors include four President's Cup players. Its capable management, this year by Miss Warwick, neither shortens games nor upsets their natural course with time limits. It is—dubious advantage—a natural stamping ground for the best croquet playing University in the country, though unfortunately it was not so much in evidence this year. It also has wonderful teas.

Particularly welcome this year were Mr and Mrs H. M. Read, who came from Ireland to play against each other in the Level Singles; each of them very nearly took a cup home. Also Mr Hodgson, who first played here in 1913, bringing with him a pair of trousers which he tore here in that year.

Mr Karmel was perhaps the most exciting player to watch; his tenuous and unpredictable breaks forcing the anxious rows of bisques. He and his wife came very near to winning a tortuous doubles final of appropriate length, in which Mrs Rotherham steered her partner, and herself, through some lovely visible hoops. But the most impressive player in the Tournament was Mrs Rotherham, who hardly allows herself any time off the court at all. Miss Brumpton won the extra event, and was very unlucky in the Handicap, wisely pegging herself out and losing by 1. Miss Warwick found time to win the Draw, and shared the Norfolk Cup with Mrs Rotherham.

The lawns were heavy and balls tended to stay in the middle of the court; but there could be no complaints about Mr Proudfoot's maintenance.

### HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Combined handicap not less than 5)

(11 Pairs)

#### FIRST ROUND

I. C. Baillieu and F. B. Franklin (8) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton and Mrs G. D. Perowne (10½) by 9.  
H. O. Hodgson and Miss E. M. Garratt (10) bt C. Dashwood and Mrs P. E. Heley (6½) by 3.  
A. D. Karmel and Mrs A. D. Karmel (7) bt Mrs E. Reeve and Dr H. M. Browning (12) by 8.

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs E. Rotherham and Mrs J. Povey (8) bt J. G. Warwick and Miss S. Hampson (5½) by 2.  
I. C. Baillieu and W. B. Franklin (8) bt H. O. Hodgson and Miss E. M. Garratt (10) by 1.  
A. D. Karmel and Mrs A. D. Karmel (7) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and F. B. Stephens (5) by 9.  
H. M. Read and Mrs H. M. Read (8) bt Mrs A. N. Rolfe and Mrs M. Thom (10) by 2.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs E. Rotherham and Mrs J. Povey (8) bt I. C. Baillieu and F. B. Franklin (8) by 6.  
A. D. Karmel and Mrs A. D. Karmel (7) bt H. M. Read and Mrs H. M. Read (8) by 14.

#### FINAL

Mrs E. Rotherham and Mrs J. Povey (8) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs A. D. Karmel (7) by 5.

### OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A")

DRAW

(8 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick bt H. O. Hodgson by 24.  
A. D. Karmel bt Mrs E. Reeve by 10.  
J. G. Warwick bt C. Dashwood by 14.  
Mrs E. Rotherham bt I. C. Baillieu by 23.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Miss E. M. Warwick bt A. D. Karmel by 3.  
Mrs E. Rotherham bt J. G. Warwick by 23.

#### FINAL

Miss E. M. Warwick bt Mrs E. Rotherham by 5.

### OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A")

PROCESS

(8 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs E. Rotherham bt A. D. Karmel by 23.  
J. G. Warwick bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 2.  
C. Dashwood bt Miss E. Reeve by 11.  
I. C. Baillieu w.o. H. O. Hodgson opp. ret.



## SEMI-FINAL

Mrs E. Rotherham bt J. G. Warwick by 24.  
C. Dashwood bt I. C. Baillieu by 21.

## FINAL

Mrs E. Rotherham bt C. Dashwood by 19.

## LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B")

(2½ to 6 bisques)  
(8 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

Mrs A. N. Rolfe bt Mrs M. Thom by 19.  
Mrs G. D. Perowne bt Miss E. C. Brumpton by 6.  
H. M. Reed bt W. T. Bell by 20.  
Mrs H. M. Read bt Mrs P. E. Heley by 5.

## SEMI-FINAL

Mrs A. N. Rolfe bt Mrs G. D. Perowne by 17.  
H. M. Read bt Mrs H. M. Read by 6.

## FINAL

Mrs A. N. Rolfe bt H. M. Read by 8.

## HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C")

(6½ bisques and over)  
(6 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

Mrs J. Povey (11) bt Dr H. M. Browning (12) by 12.  
W. B. Franklin (8) w.o. Miss E. M. Garratt (8) opp. scr.

## SEMI-FINAL

Mrs J. Povey (11) bt F. B. Stephens (7) by 7.  
W. B. Franklin (8) bt Miss S. Hampson (7) by 10.

## FINAL

Mrs J. Povey (11) bt W. B. Franklin (8) by 17.

## HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "X")

(22 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

H. O. Hodgson (2) bt W. T. Bell (5) by 12.  
A. D. Karmel (—½) bt Mrs E. Reeve (0) by 25.  
Mrs J. Povey (11) bt Mrs H. M. Read (4) by 7.  
Mrs E. Rotherham (—3) bt F. B. Stephens (7) by 6.  
Mrs A. N. Rolfe (5) bt Dr H. M. Browning (12) by 17.  
Mrs G. D. Perowne (5½) bt Mrs M. Thom (5) by 8.

## SECOND ROUND

Miss S. Hampson (7) bt Mrs P. E. Heley (4½) by 16.  
W. B. Franklin (8) bt H. M. Read (4) by 22.  
Miss E. M. Garratt (8) w.o. H. O. Hodgson (2) opp. ret.  
A. D. Karmel (—½) bt Mrs J. Povey (11) by 2.  
Mrs E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs A. N. Rolfe (5) by 6.  
Mrs G. D. Perowne (5½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 17.  
C. Dashwood (2) bt I. C. Baillieu (1) by 6.  
Miss E. C. Brumpton (5) bt Mrs A. D. Karmel (7½) by 20.

## THIRD ROUND

W. B. Franklin (8) bt Miss S. Hampson (7) by 10.  
A. D. Karmel (—½) bt Miss E. M. Garratt (8) by 2.  
Mrs E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs G. D. Perowne (5½) by 18.  
C. Dashwood (2) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (5) by 1.

## SEMI-FINAL

A. D. Karmel (—½) bt W. B. Franklin (8) by 13.  
C. Dashwood (2) bt Mrs E. Rotherham (—3) by 26.

## FINAL

A. D. Karmel (—½) bt C. Dashwood (2) by 8.

## HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "Y")

(12 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

W. T. Bell (5) bt Miss E. M. Garratt (8) by 6.  
Mrs H. M. Read (4) w.o. Mrs E. Reeve (0) opp. ret.  
F. B. Stephens (7) bt Dr H. M. Browning (12) by 7.  
J. G. Warwick (—1½) w.o. Mrs M. Thom (5) opp. scr.

## SECOND ROUND

Mrs P. E. Heley (4½) w.o. H. M. Read (4) opp. scr.  
Mrs H. M. Read (4) bt W. T. Bell (5) by 17.  
F. B. Stephens (7) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 7.  
Mrs A. D. Karmel (7½) bt I. C. Baillieu (1) by 12.

## SEMI-FINAL

Mrs H. M. Read (4) bt Mrs P. E. Heley (4½) by 2.  
F. B. Stephens (7) w.o. Mrs A. D. Karmel (7½) opp. scr.

## FINAL

F. B. Stephens (7) bt Mrs H. M. Read (4) by 8.

## EXTRA EVENT FINAL

Miss E. C. Brumpton (5) bt Miss E. M. Garratt (8) by 8.

## PARKSTONE

September 9th to 14th

Anyone who has not been to a Tournament at Parkstone should resolve to come without fail next year.

The week started off cold and wet, but by Thursday the sun was shining, and it was perfect September weather.

As it was the week of the President's and Surrey Cups there was a smaller entry for the "Draw and Process".

With 'Della' as manager, everything always goes smoothly and games are completed by the required time.

Newcomers to the Tournament included Mr R. F. Rigiani—a promising beginner, playing at 7½.

The lunches and teas, in Mrs Allen's care, were as delicious as usual and very much appreciated.

There were few outstanding games. The most exciting finish was in the third round of the big Handicap, when Col. Beamish, playing Miss Hickson, with his rover roqueted one of her rovers onto the peg, and eventually won by one point.

Good shooting by the Rev. F. J. Denbow brought him to the final of the big Handicap, where he was defeated by the fine play of Col. Beamish, who also won the Open Event, defeating his brother by 15. The prizes were awarded by Canon R. Creed Meredith. Col. Beamish on behalf of the visitors expressed their warm thanks for such a happy week.

## HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Combined Handicaps not less than 2)  
(8 Pairs)

## FIRST ROUND

Dr G. L. Ormerod and Mrs G. L. Ormerod (14) bt Mrs E. M. McMillan and Miss W. Creed Meredith (16) by 8.  
Rev F. J. Denbow and Mrs C. Devitt (15½) bt Maj F. Hill Bernhard and R. J. Rigiani (11½) by 9.  
Mrs M. McMordie and N. A. C. McMillan (12) bt Cmdr G. V. G. Beamish and Miss K. Ault (2) by 15.  
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs R. Creed Meredith (14) bt Dr H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (5½) by 11.

## SEMI-FINAL

Dr G. L. Ormerod and Mrs G. L. Ormerod (14) bt Rev F. J. Denbow and Mrs C. Devitt (15½) by 6.  
Rev Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs R. Creed Meredith (14) w.o. Mrs M. McMordie and N. A. C. McMillan (12) opp. ret.

## FINAL

Dr G. L. Ormerod and Mrs G. L. Ormerod (14) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs R. Creed Meredith (14) by 10.

## HANDICAP SINGLES

## GOLD CUP

(Unrestricted)

(19 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

Miss W. Creed Meredith (11) bt Dr H. P. Penny (1½) by 16.  
Rev F. J. Denbow (5½) bt Mrs E. M. McMillan (5) by 13.  
Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) bt Mrs G. Hill (8) by 4.

## SECOND ROUND

Mrs G. L. Ormerod (12) w.o. N. A. C. McMillan (7½) opp scr.  
Mrs C. Devitt (10) bt Miss K. Ault (3½) by 15.  
Miss H. F. Woolley (6½) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) by 23.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow (5½) bt Mrs W. Creed Meredith (11) by 8.  
Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) bt Cmdr G. V. G. Beamish (—1½) by 9.  
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt R. F. Rigiani (7½) by 5.  
Maj. F. Hill Bernhard (4) bt Mrs R. A. Hill (6) by 8.  
Dr G. L. Ormerod (2) bt Mrs M. McMordie (4½) by 13.

## THIRD ROUND

Mrs G. L. Ormerod (12) bt Mrs C. Devitt (10) by 7.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow (5½) bt Mrs H. F. Woolley (6½) by 15.  
Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 1.  
Maj. F. Hill Bernhard (4) bt Dr G. L. Ormerod (2) by 17.

## SEMI-FINAL

Rev. F. J. Denbow (5½) bt Mrs G. L. Ormerod (12) by 6.  
Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) w.o. Maj. F. Hill Bernhard (4) opp. ret.

## FINAL

Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (5½) by 7.

## OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A")

## BOURNEMOUTH BOWL AND ASHTON TROPHY

## DRAW

(6 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 6.  
Cmdr G. V. G. Beamish bt Dr G. L. Ormerod by 14.

## SEMI-FINAL

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Col D. W. Beamish by 7.  
Cmdr G. V. G. Beamish bt Dr H. J. Penny by 21.

## FINAL

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 21.

## PROCESS (CLASS "A")

(6 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Dr G. L. Ormerod by 14.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt Cmdr G. V. G. Beamish by 1.

## SEMI-FINAL

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 3.  
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Dr H. J. Penny by 12.

## FINAL

Col D. W. Beamish bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 17.

## PLAY-OFF

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Cmdr G. V. G. Beamish +15.

## LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B")

(Law 36 suspended)

(2½ to 6 bisques)

(7 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

Miss K. Ault bt Mrs R. A. Hill by 17.  
Mrs E. M. McMillan bt Mrs M. McMordie by 6.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow bt Maj F. Hill Bernhard by 5.

## SEMI-FINAL

Miss K. Ault bt Mrs E. M. McMillan by 11.  
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Rev F. J. Denbow by 2.

## FINAL

Miss K. D. Hickson bt Miss K. Ault by 11.

## HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C")

(6½ bisques and over)

(8 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

N. A. C. McMillan (7½) bt Mrs R. Creed Meredith (16) by 15.  
R. F. Rigiani (7½) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (6½) by 10.  
Mrs C. Devitt (10) bt Mrs G. L. Ormerod (12) by 9.  
Mrs G. Hill (8) bt Miss M. Creed Meredith (11) by 5.

## SEMI-FINAL

N. A. C. McMillan (7½) bt R. F. Rigiani (7½) by 7.  
Mrs C. Devitt (10) bt Mrs G. Hill (8) by 8.

## FINAL

Mrs C. Devitt (10) bt N. A. C. McMillan (7½) by 19.

## THE ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

September 19th—21st

Nineteen players became eligible to play at Roehampton in the final stages of an event in which Associates had been knocking each other out up and down the country since the early weeks of the season. While there were a few hardy annuals, the entries contained an unusual number of first participants eligible to be in at the kill. Two of the competitors, Arthur Reed and Dr Wiggins, had played a week earlier in the President's Cup and colour was thereby added to the proceedings. It is some years since players of this stature had been in the event and readers of the Friday morning papers must have wondered, on seeing the victories recorded by these two in the first and second rounds, how far their respective burdens of —1½ and —3 bisques would enable them to go. The more curious-minded were puzzled to know what clubs these two represented since the Doctor had been thought for some years equivalent to what Wimbledon entries sometimes refer to as Stateless, and Reed was surely not eligible for Cambridge University, having come down last year. It was revealed that the Doctor, who had won the event as long ago as 1929, now represented Compton, and Reed Norwich.

Of the clubs who, by virtue of having had an original entry of 16 or more competitors, enjoyed a dual participation, Hurlingham had lost both its representatives at the end of the first day's play while Roehampton had one and Budleigh survived with two, albeit in the latter case George Mills had not as yet wielded his mallet because of his opponent scratching.

Four of the last eight were minus players and the highest bisquer was in fact on the five mark which demonstrated the radical purging of the less experienced players in the early rounds. John Bolton, last year's winner at the tender age of 14, was playing with 3½ bisques less than last year but was in no way incommoded. He had a tight game against Martin Buller, pegging out the Captain and going to 3 back in his next turn, when he proceeded to peg out his partner ball. Five points ahead seemed adequate for this piece of tactics but Buller made six points before Bolton finally struck the peg and passed into the final. Here he was joined by Arthur Reed who had a prolonged tussle against the former Davis Cup player, Brian Gilbert. Neither of these minus players shone in this game as they had in earlier rounds and all spectators save two had dwindled away before Reed finished the game.

Before the start of the final, questions were asked regarding the last occasion on which two minus players had contested this stage. Even Noel Hicks, that storehouse of historical material, could not recall any instance within memory. The final started spectacularly enough with Bolton hitting the tice and Reed then gaining the innings with the fourth ball. Unfortunately the breaks could not get going, Reed approaching short more than once and Bolton not perfecting the build-up. The only really satisfactory break came from Reed who went from the second hoop to the rover after a beautiful rush to start the break. At this stage he looked a likely winner even with the bisque still standing against him, Bolton, however, used his bisque to regain the innings and assisted subsequently by two hairbreadth misses by Reed became the winner for the second year running.

Mrs Gasson presented the prizes on the proposition of Miss Lintern who has now supervised the event for more years than we can recall, always with her customary efficiency.

## RESULTS

## FIRST ROUND

A. Reed (Norwich) ( $-1\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt N. Baldwin (Hurlingham) ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 9.  
Miss E. Brumpton (Nottingham) (5) bt E. Duffield (Colchester) (1) by 12.  
Mrs D. Pritchard (Monmouthshire) (7) bt A. Camroux (Roehampton) (0) by 1.

## SECOND ROUND

G. Mills (Budleigh) (5) w.o. Miss S. Hampson (Hunstanton) opp. scr.  
J. B. Gilbert (Roehampton) ( $-1$ ) bt Miss K. Hickson (Parkstone) (4) by 6.  
R. Newton (Edgbaston) (4) w.o. W. Austen (Southwick) (3) opp. scr.  
A. Reed (Norwich) ( $-1\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt Miss E. Brumpton (Nottingham) (5) by 9.  
Dr W. R. D. Wiggins (Compton) ( $-3$ ) bt Mrs D. Pritchard (Monmouthshire) (7) by 12.  
Martin Buller (Budleigh) ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt R. J. Pickett (Hurlingham) (6) by 10.  
Miss I. Roe (Cheltenham) ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt Mrs E. Way (Southwick) (5) by 6.  
J. Bolton (Ryde) ( $-1$ ) bt E. Payne (Colchester) (12) by 11.

## THIRD ROUND

J. B. Gilbert (Roehampton) ( $-1$ ) bt G. Mills (Budleigh) (5) by 13.  
A. Reed (Norwich) ( $-1\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt R. Newton (Edgbaston) (4) by 7.  
Martin Buller (Budleigh) ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt Dr W. R. D. Wiggins ( $-3$ ) by 12.  
J. Bolton (Ryde) ( $-1$ ) bt Miss I. Roe (Cheltenham) ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 13.

## SEMI-FINAL

J. Bolton (Ryde) ( $-1$ ) bt Martin Buller (Budleigh) ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 4.  
A. Reed (Norwich) ( $-1\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt J. B. Gilbert ( $-1$ ) by 12.

## FINAL

J. Bolton (Ryde) ( $-1$ ) bt A. Reed (Norwich) ( $-1\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 7.

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Mrs W. A. T. Syngé 7\* to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Mrs R. A. Simpson 7 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
R. A. Simpson 8 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
D. W. Horne 8 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
F. E. Green 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2.  
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish  $-1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $-1\frac{1}{2}$ .  
J. Bolton 1 to  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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## (Unofficial)

Miss M. K. Towers 8 to 7.  
Mrs E. Thompson 10\* to 9.  
R. A. Simpson 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
T. G. S. Colls  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 0.  
R. G. S. Shewan 13 to 7.  
Miss J. L. Preston 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $-1\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Mrs R. A. Simpson 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## HUNSTANTON

W. B. Franklin 9\* to 8 (D7).  
Mrs J. Povey 11 to 8.  
A. D. Karmel  $-1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $-1$ .  
C. J. E. Dashwood 2 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## PARKSTONE

R. J. Rigiani 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ \* to 8.  
Mrs C. Devitt 10 to 9.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5.  
Mrs G. L. Ormerod 12 to 11.  
Col. D. W. Beamish  $-1$  to  $-1\frac{1}{2}$ .

## SURREY CUP

D. E. Strachan  $-1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $-1$ .  
J. Bolton 0 to  $-1\frac{1}{2}$ .

## CARRICKMINES

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A. D. Craig 12 to 10.  
H. M. Read 6 to 4.  
Mrs H. M. Read 5 to 4.  
Mrs Lightfoot 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
J. Lightfoot 11 to 9.

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W. Green 10 to 9.  
F. W. Meredith 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
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