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#### C. A. NOTICES

A T THE last meeting of the Editorial panel it was decided that, owing to shortage of space, and the fact that Tournament Reports were becoming quite unreasonably long - the Editor be instructed to "use his pencil" - drastically, if necessary. It is likely that guidance will be given in "Croquet" as to the length of Reports that the new Editor desires.

To those members to whom it may concern - the Croquet Tournament Committee is to meet on October 25th. At this meeting Calender fixtures will be decided. I am giving this notice to you in advance so that Clubs can arrange to let me have their fixtures

Special attention is drawn to this year's Tournament at Devonshire Park. While it is hoped competitors will stay for the whole fortnight, the programme is so arranged that it is possible to stay for one week only.

Special attention has been given to allowing people of ALL handicaps to get the same amount of play.

Instead of a match there is to be an afternoon of EXHIBITION MATCHES. This will take place on Sunday, 3rd October, at 2.30 p.m.

#### EDITORSHIP OF CROQUET

THIS POSITION has now been relinquished by Mr. Peter Fidler who has served in this honorary capacity for several years, and to whom the Association owes a debt of gratitude for accepting an office which involved much thankless work.

He is suceeded by Mr. Ian Baillieu to whom we also have reason to be grateful.

#### NEW REFEREE

A. A. Reed is appointed an Official Referee.

Owing to lack of entries The Old Boys' Competition is cancelled.

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H.O. Hicks was invited and refused for health reasons. B. Lloyd Pratt was invited and refused.

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B. Lloyd Pratt, Miss E. J. Warwick, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Dr. R. W. Bray, J. G. Warwick, G. E. P. Jackson, P. J. M. Fidler,

The following were asked and refused: - D. J. V. Hamilton Miller, A. A. Reed, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, A. J. Cooper.

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Col. Beamish and R. G. Shewan refused.

# NOTES by ROVER

Nothing which appears in "Croquet" should be regarded as official unless expressly so stated. Moreover the views expressed in this column are not necessarily the views of the Editor as is apparent from the last Rover Notes.

#### Current Form

What is current form? It is generally assumed that the selectors for the three "Eights" should treat the relevant period as beginning with the playing of the "Eights" of the preceding year and naturally terminating with the moment of selection, which is usually the second last day of the Hurlingham Tournament. This Rover is not aware of any official authority for this assumption. The Selectors for 1966 are to be congratulated for the manner in which they discharged their heavy responsibility but it is doubtful whether their selection strictly accords with current form as expressed above. There are many players whose work prevents them from 'playing the circuit' and whose true form is only reached on the eve of the event. Take the case of John Bolton. There appeared to be a unanimous view that this champion of the preceding year should be chosen again and a majority view that his selection was not justified on a strict and narrow view of current form. H. O. Hicks was naturally chosen because he won the Men's Championship for 1966. The point is whether he should have been chosen, had he failed to do so? This Rover thinks that he should have been chosen in any event. This also applies to E. P. C. Cotter. These two are both great masters of the game and should not be lightly dislodged from an event in which they have played for so many years with great distiction. The same applies to William Ormerod. He has little time for croquet but last year he was second to John Bolton. Is it right, however, that the Selectors should confine themselves to this performance and thus disregard the prominence with which he has played in preceding years? Should our champion John Solomon be ineligible in any particular year because for one reason or another he had been out of the game for a year or more? Peter Fidler has had no opportunity to show his form since his 1965 victory in the Surrey Cup. Should one disregard the fact that in the Surrey Cup of 1963 he tied with John Bolton and Douglas Strachen. There is another point to be considered. The three "Eights" are now in the true sense, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Eight respectively. Should not the winner of the 1st Eight be entitled of right to defend his title for the next year and the winners of the other two "Eights" be entitled to promotion for one year. The gap between the standard of play required for the President's Cup and the Chairman's Cup is only marginal. This can best be illustrated by pointing out that only half the players who appeared in the 1965 President's Cup were original selections for the 1966

A Rover may often discuss the control of the c Cup.

### Brought to Book

'Those who can, do: those who can't, teach.' This incisive generalisation, however brutal and unjustifiable we may regard it, has certainly exercised no inhibiting restraint over the producers of instructional works on Croquet. To mention only post-war authors, these have included Elvey, Tollemache (Tips and Practice: 1947), Reckitt, Cotter, Ormerod (G. L.), Miller-Thorp and - finis coronat opus Solomon. Seeing that all but two of these names are those of President's Cup players, it can hardly be said that their bearers cannot - or at any rate could not - 'do'. It also suggests the falsity of - if it does not actually dispose of the objection that 'you can't learn croquet out of a book'. Should not beginners then - and not only they - be grateful to those who have taken upon themselves to inform readers of the ways in which they should walk? - or rather stand still, for 'pedestrianism' is one of the commonest causes of missing hoops and roquets. If our authors may claim to disprove the proposition that the critic is the disappointed artist (and what croquet artist has been less often disappointed than the latest of them?), it is still true that the writer on our game does give hostages to fortune. One of those

mentioned above might have found himself embarrassed when a reader of his book blandly inquired why, when he had pointed out half a dozen errors to be avoided in making a roquet, he committed all of them himself. While he consoled himself with the thought that it is precisely the saint who is most conscious of sin, he was content to reply that it is often by our own failures that we may best gain the power of helping others to avoid them.

#### Handicaps

The Selection Committee for the three "Eights" are in one sense acting as a reviewing body one the Handicapping Committee in respect of those persons who are being chosen as original competitors or as reserves. What notice should the Handicapping Committee take of the fact of any selection or, perhaps, what is more important, the omission from selection? It has been suggested to this Rover that any player who has been omitted from the prized list should be entitled on request to have his handicap raised so as truly to reflect the decision of the Selectors. There could also be cases of persons relegated to the Surrey Cup finding themselves playing off a lower handicap than those chosen for the Chairman's Cup. Of course, there are many players who prefer to play off a prestige handicap. There is no reason why they should not continue to do so for they are a menace to no-one but themselves. But surely there must be some merit in trying to keep the handicaps of our leading players realistic and up to date.

A Rover may often discuss tactics with his partner who is also a Rover, and if he does so it will probably be because he has another point of view to put forward as is indeed the case in the Note. 'To seed or not to seed' is not by any means a new subject for debate amongst croquet players, and there must be very few of them now who are aware that about 40 years ago a system of seeding was actually adopted for premier C. A. events under the name of the 'Distributive Draw'. It proved very far from being popular and was soon abandoned so it may be instructive to recall some of the reasons for this. There was, in the first place, a very wide impression that any selection of this kind was essentially 'unfair'. All entrants were called upon to pay the same fee but all were not given an equal chance; there have always been a few entrants who are commonly known as 'tigers' and the process of seeding prevents any clash between tiger and tiger. These privileged players would thus be provided with victims whom they could consume for the greater enjoyment of the spectators around the arena. In fact these more feeble animals proved to be 'mechant' when they were thus selectively butchered to make a Hurlingham holiday. Entries fell sharply and notice had to taken of the fact that the event was no longer regarded as truly 'open'. Moreover, those who were required as selectors to fulfil this invidious task came to feel conscious that a good many people were not convinced of their ability to discharge it. Again, since croquet attracts no 'gate' a main motive for introducing seeding is absent. Perhaps all these objections may now be deemed insubstantial, but it should at least be well that we should be aware of them.

# By Order of the Council

CROQUET CENTENARY YEAR 1967

This is the centenary of the first Open Championship and the Croquet Association intend to celebrate it with several special events. The main one will be the CROQUET CENTENARY HANDICAP SINGLES to be played on the lines of the existing All England Handicap which will be suspended next year. Eliminating rounds will be played in clubs who will be completely responsible for organising this and for obtaining maximum local publicity in the press and through other mediums. It is hoped that ALL CLUBS, big and small, will enter AND that all individual members of the C.A. (that means YOU!) will keep their ears and eyes wide open during the rest of the summer and indeed the winter too to locate clubs and players who we did not know previously existed and get them to enter whether as clubs, or as individuals playing in your club event. The winner in each club will proceed to the area finals which, with the kind permission of the clubs concerned, will be played at Hurlingham, Roehampton, Southwick, Budleigh, Nottingham, Colchester, Cheltenham, Parkstone, A rather unexpected note is struck on the first page of this Bowdon and Eastbourne. Thus no area final will be so far away as to make it impossible for your club to enter. Each person entering their club's event will be awarded a special certificate. Each Club winner will get a bronze medal. Each area winner will get a special plaque. The Finals will be held at Hurlingham and the prize will be a special Rose Bowl with a silver salver for the runner up, both to be won outright. More details of this and other interesting events will appear in "Croquet" during the next few months, so make sure you read it and don't miss anything!

YOU can all help in the following ways:-

- 1. Start talking about it in your club, and ways and means of getting
- 2. Start looking around for new unregistered clubs (there are lots
- 3. Start talking croquet to your friends you will be surprised to find how many play
- 4. Let the Secretary of the C.A. have your ideas.

AND LASTLY BUT NOT LEAST, the whole programme and ideas for Centenary Year will be discussed at a Conference of Clubs to be held in London on Saturday 12th November, so please make sure YOUR club is represented, and that your representative comes with some of YOUR ideas - We want these before, not after it is all over - so lets have them!

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When a Master speaks one remains silent and gives him one's whole attention; when a Master writes one 'reads, marks, learns and inwardly digests' his words and then seeks to put them into practice to the (perhaps narrow) limit of one's capacity. But of a reviewer something more than this is required. He might much prefer to limit his observations to that of the husband, pictured on a poster often to be seen a quarter of a century ago, saying to his wife simply, 'My dear, buy it'. This the majority of associates will probably do in any case, but they will expect some indications here of how our distinguished author goes about his task; perhaps a few samples of his style; less probably a word or two of criticism mingled with the appraisement of the book. Who is sufficient for such tasks in this instance? Not, he fears, the writer, with such qualifications as he may once have possessed hidden in the mists of time.

book when its author declares that 'perhaps the reason why croquet is so very much a minor sport is because it is so very difficult, not only in technique but equally so in theory'. Here is a salutary example of the 'offensive-defensive'. I remember in the course of a discussion on the radio in New Zealand being asked why I thought it was that so few men in that country cared to take up croquet and confined themselves to bowls. I replied on the spur of the moment that I believed it must be because they suspected it was too difficult for them. After this the discussion brightened up considerably. Not all our most distinguished players have taken this line; I recall a pre-War champion who always declared that croquet was an easy game. But well as he played, he set his sights less high than John Solomon has always done. When we are only halfway through his book we are propelled into the stratosphere of 'More Advance Play' amidst Straight Triples and Sextuple Peels. All this is likely to prove immensely stimulating to our actually or potentially brilliant young men, who already feel, as John clearly wants his readers to feel, that on the court a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a mallet for?

This volume is constructed on lines which have not usually been adopted by writers on the game. All instruction on stroke production, 'Technique' as the author calls it, is postponed until every aspect of the game as it should ideally be played has been set before us. The effect may be a bit breath-taking for its humbler readers. For example, in Chapter 3, when the author is discussing the Openings we find him declaring that 'the play that can generally be observed in the fifth turn is one of abysmal lack of initiative', and telling us we have no right to creep into a wired position beside hoop 4 but ought to go out for a break at once. How we should do so in most interestingly set out, with the aid of an excellent diagram, and should incite some of our less enterprising A class players to have a go on these lines. If one were to object that one must not try to run before one can walk, John would doubtless reply that if you are never content to try anything but walking you will never be able to run at all, and if you daren't try to run in a 'serious' game why not determine to begin doing so in practice? His chapter on 'Practice without tears' is a particularly helpful one, and includes a number of suggestions for making the process not merely rewarding but good fun.

If the neophyte may feel this book to be a little alarming at a first glance, he will find that its author has for him much good advice and some encouragement. Amongst the former is the important councel that 'it is the beginner's failure to leave himself a rush (at the end of his turn) that makes the game more difficult than it need be' - a badly needed warning against 'drifting back to mother'. On the same page it is declared 'that the beginner usually sees the light quite suddenly'. This is true. I remember a lady telling me that she had actually played in two or three tournaments in a hand to mouth sort of way before it suddenly dawned of her in the middle of a game at Devonshire Park 'what it was all about'. Next season her handicap came down from 16 to 7.

Another point that John Solomon makes, in a chapter on the Out-player, is that the maxim that 'the onlooker sees most

of the game' is literally true, and applies not merely to spectators but to competitors. 'A croquet court is very large and often one goes on the court to play one's turn and, standing in the middle of the court, it seems impossible to assess the situation properly. One is surrounded by grass, the corners look a long way away ... so often the problem is much clearer when seen from outside the court'. The moral of this is that one should make up one's mind as the opponent's turn is ending, and before stepping on the court

There is a particularly valuable chapter on the Pegged Out game, some good, if familiar, advice on bisque taking (but little on bisque giving), and some admirably forthright strictures on the 'appalling spectacle' of lengthy consultations in Open Doubles. But the treatment of Handicap Doubles is the least adequate section in the book and does much too little justice to a form of the game in which not only has the author apparently no interest but of which he positively disapproves: 'it gives the weaker player a completely false idea of what croquet can be and is really the worst possible training for him'. One sees his point, but it is not 'the whole truth and nothing but the truth', as most readers will surely agree. Handicap Doubles are an essential feature of our

On page 84 we at last reach 'technique'; 'it seemed to me foolish to describe how each shot is played before I had explained why it is played'. If readers find this attitude unsuited to their own needs and desires, there is nothing to prevent them from reading these informing and precisely written pages at an earlier stage. What John Solomon has to say about gripping the mallet well be read with especial interest in view of his idiosyncratic practice in this respect: 'neither hand has any predominance and the result is a perfect blend between the two'. In the face of his splendid achievements it would verge on impiety to question this claim.

On due reflection and taking all in all, I think that this book is, as one might have expected it to be, the best of many that have been published since World War II. I feel emboldened to pronounce this verdict since I have read all of them and even written one myself. It is a book to live with and live up to, and only the great champion its author could have

Maurice B. Reckitt

# Notes from the Clubs

The Club has been quite successful with its season's activities; we played Oxford and Cambridge Universities on the 7th and 14th May. The former was drawn 4 all and latter a victory 7 games to 3. In the latter it was felt that Nigel Martin and Michael Heap were doing rather well with 8 bisques. We also staged an evening game with the newly registered club at Colworth House. On June 11th we played Colchester in a friendly at their ground. In this match, two members H. Green and J. Wheeler of Wrest Park, were playing in away matches for the first time and gave a good account of themselves on courts rather different to our home ones.

We were drawn against Cambridge University in the Longman Cup, this game played at Wrest Park on 23rd June resulted in a Wrest Park victory 3 - 2. We duly noticed that Michael Heap had lost 4 bisques since May 14th, but Martin was still a formidable 8. In the second doubles H. Green in his first Longman Cup match, played well and was on the winning side. The Eastern Area final Wrest Park v Colchester played at the latter ground was a very close affair, the home team losing 3 - 2. In this game Colchester played a formidable team only 1 bisque outside the limit of 16. Wrest Park now await the area winners draw.

The home lawns are improving year by year and are now unrecognisable from those of 1964. Professional advice has been given for future treatment and it is hoped to carry out major operations in the coming winter. Club membership is much the same but in common with the majority of clubs, we do not seem to be able to attract female members except to help in catering at home matches, which is nevertheless an important function.

#### Nottingham Croquet Club

The experimental unofficial weekend Tournament held on July 22, 23 and 24 attracted a total of 17 entries of whom four were visitors one from as far away as Glasgow. Not unnaturally, therefore, the winner of each block proved to be a local member: P. Elmes in Block A, G. Slater in Block B, A. J. Bucknell in Block C, and D. Archer in Block D. The two semi-final playoffs on the Sunday morning were a little unpleasant on account of rain, whilst heavy and persistant rain prevented the final (postponed until Thursday 28th) being played until Saturday 30th, when Archer beat Elmes 26 to 10. Incidentally, the handicap of D. Archer had been reduced twice this Season, and once more during the Tournament, which was managed by G. Birch (who presented a Cup) assisted by M. Murrav.

Each and every participant spoke in praise of the arrangements and especially of the catering which was undertaken by Mrs. Ward, assisted by Mrs. Stephens.

## Questions and Answers

QUESTION: A Referee is called on appeal and finds out that the problem is whether or not RED is entitled to a left. This in turn depends solely on the question as to who is responsible for the RED ball. There are no spectators and the players do not agree. Who is the responsible party? How should the

ANSWER: The Referee should not immediately despair of being able to give a positive decision. Both parties should be questioned as to their recollection of the preceding play. It may turn out that one of the players has virtually a blank memory, whilst the other can describe, with some accuracy, the preceding play. On the contrary it may be that the Referee is unable to form a positive decision. In such a case the Referee should give a compromise decision under under Regulation 5 (d). In most cases the fairest decision is likely to be to direct the players to play all four balls from bawk as at the beginning of the game. This will enable the players to fight the battle for the initiative. A perusal of Regulation 5 will reveal that a Referee is not bound to follow this particular course if he does not think that this is the fairest way to compromise.

## Correspondence

THE EDITOR OF 'CROQUET'

3 Hour Time Limit Dear Sir,

I welcome Mr. Paynter's letter in the July issue which sets out an opposite view and one I should like to rebut as follows:-

- Although "a tournament is seen for the benefit of the players and not that of the Manager", if there were no Managers there would be no Tournaments. Managers are very short and their convenience must be considered.
- 2. In this country, time is very precious and staff almost impossible to get. Therefore, many players can only devote a limited time to croquet, and whilst I agree it is very beneficial to watch good croquet, nothing puts off a spectator more than lengthy defensive games; also which is better, to have more players in tournaments because they can play at fixed times, or less being those who can devote whole days to watching when not playing?
- 3. Time limits could result in 'stone walling' by a player who was ahead, but this can easily be overcome by amending, if necessary, the customs of the game so that time is not wasted and if thought desireable by giving bonus points for an outright win e.g. 26 + 2.
- 4. The long bisquer is the main stay of the game and anything which tends to encourage him is to be applauded.

Incidentally Mr. Paynter is a very quick player and I can't imagine his games lasting 3 hours! I hope all clubs will discuss the 3 hour time limit at their A. G. M. 's. and let the C. A. have their views at the Club conference in November.

Yours faithfully,

D. C. Caporn.

## THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 25th - 30th.

T IS A reassuring fact that on the eve of the Centenary of our Championships, the entry for this event should be nearly the largest, the most representative and (significantly) the youngest since World War II. We missed the presence of a few whom we should like to have seen competing, notably William Ormerod, Rupert Thorp and Peter Fidler, but were somewhat consoled for their absence by the appearance for the first time of such brilliant newcomers to the event as Nigel Aspinall, Roger Bray, John Simon and Keith Wylie. At least nine of those competing are still on the 'playing side' of thirty, and we heard a suggestion that these young gentlemen should be given a Championship to themselves and leave the traditional one to their elders, who all too often nowadays cannot claim to be also their betters!

The feature of the opening day was a splendid match between Aspinall and Humphrey Hicks. Would that its' full story could be told, but it must suffice to say that the issue was in the balance up to the last five minutes of the third game when an enterprising but perhaps incautious approach to the last hoop by the young challenger led to his becoming hoop-bound after scraping through the rover and leaving Hicks a lift and a shortish roquet by means of which to win the game. This reporter cannot remember two competitors in their first Championship playing croquet of such quality as did Mr Aspinall and his fellow Bristolian, John Simon, during the week. These are two players already of star quality – as the Doubles was to confirm.

Another of whom much had been expected, Keith Wylie, deservedly won a longish match against Hamilton-Miller. Roger Bray came easily through his early matches, looking very formidable, but lost his chance of reaching the semi-final in a not very good match with John Bolton by missing the rover hoop when going out in the second game. David O'Connor, one of two delightfully enthusiastic young men from Eire, had the misfortune to meet our our arch-magician in the first round and had to console himself with the opportunity of seeing how absolutely simple it is to reel off triple peels. (Further instruction on 'straight' and 'three ball'one's can now be sought in Mr. Solomon's book).

A practical demonstration of the former magic was provided by Solomon in the second game of his match against Lloyd Pratt; it was in the new style with the 'peelee' cannoned to the penultimate. His opponent can claim to have made no mistakes in this match for he was never allowed to take croquet at all. Keith Wylie had a good victory over Miss Warwick who was unable in this match to take her chances, and so, perhaps even more surprisingly did Simon overcome Cotter who did not get very many offered him the first game, and was defeated, as Hicks had so nearly been by Aspinall, by a peg-out (shipshape and Bristol fashion) while the 'pegger's' partner ball was still only on the second hoop. Another surprising upset was the defeat of Hicks by Robin Godby, who having won a close first game, seemed to become positively inspired in the second and allowed his famous opponent no chances at all. He proceeded to make a fight of it with Solomon who looked in the second game as though the sextuple peel which he had been chasing for so long was not to elude him this time. but an unlucky accident after peeling his ball through three back neutralised all the delicate play he had exhibited till then. Mrs. Rotherham, who had been playing with great steadiness all along, won a three game match with Wylie, finishing with a 26. Meanwhile Simon defeated a second President's Cup player in Strachan by some beautifully accurate play - 'like a computer' as somebody remarked.

So in the semi-final line-up there was one lady and three Johns (future croquet parents will doubtless note the significance of this!). The first game between Solomon and Simon displayed faultless play from both players, but a 35 yard shot from Hoop 1 to near corner III enabled Solomon to clinch the matter. In the second both players got into unexpected trouble at hoop 4 and Simon, in first missing the two shots left him, failed to get out of it. The tie between Mrs. Rotherham and Bolton was a far more protracted affair, and the

second game was not finished when at about 4.30 p.m. thundery deluges made play impossible for the day. Bolton looked unwontedly nervous in the first game and missed four easy roquets. Both players displayed uncertainty in the second which developed into a very even contest. When it was resumed in the morning Bolton seemed to have a good chance of a quick win - but ten minutes later it was the lady who achieved this.

The final was in some respects a disappointment, as is so often the case. The shooting was very good on both sides but there were mistakes from each player, and though Mrs. Rotherham was first round in the second game she could do nothing further with the chances she earned and which were offered her. The Champion finished after some delays, with a straight double peel in the first game and a delayed triple in the second, and had at no time during the week looked like forfeiting his fourth consecutive title and his seventh in all. There were players competing this year who looked as if they would be equal to challenging him ere long. One of them is reported to have said that it was not the old but the young tigers that he feared and this week's results did a good deal to justify this apprehension. Chronologically speaking our Champion stands between the two, and does not look likely to retire discomforted into the jungle just yet.

The DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP was remarkable for the number of exceptionally close contests which occured in the course of it. Hicks and Bolton only just escaped defeat from Clemons (of Tasmania) and Paynter and would probably not have done so if the latter had not just drifted over the boundary in the last minutes of the game. The winners then succumbed to Reed and David Miller in a game which the young pair ought to have won fairly easily had not Reed failed to complete the final peg-out from less than a yard. Skill and infinite caution took their opponents a long way on the road to victory till Reed hit the very last shot from the side boundary. The holders, Cotter and Solomon, would have been unlikely to have defeated Lloyd Pratt and Mrs Rotherham if Cotter had not hit the last lift, and in the semi-final they had made up a lot of ground, Patrick playing particularly well, when Aspinall hit the final lift and was able to peg out his partner, already on the peg. The final was a very interesting game, in which after Simon had gone to four back, and his partner seemed well on the way to achieving a '3 ball triple', Wylie with a beautiful turn pegged out Simon! Wiggins was then on the second hoop, Aspinall for two back. The doctor was able to manage only one more hoop, for Aspinall hit three consecutive shots of almost maximum length. The combined talents of this gifted pair should earn them many more Doubles Championships if they are able to maintain a partnership so successful at its very first attempt.

Much has been said of the young men in this account; now for a hearty cheer for the oldest competitor in the tournament. Guy Warwick professed himself grateful to his sister for removing a very dangerous rival from the Association in Aspinall, but he effected some very impressive 'removals' himself in beating Mrs. Longman, Lloyd-Pratt, Neal and Reed in rapid succession. He seemed to be playing with a more relentless steadiness and even better shooting than was the case when he earned his 'Bestsight' tie three years ago.

The Association is fortunate in having found in Brian Gilbert a Manager whose efficiency was equalled only by his unfailing serenity. So good had been his management that it began to look as though he would have some difficulty in making the Tournament last out till Saturday. Here he was assisted by the savage thunderstorms on Friday which left the courts while - not unto harvest but unto hailstones, and transformed the courts in front of the House into a lake district. There were further torrents on Saturday, but the Doubles finalists played through them, leaving spectators free to watch the final thrills of the World Cup, after our new Chairman had showed, in presiding over the presentation of the trophies by Mrs Karmel, a fluency and vigour equal to that we have long been accustomed to applaud him for on the courts.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT OPEN (LEVEL) SINGLES

#### (32 Entries)

J. W. Simon bt Mrs G. W. Solomon + 26 + 15 G. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins + 17 + 18 D. F. Strachan bt A. A. Reed + 15 + 3 W. B. C. Paynter bt G. W. Williams + 19 - 16 + 10 B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard + 3 + 18 J. W. Solomon bt D. B. O'Connor + 25 + 23 R. A. Godby bt Mrs W. Longman - 11 + 13 + 2 H. O. Hicks bt G. N. Aspinall - 25 + 12 + 2 Miss E. J. Warwick bt J. G. Warwick + 7 + 8 K. F. Wylie bt D. S. V. Hamilton-Miller + 4 - 26 + 4 Mrs G. Rotherham bt T. F. H. Jessell + 22 + 26 A. V. Cameroux bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey + 13 + 17 A. D. Karmel bt L. J. Webb + 11 + 11 J. P. R. Bolton bt Mrs E. M. Lightfoot + 10 + 10 Dr. R. W. Bray bt D. W. Miller + 17 + 26 B. G. Neal bt H. S. Clemons - 11 + 17

J. W. Simon bt G. P. C. Cotter + 4 + 26
D. F. Strachan bt W. B. C. Paynter + 7 + 23
J. W. Solomon bt B. Lloyd-Pratt + 26 + 26
R. A. Godby bt H. O. Hicks + 7 + 26
K. F. Wylie bt Miss E. J. Warwick + 24 + 10
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt A. V. Camroux + 25 + 11
J. P. R. Bolton bt A. D. Karmel + 17 + 16 - 1
Dr. R. W. Bray bt B. G. Neal + 25 + 17 opp. ret.

J. W. Simon bt D. F. Strachan + 24 + 16 J. W. Solomon bt R. A. Godby + 15 + 15 Mrs E. Rotherham bt K. F. Wylie + 20 - 15 + 26 J. P. R. Bolton bt Dr. R. W. Bray + 25 + 17

J. W. Solomon bt J. W. Simon + 17 + 11 Mrs E. Rotherham bt J. P. R. Bolton + 15 + 3

J. W. Solomon bt Mrs E. Rotherham + 25 + 16

(13 Pairs)

# OPEN DOUBLES

G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon bt R. W. Bray & Miss E. J. Warwick + 2

G. B. Neal & D. F. Strachan bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey & Mrs M. Lightfoot + 13

E. P. C. Cotter & J. W. Solomon bt B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs E. Rotherham + 4

A. A. Reed & D. W. Miller bt D. B. O'Connor & L. J. Webb + 11 H. O. Hicks & J. P. R. Bolton bt H. S. Clemons & W. B. C. Paynter + 3

#### SECOND ROUND

G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon bt R. A. Godby & Mrs W. Longman + 17 E. P. C. Cotter & J. N. Solomon bt G. B. Neal & D. F. Strachan + 26 A. A. Reed & D. W. Miller bt H. O. Hicks & J. P. R. Bolton + 2 Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins & K. F. Wylie bt J. G. Warwick & Lt. Col. D. H. C. Prichard + 25.

#### SEMI-FINAL

G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon bt E. P. C. Cotter & J. W. Solomon + 4 Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins & K. F. Wylie bt A. A. Reed & D. W. Miller + 23

#### FINAL

G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins & K. F. Wylie + 12. defeated, but players drew no moral from this, and there were

#### ASSOCIATION (PLATE)

#### OPEN (LEVEL) SINGLES

#### (19 Entries)

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt D. W. Miller + 16 Mrs G. W. Solomon w/o A. V. Camroux bt W. B. C. Paynter + 10

Miss E. J. Warwick bt G. N. Aspinall + 4 Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt H. S. Clemons + 20 A. A. Reed bt Mrs E. Lightfoot + 17 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs G. W. Solomon + 11 A. Karmel bt A. V. Camroux + 9 B. G. Neal bt L. J. Webb + 12 B. Lloyd-Pratt bt D. B. O'Connor + 23 J. G. Warwick bt Mrs W. Longman + 20

Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Miss E. J. Warwick + 3 A. A. Reed bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller + 6 B. G. Neal bt A. Karmel + 20 J. G. Warwick bt B. Lloyd-Pratt + 12

A. A. Reed bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard + 19 J. G. Warwick bt B. G. Neal + 3

J. G. Warwick bt A. A. Reed + 19

#### **COLCHESTER TOURNAMENT**

18th - 23rd July.

THERE COULD hardly be a better preliminary to the Open Championships than the Colchester tournament, and this year a number of players could be found regaining their touch on the fast true lawns. But this is not to suggest that the open event here was largely a form-finding exercise for championship players; on the contrary, it was enlivened by the presence of a number of highly spirited medium bisquers, one of whom (Mrs Raikes) nearly caused a major upset in the Draw, having advanced both clips to 4-back before John Bolton had started. And the standard of play throughout was relatively high, Franklin in particular being unlucky to meet strong opposition in each half.

Bray was a worthy winner of the opens, and indeed he was beaten only twice during the week. Peter Hallett rather threw away the final of the Process by laying up in baulk when Bray was for penultimate (the other ball having been pegged out); and Lloyd-Pratt similarly lost the play-off with a dreadful approach to the penultimate (having helped his opponent by peeling him through the rever). But Bray's play was consistently strong, and only when pegged out did he shew any lapse in tactical judgment.

In the handicap Mrs Raikes triumphed eventually, though not without some close games. It seemed from the start almost inevitable that either she or Roland Price would win the event, and it was their hard fought semi-final that decided the issue. But Peter Hallett did well to reach the final and he was a little unlucky not to round off a pretty successful week by winning the event. His father, who looked dangerously good for his  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bisques, succeeded in winning Y; but he should never have lost his first game in X when he had both clips on the peg with Mrs Lightfoot some 15 points behind. Her victory in this game was one of the best revivals of the week.

A feature of the tournament was a quite unnatural addiction towards pegging out the opponents. Nowhere was this clearer than in the doubles, where every one of the four first round ties ended in a pegged out game. In three of these games the peggers out were defeated, but players drew no moral from this, and there were

several more calamities later in the week. The doubles was won quite comfortably by Bray and G. Hallett (the holders) who in fact always seemed likely winners, though the strong Chelmsford combination of Mrs Raikes and Paterson had achieved a good deal by somewhat unorthodox methods.

This tournament would hardly be possible were it not for the ladies of the club who provide superb lunches and teas to all players at extremely moderate prices. (The nearest restaurant is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles away.) Their efforts, and those of Mr. Duffield, who managed with unusual skill (getting 78 games on 4 lawns without once even threatening a time limit), contributed very largely to a most enjoyable and successful tournament.

DRAW (14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

W. B. Franklin bt C. S. Ratcliffe + 1 E. Whitehead bt D. W. Miller + 17 Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes bt F. E. M. Puxon + 17 J. P. R. Bolton bt Mrs T. D. Raikes + 8 R. W. Bray bt P. D. Hallett + 5 Mrs E. M. Lightfoot bt Mrs F. E. M. Puxon + 14

#### SECOND ROUND

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt W. B. Franklin + 26 E. Whitehead bt Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes + 5 R. W. Bray bt J. P. R. Bolton + 5 Mrs E. M. Lightfoot bt K. H. Paterson + 16

#### SEMI-FINAL

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt E. Whitehead + 16 R. W. Bray bt Mrs E. M. Lightfoot + 19

FINAL

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt R. W. Bray + 4

HANDICAP SINGLES

(22 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

D. W. Miller  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt R. W. Bray  $(-\frac{1}{2})+12$ B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) bt E. Whitehead (2)+11J. P. R. Bolton (-4) bt C. L. Robertson (9)+5Mrs E. M. Lightfoot  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt G. F. Hallett  $(7\frac{1}{2})+2$ Mrs F. E. M. Puxon (8) bt Mrs P. E. Heloy  $(4\frac{5}{2})+8$ Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (12)+7

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs T. D. Raikes (7) bt Mrs C. L. Robertson (9) + 15 C. S. Ratcliffe ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt W. B. Franklin (3) + 1 R. K. Price (7) bt D. W. Miller ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) + 9 B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) bt J. P. R. Bolton (-4) + 13 Mrs F. E. M. Puxon (8) bt Mrs E. M. Lightfoot ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) + 18 P. D. Hallett (0) bt Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ ) + 6 B. P. Braund (9) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) + 6 K. H. Paterson (7) bt Mrs E. Whitehead (10) + 18

#### THIRD ROUND

Mrs T. D. Raikes (7) bt C. S. Ratcliffe  $(4\frac{1}{2}) + 10$  R. K. Price (7) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) + 14 P. D. Hallett (0) bt Mrs F. E. M. Puxon (8) + 9 K. H. Paterson (7) bt B. P. Braund (9) + 13

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs T. D. Raikes (7) bt R. K. Price (7) + 7 P. D. Hallett (0) bt K. H. Paterson (7) + 5

FINAI

Mrs T. D. Raikes (7) bt P. D. Hallett (0) + 7

#### HANDICAP SINGLES

FIRST ROUND

(10 Entries)

E. Whitehead (2) bt C. L. Robertson (9) + 5 G. F. Hallett  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs P. E. Heley  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  + 14

#### SECOND ROUND

W. B. Franklin (3) bt Mrs C. L. Robertson (9) + 8 R. W. Bray  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  bt E. Whitehead (2) + 11 G. F. Hallett  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (12) + 11 Mrs E. Whitehead (10) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) + 14

#### SEMI-FINAL

W. B. Franklin (3) w. o. R. W. Bray  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  (ret. on peg) G. F. Hallett  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs E. Whitehead (10) + 15

#### FINAL

G. F. Hallett  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt W. B. Franklin (3) + 7

#### HANDICAP SINGLES

(11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Brig. Rev. A, F, G, Forbes  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt D, W, Miller  $(1\frac{1}{2}) + 17$ Mrs E, M, Lightfoot  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Major E, J, Bromley-Fox (12) + 6C, S, Ratcliffe  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt C, L, Robertson (9) + 6

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs P. E. Heley  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs C. L. Robertson (9) + 14Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs E. M. Lightfoot  $(1\frac{1}{2}) + 6$ J. P. R. Bolton (-4) bt C. S. Ratcliffe  $(4\frac{1}{2}) + 8$ F. E. M. Puxon (8) bt B. P. Braund (9) + 17

#### SEMI-FINAL

Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  w.o. Mrs P. E. Heley (retired) J. P. R. Bolton (-4) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) + 15

#### FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton (-4) w. o. opp. scratched

#### DOUBLES (HANDICAP)\*

(see games commencing at 5th Hoop) (12 Pairs)

#### FIRST ROUND

R. W. Bray & G. F. Hallet (7) bt W. B. Franklin & Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes  $(7\frac{1}{2})+5$ 

C.S. Ratcliffe & Mrs P. E. Heley (9) bt J. P. R. Bolton & Mrs E. E. Clark (4) + 4

B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs F. E. M. Puxon (6) bt F. E. M. Puxon & Mrs E. M. Lightfoot  $(9\frac{1}{2}) + 1$ 

K. H. Paterson & Mrs T. D. Raikes (14) bt P. D. Hallett & R. K. Price (7)  $\pm$  3

#### SECOND ROUND

E. Whitehead & Mrs E. Whitehead (12) bt B. P. Braund & Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (21) + 16

R. W. Bray & G. F. Hallett (7) bt C. S. Ratcliffe & Mrs P. E. Heley (9) + 9

K. H. Paterson & Mrs T. D. Raikes (14) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs F. E. M. Puxon (6) + 17

C. L. Robertson & Mrs C. L. Robertson (18) bt D. W. Miller & Mrs M. D. Cork (9½) + 8

#### SEMI-FINAL

R. W. Bray & G. F. Hallett (7) bt E. Whitehead & Mrs E. Whitehead (12) +8

K. H. Paterson & Mrs T. D. Raikes (14) bt C. L. Robertson & Mrs C. L. Robertson (18) + 15

#### FINAL

R. W. Bray & G. F. Hallett (7) bt K. H. Paterson & Mrs T. D. Raikes
(14) + 9

#### **COLCHESTER TOURNAMENT**

July 18th - 23rd 1966

OPEN SINGLES

PROCESS (14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

J. P. R. Bolton bt B. Lloyd-Pratt + 13 D. W. Miller bt Mrs F. E. M. Puxon + 22 P. D. Hallett bt C. S. Ratcliffe + 18 R. W. Bray bt W. B. Franklin + 26 K. H. Paterson bt F. E. M. Puxon + 16 Mrs E. M. Lightfoot bt E. Whitehead + 16

#### SECOND ROUND

J. P. R. Bolton bt D. W. Miller + 24 P. D. Hallett bt Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes + 4 R. W. Bray bt K. H. Paterson + 26 Mrs E. M. Lightfoot bt Mrs T. D. Raikes + 14

#### SEMI-FINAL

P. D. Hallett bt J. P. R. Bolton + 7 R. W. Bray bt Mrs E. M. Lightfoot + 20

#### FINAL

R. W. Bray bt P. D. Hallett + 4

PLAY-OFF: R. W. Bray beat B. Lloyd-Pratt by 9

#### **CHELTENHAM**

July 18th - 23rd

T SEEMS so right that the West of England centre of our game should be at Cheltenham with its ten lawns skilfully founded, kept, improved and played on for more than half a century: with the Club houses and pavilions close at hand for all players: and with the unspoilt hills of Cleeve and Leckhampton forming the background. The lawns have the facility of absorbing the rain, so that the pace was not greatly affected by the rather unpleasant conditions of the first half of the week: and the boundaries are as true as the areas which they enclose. No excuse here for a player whose ball goes off when he is seeking a rush behind the yard line.

How spiteful and false was that morose Scottish divine, who exclaimed "this monstrous regiment of women!". For here we have a Club charmingly presided over by Mrs Daniels, playing once again with all her former skill, and with an equally charming Secretary, Miss Sessions. Here we have a tournament patiently and tactfully managed by Mrs Chittenden: the preliminary work of dealing with the entries punctually performed by Mrs Mathews: and those delightful lunches and teas provided by Miss Armstrong and Miss Douglas-Jones. A most enjoyable and friendly tournament.

In the Open Singles, the play was certainly tough for those at the top, as evidenced by the fact that neither J.W.Simon, last year's runner-up in the Surrey Cup, nor H.S.Clemons, whose long shooting was consistently on target all the week, were able to qualify for the final of the Draw or Process. In the former event, Edgar Jackson, who was seldom off the courts throughout the week, played a fine aggresive game to defeat Keith Wylie by 15 points in the final: while in the Process, Wylie was the winner against D.J.V.Hamilton-

Miller with a smoothly-executed triple peel, having nearly brought off a quadruple peel against the same player in the Draw. In the play-off, Wylie had a winning margin of 9 points against Jackson after an exciting game, full of good croquet, in which the winner picked up a fine break with his backward ball to settle the issue. The B Opens attracted a strong entry and were won by Miss I, M. Roe, who defeated Mrs R. A. Lewty, a promising new-comer, in the final. C. F. Robinson, who now knows how to use bisques to his advantage, was the winner of two events, - the C. Class Handicap Singles, in which Miss W. K. Allardyce put up an excellent fight, and the big Handicap, defeating Wing-Commander E. M. Smith by 15 points in the final. To win this event was an achievement of undoubted merit. Edgar Jackson, his victim in the first round, went on to defeat Dr. B. R. Sandiford in the Extra Y. Handicap final, and then completed a most successful and busy week by carrying off the Handicap Doubles event in partnership with his wife. Here, tactics and accurate play proved a decisive factor in a well-contested game. Their opponents, Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson, had reached the final after a splendid victory in the second round against Wylie and Robinson, who must have been, by general consent, strong favourites to win this event.

#### THE CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

OPEN SINGLES

Class I

EVENT I

DRAW (11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

J. W. Simon bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden + 19 K. F. Wylie bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller + 24 H. S. Clemons bt Miss K. M. Sessions + 13

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs A, N, Daniels bt E, A, Roper + 6 K, F, Wylie bt J, W, Simon + 5 H, S, Clemons bt Dr. H, J, Penny + 16 G, E, P, Jackson bt E. Sidwell + 4

#### SEMI-FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt Mrs A. M. Daniels + 24 G. E. P. Jackson bt H. S. Clemons + 2

#### FINA

G. E. P. Jackson bt K. F. Wylie + 15

PLAY-OFF. K. F. Wylie bt G. E. P. Jackson + 9

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden + 23 Mrs A. M. Daniels bt Dr. H. F. Penny + 13 E. Sidwell bt E. A. Roper + 15

## SECOND ROUND

G. E. P. Jackson bt H. S. Clemons + 4 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs A. M. Daniels + 6 Miss K. M. O. Sessions bt J. W. Simon + 7 K. F. Wylie bt E. Sidwell + 5

#### SEMI-FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton–Miller bt G. E. P. Jackson + 13 K. F. Wylie bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions + 21

#### FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller + 19

#### THE MONEY SALVER

#### LEVEL SINGLES

Class B

EVENT II

(2 Bisques or more) (14 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Wing Com. E. M. Smith + 18 Miss R. M. Allen bt Miss K. D. Hickson + 5 R.O.B. Whittington bt W. Green + 14 Miss I. M. Roe bt Dr. T. E. Ryves + 20 Mrs R. A. Lewty bt Mrs B. de C. Mathews + 4 F. W. Meredith bt Mrs E. M. Temple + 10 Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt Miss M. A. Posford + 2

#### SECOND ROUND

Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Miss R. M. Allen + 7 Miss I. M. Roe bt R. O. B. Whittington + 18 Mrs. R. A. Lewty bt F. W. Meredith op. scratched Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt Mrs D. J. Yoxall + 7

Miss I. M. Roe beat Col. G. T. Wheeler + 1 Mrs. R. A. Lewty bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford + 5

FINAT.

Miss I. M. Roe bt Mrs R. A. Lewty + 10

#### THE CALTHROP CUP

#### HANDICAP SINGLES

Class C

EVENT III

 $(6\frac{1}{2} \text{ Bisques or more})$ (7 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Miss W. K. Allardyce (16) bt R. A. Lewty (10) + 18 Mrs I, M. Purves (10) bt Miss A. M. Vick (15) + 12 C. F. Robinson (8) bt W. J. Sturdy (10) + 2

#### SEMI-FINAL

Miss W. K. Allardyce (16) bt Miss I. M. Purves (10) + 14 C. F. Robinson (8) bt Mrs G. E. P. Jackson (10) + 22

C. F. Robinson (8) bt Miss W. K. Allardyce (16) + 7

#### EXTRA EVENT

#### FIRST ROUND

J. W. Simon (-1) bt Miss A. M. Vick (15) + 11 Mrs G. E. P. Jackson (10) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) op. retired D. A. Wilson (12) bt E. A. Roper (0) op. scratched Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) + 24

#### SEMI\_FINAT

J. W. Simon (-1) bt Mrs G. E. P. Jackson (10) + 5 D. A. W lson (12) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) + 20

D. A. Wilson (12) bt J. W. Simon (-1) + 16

#### DANIELS CUP

#### OPEN HANDICAP SINGLES

#### EVENT IV

(32 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

H.S. Clemons (0) bt Miss W.K. Allardyce (16) + 2 R. O. B. Whittington  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  + 2 Miss A. M. Daniels  $(\frac{1}{2})$  bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3) + 15Wing Cdr. E. M. Smith (5) bt F. H. Pugh (6) + 14 W. Green (4) bt Mrs I. M. Purves (10) + 15 Mrs B. de C. Mathews  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss K.O. Hickson (3) + 7E. A. Roper (0) bt Miss A. M. Vick (15) + 9 Miss K. M. O. Sessions  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs E. M. Temple (4) + 7Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt R. A. Lewty (10) + 16 F. W. Meredith (2) bt oMrs E. A. Roper (10) + 20J. W. Simon (-1) bt W. J. Sturdy (10) + 11 C. F. Robinson (8) bt G. E. P. Jackson  $(-1\frac{1}{2}) + 26$ Miss I. M. Roe  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) + 21 Mrs D. J. Yoxall (8) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) + 15 Mrs R. A. Lewty (6) bt K. F. Wylie  $(-1\frac{1}{2}) + 7$ Col. G. T. Wheeler (4) bt E. Sidwell  $(1\frac{1}{2}) + 7$ 

#### SECOND ROUND

H. S. Clemons (0) bt R. O. B. Whittington  $(3\frac{1}{2}) + 3$ Wing. Cmdr. E. M. Smith (5) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (1/2) + 7 W. Green (4) bt Mrs. B de C Mathews (31) Op. Sc. Miss K. M. O. Sessions  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt E. A. Roper (0) + 10Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt F. W. Meredith (2) Op. Sc. C. F. Robinson (8) bt J. W. Simon (-1) + 21 Mrs. D. J. Yoxhall (8) bt Miss I. M. Roe  $(3\frac{1}{2}) + 5$ Col. G. T. Wheeler (4) bt Mrs. R. A. Lewty (6) + 7

#### THIRD ROUND

Wing, Cmdr. E. M. Smith (5) bt H. S. Clemons (0) + 12 W. Green (4) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions  $(1\frac{1}{2}) + 12$ C. F. Robinson (8) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) + 5 Col. G. T. Wheeler (4) bt Mrs. D. J. Yoxall (8) + 21

#### SEMI-FINAL

Wing. Cmdr. E. M. Smith (5) bt W. Green (4) + 10 C. F. Robinson (8) bt Col. G. T. Wheeler (4) + 12

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#### DOUBLES (HANDICAP)\*

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(15 Pairs)

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#### THE MONEY SALVER

LEVEL SINGLES

Class B

EVENT II

(2 Bisques or more) (14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Wing Com. E. M. Smith + 18 Miss R. M. Allen bt Miss K. D. Hickson + 5 R. O. B. Whittington bt W. Green + 14 Miss I. M. Roe bt Dr. T. E. Ryves + 20 Mrs R. A. Lewty bt Mrs B. de C. Mathews + 4 F. W. Meredith bt Mrs E. M. Temple + 10 Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt Miss M. A. Posford + 2

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#### SEMI-FINAL

Miss I. M. Roe beat Col. G. T. Wheeler + 1 Mrs. R. A. Lewty bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford + 5

FINAT.

Miss I. M. Roe bt Mrs R. A. Lewty + 10

THE CALTHROP CUP

HANDICAP SINGLES

Class C

EVENT III

(61 Bisques or more) (7 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss W. K. Allardyce (16) bt R. A. Lewty (10) + 18 Mrs I, M. Purves (10) bt Miss A, M. Vick (15) + 12 C. F. Robinson (8) bt W. J. Sturdy (10) + 2

#### SEMI-FINAL

Miss W. K. Allardyce (16) bt Miss I. M. Purves (10) + 14 C. F. Robinson (8) bt Mrs G. E. P. Jackson (10) + 22

C. F. Robinson (8) bt Miss W. K. Allardyce (16) + 7

#### EXTRA EVENT

#### FIRST ROUND

J. W. Simon (-1) bt Miss A. M. Vick (15) + 11 Mrs G. E. P. Jackson (10) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) op. retired D. A. Wilson (12) bt E. A. Roper (0) op. scratched Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) + 24

#### SEMI-FINAL

J. W. Simon (-1) bt Mrs G. E. P. Jackson (10) + 5 D. A. W lson (12) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) + 20

D. A. Wilson (12) bt J. W. Simon (-1) + 16

#### DANIELS CUP

#### OPEN HANDICAP SINGLES

EVENT IV

(32 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

H. S. Clemons (0) bt Miss W. K. Allardyce (16) + 2 R. O. B. Whittington  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden  $(-\frac{1}{2}) + 2$ Miss A. M. Daniels (1/2) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3) + 15 Wing Cdr. E. M. Smith (5) bt F. H. Pugh (6) + 14 W. Green (4) bt Mrs I. M. Purves (10) + 15 Mrs B. de C. Mathews  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss K.O. Hickson (3) + 7E. A. Roper (0) bt Miss A. M. Vick (15) + 9 Miss K. M. O. Sessions  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs E. M. Temple (4) + 7Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt R. A. Lewty (10) + 16 F. W. Meredith (2) bt oMrs E. A. Roper (10) + 20 J. W. Simon (-1) bt W. J. Sturdy (10) + 11 C. F. Robinson (8) bt G. E. P. Jackson  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  + 26 Miss I. M. Roe  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) + 21 Mrs D. J. Yoxall (8) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) + 15 Mrs R. A. Lewty (6) bt K. F. Wylie  $(-1\frac{1}{2}) + 7$ Col. G. T. Wheeler (4) bt E. Sidwell  $(1\frac{1}{2}) + 7$ 

#### SECOND ROUND

H. S. Clemons (0) bt R. O. B. Whittington  $(3\frac{1}{2}) + 3$ Wing. Cmdr. E. M. Smith (5) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels  $(\frac{1}{2})$  + 7 W. Green (4) bt Mrs. B de C Mathews  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  Op. Sc. Miss K. M. O. Sessions  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt E. A. Roper (0) + 10Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt F. W. Meredith (2) Op. Sc. C. F. Robinson (8) bt J. W. Simon (-1) + 21 Mrs. D. J. Yoxhall (8) bt Miss I. M. Roe  $(3\frac{1}{2}) + 5$ Col. G. T. Wheeler (4) bt Mrs. R. A. Lewty (6) + 7

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#### FINAL

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#### EVENT V

(15 Pairs)

#### FIRST ROUND

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G. E. P. Jackson Mrs G. E. P. Jackson (41/2) bt E. A. Roper & Mrs H. F. Chittenden  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 11$ 

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#### PROCESS

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#### PLAY OFF

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#### TURNER CUP

#### OPEN SINGLES

(1 Bisque or over) (21 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs R.B.M. Smartt bt L. Riggall + 19 B.G. Perry bt Maj. J.M. Rivington + 20 T.F.H. Jessel bt Dr. R.B.M. Smartt + 7 on time Major J.R. Abbey bt Brig. A.E. Stokes-Roberts + 7 Mrs P.D. Showan bt Mrs E.F. Narby + 23 Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs N. McMillan + 11

#### SECOND ROUND

W. B. Franklin bt Mrs S. M. Lightfoot + 3 R. O. Havery bt Mrs G. W. Solomon + 2 on time Mrs R.B.M. Smartt bt R.J.S. Shewan + 13
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I.C. Baillieu bt Miss B. Duthie + 2 on time
Gen. Wilson-Haffenden bt A.W. Skempton + 5

#### THIRD ROUND

R. O. Havery w/o W. B. Franklin opp. scratched B. J. Perry bt Mrs R. B. M. Smartt + 12 Mrs P. D. Showan bt Mrs A. W. Skempton + 19 I. C. Baillieu bt Gen. Wilson-Haffenden + 10

#### SEMI-FINAL

B. G. Perry bt K. O. Havery + 12 Mrs P. D. Showan bt I. C. Baillieu + 1 on time

#### FINAL

B. G. Perry bt Mrs P. D. Showan + 8

#### \*(MIXED DOUBLES)

#### OPEN

(14 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

A. A. Reed & Miss B. Duthie bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt + 21 I. C. Baillieu & Mrs B. L. Sundius Smith bt M. F. Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey + 11

J. P. R. Bolton & Mrs E. Rotherham bt T. F. H. Jessel & Mrs A. W. Skempton + 19

J. S. Warwick & Miss S. J. Warwick bt P. D. Hallett & Mrs E. F. Narby  $+\,10$ 

J. W. Simon & Miss D. A. Lintern bt R. A. Godby & Mrs E. M. McMillan + 1 on time

B. G. Perry & Mrs G. W. Solomon bt H. S. Clemons & Miss M. Bryan + 1 on time.

#### SECOND ROUND

A. A. Reed & Miss B. Duthie bt W. B. C. Paynter & Mrs G. F. H. Elvey + 9 on time

J. P. R. Bolton & Mrs E. Rotherham b<br/>t I. C. Baillieu & Mrs B. L. Sundius Smith + 15

J. W. Simon & Miss D. A. Lintern bt J. G. Warwick & Miss E. J. Warwick + 4 on time

B. G. Perry & Mrs G. W. Solomon bt Col. D. W. Beamish & Mrs W. Longman + 19

#### SEMI-FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton & Mrs E. Rotherham bt A. A. Reed & Miss B. Duthie + 6 on time.

B. G. Perry & Mrs G. W. Solomon bt J. W. Simon & Miss D. A. Lintern + 20

#### FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton & Mrs E. Rotherham bt B. G. Perry & Mrs. G. W. Solomon + 17

#### YOUNGER CUP

(LEVEL) SINGLES

 $(4\frac{1}{2} \text{ Bisques or over})$ (13 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs B. L. Sunduis-Smith bt Mrs S. M. Adler + 8 on time Mrs F. H. N. Davidson bt Mrs B. E. Paris + 5 Brig. A. F. J. Forbes bt Mrs L. Riggall + 26 Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt S. G. Kent + 20 Dr. F. J. Bentley bt L. S. W. Stokes-Roberts

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs J. Speers bt Mrs B. L. Sundius Smith + 13 Brig. H. F. J. Forbes bt Mrs F. H. N. Davidson + 17 Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Dr. F. J. Bentley + 8 on time. Mrs E. A. Roper bt Miss M. Bryan + 2 on time.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Brig. A. F. G. Forbes bt Mrs J. Speek + 4 Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Mrs E. A. Roper + 1 on time.

#### FINAL

Brig. A. F. J. Forbes bt Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson + 19

#### LONGWORTH CUP

HANDICAP SINGLES

(8 Bisques or over)

(4 Entries)

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs A. E. Millar (8) bt Mrs S. Gray (12) + 8 Mrs T. Croal (8) bt Mrs F. J. Bentley (12) + 5 on time.

#### FINAL

Mrs A. E. Millar (8) bt Mrs T. Croal (8) + 15

#### HANDICAP SINGLES X

(56 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

H. S. Clemons (0) bt Maj. J. M. Rivington (4) + 6 L. Riggall (4) bt Mrs E. M. McMillan (3) + 8 J. W. Simon (-1) bt W. B. Franklin (3) + 11 R. O. Hicks  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss M. Bryan  $(6\frac{1}{2}) + 3$ Dr. F. J. Bentley  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs E. S. Narby (2) + 21R. A. Godby  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs S. M. Adler  $(5\frac{1}{2}) + 7$ Col. D. W. Beamish  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith  $(5\frac{1}{2}) + 2$ Mrs L. Riggall (5) bt Mrs W. Longman  $\left(-1\frac{1}{2}\right) + 7$ Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts  $(6\frac{1}{2}) + 15$ A. D. Karmel (-1) bt Maj. J. R. Abbey  $(1\frac{1}{2}) + 20$ Mrs E. Rotherham (-3) bt S. E. Kent  $(5\frac{1}{2}) + 12$ W. B. C. Paynter  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$  bt Mrs T. Croal (8) + 15 Mrs J. W. Solomon (1) bt Mrs A. D. Karmel( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ) + 5 R. O. Havery  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt G. W. Williams (-1) + 9Mrs R. B. N. Smartt  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt T. F. H. Jessel  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  + 8 on time Gen. Wilson Haffenden  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey  $(-\frac{1}{2}) + 14$ A. W. Skempton (3) bt I. C. Baillieu (1) + 14 Miss B. Duthie (4) bt J. P. R. Bolton (-4) + 15 Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5) bt Mrs K. Fray (12) + 1 on time P. D. Hallett  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  bt J. S. Warwick (-2) + 23R. F. S. Shewan (1) bt M. B. Reckitt (-1) +22 Lady U. Abbey  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs P. D. Showan (3) + 2Mrs E. A. Roper (6) bt w/o Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts opp. scratched B. C. Perry (1) bt Mrs B. E. Paris (6) + 10

#### SECOND ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt Mrs A. W. Skempton (4) + 9 A. A. Reed (-12) bt Gen. F. A. N. Davidson (6) + 24 L. Riggall (4) bt H. S. Clemons (0) + 11 J. W. Simon (-1) bt R. O. Hicks  $(-1\frac{1}{2}) + 26$ Dr. F. J. Bentley (6½) bt R. A. Godby  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 8$ Mrs L. Riggall (5) bt Col. D. W. Beamish  $\left(-1\frac{1}{2}\right) + 25$ Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) bt A. D. Karmel (-1) + 6 Mrs E. Rotherham (-3) W. B. C. Paynter  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 17$ R. O. Havery  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) + 6Gen. Wilson Haffenden  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs R. B. N. Smartt  $(1\frac{1}{2}) + 3$  on time Miss B. Duthie (4) bt A. W. Skempton (3) + 13 P. D. Hallett  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$  bt Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5) + 13 R. J. S. Shewan (1) bt Lady U. Abbey  $(1\frac{1}{2}) + 6$ B. C. Perry (1) bt Mrs E. A. Roper (6) + 22 Brig. A. F. J. Forbes  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt M. F. Bolton  $(\frac{1}{2})$  + 26 Mrs. J. Speer (5) bt Mrs A. E. Millar (8) + 6

#### THIRD ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt A. A. Reed  $(-1\frac{1}{2}) + 19$  J. W. Simon (-1) bt L. Riggall (4) + 26 Mrs L. Riggall (5) bt Dr. F. J. Bentley  $(6\frac{1}{2}) + 14$  Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) bt Mrs E. Rotherham (-3) + 9 Gen. Wilson Heffenden  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt R. O. Havery  $(2\frac{1}{2}) + 12$  Miss B. Duthie (4) bt P. D. Hallett  $(-\frac{1}{2}) + 15$ 

R. J. S. Shewan (1) bt B. C. Perry (1) + 20 Brig. A. F. J. Forbes  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. J. Speer (5) + 3

#### FOURTH ROUND

J. W. Simon (-1) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) + 26 Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) bt Mrs L. Riggall (5) + 2 on time Miss B. Duthie (4) bt Gen. Wilson-Haffenden  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  + 19 Brig. A. F. J. Forbes  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt R. J. S. Shewan (1) + 10

#### SEMI-FINAL

J. W. Simon (-1) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) + 2 Brig. A. F. J. Forbes  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss B. Duthie (4) + 13

#### FINAL

J. W. Simon (-1) bt Brig. A. F. G. Forbes  $(4\frac{1}{2}) + 13$ 

#### HANDICAP SINGLES Y

(28 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Maj. J. M. Rivington (4) bt Mrs S. M. McMillan (3) + 1 on time. Miss M. Bryan  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt W. B. Franklin (3) + 11 Mrs S. F. Narby (2) bt Mrs S. M. Adler  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  + 12 Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs W. Longman  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  + 10 on time Maj. J. R. Abbey  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  w/o L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  opp. scr. S. G. Kent  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. T. Croal (8) + 14 Mrs A. D. Karmel  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt G. W. Williams (-1) + 22 T. F. H. Jessell  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs J. F. H. Elvey  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  + 6 on time I. C. Baillieu (1) bt J. P. R. Bolton (-4) + 26 E. J. Warwick (-2) bt Mrs K. Fray (12) + 12 Mrs P. D. Showan (3) bt M. B. Reckitt (-1) + 17 Mrs D. E. Paris (6) w/o Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) opp. scr. M. F. Bolton  $(\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs E. A. Roper (6) + 16

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs A. W. Skempton (4) bt Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6) + 1 on time Miss M. Bryan  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Maj. J. M. Rivington (4) + 2 on time Mrs B. L. Sundius—Smith  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs E. F. Narby (2) + 23 S. G. Kent  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Major J. R. Abbey  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  + 12 Mrs A. D. Karmel  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt T. F. H. Jessel  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  + 6 J. G. Warwick (-2) bt I. C. Baillieu (1) + 13 Mrs P. D. Showan (3) w/o Mrs D. E. Paris (6) opp. scr. M. F. Bolton  $(\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs A. E. Millar (8) + 7

#### THIRD ROUND

Miss B. Bryan  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs A. W. Skempton (4) + 8 Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt S. G. Kent  $(5\frac{1}{2}) + 13$  J. G. Warwick (-2) bt Mrs A. D. Karmel  $(5\frac{1}{2}) + 6$  M. F. Bolton  $(\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs P. D. Showan (retired on peg (3)

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss M. Bryan  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  +23 J. G. Warwick (-2) bt M. F. Bolton (Opp. retired)  $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

#### FINAL

J. G. Warwick (-2) bt Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith  $(5\frac{1}{2}) + 3$ 

# LADIES FIELD CANDLESTICKS DOUBLES (HANDICAP)\*

(12 Pairs)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs P. D. Showan  $\frac{3}{4}$  Mrs J. Speek (8) bt Lady Ursula Abbey & Miss B. E. Paris  $(7\frac{1}{2})+14$  Miss D. A. Lintern & Miss B. Duthie (3) bt Mrs S. F. Narby & Miss M. Bryan  $(8\frac{1}{2})+9$  Mrs E. Rotherham & Mrs S. M. McMillan (0) bt Mrs A. D. Karmel &

Mrs E. Rotherham & Mrs S. M. McMillan (0) bt Mrs A. D. Karmel Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (11) + 6

Mrs H. F. Chittenden & Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (1) bt Mrs W. Longman & Mrs H. D. Parker (1) on time + 11

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs G, F. H. Elvey & Mrs L. Riggall  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs G, W. Solomon & Mrs A, E, Millar (9)+1 on time

Mrs P. D. Showan & Mrs J. Speek (8) bt Miss D. A. Lintern & Miss B. Duthie (3) + 8

Mrs H. F. Chittenden & Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (1) bt Mrs E. Rotherham & Mrs S. M. McMillan (0) + 8 on time

Miss E. J. Warwick & Mrs K. Gray (9) bt Mrs A. W. Skempton & Mrs E. A. Roper (10) + 15

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs P.D. Showan & Mrs J. Speer (8) bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey & Mrs L. Riggall  $(4\frac{1}{2}) + 11$ 

Miss S. J. Warwick & Mrs K. Gray (9) bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden & Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (1) + 2

#### FINAL.

Mrs P.D. Showan & Mrs J. Speer (8) bt Miss E.J. Warwick & Miss K. Gray (9) + 8

#### MEN'S DOUBLES (HANDICAP)\*

(12 Pairs)

+ 19

#### FIRST ROUND

J. P. R. Bolton & A. W. Skempton (-1) bt W. B. Franklin & Brig. A. F. J. Forbes  $(8\frac{1}{2}) + 8$ 

J. G. Warwick & J. M. Rivington (2) bt L. C. Baillieu & T. F. H. Jessel  $(3\frac{1}{2}) + 2$  on time.

Col. D. W. Beamish & P. D. Hallett (-2) bt R. A. Godby & B. J. Perry  $(\frac{1}{2}) + 8$ J. W. Simon & L. Riggall (3) bt H. S. Clemons & W. B. C. Paynter  $(-\frac{1}{2})$ 

#### SECOND ROUND

M. B. Reckitt & R. O. Havery  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt R. J. Showan & P. S. Sanson (11)

J. G. Warwick & J. M. Rivington (2) bt J. P. R. Bolton & A. W. Skempton -1 + 2 on time

Col. D. W. Beamish & P. D. Hallett (-2) bt J. W. Simon & L. Riggall (3) + 12

Dr. R. B. N. Smartt & A. A. Reed  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$  bt A. D. Karmel & E. A. Roper (-1) + 19

#### SEMI-FINAL

J. G. Warwick & J. M. Rivington (2) bt M. B. Reckitt & R. O. Havery  $(1\frac{1}{2}) + 1$  on time.

Col. D. W. Beamish & P. D. Hallet (-2) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smart & A. A. Reed  $(-\frac{1}{2}) + 6$ 

#### FINAL

Col. D. W. Beamish & P. D. Hallett (-2) bt J. G. Warwick & J. M. Rivington (2) + 3 on time.

#### DEVONSHIRE PARK EASTBOURNE

#### SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 1966

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Open Tournament will take place from Monday, September 26th to Saturday, October 1st, and from Monday, October 3rd to Saturday, October 8th.

Full details of this Tournament appeared in the August issue of CROQUET, and competitors are reminded that Entries should be sent to The Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham S.W.6. By THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to The Croquet Association.

Condition 1: Competitors may enter for only ONE of events 1 to 4 and not 1 to 5 as stated in August issue.

'CROQUET" the new book by J.W. Solomon is obtainable from the Secretary of the Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club. Price 25/-.

#### Club Matches

Southwick v Woking

28th July 1966

This handicap match was played at Southwick. Woking, unfortunately, could only muster three competitors, and Southwick loaned one of its members to make up the fourth.

#### Singles

#### Southwick

W. H. Austin (2) bt D. E. Buckland (3) lost to

D. Temple-Page  $(6\frac{1}{2}) + 13$ Captain Nalder  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  - 6 Mrs. R. D. Griffiths (7) lost to Miss M. K. A. Towers (7) - 3

Mrs. P. Layton (9) bt

Mrs. Nalder (13) + 8 on time

Captain & Mrs. Nalder v D. E. Buckland & Mrs. Griffiths drawn on

D. Temple-Page & Miss Towers bt W. H. Austin & Mrs. Layton + 1 on

#### Result

Woking beat Southwick by 1.

WREST PARK v BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

(played at Cheltenham by kind arrangement)

#### Doubles

D. V. H. Rees  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  & J. Clark  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  lost to Sir L. Daldry (6) & J. Lee (3) - 8

A. C. W. Davies  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  & H. C. Green (14) bt Mrs. S. S. Cruden  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  & F. Henshaw (7) + 15

D. V. H. Rees  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt J. Lee (3) + 13. J. Clark  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Sir L. Daldry (6)+ 14. A.C.W. Davies  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. S.S. Cruden  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  + 16

#### Result

Wrest Park 4 Budleigh Salterton 1

LONGMAN CUP

AREA 4 FINAL

#### ROEHAMPTON V. WOKING

#### Singles

SINGLES

A. J. Oldham  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt D. Temple Page  $(6\frac{1}{2}) + 3$ L. Riggall (4) bt Capt. H. F. Nalder  $(6\frac{1}{2}) + 5$ Mrs L. Riggall (5) lost to T. G. Bennett (7) - 23

A. J. Oldham & Mrs L. Riggall  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  bt D. Temple Page & T. S. Bennett  $(13\frac{1}{2}) + 1$  on time.

L. Riggall & J. L. Sanders (10) lost to Capt. H. F. Nalder & Mrs J. S. Omond  $+(15\frac{1}{2}) - 14$ 

Roehampton beat Woking 3 matches to 2.

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