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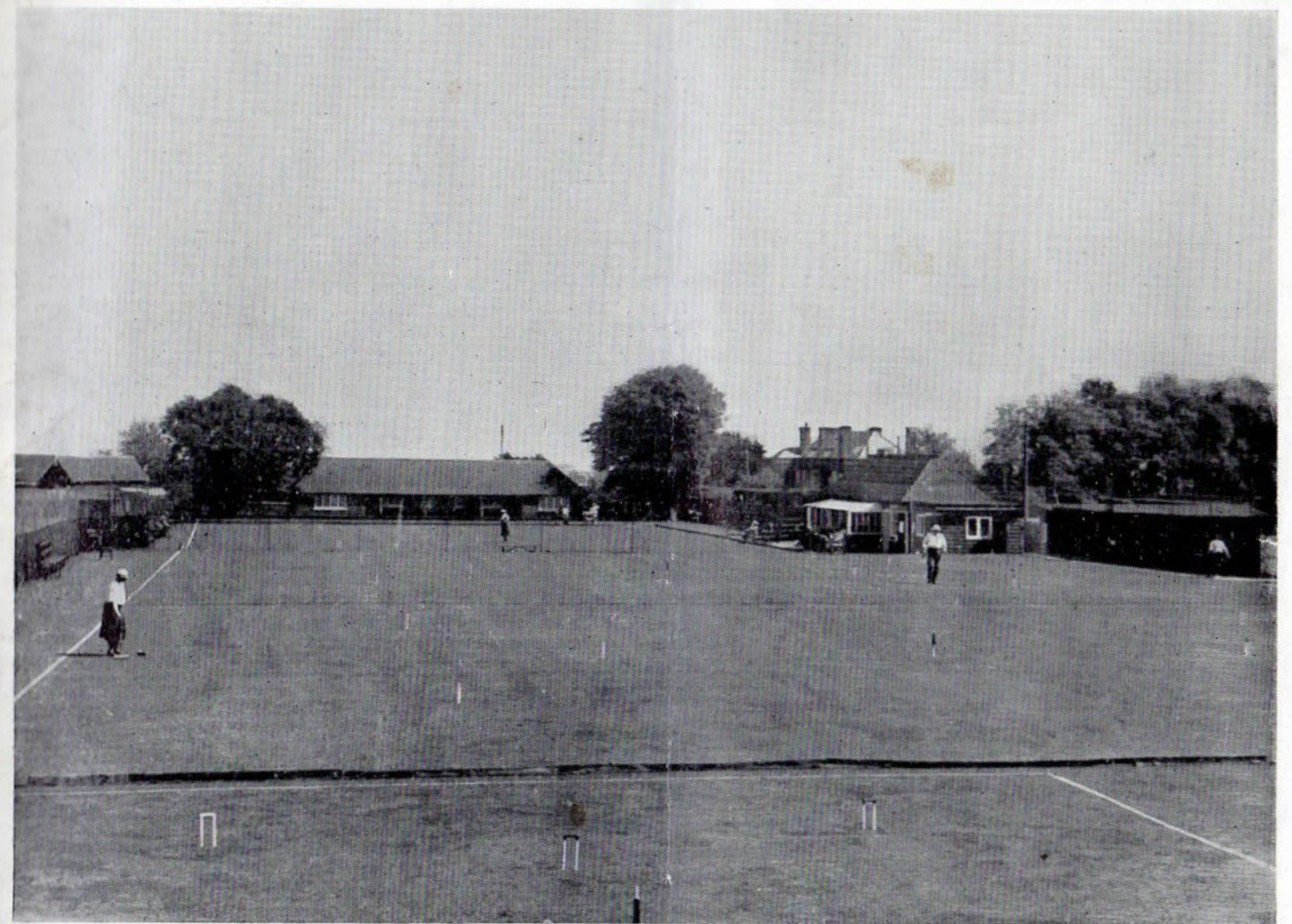
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1956

- Sept. 10 President's and Surrey Cups (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- " 18-20 Fifth Test Match v. New Zealand at Budleigh Salterton.
- " 24 Roehampton. *Games Sec.*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.15.
- Oct. 1 Devonshire Park (Eastbourne). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- " 6 A Match. South of England v. New Zealand at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne.
- NON-OFFICIAL FIXTURES
- Sept. 17 Cheltenham. *Hon. Sec.*, Lt.-Col. S. Mathews, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

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The following have accepted the invitation of the Council to play in the President's Cup.

E. P. C. Cotter
Mrs. Kirk
M. B. Reckitt
A. G. F. Ross
Mrs. Rotherham
G. Rowling
J. Solomon
Miss Wainwright
Mrs. Watkins
W. R. D. Wiggins
Reserve: R. F. Rothwell

The following were unable to accept:

H. O. Hicks
L. Kirk-Greene
G. F. Stone
C. Watkins

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W. S. Beamish
G. E. Cave
J. W. Cobb
E. P. Duffield
R. Faulkner
Mrs. Longman
W. Ormerod
M. Spencer Ell
Reserve: I. C. Baillieu

The following will represent the South of England against New Zealand at Eastbourne on Saturday, 6th October.

E. P. C. Cotter
H. O. Hicks
L. Kirk-Greene
M. B. Reckitt
R. F. Rothwell
J. W. Solomon

The sixth place has not yet been filled.

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EDITORIAL PANEL OF "CROQUET"

Miss D. A. Lintern
E. P. Duffield
M. B. Reckitt
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury

NOTES by ROVER

Victory—and Regrets

In offering the warmest congratulations to our Test Match players for the splendid victory at Hurlingham by which they regained the International Trophy for this country, we feel no less strongly a real sympathy for our visitors in view of the blows which fate has sent them. To lose so fine a player as Mr. Watkins from their side in such distressing circumstances cannot but have had a most adverse psychological no less than practical effect upon the whole of the team. Again, the hostile weather which has pursued them so far almost throughout the tour must have done much to chill and damp the enthusiasm of players from a Dominion where croquet can normally be enjoyed in the sunshine appropriate to it. But our visitors can be assured that the fact that the luck has all gone England's way so far will in no way detract from the interest which all here will find in the contests still to be decided. At Roehampton the home team will include the youngest player ever to appear here in these matches; while the final match at Budleigh Salterton will be played at what is, to the best of our belief, the most historic croquet centre in the world, where the game has flourished continuously for eighty years. We believe that a tremendous welcome awaits the New Zealand team in the South West, which has produced so many of our greatest players and is more than anxious to greet theirs.

Ladies' Field Days

Mrs. Rotherham's fine performance in winning all but one of her games—and from an exceptionally strong "Ladies' Field"—in the competition of that name, calls attention to the fact that the feat of Mr. Hicks in the parallel contest in 1954 has not yet been equalled. Miss Steel very nearly brought it off in 1920 when she won 17 out of the 18 games (there being ten contestants at this time), and Miss Lintern won 13 out of 14 in 1952 and 1954, while both she and Mrs. Rotherham did so last year, thus necessitating a play-off between them. It was Miss Lintern this year who, by winning a notable uphill game, prevented her rival from achieving an unbroken record. The dominance of these two ladies in women's croquet here since the war has been so striking that we have almost come to take it for granted. With the arrival of the very strong contingent of ladies from New Zealand this year, some of us may have wondered whether our two stars would continue to shine so brightly in this competition, and it was somewhat re-assuring to find them still at the top. But this observer cannot withhold admiration for the fine play of Mrs. Watkins and Miss Wainwright. Indeed one game by the latter which he happened to witness, with its triple peel of the opponent's ball, will stay in his memory as the finest exhibition by a woman player which he has witnessed since the war.

First Ladies

While on the subject of ladies' croquet, Rover is moved by a reference in a letter in last month's issue to extend his speculations on a "Best Ten ever" to essay a list of women players. This is a particularly temerarious investigation, since so many with claims to be considered belong to an earlier day, and even to the years before the first war; thus a comparison with more modern times is particularly difficult, and there are few associates nowadays in a position to criticise any such list. This being admitted, Rover will nevertheless have a go, explaining that, as in the case of his other Best Ten, he excludes Dominion players, and includes only those who actually won the Women's Championship. The following names are given in the order in which they did so; they are: Mrs. Beaton, Miss Bramwell, Lady Julian Parr, Miss Steel, Mrs. de la Mothe, Mrs. Apps, Mrs. Morland (Miss Mona Bryan), Mrs. Ionides, Miss Lintern, Mrs. Rotherham. Four of these ladies—Mrs. Beaton, Miss Steel, Mrs. de la Mothe and Mrs. Apps, have been winners of the Beddow or President's Cups. There are notable names not included in this list, e.g., Miss Simeon and Mrs. Hope who both won the Women's Championship, and Mrs. Lockett (who won four Doubles Championships), Miss Heap (who won two), Lady Marcia Jocelyn, and that very young player whom some of us still remember best as Miss Dorothy Standing.

Margins of Victory

What margin of victory turns up most frequently in A Opens? And what margin is found least in Handicap events? The answer so far as 1955 was concerned was the same in both cases: 26. In the second case it is certainly what should be expected: the intention of a handicap event being to try and give both contestants an even chance of success it would be only natural to find few victories where the loser had failed to score a point. Of nearly 1,400 handicap single games recorded in Croquet during 1955, only 11 resulted in a win by 26 points. As regards A Opens, on the other hand, it should not be surprising to find so many games won by the maximum number of points. How often does one see the top class player go to 4-back with the fourth ball, his opponent then missing the lift and the game finishing in the next innings with a triple peel? When Cotter was carrying all before him in August, 1954, this was a daily occurrence.

These were but two questions which came to mind after analysing all the games recorded in Croquet last year. The resulting tables lead one down numerous interesting avenues. For example, if you were among those who lost a game by one point last year and suffered much self-recrimination and the risk of a disturbed night's sleep, it may comfort you to know that you were in good company. No fewer than 81 games ended in this way, including 10 in A Opens. A further 125 games ended in a victory by two points. Perhaps some of these, however, were won "on time".

Three

CROQUET IN RETROSPECT

Tournament and Managers prior to 1914

by G. F. H. Elvey

IN looking over the notes that I have written for *Croquet*, about our game in the golden age before 1914, I find that there are some omissions that make the picture incomplete. I must now do what I can to remedy the deficiency.

In order to appreciate the growth of our game in those days, in addition to the economic and social conditions which were favourable for Croquet, there were two important factors. The first is that in the Victorian era a scientific version of the game had been developed. The Croquet of James Heath and Peel and Eveleigh and the last champion, A. H. Spong, was played at the All England Club on full-sized perfectly kept lawns, with the six hoop setting and 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch hoops. The second is, that besides this scientific croquet played on a small scale, there was a vast amount of garden party croquet played on all sorts of lawns of varying sizes with weird settings, thin wire hoops of large diameter, including that strange contraption the "cage and bell". But the prevalence of this sort of croquet had one important effect, it made a great many people familiar with the "feel" of mallets and balls. So when the revival took place, on the one hand, scientific croquet was available, and on the other, there were many people all over the country, who had already acquired a slight amount of mallet-craft and were ready to play. And so the soil was ready prepared for the rapid growth of our game. And whereas the old scientific croquet had been limited to a very few centres, the croquet of the revival spread in all directions. And when Tournaments were advertised, young people, who probably between whiles were Lawn Tennis players, put their rackets away, and came armed with mallets. The result was that Clubs began to spring up in all directions and there were few places of any size, not only town but country neighbourhoods, that were without their Lawn Tennis and Croquet Clubs.

But the revival and enthusiasm for the game was much too fast to wait for the laying of croquet lawns, and so for the purposes of the provincial tournament, the local cricket ground had to be pressed into use. The surface might be uneven, or worse still on a slope, but so long as the hoops could be set out, and the grass reasonably cut and surrounds provided, the enthusiasm of the players triumphed over all difficulties.

Of course, in those golden and spacious days, large house-parties for tournaments were frequent, and did a good deal to help matters along.

The old Oxford Tournament, that gave us all a tremendous amount of pleasure, was played on the New College Cricket Ground. On one occasion C. E. Willis entered, came to the ground on Monday, gave it one look, scratched, and took the next train back to town! In those days the

plantains on that ground were quite wonderful. But we enjoyed it all, and some great players were seen there, R. C. J. Beaton, Maurice Barry, etc., and one destined to future pre-eminence, Miss D. D. Steel.

Clifton and Bath had cricket-ground tournaments, and there was a charming small Tournament at Shrewsbury. We used to cross the river in a ferry to get to the ground.

I remember a very small Tournament organised by that redoubtable Welshman—John Hughes, at Trefriw in North Wales. Except for Miss Elphinstone-Stone, my mother and myself, the competitors were Welshmen, all speaking Welsh.

A very popular cricket ground tournament was at Ross-on-Wye, and I believe that the old Leamington Tournament was on a cricket ground, and there were many more, of course, than these few that have come into my mind from the past. But what fun it all was in those days!

Delightful as Tournaments are at what may be described as the sophisticated Croquet centres, they seem to lack some of the light-hearted gaiety of the old provincial meetings, enlivened by some of the quaint characters, who used to turn up at those meetings.

But writing about the old provincial tournaments, and about croquet of the old days generally, brings to my mind one of those omissions I have mentioned. The growth of Croquet would have been seriously hampered, if good Tournament Managers had not appeared upon the scene.

Before 1905 Tournament management was somewhat haphazard. The local Secretary, the Referee, and perhaps one or two members of the Committee took a turn, and muddles were not infrequent. And then, at the Championship at Roehampton in 1905, there appeared upon the veranda a small man, of somewhat rubicund complexion, and most determined mien—Lt.-Col. R. Brooke. The Manager had arrived. No question any more of managing and playing! From now on, except perhaps at the very smallest of Tournaments, management was a whole-time job.

Brooke was not only a splendid manager, but he was the pioneer of the science of efficient management. He took the affair into his capable hands, and made himself master of the situation. The days of casualness were over. He laid himself out for the good of the players, but he expected obedience and got it. Nevertheless in spite of apparent severity, he was a considerate manager. If a player asked leave for a just reason and—this was the important point—provided it caused no injustice to anyone else—he was given it. But Brooke would not stand any nonsense from

anyone, but so fair were his methods, that in spite of his undoubted autocracy, he gained the affection of the players. They realised that he was working entirely in their interests, and that he was everyone's friend. This great pioneer of management left a name behind him, and still deserves our admiration and respect.

Another Manager of the old days, whom a few of us, but not many, still remember (for he passed away during the 1914-1918 war) was H. Winch. Winch managed a great many Tournaments ranging from Leamington, Brighton, Eastbourne and many more, including the old Oxford Tournament, already mentioned. As efficient a manager as Brooke, he was a complete contrast in personality. He was as determined as Brooke, but showed it in an entirely different way. I doubt whether Brooke had a great sense of humour, but Winch was full of it, and possessed the ability to say things without offence, that from the lips of another might have caused hurt. It was the kind of humour that would not be easy to repeat, and would lose much in the telling. But I do remember two examples. On Court 1 at Brighton there was a considerable amount of lamentation and grouching, Winch looked out from the Pavilion, and said as only Winch could have said it: "Cheer up." On another occasion, this at Folkestone, there was a not too agreeable player watching his opponent closely,

in the apparent expectation that the said opponent might commit a foul. "There," said Winch, "is Major P—ready and willing to claim a foul." These and many other examples of a rather caustic but never unkind humour lose much in the telling, but the few of us, who remember the man, can still smile over them.

There are two other managers I must mention. Captain Dixon-Green, who managed a very great many of the smaller provincial Tournaments. Dixon-Green had a round smiling face, sparkling mischievous eyes, and wore a monocle. He was popular both as a man and a manager. He managed Tournaments as far apart as Malvern and Felixstowe, and many more.

Then there was the one woman Manager of the early days, forerunner of the excellent women managers, who have come along in recent years—Miss Eleanor Seaton, Mrs. Oddie's sister, who year after year used most ably to manage the Tournament—a cricket ground Tournament at Ross, already referred to. She did her job with efficiency and kindness and was liked by all the players.

Neither my list of provincial tournaments nor my list of managers is anything like complete, but I have mentioned the Tournaments and Managers of whom I have had most personal experience.

TEST TEAMS AT SOUTHWICK



Left to right: MISS I. WAINWRIGHT, E. P. C. COTTER, DR. W. R. D. WIGGINS, L. KIRK-GREENE, M. B. RECKITT, J. W. SOLOMON, MAJOR G. F. STONE, MRS. C. WATKINS, C. WATKINS, MRS. W. H. KIRK, G. ROWLING, A. G. F. ROSS, MRS. MCKENZIE-SMART.

THE THIRD TEST MATCH

July 19th—21st

THE scene of this encounter was set on the three lovely lawns in front of the Hurlingham Club House. Gray, that expert groundsman—and his staff—had expended great care on presenting them in perfect playing condition. The quite unreliable Clerk of the Weather appeared to have a grudge against the meeting, for the courts were often saturated with intermittent rain, and never was the sun allowed to illuminate one of the three days.

Doubles were played on the first day, Thursday, and the A pairs, A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. McKenzie-Smart, met E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon. Considering the quality of the players, the first game produced a most incredibly long dull contest—over three hours. The second game was in complete contrast—as the scores, +9 +22 denote.

H. O. Hicks and W. R. D. Wiggins had two games against G. Rowling and Miss I. Wainwright, which they won +17 +18.

Mrs. C. Watkins and Mrs. W. H. Kirk played well when opposed to Major G. F. Stone and L. Kirk-Greene, and were the only pair to make a third game necessary for they won the middle one. The last game had to be postponed, on account of heavy rain, to Friday morning, the home pair winning it.

The Singles, on Friday morning, were played in drizzling rain and gloom. Major Stone, opposed to Mrs. Watkins, did not seem to be affected by the weather for he played two games in quick succession—winning them +26 +24.

The dreadful conditions—to which our visitors are, we believe, seldom subjected in their own country—resulted in Mrs. Kirk failing to produce that fine quality of play which won for her the Women's Championship. She was opposed to Kirk-Greene, and he won +18 +14.

The match, Miss Wainwright v. Hicks, showed in the first game the skill of the New Zealander. It was played—it seems unnecessary to say—under most miserable conditions, and Hicks only won it +6. He had gone to the peg in his first break thus, of course, giving his opponent contact. The other game went to him, +20.

On the third day, the Saturday, the rain ceased, and play proceeded under better conditions. Wiggins played Mrs. McKenzie-Smart in the morning and won both games, +19 +20.

In the afternoon Cotter v. Ross, and Solomon v. Rowling, were two matches of exceptional quality—for all four players have held Open Championship honours. Ross, not only many times in New Zealand, but two years ago he won our Open Championship on the very next lawn to the one he was now to play Cotter. Rowling is the reigning Open Champion of New Zealand, Cotter, last year's Open Champion, and Solomon the present Open Champion.

The Cotter v. Ross match started with a fine break from Cotter to 4-back. Then he let Ross in from a break-down at the third hoop. From this, Ross stuck in the third hoop—in fact the game became somewhat untidy for a while until Cotter, with full possession of the balls, tried a triple—in fact, a straight triple. Only 4-back received a peel—but he won the game +22. Then in the second game, Cotter's failure to make a difficult roquet gave Ross the chance to show his quick accurate skill, and he won it +25. The third game saw Cotter at his best. Almost at once he was in with an all-round break—created from very little material—to 4-back. Allowed to start another break; it revealed the exceptional skill of the striker—accurately and quickly he finished the game with a triple peel.

Rowling v. Solomon was a match of two games—though it looked as if the second game must have gone to Rowling. Solomon was for the penultimate and peg when his opponent, playing good croquet—round to 4-back with one ball and in with an all-round break with the other—meant to peg out Solomon's rover. That tragic stroke, the rush, prevented this—for it sent this ball on to the peg, and thus the game was lost.

The matches were under the able Managership of the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. Edmund Reeve was the Referee, and each court was provided with an experienced Official.

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SHORTENED GAMES

MAJOR Abbey's letter in our last issue is already bearing fruit. We print below suggestions received from three representative players of the A Class. It would be interesting to hear the views of those of other classes and especially of high-bisquers. But do "shortened games" necessarily mean "timed games"? We invite correspondents to write to the Editor expressing their views, and, however revolutionary their suggestions may be, the writers may be assured that their letters will be published in future issues of *Croquet*.

"Shortened" Games

Dear Sir,

I concur fully with the letter of Major Abbey in your August issue.

Small lawns (and perhaps 4in. hoops, if obtainable for "C" and "D" Classes) may be part of the answer, but I suggest that "Shortened" games in knock-ups and possibly in "C" and "D" events in Tournaments with time limits in all tournament games are well worth an extended trial.

The "Shortened" game I have in mind is the one where, when the first hoop is run one's other clip goes automatically on "four-back"—this could be varied to "three-back", Penultimate or Rover.

The "Shortened" game gives experience of the finish which the high bisquer in particular so seldom gets or if and when he does, is so bored or tired that he fails to profit by his experience—also, if this game is played more frequently by "B" Class players, it should encourage the art of peeling and probably give experience of "pegged out" games.

In fact, with a view to encouraging beginners and quickening their interest in the game, I would recommend some form of "Shortened" game to be used frequently in knock-ups leaving the implications of the full game to follow when some experience has been gained and interest aroused.

I am in favour of an extended trial of time limits in Tournaments varied according to events based on the following broad ideas:—

- (1) The "A" Class player should finish his game quicker than any other Class.
- (2) The "B" player needs more time which should be given to encourage him.
- (3) The low bisquer may welcome "Shortened" games to gain experience of the finish without ennui or fatigue or to avoid winning or losing "on time".

I propose the following for consideration:—

- (a) All "A" Class open Singles to have a time limit of 2½ hours.
- (b) All Handicap Singles—2½ hours.
- (c) All Doubles—2¾ hours.
- (d) All "B" Class Singles—2¾ hours.

(e) All Games in "C" or "D" Classes to be "shortened" ones and limited to 2 hours.

I appreciate these suggestions may present practical difficulties and will not appeal to all, but speaking as one whose home and work is some distance from any Croquet club, I find it increasingly difficult to get time to play especially in Tournaments, where I do not enter for Doubles for fear of letting my partner down by having to scratch as I sometimes have to in Singles!

If, however, I could be reasonably certain not only of the time I was required to play but that the game would not last more than say 2½ hours I, and perhaps others, would be more attracted to tournament play.

As Major Abbey says, the position is serious and deserves careful consideration of any ideas to shorten and thus probably popularise the game without detracting from its skill and charm.

Yours faithfully,

M. SPENCER ELL

Dear Sir,

Thanks to the initiative of the Manager of the Hurlingham Tournament and of the Croquet Committee of the Hurlingham Club (of which I am not a member), an interesting experiment—the time limiting of all games to three hours—has just been tried and I hope this experiment will not be condemned without further trial.

Viewing the Tournament as a whole I was surprised at the comparatively small number of games won (or lost) on time.

The following table gives the total figures and percentages in each event, but it must be borne in mind that—apart from the Cricket Field—the courts were good and, owing to the uncertain weather, were of an easy pace, otherwise, no doubt, there would have been many more unfinished games.

Event	Games Won		%
	Played	on Time	
Open Singles	47	1	2.1
Turner Cup (level play)	10	0	0.0
Younger Cup (level play)	11	2	18.1
Longworth Cup (level play)	14	4	28.1
Open Doubles	12	*2	16.6
Ladies' Field Candlesticks (Handicap Doubles)	11	4	36.3
Men's Handicap Doubles	14	1	7.1
Handicap Singles	54	7	12.9
	173	21	12.1

*Both played on the Cricket Field.

What appear to be the advantages of a Time Limit?

To the Manager

He is spared the nightmare of games lasting 4 or 5 hours, or a best of three occupying a court for possibly a day and a half.

He is not worried by having to decide whether to put a closure on a game or not.

He is spared the time and labour often spent in pegging down unfinished games.

He is working to a more or less definite schedule and can plan accordingly.

To the Players

There is the knowledge that courts must be free at definite times and those wanted after 10 a.m. know within a little when they will be wanted.

What are the disadvantages?

To the Manager

The need of a time-keeper in a close game nearing the Time Limit.

The problem of slow players who seem to be wasting time.

To the Players

No one likes being beaten on time.

In a close finish the nervous strain is very great.

The Tactics bring in unwanted problems and may be very different to the normal ones.

Some players are by nature much more deliberate than others and at times feeling runs high.

If time games were more common the first three of these disadvantages would tend to disappear as they become more normal and I hope they will not kill the experiment without further extensive trial.

I think that certain modifications in the time allotted may be desirable and would suggest Open Singles and "B" Opens 2½ hours.

Other Level Events, Open Doubles, Handicap Singles 3 hours.

Handicap Doubles 3½ hours.

Finally the suggestion that I heard that all Finals should be played without a time limit is one I do not approve of. Why should a Final be played under different conditions to the previous qualifying rounds? This seems grossly unfair to those previously beaten on time.

Yours faithfully,

W. LONGMAN

Dear Sir,

I was interested in the Hurlingham experiment of timed games, and regret I was unable to be a competitor.

After the 1953 President's Cup had been played (with 3 11/16th hoops), I made an analysis of the games, having kept a record of their length, with a recommendation that the tournament committee should consider, but do not think my report or suggestions was ever discussed by the committee.

As the subject of timed games is again under discussion, it may be of interest to your readers to hear that out of all the games played in the 1953 President's Cup, twelve took from 2½ to 3¾ hours to complete, of the twenty-four names concerned in these twelve games, one or other of five names appear no less than 20 times!

I made the suggestion that as an experiment, all games in the 1954 season should be time limited to three hours for Singles and three and a half hours for Doubles, may this suggestion be considered for 1957?

Yours faithfully,

ISABEL H. TURKETINE

THE TEST MATCHES

Teams and Scores

THE New Zealand team will be chosen from the following:

A. G. F. Ross, <i>Captain</i>	Miss I. Wainwright
Mrs. W. H. Kirk	Mrs. C. Watkins
Mrs. McKenzie-Smart	C. Watkins
G. Rowling	

In the fifth match which is to be played on the lawns of the Budleigh Salterton Club, the following will represent England.

W. Ormerod	J. W. Solomon
M. B. Reckitt	G. F. Stone
Mrs. Rotherham	W. R. D. Wiggins

J. W. Solomon will Captain the English team.

E. P. Cotter, H. O. Hicks and L. Kirk Greene were unable to accept the invitation to play.

In the fourth test match, played at Roehampton on August 20th, 21st and 22nd, the scores was as follows:—

E. P. C. Cotter bt G. Rowling +25 +26.
W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. Watkins —16 +22 +14.
W. P. Ormerod bt Mrs. McKenzie Smart +16 +4.
J. Solomon bt A. G. F. Ross +25 +3.
G. F. Stone bt Miss Wainwright +8 +17.
Mrs. Rotherham bt Mrs. Kirk +16 +15.
E. P. C. Cotter and J. Solomon bt A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. Watkins +26 +24.
G. F. Stone and W. Ormerod bt Miss Wainwright and Mrs. Kirk +13 +24.
W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. Rotherham lost to G. Rowling and Mrs. McKenzie Smart +12 —14 —3.

England won 8 matches to 1.

Notes from the Clubs

Hurlingham

The high lights of August were our annual tournament, the Croquet dinner and D. E. Buckland's win in the All England handicap; these are reported elsewhere in this issue. Buckland, as we forecast last month, was nicely placed to win and he will already have learned that he will now play to a more restrictive handicap.

As a contrast to last year's fiery conditions the all too frequent rains of this year have made our lawns comparatively easy. Nevertheless the three hour time limit at the August tournament had to be invoked in more than 10 per cent of the games. In most of these the issue was sufficiently clear cut to allow the loser no grounds for complaint, but in two or three games at any rate on-lookers could feel some sympathy with the loser at the sudden (though foreseen) curtailment of his or her chances.

Among the lighter notes of the tournament was the likelihood at one time of the manager's tent being turned into a salon de coiffure. So many ladies asked for leave on the afternoon of the dinner that in order to prevent the tournament coming to a standstill, it was suggested that Mr. Brackenbury should allow part of his preserve to be utilised for the services of a coiffeur. However, by calling upon all available males who were due to meet each other, a quorum of matches was maintained and the ladies were allowed time off for their better ornamentation.

Edinburgh

Since the beginning of the season our membership has increased considerably, we like to think that our standard of play has improved noticeably and we have experienced one particular week spent most pleasurably—the week during which we welcomed as our guests four of the New Zealand players.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. and Miss Wainwright arrived in Edinburgh on the first day of July, direct from their visit to Rydal. Any doubts Edinburgh may have had about an inhibiting spell which the Lake District might have cast over them were dispelled by our visitors' immediate appreciation of Edinburgh's own irresistible charms—charms different to those of the English Lakes but none the less appealing.

Like our friends in Rydal we showed our visitors some of the noted beauty-spots—which included, apart from Edinburgh herself, the Forth Bridge, the Border country and, by special request, St. Andrew's, where some of our guests and some of us played golf.

The New Zealand players were entertained in his home by Sir Compton Mackenzie and a luncheon was given in their honour at which we were very happy to have Sir Compton as a guest and over which our President, Moray McLaren, presided.

We also played croquet—energetically and enthusiastically. During the past two years we

have graduated from one, through two, to three lawns, one of which is of full standard size; on this lawn our New Zealand friends kindly gave us an exhibition match and we played games with them and against them and learned much from them. We are most grateful for the interest they took in our Club and in our play. Their hearts are unmistakably in the Queen of Games.

Roehampton

July 24th was a glorious summer day, when a "B" team of four Roehampton members accepted an invitation to the Woking Croquet Club. Two doubles were played in the morning resulting in one game all, and four singles in the afternoon, Roehampton winning by 3-1. A beautiful tea was provided to end the day, Roehampton having thoroughly enjoyed the welcome, the games and the hospitality.

The results were as follows:—

Doubles

Mrs. Tingey and G. Solomon bt Brig. J. S. Omond and R. Whitham by 2.
Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Collins lost to T. E. Dalton and Mrs. Whitham by 8.

Singles

Mrs. Solomon lost to T. E. Dalton by 13.
Mrs. Tingey beat R. Whitham by 9.
G. Solomon beat Brig. J. S. Omond by 4.
Mrs. Collins beat Mrs. R. Whitham by 6.

The eight courts at Roehampton are in very good condition and beautifully green, although heavy from the unusually wet season. They have been kept in continuous use throughout August with important croquet events, all of which are reported elsewhere in this Journal.

It is hoped that all croquet members will note that the finals of the Longman (Club Team) Cup are to be played at Roehampton on Saturday, 1st September, between Hurlingham and Roehampton, and that as many as possible will come and watch this match.

AN URGENT APPEAL

IT is becoming a matter of extreme urgency that more Associates qualified to do so shall share in the work of acting as Managers, assistants to Managers and principal Referees at C.A. fixtures. Should such services not be forthcoming it may be necessary to abandon some of these tournaments next season, as the decreasing number of those who have volunteered their services in this capacity is now insufficient to guarantee that the work can be carried on. Appeal is particularly made to those who have for some years met with success at these tournaments that they will inform the Secretary of the C.A. that they are willing to help in one or both of these ways next Summer.

The Hurlingham Club Croquet Dinner

OVER 100 people, including of course our New Zealand friends, attended the Hurlingham Croquet Dinner on August 9th. It seems a strange thing to say—in the early days of August—that it was almost a relief to come into the delightfully warm atmosphere of the Club room in which the dinner was held.

The menu had been cleverly and amusingly contrived with well-known croquet terms, such as Pass rolls are encouraged; New Potatoes triple peeled; Consommé Variation B; Diners are reminded that the special 3 hour time limit is suspended for the evening.

Mr. W. Longman presided and after the loyal toast had been drunk called upon the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, to propose the Hurlingham Club. This he did in a delightfully humorous speech, keeping his audience repeatedly convulsed with laughter while he, obviously aware of the essential need of a speaker to maintain complete indifference to his words, continued to pour forth his rich store of wit. Sir Charles Norton, Chairman of the Hurlingham Club, responded to this toast and expressed his great pleasure to see the dinner so well attended. He especially welcomed the New Zealand team. He then spoke of the

Roehampton Club side by side with the Hurlingham Club and in conclusion proved the truth of the words of Shakespeare's Constable Dogberry: "That comparisons are odorous."

The Rt. Hon. Sir William Mabane proposed the guests in a gay, hilarious, speech which delighted his audience with happy references to the New Zealand visitors and to the characteristics of some of the English players. Mr. A. G. F. Ross, captain of the New Zealand team, had been invited to reply to this toast. The choice was a natural one and his easy delivery of well chosen words of thanks made it obvious that he was not speaking on behalf of the guests for the first time.

At the close of the dinner the Chairman announced that he was presenting a cartoon to the New Zealand team in which they were all humorously portrayed. The original of the cartoon was later passed round among the guests for inspection. This clever drawing was the work of Mr. H. F. Crowther Smith and will we understand be reproduced in a later issue of *Croquet*.

The evening appropriately closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr. W. Longman, by Sir Clifton Webb, the High Commissioner for New Zealand.

BRIDGE

Taking All the Chances

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

NORTH dealt the following with both sides vulnerable.

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

South played the hand in Four Hearts.

Before you read further see how you would plan the play (without peeping at the hands of East and West!).

The opening lead was the Knave of Clubs and the declarer was in on the table. Many a player would immediately lead a trump and finesse. This is a poor play as this loses the contract out of hand unless the diamond finesse is right as the spade switch is marked.

The average player having lost both finesses would blame Dame Fortune for the whole affair and pass on to the next hand. "Both finesses wrong, partner, it couldn't be helped."

Now see how it was (and should have been) played.

South refused to try the alluring trump finesse but played the Ace and King, in the hope of dropping the Queen. It didn't drop—first chance failed. The Knave of Diamonds was now led and lost to East's King—the second chance failed. East returned the King of Spades and South ducked but won the Queen with the Ace. Now South played a Diamond in the hope that with the Diamonds breaking 3-3 he could discard two Spades before the Diamonds could be ruffed. But the suit did not break and South was only able to discard one Spade—the third chance failed. But as West, when he ruffed with the Queen of Hearts had no more spades to lead, South made his contract. The fourth chance succeeded. That last effort of ducking one round of Spades in case the player short of Diamonds was also short of Spades had won the day. This was a beautifully planned hand. It has the real stamp of the *maestro*. South used every means at his disposal and despite three adverse factors he still made his contract because he made use of *all* the chances.

Did you make it? Honestly? Then send your name and address. I shall be glad to have you in my team (bridge not croquet!). [Copyright

CORRESPONDENCE

The Management of Croquet

Dear Sir,

Owing to there being no time limit on games and to the dithering play of my opponent and myself on the morning of the Annual General Meeting, which I gather was very short, we arrived at what we found was another Meeting with an eminent Councillor in full spate and were promptly and properly shooed away!

However, may I through the medium of your columns ask you, as I had intended to ask the Meeting, to express sincere thanks to all Managers and Members of the Council (not forgetting our Secretary, the Editorial Panel and all Officials) for their competent, unselfish and long suffering devotion to the grand game of Croquet and all associated with it.

Our very grateful thanks to all are long overdue, and these I humbly offer for myself, and, I am sure, for all Associates.

Yours faithfully,

M. SPENCER ELL

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE August 22nd, 1956

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Capt. M. Buller 10 to 9 (D 8).
Miss E. M. Leonard 11 to 9.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent 11 to 10 (D 9).
Miss E. J. Warwick 1½ to 1.
Mrs. L. G. Walters 4½ to 4.

CHELTENHAM

D. M. Anderson 1½ to 1½ (D 1).
Col. D. W. Beamish —1½ to —2.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels 7 to 5½.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith 7½ to 7.
G. E. P. Jackson 7 to 2 before play.
G. E. P. Jackson 2 to 0.
Capt. K. B. Millar 4½ to 4.

NON-ASSOCIATES

L. C. Adye *9 to 9.
Miss I. M. Roe *9 to 9.
D. G. B. Harries *6 to 6.

SILVER JUBILEE CUP.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson 7½ to 7.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson 12 to 9.
Mrs. R. Tingey 3½ to 3.

HURLINGHAM

I. C. Baillieu 1½ to 1.
V. A. de la Nougerede 0 to —½.
A. D. Karmel 11 to 9.
B. Lloyd-Pratt 8 (D 7) to 6½.
Mrs. R. Tingey 3 to 2½.

ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

D. M. Anderson 1½ (D 1) to ½.
D. E. Buckland 2½ to 1½.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher 9 to 10.

COLCHESTER

CLUB RECOMMENDATION

B. T. Cresswell 5½ to 5.
C. S. Ratcliffe 9 to 5.

HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

REDUCTION

G. E. W. Hitchcock 2½ to 2.

THE ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

This, the leading Handicap Event on the Calendar had rather fewer entries than last year—15 against 20.

Nevertheless the keenness among these fifteen competitors was evident.

That mysterious competitor, Major F. Hill Bernhard—we use the term with the best of intentions—who last year was practically beating Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave—for he had only the peg to hit with both balls—somehow allowed Col. Cave to do this essential part of the game first. This year he was only beaten by Miss D. A. Lintern by 3.

We had our attention fixed on two competitors from the very start of the event—D. M. Anderson (Cheltenham) and D. E. Buckland (Hurlingham)—Anderson had appeared in this premier Handicap certainly more than once before.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford, another habitual All England competitor, after winning against W. W. Sweet-Escott, succumbed to Buckland. Anderson had a very close game with the Woking player R. Whitham, as the score denotes, and the 6½ extra turns that he had to give almost appeared beyond him. He won, however, +4.

In the semi-final Anderson was up against J. A. Hollweg, a Roehampton player with a delightful style; and only because the tactical side of the game has yet to be perfected—for he has only been playing for a comparatively short time—does he still retain the handicap of 1 bisque.

Buckland's advance to the final was—though comparisons are said to be odious—rather more substantial than that of Anderson; all of his victories, it will be noticed, were those of double figures—that against Miss Lintern the extreme example.

The final was not of the quality spectators had expected—nevertheless, they had plenty of opportunity to enjoy the game. After Buckland had started well, both his Red and Yellow refused to go very far; Red objected to running the fourth hoop, and Yellow was averse to the fifth. Buckland then took his one and only bisque—but its value was not apparent. Anderson was thus let in, and he made a good break to the penultimate where he unaccountably failed.

After this the quality of the game deteriorated, and both players appeared to be somewhat on edge. The innings changed hands repeatedly; and when it looked as if the victor must be Anderson, Buckland seemed the more likely. At long last, Buckland became most certainly the winner of the 1956 All England Handicap, by the score of 12 points.

AREA FINALS.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

D. E. Buckland (Hurlingham) (2½) bt Miss K. Ault (Clifton) (3) by 21.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford (Edgbaston) (1½) bt W. W. Sweet-Escott (Sidmouth) (—1) by 7.
Miss E. Walker (Ryde) (3½) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (Chelmsford) (10) by 11.
Miss D. A. Lintern (Roehampton) (—3) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (Parkstone) (8) by 3.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (Hunstanton) (3½) bt R. C. V. de Wesselow (Hurlingham) (1½) by 3.
D. M. Anderson (Cheltenham) (1½) bt R. Whitham (Woking) (8) by 4.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (Budleigh Salterton) (½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (Southwick) (2) by 1.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

D. E. Buckland (Hurlingham) (2½) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (Edgbaston) (1½) by 14.
Miss D. A. Lintern (Roehampton) (—3) bt Miss E. Walker (Ryde) (3½) by 17.
D. M. Anderson (Cheltenham) (1½) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (Hunstanton) (3½) by 14.
J. A. Hollweg (Roehampton) (1) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (Budleigh Salterton) (½) by 25.
D. E. Buckland (Hurlingham) (2½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (Roehampton) (—3) by 26.
D. M. Anderson (Cheltenham) (1½) bt J. A. Hollweg (Roehampton) (1) by 6.

FINAL.

D. E. Buckland (Hurlingham) (2½) bt D. M. Anderson (Cheltenham) (1½) by 12.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CUP

ROEHAMPTON CLUB

July 30th

Never before—over a period covering the very first competition for this handsome trophy in 1911—does the writer remember a more distressing week of cold and wet weather. This was all the more regrettable for the very substantial reason that our New Zealand visiting Test Team, four of them, were competing. That will suffice for the weather—"the play's the thing."

Of the other four players, three of them—Miss D. A. Lintern, Mrs. E. Reeve and Mrs. Rotherham—had won the trophy before, Miss Lintern no less than eight times, Mrs. Reeve four times. And, as we shall see, croquet history repeated itself.

It was sincerely hoped, if not expected, that the talent of the New Zealand ladies would, in this type of competition, be given full scope. Mrs. C. Watkins, after a late start, began to be a threat to the steady, accurate play of Mrs. Rotherham in the 10th round. Here, however, Mrs. Watkins lost her game—Mrs. Rotherham won hers, and the next two. Now it was—almost at the last—that the eventual winner was deprived of equalling the record of Miss Mona Bryan who, in 1925, won all fourteen games. This defeat came from Miss Lintern, and not for the first time have these two players met after a tie; in 1953, when Miss Lintern won, and in 1955 when Mrs. Rotherham was the winner.

It was, in spite of the miserable weather, a week of much interest to the spectator. Often it seemed more than likely that Mrs. Rotherham's consistently accurate play, was going to be severely challenged, if not definitely defeated. Of the fourteen games five were won by single figures; and here it was that when a game looked to be going to her opponent, the chance she was given—often a remote one—to regain an innings and win that game was taken at once.

Miss I. Wainwright distinguished herself by doing two triple peels; one on her own ball—and again later on that of her opponent Mrs. Reeve.

Mrs. Ernest Turner, not for the first time, took charge of this Event with her usual courtesy and efficiency, in spite of the severe and most unpleasant weather.

Finals scores were: Mrs. Rotherham 13; Mrs. Watkins and Miss Lintern 9; Mrs. W. H. Kirk 7; Miss I. Wainwright 6; Mrs. McKenzie-Smart, Mrs. E. Reeve and Mrs. L. H. Ashton, 4.

ANALYSIS OF PLAY

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 13 games, namely against: Mrs. E. Reeve +6 +9, Mrs. McKenzie-Smart +26 +20, Mrs. W. H. Kirk +3 +5, Miss D. A. Lintern +8, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +20 +13, Mrs. C. Watkins +5 +25, Miss I. Wainwright +26 +27; and lost 1 to Miss D. A. Lintern -6.

Mrs. C. Watkins won 9 games, namely against: Mrs. E. Reeve +14 +15, Mrs. McKenzie-Smart +6, Mrs. W. H. Kirk +22, Miss I. Wainwright +2 +26, Miss D. A. Lintern +19 +26, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +4; and lost 5 to Mrs. McKenzie-Smart -1, Mrs. W. H. Kirk -22, Mrs. L. H. Ashton -11, Mrs. E. Rotherham -5 -25.

Miss D. A. Lintern won 9 games, namely against: Mrs. E. Reeve +7, Mrs. McKenzie-Smart +6, Mrs. W. H. Kirk +24 +23, Miss I. Wainwright +15 +3, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +11 +17, Mrs. E. Rotherham +6; and lost 5 to Mrs. E. Reeve -7, Mrs. McKenzie-Smart -2, Mrs. E. Rotherham -8, Mrs. C. Watkins -19 -26.

Mrs. W. H. Kirk won 7 games, namely against: Mrs. E. Reeve +26, Mrs. McKenzie-Smart +13 +19, Miss I. Wainwright +23, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +20 +7, Mrs. C. Watkins +11; and lost 7 to Mrs. E. Reeve -11, Miss I. Wainwright -18, Miss D. A. Lintern -24 -23, Mrs. E. Rotherham -3 -5, Mrs. C. Watkins -22.

Miss I. Wainwright won 6 games, namely against: Mrs. E. Reeve +26, Mrs. McKenzie-Smart +13 +7, Mrs. W. H. Kirk +18, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +15 +7; and lost 8 to Mrs. E. Reeve -25, Mrs. W. H. Kirk -23, Miss D. A. Lintern -15 -3, Mrs. E. Rotherham -26 -17, Mrs. C. Watkins -2 -26.

Mrs. E. Reeve won 4 games, namely against: Mrs. McKenzie-Smart +17, Mrs. W. H. Kirk +11, Miss I. Wainwright +25, Miss D. A. Lintern +16; and lost 10 to Mrs. McKenzie-Smart -23, Mrs. W. H. Kirk -26, Miss I. Wainwright -25, Miss D. A. Lintern -7, Mrs. L.

H. Ashton -18 -14, Mrs. E. Rotherham -6 -9, Mrs. C. Watkins -14 -15.

Mrs. McKenzie-Smart won 4 games, namely against: Mrs. E. Reeve +23, Miss D. A. Lintern +2, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +10, Mrs. C. Watkins +1; and lost 10 to Mrs. E. Reeve -17, Mrs. W. H. Kirk -13 -19, Miss I. Wainwright -13 -7, Miss D. A. Lintern -6, Mrs. L. H. Ashton -9, Mrs. E. Rotherham -26 -20, Mrs. C. Watkins -6.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton won 4 games, namely against: Mrs. E. Reeve +18 +14, Mrs. McKenzie-Smart +9, Mrs. C. Watkins +11; and lost 10 to Mrs. McKenzie-Smart -10, Mrs. W. H. Kirk -20 -7, Miss I. Wainwright -15 -7, Miss D. A. Lintern -11 -17, Mrs. E. Rotherham -20 -13, Mrs. C. Watkins -4.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP

There was a good entry for this handsome trophy—a considerable improvement on that of last year, especially in Block "A".

In spite of the exceptionally bad weather, only one of the 15 competitors felt obliged to give a walk-over in the first round. Mrs. Chittenden played well to defeat G. W. Solomon, giving him 1½ bisques; in the next round she had a most desperate contest against Mrs. M. B. Reckitt. By just one point, Mrs. Chittenden was deprived of becoming a semi-finalist. The other three in this round were Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth, Mrs. M. L. Thom and Mrs. R. Tingey.

Mrs. Farnsworth, a steadily improving player, found Dr. N. Oliver in such good form that she only beat him by 3 points. However, Mrs. Thom—receiving two bisques from Mrs. Collins and winning on level terms with Mrs. Farnsworth—was playing such good quality croquet that she left the semi-final to enter the final. Mrs. Tingey was now against Mrs. Reckitt in the other half of the semi-final, and was putting up formidable opposition; she was receiving one extra turn and, by a substantial score, entered the final to compete against Mrs. Thom.

This was played under cold and damp conditions; and though Mrs. Tingey was giving her opponent two extra turns she became the winner of Block "A", +7.

Block "B" of this Event was won by Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson opposed by Major-General F. H. N. Davidson, her husband. She was in receipt of 4½ bisques from him and won this half of the Event. Mrs. M. Carrington had come through to the semi-final, after a close game with Sir William Mabane. General Davidson—who had defeated L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts—and Mrs. Carrington giving her 2½ bisques—thus came through to the final. Mrs. Haigh Smith entered the semi-final after a keenly contested game against Mrs. E. Bristow, and then had another against Mrs. Davidson—the eventual winner.

In the play-off, Mrs. Tingey was the victor, the score +1 indicating what a very close finish it was. The winner was conceding 8½ bisques to the loser.

The Handicap Doubles produced much interesting play for the spectators. In the semi-final Tingey was pegged out. When, at the last, he only had the rover and peg to make there was a long shot that only just failed to give him the game. The final produced play of good quality that gave the onlookers excellent entertainment. There was only half a bisque between them and it belonged to Kirk and Mrs. Solomon; they used it—but once Cotter had the chance of finishing the game with a double peel on his partner the game was over +14.

In addition to the game of croquet there were several Golf Croquet Events—singles and doubles.

The management of this Silver Jubilee Cup Event, the Doubles, and the Golf Croquet, was in the very capable hands of L. H. Ashton.

BLOCK "A".

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(½ to 5½ bisques).

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon (4½) by 8.
Dr. N. Oliver (½) w.o. R. G. H. Belcher (2½) opponent scratched.
Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 13.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 15.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 8.
Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt N. O. Hicks (4) by 9.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt G. W. Solomon (3½) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Dr. N. Oliver (½) by 3.
Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 15.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 15.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) by 14.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 21.

FINAL.

Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) by 7.

BLOCK "B".

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(6 and more bisques).

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Sir William Mabane (8) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (9) by 2.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt W. A. FitzGerald (14) by 13.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (8) by 18.
Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 20.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7) w.o. Lord Charles Hope (10) opponent retired.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. M. Carrington (10) bt Sir William Mabane (8) by 9.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (10) by 12.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 5.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (12) bt Miss M. L. Hellyer (9) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (10) by 8.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (12) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7) by 8.

FINAL.

Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (12) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) by 9.

PLAY-OFF.

Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (12) by 1.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined handicaps of ¼ bisque or over).

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (15½) bt Sir William Mabane and Mrs. C. M. Turner (16) by 10.
R. Tingey and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (5) bt G. V. Evans and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) by 16.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

W. H. Kirk and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1½) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins and Mrs. M. L. Thom by 7.
Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (15½) w.o. R. G. H. Belcher and Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (11½) opponents scratched.
R. Tingey and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (5) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (12) by 9.
E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (2½) bt G. W. Solomon and W. A. FitzGerald (15½) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. H. Kirk and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1½) bt Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (15½) by 8.
E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (2½) bt R. Tingey and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (5) by 2.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (2½) bt W. H. Kirk and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1½) by 14.

GOLF CROQUET.

THE "ASCOT" CHALLENGE CUP.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

BLOCK "A".

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. Jennings (1) w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (1) opponent scratched.
G. V. Evans (0) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) 3 and 1.
R. Tingey (0) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (2) by 1.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (1) w.o. Mrs. R. Tingey (1) opponent scratched.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. S. Phillips (1) bt W. H. Kirk (0) 4 and 2.
G. V. Evans (0) bt Miss D. Jennings (1) 7 and 5.
R. Tingey (0) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (1) by 1.
Miss A. M. Carlyon (1) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) 5 and 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. V. Evans (0) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (1) 3 and 1.
R. Tingey (0) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon (1) 5 and 4.

FINAL.

R. Tingey (0) bt G. V. Evans (0) 3 and 1.

BLOCK "B".

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (2) 9 and 7.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (2) by 2.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (2) bt N. A. FitzGerald (3) 4 and 2.
Sir William Mabane (2) bt Lord Charles Hope (2) by 1.
Mrs. C. M. Turner (2) bt Miss M. L. Hellyer (2) by 2.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) w.o. Mrs. D. M. Staub (2) opponent scratched.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (2) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 2.
Sir William Mabane (2) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (2) 2 and 1.
Mrs. M. Carrington (2) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (2) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (2) 3 and 1.
Mrs. M. Carrington (2) bt Sir William Mabane (2) 4 and 3.

FINAL.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (2) 4 and 2.

PLAY-OFF.

R. Tingey (0) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) 4 and 2.

GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES.

THE "DELVES BROUGHTON" CHALLENGE CUPS.

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss A. M. Carlyon and Miss M. L. Hellyer (3) w.o. D. G. Buckland and Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (1) opponents scratched.
W. H. Kirk and Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Mrs. Howard Austin and Mrs. D. Attfield (4) 5 and 3.

SECOND ROUND.

R. Tingey and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (3) by 1.
Miss A. M. Carlyon and Miss M. L. Hellyer (3) w.o. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. C. M. Turner (3) opponent scratched.
Sir William Mabane and Mrs. E. Bristow (4) bt W. H. Kirk and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) 4 and 2.
G. V. Evans and R. G. H. Belcher (1) bt Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. H. J. Collins (2) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. Tingey and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon and Miss M. L. Hellyer (3) by 2.
G. V. Evans and R. G. H. Belcher (1) bt Sir William Mabane and Mrs. E. Bristow (4) 4 and 2.

FINAL.

R. Tingey and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt G. V. Evans and R. G. H. Belcher (1) by 2.

THE CHALLENGE CUPS AND GILBEY CUP

August 16th-25th

The Challenge Cups

Division I of this old established and popular event was bristling with talent—both home and colonial—and was again played on the "two life" system.

The match in the "Draw," A. Ross v. W. P. Ormerod, attracted spectators of course; it showed the New Zealander at his best and he won +23.

Mrs. L. C. Apps was playing good croquet in this first round and she defeated W. R. D. Wiggins +16. Col. C. C. Adams, after beating Mrs. W. Longman—a very close game—had another in the next round against E. P. Duffield; this he lost.

G. Rowling, the New Zealand Open Champion, only just defeated Mrs. Apps—utilising a double peel—and then passed into the final instead of M. B. Reckitt. Ross, the other "Draw" finalist here became the winner.

In the "Process", Rowling was deprived of any chance of getting to the final of it by Mrs. W. Longman, who was in the same accurate form that she recently showed at Budleigh Salterton. Then Major J. W. Cobb intervened, and he was in the semi-final against Ross; Ross went into the final after a very close game. Adams and Ormerod were the other two semi-finalists, and Ormerod only entered the final after another close game +9. Here Ross found Ormerod difficult to defeat—and in the decisive final Ormerod again was the winner.

In the second Division there were many close games, and it was not surprising to find Miss E. J. Warwick and Major J. H. Dibley heading for the final—though Dibley had anything but an easy passage from the semi-final to the final.

The final of Division 2 was decided by the best of three games—and all three games were needed. Miss Warwick only lost the first —2; for Dibley, pegged out, hit one of the opponent's two rovers and went out. The next two games—both keenly contested—went to Miss Warwick. Division 3 of the Challenge Cups was remarkable for the fact that Mrs. H. J. Philpot, that wonderful non-agenarian, was competing in it. After a walk-over, she was beaten by the ultimate winner, Mrs. H. J. Collins. Miss K. Ault was the other finalist; she had played two close games, against Miss A. M. Carlyon and Mrs. G. W. Solomon, before getting there.

Mrs. E. Haigh Smith won Division 4. Mrs. E. Bristow, after beating Mrs. R. A. Hill, met B. Lloyd-Pratt in the semi-final; he has shown much promise of becoming a formidable opponent and Mrs. Bristow did well to enter the final in his stead.

We congratulate Major F. Hill-Bernhard on winning Division 5, because we have before this seen him so near to victory and yet robbed of its fruits. His scores to achieve this win—after a single figure against L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts—finally became substantial double ones.

The Gilbey Cup

This Trophy, first played for in 1919, has been won by players varying in handicap from —1½ to 16. W. E. D. Cotton won it in 1949, and Miss K. Strickland, Mrs. Apps' daughter, in 1930.

Today Mrs. Apps, competing for the cup, started well by beating that miraculous player, M. Spencer Ell; then Canon A. J. Pym prevented further progress. This Block "A" was—after M. B. Reckitt had almost prevented it—invaded by Ormerod so successfully that he became the winner of it. Miss Warwick, not content with winning the Challenge Cup (Div. 2), must needs win the Gilbey Cup, Block "B". She had apparently found Miss K. Ault a player also with her eye on the trophy; but, having defeated her ambition, in the final, that good player, S. S. Townsend, even more nearly won the Block in her stead.

Mrs. Haigh Smith, as will be noticed by glancing at the score sheet, was a very definite winner of Block "C".

The fourth division of the Gilbey Cup, Block "D", produced a thrilling finish in the second round—Lord Charles Hope winning from Mrs. M. D. Cork by one point because he hit the peg before she did, with a desperately long shot.

Here again Major F. Hill-Bernhard was the winner defeating Lord Charles Hope in the final +10.

After these four matches had been decided, the winner of "A", Ormerod, beat Miss E. J. Warwick, winner of "B", +20; and Mrs. Haigh Smith, winner of "C", beat Major F. Hill-Bernhard +14.

Not yet is it possible to say who will be the actual holder of the Gilbey Cup for Ormerod has to play Mrs. Haigh Smith and give her 8 extra turns.

After the water had, more or less, found its way down to earth from the grass surface, this game started before a substantial number of spectators. Ormerod soon had one clip on the penultimate—but the other had to stop on hoop 5. His opponent now began to show him that she intended to make hoops; and though she did this quite calmly and cleverly—so much so in fact that, with the aid of all her 8 bisques, she became a rover with both balls—it was quite a long time before she made them hit the peg. This gave the onlookers several moments of doubt as to whether even now she would become the holder of the Gilbey Cup. She certainly did eventually, amidst shouts of applause.

It is amazing how with such a full programme, Miss D. Lintern managed to put on an extra event. The meeting was another perfect example of her gift of management—even under the exceptionally bad weather conditions that prevailed.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

July 16th—21st

In spite of the regretted absence of local stars, H. O. Hicks and Major Stone (engaged in the Test Match), the standard of Croquet was high. "A" class players abounded and knocked each other out cheerfully while lesser local stars with long handicaps, well taught in attacking tactics, dealt firmly with players from afar. The beautiful croquet lawns were in perfect condition and odd games played on borrowed tennis courts merely tested the skill and patience of the competitors.

The weather was varied but Budleigh was less disturbed with thunderstorms and rain than many other parts of England that week. After a shower, the efficient and pleasant ground staff were round drying seats and placing deck chairs so that the maximum comfort was provided. This also applied to the Ladies' Committee who provided excellent lunches, coffee and tea. With Bridge Rooms to retire to, there was never a dull moment (especially when Major Dibley came to seek an absent competitor).

The tournament was managed admirably and with an extra event was duly completed in spite of tiresome competitors remaining in two events. Of the Manager we can only say

Oh! Major Dibley you're a wonder
And when you are old and grey
We shall say "By Gosh! By Thunder!
You were some lad in your day!"

OPEN SINGLES.

(Draw and Process).

THE COLMAN CUP.

THE DRAW.

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 11.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt W. Longman by 8.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 3.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 17.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt J. K. Brown by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 12.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 16.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 17.
F. H. Fisher bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 12.
F. H. Fisher bt Colonel D. W. Beamish by 13.

FINAL.

Mrs. W. Longman bt F. H. Fisher by 18.

PROCESS.

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt F. H. Fisher by 9.
Mrs. W. Longman bt J. K. Brown by 18.
W. W. Sweet Escott bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 2.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Rev. G. V. H. Elvey by 9.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 18.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 18.
W. Longman bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 5.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Colonel D. W. Beamish by 3.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. W. Longman bt W. Longman by 17.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 23.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. W. Longman by 10.

PLAY-OFF

Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 7.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(1 to 4 bisques).

THE LONGMAN CUP.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton by 4.
Miss K. Ault bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 19.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. L. G. Walters bt Miss J. Warwick by 3.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Miss A. E. Mills by 14.
Mrs. F. R. Briggs bt Miss K. Ault by 20.
Miss V. E. Mills bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores by 21.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. L. G. Walters bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 19.
Miss V. E. Mills bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 6.

FINAL.

Miss V. E. Mills bt Mrs. L. G. Walters by 20.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(5½ bisques and over).

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman (14) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) by 8 on time.

Capt. G. R. Bald (6) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (10) by 12 on time.

Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt W. J. Dixon (9) by 11.
Mrs. C. A. Bishop (11) w.o. Mrs. D. L. Latham (9) opponent scratched.

Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt Miss J. Cooper (11) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss S. C. Gough (10) w.o. Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman (14) opponent retired.

Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt Captain G. R. Bald (6) by 7.
Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (11) by 13.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt G. A. Black (8) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt Miss S. C. Gough (10) by 6.
Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 18.

FINAL.

Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 20.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE OLIVER BOWL.

(39 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) by 5.
Mrs. C. A. G. Money (10) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (2½) by 1 on time.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) w.o. Mrs. C. A. Bishop opponent retired.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (3½) by 10.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 4 on time.

Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey (—1) by 23.
Mrs. W. Longman (—1) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 20.

SECOND ROUND.

Capt. G. R. Bald (6) bt Miss S. C. Gough (10) by 2.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) by 5.

Miss V. E. Mills (1½) bt W. Longman (—3) by 10.
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) by 8.
J. Weston Martyr (9) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 24.

Mrs. M. H. Vincent (11) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 5.
Mrs. C. A. G. Money (10) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 10.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) by 23.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 11.
W. W. Sweet Escott (—1) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1) by 5.
Capt. M. Buller (10) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (4½) by 7.
Miss J. Cooper (11) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 8.

J. K. Brown (—1) w.o. Mrs. D. L. Latham (9) opponent scratched.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) bt Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman (14) by 19.

Miss J. Warwick (1½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5) by 19.
Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 13.

THIRD ROUND.

Capt. G. R. Bald (6) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 15.
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Miss V. E. Mills (1½) by 2.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent (11) bt J. Weston Martyr (9) by 12.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (10) by 10.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (—1) by 12.

Captain M. Buller (10) bt Miss J. Cooper (11) by 20.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 12.
Miss J. Warwick (1½) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (11) by 5.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Capt. G. R. Bald (6) by 23.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent (11) w.o. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) opponent scratched.

Capt. M. Buller (10) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) by 13.
Miss J. Warwick (1½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (11) by 9.
Miss J. Warwick (1½) bt Capt. M. Buller (10) by 5.

FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick (1½) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) by 15.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(No two minus players to play together).

LE MESSURIER CHALLENGE CUPS.

(18 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss V. E. Mills (2) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss W. L. Stevenson (6) by 11.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Miss K. Ault (3½) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton and Capt. G. R. Bald (9½) by 19.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. L. G. Walters and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (13½) bt W. Longman and J. Weston Martyr (5) by 3 on time.
G. A. Black and Miss J. Cooper (19) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay and W. J. Dixon (12½) by 3.

J. K. Brown and Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (2) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and F. Livsey (8½) by 3.

W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. G. E. Gatehouse (4½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss V. E. Mills (2) by 11.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Miss K. Ault (3½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Miss E. M. Leonard (9) by 9.
Miss A. E. Mills and Miss J. Warwick (3) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Captain M. Buller (7) by 1 on time.

Mrs. H. J. Philpot and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (16) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (2½) by 3 on time.
Mrs. F. R. Briggs and Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt Miss M. Carlyon and Miss S. C. Gough (11) by 8.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. L. G. Walters and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (13½) bt G. A. Black and Miss J. Cooper (19) by 9.

J. K. Brown and Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (2) bt W. W. Sweet-Escott and Mrs. G. E. Gatehouse (4½) by 8.

Miss A. E. Mills and Miss J. Warwick (3) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Miss K. Ault (3½) by 13.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs and Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (16) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. L. G. Walters and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (13½) bt J. K. Brown and Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (2) by 1 on time.
Miss A. E. Mills and Miss J. Warwick (3) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs and Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 6.

FINAL.

Miss A. E. Mills and Miss J. Warwick (3) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (13½) by 1.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. Longman (—3) bt Miss S. C. Gough (10) by 10.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 11.
F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) by 15.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 7.
Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt Miss V. E. Mills (1½) by 8.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (2½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) by 9.
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (3½) bt Mrs. C. E. Bishop (11) by 10.
Mrs. E. M. Klay (9) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) bt W. Longman (—3) by 6.
F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 6.
Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (2½) by 7.

Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (3½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) by 12.
Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (3½) by 2.

FINAL.

Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 5.

CHELTENHAM

23rd to 28th July, 1956

Once again Cheltenham was fortunate, at least until after tea on Friday, in having glorious weather for its fortieth annual open tournament.

After over fifty entries had been accepted quite a number of late ones had to be refused which may serve as a warning to those who intend coming again next year or to those who hope to come for the first time. To those who have never been to Cheltenham let it be said that it is a tournament that should not be missed.

The management this year was in the most capable hands of Mrs. Elvey who whilst firm and most efficient yet always seemed able to consider every whim of the many competitors. With much assistance behind the scenes from Colonel Mathews she was able to complete all events, including an extra, just at the right time—an hour after tea on the Saturday afternoon.

As to the entry, the four New Zealanders Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and Mr. and Mrs. Ross were especially welcome. As a prelude they were entertained by some members of the club at a cocktail party on Sunday evening. It was also a great pleasure to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wiggins, old members of the Cheltenham club now living far from any croquet at Bath.

In the Open Singles there were no less than thirteen minus players. In the Draw the New Zealand Captain, A. G. F. Ross, always a delight to watch, worked his way fairly easily to the final after a close second round game with R. F. Rothwell which ended in a spectators' thrill with two balls pegged out. The other finalist was Colonel Beamish who advanced there by steady if not spectacular play. The final was a disappointing game as Mr. Ross was quite off his game, and though he had a number of chances he was several times thwarted by the fourth hoop even from good positions, so that Beamish was an easy winner.

In the Process Miss Steel advanced to the final by accounting for, successively, all the three New Zealanders, and in the final she had no difficulty in mastering the slow conditions to win easily against Rothwell the other finalist who never found his touch in this game.

The Play-off between Colonel Beamish and Miss Steel was too long a game to describe in detail—it took four hours. Miss Steel was coming up from behind seemed to have the game within her grasp when in peeling her backward ball through the penultimate (her forward ball having just made the rover) found her own ball stymied from one of Beamish's two yards away by her other ball which had been peeled very well. She tried to beat the stymie rather than scatter the balls but missed. Soon Beamish failed at the rover and Miss Steel hit in from 18 yards, pegged out Beamish's other ball and after another interval failed herself at the rover allowing Beamish to trickle up to the peg and become the holder of the Cheltenham Cup by three points. Thus he reversed last year's play-off when he was on the losing side to H. O. Hicks who was not defending his title this year. Congratulations to Beamish on his win, also on qualifying for a coveted C.A. Silver Medal.

The "B" Opens was won from a field of twenty in most convincing fashion by G. E. P. Jackson a local player who, they say, has only been playing the game for a year. With his confidence and ability (he seldom failed to hit a shot of any length and certainly never hesitated in going for a nasty length roquet) he must surely receive drastic attention from the handicapper. There seems to be no reason why he should not scalp some of the tigers when playing them on level terms next year.

The "C" Handicap was won most courageously by Mrs. Daniels, another local player, against Mrs. Haigh Smith. The former lady was playing a great deal in the last two days in great discomfort having bruised herself badly on Thursday when she slipped and fell heavily on the concrete veranda.

The Big Handicap with 53 entries had but one logical winner that man Jackson again. He did not have it all his own way in his third round game against Ross. Ross hit with the third ball and went round to one-back. Had he been able to go right round and leave the balls to his satisfaction the result might well have gone to him. As it was he had a good chance with his backward ball after all the bisques had been taken but he failed at the fourth and the game soon went to Jackson.

The other finalist was Captain Millar who finished his first round game against Miss Steel in amazing fashion. All the bisques had gone and Miss Steel pegged out Millar's rover (his other ball being for rover) and laid up near the first corner. Millar's solitary ball was 18 yards from the rover in line with the second hoop. Millar went for the hoop, ran in to the south boundary, hit one of Miss Steel's balls from 12 yards and the game was his.

In the final Millar put up stout resistance against his formidable opponent. Jackson seemed to lose his fine touch for some time and allowed Millar to creep up, but suddenly he seemed to think the game had gone on long enough and that it was time for him to annex another title which he did by 12 points.

The Handicap Doubles was played as the shortened game (starting at the third hoop with handicaps adjusted) with a time limit of 3½ hours in addition. With so much talk of shortening the game of croquet it is frightening to have to record that no fewer than six games even so were decided "on time". It will be interesting to see how the brave experiment at Hurlingham to time-limit all games works out. For the second year H. O. Hicks and D. Anderson annexed the Barwell Salvagers. After some close games they had it all their own way in the final to win from Mrs. Rotherham and Mr. Bantock by the overwhelming margin of 25 points.

THE CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP

CHALLENGE CUP.

OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

R. F. Rothwell bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. W. Cobb bt W. H. Kirk by 11.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt F. H. Fisher by 4.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins by 8.
A. G. F. Ross bt R. F. Rothwell by 7.
Mrs. W. H. Kirk bt J. K. Brown by 15.
Gerald Williams bt W. B. C. Paynter by 13.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Miss D. D. Steel by 5.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 11.

THIRD ROUND.

Major J. W. Cobb bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 4.
A. G. F. Ross bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 17.
Mrs. W. H. Kirk bt Gerald Williams by 11.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. G. F. Ross bt Major J. W. Cobb by 14.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. W. H. Kirk by 20.

FINAL.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt A. G. F. Ross by 20.

PROCESS.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. H. Kirk bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 22.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel bt A. G. F. Ross by 8.
Mrs. W. H. Kirk bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 3.
Gerald Williams bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins by 4.
W. H. Kirk bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 1.
R. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 21.
F. H. Fisher bt W. B. C. Paynter by 1.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 12.
Major J. W. Cobb w.o. J. K. Brown opponent scratched.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. W. H. Kirk by 7.
W. H. Kirk bt Gerald Williams by 9.
R. F. Rothwell bt F. H. Fisher by 22.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Major J. W. Cobb by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt W. H. Kirk by 8.
R. F. Rothwell bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 16.

FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt R. F. Rothwell by 20.

PLAY-OFF.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Miss D. D. Steel by 3.

THE MONEY CHALLENGE SALVER.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(2 bisques and over).

(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. McClure Williams bt Mrs. S. Mathews by 16.
Capt. K. B. Millar bt Mrs. A. L. Megson by 14.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Mrs. W. A. Odling by 11.
A. L. Megson bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. G. F. Ross bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 1.
E. G. Bantock bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone by 11.
R. H. Newton bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 21.
A. McClure Williams bt Capt. K. B. Millar by 7.
A. L. Megson bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 16.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 26.
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 21.
Miss H. D. Parker bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 16.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. A. G. F. Ross bt E. G. Bantock by 18.
A. McClure Williams bt R. H. Newton by 13.
G. E. P. Jackson bt A. L. Megson by 8.
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden bt Miss H. D. Parker by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. G. F. Ross bt A. McClure Williams by 13.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden by 15.

FINAL.

G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross by 22.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5 bisques and over).

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. H. Leonard (9) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5) by 18.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7½) bt Miss I. M. Roe (*9) by 8.
Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 21.
Capt. L. C. Adye (10) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) by 14.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 22.
Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 17.
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6½) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) by 2.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7½) bt Miss E. H. Leonard (9) by 11.
Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Capt. L. C. Adye (10) by 10.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 7.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6½) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7½) bt Miss M. A. Posford (5) by 12.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) by 2.

FINAL.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7½) by 12.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(53 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede (0) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) by 1.
Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) w.o. Mrs. F. R. Carling (5) opponent retired.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7½) bt Gerald Williams (—½) by 15.
A. G. F. Ross (—4) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 6.
E. G. Bantock (4) bt H. T. Pinckney-Simpson (2) by 10.
H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (2½) by 6.
G. E. P. Jackson (2) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (3) by 23.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 19.
F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 20.
A. McClure Williams (2) bt Miss W. Adye (10) by 4.
F. Langley (1) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 6.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) bt W. B. C. Paynter (—½) by 13.
Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 6.
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 17.
Miss H. McKean (7½) bt A. L. Megson (2½) by 14.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3½) by 15.
Major J. W. Cobb (—1) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (4) by 10.
Mrs. D. M. Chittenden (2) bt R. F. Rothwell (—2) by 3.
W. H. Kirk (—1½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 10.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 10.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) w.o. Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) opponent scratched.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) by 5.
V. A. de la Nougerede (0) bt Miss E. M. Carmouche (5) by 9.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 8.
A. G. F. Ross (—4) bt E. G. Bantock (4) by 19.
G. E. P. Jackson (2) bt H. O. Hicks (—5½) by 26.

F. H. Fisher (—1½) w.o. Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) opponent retired.

F. Langley (1) bt A. McClure Williams (2) by 3.
Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) by 15.
Miss M. McKean (7½) bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6½) by 12.
Major J. W. Cobb (—1) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) by 3.
Mrs. D. M. Chittenden (2) bt W. H. Kirk (—1½) by 2.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) by 2.
Capt. K. B. Millar (4½) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 8.
Miss E. M. Leonard (9) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2½) by 9.
Miss I. M. Roe (*9) bt Mrs. W. A. Odling (3) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) w.o. Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) opponent retired.
V. A. de la Nougerede (0) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7½) by 14.
G. E. P. Jackson (2) bt A. G. F. Ross (—4) by 16.
F. Langley (1) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 11.
Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Miss M. McKean (7½) by 23.
Mrs. D. M. Chittenden (2) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—1) by 4.
Capt. K. B. Millar (4½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) by 13.
Miss I. M. Roe (*9) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (9) by 11.

FOURTH ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede (0) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 17.
G. E. P. Jackson (2) bt F. Langley (1) by 22.
Mrs. D. M. Chittenden (2) bt Miss M. A. Posford (5) by 2.
Capt. K. B. Millar (4½) bt Miss I. M. Roe (*9) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. E. P. Jackson (2) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (0) by 21.
Capt. K. B. Millar (4½) bt Mrs. D. M. Chittenden (2) by 6.

FINAL.

G. E. P. Jackson (2) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (4½) by 12.

THE BARWELL SALVER.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(20 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss H. D. Parker and Miss M. A. Posford (8½) bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) by 12 on time.
A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. Ross (—1½) bt Major J. W. Cobb and A. McClure Williams (1) by 8.
Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3) bt W. B. C. Paynter and F. Langley (½) by 5.
W. H. Kirk and Mrs. H. F. Roberts (5) bt R. F. Rothwell and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3½) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. D. M. Chittenden (3½) by 6.
G. E. P. Jackson and Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt R. H. Newton and Capt. K. B. Millar (6½) by 4 on time.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and E. G. Bantock (1) bt F. H. Fisher and Miss I. M. Roe (7½) by 13.
Miss H. D. Parker and Miss M. A. Posford (8½) bt A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. Ross (—1½) by 1 on time.
Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3) bt W. H. Kirk and Mrs. H. F. Roberts (5) by 6.

Mrs. W. A. Odling and Miss M. C. Macaulay (6½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and G. A. H. Alexander (7½) by 1 on time.
Mrs. W. H. Kirk and Mrs. S. Mathews (2) bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson and Mrs. M. P. Miller (9) by 4.
H. O. Hicks and D. M. Anderson (—4) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner and D. G. B. Harries (14) by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) bt G. E. P. Jackson and Miss E. M. Leonard (11) by 1 on time.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and E. G. Bantock (1) bt Miss H. D. Parker and Miss M. A. Posford (8½) by 3 on time.
Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3) bt Mrs. W. A. Odling and Miss M. C. Macaulay (6½) by 17.
H. O. Hicks and D. M. Anderson (—4) bt Mrs. W. H. Kirk and Mrs. S. Mathews (2) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and E. G. Bantock (1) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 8.
H. O. Hicks and D. M. Anderson (—4) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3) by 8.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and D. M. Anderson (—4) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and E. G. Bantock (1) by 25.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(FINAL).

W. B. C. Paynter (—½) bt D. G. B. Harries (*6) by 8.

HURLINGHAM

August 6th to August 14th

We are often told by foreigners that the English always start a conversation with a remark about the weather, and we make no excuse for starting this article with a reference to that universal topic, for the weather, as we all know, plays an important part in our enjoyment of a tournament. This year, however, we were not very fortunate for the week began with a thunderstorm and heavy rain, and the following days were cold and cheerless with only occasional "bright periods".

There was an excellent entry of eighty-four with over sixty competing in the big Singles Handicap. We were pleased to have several of our New Zealand friends taking part in the tournament and it is interesting to record that four of them reached the final of the Open Doubles in which Mr. and Mrs. Rowling defeated Mr. Ross and Mrs. Watkins.

In an earlier match in this event we witnessed an interesting game and close struggle between Cotter and Miss Lintern who were playing Ross and Mrs. Watkins. Cotter pegged out Ross when both of their partners were for four-back. Everything was then laid for Miss Lintern to make the last three hoops and finish the game, but Mrs. Watkins brought off a very long shot after which she proceeded to go out herself and thus finish the game.

The six courts were in excellent condition and reflect great credit on Gray the groundsman, but it was a pity that it was necessary to use the courts on the cricket pitch, for to attempt to play good croquet on these courts was, as one player remarked, enough to break the heart of an archangel. We congratulate Cotter on winning the Hurlingham Cup defeating J. Solomon (the holder) in the final. In this match on the last day of the tournament both of these expert players were at their best. Solomon, however, was unlucky, for in the first game it looked as if he were going to be an easy winner when he had one ball for the peg and the other at four-back with every chance of finishing in his next turn. Cotter, however, who had not started, hit his long shot and went out in two all-round breaks. In the second game Solomon again looked like being the winner, but in the midst of his triple peel with everything going smoothly he broke down at the fourth hoop. Cotter took full advantage of this and proceeding to play perfect croquet soon finished the game.

The Turner Cup was won by Baillieu.

The Younger Cup was won by Hitchcock for the third time in the last four years and on this occasion we hear that he received a congratulatory letter from a friend telling him that he got younger and younger every year.

Lloyd-Pratt won the Longworth Cup, defeating Sir Wm. Mabane in the final, but neither player was at his best in this match.

It is always something of a feat to reach the final in a big handicap with over sixty competitors and de la Nougerede, who played well throughout the week, was successful in this event. With three bisques he won the final match by defeating M. B. Reckitt by 26.

The Men's Handicap Doubles was won by Warwick and Lloyd-Pratt. During their progress we witnessed a rather spectacular game when they were playing Ross and Chevin from whom they were receiving four and a half bisques. Early in the game Lloyd-Pratt (whose handicap is eight) shot in and made an all-round break to the peg. This left Warwick with four and a half bisques in which to finish the game, which lasted only thirty-five minutes.

Lloyd-Pratt, a newcomer to the game is to be congratulated on winning two events in only his second tournament. This young player, when he has gained more experience and a better knowledge of tactics, should soon find himself playing at a much lower handicap.

The Ladies' Field Candlesticks were won by Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Healey.

We conclude with our usual tribute to the Croquet committee of the Club, to Gray the groundsman and all who helped to make the tournament a success. Brackenbury was the Manager for the sixth year in succession and we hope to see him managing another six. In expressing our gratitude to him for his arduous work and to Col. Hayward the games manager for his ever willing and ready assistance, we can—to borrow Shakespeare—truly say to them:

"Our recompense is thanks, that's all;
Yet our good will is great, though the gift small."

THE HURLINGHAM CUP.

OPEN SINGLES.

(23 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. C. C. Adams +16 +10.
A. G. F. Ross bt Mrs. W. Longman +18 +26.
M. Spencer Ell bt D. E. Buckland +4 +18.
R. Tingey bt S. S. Townsend +25 +3.
W. Longman bt V. A. de la Nougerede +9 +18.
Mrs. McKenzie-Smart bt Mrs. L. C. Apps +3 on time +21.
Mrs. S. Watkins bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton +24 +14.

SECOND ROUND.

J. Solomon bt G. V. Evans +18 +26.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Major J. W. Cobb +13 +9.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt A. G. F. Ross +16 +12.
R. Tingey bt M. Spencer-Ell +16 +14.
W. Longman bt Mrs. McKenzie-Smart +17 —18 +16.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. S. Watkins +14 +26.
E. P. Duffield bt J. G. Warwick +15 +25.
M. B. Reckitt bt Miss D. A. Lintern +11 +3.

THIRD ROUND.

J. Solomon bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +21 +20.
Mrs. Rotherham bt R. Tingey +4 —24 +26.
E. P. C. Cotter bt W. Longman +26 +25.
M. B. Reckitt bt E. P. Duffield +15 —17 +13.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. Rotherham +25 +6.
E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt +26 +14.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt J. W. Solomon +3 +13.

THE TURNER CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(Scratch or over).

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts bt E. A. Roper by 13.
I. C. Baillieu bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 6.
Miss A. E. Mills bt Dr. N. H. Oliver by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Major J. H. Dibley by 11.
I. C. Baillieu bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 4.
Miss A. E. Mills w.o. opponent retired.
E. Carlile bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

I. C. Baillieu bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 15.
E. Carlile bt Miss A. E. Mills by 9.

FINAL.

I. C. Baillieu bt E. Carlile by 25.

THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES.

LEVEL PLAY.

MIXED DOUBLES.

(13 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. Gasson bt Major Dibley and Mrs. Healey by 10.
G. Rowling and Mrs. Rowling bt Major Cobb and Mrs. Beaton by 12.
W. Longman and Mrs. Longman bt R. Tingey and Mrs. McKenzie-Smart by 2 on time.
A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. Watkins bt M. B. Reckitt and Miss Warwick by 16.
I. C. Baillieu and Miss Mills bt Mrs. Apps and J. G. Warwick by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

G. Rowling and Mrs. Rowling bt W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman by 24.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. Rotherham bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. Gasson by 9.
E. P. C. Cotter and Miss Lintern bt Brig. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. Chittenden by 17.
A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. Watkins bt I. C. Baillieu and Miss Mills by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. Rowling and Mrs. Rowling bt Dr. Wiggins and Mrs. Rotherham by 16.
A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. Watkins bt E. P. C. Cotter and Miss Lintern by 5.

FINAL.

G. Rowling and Mrs. Rowling bt A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. Watkins by 14.

THE YOUNGER CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(2½ bisques and over).

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. Tingey bt Miss D. Jennings by 14.
Mrs. Ross bt Miss Elphinstone-Stone by 15.
G. W. E. Hitchcock bt N. O. Hicks by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. Wallwork bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 10.
Mrs. Tingey bt Mrs. Ross by 23.
G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Mrs. Thom by 1 on time.
Mrs. Heley bt R. G. H. Belcher by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. Tingey bt Mrs. Wallwork by 10.
G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Mrs. Heley by 17.

FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Mrs. Tingey by 13.

THE LONGWORTH CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(6 bisques and over).

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Sir Wm. Mabane bt M. Vlasto by 8.
Mrs. C. M. Turner bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett by 15.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts bt T. S. Oliver by 9.
Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher bt W. J. Hawkings by 4 on time.
Mrs. H. Carrington bt Brig. C. C. Russell by 17.
Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith bt A. D. Karmel by 15.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Miss B. Duthie by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

Sir Wm. Mabane bt Mrs. C. M. Turner by 9 on time.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts bt Mrs. Belcher by 15.
Mrs. Haigh-Smith bt Mrs. Carrington by 11.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 6 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

Sir Wm. Mabane bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts by 7 on time.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Mrs. Haigh-Smith by 5.

FINAL.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Sir Wm. Mabane by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(58 Entries).

Mrs. Longman (—1) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) by 22.
Sir Wm. Mabane (8) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 10 on time.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt R. J. Pickett (12) by 7 on time.
R. Tingey (—2½) bt Mrs. A. F. G. Ross (2½) by 13.
E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) by 11.
W. J. Hawkings (8) bt Mrs. F. Davidson (9) by 4.
Miss B. Duthie (11) w.o. opponent scratched.

B. Lloyd-Pratt (8) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12) by 14.
J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt R. G. H. Belcher (2½) by 14.
A. G. F. Ross (—4) bt A. D. Karmel (11) by 4.
Mrs. C. Watkins (—2½) w.o. opponent scratched.

V. A. de la Nougerede (0) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 22.
W. Longman (—3) bt M. Vlasto (9) by 8.
Mrs. Tingey (3) bt Brig. C. C. Russell (12) by 10.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 19.

Col. C. C. Adams (—2½) bt N. O. Hicks (2) by 6.
I. C. Baillieu (1½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 6.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt T. S. Oliver (7) by 12.
E. A. Roper (2) bt Dr. N. H. Oliver (½) by 24.

Miss J. Warwick (1) bt Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith (7) by 22.
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 2 on time.
Major J. W. Cobb (—1) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) by 6.
E. P. Duffield (—1) bt Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (9) by 11.
E. Carlile (2) bt Mrs. P. Heley (3½) by 4.

Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 10.
Mrs. G. Solomon (3) w.o. opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) by 8.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—4) bt Mrs. Longman (—1) by 22.
Sir Wm. Mabane (8) bt Mrs. Thom (5½) by 22.
E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) bt R. Tingey (—2½) by 16.

W. J. Hawkings (8) bt Miss B. Duthie (11) by 6 on time.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (8) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 15.
Mrs. C. Watkins (—2½) bt A. G. F. Ross (—4) by 22.
V. A. de la Nougerede (0) bt W. Longman (—3) by 5.

Mrs. Tingey (3) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 3.
I. C. Baillieu (1½) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—2½) by 6.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 3.
Miss J. Warwick (1) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 7.

E. P. Duffield (—1) bt Major J. Cobb (—1) by 25.
E. Carlile (2) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 4.

Mrs. Carrington (10) bt Mrs. G. Solomon (3) by 6 on time.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt G. V. Evans (—½) by 19.

THIRD ROUND.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—4) by 20.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) bt Sir Wm. Mabane (8) by 10.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (8) bt W. J. Hawkings (8) by 25.

V. A. de la Nougerede (0) bt Mrs. C. Watkins (—2½) by 25.
Mrs. Tingey (3) bt I. C. Baillieu (1½) by 6.

Miss Warwick (1) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (10) by 1.
E. P. Duffield (—1) bt E. Carlile (2) by 10.

M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Mrs. Carrington (10) by 12.

FOURTH ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) by 19.
V. A. de la Nougerede (0) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt (8) by 1 on time.

Mrs. Tingey (3) bt Miss Warwick (1) by 1 on time.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt E. P. Duffield (—1) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

V. A. de la Nougerede (0) bt E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) by 26.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Mrs. Tingey (3) by 2.

FINAL.

V. A. de la Nougerede (0) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 26.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Heley (1) bt Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Solomon (5½) by 4.

Mrs. Gasson and Miss Mills (3) bt Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Rotherham (—1) by 18.

Mrs. McKenzie-Smart and Mrs. Tingey (1) bt Mrs. Beaton and Miss Warwick (½) by 23.

Miss Lintern and Mrs. Thom (2½) bt Miss Elphinstone-Stone and Mrs. Turner (11½) by 13.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. Roper (5½) bt Miss Duthie and Mrs. Reckitt (23) by 2 on time.

Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Heley (1) bt Mrs. Gasson and Miss Mills (3) by 1 on time.

Miss Lintern and Mrs. Thom (2½) bt Mrs. McKenzie-Smart and Mrs. Tingey (1) by 10.

Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith and Mrs. Carrington (17½) bt Mrs. Wallwork and Miss M. S. Carlyon (6½) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Heley (1) bt Mrs. Longman and Mrs. Roper (5½) by 2 on time.

Miss Lintern and Mrs. Thom (2½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith and Mrs. Carrington (17½) by 10.

FINAL.

Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Heley (1) bt Miss Lintern and Mrs. Thom (2½) by 5 on time.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(14 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Sir Wm. Mabane and G. Rowling (6) bt R. Belcher and W. H. Hawkings (10½) by 12.

R. Tingey and A. D. Karmel (8½) bt T. S. Oliver and Brig. C. C. Russell (19) by 15.

I. C. Baillieu and D. E. Buckland (4) bt Brig. Stokes-Roberts and L. S. Stokes-Roberts (12) by 16.

V. A. de la Nougerede and Major Cobb (—1) bt M. B. Reckitt and G. V. Evans (—3½) by 17.

E. P. Cotter and J. W. Solomon (—8½) bt E. P. Duffield and G. E. W. Hitchcock (1½) by 15.

J. G. Warwick and R. Lloyd-Pratt (6½) bt A. G. F. Ross and I. W. Cheavin (—1½) by 26.

SECOND ROUND.

Sir Wm. Mabane and G. Rowling (6) bt W. Longman and E. A. Roper (—1) by 2 on time.

J. G. Warwick and B. Lloyd-Pratt (6½) bt R. Tingey and A. D. Karmel (8½) by 10.

I. C. Baillieu and D. E. Buckland (4) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Major Cobb (—1) by 1.

E. P. Cotter and J. W. Solomon (—8½) bt Major Dibley and M. Vlasto (9½) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. G. Warwick and B. Lloyd-Pratt (6½) bt Sir Wm. Mabane and G. Rowling (6) by 16.

I. C. Baillieu and D. E. Buckland (4) bt E. P. Cotter and J. W. Solomon (—8½) by 25.

FINAL.

J. G. Warwick and B. Lloyd-Pratt (6½) bt I. C. Baillieu and D. E. Buckland (4) by 11.

EXTRA EVENT.
HANDICAP SINGLES.
(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

R. Tingey (—2½) bt Mrs. Baillieu (9) by 7.
Mrs. Gasson (1½) bt Mrs. Haigh-Smith (7½) by 10.
A. D. Karmel (11) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 13.
G. V. Evans (—½) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 10.
E. A. Roper (2) bt G. V. Evans (—½) by 10.
Mrs. Longman (—1) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

R. Tingey (—2½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 7.
A. D. Karmel (11) bt Mrs. Gasson (1½) by 3.
Mrs. Longman (—1) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 16.
Miss Warwick (1) bt Mrs. Reckitt (2½) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. Tingey (—2½) bt A. D. Karmel (11) by 9.
Miss Warwick (1) bt Mrs. Longman (—1) by 22.

FINAL.

Miss Warwick (1) bt R. Tingey (—2½) by 2.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Forty-ninth Annual Open Tournament will start on Monday, 1st October, 1956, and continue during the following two weeks

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—The Entertainment Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A. and the local representatives of the C.A.: C. J. Speer, Capt. H. C. Davey and N. Oddie.

Managers.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Major J. H. Dibley.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

Handicapper.—M. B. Reckitt.

Assistant referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, Croquet Association, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1 (to whom all Entries should be sent).

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 12s. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides: L. Kirk-Greene.
- 2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callaghan: The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey.
- 3.—WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by Mrs. H. Franc: Mrs. E. Rotherham.
- 4.—"B" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 1½ to 4½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company: Mrs. R. A. Irwin.
- 5.—"C" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 5 to 8½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.: Mrs. H. Roberts.
- 6.—"D" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 9 bisques or over (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.—Mrs. E. M. Gill.
- 7.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each competitor. Law 44 partially suspended. No lift after 4-back.
- 8.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 1 bisque (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each competitor.

9.—HANDICAP SINGLES. To be drawn in one block. THE SUSSEX PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

10.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 1½ bisques or more. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2 or 3 or 7. Shortened games if necessary. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

CONDITIONS

1. In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. In all other Events matches of single games will be played.

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

3. Law 44 will be suspended in Events 4, 5 and 6.

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

5. Events 1 and 7 will be completed by Monday, October 8th. Players in Events 2, 3 or 6 may enter for Event 9 on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in that Event before Friday, October 5th.

INFORMATION

Entries. Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 7 and 8 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1 by Tuesday, September 25th (DO NOT SEND ENTRIES TO DEVONSHIRE PARK). Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

Non-associates must also pay a tribute of 15s. to the C.A. as this is an official tournament, or 7s. 6d. if they enter in only one event; but on their becoming Associates any tribute paid by them during the current year will be refunded or credited against their subscription.

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

Draw. The Draw for all Events except Events 7 and 8 will take place at the C.A. office, 4 Southampton Row, London, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25th. The Draw for Event 7 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, October 2nd, and for Event 8 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 6th.

Courts and Equipment. Ten courts will be provided at Devonshire Park and competitors must also be prepared to play on the courts at the Compton Club if required to do so. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls and hoops 3¼ in. wide will be used.

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

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

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

Before leaving the ground for the day, competitors should not fail to consult the order of play announced on the board for the following day. A competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched under Regulation 24 (a) (i).

Leave of Absence. No leave should be applied for nor could it be granted save in exceptional circumstances.

Heels. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

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

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

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