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1960

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- „ 12 **Parkstone.** *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- „ 19 **Roehampton.** *Games Secretary*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
- „ 26 **Devonshire Park (Eastbourne).** *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

NON-OFFICIAL

- Sept. 12 **Cheltenham.** *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

The following players were selected:—

E. P. C. Cotter
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller
H. O. Hicks
W. P. Ormerod
Mrs. E. Rotherham
J. W. Solomon
Miss E. J. Warwick
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins

Reserve:—

R. Tingey

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SURREY CUP

The following were invited to compete:—

Col. G. E. Cave
M. Spencer Ell
J. A. Hollweg
Canon R. Creed Meredith
V. A. de la Nougerede
W. B. C. Paynter
Capt. H. G. Stoker
J. G. Warwick

J. A. Hollweg, Canon R. Creed Meredith, V. A. de la Nougerede and Capt. H. G. Stoker having been unable to accept, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish, G. Birch, D. W. Curtis and A. D. Karmel were then invited. G. Birch was unable to accept and Col. F. E. Stobart was asked and accepted.

Reserve:—

S. S. Townsend

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TOURNAMENT FIXTURES, 1961

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V. C. GASSON,

Secretary

NOTES by ROVER

The Ladies' Field Cup

Had it not been for the two wars which interfered with the holding of the event in the years 1915 to 1918 and 1940 to 1945, this would have been the 50th occasion of the playing of the Ladies' Field Cup and we could then have acclaimed Miss Joan Warwick as the Jubilee winner. The number of competitors in the event has shown quite a few variations since 1911. Up to 1924 there were ten players selected, after which the number was reduced to eight until 1932 when there was a reversion to the original quota of ten. Since the war eight has been the normal pattern, although in 1953 only six competed. For the last two years, however, there have been seven ladies and this has the advantage of giving a breather to each in turn. An odd number does, however, have the slight disadvantage that during the course of the tournament it is possible to draw erroneous conclusions from the score sheets without first elucidating whether all the contestants have played the same number of games.

Chosen People

The task of the Council's selection committee has never been an easy one and has tended to become more complex with time. There are now as many as four occasions (for the Eastbourne match has to be included) for which a choice of players has to be made, and a still more crucial selection will have to be made at some later, yet not very far distant date, for the Triangular Tests in New Zealand. The different events may—and normally do—require somewhat different considerations being taken into account, but there is one which comes into the matter of which associates in general are not perhaps as well aware as they should be. This may be summarised in the old Latin tag *per ardua ad astra*, which may be roughly translated that you have got to go through it if you want to be recognised as a star. The player who is ambitious to gain some recognition, even at less than the highest level, must be ready to expose himself to the hazards of competition in our premier events. Rumours are sometimes brought to the ears of our selectors of promising, even reportedly brilliant players doing great deeds in their local clubs, but even if a selector is able to catch a glimpse of these players, he cannot really assess their prowess until he sees them at battle with their peers. There comes a point in the career of an aspirant to the honour which selection for our invitation events confers when he should present himself at our championship tournaments in London or Eastbourne if he is to convince the selectors that he deserves their full attention. This is no new requirement, it has always been demanded, and the more who are able and willing to fulfil it, the more satisfactory will the selectors' lists be seen to be.

The Club Team Cup

The result of the final of the Club Team Cup competition between Hurlingham and Roehampton is reported in this issue. The handsome trophy donated by William Longman has been competed for since 1928 and this year was won by Hurlingham for the fifth time, preserving their recent three year sequence, since they also won in 1951, 1954 and 1957. On the principle that it is good for the game to see trophies such as this going the rounds, it is interesting to note that no fewer than seven different clubs have been successful since the war. Among the smaller clubs the successes of Compton and Colchester in 1958 and 1959 were particularly gratifying. Considerations of travel and expense unfortunately tend to restrict the range of clubs who enter for the competition nowadays—otherwise Cheltenham and Budleigh Salterton, to name but two clubs, would certainly appear as often as not among the winners. The very first winners, Edgbaston, were in fact still entering up to recent years and held the cup in 1952, and we remember the Hurlingham team of that year leaving London at 7 o'clock in the morning and returning well after midnight. One reason often given by teams in the past for their returning empty handed was that the opponents were grossly over-handicapped, but of recent years less and less is being heard of this excuse. Certainly this year most of the matches were so closely contested as to suggest a well balanced set of handicaps.

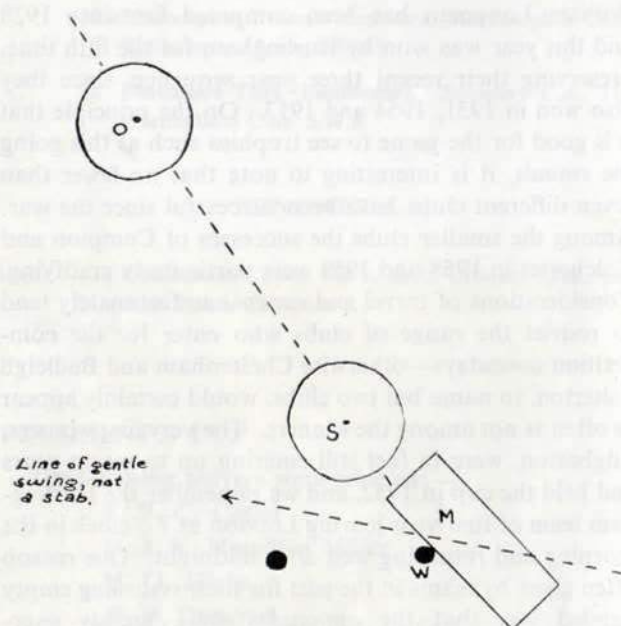
Heavy going

After the very fast lawns of last summer which provided an explanation of many protracted games, players have, so far at any rate, this season had to accustom themselves to slower and heavier conditions. This ought to have had the effect of speeding up the proceedings and to have afforded some compensation to managers who have been sorely tried by some of the heavy downpours of the last month or two. Nevertheless there would seem to have been no significant acceleration in the progress of games and the answer may lie in the fact that we have gone from one extreme to the other. Many first-class players who excel on fiery surfaces do not find it easy to "get the balls up" on lawns where considerable force may be needed for shots such as the long split from the first hoop to the second and third hoops. On the other hand, even the newest recruits to the game should be able to carry out their hoop approaching strokes with confidence when there is little risk of the ball trickling off to the side of the hoop. There are some who advocate the use of lighter balls as an answer to heavy lawns; in other words to revert to the practice of more than 50 years ago when the balls were an ounce lighter than now.

A NEW CROQUET STROKE!

or how to perform the seemingly impossible with comparative ease

One such case is depicted in the diagram.



W is the hoop wire;
S is the striker's ball;
O is the object ball;
M is the mallet.

Place S on the centre line of the hoop at a distance from the hoop equal to the width of a mallet's head. Place O a yard or more from S so that the centre of the two balls are in a line with the right hand edge of W.

The problem is for S to hit O with ease and certainty.

To perform the stroke, first place the mallet as shown in the diagram, i.e. touching the wire and about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches from S, not aiming at O but in such a line that ball and mallet would come in contact about $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch from the left hand edge of the mallet face.

We are now ready to play the stroke. The mallet is now swung, not along the line of aim (as is usual), but in the line shown in the diagram.

The mental attitude while playing the stroke is that of trying to put a clockwise spin on the ball, entirely forgetting the presence of the hoop. If these instructions are carried out the side of the mallet will hit the wire *before* hitting the ball.

This causes the mallet head to twist sharply to the right at the moment of contact, so actually putting an anti-clockwise spin on the ball. Also the mallet slides off the wire, not in the direction of swing but along the line S—O.

There have been several odd occasions, when the timing has been perfect, that I have missed O on the impossible side by nearly two balls distance.

So this is the introduction to my new stroke. Try it out and let us hear the results and also your theories.

ROBERT TINGEY

Hurlingham Croquet Dinner

Sixty-three sat down to dinner on August 4th to what is now becoming a biennial function, indeed what can be regarded as the main croquet occasion when a large number of associates and their friends can get together off parade. William Longman presided over the proceedings and after proposing the loyal toast and reminding us that it was the 60th birthday of the Queen Mother, read a telegram from the Baillieus in Australia—"Keep your heads down and swing. Wish we could join you all at dinner." Mr. Longman said he was sure the Chairman of the Croquet Committee would be replying appropriately.

The four speeches of the evening were entrusted to the safe care of Maurice Reckitt, Brigadier Stokes Roberts, Alex Karmel and Hope Rotherham. Maurice proposed the Game of Croquet, touching on the situation in the early years of the century when he was first attracted to the game. His speech was what we have learned to expect from this experienced devotee of croquet and was liberally spiced with anecdotal reminiscences. He referred to the debt which croquet owed to the Hurlingham Club and thanked Sir Charles Norton, the Club Chairman, in particular. The response was in the hands of the Chairman of the C.A. and the Brigadier gave a brief review of current important matters in the croquet world—the pending new Laws, the New Zealand 1962/63 tour, finance, etc. He hoped the example set by clubs such as Budleigh, Parkstone and Bedford, to name but three, in helping the Dominion Tour Fund would be followed by others. He took the opportunity of thanking Brack for his work as Manager, saying that the tournament then in progress was testing his patience to the full.

The Equality of the Sexes was proposed by Alex Karmel, a toast which was tailor-made for him. He dealt delicately with the foibles of some of the leading, and not so leading, lady croquet players—the martial gait of Mrs. Thom, the packing of more than 24 hours into a day's croquet by Joan Warwick, Mrs. Elvey's swing and many other light-hearted references—a joy to listen to. Hope Rotherham's reply set the seal on a very successful evening, her remarks striking just the right note and showing a delightful sense of humour. The world of croquet is certainly not short of entertaining orators.

CORRESPONDENCE

Seeding

Dear Sir,

I see in the August *Croquet* that the "seeding" of players principle may again be ventilated.

I sincerely hope that nothing of the kind will take place. The only justification, and that a poor one, is from the gate-money point of view.

Why should the top players be more or less guaranteed a win in the first round and their opponents a loss? "Seeding" also greatly favours having the top players meeting in the finals thus eliminating a mediocre player from becoming runner-up.

We hear about "the luck of the draw" and long may it last. If the powers that be want the results to be according to what they think they should be they could abolish the draw and arrange for the two top players to be put into opposite halves of the game chart and in like manner the other players according to their merit and hope for the best!

Yours faithfully,

W. B. C. PAYNTER

Crush Shot

Dear Sir,

When a player attempts to make a hoop by a hammer-stroke or similar grounded stroke, leaving his mallet grounded after hitting the ball and a referee calls out "foul, you made a crush shot", the striker should be allowed to request the referee to replace the ball against the face of the mallet in the direction in which the ball was struck. If it does not touch a wire obviously there has been no crush.

When striking a ball in this manner the mallet may slip forwards slightly. It cannot be retracted.

If, however, the striker swings his mallet the referee can rely only on his own judgment.

The idea of a referee changing his mind is not revolutionary. For example, if a referee says a ball is wired (or not wired) a player may ask him to test it with balls and the result may make him alter his opinion.

Yours faithfully,

W. B. C. PAYNTER

TO SEED OR NOT TO SEED

by SENEX

THE writer of the account of the Championships tournament in the August number reported that the nature of the draw for this historic event—and indeed for its companion, the Championship Doubles—had raised the question of whether the device known as "seeding" ought to be introduced in respect of them. Though there are now few associates who are aware of the fact, this is not the first time that this issue has been raised in the C.A., and a method of seeding known as the "Distributive Draw" was in fact applied to the Association's premier events nearly forty years ago. The experiment was not generally felt to have justified itself and after a few seasons was abandoned, with little opposition, even from those who had originally advocated it. A main purpose of this article is to look at the whole idea in the light of this experiment and to help associates to consider whether circumstances have so far altered as to warrant a new effort to introduce the principle into our game.

There are, I would suggest, four questions which arise in connection with seeding: (i) what is the justification for it—not only in general, but in respect of the particular game to which its application is proposed; (ii) on what principles it is to be applied; (iii) by which persons selection is to be made; and (iv)—particularly important perhaps in our case—what would be the probable effects of it upon the game as a whole? A fifth question might be how widely is it to be permitted, but this is probably an academic one as concerns the C.A., since it has never, I believe, been proposed to extend the practice beyond the five official championships sponsored by our Association. It does not seem at all probable that the Council would allow its application to tournaments in general, nor is it easy to see how it could be applied to the "Two-Life System".

As to point (i), one has heard it said that "every other game does it". Is this in fact the case? One suspects that almost everyone who talks about seeding, whether to approve or to question it, is in fact thinking of Lawn Tennis and in particular of "Wimbledon". But the conditions which apply to the Lawn Tennis Championships are so vastly different from those which obtain in respect of our own that it is at least doubtful whether any helpful analogies can be found between them. When seeding was introduced at Wimbledon a particular point was made that when leading players arrived to compete from so many countries it was most undesirable that they should find themselves drawn against one another. It is not—or need not now be—any secret that when the New Zealand players were here in 1956, the C.A. Council invited them to say whether they would wish a method of seeding to be applied in the championship events which would prevent this, but their preference was for a "straight draw". In any case such a situation occurs so rarely in our game that it has hardly any bearing on the general question.

"Wimbledon" is not only an athletic contest; it is a spectacle played out before thousands of onlookers—and in these days of T.V. before hundreds of thousands more in their homes. Everything that can be done to

heighten the dramatic effect of such a contest is appropriate to its character; moreover there are considerations of stamina which make—or appear to make—it desirable that the principal contestants should, so far as possible, have a chance of arriving at the later rounds without too unequal demands having been made upon their physical powers. Finally, prestige in the world of international lawn tennis counts for so much—and may even involve the prospect of such large financial rewards—that the stars, and their up-and-coming challengers, are eager to obtain as much of the limelight as possible, and the status accorded to a seeded player is one way of their securing this.

None of all this applies—or is ever likely to apply—to Croquet. We may be thankful for this or we may regret it, but let us be realistic about it. The sole question which concerns us in this matter, I would suggest, is whether something valuable would be gained by seeking to provide that—say—four of those deemed to be our best players should be so far as possible prevented from having to encounter each other before Friday in the championship weeks. This is all that is involved.

I have written "deemed to be". This leads to question (ii): on what principles is this "deeming" to be arrived at? So apprehensive was the Council of the controversial possibilities inherent in this matter when the so-called "Distributive Draw" was introduced in the early 'twenties, that it sought to make selection automatic. Those four were to be seeded whose handicaps were lowest. Apart from the fact that handicaps are not fixed primarily by selection to a player's prowess in open events, a sufficient number of associates have the same handicap, even among the minus class, to render this device ineffective and make some measure of selection inevitable. It may be suggested that the four to be honoured should be those who had finished at the top of the President's Cup in the previous season. But even so, problems might often arise. A leading player might have failed to gain inclusion in these four, or he might have been unable or unwilling to accept an invitation to play in the event. Should the privilege of a seeded position be automatically denied him?

In practice it is highly likely that in many seasons at any rate some measure of selection for seeding would be unavoidable, and our question (iii) would have to be faced. Though the task would be a somewhat invidious one, too much should not perhaps be made of the problem, from which our legislators shrank in the 'twenties. If selectors are appointed to choose a "Best Eight" they could be deemed capable of choosing a Best Four. The difference involved here is of course obvious: the "Eight" play against each other on equal terms; the Four would be accorded a privileged position in respect of other competitors. If the Association desires this to be done, however, there should be no particular difficulty in doing it.

It is question (iv) which perhaps raises the most serious problems for us. It was at any rate held to do so when seeding was previously applied, and was a principal

reason for its abandonment. Let us turn back to the "Wimbledon" situation for a moment. To be accepted for Wimbledon at all is not merely a coveted distinction, but it carries with it privileges of a seat in the stands and other "amenities", which are much prized. There are never likely to be any lack of aspirants for entry to the Lawn Tennis Championships. How different is our situation it is perhaps more tactful not to specify too particularly. But if those who ponder whether or not they will enter for our championship events are to be confronted with a strong possibility of running straight into one of our most formidable players, they will—put it mildly—not be encouraged to do so. This may—or may not—be "unsporting" of them, but we have to be concerned in this matter not with moral judgments but with practical possibilities. It would be too much to assume that the introduction of seeding would necessarily have the effect of reducing the already too small entries for our championships. But it is at least not unlikely that it would have this effect, and it was certainly suspected in the 'twenties that it was doing so. The "Distributive Draw" was never popular with the mass of associates, whether they regarded themselves as possible entrants for our major events or not. The Council of those days was forced to recognise this fact; and our Council today if disposed to re-introduce seeding ought at least to look all round the question and make some attempt to canvass support for what they may propose throughout the Association before a further experiment is made.

Questions and Answers

Question: If, during a turn in which the player is taking a half bisque, one ball partly enters its correct hoop from the playing side, may this ball make its own hoop or be peeled during an ordinary turn or bisque turn?

Answer: Yes, most certainly as Law 25 distinctly states that no point can be scored for any ball during a half bisque turn, but this does not mean the player may not prepare a ball for peeling in the next ordinary turn or bisque turn or make its own hoop in the same way. Also in Opens, the player often leaves a ball in one-back or four-back ready for peeling in order to save a lift.

Question: If a striker retires from the court without stating if he wishes to take a bisque, may he return to the court and say he will take a bisque?

Answer: No. Law 46 (e) clearly states that he must indicate either by a definite statement or by retiring from the court that he does not intend to play a bisque or half bisque and his option of playing it thereby ends. M.M.R.

W.B.C.P. raises the following question:—

A referee is called to watch an Irish Peel. He notices that the balls are not touching when the player is about to strike his ball. As under Law 48 (b) it is the duty of a referee to see that the balls are properly placed it appears that he should request the striker to put the balls together.

However, under Law 48 (d) he is only "to call attention to once to any infringement of the Laws; provided that it does not give useful information to the player." The result of playing with the balls not touching could result in a foul (double tap) and telling the player that the balls are not touching would be giving "useful information to the player."

What should a referee do?

Four

THE FOURSOME GAME

by ISOBEL ROE

The rules of this experimental game are that each player has his own ball and must start the turn, if it is decided to play with that ball. Thereafter, the partners play alternate strokes during the course of each turn until the turn ends. Except for this, the ordinary rules of croquet apply.

The original idea was that a foursome combination of a good player with a beginner would be excellent instruction for the latter, and less tedious for both teacher and pupil than prolonged stroke practice. This has proved to be the case, and the performance of long-bisquers appears to be distinctly above normal, since they gain confidence from having a good player to give them easy rushes and approach shots, or to pull them out of trouble. They learn the proper tactics from having to do them, and should soon scorn to play "take-off and separate," as favoured by Aunt Emma.

The foursome seems to be quite a good game on its own merits, and we have played a number of games for enjoyment, mostly with a good player as partner to a long-bisquer. In every case, the players have found it interesting and preferable to the general run of doubles. There is none of that urge to get the weaker player's ball on before the other; since, after the initial stroke, the balance of skill for both balls is the same. In this respect, the play is more like ordinary single-handed croquet, the decision as to which ball to play depending on its position on the court rather than on the skill of the player.

One particular game stands out as an all-time record. An absolute beginner, after a little stroke practice, partnered a 3½, and this side made a break of no less than 6 hoops.

As far as can be judged from friendly games, the time taken is considerably less than for a doubles game with the same partners, and there is appreciable time-saving when the partner goes to a boundary ball that is being shot at, ready to take croquet or put the ball on the yard line. Time lost in discussion or argument seems to be less than in doubles; but this might not be so in a tournament game.

As an experiment, we tried out two good players as foursome partners against another good player as a single. All were playing well, and an excellent game resulted, the partners just winning.

It is possible that both players having to be on court for the turns of both balls may be found tiring; but, as against this, there is the very solid advantage of the partners keeping their eye in during each turn. Some people find prolonged sitting-out more tiring than the actual play.

It certainly seems that this experimental foursome has distinct possibilities for bringing on promising beginners, and it would be interesting to learn the views of players in other clubs as to its merits as a serious game.

Editorial footnote: The game described by Miss Roe is, in fact, not a new idea but was experimented with some years ago. As a tournament game it was not found a success as games appeared to be more protracted, but it undoubtedly is a very useful instrument for helping beginners and we commend it to clubs for this purpose. We hope to comment further on this in our next number.

OBITUARY

Mrs. W. L. GEORGE

The death of this admirable player during the period of the Hurlingham tournament recalls the fact that in 1939, in what was her last tournament, she won both the Opens and the Open Doubles on these lawns. The *C.A. Gazette* speaks of "the truly remarkable exhibition of play and endurance which she gave on the last day of the tournament," during which she won five games. It was a great loss to croquet that save for one appearance in the Sussex county team, Mrs. George did not return to the game after the war. At a time when the number of first-class lady players was larger than it is today, Mrs. George was very much to the fore, competing in the Ladies' Field Cup for nine consecutive seasons right through the 'thirties and finishing in the second place on four occasions. Though always an enterprising player, she was never betrayed by a disposition to "forward" play into recklessness, and her tactics were as good as her execution. If it is sad to think that when the fine executants of the pre-war decade die there are now so few to remember them, it is certain that those who can do so will not easily forget players with so vivid and distinctive a personality as Mrs. George. M.B.R.

THE LADIES' FIELD CUP

Hurlingham, July 25th—29th

The seven ladies chosen for this long established trophy included five previous winners, Mrs. Elvey in 1947, Miss Lintern in 1939, 1946, 1949 to 1954, Mrs. Rotherham in 1955 to 1957, Mrs. Longman in 1958 and Miss Warwick in 1959. Mrs. Chittenden and Lady Ursula Abbey who made up the selected seven were doubtless impressed with the quality of the opposition: both played good croquet during the week and with the rub of the green might have notched more victories than the three games which each won. Lady Ursula's good shooting was a notable feature of many of the games in which she participated while Mrs. Chittenden's quiet and relaxed attitude to her games made her a pleasure to watch.

Miss Lintern's play struck one as being not quite match tight and she did not do herself justice in some of her games. Five of the nine games which she lost were, however, by close margins and three at least might well have gone the other way had the balls rolled kindly.

Mrs. Elvey made a somewhat indifferent start to the week, but in the second series she showed the form of which we know her to be capable and played good croquet in the closing stages.

This leaves Miss Warwick, Mrs. Rotherham and Mrs. Longman, all of whom commanded attention right throughout the tournament, running neck and neck from start to finish. Miss Warwick, the holder, looked likely to finish the first series undefeated but went down to Mrs. Longman in a close game; Mrs. Longman had herself lost to Mrs. Rotherham while the latter had only one loss, to Miss Warwick at the end of the first series, so that these three started on Wednesday afternoon each with six games to her credit.

By Thursday evening odds could have been laid on Mrs. Rotherham for she had but to defeat Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Elvey to be the undisputed winner, a task thought to be well within her powers. However, whether the inclement weather of Friday was to blame or not or whether it was that her opponents were determined to fight to the bitter end, the Open Champion failed to win either game leaving Miss Warwick clear by one game. Mrs. Longman finished level with Mrs. Rotherham and was certainly back to her form of 1958.

Two games are deserving of comment. The first, between the Open Champion and the holder of the Women's Championship, saw Mrs. Rotherham at her best. Miss Warwick, having failed at the fourth hoop, saw her opponent make two perfect breaks and bring the game to a speedy conclusion. In the other, Miss Warwick was also a participant, this time against Miss Lintern for the second time in the contest. Miss Lintern having suffered a heavy defeat at Miss Warwick's hands in the first series was obviously determined to have her revenge and was set to finish the game, being at the peg and rover when Miss Warwick shot in and took one ball to the rover from two-back. With Miss Lintern narrowly missing the lift shot, Miss Warwick then picked up a difficult break with her other ball, Red, and finished the game peeling Yellow through the rover. The manner of the finish was interesting: the peel took Yellow immediately behind the rover and completely stymied from the peg. Miss Warwick had, however, engineered both Black and Blue into the vicinity, but in rushing Blue on to Yellow the latter lodged on the side of the wire. All was not lost, however, since the rush on Black enabled Miss Warwick this time to get Yellow free for the final rush to the peg.

In the absence of Mrs. Haigh Smith in Ireland, Mrs. Thom presided in the Manager's tent with tact and efficiency.

Analysis of Play

Miss E. J. Warwick won 10 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +25 +3, Lady Ursula Abbey +18 +19, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +10 +15, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +14 +25, Mrs. E. Rotherham +18, Mrs. W. Longman +14; and lost 2 games to Mrs. E. Rotherham —22 and Mrs. W. Longman —9.

Mrs. W. Longman won 9 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +16 +6, Lady Ursula Abbey +18 +21, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +15 +6, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +14 +9, Miss E. J. Warwick +9; and lost 3 games to Mrs. E. Rotherham —17 —16 and Miss E. J. Warwick —14.

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 9 games: namely, against Mrs. W. Longman +17 +16, Miss D. A. Lintern +17 +15, Lady Ursula Abbey +18 +10, Miss E. J. Warwick +22, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +12, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +25; and lost 3 games to Miss E. J. Warwick —18, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden —7, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey —15.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey won 5 games: namely, against Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +9 +8, Miss D. A. Lintern +9, Mrs. E. Rotherham +15, Lady Ursula Abbey +5; and lost 7 games to Mrs. W. Longman —14 —9, Miss E. J. Warwick —14 —25, Miss D. A. Lintern —3, Mrs. E. Rotherham —25, Lady Ursula Abbey —7.

Miss D. A. Lintern won 3 games: namely, against Lady Ursula Abbey +10, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +3, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +3, and lost 9 games to Mrs. W. Longman —16 —6, Miss E. J. Warwick —25 —3, Mrs. E. Rotherham —17 —15, Lady Ursula Abbey —2, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden —2, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey —9.

Lady Ursula Abbey won 3 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +2, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +2, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +7, and lost 9 games to Mrs. W. Longman —18 —21, Miss E. J. Warwick —18 —19, Mrs. E. Rotherham —18 —10, Miss D. A. Lintern —10, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden —7, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey —5.

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DEVONSHIRE PARK

A MATCH

ENGLAND

v.

SCOTLAND and IRELAND

Saturday, October 1st,

at 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The teams are as follows:

ENGLAND	SCOTLAND & IRELAND
H. O. Hicks	Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish
W. P. Ormerod	E. P. C. Cotter
Mrs. E. Rotherham	D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller
J. W. Solomon	L. Kirk-Greene
Miss E. J. Warwick	Canon R. Creed-Meredith
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins	Capt. H. G. Stoker

All Associates are welcome at Devonshire Park for this match which is a fitting attraction to this ever popular end of season tournament.

Five

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

FINAL

Hurlingham versus Roehampton

Played at Hurlingham on Sunday, July 24th, 1960. Hurlingham players named first

SINGLES

S. S. Townsend (1½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4½) by 15.
D. E. Buckland (3) bt A. V. Camroux (5) by 5.
J. M. Rivington (5) bt A. J. Oldham (6½) by 16.

DOUBLES

D. E. Buckland and J. M. Rivington (8) lost to Mrs. G. W. Solomon and A. J. Oldham (11) by 3.
S. S. Townsend and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (13½) lost to A. V. Camroux and F. H. Curtis (17) by 25.

RESULT.—Hurlingham bt Roehampton by 3 games to 2.

LONDON v. BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

The fourth annual match was played at Budleigh Salterton on August 14th, 15th and 16th. The Doubles were played on the Sunday in heavy showers and a few bright intervals, Budleigh winning two and London one. In the first pairs Mrs. Rotherham was not up to form, so the London pair won fairly easily. Beamish and Warwick played very well to beat Reckitt and Lloyd Pratt, the latter never quite getting the touch of the lawns in either his single or double.

On Monday four singles were played in which Mrs. Rotherham finding her true form beat Dr. Wiggins. It should have been only two games but she missed a two yard peg-out in the second game, which Dr. Wiggins eventually won.

Col. Beamish playing very well beat Lloyd Pratt in two games. In the first game both opponents handed the game to each other. D. W. Curtis, a comparatively new player, beat Warwick, who played his worst match of the year, but the latter was up against a player, who played very fine croquet, who wouldn't let Warwick settle down.

On Tuesday, the outstanding match was the one between Hicks and Cotter, both, especially Cotter, made more mistakes than one would expect from two such fine players. In the first game Hicks went to the stick giving Cotter, who was for 2-back and the penultimate, contact. He didn't pay the penalty for this presumption as Cotter missed a two yard rush. In the second game Hicks was going to give contact again, but stuck in 4-back from an easy position. Except for the few elementary mistakes, the two games were full of interest from start to finish, and were enjoyed by quite a large number of spectators.

Budleigh Salterton won the match 8-2, but it was a great pity that London couldn't produce a stronger team. Next time we all hope to see London at full strength or nearly so.

Results

Budleigh Salterton players named first

SINGLES

H. O. Hicks bt E. P. C. Cotter +5 +16.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +26 -1 +15.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt M. B. Reckitt +16 +14.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt B. Lloyd Pratt +6 +15.
J. G. Warwick lost to D. W. Curtis -26 -15.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt R. F. Rothwell +20 +20.
A. J. Cooper bt Capt. K. B. Millar +16 +21.

DOUBLES

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss E. J. Warwick lost to E. P. C. Cotter and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 15.
Col. D. W. Beamish and J. G. Warwick bt M. B. Reckitt and B. Lloyd Pratt by 19.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and A. J. Cooper bt R. F. Rothwell and D. W. Curtis by 15.

BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, British International

This month's hands are more of the bread-and-butter variety and are both concerned with entries.

The first hand was dealt capably by South:—

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

South made a normal opening bid of 2NT which was raised to 3NT by North. West opened the Knave of Hearts and South dejectedly saw dummy's Queen covered by East's King. South held off twice—more to get his breath than for any real reason because the Club finesse must be taken into the West hand.

Still, after winning trick three with the Ace of Hearts South entered dummy with the King of Clubs and led the Knave of Diamonds for a successful finesse. A second Diamond was led and the ten finessed. There was no further entry to dummy to try another (perhaps unnecessary) finesse so South laid down the Ace of Diamonds and bewailed his luck when the King did not fall.

In this hand dummy is woefully short of entries and there is no means of creating another. But South should have preserved the one he had. The first Diamond lead from the table should have been the *nine* and *then* the Knave. With this sequence dummy retains the lead as the ten falls under the Knave and one more lead from the table means a fourth Diamond trick and 3NT in the bag.

This is an error made daily at the Bridge table. Dummy had little but it was enough properly handled.

The second hand was dealt by East as follows:—

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

East bid one Club and South bid four Spades without stopping to think—two Spades is a better bid.

The opening lead was the ten of Clubs, which was a real break for South. He has five apparently inescapable losers but the opening lead gives him a chance to set up two Club winners by ruffing out East's masters. To utilise the winners the trumps must break 2-2. But he requires two entries—one to set up the Clubs, one to get in to use them. The ten of Spades is one entry but where is another? South created one by leading a small trump to trick two and finessing the eight. When this held the Queen of Clubs was led, covered by East and ruffed with an honour. A trump to Dummy's ten drew the adverse trumps and left South with ten tricks, purring contentedly!

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August 19th, 1960

CHELTENHAM

BEFORE PLAY

E. Sidwell 7½ to 7.

AFTER PLAY

T. A. S. Colls 3 to 2½.
V. A. de la Nougerede ½ to 0.
E. Sidwell 7 to 6.
Miss M. M. Taylor 9 to 8.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard 3 to 2½.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard 12 to 10.

NON-ASSOCIATE

Capt. L. C. Adye 8 to 7.

HURLINGHAM

A. W. Skempton 12 to 9.
Miss B. Duthie 8 to 7½.
Mrs. R. Tingey 3 to 2½.
Mrs. E. M. Temple 10 to 9.
C. H. R. Penny 5 to 3½.
A. D. Karmel 2 to 1½.
V. A. de la Nougerede 0 to —1.
D. W. Curtis 3½ to 2½.
J. M. Rivington 5 to 4½.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson 8½ to 8.

PERSONAL REQUEST

W. Longman —1 to +1.
F. Langley 2 to 4½.

ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

E. Whitehead 5½ to 3½.

CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS

BEFORE PLAY

J. E. Andrews *9.

DURING PLAY

J. E. Andrews *9 to 6½.

AFTER PLAY

Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson 8 to 6½.
Mrs. A. D. Karmel 12 to 12 (D 10).
F. H. Curtis 12 to 9.
Miss A. E. Mills 2½ to 2.
Major R. Tingey —1 to —1½.
Mrs. S. M. Adler 3½ to 3.
Mrs. H. J. Collins 6 to 6½.

Notes from the Clubs

Parkstone

The present season started off in great style with the fine day weather lasting through to the June tournament. We were happy to see all old and new friends on that occasion.

The writer does not remember when the courts have played so well as at the present time and since the present spell of wet weather has freshened them up, they are a pleasure to play on.

It is a matter of extreme gratification that our membership has increased this season by no less than seven, the new members showing enthusiasm and great promise.

We are all looking forward to a happy September tournament.

Roehampton

A successful evening croquet meeting was held on 18th July at 6 p.m. The committee felt this would give members who are only available for evening play an opportunity of meeting others, and the experiment was supported by fourteen players, several being prevented by joining in on account of the holiday season being in full swing.

Three Doubles and one Single were arranged, and under Miss Lintern's management the high and low handicapped members drew for partners. Although the evening was not particularly warm, it proved an enjoyable one.

We congratulate Hurlingham on their win in the Club Team Cup final; our team played well but not quite well enough to defeat the doughty Hurlingham team.

All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

Croquet is once more firmly established at Wimbledon. The Club Championship was held for the first time since 1904.

Twelve entries were received and a most enjoyable competition was concluded on Sunday, 14th August, when after a splendid match H. G. Stoker beat J. B. Gilbert by two games to love.

In the first game Gilbert pegged Stoker's yellow ball out but was eventually beaten by 5 points. In the second game Stoker played beautiful croquet. He gave Gilbert contact by going to the penultimate hoop, got in again with a good shot, just missed the double peel but went out next turn to win by 26 points.

And so a new name will at last appear on the original board of Club Champions which hangs in the club house.

The last two entries will now read:—

1904. H. H. Minton.
1960. H. G. Stoker.

I wonder whose name will appear in 2016, perhaps a grandson of John Solomon. By then the Centre Court may echo to the sound of roquets, who knows, but wouldn't it be fun.

We were delighted to have Miss Daisy Lintern as a spectator.

Hurlingham

The chief event of the past month was of course the annual tournament which is fully reported elsewhere, together with the biennial dinner. These two occasions can be accounted successes but some concern may well be expressed over the tightness of the tournament with eight events to get through. We can safely anticipate that the "Y" experiment will not be repeated next year.

We are pleased to record the success of the club in the Longman Club Team Cup. This was a tight result, only the odd game deciding the issue. The presence of Alex Karmel among the contenders for the Surrey Cup is a testimony to his much improved form this year.

CHELTENHAM

July 18th—23rd

Despite the weather, which during the tournament ranged from tropical sunshine to arctic storms, Cheltenham's 44th tournament was again enjoyed by all. There had been much rain previously and the lawns were lush compared with last year, which perhaps accounted for the secretary opening the proceedings by ordering himself a large size in halos for beating the new Open Champion, who was probably overwhelmed as much by the congratulations of her many friends and admirers on her recent success as by her well-known aversion to "heavy lawns". This opened up a chance for a newcomer to get a look-in in an event in which Mrs. Rotherham's list of wins was beginning to rival H. O. Hicks'. The winner turned out to be de la Nougerede, who not only wins the biggest cup in croquet but a silver medal to remind him of it. Commander Beamish and Mrs. Elvey fought for second place.

In the Money Salver, Col. Prichard, who last year won the "C" event, now stepped forward to win the "B" event, beating last year's winner Miss Roe in the final. Some of the A's will have to polish up their game before next year or... One could write a book—and probably an amusing one, about "The adventures of Mrs. Prichard," but there is no doubt that she added grace and gaiety to the scene in picking up her husband's discarded title in the "C's." Is the female again going to be more deadly than the male?

In the big handicap, Sidwell who had been fancied in the "C" event, collected an impressive list of scalps before meeting Miss Taylor with an even more impressive list, and ultimately won a well fought victory.

The doubles went to Duffield and Ryves who were the foreigners in a semi-final of three Cheltenham pairs, two of whom had previously won the event. The Jacksons who had begun like tigers, went out like lions to a very steady pair. Cave managed to knock the secretary's halo askew in the extra.

Tribute must be paid to Mrs. Chittenden who was very much at home managing again and the thanks of all are due to the many kind ladies and gentlemen who plied the competitors with the food and drink so necessary for stamina and courage and whose name is legion. The catering was, as usual, in the superlative class. Mention should here be made to the work of Mrs. Colls, which began early and finished late and will eventually, we hope, lead to her overcoming her apparent dislike of the game.

Special mention must be made of the kindness of the President of the Club, Colonel Daniels, in furthering George Alexander's excellent suggestion of inviting the competitors to a cocktail party on the opening day. This was indeed "welcome" in more ways

than one and guaranteed the success of the tournament, during which it was good to see such old Cheltenham players as D. D. Steel, Mr. Langley, Mrs. Carling, Mr. Ozanne and the Thackwells in particular, still taking an interest in what was described by one disgusted old campaigner as a poor exhibition of croquet. However good, bad or indifferent, all were agreed that Alex Vorat, the groundsman, who has worked heroically for some ten years to produce good lawns, sometimes under most difficult conditions, will be much missed by members and visitors alike.

THE CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE CUP.

("Two Life" System).

PROCESS.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

G. W. Williams bt W. B. C. Paynter by 19.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 7.
E. P. Duffield bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 13.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Lady Fitzgerald by 3.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 5.
J. K. Brown bt R. J. Leonard by 5.
T. G. S. Colls bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 24.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 6.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt G. W. Williams by 14.
E. P. Duffield bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 5.
J. K. Brown bt G. E. P. Jackson by 3.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt T. G. S. Colls by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt E. P. Duffield by 4.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt J. K. Brown by 23.

FINAL.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 21.

PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 22.

THE DRAW.

FIRST ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Lady Fitzgerald by 23.

SECOND ROUND.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 23.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt R. J. Leonard by 17.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt E. P. Duffield by 26.
W. B. C. Paynter bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 14.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 23.
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith bt J. K. Brown by 8.
T. G. S. Colls bt G. W. Williams by 8.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 22.

THIRD ROUND.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 15.
W. B. C. Paynter bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 19.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 19.
G. E. P. Jackson bt T. G. S. Colls by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt W. B. C. Paynter by 8.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt G. E. P. Jackson by 7.

FINAL.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 6.

THE MONEY CHALLENGE SALVER.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(3 bisques and over).

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Capt. K. B. Millar bt Miss L. Hulton by 10.
Dr. T. E. Ryves bt Mrs. E. M. Kay by 10.
Miss I. M. Roe bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 26.
Mrs. M. McMordie bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone by 22.
E. G. Bantock bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 7.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Miss R. M. Allen by 11.
Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews by 17.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt N. F. Blackwood by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Capt. K. B. Millar bt Dr. T. E. Ryves by 3.
Miss I. M. Roe bt Mrs. M. McMordie by 13.
E. G. Bantock bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 19.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 26.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss I. M. Roe bt Capt. K. B. Millar by 17.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt E. G. Bantock by 24.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Miss I. M. Roe by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(6½ bisques or more).
(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 13.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (12) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (12) by 3.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6½) by 8.
Miss M. M. Taylor (9) bt H. A. Sheppard (12) by 8.
A. F. Rash (8) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (7) by 18.
E. Sidwell (7) bt Mrs. G. E. Cave (16) by 21.
Capt. L. C. Adye (8) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (15) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (12) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (11) by 5.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (9) by 8.
E. Sidwell (7) bt A. F. Rash (8) by 13.
Capt. L. C. Adye (8) bt M. W. Fitzgerald (6½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (12) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 16.
Capt. L. C. Adye (8) bt E. Sidwell (7) by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (12) bt Capt. L. C. Adye (8) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(46 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (3) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 26.
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt E. G. Bantock (5) by 11.
M. W. Fitzgerald (6½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 14.
G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4½) by 4.
G. W. Williams (½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (7) by 17.
H. A. Sheppard (12) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 25.
Miss L. Hulton (6) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (12) by 7.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton (2) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 7.
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6½) by 1.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) by 11.
E. Sidwell (7) bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard (3) by 4.
Miss I. M. Roe (3½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) by 17.
Capt. K. B. Millar (3) bt R. J. Leonard (2) by 2.
T. G. S. Colls (3) bt N. F. Blackwood (3½) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 14.
Miss M. M. Taylor (9) w.o. opponent scratched.
Miss R. M. Allen (6) bt A. F. Rash (8) by 7.
J. K. Brown (1) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (15) by 16.
E. P. Duffield (1) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (3) by 2.
M. W. Fitzgerald (6½) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) by 12.
G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt G. W. Williams (½) by 16.
H. A. Sheppard (12) bt Miss L. Hulton (6) by 3.
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (2) by 2.
E. Sidwell (7) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) by 23.
Miss I. M. Roe (3½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (3) by 15.
T. G. S. Colls (3) bt Lady Fitzgerald (1) by 4.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (5) by 7.
V. A. de la Nougerede (½) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 3.
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (7) by 17.
Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (8) by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss M. M. Taylor (9) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) by 16.
J. K. Brown (1) bt Miss R. M. Allen (6) by 14.
E. P. Duffield (1) bt M. W. Fitzgerald (6½) by 18.
G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt H. A. Sheppard (12) by 8.
E. Sidwell (7) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 18.
Miss I. M. Roe (3½) bt T. G. S. Colls (3) by 3.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (½) by 10.
Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 9.

FOURTH ROUND.

Miss M. M. Taylor (9) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 5.
G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt E. P. Duffield (1) by 3.
E. Sidwell (7) bt Miss I. M. Roe (3½) by 15.
Miss E. M. Leonard (11) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. M. Taylor (9) bt G. E. P. Jackson (0) by 5.
E. Sidwell (7) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (11) by 7.

FINAL.

E. Sidwell (7) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (9) by 14.

THE BARWELL SALVERS.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(19 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. P. Carmouche and Miss L. Wilkinson (19) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (5½) by 17.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Capt. L. C. Adye (5) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 13.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe (5½) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (5) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

E. P. Duffield and T. E. Ryves (6) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and A. F. Rash (10) by 3 on time.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (15) bt Lady Fitzgerald and M. W. Fitzgerald (7½) by 11.
T. G. S. Colls and Miss E. M. Leonard (14) bt J. K. Brown and E. G. Bantock (6) by 6.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Capt. L. C. Adye (5) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche and Miss L. Wilkinson (19) by 5.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe (5½) bt W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) by 8.
N. F. Blackwood and Mrs. K. M. Lowein (17½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Capt. K. B. Millar (4) by 5.
G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (10) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. G. E. Cave (14½) by 6.
R. J. Leonard and Mrs. R. J. Leonard (5) bt Miss L. E. Stone and Miss M. M. Taylor (16) by 14.

THIRD ROUND.

E. P. Duffield and Dr. T. E. Ryves (6) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (15) by 2.
T. G. S. Colls and Miss E. M. Leonard (14) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Capt. L. C. Adye (5) by 5.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe (5½) bt N. F. Blackwood and Mrs. K. M. Lowein (17½) by 16.
G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (10) bt R. J. Leonard and Mrs. R. J. Leonard (5) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. Duffield and Dr. T. E. Ryves (6) bt T. G. S. Colls and Miss E. M. Leonard (14) by 7.
G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (10) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe (5½) by 7.

FINAL.

E. P. Duffield and Dr. T. E. Ryves (6) bt G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (10) by 7.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Played under Swiss Draw System).
(20 Entries).

FIRST—Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave.

SECOND—T. G. S. Colls.

THIRD—R. J. Leonard.

HURLINGHAM

August 1st—9th

The entry for this popular tournament was the highest for many years and at once posed the question of the wisdom of the croquet committee's inclusion, for the first time, of a "second life" principle into the big handicap. Remembering that with large entries of the past managers usually had nine lawns available, the fact that only seven were at Brack's command (and indeed six at the week-end) underlined the tightness of the programme. Add to this the many slow games that tended to clog the progress on some days and the furrowed brow of the Manager can well be understood.

This may be a suitable point at which to comment on the lack of expedition in play. No one will complain because players advancing in age are not so brisk about the lawns with the passing years but we would plead for a greater sense of anticipation when getting on to the lawn.

Considering the quality of the lawns the standard of croquet was not very high. Conditions throughout the tournament were nigh perfect and the efforts of Tom Grey and his men to produce the setting for forward attractive play were not rewarded in adequate measure. Lawn 7 on the cricket field was, of course, not the equal of the others but bore comparison with most provincial club lawns.

One irritating feature of this tournament is the half-day overlap with the start of the All England finals at Roehampton. Since there were no fewer than four finals where one or more of the contestants

were engaged at Roehampton this placed an additional load on the manager in having to build his plans more with a view to accommodating the All England needs rather than those of the final stages of the Hurlingham tournament. The consequence was that there was only one game, apart from the "Y" event, scheduled for the final afternoon, a time when spectators expect to see the centre-pieces. It is more galling that a number of telephone calls were received asking for the times of the various Tuesday finals. This situation used to arise when the Hurlingham tournament extended to Wednesday and it might well have been thought that in foregoing this day the tournament would have been spared the overlap. Perhaps the Tournament Committee of the Association could address themselves to this matter.

There were doubts whether, in view of the large entry, Brack would be able to fix everything in—the proverbial quart in a pint pot—but with judicious timing of games and the application of the shortened games principle he managed it—probably as tricky an assignment as he has yet met. What a great debt we owe to our managers, especially those who superintend the big tournaments.

The Hurlingham Cup

We were pleased to see Charles Hodges among the entries again after a lapse of some years. He had good wins against Spencer Ell and Miss Lintern before going down to Robert Tingey who was playing at his best. Cotter had two smooth victories over Mrs. Longman and de la Nougerede before meeting Tingey in the semi-final. In the other half Joan Warwick after accounting for Maurice Reckitt probably felt very pleased at being able to take toll of Hamilton Miller and meet Doctor Wiggins in the penultimate stage, the latter having beaten the other half of the Warwick family, Col. Beamish and Gerald Williams. Joan took the first game off the Doctor during an afternoon when the lawn was literally flooded and play was interrupted for nearly two hours. The Doctor then retired because of professional commitments. Cotter's games against Tingey conformed largely to pattern: although the latter had rather more share of the games than most of Cotter's opponents the issue was rarely in doubt.

In the final Cotter was soon round with one ball but took rather longer than usual to establish the second. Joan Warwick in fact had both her clips on 4-back when Cotter finally pegged out. The second game also went Cotter's way, not without a few chances for his opponent, who made, however, limited use of them.

The Mixed Doubles

Apart from five established partnerships, the Tingeyes and the Warwicks, Cotter-Lintern, Wiggins-Rotherham and Beamish-Longman, the rest of the field were largely "scratch" couples. The holders, Cotter and Lintern, beat the Warwicks narrowly and then went down equally closely to Beamish-Longman who then went on to the final. The Tingeyes did well to beat Wiggins-Rotherham who pulled up from behind but could not quite clinch the issue. The final did not produce sparkling croquet: apart from Robert Tingey who had his clip on 4-back at an early stage the others failed to progress for some little time. Mrs. Tingey then gradually pulled up and the game went to her side after three hours' play.

The Turner Cup

Those fancied to win this event were Karmel, Townsend and the promising Curtis. Townsend was summarily despatched by Claire Tingey, playing probably as well as she ever has. In the semi-final she found Curtis in top form: he went round with the fourth ball and later did a double peel. Karmel had not much in hand in his semi-final against Hitchcock but had had full measure earlier of Stobart and Roper. In the final Curtis repeated his form of the semi-final and well as Karmel played he had to give best to one who has startlingly improved since his last visit a year ago.

The Younger Cup

Christopher Penny looked the winner all through this event. Jack Rivington seemed likely to test him when he took his first ball to the penultimate in one turn but failed to get the other ball moving so well. Kemp did very well in an earlier round against Rivington and came very near to beating him. In the final against Miss Forbes Cowan, Penny was on top throughout and won by the maximum margin.

The Longworth Cup

This attracted sixteen entries including some promising recruits to the game. We thought Wilson-Haffenden nicely placed to repeat his win of last year but, perhaps surprisingly, Mrs. Carrington beat him. Skempton did well until going under to Barbara Davidson who was playing a smooth relaxed game. In fact she coasted home fairly comfortably in the final against Miss Hickson, no mean adversary. Mrs. Davidson's name is now added on the cup to that of her husband who was successful two years ago.

The Handicap Singles

This event invariably produces a dark horse or two, plus one or two entrants whose form can be anticipated but who only appear infrequently, in particular the younger Penny and R. F. O. Kemp. This year's dark horse was Professor Skempton whose game "expanded visibly" as the week progressed; unfortunately a toothache caused him to scratch in the fourth round or we might have seen him much further. Penny went down to de la Nougerede somewhat surprisingly. Della who won the event is having a very good season and accounted for some tough opponents—Karmel, the other finalist, Rivington, Stobart and Penny. For one in his middle seventies his shooting was phenomenal and his game against Stobart is one to live in the memory, both players hitting in time and again.

The Ladies' Candlesticks

Mrs. W. Longman and Miss Joan Warwick were the most formidable combination among the nine pairs, but on their bisque entitlement Miss Lintern and Mrs. Thom could be classed as favourites. These two pairs in fact contested the final and with Molly Thom playing at her best the issue was not in doubt for long and the margin of 22 shows the ease of their victory. The most exciting of the earlier contests was when the losing finalists met Mrs. Solomon and Miss Fisher. This was a "timed" game and on the call of time both sides were equal; the position remained in this state for some time before Joan Warwick eventually scored the decisive point.

The Men's Handicap Doubles

Guy Warwick and Jack Rivington, last year's holders, were again in the field and their chief rivals appeared to be Cotter-Karmel, Reckitt-Curtis and Tingey-Wilson Haffenden. They met and defeated the first and last of these combinations before meeting Reckitt-Curtis in the final. This game pursued a somewhat leisurely course for the first hour or so and then Warwick-Rivington gradually forged ahead and won.

Casting one last long lingering look behind we recall seeing Hope Rotherham successively conceding 9, 5 and 8 bisques in the "first six hoops" "Y" event before meeting Maurice Reckitt in the final. This she in turn nearly won, all four clips being on the peg when Maurice finally finished off the tournament at 6.15 p.m.

OPEN SINGLES.

HURLINGHAM CUP.

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt B. Lloyd Pratt +12 +26.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt G. Williams +11 +22.
C. W. R. Hodges bt M. Spencer Ell +21 +2.
SECOND ROUND.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt M. B. Reckitt +10 +22.
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt W. B. C. Paynter +14 +12.
J. G. Warwick bt W. Longman +12 +14.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Col. D. W. Beamish +22 —3 +22.
C. W. R. Hodges bt Miss D. A. Lintern +17 +18.
R. Tingey bt Col. C. C. Adams +19 —9 +8.
V. de la Nougerede bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +12 +16.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. W. Longman +17 +15.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller +11 +23.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt J. G. Warwick +19 —7 +26.
R. Tingey bt C. W. R. Hodges +20 +26.
E. P. C. Cotter bt V. A. de la Nougerede +18 +26.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +13 opponent retired.
E. P. C. Cotter bt R. Tingey +16 +8.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss E. J. Warwick +8 +16.

TURNER CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(1 bisque and over).

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. J. S. Lee by 18.
Col. F. E. Stobart bt Miss E. Fisher by 9.
D. W. Curtis bt Capt. K. B. Millar by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny w.o. G. Victor Evans opponent retired.
G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 19.
A. D. Karmel bt E. A. Roper by 24.
Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 13.
D. W. Curtis bt Mrs. S. Adler by 1.
Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts bt Miss H. D. Parker by 20.
S. S. Townsend bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 20.
Mrs. R. Tingey bt I. W. Cheavin by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 4.
A. D. Karmel bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 22.
D. W. Curtis bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 3.
Mrs. R. Tingey bt S. S. Townsend by 22.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. D. Karmel bt G. E. W. Hitchcock by 6.
D. W. Curtis bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 18.

FINAL.

D. W. Curtis bt A. D. Karmel by 6.

LEVEL SINGLES.

YOUNGER CUP.

(4 bisques and over).

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. A. Roper bt Mrs. J. W. Speer by 3.
Mrs. M. L. Thom bt Major F. Hill Bernhard by 17.
C. H. R. Penny bt K. E. Shelley by 9.
Major T. M. Rivington bt R. F. O. Kemp by 4.
SECOND ROUND.
Miss Forbes Cowan bt Mrs. H. J. Collins by 10 on time.
Mrs. E. A. Roper bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 10 on time.
C. H. R. Penny bt Major J. M. Rivington by 9.
Major E. C. Heathcote w.o. R. G. H. Belcher opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss Forbes Cowan bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 12.
C. H. R. Penny bt Major E. C. Heathcote by 24.

FINAL.

C. H. R. Penny bt Miss Forbes Cowan by 26.

LEVEL SINGLES.

LONGWORTH CUP.

(Starting at the third hoop).

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. H. D. Wooster bt V. L. P. Caillard by 6.
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson by 8.
Mrs. E. M. Temple bt L. E. W. Stokes Roberts by 7.
Major A. M. Hicks bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett by 1.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson bt R. J. Pickett by 19.
Mrs. M. Carrington bt Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden by 17.
A. W. Skempton bt Miss B. Duthie by 3.
Brig. C. C. Russell bt Mrs. E. Caillard by 2 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster by 12.
Major A. M. Hicks bt Mrs. E. M. Temple by 9.
Mrs. B. Davidson bt Mrs. E. Carrington by 17.
A. W. Skempton bt Brig. C. C. Russell by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss K. D. Hickson bt Major A. M. Hicks by 12.
Mrs. B. Davidson bt A. W. Skempton by 10.

FINAL.

Mrs. B. Davidson bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 15.

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES.

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick by 2.
Col. D. W. Beamish and Mrs. W. Longman bt Col. Stobart and Mrs. Chittenden by 15.
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey bt V. de la Nougerede and Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 6.
C. H. R. Penny and Mrs. Lee bt W. B. C. Paynter and Miss Forbes Cowan by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

E. A. Roper and Mrs. M. L. Thom bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss H. D. Parker by 3 on time.
Col. D. W. Beamish and Mrs. W. Longman bt E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern by 2.
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey bt C. H. R. Penny and Mrs. Lee by 15.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. M. Rivington and Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.

Col. D. W. Beamish and Mrs. W. Longman bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. M. L. Thom by 18.
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 5.

FINAL.

Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Mrs. W. Longman by 12.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP.

(Rounds 2, 3 and 4 started at the third hoop).

(63 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. Longman (—1) bt Mrs. A. W. Skempton (14) by 8.
B. Lloyd Pratt (—1) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (3½) by 16.
Major A. M. Hicks (8½) bt Mrs. E. Caillard (14) by 19.
A. D. Karmel (2) bt Capt. K. D. Miller (3) by 10.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8) bt Mrs. Carrington (8) by 5.
Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) by 17.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3) w.o. Mrs. A. D. Karmel (12) opponent scratched.
B. L. P. Caillard (14) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (9) by 19.
A. W. Skempton (12) bt R. F. O. Kemp (6) by 14.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) bt K. E. Shelley (7) by 18.
Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (8) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3½) by 14.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 13.
S. S. Townsend (1½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 2.
Miss B. Duthie (8) bt H. J. Penny (3½) by 9.
Mrs. W. Longman (—½) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) by 19.
Miss Forbes Cowan (5) bt Brig. C. C. Russell (14) by 22.
R. J. Pickett (9) bt J. G. Warwick (—½) by 16.
J. M. Rivington (5) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 20.
V. de la Nougerede (0) bt Mrs. J. W. Speer (7½) by 17.
R. Tingey (—1) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 23.
C. H. R. Penny (5) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 20.
Miss E. J. Warwick (—1) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) by 6.
G. Victor Evans (1½) bt Mrs. J. S. Lee (1½) by 10.
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (8½) by 2.
Major E. C. Heathcote (5½) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—1) by 13.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (6) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 17.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (11) bt G. Williams (½) by 5.
D. W. Curtis (3½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 14.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 13.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (10) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 3.
Major F. Hill-Bernhard (5) w.o. M. Spencer Ell (0) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

B. Lloyd Pratt (—1) bt W. Longman (—1) by 20.
A. D. Karmel (2) bt Major A. M. Hicks (8½) by 9.
Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 4 on time.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3) bt B. L. P. Caillard (14) by 12.
A. W. Skempton (12) bt D. J. Hamilton Miller (—1½) by 20.
Mrs. B. Davidson (8½) bt Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (8) by 9.
Miss B. Duthie (8) bt S. S. Townsend (1½) by 16.
Miss E. Fisher (2½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—½) by 11.
R. J. Pickett (9) bt Miss Forbes Cowan (5) by 22.
V. de la Nougerede (0) bt J. M. Rivington (5) by 1.
C. H. R. Penny (5) bt Major R. Tingey (—1) by 11.
Miss E. J. Warwick (—1) w.o. G. Victor Evans (1½) opponent scratched.

Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Major E. C. Heathcote (5½) by 15.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (11) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (6½) by 12.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4½) w.o. D. W. Curtis (3½) opponent scratched.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (10) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (5) by 9.

THIRD ROUND.

A. D. Karmel (2) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (—1) by 7.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 17.
A. W. Skempton (12) bt Mrs. B. Davidson (8½) by 12.
Miss B. Duthie (8) bt Miss E. Fisher (2½) by 5.
V. de la Nougerede (0) bt R. J. Pickett (9) by 1.
C. H. R. Penny (5) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (—1) by 22.
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (11) by 6.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (10) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4½) by 13.

FOURTH ROUND.

A. D. Karmel (2) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (3) by 8.
Miss B. Duthie (8) w.o. A. W. Skempton (12) opponent scratched.
V. de la Nougerede (0) bt C. H. R. Penny (5) by 13.
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (10) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. D. Karmel (2) bt Miss B. Duthie (8) by 11.
V. de la Nougerede (0) bt Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) by 3.

FINAL.

V. de la Nougerede (0) bt A. D. Karmel (2) by 2.

EVENT "Y".

(First six hoops).

(31 Entries).

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (12) by 5.
M. B. Reckitt (—1) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 13.

FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt (—1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 2.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES.

LADIES' FIELD CANDLESTICKS.

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Miss E. Fisher (7) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. R. Tingey (6) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman and Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster and Mrs. J. W. Speer (15½) by 17.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Miss E. Fisher (7) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper and Mrs. R. J. Pickett (16½) by 3 on time.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. Parker (5½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss K. D. Hickson (5½) by 7 on time.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt Mrs. J. S. Lee and Miss B. Duthie (9½) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. W. Longman and Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Miss E. Fisher (7) by 1 on time.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) w.o. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. Parker (5½) opponents retired.

FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) by 22.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Starting at the third hoop).

(13 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

E. P. Cotter and A. D. Karmel (—1) bt W. Longman and Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) by 8.
B. Lloyd Pratt and F. Hill Bernhard (4) bt A. E. Stokes Roberts and L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (13) by 7.
R. Tingey and D. J. Wilson Haffenden (7) bt R. F. O. Kemp and W. B. C. Paynter (6) by 15.
E. A. Roper and A. W. Skempton (15) bt Victor Evans and V. de la Nougerede (1½) by 1.
Capt. K. B. Millar and R. J. Pickett (12) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and E. C. Heathcote (5) by 3 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (4½) bt E. P. Cotter and A. D. Karmel (—1) by 7.
R. Tingey and D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (7) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and F. Hill Bernhard (4) by 1.
E. A. Roper and A. W. Skempton (15) bt Capt. K. Millar and R. J. Pickett (12) by 14.
M. B. Reckitt and D. W. Curtis (2½) bt H. J. Penny and C. H. R. Penny (8½) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (4½) bt R. Tingey and D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (7) by 17.
M. B. Reckitt and D. W. Curtis (2½) bt E. A. Roper and A. W. Skempton (15) by 4.

FINAL.

J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (4½) bt M. B. Reckitt and D. W. Curtis (2½) by 11.

THE CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS

August 10th—20th

It is satisfactory to report a less meagre entry after many lean years, and in particular to welcome competitors new to Roehampton of the calibre of Mr. J. E. Andrews, of Oxford, who won the Stevenson Challenge Cup at his first venture. He is a sure shot, and otherwise of promise, and clearly a player with a distinguished future.

The epithet "popular" has frequently been applied to this meeting; in the past that was substantially and statistically true; it is still very much a mecca of enjoyment in a friendly unconstrained atmosphere, with the accent, as regards play, on the "average" marksman. Crack performers, alas, are not noticeably to the fore—more's the pity for the meeting lacks just that lustre more faithful support from the top would accord it.

Nor does the tournament happen to be favoured by external events and it is undeniable that a 3-day unofficial match at Budleigh Salterton is rather unfortunately timed in that it clashes with the Roehampton fixture and lures away local lions from their London lairs.

The weather at first was wet and miserable—much to the detriment of the schedule on the opening day, but in the safe and practical hands of Miss Lintern this was not allowed to hold up the programme as a whole or affect its later stages. Miss A. E. Mills generously rendered regular and most helpful assistance to Miss Lintern and was also invaluable as a referee.

Major R. Tingey was seldom off the lawns and was always seen to surpass his rivals though Mr. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller ran him neck and neck, and duly won the "Process." The play-off between these two experts for premier place was not productive of good croquet. Surprisingly enough, both players seemed overawed by the occasion, or of each other, causing a number of unnecessary errors to be made. After various vicissitudes and changes in the wheel of fortune, Major Tingey ran out safely just before luncheon.

That the holder of the Du Pre Cup, Mrs. S. M. Adler, should overcome all opposition, even that of Miss A. E. Mills, in Division II, occasioned no surprise, so pronounced has Mrs. Adler's progress been this season. To reach the final here Mrs. Solomon played very steadily and did particularly well to prevail over Dr. B. R. Sandiford, always an impressive figure in any field.

Now that Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson is playing with increasing confidence her capture of the Reckitt Cup seemed but a natural sequence to her recent open victory at Hurlingham—but more of Mrs. Davidson anon.

The holder of the Gilbey Cup, Mr. Brian Lloyd Pratt, fell at an early stage to Major Tingey, but nevertheless Mr. Lloyd Pratt was individually responsible for some of the more superlative croquet of the week, a fact that the score sheets only very dimly suggest.

Major Tingey, Miss Mills, Mr. J. E. Andrews and Mr. F. H. Curtis proved the winners of the four (Gilbey) divisions, and an interesting situation arose in the Tingey-Mills melee for entry to the final stage. Miss Mills' was a meritorious victory, for her strong opponent was very much on his game, if not perhaps over wise in his policy of peeling and pegging out Miss Mills' forward ball when her backward ball was for hoop 6 and his own for the 4th hoop. At this point 3 out of Miss Mills' 3½ bisques remained intact. Major Tingey, like the gentleman in Whitehall, may claim he knows best as to the wisdom of pegging out his adversary in these circumstances, but, at all events, surely he ought not afterwards to have joined his two balls close together on the boundary, thus leaving Miss Mills a tempting target which was promptly hit and a precious bisque saved.

Mr. J. E. Andrews, the winner of Division C, was unable to concede the odds to Mr. F. H. Curtis, the D winner, who accordingly came through to wrestle with Miss Mills for the Gilbey Cup itself.

This final match saw the lady backmarker a little off colour, and never in her stride, but this is not to detract from the consistent performance of her very resolute opponent, who, when he decides to play a more deliberate game and is less hasty in action, will be more dangerous still. Special congratulations to Mr. Curtis on such a fine feat, achieved as it was by sound judgment and tremendous tenacity. His nearest taste of defeat, and it was indeed a matter of touch and go, was in the semi-final of his division when he only beat Mr. C. L. Robertson by 3; curiously enough in the other semi-final of this division, Mrs. C. L. Robertson likewise lost (to Mrs. J. S. Omond) by the same narrow margin of 3 points; furthermore in both matches victory was only wrested from the Robertsons' grasp at the last possible moment by their opponents relentlessly hitting in just when they were duly laid to go out.

As for the Doubles Final, played before an admiring gallery on the Saturday afternoon, a more delightful display of vivid croquet has not been witnessed at Roehampton for some years. Mrs. Robert Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson reproduced their best form (they were the holders), and in their new-found victory greatly enhanced their reputation as well poised partners. Certainly on the afternoon's play they wholly outshone the subtle union against them. It was refreshing to observe in this final a total absence of dalliance and lengthy consultations as between partners which from time immemorial has bedevilled proceedings in open doubles to the present day.

The Roehampton lawns were very well prepared and by no means belied their attractive looks; the lawns were true and far from heavy and their healthy state reflects considerable credit on the efforts of the ground staff and others concerned.

Brig.-Gen. A. E. Stokes-Roberts presided at the prize-giving, and the visitors through Miss Mills, herself an unselfish influence, expressed their warm appreciation to Miss Lintern for her ever solicitous and constant care, which goes to seal all operations she conducts with such signal success. It was in fact Miss Lintern's fifteenth consecutive year at the helm though on one or two occasions the craft of navigation was shared with the late Mrs. Nickisson.

The results of this Tournament will appear in the October issue.

ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

August 9th—11th

There were three more competitors this year than last, representatives from Ipswich and Reigate, together with an additional Budleigh competitor, bringing the total to 18. The only previous holder of the event was Dr. Sandiford from Edgbaston who won as far back as 1951. Two minus players, Joan Warwick and de la Nougerede, were the back markers and both had come fresh from some very notable victories at Hurlingham and were quite likely to go far. Della in particular had recently been sweeping all before him that it would have been no surprise for him to have added this event to his triumphs—and indeed very near he went. Mr. Buckley of Reigate and Mrs. Neville-Rolfe of Hunstanton were both new to metropolitan play and both won their first games only to suffer defeat in the next round. A particularly good game in the early stages was Mrs. Adler's win over Dr. Ormerod; when the latter, being for stick and rover, stuck in the last hoop Mrs. Adler was 15 points behind. She then gradually caught up and the Bristol doctor never got in again. Paynter from Brighton played well in his early games but found the bisques too many against Whitehead, the eventual winner.

Whitehead was in fact never seriously troubled. At 5½ he was indeed very well placed and his margins of 25, 16, 26 and 21 indicate the liberal entitlement of his bisques. This, however, is not to detract from his play and he was a worthy winner of this important event. We have not seen much of his play in recent years and it was good to see him back in such excellent form. And so the trophy goes to the Colchester club, certainly for the first time since the war, in fact, we believe, for the first time ever, a great source of pleasure to Edward Duffield who has done so much for this pleasant Essex club.

The results of this event will appear in the October issue.

CARRICKMINES

CHAMPIONSHIP OF CO. DUBLIN.

(Two Life System).

(10 Entries).

DRAW.

FIRST ROUND.

Lady FitzGerald bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 13.
Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt J. Stokes by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

D. Figgis bt Col. W. S. Beamish by 24.
Lady FitzGerald bt R. J. Leonard by 5.
A. Robinson bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 3.
R. E. Steen bt T. V. Murphy by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lady FitzGerald bt D. Figgis by 11.
A. Robinson bt R. E. Steen by 5.

FINAL.

Lady FitzGerald bt A. Robinson by 4.

PLAY-OFF.

Lady FitzGerald bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 12.

PROCESS.

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt Col. W. S. Beamish by 1.
D. Figgis bt J. Stokes by 2.

SECOND ROUND.

Lady FitzGerald bt R. J. Leonard by 11.
Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt T. V. Murphy by 20.
A. Robinson bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 3.
D. Figgis bt R. E. Steen by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. Figgis bt A. Robinson by 4.
Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt Lady FitzGerald by 2.

FINAL.

Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt D. Figgis by 10.

The remainder of the Carrickmines results will appear in the October issue.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fifty-third Annual Open Tournament will start on Monday, September 26th, and continue during the following two weeks

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

Committee.—The Entertainment Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A. and the local representatives of the C.A.—C. J. Speer and H. C. S. Perry.

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

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

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

Secretary.—The Secretary, Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6 (to whom all entries with fees should be sent).

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 15s. 0d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller
- 2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callaghan: L. Kirk-Greene.
- 3.—WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. H. Franc: Mrs. E. Reeve.
- 4.—"B" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 2½ to 5½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual challenge Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company: Mrs. H. F. Chittenden.
- 5.—"C" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 6 to 9½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.: Miss Forbes Cowan.
- 6.—"D" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 10 bisques or over (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.: Mrs. G. Fitter.
- 7.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.
- 8.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.
- 9.—HANDICAP SINGLES. To be drawn in one block. The Sussex Perpetual Challenge Cup (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 10.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 3½ bisques or more. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2, 3 or 7. Entrance Fee, 11s. 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, September 26th; in Event 5 and 9 on Tuesday, September 27th; in Event 7 and 10 on Wednesday, September 28th; in Event 6 on Thursday, September 29th; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, September 30th; in Event 8 on Monday, October 3rd.
- 5.—Events 1 and 7 will be completed by Monday, October 3rd. 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, September 30th.

INFORMATION

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 7 and 8 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, by Tuesday, September 20th. (Do not send Entries to Devonshire Park.) Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

Non-Associates must also pay a tribute of 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, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21st. The Draw for Event 7 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 27th, and for Event 8 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 1st.

A number of shelter tents will be provided.

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, September 26th.

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

HEELS.—Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

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

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

PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

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