



WORLD CHAMPIONS TABLE TENNIS

JAPAN

KIMIYO MATSUZAKI
and
KAZUKO YAMAIZUMI

versus

NORTHLAND

NETI DAVIS,
NORMA ATTWOOD,
JOAN GREEN

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Once more we are fortunate to welcome to New Zealand two of the leading table tennis players in the world. Just three years ago we were able to greet Mr. Shimizu with Messrs. Tanaka and Ogimura. Now we are again honoured by Mr. Shimizu's presence.

This time however he has brought with him from Japan two of the finest women players in the world, Miss Kimiyo Matsuzaki, the world singles champion, and Miss Kazuko Yamaizumi, a world doubles champion.

On behalf of all table tennis followers and sportsmen and women throughout the country I wish them a most enjoyable tour. I am sure that they will delight us with their exhibitions just as Messrs. Tanaka and Ogimura did.

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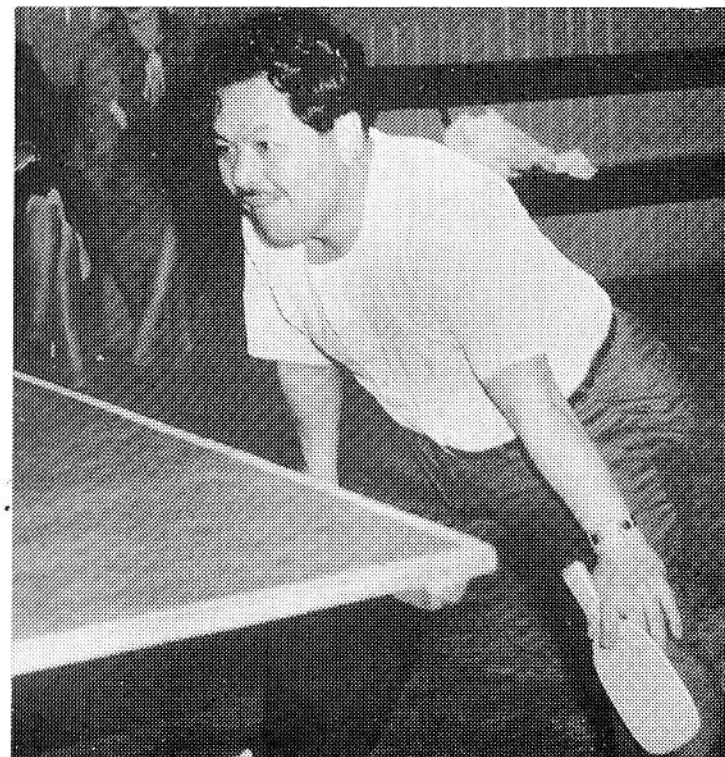
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WELCOME BACK MR. SHIMIZU

In the above picture Mr. Shimizu is seen in action while playing a friendly match with Mr. A. E. B. Cheal of Auckland in Whangarei following the opening of the Japanese men's tour of New Zealand in 1957.

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NORTHLAND'S PROGRESS

Northland has had a meteoric rise in the table tennis world.

As recently as 1949 there was no Northland Table Tennis Association and competition with players from other parts of the country was practically non-existent.

But the development has been such that the Northland Association is now one of the strongest in the country.

It caters for about 500 players and can field representative teams to match practically any other association in the country.

Prior to the formation of the association there were tournaments in various centres around the North and we did have visits from overseas stars such as Michael Szabados and Phil Anderson

Since 1949 however tournaments have been run well nigh perfectly and have attracted leading players from many parts of the country.

On two occasions the North Island championships have been played in Whangarei.

Also there have been visits to Whangarei by three previous international sides—Johnny Leach (England) and Michel Haguenaer (France) in 1951, the Rowe twins (Diane and Rosalind) from England in 1953 and Ichiro Ogimura and Toshiaka Tanaka (Japan) in 1957.

Northland players made their initial appearance at the New Zealand championships in Masterton in 1951.

Ever since then Northland has been represented at every New Zealand championship tournament.

It was at Wellington in 1953 that Northland first entered men's and women's teams in the New Zealand inter-association competitions.

During that season a Northlander, Garry Frew, won selection in the New Zealand four-man team which was chosen to go to London for the world championships in 1954.

Right from 1953 until the present time Northland has always taken part in the New Zealand inter-association competition and has always had a player or several players on the national ranking list.



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PROGRAMME OF MATCHES

1. KAZUKO YAMAIZUMI v. JOAN GREEN.

Score:..... Umpire: Mr. N. Buckler.

2. KIMIYO MATSUZAKI v. NORMA ATTWOOD.

Score:..... Umpire: Mrs. M. M. Hurrey.

3. KAZUKO YAMAIZUMI v. NETI DAVIS.

Score:..... Umpire: Mr. G. P. Gardiner.

4. KIMIYO MATSUZAKI v. JOAN GREEN.

Score:..... Umpire: Mr. V. H. Hurrey.

Interval

5. KAZUKO YAMAIZUMI v. NORMA ATTWOOD.

Score:..... Umpire: Mrs. M. M. Hurrey.

6. KIMIYO MATSUZAKI v. NETI DAVIS.

Score:..... Umpire: Mr. D. E. Woodman.

Exhibition Match:

KIMIYO MATSUZAKI v. KAZUKO YAMAIZUMI

Score:..... Umpire: Mr. N. Buckler.

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THE JAPANESE PLAYERS

MISS KIMIYO MATSUZAKI

A cheerful, chubby faced university student, Miss Matsuzaki won the world women's singles crown at her first attempt at Dortmund in 1959. She still holds the title as the championships are now held once every two years. Miss Matsuzaki is also the reigning champion of All Japan.

To win at Dortmund she had to beat the title-holder, Miss Fujie Eguchi, also of Japan, in the final. The score was 21—13, 21—7, 18—21, 21—18. The third set which she lost in the match was the only one she dropped in the whole tournament.

Since 1956 the world women's singles crown has always been held by Japan. Born on June 10, 1938, Miss Matsuzaki is a student at Senshu University. Her address is c/- Senshu University, 476, Ikuta, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan.

In 1958 she won the women's singles title in the all-Japan championships and the all-Japan inter-collegiate championships. She repeated these successes last year when she also annexed the world title.

One of her best wins was against the English star, Miss Ann Haydon, in the English open last season. The score was 22—20, 21—13, 21—6.

MISS KAZUKO YAMAIZUMI

This 25-year-old first hit the headlines in 1957 when she was a university student. Competing in her first major tournament that year she toppled the reigning world champion, Miss Tomi Okawa, in straight games in the final.

She was beaten in the third round of the women's singles at the world championships in Dortmund by Miss Ann Haydon. The score was 21—17, 18—21, 22—20, 22—20. Partnered by Miss T. Namba she won the women's doubles title. In the final they downed Misses Matsuzaki and Eguchi 21—19, 21—15, 21—14.

Born on January 17, 1935, Miss Yamaizumi's occupation is listed as staff member, Toyo Laiyon, KK. Her address is 704, 1-chome, Nishida-cho, Suginami-ku, Tokyo.

In 1957 she won the Japanese national singles championship and the following year was ranked third in Japan. As well as annexing the world's doubles crown at Dortmund in 1959 she had considerable success at home. She took the singles, doubles and combined doubles titles in the Tokyo championships.

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THE NORTHLANDERS

MISS NETI DAVIS (Whakapara)

Besides being the present New Zealand under 16 and under 18 girls' singles champion Neti also holds three other New Zealand crowns—the open mixed doubles, the under 16 combined doubles and the under 16 girls' doubles. She is currently ranked No. 3 on the national list.

Both this season and last she was the only unbeaten player in the national girls' coaching school. A prefect at the Hukerenui District High School Neti has also been a top junior tennis player.

Both Neti's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis, have held Northland singles title while Mrs. Davis has also been Northland champion tennis player.

MISS NORMA ATTWOOD (Ruatangata)

Although a most unorthodox player, Norma, who is only 13 years of age, is one of the hardest players to beat in the Whangarei open grade inter-club competition. Many men have difficulty in coping with her cunningness and sharp spin.

Now in her first year at the Whangarei Girls' High School Norma is ranked No. 7 on the national list. Last season she made her first appearance at the national championships and caused a sensation.

She caused upset after upset and toppled the top seeded Miss J. Brown (Hutt Valley) in a quarter-final of the women's singles. She was eliminated in the semi-finals. She won the girls' under 16 doubles title with Neti. She has four sisters, the three oldest making up the Ruatangata inter-club team together with Norma, and it is likely that the fourth will soon be making a start.

MRS. JOAN GREEN (Y.W.C.A.)

Although she has been in New Zealand for only six months Mrs. Green has already established herself as one of the hardest hitting women players in the country.

As Miss Joan Mulcroney she was ranked No. 1 in Australia in 1957. A left-hander, Mrs. Green is 25 years of age. Her progress in the sport has been truly remarkable as she did not take up the game until she was 21. Educated at Newcastle and employed there in the Post and Telegraph Department Mrs. Green was transferred to Sydney a few years ago.

In 1956 she won the New South Wales title and although beaten in the final of the Australian championships in 1957 by Auckland Margaret Hoar she gained No. 1 ranking.

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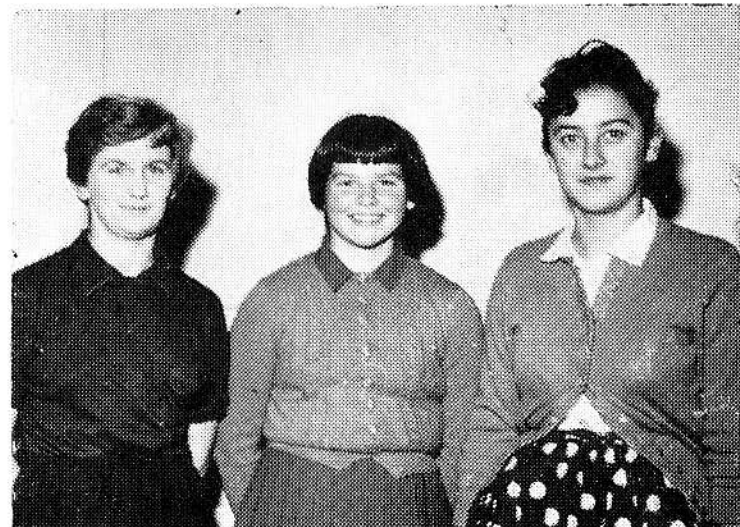
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OUR TEAM

The Northland team which is playing the Japanese women tonight is one of the strongest provincial sides that the visitors are likely to encounter throughout the tour. It must also be one of the youngest-ever teams to take part in an international match. Norma Attwood is only 13 and Neti Davis 16. Both these players and the former Australian, Joan Green, have been nominated for the New Zealand trials which are to be played in Wellington next week-end.

The players in the photograph above are from left—Joan Green, Norma Attwood and Neti Davis.

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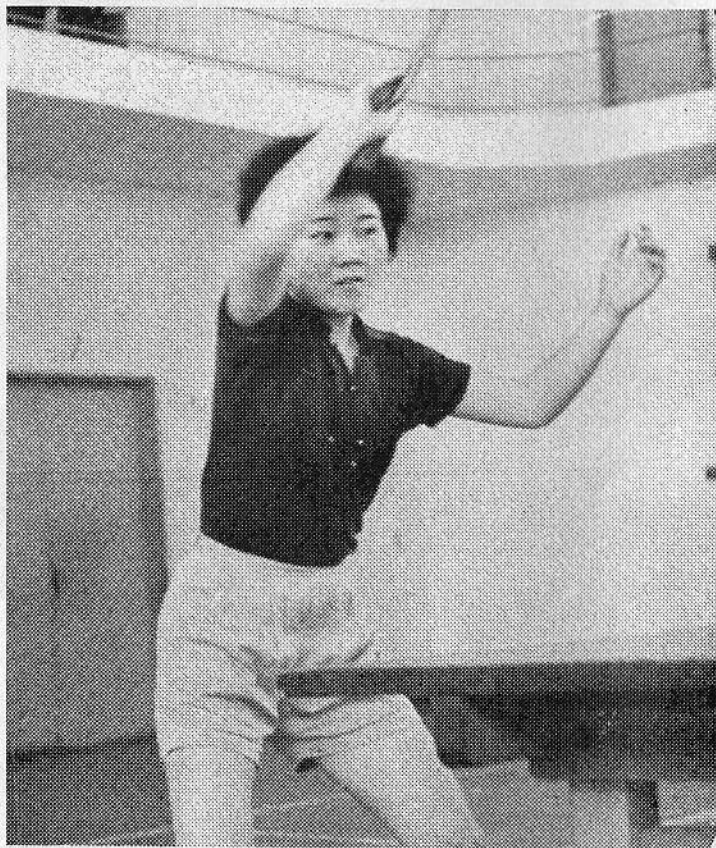
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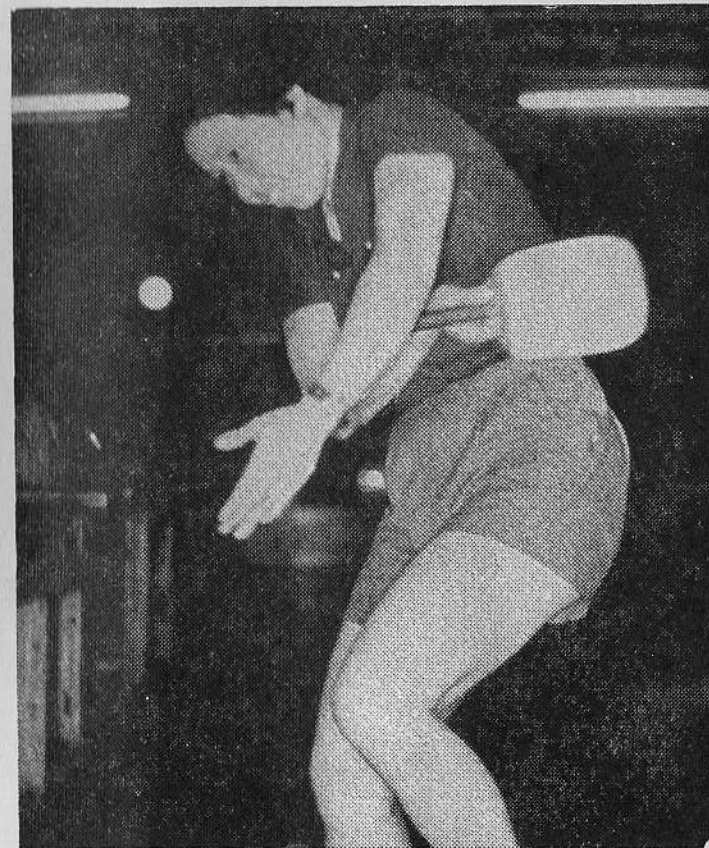
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