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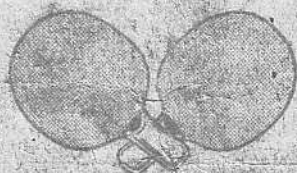
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HUTT VALLEY

AT THE

LOWER HUTT TOWN HALL

Tuesday, 6th August, 1957



Souvenir Programme 6d

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Programme

1. JUNIOR BOYS SINGLES EXHIBITION.
W. EVANS v. B. CLEGG.
2. I. OGIMURA v. T. A. WALSH.
3. T. TANAKA v. R. S. SANDILANDS.
4. TANAKA & OGIMURA v. D. R. MARPLE & C. ANDERSON.

INTERVAL

5. LADIES SINGLES EXHIBITION.
MISS J. BROWN v. MISS F. INGLIS
6. T. TANAKA v. T. A. WALSH.
7. I. OGIMURA v. R. S. SANDILANDS.
8. FEATURE EVENT—

T. TANAKA

(WORLD SINGLES CHAMPION 1955 & 1957)

versus

I. OGIMURA

(WORLD SINGLES CHAMPION 1954 & 1956)



F. INGLIS, Mrs. V. MUIRHEAD (Capt.), P. OBEN,
M. GARDEN, J. BROWN.

The Hutt Valley Ladies Team who appear above are the present holders of the Victor Barna Dunlop Cup which they won with the record number of points, 199, out of a possible 200. The points for this Cup are awarded for:—

1. Sportsmanship and Table Manners.
2. Neatness and Uniformity of Dress.
3. Punctuality.

V. MUIRHEAD. Favours the attacking style of play. Now uses sponge and hits hard on both wings.

J. BROWN. Has a very strong defence on backhand and forehand. Is the current holder of Wellington, Hutt Valley and Bush singles titles and was runner-up in the South Island Championships.

F. INGLIS. Likes the attacking game but has quite a sound defence. Has good forehand drive.

M. GARDEN. Very much improved since changing to sponge. Also prefers attacking game.

P. OBEN. Essentially a defensive player, Pam is very steady and should go a long way. Can use a forehand drive.

HUTT VALLEY PLAYERS

T. A. WALSH—Present Singles Champion. Open player with hard hitting forehand complete with stylish defence. Plays with ordinary pimple rubber.

R. S. SANDILANDS—Hutt Valley's most consistent player over the last few years. Left handed with a terrific forehand smash and brilliant retriever. Always performs well on "big" occasions. Uses black hard sponge on the backhand and soft white sponge on the forehand.

C. ANDERSON—Has improved his play since taking up sponge and recently defeated N.Z. Representatives J. Crossley and M. L. Dunn. Relies on a long defence with quick counter hits on the backhand. Has pimple rubber over black sponge on the backhand and white sponge on the forehand.

D. R. MARPLE—All round player who is at his best in an open game. Hits hard both wings and can play a useful defensive game. Plays with ordinary pimple rubber.

In the exhibition by Juniors patrons will see Warren Evans present N.Z. Under 16 Champion, and in the Ladies Singles exhibition Miss J. Brown, Wellington, Hutt Valley and Bush open champion and runner-up in the South Island championship.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1957

SEMI-FINALS MEN'S SINGLES

Tanaka beat H. Schneider (Germany), 21-12, 21-18, 22-20.

Ogimura beat Andreadis (Czechoslovakia),
21-11, 17-21, 21-10, 21-17.

FINAL MEN'S SINGLES

Tanaka beat Ogimura, 21-11, 21-18, 21-19.

FINAL MEN'S DOUBLES.

Andreadis and Stipek beat Ogimura and Tanaka,
21-13, 18-21, 21-19, 21-17.



ICHIRO OGIMURA

Appearing at the World Championships in London 1954, Ogimura became one of the select band of player to win the singles at the first attempt. In 1955 Ogimura surprisingly lost his title but regained it in 1956, this time at the expense of his compatriot Tanaka. The scores in the final were: 21-13, 22-24, 21-18, 18-21, 21-13.

Ogimura again clashed with Tanaka in the 1957 World's Singles Final but appeared to lose form and was easily beaten in three straight games. Considered by Westerners to be the best player Japan has produced, Ogimura plays an all round game and has wonderful control over the table.

Although only 5ft. 5½ inches in height he is reputed to have no respect for the drop shot and any player attempting this shot against Ogimura can expect to see the ball despatched smartly for a winner.

Ogimura uses a sponge rubber bat and plays "penholder" grip.

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TOSHIKI TANAKA

Popular with English speaking enthusiasts and affectionately known as "Tosh," Tanaka also won the World's Singles at first attempt in 1955. According to expert Victor Barna, Tanaka was the "hit or bust" type, but information received recently, states that he has learnt from the European players and can now play long pushing rallies. Actually, he out pushed the leading European Berozik in the 1957 World's Championships and carried on to defeat Ogimura in the final.

Writing of Tanaka's 1955 victory, well-known coach Carington stated " he has the hardest drive ever seen and in the final appeared to have an intense dislike for the ball, prodding it distastefully a few times before getting really annoyed at its continual appearance at his end of the table. He thereupon despatched it with a forehand drive (penholder circular arm and body swing) so venomous that one heard the crack of the wood through the sponge covering."

Tanaka is only 5 ft. 3in. tall and like Ogimura, graduated at Nihon University, Tokio.

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THE TOUR

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The Japanese are comparative newcomers to World Championship Table Tennis and their entry into the 1952 Champs proved successful for their women's team who won the Corbillon Cup. The men's team were only defeated by England in their group. Leading authorities claimed the performance was a freak and only the novelty of sponge bats baffled opponents.

Japan's next appearance was at the 1954 World's Championships in London where they had spectacular success, winning both the Swaythling Cup for men and the Corbillon Cup for ladies. Ogimura won the men's singles with comparative ease. This started a controversy on the new "weapon" sponge. Players from all countries attempted to counteract sponge by various methods but to date no player has been consistently successful. Many players decided to make the change to sponge and while results varied it became obvious that a major change had come to the game. Naturally some players deteriorated with the result that some countries wanted to ban sponge.

At the International Table Tennis Federation Conference this year, England and Wales made a move to ban sponge. The move was unsuccessful but the Conference unanimously agreed that some form of standardisation of the bat, if possible, would be desirable. A committee was formed to work out alternative draft standardisation measures.

Tonight's programme should help you decide whether the sponge bat is desirable for table tennis.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS —

NORTH v. SOUTH

(MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS)

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