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The Secretary would be grateful if all players having a handicap of 3 or less would give particulars of their county qualifications. These are Birth in the County, previous residence of 5 years, or present residence of not less than 2 years. A register of these names will be available to Collectors of teams.

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ENTRY FORMS for tournaments

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Associates who wish to become Managers or Handicappers should send in their names to the Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, W.C.1.

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PRESIDENT'S CUP

The following were invited to act as reserves:

- *F. H. Fisher
- Major J. W. Cobb
- *Miss D. D. Steel

Those marked with a * were unable to accept.

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C.A. GAZETTE

The next issue of the Gazette will appear in December.

ELECTION OF ASSOCIATES

H. Leighton Davies
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Right Honourable William Mabane
F. W. Ryan
Rev. A. J. Watts

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APPEAL TO ASSOCIATES

I would like to make this final appeal to all Associates. So far only a limited number of Associates have bought tickets and unless we can dispose of the large number still in hand we have no chance of achieving our aim or even reaching the sum made in the 1950 Sweepstake. Please help the cause by taking as many tickets as possible now, before it is too late.

Tickets are available in books of 11, price 20/- (one free ticket), and of 5, price 10/-, and can be obtained at the Eastbourne Tournament or direct from Mrs. Beaton, Mr. Victor Evans or the Promoter.

Associates are reminded that counterfoils with any cash outstanding should be returned to the Promoter by Monday, 19th October, 1953.

THE DRAW

The Draw will take place at Hurlingham Club (by kind permission of the Secretary, Hurlingham Club) on Saturday, 24th October, 1953, at 3 p.m. All Associates are invited to attend and can gain entrance to the Club by showing their C.A. Membership card at the gate. Tea will be available after the Draw.

LORN C. APPS,

Secretary.

HANDICAPS

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

September 16th, 1953

BRIGHTON

Mrs. B. M. Chittenden 5 to 4.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels 6½ to 6.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth 8 to 7.
G. E. W. Hitchcock 4½ to 3½.
G. W. Solomon 5 to 3½.
M. Vlasto *8 to 9.
D. Woodhams 11 to 9.
Mrs. R. Whitham 11 to 10.
G. Williams ½ to 0.

NON-ASSOCIATE

R. F. Rothwell -1 to -1½.

BRIGHTON (NON-OFFICIAL)

Miss H. R. Allen 9 to 8.
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes 9 to 8.
Miss M. Morgan 12 to 11 (D 10).
G. F. Paxon 11 to 10.
E. A. Roper 8 to 7.

PARKSTONE

W. P. Ormerod 6 to 4 (D 3).
H. Wilson-Smith 3 to 2½.

HUNSTANTON (AMERICAN)

F. S. B. Laws 10 to *5.

HUNSTANTON (NON-OFFICIAL)

E. V. Carpmael 1½ to 1.
F. S. B. Lawes *5 to 5.
Mrs. W. A. Traill 4 to 3½.
Miss C. Templeton 11 to 10.

CHELTENHAM (NON-OFFICIAL)

Major R. D. Marshall 8 to 7.
Miss N. A. Posford 6 to 5½.
Mrs. D. M. Roe 7 to 6½.
Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell 3 to 2.

NON-ASSOCIATES

Mrs. M. P. Miller 12 New Handicap.
Miss D. G. Peel 10 New Handicap.

SILVER JUBILEE CUP

M. Spencer Ell 1 to ½.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts 7 to 6.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENT

CROQUET—and how to play it. By A. Ross. Second-hand copy urgently required. Write W. G. Mulvin, Selma, Howth, Co. Dublin, Eire.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Best of "The Best Eight"

E. P. C. Cotter is to be congratulated on giving another exemplary display of croquet which, after a tie with J. W. Solomon, won him the President's Cup for the fourth time.

This year he, with Solomon, finished with 12 games; last year they tied with 11 games. Cotter's first appearance in the competition, in 1949, was his best, for he won 13 of the possible 14 games.

The 3 11/16th hoops did not seem to affect the hoop-running of either of these two players. But though there were triple peels accomplished, it was noticeable that they were not the late ones; when the striker was for the penultimate himself, and had left the peel to be done at the same time, the rover hoop peel often had to be abandoned. Solomon we saw once make use of another ball to cannon his partner ball to the rover hoop, and so skilfully was this done that the three peels were completed.

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Looking Back

We have often been warned against this habit, and, again, the poet tells us that "comparisons are odious." We must risk committing these faults, for we find ourselves obliged to look back in order to make comparisons; this because we have been asked whether the great players of the past—going back, say, 40 years—played the game of croquet as well, better, or not so well as those giants of the game today. First of all we take the view that the game does not provide very great scope for a very much higher standard of play. The two Corballys, Duff Matthews, C. L. O. Callaghan, R. C. J. Beaton, Edgar Whitaker, D. L. G. Joseph, Miss D. D. Steel, Ben C. Apps, all had, more or less, the same repertoire of those strokes that have to be in the bag of every player of quality. In the game of croquet there is no scope for the player who hits a longer ball than his opponent; as in billiards, the player must have touch when making his breaks—but of course he must be a good long shot or there will be no breaks for him to make. And then there is the theoretical side of the game, the tactics; we cannot see that there has been any really great advance in this department.

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Nevertheless, in conclusion, we do find ourselves obliged to say that there is one stroke which stands out among many others of the two players, who tied again for the President's Cup—a stroke which we do not remember seeing played by any of the famous ones of the past.

We refer to the cut-rush. Cotter and Solomon are able to cut a ball, that is almost at right angles to the striker's ball, accurately up to a hoop 20 yards away. Yet we cannot refrain here from quoting the advice of the late C. D. Locock who said "Never cut a ball"; what he really meant was always get on the rush-line so that you will never have to cut a ball. But when your ball has not kept on the rush-line, what a comfort to know that you can rush the other ball to the desired position just as easily?

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The Game in Ireland

We are very glad to be able to publish an account of the Irish Championships and the International Match—kindly contributed by L. Kirk-Greene.

It will be noted that P. Duff Matthews, who won the Open Championship here four times, and the Beddow Cup as long ago as 1912 (with 14 out of 18 games), retained his hold of the Irish Championship.

His game against J. W. Solomon must have been most interesting to watch. Duff Matthews always provided special entertainment for the spectators; he delighted in deviating from the orthodox and often profited thereby.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

SEPTEMBER 8th, 1953

This, the thirteenth competition for the above trophy, was favoured with good weather—and the introduction of 3 11/16th hoops. This narrowing of the six apertures through which the balls are obliged—by the laws of the game—to pass was decreed for the Test Matches between England and Australia in 1937; and again they were used in the President's Cup for 1938—when there were, of course, 10 competitors. These 3 11/16ths hoops were also used the same year in the "Ladies' Field" Cup; the report stated that this was not easily understood, for it was not according to the Law regarding hoops in 1938. It was thought that the women wished to have their "Best Ten" under the same conditions as that of the men! In the "Best Ten" competition they were described as "new fangled hoops" and were blamed for the competition not being concluded till 4 p.m. on the Saturday.

Whether the fact that the hoops were now one sixteenth of an inch narrower than last year caused more than one game to be pegged down, and others to be unduly prolonged, we leave to more expert opinion. We believe, at any rate, that such an occurrence as a pegged down game in either the Beddow Cup, or the President's Cup, is unprecedented.

Nevertheless, this was a most interesting, and, indeed, exhilarating, week of wonderful croquet. As was to be expected, E. P. C. Cotter and John Solomon stood out above the other competitors—both for their skill and the pace at which they more than once completed games with two all-round breaks and a triple peel.

Cotter, the ultimate winner, lost only two games; in the sixth round, Col. C. C. Adams, playing beautiful croquet, beat him +16, and then a round or two later Miss D. A. Lintern took a game off him, +3. Solomon lost both his games to Cotter. And it must not be left unsaid that W. Longman played so well in both his games against Solomon that he was only beaten by one point in each game. Longman first played in the Beddow Cup in 1914, and from 1920 to 1933 consecutively; in 1925 he won with 14 games and continued to play for this Cup till Miss D. D. Steel made it her own in 1933. For the present trophy he had played four of the five times it had been in existence before the war.

Perhaps Miss Lintern's part in the competition deserves special mention. She lost all her 5 games, one after the other, in the first series; then she proceeded to win 3 games in succession, one of which was against Cotter. After that Miss Lintern paused, and then from the 10th to the 13th round gained 4 more successes to finish second with 7 games.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, who was second in the Event with Miss Lintern, lost his 7 games, to Cotter and Solomon in each series; and a game each to Miss Lintern, Mrs. E. Rotherham, and M. B. Reckitt—the first and last of these defeats were by small points.

It was noticeable how at first there were few triple peels attempted, and that when they were tried they failed to reach completion.

This was because they were started late, and the narrower hoop would not allow the peeled ball to go far enough through the penultimate together with the mallet ball. The peel through the rover hoop then had to be abandoned. It was at one time thought that Cotter would go through the competition unbeaten for he had thus reached the fifth round—though not without a very narrow victory over Mrs. Rotherham, +3, in the third. Those who had been so optimistic about this player received a shock when, as before mentioned, Adams beat Cotter. There were others who put their money on Solomon; but the only two games he lost were to Cotter—though Adams all but beat him in the last round. So they went neck and neck, these two, in the last three rounds, finishing with 12 games each.

THE PLAY-OFF

This is the second time running that Cotter and Solomon have finished with equal scores. Solomon gave a particularly accurate and fine exhibition of croquet in the first game which he won +11. The second game was a very close one—as the score, +5, to Cotter shows.

In the deciding game Cotter was supreme; but even he

could not put the finishing touches to the triple peel. He was left to hit the peg with the one ball left in, while Solomon's clips were both still on the first hoop.

Having seen Solomon win against Longman when he had 16 points to make and his opponent only the peg to hit with one ball, we were given some reason for thinking that he might be going to win this third game and the President's Cup by one point.

Solomon picked up a 3-ball break from the first hoop out of nothing; a perfect shot after the second hoop suggested an all-round break. Alas! he stuck in the third hoop with Cotter's ball a yard away, and Cotter again became the holder of this much prized trophy.

At the end of the First Series (round 7) the scores were:—

E. P. C. Cotter	...	...	6 games
J. W. Solomon	...	...	6 "
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins	...	...	4 "
M. B. Reckitt	...	...	4 "
W. Longman	...	...	3 "
Col. C. C. Adams	...	...	2 "
Miss D. A. Lintern	...	...	2 "
Mrs. E. Rotherham	...	...	1 "

The final scores were:—

E. P. C. Cotter	...	...	12 games
J. W. Solomon	...	...	12 "
Miss D. A. Lintern	...	...	7 "
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins	...	...	7 "
M. B. Reckitt	...	...	6 "
Mrs. E. Rotherham	...	...	5 "
W. Longman	...	...	4 "
Col. C. C. Adams	...	...	3 "

Analysis of Play

E. P. C. Cotter won 12 games: against Col. C. C. Adams +25, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +16 +26, J. W. Solomon +15 +20, W. Longman +26 +10, Miss D. A. Lintern +22, Mrs. E. Rotherham +3 +24, M. B. Reckitt +17 +22; and lost 2 games, against Col. C. C. Adams —16, Miss D. A. Lintern —3.

J. W. Solomon won 12 games: against Col. C. C. Adams +14 +4, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +25 +25, W. Longman +1 +1, Miss D. A. Lintern +6 +22, Mrs. E. Rotherham +26 +12, M. B. Reckitt +23 +3; and lost 2 games, against E. P. C. Cotter —15 —20.

Miss D. A. Lintern won 7 games: against Col. C. C. Adams +20, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +3, E. P. C. Cotter +3, W. Longman +7, Mrs. E. Rotherham +8, M. B. Reckitt +14 +14; and lost 7 games, against Col. C. C. Adams —5, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —5, E. P. C. Cotter —22, J. W. Solomon —6 —22, W. Longman —8, Mrs. E. Rotherham —15.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins won 7 games: against Col. C. C. Adams +3 +10, W. Longman +2 +11, Miss D. A. Lintern +5, Mrs. E. Rotherham +23, M. B. Reckitt +26; and lost 7 games, against E. P. C. Cotter —16 —26, J. W. Solomon —25 —25, Miss D. A. Lintern —3, Mrs. E. Rotherham —15, M. B. Reckitt —5.

M. B. Reckitt won 6 games: against Col. C. C. Adams +5, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +5, W. Longman +14 +10, Mrs. E. Rotherham +6 +21; and lost 8 games, against Col. C. C. Adams —12, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —26, E. P. C. Cotter —17 —22, J. W. Solomon —23 —3, Miss D. A. Lintern —14 —14.

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 5 games: against Col. C. C. Adams +15 +22, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +15, W. Longman +8, Miss D. A. Lintern +15; and lost 9 games, against Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —23, E. P. C. Cotter —3 —24, J. W. Solomon —26 —12, W. Longman —23, Miss D. A. Lintern —8, M. B. Reckitt —6 —21.

W. Longman won 4 games: against Col. C. C. Adams +4 +9, Miss D. A. Lintern +8, Mrs. E. Rotherham +23; and lost 10 games, against Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —2 —11, E. P. C. Cotter —26 —10, J. W. Solomon —1 —1, Miss D. A. Lintern —7, Mrs. E. Rotherham —8, M. B. Reckitt —14 —10.

Col. C. C. Adams won 3 games: against E. P. C. Cotter +16, Miss D. A. Lintern +5, M. B. Reckitt +12; and lost 11 games, against Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —3 —10, E. P. C. Cotter —25, J. W. Solomon —14 —4, W. Longman —4 —9, Miss D. A. Lintern —20, Mrs. E. Rotherham —15 —22, M. B. Reckitt —5.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP

This handsome trophy was this year played for at Roehampton instead of Hurlingham, and in conjunction with the President's Cup instead of the "Ladies' Field" Cup. It was to be regretted that R. C. V. de Wesselow, who had won this Event the last two years running, was obliged to scratch.

The entries were better than last year, and there were many familiar names among them that showed how much a favourite this Event continues to be. G. Williams, a welcome new-comer to the competition very soon showed promise of the victory which he eventually accomplished.

The Cup was played for in two Blocks, and the final of the top Division brought together Williams and M. Spencer Ell. Ell had had a tremendous game in the semi-final against Major J. H. Dibley which he won by the narrowest of points. The final was another tough contest, but Williams proved the better player.

Among the 12 competitors in the lower Division there were 8 Roehampton Club players, and all but one, Mrs. J. H. Dibley, were in the semi-final. Mrs. E. Carrington is to be congratulated on being in this penultimate round; she is a beginner who, by constant practice, has become an opponent not to be taken lightly. Mrs. D. Attfield, having beaten Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts—in itself a highly commendable victory—went on to defeat Mrs. Carrington. But Mrs. F. Pavia, put up strong opposition to Mrs. Attfield in the final, and the score by which she won denotes a determined struggle between these two Roehampton players.

The final between the winner of each Block made an interesting game. Williams proved the better player, and able to give the three bisques to Mrs. Pavia.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(0 to 3½ Bisques).

BLOCK I.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. F. Dalton (2) bt R. H. Park (½) by 5.
E. V. Carpmal (1½) bt "Y. B. Last" (3½) by 15.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt E. Carlile (2) by 18.
Major R. A. D. Fullerton (2) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 6.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

G. Williams (0) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 19.
T. F. Dalton (2) bt E. V. Carpmal (1½) by 6.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt Major R. A. D. Fullerton (2) by 5.
M. Spencer Ell (½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. Williams (0) bt T. F. Dalton (2) by 9.
M. Spencer Ell (½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1½) by 1.

FINAL.

G. Williams (0) bt M. Spencer Ell (12) by 6.

BLOCK II.

(4 Bisques and over).

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (12) by 4.
Mrs. M. Carrington (14) bt Mrs. M. L. Thorn (8) by 2.
Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Miss M. L. Hellyer (7½) by 3.
Miss A. M. Carlyon (4½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith (14) by 5.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. Allford (7) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (6) by 15.
Mrs. M. Carrington (14) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 8.
Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon (4½) by 14.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt R. C. V. de Werrilove (4½) opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. D. Allfield (7) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (19) by 7.
Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 19.

FINAL.

Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Mrs. D. Allfield (7) by 7.

PLAY OFF.

G. Williams (0) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 15.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon (4½) by 8.
Mrs. S. Phillips (2) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (12) by 14.
*E. V. Carpmal (1) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 5.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1½) by 2.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) opponent withdrawn.
Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith (14) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 4.
Miss M. L. Hellyer (7½) bt N. O. Hicks (4) opponent scratched.
One bye.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. S. Phillips (2) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 4.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt E. V. Carpmal (1) by 5.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith (14) by 9.
Miss M. L. Hellyer (7½) opponent withdrawn.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2) by 16.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Miss M. L. Hellyer (7½) by 7.

FINAL.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 5.
*Reduction E. V. Carpmal arranged on Wednesday.

THE EXHIBITION MATCHES AT WIMBLEDON

SEPTEMBER 7th, 1953

The Publicity Committee—and perhaps particularly their Chairman, the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury—are certainly to be warmly congratulated on the success which attended the exhibition of croquet so perfectly staged on the courts of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club.

Among the ten well known players who had accepted the invitation to show publicly that croquet is really a game—and not that childish "bell-in-the-middle" travesty of it—we were delighted to see A. G. F. Ross, holder of the New Zealand Championship. Anybody watching the delicate play of his mallet during a break, and how quickly he moves about the court, could never fail to be attracted to the game nor say that croquet takes too long.

When we arrived at the ground we noticed Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham playing on a small court; this was a useful experiment for minus players to make and no doubt their views will prove valuable and be passed on to the Tournament Committee.

On turning to the two full sized courts we were most agreeably surprised; for there we found 2-300 people, intently gazing at the two Doubles that were in progress; and when we mention the eight players competing were E. P. C. Cotter, J. B. Gilbert, H. O. Hicks, Miss D. Lintern, A. G. F. Ross, J. W. Solomon, Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. G. J. Turketine, the spectators certainly were given the best possible exposition of the game from which to judge its merits.

When we discovered a vacant seat, we very soon were being plied with questions from three or four different quarters. One or two of these spectators were worried as to when the striker's turn ends if his ball—or both balls—go off the boundary. Their gratitude was great when they were told that only if the ball, or balls, went off in the croquet stroke did the turn cease.

The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club have indeed been most generous and courteous in allowing the Croquet Association the use of their ground; it has given the game the most valuable publicity it has had for many years.

A. Robinson N. Oddie	} +19 +13	}	L. Kirk-Greene +25 +21	}	L. Kirk-Greene +26 +24	}	P. Duff Matthews -19 +24 +24
L. Kirk-Greene G. Williams	} L. Kirk-Greene +19 +23						
J. D. Robinson D. Hopkins	} J. D. Robinson -2 +7 +21	}	J. D. Robinson +7 +18				
G. M. Fitzpatrick Lady Fitzgerald	} Lady Fitzgerald						
Col. Beamish A. V. McCormick	} Col. Beamish	}	Col. Beamish				
T. U. Odell B. T. O'Reilly	} T. U. Odell						
R. E. Steen P. Duff Matthews	} P. Duff Matthews +19 -4 +21	}	P. Duff Matthews +11 +11	}	P. Duff Matthews		
	} Mrs. Oddie						

BRIGHTON**AUGUST 24th—29th**

The Brighton Tournament is, I think, my favourite—it breathes goodwill and friendliness. As soon as one arrives on the ground one feels one is going to have a good time. After the first lunch and tea, one knows it. No tribute too high can be paid to Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Roper and the canteen staff. The long hours of work they put in and the excellent food they provide is something for which we should all be grateful. A vote of thanks must also be given to the energetic Secretary, Mr. F. E. Corke, who is tireless in his endeavours to make things run smoothly, and to Mr. Robards behind the bar, and to Mrs. Miller at the receipt of custom. Wynstanley had the courts in good shape—they were quite fast.

Now for two minor grouses. First, Variation B is a serpent that must be trodden on. There is an erroneous impression that it speeds up the play. The truth is that long games are the result of indifferent play and lack of enterprise. Variation B does not eliminate the former, but it encourages the latter. Secondly, the hoops could have been set a little better—the collars must not protrude above the ground.

The Sussex Gold Cup

There was a good entry of 23 in this event. It was wise to welcome Arthur Ross, the N.Z. Champion—he is a most desirable addition to any tournament. It was a pity he and Cotter met in the first match before he had found his feet.

There were a large number of pegged-out games. Cotter won the second v. Rose by 3 after pegging out his rover. Williams won the first game against Fisher by one, a most interesting two-ball situation developed. Fisher took position for 4 back and Williams failed to get in front of the rover. Now this is a situation resembling a king and pawn ending at chess. Fisher after running 4 back, had got position for the penultimate; but in the end Williams won. He ran the rover and came right back to the north boundary so as to take a position behind the stick. Richard Rothwell lost the third game against Reckitt, who was pegged out as he failed to get a controlled wired position. Reckitt was pegged out again in his third game v. Mrs. Longman. Cotter, with one ball for the penultimate, lost the first game to Kirk Greene. His last shot was centre to centre one yard from his opponent's ball, hit one of the hazards of court 8 and turned sharply off. In the second game he did a triple to win by 23, but the final game saw him provide some very indifferent play which Kirk Greene won. Kirk Greene played almost faultless breaks against Reckitt and met Fisher in the final. Fisher shot well all the week, but stuck in hoops, and that was the dividing point in the final which Kirk Greene won +17 +9.

Congratulations to both finalists on gaining silver medals, an event not previously paralleled. Hitchcock won the level singles (Class B, 2 to 5 bisques). We expect him soon to join the scratch or minus players. The handicap singles (5½ and over) was won by D. Woodhouse, a player who has greatly improved. No doubt he will receive the attention of the handicapper.

G. W. Solomon won the big handicap after playing really very fine croquet all the week. The double event was won by Miss Steel and Mrs. Chittenden.

We are much indebted to Mrs. Ernest Turner, who managed to get through such a formidable programme.

OPEN SINGLES (Variation B).**THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP.****(23 Entries).****FIRST ROUND.**

M. B. Reckitt bt Miss M. S. Daldy +22 +4.
R. F. Rothwell bt Dr. H. J. Penny +9 —14 +16.
Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. C. Waydelin +19 +19.
Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton bt Rev. R. Creed Meredith +1 —16 +19.
Miss D. D. Steel bt Major S. H. Dibley +10 +22.
G. F. Rothwell bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury +16 +13.
Major J. R. Abbey bt V. de la Nougere +10 +17 +11.

SECOND ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter bt A. Ross +26 +3.
L. Kirk Greene bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows +15 +23.
M. B. Reckitt bt R. F. Rothwell —3 +7 +6.
Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton —8 +11 +19.
Miss D. D. Steel bt G. F. Rothwell —5 +4 +24.
G. Williams bt Major J. R. Abbey +13 +20.
F. H. Fisher bt Mrs. N. Oddie +11 +15.
W. Longman bt T. Wood Hill +12 +9.

THIRD ROUND.

L. Kirk Greene bt E. P. C. Cotter +3 —23 +9
M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. W. Longman —9 +25 +7.
G. Williams bt Miss D. D. Steel +8 +5.
F. H. Fisher bt W. Longman +2 +6.

SEMI-FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt M. B. Reckitt +25 +26.
F. H. Fisher bt G. Williams —1 +25 +13.

FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt F. H. Fisher +17 +9.

LEVEL SINGLES (Class "B").**THE FRANC CUP.****(2 to 5 Bisques).****(14 Entries).****FIRST ROUND.**

G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 12.
Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege bt Miss E. Walker by 16.
R. H. Newton bt G. W. Solomon by 11.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt Miss F. E. Bray by 18.
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 2.
Mrs. B. Chittenden bt Mrs. E. Robards by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Mrs. H. Franc by 12.
R. H. Newton bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 6.
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 8.
Mrs. B. Chittenden bt H. C. Davey by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock bt R. H. Newton by 7.
Mrs. B. Chittenden bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 1.

FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Mrs. B. Chittenden by 10.

HANDICAP SINGLES (Class "C").**THE MONTEITH BOWL.****(5½ Bisques and over).****(25 Entries).****FIRST ROUND.**

Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) bt Miss F. E. Edwards (11) by 8.
Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt Miss H. D. Parker (6) by 4.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 13.
Mrs. C. Riddey (9) bt Mrs. H. C. Willcock Pollen (7) by 20.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 14.
Sir C. Douglas Jones (6) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 9.
Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 12.
E. A. Roper (8) bt Mrs. M. L. Machell (8) by 16.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) bt R. Whitham (9) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. R. Whitham (11) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 6.
F. W. Snow (7½) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) by 2.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 13.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6½) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 8.
Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) bt Sir C. Douglas Jones (6) by 5.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) bt E. A. Roper (8) by 14.
G. F. Paxon (11) bt M. Vlasto (8) by 8.
D. Woodhams (11) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 22.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. R. Whitham (11) bt F. W. Snow (7½) by 14.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by ?
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) w.o. opponent scratched.
D. Woodhams (11) bt G. F. Paxon (11) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. R. Whitham (11) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6½) by 3.
D. Woodhams (11) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) by 6.

FINAL.

D. Woodhams (11) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (11) by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL.

(60 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt L. Kirk Greene (—1½) by 3.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn (12) by 14.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1) by 8.
Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) bt Miss E. Walker (3½) by 5 on time.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (4½) bt E. P. C. Cotter (—4) by 12.
W. Longman (—3) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (5) by 6.
Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) bt R. Whitham (9) by 10.
G. Williams (½) bt Mrs. B. Chittenden (5) by 6.
G. W. Solomon (5) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1) by 16.
Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) by 6.
Miss G. Metcalf (5½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 1.
G. L. Paxon (11) bt Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) by 2.
E. A. Roper (8) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 21.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt Sir C. Douglas Jones (6) by 15.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 4.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt F. W. Snow (7½) by 9.
Mrs. H. Franc (4) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 2.
Mrs. R. Whitham (11) bt M. Vlasto (8) by 20.
N. Oddie (1) bt T. Wood Hill (1½) by 10.
Mrs. C. R. Carling (5½) bt Mrs. H. C. Willock Pollen (7) by 12.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 7.
R. F. Rothwell (—1) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 17.
A. Ross (—4) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) by 17.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) by 26.
G. F. Rothwell (0) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 16.
V. de la Nougere (1) bt Mrs. A. E. Waydelin (½) by 20.
Miss F. E. Bray (5) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 14.
Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Rev. R. Creed Meredith (1) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 16.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 13.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6½) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) by 7.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (4½) bt W. Longman (—3) by 3.
G. Williams (½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) by 18.
G. W. Solomon (5) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) by 8.
Miss G. Metcalf (5½) bt G. F. Paxon (11) by 9.
E. A. Roper (8) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 11.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 11.
Mrs. R. Whitham (11) bt Mrs. H. Franc (4) by 1.
N. Oddie (1) bt Mrs. C. R. Carling (5½) by 12.
R. F. Rothwell (—1) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 14.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt A. Ross (—4) by 13.
G. F. Rothwell (0) bt V. de la Nougere (1) by 11.
Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Miss F. E. Bray (5) by 7.
Miss H. D. Parker (6) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 3.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) by 7.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (4½) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6½) by 10.
G. W. Solomon (5) bt G. Williams (½) by 26.
E. A. Roper (8) bt Miss G. Metcalf (5½) by 13.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (11) by 12.
R. F. Rothwell (—1) bt N. Oddie (1) by 11.
G. F. Rothwell (0) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1½) by 17.
Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Miss H. D. Parker (6) by 2.

FOURTH ROUND.

Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (4½) by 4.
G. W. Solomon (5) bt E. A. Roper (8) by 13.
R. F. Rothwell (—1) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 2.
Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt G. F. Rothwell (0) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. W. Solomon (5) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) by 18.
R. F. Rothwell (—1) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 26.

FINAL.

G. W. Solomon (5) bt R. F. Rothwell (—1) by 26.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(25 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. Penny and M. Vlasto (6½) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards and Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (5) by 1 on time.
M. B. Reckitt and E. A. Roper (5) bt Major J. H. Dibley and L. H. Fisher (0) by 4.
Mrs. A. Badcock and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (10) bt Major J. R. Abbey and Hon. Clive Pearson (11) by 13.
Rev. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (9) bt Mrs. A. Nichols and Mrs. C. M. Turner (14½) by 4 on time.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (½) bt Mrs. R. Whitham and Miss E. Walker (12) by 12.
Sir C. Douglas Jones and Miss H. D. Parker (12) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn and Miss G. Metcalfe (17½) by 10.
Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. B. Chittenden (1) bt N. Oddie and Mrs. H. Franc (5) by 1.
Mrs. J. A. Paxon and G. F. Paxon (19) bt Mrs. Ratsey and F. W. Snow (17½) by 11.
R. F. Rothwell and G. F. Rothwell (—1) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and L. Kirk Greene (—4) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (—1) bt W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman by 15.
Dr. H. J. Penny and M. Vlasto (6½) bt T. Wood Hill and Mrs. Lord (8) by 9.
Mrs. A. Badcock and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (10) bt M. B. Reckitt and E. A. Roper (5) by 6.
Rev. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (½) by 3.
Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. B. Chittenden (1) bt Sir C. Douglas Jones and Miss H. D. Parker (12) by 13.
R. F. Rothwell and G. F. Rothwell (—1) bt G. F. Paxon and Mrs. J. A. Paxon (19) by 11.
A. Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (4) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock and Mrs. Drake Brocknam (14½) by 1.
V. de la Nougere and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (4½) bt R. H. Newton and R. Whitham (11½) by 14.

THIRD ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny and M. Vlasto (6½) bt E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (—1) by 7.
Rev. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (9) bt Mrs. A. Badcock and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (10) by 2 on time.
Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. B. Chittenden (1) bt R. F. Rothwell and G. F. Rothwell (—1) by 12.
A. Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (4) bt V. de la Nougere and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (4½) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Rev. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (9) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and M. Vlasto (6½) by 5 on time.
Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. B. Chittenden (1) bt A. Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (4) by 12.

FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. B. Chittenden (1) bt Rev. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (9) by 13.

HUNSTANTON

*"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate."*

A comparison to an English summer's day might conceivably be odious, but Shakespeare must have been visualising such glorious conditions as prevailed when the Hunstanton tournament reached its exciting climax on the Saturday. First winner home on Saturday was J. G. Warwick, who carried off the Open for the third successive year. Throughout the week he could frequently be seen striding purposefully after his ball, one or both eyes gleaming over his spectacles according to the cock of his head. It was a modest gleam that followed up an inspired stroke and an expansive gleam which preceded him to the player's chair after the occasional failure; but always it radiated from him like the beam from a headlight. His well-earned success was gained at the expense of that swashbuckling three-dimensional player E. V. Carpmael, whose zest for the game should be an inspiration to beginners and whose methods both upset and confound the experts. Give him a hoop to jump and he is in his element. He had to be restrained from jumping Tommy—or so rumour has it. Tommy, an ancient pensioner, sometimes finds his way through the hedge back to the courts which he once helped to cut. He is a piebald pony.

Nevertheless Carpmael had his satisfaction in winning the handicap. The final only showed either player to advantage in its closing stages. Carpmael then brought off two 'death or glory' shots. He needed both to win. This popular win was especially gratifying to the President, Miss Gillespie, whose sporting character coloured the whole tournament. Yet there must be a word of praise to Mrs. Traill, who was the other finalist. Her fluency of style and mettlesome spirit must surely bring her future successes and make her the minus player which she so closely resembles.

In the meantime Mrs. Reeve had steered her promising partner, Miss Templeton, into a close victory over Mr. and Mrs. Baillieu and so avenged their defeat by these players in the final of the preceding year. There were many exciting matches and plenty of play for all. Indeed, Miss Grimley threatened to take a more restful holiday in 1954. This will not happen for no Hunstanton tournament would be the same without the presence of Miss Grimley and that of Miss Williams. This was made plain to both, and each player, after their respective fashion, can be relied upon to answer the call.

Mention must be made of the workers as well as the players. The players owe a debt of gratitude to many and it is hoped that no offence will be caused by making special mention only of Mrs. Jackman among the many ladies who did so much. For Mr. Bird, the manager, it was a full time job for a fortnight. For this he received only a token reward of 6 bottles of beer, which, at his invitation, were promptly drunk by the competitors. Perhaps he derived greater satisfaction from the address which accompanied the presentation. It was composed by Mrs. Reeve and aptly expressed the regard in which he was held.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A").

THE NORFOLK CHALLENGE CUP.

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. P. Carmouche w.o. H. O. Hodgson scratched.
E. V. Carpmael bt Mrs. M. Craven +18 +7.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. G. Warwick bt Miss E. P. Carmouche +14 +15.
E. V. Carpmael bt Mrs. E. Reeve +8 +13.

FINAL.

J. G. Warwick bt E. V. Carpmael +20 +5.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

THE HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL.

(3½ to 8 Bisesques).

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. B. C. Perowne bt Mrs. H. T. Farris by 18.
Miss J. Warwick bt Mrs. W. Leake by 20.
J. C. Baillieu bt Mrs. W. A. Traill by 8.
F. S. B. Lawes bt Miss D. Jennings by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. B. C. Perowne bt Miss J. Warwick by 12.
F. S. B. Lawes bt J. C. Baillieu by 11.

FINAL.

F. S. B. Lawes bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne by 1.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(9 Bisesques and over).

(5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. J. Williams (9) bt Miss D. K. Grimley (10) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt Miss E. J. Williams (9) by 7.
Miss C. Templeton (11) bt Hon. Lord Mackay (10) by 13.

FINAL.

Miss C. Templeton (11) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 5.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

INGLEBY CHALLENGE CUP.

(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Miss C. Templeton (11) by 11.
F. S. B. Lawes (*5) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (6½) by 8 on time.
J. G. Warwick (—1) w.o. H. O. Hodgson (½) scratched.
Mrs. M. Craven (1) bt Dr. F. W. Lewis (3) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) bt Miss D. K. Grimley (10) by 18.
J. C. Baillieu (7) bt Miss E. J. Williams (9) by 21.
Mrs. W. A. Traill (4) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) by 9.
F. S. B. Lawes (*5) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 4.
J. G. Warwick (—1) bt Mrs. M. Craven (1) by 9.
E. V. Carpmael (1½) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) by 7.
Miss J. Warwick (6) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 17.
Hon. Lord Mackay (10) bt Mrs. W. Leake (7) by 11.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) bt I. C. Baillieu (7) by 3.
Mrs. W. A. Traill (4) bt F. S. B. Lawes (*5) by 23.
E. V. Carpmael (1½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1) by 18.
Miss J. Warwick (6) bt Hon. Lord Mackay (10) by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. W. A. Traill (4) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) by 6.
E. V. Carpmael (1½) bt Miss J. Warwick (6) by 11.

FINAL.

E. V. Carpmael (1½) bt Mrs. W. A. Traill (4) by 4.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(8 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Reeve and Miss C. Templeton (9) bt E. V. Carpmael and Miss D. K. Grimley (11½) by 6.
Mrs. W. A. Traill and Miss E. J. Williams (13) bt Hon. Lord Mackay and Miss E. P. Carmouche (13) by 2 on time.
J. G. Warwick and Miss J. Warwick (5) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris and Miss W. L. Stevenson (15½) by 1 on time.
I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (17) bt Mrs. M. Craven and Miss D. Jennings (4½) by 4 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Reeve and Miss C. Templeton (9) bt Mrs. W. A. Traill and Miss E. J. Williams (13) by 12.
I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (17) bt J. G. Warwick and Miss J. Warwick (5) by 4.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Reeve and Miss C. Templeton (9) bt I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (17) by 1 on time.

EXTRA EVENT.
HANDICAP SINGLES.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. Craven (1) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 10.
Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Hon. Lord Mackay (10) by 14.
Mrs. W. A. Traill (4) bt Mrs. W. Leake (7) by 13.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) bt Miss E. J. Williams (9) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Mrs. M. Craven (1) by 2.
Mrs. W. A. Traill (4) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) by 14.

FINAL.

Mrs. W. A. Traill (4) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 10 on time.

PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

I have not been before to a Parkstone tournament but I shall certainly come again. Everything was done to give us all a most enjoyable week. A tribute must be paid to King, the groundsman, who had the courts in excellent order, with hoops the right width and well set. The catering, too, was first class. The practice of having lunches (assorted) ready served is good—it reduces queueing and saves time. All this is due to the efficiency and hard work of Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Baker and we are all deeply grateful to them and their helpers. Mr. Ashton managed with tact and consideration and got through a large number of games without bother.

The Open Singles

This was played with single games—the losers of their first match being re-drawn in a secondary event for the Ashton Trophy. The first round saw some close games. Cotter just managed to win by 5 against de la Nougere, and Fellows, with victory in his grasp, failed at the penultimate and let Hicks win eventually by 3. The semi-final between Ross and Cotter resulted in yet another pegged-out game. The latter hit the last shot to win by 3.

The final was a quick game. Hicks missed a roquet after making the first hoop. Cotter hit in and went to 4 back with a peel at the first. Hicks cornered against the triple and Cotter took his second ball to the stick peeling at 4 back. The shot was missed and Cotter won by 25.

The Ashton Trophy

W. Longman, who played well, won the final against Creed Meredith by 25, the latter missing some long shots narrowly.

B Levels

Wilson-Smith beat Commander Beamish in the final, the margin of 20 being somewhat unexpected, but the winner played well.

Handicap Singles

As expected, young William Ormerod won this event, his opponent, P. Eliot Scott, being unable to maintain the good standard of play he had shown hitherto.

The Handicap Singles

This looked a good thing for Ormerod and so it proved to be. Commander Beamish might have beaten him in the first round, but made a tactical error after making the penultimate, leaving Ormerod, who still had a bisque, a ball at his hoop. He took full advantage of this and won by 4. In the quarter final Cotter after pegging out Ormerod's rover progressed to the penultimate, but made an error leaving his balls not properly wired. Ormerod hit and with two other long shots won the game by 4. Hicks, who had been let off by Mrs. Longman in the round before, found W. Longman too tough a proposition on handicap and lost by 9.

Ormerod won the final against Fellows by 17. Ormerod plays well and lays a break properly. He is sometimes careless and makes some bad tactical errors, but his execution is better than that of most two-bisquers.

The Handicap Doubles

This again on forecast was a near certainty for Mrs. Rotherham and Ormerod. In one game he went round without a bisque leaving the 3½ for his partner. This is something which just should not happen. Bisques are meant for high bisquers only. In the final, however, Sweet Escott and Mrs. Gatehouse fought back from a losing position and if Sweet Escott had not for some inexplicable reason tried to peg out one of his opponent's rovers but had laid his partner at the rover hoop they might well have won. Still these things happen in doubles—what doesn't?

OPEN SINGLES.

THE BOURNEMOUTH BOWL.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt W. Longman by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter bt V. de la Nougere by 5.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Dr. G. L. Stanley by 11.
A. G. F. Ross bt J. K. Brown by 12.
G. Williams bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 6.
Mrs. W. Longman bt Rev. R. Creed Meredith by 4.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 25.
H. O. Hicks bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 3.
W. W. S. Escott bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 2.

THIRD ROUND

E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 8.
A. G. F. Ross bt G. Williams by 10.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. W. Longman by 12.
H. O. Hicks bt W. W. S. Escott by 25.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt A. G. F. Ross by 3.
H. O. Hicks bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 25.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt H. O. Hicks by 25.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE ASHTON TROPHY.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. Longman bt Dr. G. L. Stanley by 13.
Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt J. K. Brown by 13.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt V. de la Nougere by 25.
Rev. R. Creed Meredith bt Mrs. Elvey by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. Longman bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 11.
Rev. R. Creed Meredith bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 16.

FINAL.

W. Longman bt Rev. R. Creed Meredith by 25.

LEVEL SINGLES (Variation B).

THE DESHON CUP.

(1½ to 4 Bisques).

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Miss A. E. Mills by 11.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt G. W. Solomon.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon w.o. bt Miss M. K. Haslam, opponent retired.
H. Wilson-Smith bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 3.
Commander G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 10.
Miss M. C. Macaulay bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. Wilson-Smith bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 9.
Commander G. V. G. Beamish bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 20.

FINAL.

H. Wilson-Smith bt Commander G. V. G. Beamish by 20.

HANDICAP SINGLES (Variation H).

THE HALSE SALVER.

(4½ Bisques and over).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss G. L. Weston (11) bt Mrs. L. H. Tudor (9) by 15.
P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Mrs. L. Mackinder (14) opponent retired.

Major C. T. Carfrae (9) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 11.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) by 6.
Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8) w.o. Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3½) opponent withdrawn.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8½) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 15.

P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Major C. T. Carfrae (9) by 12.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) bt Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8) by 14.

W. P. Ormerod (6) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8½) by 5.
W. P. Ormerod (6) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) by 18.

FINAL.

W. P. Ormerod (6) bt P. Eliot Scott (9) by 17.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Unrestricted).

(39 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

V. de la Nougerede (1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 4.
W. P. Ormerod (6) bt Commander G. V. G. Beamish (2½) by 4.

H. Wilson-Smith (3) bt Miss A. E. Mills (3) by 12.
Mrs. J. A. McMerdie (*4) bt Mrs. L. Mackinder (14) by 9.

Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8½) by 14.
P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8) by 3.
J. K. Brown (½) bt G. W. Solomon (3½) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

G. Williams (½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) by 11.
Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 12.

Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) bt A. G. F. Ross (—4) by 5.
Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 13.
Rev. R. Creed Meredith (1) bt Mrs. L. H. Tudor (9) by 12.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) by 3.
W. P. Ormerod (6) bt V. de la Nougerede (2) by 25.
H. Wilson-Smith (3) bt Mrs. J. A. McMerdie (*4) by 5.

P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) by 16.
J. K. Brown (½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) by 6.
Major C. T. Carfrae (9) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3½) by 13.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) w.o. J. Hewitt (—½) opponent scratched.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) by 8.
H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1) by 6.
W. Longman (—3) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) by 7.
W. W. S. Escott (—½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) by 3.

THIRD ROUND.

G. Williams (½) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) by 13.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 8.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt Rev. R. Creed Meredith (1) by 4.

W. P. Ormerod (6) bt H. Wilson-Smith (3) by 25.
J. K. Brown (½) bt P. Eliot Scott (9) by 10.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) bt Major C. T. Carfrae (9) by 6.

H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt Mrs. Solomon (3) by 4.
W. Longman (—3) bt W. W. S. Escott (—½) by 9.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) bt G. Williams (½) by 15.
W. P. Ormerod (6) bt E. P. C. Cotter (—4) by 4.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) bt J. K. Brown (½) by 13.

W. Longman (—3) bt H. O. Hicks (—5½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. P. Ormerod (6) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) by 22.
Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) bt W. Longman (—3) by 8.

FINAL.

W. P. Ormerod (6) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) by 17.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(17 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss A. E. Mills (5) bt Miss M. K. Haslam and Mrs. L. H. Tudor (10½) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

V. de la Nougerede and Commander G. V. G. Beamish (3½) bt J. K. Brown and Miss M. C. Macaulay (4) by 1 (on time).

H. O. Hicks and E. P. C. Cotter (—9½) bt Rev. R. Creed Meredith and Major C. T. Carfrae (10) by 7.

W. W. S. Escott and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) bt Dr. G. L. Stanley and Mrs. M. D. Cork (12) by 15.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss A. E. Mills (5) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie and Mrs. F. A. Ellard (14) by 12.

A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—6) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin and P. Eliot Scott (12½) by 11.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and W. P. Ormerod (3) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (18½) by 14.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and G. Williams (—½) bt W. Longman and Mrs. Longman (—4) by 3.

G. W. Solomon and Mrs. Solomon (6½) bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. Elvey (—3) by 1 on time.

THIRD ROUND.

V. de la Nougerede and Commander G. V. G. Beamish (3½) bt H. O. Hicks and E. P. C. Cotter (—9½) by 5.

W. W. S. Escott and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss A. E. Mills (5) by 7.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and W. P. Ormerod (3) bt A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—6) by 26.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and G. Williams (—½) bt G. W. Solomon and Mrs. Solomon (6½) by 3 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. W. S. Escott and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) bt V. de la Nougerede and Commander G. V. G. Beamish (3½) by 14.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and W. P. Ormerod (3) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and G. Williams (—½) by 19.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and W. P. Ormerod (3) bt W. W. S. Escott and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) by 3.

BRIGHTON

(Unofficial)

AUGUST 31st—SEPTEMBER 5th

After the rush and turmoil of last week most people expected a quiet time during this tournament—until they saw the score cards! It must also have been a shock to Major Dibley, the manager, when he discovered that there were 53 entries in the 'X.Y.Z.' This alone meant over 100 games. Then there were two handicaps—one for players under 5 bisques, and the other for the higher bisquers, between them 45 entries, and the Doubles attracted 19 pairs, giving him a total of 160 games to be got through during the week. However, with his usual skill and tact, he was able to get it all finished by Saturday evening just as darkness was beginning to cover the land.

The ten courts were in very good condition, rather fast, so games took a long time. Our thanks are due to Wynstanley, the groundsman, for the great improvement he has made on them in recent years.

Mrs. Miller again provided us with most excellent lunches and teas (and morning coffee). She must be nearly worn out after two weeks of it.

We are much indebted to Major Dibley for coming to manage, and to Mr. Corke, the hard-working Hon. Secretary.

There is no doubt the 'X.Y.Z.' is the most popular form of croquet competition, and clubs wishing to attract players to their tournaments should introduce an event of this sort into their programmes.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5½ Bisesques and under).

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (3½) bt Mrs. H. Franc (4) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt Mrs. B. Phillips (2) by 8.
T. Wood Hill (1½) bt Miss F. E. Bray (5) by 9.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) by 3.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (3½) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) by 3.
Mrs. B. Chittenden (4) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 9.
H. Pinckney Simpson (—1) bt H. C. Davey (2) by 8.
S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Mrs. D. H. C. MacArthur (3) by 5.
Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 14.

THIRD ROUND.

T. Wood Hill (1½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1) by 4.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (3½) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 1.
Mrs. B. Chittenden (4) bt H. Pinckney Simpson (—1) by 12.
S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (5) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (3½) bt T. Wood Hill (1½) by 10.
S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Mrs. B. Chittenden (4) by 14.

FINAL.

S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (3½) by 2.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(6 Bisesques and over).

(28 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt D. Woodhams (9) by 15.
Mrs. C. Riddey (9) bt Brig.-Gen. J. Omond (10) by 5.
Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) bt Miss F. E. Edwards (11) by 8.
Mrs. H. C. Willcock Pollen (7) bt Miss Pirie (12) by 16.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. Machell (8) w.o. opponent scratched.
E. A. Roper (8) by Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 20.
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) bt Miss H. R. Allen (9) w.o. opponent scratched.
Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt Miss Towers (12) by 18.
F. W. Snow (7½) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 5.
Miss L. Tallmach (7) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 5.
G. F. Paxon (11) bt Mrs. J. Omond (12) by 14.
Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) by 14.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss H. D. Parker (6) bt Miss N. Morgan (12) by 10.
Mrs. C. Riddey (9) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 4.
Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) bt Mrs. H. C. Willock Pollen (7) by 13.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt E. A. Roper (8) by 6.
Mrs. F. N. Cervantes (9) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 3.
Miss L. Tallmach (7) bt F. W. Snow (7½) by 6.
G. F. Paxon (11) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 1.
Miss E. Watson (6½) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 9.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss H. D. Parker (6) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 9.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) by 14.
Miss L. Tallmach (7) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) w.o. opponent scratched.
G. F. Paxon (11) bt Miss E. Watson (6½) w.o. opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker (6) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 9.
G. F. Paxon (11) bt Miss L. Tallmach (7) by 6.

FINAL.

G. F. Paxon (11) Miss H. D. Parker (6) divided.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(“X.Y.Z.”).

EVENT “X.”

(53 Entries).

F. W. Snow (7½) bt J. A. Bland (12) by 9.
Miss E. M. Bray (7) bt Miss Towers (12) by 19.
D. Woodhams (9) bt N. Oddie (1) by 7.
C. F. Bailey (6½) bt Miss P. Hartnag (12) by 10.
G. F. Paxon (11) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 12.
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) bt Miss Pirie (12) by 23.
Mrs. C. F. Rand (2½) bt Miss L. Tallmach (7) by 2.
Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) bt H. Pinckney Simpson (—1) by 9.
Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 5.
Miss H. D. Parker (6) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 13.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 14.
Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) by 15.
Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) by 13.
Miss F. E. Edwards (11) bt Mrs. Downs (12) by 6.
Mrs. J. W. Ray (10) bt Miss H. R. Allen (9) by 3.
Miss M. Morgan (12) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 22.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt T. Wood Hill (1½) by 17.
Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1) by 10.
Mrs. C. Riddey (9) bt Mrs. J. Omond (12) by 10.
Mrs. H. Franc (4) bt Mrs. W. L. Machell (8) by 3.
Miss F. E. Bray (5) bt Mrs. K. Baker (12) by 14.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. MacArthur (3) bt Mrs. B. Chittenden (4) by 12.
Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt H. C. Davey (2) by 12.
Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt F. W. Snow (7) by 8.
Miss E. M. Bray (7) bt D. Woodhams (10) by 1.
C. F. Bailey (6½) bt G. F. Paxon (12) by 7.
Mrs. C. R. Rand (2½) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) by 17.
Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 5.
Miss H. D. Parker (6) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 14.
Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) by 17.
Mrs. J. W. Ray (10) bt Miss F. E. Edwards (11) by 13.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt Miss M. Morgan (12) by 17.
Mrs. C. Riddey (9) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) by 6.
Mrs. H. Franc (4) bt Miss F. E. Bray (5) by 11.
Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt Brig.-Gen. J. Omond (10) by 8.
E. A. Roper (8) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 10.
Mrs. B. Phillips (2) bt Mrs. H. C. Willock Pollen (7) by 15.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. M. L. MacArthur (3) bt Miss D. R. Latham (9) by 1.
Miss E. M. Bray (7) bt Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) opponent retired.
Mrs. C. R. Rand (2½) bt C. F. Bailey (6½) by 10.
Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (6) by 16.
Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt Mrs. J. W. Ray (10) by 11.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 2.
Mrs. H. Franc (4) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 2.
E. A. Roper (8) bt Mrs. B. Phillips (2) by 11.

FOURTH ROUND.

Miss E. M. Bray (7) bt Mrs. M. F. MacArthur (3) by 17.
Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt Mrs. C. R. Rand (2½) by 11.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (5) by 8.
E. A. Roper (8) bt Mrs. H. Franc (4) by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 12.
E. A. Roper (8) bt R. H. Newton by 9.

FINAL.

Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt E. A. Roper (8) by 7.

EVENT “Y.”

(26 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

N. Oddie (1) bt Miss Towers (12) w.o. opponent scratched.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Miss P. Hartridge (12) by 2.
Miss L. Tallmach (7) bt Miss Pirie (12) w.o. opponent scratched.
H. Pinckney Simpson (—1) bt Mrs. M. Rory (3) by 4.
Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 10.
Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) by 18.
Miss H. R. Allen (9) bt Mrs. Downs (11) by 7.
T. Wood Hill (1½) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) w.o. opponent retired.
Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt Mrs. J. Omond (12) by 16.
Mrs. K. Baker (12) bt Mrs. W. L. Machell (8) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. B. Chittenden (4) bt H. C. Davey (2) w.o. opponent retired.
 N. Oddie (1) bt J. A. Bland (12) by 3.
 Miss L. Tallmach (7) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 14.
 H. Pinckney Simpson (—1) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 6.
 Miss H. R. Allen (9) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxson (8) by 4.
 Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt T. Wood Hill (1½) by 7.
 Mrs. K. Baker (12) bt Brig.-Gen. S. Omond (10) by 11.
 S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Mrs. H. C. Willock Pollen (7) by 17.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. B. Chittenden (4) bt N. Oddie (1) by 14.
 H. Pinckney Simpson (—1) bt Miss L. Tallmach (7) by 13.
 Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt Miss H. R. Allen (9) w.o. opponent retired.
 S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Mrs. K. Baker (12) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. B. Chittenden (4) bt H. Pinckney Simpson (—1) by 8.
 Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 22.

FINAL.

Mrs. B. Chittenden (4) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1) by 25.

EVENT "Z."

(26 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) bt Miss Pirie (12) by 12.
 Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt F. W. Snow (7½) by 3.
 Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) w.o. opponent scratched.
 D. Woodhams (9) bt Miss F. E. Edwards (11) by 7.
 Miss E. M. Palmer (12) bt Mrs. J. Omond (12) by 5.
 Mrs. B. Phillips (2) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 5.
 G. F. Paxson (11) bt Miss F. E. Bray (5) by 12.
 Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) bt J. A. Bland (12) by 10.
 Mrs. A. S. Robards (2½) bt Mrs. H. C. Willock Pollen (7) by 6.
 Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) bt Mrs. Downs (12) w.o. opponent scratched.
 Mrs. W. L. Machell (8) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss Towers (12) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) w.o. opponent scratched.
 Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) bt Brig.-Gen. J. Omond (10) w.o. opponent scratched.
 Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 9.
 D. Woodhams (9) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) w.o. opponent scratched.
 Mrs. B. Phillips (2) bt G. F. Paxson (11) by 7.
 Mrs. A. S. Robards (2½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 7.
 Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) bt Mrs. W. L. Machell (8) w.o. opponent scratched.
 Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) bt Miss M. Morgan (12) w.o. opponent scratched.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) bt Miss Towers (12) by 10.
 D. Woodhams (9) bt Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) by 3.
 Mrs. B. Phillips (2) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) by 3.
 Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. Woodhams (9) bt Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) by 9.
 Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) bt Mrs. B. Phillips (3) by 4.

FINAL.

D. Woodhams (9) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) by 9.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(19 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. A. Badcock and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9½) bt Miss F. E. Edwards and Mrs. H. C. Willock Pollen (18) by 17.
 Mrs. H. R. Allen and Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (18) bt N. Oddie and Mrs. H. Franc (5) by 15.
 Mrs. M. Roy and Mrs. D. H. C. MacArthur (6) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord and Miss E. M. Palmer (18½) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. C. F. Rand and Miss E. Watson (9) bt T. Wood Hill and R. H. Newton (4) by 15.
 C. W. R. Hodges and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (3½) bt Mrs. B. Chittenden and Mrs. N. Oddie (1½) by 5.
 H. C. Davey and Miss H. D. Parker (8) bt S. F. Sopwith and Mrs. Drake Brockman (11½) by 13.
 Miss H. R. Allen and Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (18) bt Mrs. A. Badcock and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9½) by 9.
 Miss M. Morgan and Mrs. W. L. Machell (20) bt Mrs. M. Roy and Mrs. D. H. C. MacArthur (6) by 20.
 Major J. H. Dibley and J. A. Bland (13½) bt Mrs. A. S. Robards and Miss F. E. Bray (7½) by 19.
 Mrs. C. M. Turner and D. Woodhams (18) bt Brig.-Gen. J. Omond and Mrs. J. Omond (22) by 2.
 F. W. Snow and Miss E. M. Bray (14½) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxson and G. F. Paxson (19) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. C. F. Rand and Miss E. Watson (9) bt C. W. R. Hodges and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (3½) by 3.
 Miss H. R. Allen and Miss F. M. Cervantes (18) bt H. C. Davey and Miss H. D. Parker (8) by 6 on time.
 Miss M. Morgan and Mrs. W. L. Machell (20) bt Major J. H. Dibley and J. A. Bland (13½) by 7.
 Mrs. C. M. Turner and D. Woodhams (18) bt F. W. Snow and Miss E. M. Bray (14½) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss H. R. Allen and Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (18) bt Mrs. C. F. Rand and Miss E. Watson (9) by 1.
 Miss M. Morgan and Miss W. L. Machell (20) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner and D. Woodhams (18) by 4.

FINAL.

Mrs. W. L. Machell and Miss M. Morgan (20) bt Miss H. R. Allen and Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (18) by 6.

CHELTENHAM

(Unofficial).

Cheltenham was favoured with good weather for its non-official tournament and the lawns were much better than in July. Miss Steel was in good form and won both Draw and Process, beating Fellows and Fisher respectively. Fellows beat Fisher by one point in the play off for second place.

In the Handicap Singles, Thackwell ensured an earned reduction in his bisques by beating Marshall, who had been playing brilliantly, in the final.

The other results speak for themselves, there was one astonishing 'incident' which perhaps calls for mention. Newton was playing Fellows in the handicap and when he had one clip on pen-ult. and one on stick, and his opponent one on 2nd hoop, and one on rover, he pegged Fellows' ball out and went out himself. Followed a one-ball break, with Newton on pen-ult. and Fellows on 2nd hoop, and the latter won by one point.

Miss Paulley earned the gratitude of everybody for the way she tendered to the inner man.

OPEN SINGLES.

("TWO LIVES" SYSTEM).

THE DRAW.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill bt F. Langley by 13.
 Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 17.
 Mrs. G. Ozanne bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 4.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 13.
 The rest drew byes.

SECOND ROUND.

R. H. Newton bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 18.
 Miss D. D. Steel bt T. Wood-Hill by 17.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Mrs. G. Ozanne by 14.
 Miss M. J. Daldy bt F. H. Fisher by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt R. H. Newton by 15.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 7.

FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 3.

PROCESS.

FIRST ROUND.

F. H. Fisher bt F. Langley by 12.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 10.
 Miss M. J. Daldy bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 23.
 R. H. Newton w.o. opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

F. H. Fisher bt Mrs. G. Ozanne by 2.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 17.
 Miss M. J. Daldy bt T. Wood-Hill by 18.
 Miss D. D. Steel bt R. H. Newton by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

F. H. Fisher bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 1.
 Miss D. D. Steel bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 18.

FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt F. H. Fisher by 17.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(3 Bises or more).

(5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell bt Mrs. S. Matthews by 11.
 The rest drew byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden by 11.
 Miss E. P. Carmouche w.o. opponent scratched.

FINAL.

Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 14.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5 Bises or more).

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. J. Gould (8) bt Lt.-Col. I. Picton-Turbervill (12) by 12.
 Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6½) bt Lord Mackay (10) by 23.
 Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt Mrs. M. P. Miller (12) by 2.
 The rest drew byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) bt Mrs. F. Langley (5½) by 11.
 T. J. Gould (8) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6½) by 6.
 Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt Mrs. Lewis Grist (11) by 13.
 Mrs. D. M. Roe (7) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

T. J. Gould (8) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 5.
 Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (7) by 3.

FINAL.

Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt T. J. Gould (8) by 10.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X, Y").

EVENT "X."

(32 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Lord Mackay (10) by 17.
 Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) bt Mrs. R. L. Grist (11) by 7.
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (7) by 9.
 Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6½) bt Miss D. G. Peel (10) by 13.
 Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (3) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) by 13.
 *F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Mrs. A. V. Armstrong (4) by 6.
 Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) w.o. opponent scratched.
 Miss H. V. Bolton (9) bt Lt.-Col. I. Picton Turbervill (12) by 1.
 F. Langley (1) bt Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) by 5.
 Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt T. J. Gould (8) by 18.

Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Miss M. Posford (6) by 6.
 Mrs. F. Langley (5½) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) by 4.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) bt Miss R. M. Peel (4½) by 7.
 R. H. Newton (2½) bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (4) by 22.
 Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 15.
 Major R. D. Marshall (8) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) by 7.
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6½) by 3.
 Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (3) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 25.
 Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) w.o. opponent scratched.
 Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt F. Langley (1) by 17.
 Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Mrs. F. Langley (5½) by 12.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 1.
 Major R. D. Marshall (8) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 25.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) by 17.
 Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (3) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 3.
 Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (5) by 8.
 Major R. D. Marshall (8) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (3) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 6.
 Major R. D. Marshall (8) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) by 3.

FINAL.

Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (3) bt Major R. D. Marshall (8) by 20.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

EVENT "Y."

FIRST ROUND.

Lord Mackay (10) bt Mrs. R. L. Grist (11) by 4.
 Mrs. D. M. Roe (7) bt Miss D. G. Peel (10) by 18.
 Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) bt Mrs. A. V. Armstrong (4) by 4.
 Lt.-Col. I. Picton-Turbervill (12) w.o. opponent scratched.
 T. J. Gould (8) bt Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) by 14.
 Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) by 25.
 Miss R. M. Peel (4½) bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (4) by 6.
 T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. M. Roe (7) bt Lord Mackay (10) by 13.
 Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) bt Lt.-Col. I. Picton-Turbervill (12) by 1.
 T. J. Gould (8) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 5.
 Miss R. M. Peel (4½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. D. M. Roe (7) w.o. opponent scratched.
 Miss R. M. Peel (4½) bt T. J. Gould (8) by 11.

FINAL.

Mrs. D. M. Roe (7) bt Miss R. M. Peel (4½) by 8.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

F. H. Fisher and G. A. H. Alexander (7½) bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—3) by 7.
 Miss M. J. Daldy and Mrs. R. L. Grist (10) bt F. Langley and Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (5) by 11.
 Comdr. D. W. Roe and Mrs. D. M. Roe (9) bt R. H. Newton and Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (5½) by 9.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill (½) bt Lord Mackay and Miss E. P. Carmouche (13) by 18.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) bt Lt.-Col. Picton-Turbervill and Miss H. V. Bolton (21) by 20.
 Miss M. Daldy and Mrs. R. L. Grist (10) bt F. H. Fisher and G. A. H. Alexander (7½) by 18.
 Comdr. D. W. Roe and Mrs. D. M. Roe (9) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill (½) by 4.
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (9½) bt Mrs. S. Mathews and Miss R. M. Peel (9½) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) bt Miss M. J. Daldy and Mrs. R. L. Grist (10) by 1 on time.
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (9½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe and Mrs. D. M. Roe (9) by 2 on time.

FINAL.

Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (9½) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) by 3 on time.

MEN v. WOMEN

HELD AT PARKSTONE ON SEPTEMBER 15th, 1953.

SINGLES.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson lost to J. Hewitt by 22.
 Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt V. de la Nougerede by 9.
 Mrs. J. A. McMordie lost to Major Carfrae by 4 (on time).
 Mrs. R. A. Hill lost to Commander G. V. G. Beamish by 15.
 Miss G. L. Weston lost to P. Eliot Scott by 3 (on time).
 Mrs. I. Hotchkiss bt L. H. Ashton by 5.

DOUBLES.

Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Gasson bt V. de la Nougerede and Commander Beamish by 21.
 Miss Haslam and Mrs. Thornewill lost to Col. Baldwin and Commander Wilson by 12.
 Mrs. McMordie and Mrs. Wooster lost to Major Carfrae and P. Eliot Scott by 3 (on time).

Men beat Women 6—3.

GOLF CROQUET

ROEHAMPTON versus DULWICH

Played at Dulwich on August 27th, 1953. Roehampton players named first.

AMERICAN DOUBLES.

Miss Lintern and Mrs. Carrington
 bt Miss Richardson and Mrs. Drury by 3.
 lost to Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Swindlehurst by 1.
 bt Mrs. Frenken and Mrs. Fitter by 3.

Mrs. Nickisson and Mrs. Phillips
 bt Miss Richardson and Mrs. Drury by 1.
 bt Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Swindlehurst by 1.
 bt Mrs. Frenken and Mrs. Fitter by 5.

Mr. Crowther-Smith and Miss Jennings
 bt Miss Richardson and Mrs. Drury by 1.
 bt Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Swindlehurst by 3.
 bt Mrs. Frenken and Mrs. Fitter by 1.

RESULT.—Roehampton bt Dulwich by 8 games to 1.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor, "The Croquet Association Gazette."

Dear Sir,

As Mr. Mallalieu came to Roehampton as the guest of my wife and myself, perhaps you will allow me to comment on Dr. Oliver's "Open Letter" in the September number of the *Gazette*.

I have for some time been an admirer of the articles on sporting subjects contributed by Mr. Mallalieu to *The Spectator*, which are in my view among the best and most lively writing of this sort in the press today. Accordingly I wrote to Mr. Mallalieu suggesting that he should come to watch some first-class croquet and was very glad when he agreed to do so. As usual he wrote in *The Spectator* for July 17th, what I consider to be the best article on the game ever written by a non-player. This was headed "Perfection on the Lawn," a title which showed how greatly the writer was impressed by what he saw. He spoke of croquet in the highest terms, and showed a remarkable comprehension of its essential features for one who had never seen it played before.

I had no idea that Mr. Mallalieu intended to write another article, this time for the popular press. Journalism of this sort to some extent compels an approach to our game which (as previous experience has shown) is little likely to convey anything very illuminating about it. Certainly the complaints made by Dr. Oliver are not without some substance, even when allowance is made for the sort of thing which the Editors of evening papers expect from their contributors. Nevertheless Mr. Mallalieu described croquet as "an intellectual exercise as intense as chess, an exercise in angles as acute and graceful as billiards," and said he was absorbed by the drama of it. This can hardly be described as "sneering" at the game. And in what I believe is described as the "pay-off line" at the end of his article, he called attention to the youth of our Open Champion as an off-set to the (only too true) remarks about the high age-level of the majority of tournament players.

It is not my business to "defend" Mr. Mallalieu from such strictures as you and Dr. Oliver make. But I feel it would be both more sensible and more dignified if croquet players were not to show themselves so sensitive to comments which, however justifiably, they may feel to be misplaced. Touchiness of this kind is too often the result of a sense of insecurity which we ought not to betray, nor perhaps to feel. We know how fine a game ours is, and the public is, if all too slowly, coming to realize this too. We should be able to "take punishment" from critics without agitated complaint about it.

Yours faithfully,

MAURICE B. RECKITT

Greenways, Guildown, Guildford.

September 3rd, 1953.

(As you must know, we are not concerned about what your guest wrote in *The Spectator*. Though you say it is not your business to defend him, you make some attempt to do so by picking out from his article—teeming with abuse—a few words of "faint praise" for which you suggest we should all be grateful. We deplore your concluding lecture on how Associates are to behave when croquet is publicly pilloried in the Press; and we have always loathed that expression "our game," implying that the game is for the select few when we all know the very opposite is the crying need.—Ed.)

To the Editor, "The Croquet Association Gazette."

Dear Sir,

I have read Mr. Maurice Reckitt's letter which appears on this page, and as he evidently disapproves of my open letter to Mr. Mallalieu may I be permitted to make a few comments.

Mr. Reckitt reminds us that Mr. Mallalieu wrote an excellent article on croquet for *The Spectator*. I had not read that article when I wrote my letter, and I fully

endorse Mr. Reckitt's opinion of it. But I am not concerned with that article nor with anything else he has written. My criticism was solely of the article in the *Evening Standard* to which so many of us took exception. I might also add that for one reader of *The Spectator* there are probably fifty who read the *Evening Standard*.

Nor do I think that croquet players are unduly touchy or sensitive, as Mr. Reckitt suggests. We have all long been accustomed to—and can even enjoy—the numerous jokes which are so often made at our expense. This article, however, was intended to be a serious account of the game when played by experts in an important match, and what so many players resented was the effect such an account would have on non-players who might be thinking of taking up the game.

Most people who decide to take up any game do so with the hope and expectation that they will derive pleasure and enjoyment from it. But the average reader of this article would be left with the impression that although croquet is a game undoubtedly requiring considerable skill yet it is a dull game not even enjoyed by those when actually playing it; that it is a vicious game; that it is a game without a future, and a game which, to players and spectators alike, is something in the nature of a burial service.

What we most disliked was the remark that croquet has no future. This remark will tend to have the effect of holding back possible recruits to the game—and this just at a time when we are all uniting in an endeavour to make the game more popular.

Yours truly,

NORMAN OLIVER.

September 18th, 1953.

To the Editor, "The Croquet Association Gazette."

Dear Sir,

In common with a good many Associates to whom I have spoken in the matter I am shocked that an invitation has not been sent to Mr. A. G. F. Ross, to compete for the President's Cup.

On a recent occasion a lesser competitor from that Area was admitted to that Event with little reason but as a matter of courtesy—and the doyen of New Zealand croquet is neglected.

We know that the members of the selection committee are all honourable persons, but we look back with regret to the time when Mr. Darby, by sheer arithmetic, arrived at a page of values which was indisputable. There was no possibility of members voting for themselves—and each other—and so defeating the aims of pure justice. It is not fair to possible participants in this Event that they should be members of the selection committee, nor is it judicious.

Whatever be the rights and wrongs of the foregoing, there is no excuse for the discourtesy of excluding Mr. Ross (11 times champion of New Zealand) now visiting this country.

Many of us Associates would like Mr. Ross to know that we deplore the omission.

Yours faithfully,

EDWARD CARLILE.

21 Gloucester Walk, Kensington, W.8.

To the Editor, "The Croquet Association Gazette."

Dear Sir,

In a short croquet experience, it is obvious that the whole croquet world is bedevilled by the handicap bogey, witness the columns of *The Gazette*.

May I offer a solution, if only to give a new line of thought? My suggestion is:—Do away with the present handicaps and institute a system of "Grading."

Every player will be graded in one of five grades, A, B, C, D and E. In any one grade, the players always play level in all matches and competitions. The difference between each grade is 3 bisques, and any player of say B grade, gives a player of C grade 3 bisques. Where the difference between two players is say 2 grades, then the handicap is 6 bisques.

Thus an A grade player gives a B, C, D, and E, player respectively 3, 6, 9 and 12 bisques, and so on for other grades.

No other variation, or $\frac{1}{2}$ bisques are required.

Players would be graded by their Club handicapper; the C.A. would have power to alter a player's grade as the result of a player's performance at a C.A. meeting as at present, the club to conform. If a player does not live up to that grade, the club may de-grade again; such down grading not take effect in C.A. meetings until the player has played in two C.A. meetings, and been reported by the meeting handicapper as suitable for down-grading.

In competitions, events would be by standard grades, or for a combination of grades; i.e. in a competition for D and E players, playing in one event, the E's would receive 3 bisques from the D's.

Finally, there would seem to be a possible necessity for a limited A plus grade, say reserved for the Best Six.

Extra finally, it is obvious that such an outrage—and revolutionary suggestion can only come from a pen name, and I subscribe myself therefore.

Yours sincerely,

"E MINUS."

September 20th, 1953.