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## A Welcome from the President

It is with great pleasure that I extend a very warm welcome on behalf of the Canterbury Table Tennis Association to our contestants in the first International contest between Australia and New Zealand ever to be held in Christchurch. We are all delighted to welcome Michael Wilcox on his second tour of New Zealand, and Michael, who is the undisputed champion of Australia, holds the three major titles, that is, Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles, and also retained the Victor Barna Player of the Year award for 1963.

Our cordial greetings are also extended to Murray Thomson, the Australian nationally ranked No. 2 player, who already has a wealth of experience in his short playing career. In 1960 he was Australian Junior Champion and was a member of the Australian World Championship team in 1961 and also 1963. In 1962 he was runner-up in the Australian Men's Open Singles and in 1963 was the player to inflict the only major defeat on Michael Wilcox to win the South Australian Singles title.

The players and public of Christchurch are grateful to the N.Z. T.T. Association for allocating this test to Christchurch and also to the Otago Association whose co-operation made it possible.

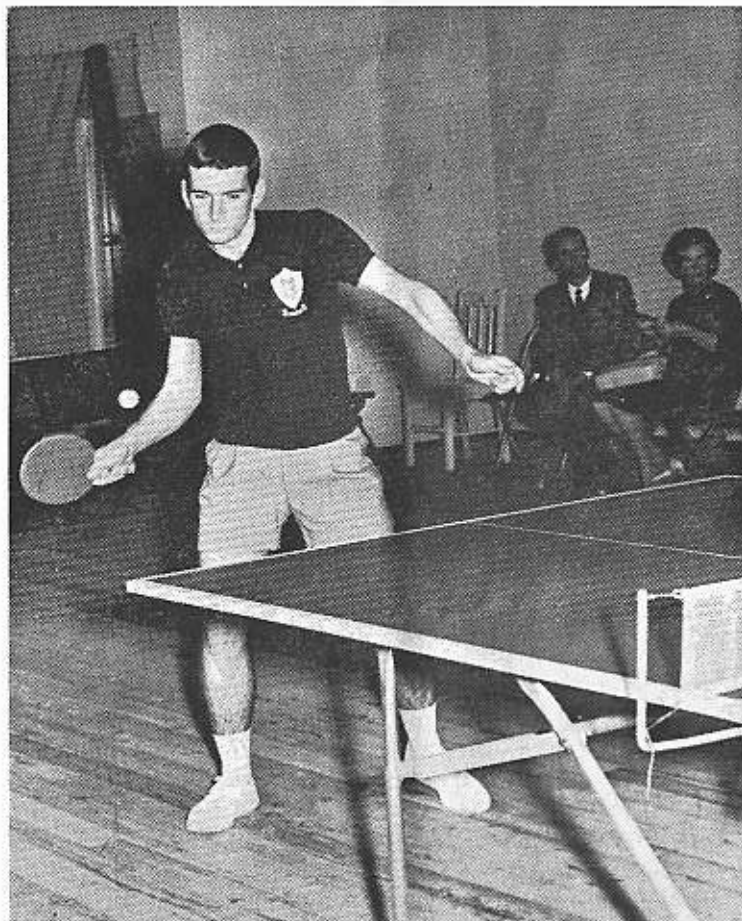
The appearance of Murray Dunn in a test match in Christchurch for the first time is warmly applauded. Murray has endeared himself to the Canterbury public for his spectacular and aggressive play when he won the N.Z. Men's Singles title for the second time at Christchurch in 1962.

Alan Tomlinson needs no introduction as he represented N.Z. against the Japanese team of Ogimura and Tanaka in the 4th test at Christchurch in 1957. Alan was also a popular player with Canterbury supporters during the 1962 National Championships.

To our international contestants we convey our very best wishes and trust that all who are privileged to see them will be richer for the knowledge gained, and will again support the Canterbury Association when the N.Z. Championships are held in Christchurch this year.

A. B. McCALLUM,  
President, C.T.T.A.

## The Players



**MICHAEL WILCOX (N.S.W.), Captain**

Age—20 years.

Single.

Height—5ft. 7in.

Weight—10 st. 9 lbs.

Occupation—Sporting Goods Salesman.

Born—Sydney, N.S.W.

Wilcox is the present Singles Champion of Australia, a title he won from a field which included every top ranked Australian player in addition to Murray Dunn, Alan

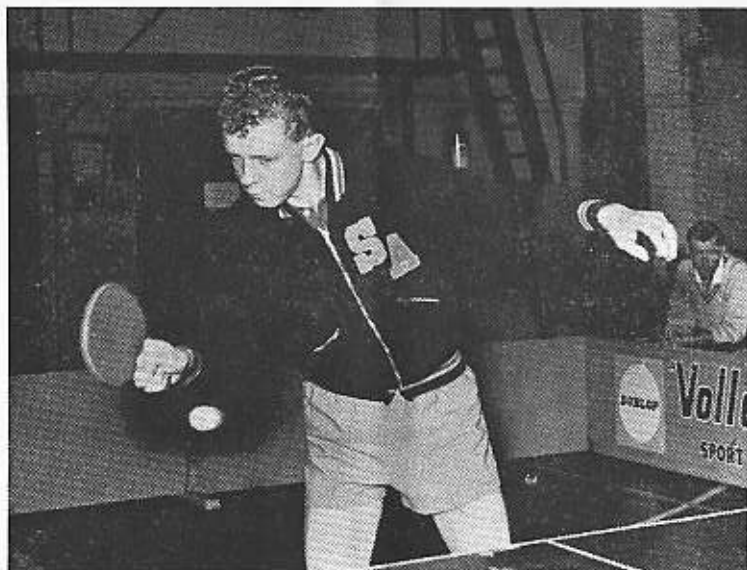
Tomlinson, and Garry Frew. He became triple champion by winning the men's and mixed doubles at the same championships.

Although only 20 years of age Wilcox is appearing in his sixth International Series since gaining selection to represent Australia at the 1959 World Championship at Dortmund, Germany. In 1960 he toured New Zealand and then in 1961 again gained selection in the World Championships team which went to Peking. In 1962 he was a home international opposing the visiting New Zealand team. 1963 saw Wilcox off again on a 5-month tour which embraced England, Ireland and Scotland before the Australian team went to the World Championships in Prague.

Wilcox is a fine all round player with an all court game. He has in later years changed from a hard rubber bat to inverted sponge and has trained hard developing the modern sponge techniques of loop drives, spin services and lob defence into his game. He is a firm believer of stroke production in his long training hours and a keen gymnasium worker before major titles.

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## MURRAY THOMSON

Age—19 years.

Single.

Weight—9 st. 8 lbs.

Height—5ft. 9in.

Occupation—Student.

Born—Adelaide, S. Australia.

Made an appearance in top flight table tennis in 1960 and has rapidly improved since then. Won the Australian Junior Singles that year and gained selection in the 1961

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Australian World Championship team. In 1962 was ranked No. 6 in Australia and was runner up in the Australian Open Singles losing to Victor Hirsch of Austria. This ensured his selection in the 1963 Australian World Championships team where in Prague he scored one of the major upsets of the titles when he defeated the highly ranked World star Bibara Costa of Brazil in a team's contest 15-21, 21-19, 21-18. Thomson was the player to inflict the only major defeat on Wilcox in the 1963 season when he beat that player to win the S. Australian Singles title. He lost to Wilcox in the National Singles semi-final but secured number two Australian ranking. Made a great start to this season's tournament play by winning the Riversdale-Halex Tournament in Melbourne over Easter, scoring from Wilcox in the final.

Thomson is a most unorthodox player whose lightning reflexes create many unexpected openings. He is always likely to do the unexpected, a fact that always makes him a most difficult opponent.

## ORDER OF PLAY FOR SINGLES

In the programme proper of this publication the names of the Singles players have been omitted from the order of play. This has been done because the draw for Order of Play will be made on the night of the match immediately before the first singles is to be played. The rules governing this draw are based on the Marcel Corbillon Cup Competition Regulations.

The teams are:—

Australia: Michael Wilcox (N.S.W.), captain, and Murray Thomson (S.A.).

New Zealand: Murray Dunn (Wellington), captain, and Alan Tomlinson (Auckland).

# Programme

Event No. 1:

v.

Winner

Scores

Umpire: Mr A. G. Mitchell.

Event No. 2:

v.

Winner

Scores

Umpire: Mr A. B. McCallum.

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Event No. 3:

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**MICHAEL WILCOX and MURRAY THOMSON**

v.

**MURRAY DUNN and ALAN TOMLINSON**

Winners

Scores

Umpire: Mr R. G. Hart.

Event No. 4:

v.

Winner

Scores

Umpire: Mr A. G. Mitchell.

Event No. 5:

v.

Winner

Scores

Umpire: Mr A. B. McCallum.

Referee: Mr C. A. CLARKE.

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## Record of Australian Team in New Zealand 1960

An Australian team of G. J. Jennings and M. Wilcox toured New Zealand July/August 1960 without loss. The record was—

Beat Canterbury	4 - 1	Beat Wellington	4 - 1
Beat Buller	5 - 0	Beat Hutt Valley	5 - 0
Beat South Island	4 - 1	Beat Wanganui	5 - 0
Beat Otago	3 - 2	Beat North Taranaki	5 - 0
Beat Southland	4 - 1	Beat Taumarunui	5 - 0
Beat West Coast	5 - 0	Beat Auckland	3 - 2
Beat Nelson	5 - 1	Beat New Zealand	3 - 2
Beat North Island	5 - 0		

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## N.Z. PLAYERS

### M. L. Dunn

M. L. Dunn (Wellington) first achieved prominence in New Zealand Table Tennis when as a schoolboy he won the New Zealand Boys Under 16 Singles Championship when the National tournament was first held in Christchurch in 1950.

In 1952 he won the National Boys Singles Under 18 title and partnered by the English professional, K. Stanley, won his first major open event when he won the Men's Open Doubles title.

1954 was the most important year for Dunn as he again won the Men's Doubles title, this time with J. S. Crossley, and toured overseas to the World Championships at Wembley with the New Zealand team. His selection for this side was controversial at the time, but the selectors' faith in this fine player was vindicated as he came back to New Zealand a vastly improved exponent. He has now become one of the country's greatest players.

Dunn finally took his first New Zealand Singles title in 1960 and has retained it ever since.

He has also gained remarkable success in doubles events and has won New Zealand titles with G. A. J. Frew (Northland), Miss J. Brown (Hutt Valley) and Miss N. J. Attwood (Northland).

He has appeared in two World Championships for New Zealand, 1954 at Wembley and 1961 at Peking, and has played in two Test Series against Australia and once against a touring Japanese men's side.

Dunn has achieved a permanent niche in the history of New Zealand Table Tennis and his name is worthy to be mentioned with other New Zealand greats like R. A. Algie and R. V. Jackson.

Dunn has always been a modest and popular person and his appearances in the South Island are always looked forward to with great expectation.



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## A. R. Tomlinson

A. R. Tomlinson (Auckland) has for many years been a top player in New Zealand Table Tennis and from 1955 to 1959 with R. V. Jackson formed the strongest men's double combination in the country. This powerful pair took everything before them, including the National Championships, over that period.

Tomlinson was nearly always runner-up to the master Jackson in major events and it was not until 1959 that he achieved his ambition and won the New Zealand Men's Singles title.

In 1962 partnered by the former Australian champion G. J. Jennings he broke M. L. Dunn's and G. A. J. Frew's hold on the National Men's Doubles title.

Tomlinson, like Dunn, has played in many test matches for New Zealand and has also toured overseas on his own account.

Last year he visited Europe and managed the New Zealand Women's Team at the World Championships at Prague.

Tomlinson, although he met stiff opposition on the Continent, played well in other centres and won the Scottish Singles and Mixed Doubles titles.

He also achieved successes in the Birmingham, Munster (Ireland), Bath, Merseyside, and Yorkshire Championships, where he took titles.

His win in the Scottish Singles against C. McDonald (Australia) was described by the English magazine "Table Tennis" as superb and that McDonald was magnificent in defeat.

Tomlinson last year was successful in winning the North Island, Auckland, Hamilton, and North Shore Singles titles.

Tomlinson, a player who has developed the modern game incorporating the loop drive and balloon defence, is most spectacular and is always a good drawcard at tournaments.



## Record of Test Contests

The first international contest between Australia and New Zealand was held at Whangarei in 1960 and Australia won 3-2. The teams met again at Melbourne in 1962 and again Australia were successful 3-2. A further contest was held at Sydney in 1962 and this time New Zealand scored their first victory 3-2. During the forthcoming tour by the Australian team three international contests will be played, at Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland.

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## Australian Itinerary

The Australian team will be playing seventeen matches in New Zealand in 20 days including three Test matches. The itinerary is as follows:—

Saturday,	30th May	Arrive Christchurch.
Sunday,	31st May	Travel to Dunedin
Monday,	1st June	v. Otago at Dunedin.
Tuesday,	2nd June	v. South Canterbury at Timaru.
Wednesday,	3rd June	v. N.Z. at CHRISTCHURCH
Thursday,	4th June	v. West Coast at Greymouth
Friday,	5th June	Travel to Palmerston North
Saturday,	6th June	v. Manawatu at Palmerston Nth.
Sunday,	7th June	Travel to Wellington
Monday,	8th June	v. N.Z. at WELLINGTON
Tuesday,	9th June	v. Wairarapa at Masterton
Wednesday,	10th June	v. Hawkes Bay at Napier
Thursday,	11th June	v. Poverty Bay at Gisborne
Friday,	12th June	v. Franklin at Pukekohe
Saturday,	13th June	v. N.Z. at AUCKLAND
Sunday,	14th June	Travel to Whangarei
Monday,	15th June	v. Northland at Whangarei
Tuesday,	16th June	v. North Shore at Takapuna
Wednesday,	17th June	v. Thames Valley at Thames
Thursday,	18th June	v. Hamilton at Hamilton
Friday,	19th June	v. South Taranaki at Hawera
Saturday,	20th June	v. Wanganui at Wanganui
Sunday,	21st June	Travel to Wellington and depart for Sydney.