<u> Victor Barna - 5 times World Singles champion -</u>

"The Japanese know as well as anybody else that their penholder grip is a severe handicap on the backhand wing, and the way in which they overcame this was a revelation. Every single movement had a purpose, and their footwork, agility, speed and stamina were just out of this world."

Richard Bergmann - 4 times World Singles champion -

"Is the penholder grip superior to the orthodox? No: The reason for the Japanese triumphs is a simple one. They are at the top of the tree because of their fitness, youth, stamina, fleetness of foot, agility and fine powers of concentration. They are worthy World champions."

The Rowe Twins - Twice World Doubles champions -

Of Ogimura: "'Ishy', as we call him, is a great favourite of ours. We think he is the best of all the Japs with his incredibly fast footwork and vicious forehand hit. He is very intelligent, and his English is impressive if somewhat quaint."

Of Tanaka: "This young student saved up his best form for the Singles final at Utrecht (1955) and won the World Championship. He hits hard and causes his apponents a lot of trouble with his famous "sandwich" bat which, as we understand it, is made up of alternate layers of spenge, inverted pimple rubber, and soft rubber, one on top of the other."

Johnny Leach - Twice World Singles champion -

"In the Far East, the traditional practice of using chep-sticks for eating calls into play just the same kind of muscle action as the penhold style of table tennis play. The bat held penhold fashion, like the chop-stick, is just as much a natural extension of his hand to the Japanese as is the bat held with the orthodox grip to the European.

I believe Tanaka and Ogimura to be two of the World's greatest table tennis players - but I also believe they might be greater still playing with the orthodox Western grip and ordinary pimpled rubber on their bats."

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TOSHIAKA TANAKA Nelson Y.M.C.A. Monday, 5th August, 1957

PROGRAMME

BARRY HAMPTON	V	BARRY RIORDAN
TOSHIAKI TANAKA	V	ERIC RUSSELL
ICHIRO OGIMURA	v	MAX SMITH
TOSHIAKI TANAKA and ICHIRO OGIMURA	V	BEVAN BROWN and MAX SMITH
TOSHIAKI TANAKA	٧	BOB HARRIS
ICHIRO OGIMURA	v	BEVAN BROWN
AUDREY EDEN and ICHIRO OGIMURA	٧	JENNIFER SARA and TOSHIAKI TANAKA
TOSHIAKI TANAKA	v	ICHIRO OGIMURA

ABOUT THE VISITORS

Toshiaki Tanaka Aged 22; height 5 ft. 3 in. weight 8 st. 9 lbs.

He won the Singles title at the 1955 World Championships at Utrecht, was runner-up for the title at Tokyo in 1956, and regained it at the 1957 World Championships held in Stockholm.

With Ogimura, he was runner-up in the Men's Doubles at this year's World Championships, and they subsequently won the English Men's Doubles Championship.

A graduate of Nihon University, Tokyo, he is now employed as a clerk in the Yawata Iron and Steel Co.

Ichiro Ogimura Aged 25; height 5 ft. 5 in. weight 8 st. 2 lbs.

His record in the Men's Singles at World Championships' is similar to his team-mate's - he won the title at the 1954 Championships held in London, recaptured it from Tanaka in 1956, and was runner-up in this year's Championships at Stockholm.

He won the Men's Doubles in 1956, and this year won the World Mixed Doubles title. He was runner-up in the 1957 English Men's Singles Championship and partnered Tanaka to victory in the Men's Doubles.

Also a graduate of Nihon University, he is now a clerk in the Ogimura Industrial Co. Ltd.

Mr. Hitoshi Shimizu - Manager of the team - is a Director of the Japan Table Tennis Assn., and is a Tea Company Director.

Tanaka and Ogimura were members of the Japanese Men's team which retained the Swaythling Cup at this year's Teams' tournament held in Stockholm; 33 countries took part, Japan beating Hungary in the final by 5 matches to 2.