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GARY N. FISHER, 23, medical student, represented University of New South Wales in 1959 and University of Sydney in 1962 and 1963. Australian Universities rankings, 6th in singles and 4th in doubles. Right-hand attacking player.

RICHARD H. MILLS, 20, history student, represented University of Sydney in 1961, 1962 and 1963. Australian Universities rankings, 5th in singles and 3rd in doubles. Sydney University singles, doubles and mixed champion 1963. Left handed.

ANTHONY J. MYERS, 23, arts student, represented Sydney University 1958, 1962, 1963. Australian Universities rankings, 7th in singles and 3rd in doubles. Sydney University doubles champion. Right-handed attacking pimple-rubber player.

MICHAEL J. NESBITT, 23, economics student, New South Wales B grade singles and doubles champion. Left-handed attacking player.

COLIN D. STANDISH, 30, psychology student and lecturer, represented Sydney University 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963. Australian Universities ranking, 4th in singles, and captain of Australian Universities team this season. Left-handed defensive pimple-rubber player.

RUSSELL R. STANDISH, 30, medical student and psychology lecturer, represented Sydney University in 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963. Team captain. Australian Universities ranking, 3rd in doubles in 1962. Right-handed attacking player.

ERIC A. LEVETT, 56, accountant, manager of the team. Coach of Sydney University women's table tennis team and father of the 1962 Australian Universities women's singles champion, Phoebe Levett.

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N.Z.U. TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis in the universities in New Zealand has always been of a reasonable standard, without producing any really great champions. Play at the annual tournament has always been even, but the selected N.Z.U. team has seldom shown to good advantage in the match against the provincial side which follows.

For one reason or another, we do not always get all the best student players at the tournament. For one thing, the national championships meeting usually follows two weeks later, and players sometimes choose to miss the tournament in favour of that meeting in cases where they have to choose one or the other.

There has been the occasional very good student player who has not played at the tournament because he does not play for the of the best ever. Robinson defended stoutly and won the first two games but Wright, with alternate drives and drop-shots, finally wore him down to win in five. From 16-all in the fifth Wright hit five terrific winners to take the title.

Two years later there was another fine final in Dunedin, when Robinson, this time taking over the role of the attacker, hit through the determined defence of George Gardiner (Auckland).

In Wellington in 1958 we saw the closest-ever final, when Cockfield beat Don Hill (Canterbury), 22-20, in the fifth game. At 20-all Hill served off the end of the table. This was the only time Hill played in tournament, and he was the only player to beat Cockfield in a teams' match in the latter's six seasons at the tournament.

Peter Alexander, winner of the title in 1961 and 1962, is an amazing player. He has played virtually no table tennis since 1957, but in those two finals the margin of his superiority over Cockfield, who was just as good as ever, was very pronounced.

As mentioned earlier, the match between N.Z.U. and the provincial sides is played after the tournament. After three solid days of



University club in his own centre during the season. Notable examples of this include Brian Williamson (Canterbury) and George Wilkinson (Auckland), both of whom gained high places on the New Zealand ranking list while at University.

Four men have dominated N.Z.U. table tennis over the last 12 years. Doug Wright (Otago) won the title in 1951 and 1953, Alan Robinson (Victoria) for the next three seasons, Terry Cockfield (Auckland) for the next four seasons, and then two wins by Peter Alexander (Lincoln).

Wright was a fine attacking player and his final against Robinson in Auckland in 1953 was one



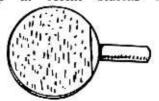


play, the University players are usually in good form but rather tired. However, the wearing of the N.Z.U. shirt brings out some good performances.

Playing for N.Z.U., Robinson scored good wins over John Armstrong, Ray Mercer, Bill Fogarty and Albert Kwok, and Cockfield defeated John Crossley, Eric Smith, Neville Brightwell, Trevor Flint and Jim Dougall.

Other good wins for N.Z.U. have been those of Graham Bush over Jim Dougall, Doug Stewart over Neville Brightwell, Ann Mutch over Thelma May and Joan Green, Carolyn Halliday over Rita Cameron, and Elizabeth Lesser over Pam Crowe.

On the women's side, one of the best players in the late 1940's was Barbara Packwood (Canterbury), who in recent seasons has



achieved quite a high position on the national ranking list.

Ann Mutch (Auckland) is probably the best woman player ever to have played in the tournament. She won all her matches with ease in the 1962 tournament but did not play in the 1963 meeting, although she reached the final of the women's doubles and the mixed doubles at the New Zealand championships.

Ruth Hirsh, Elizabeth Lesser and Pat Lambourne have each won the women's singles title in successive seasons in the 1950's. Carolyn Halliday (Canterbury) must have set some kind of a record—she played at tournament for four years and in each year she never failed to reach the final of all three events, as well as gaining selection for the N.Z.U. teams.

Some good combinations have contested the doubles events, with Doug Wright and Bill Glass (Otago) and Terry Cockfield and Graham Bush (Auckland), probably the best.



Jeff Robson 1945-46



Peter Alexander 1961-62

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MEN'S SINGLES

1945	J. E. Robson (O.)
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	R. McKenzie (O.)
	A. R. Algie (C.)
1949	
1950	N. W. McGillivray
	(C.)
1951	D. E. Wright (O.)
	B Jones (V)
1953	D E Wright (O)
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1960 T. O'H. Cockfield (A.) 1961 P. S. Alexander (L.) 1962 P. S. Alexander (L.) 1963 B. Prendegast (V.)

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1947 J. Davis (O.) 1948 D. Johannsen (V.) 1949 1950 C. Twohill (V.) 1951 1952 R. Hirsh (A) 1953 R. Hirsh (A.) 1954 V. Fleming (V.) 1955 E. Lesser (V.) 1956 E Lesser (V.) 1957 J Pritchard (A.) 1958 P. Lambourne (C.) 1959 P. Lambourne (O.) 1960 M. Robins (A.) 1961 C. Halliday (C.) 1962 A Mutch (A)

1963 P. Otway (O.)

TEAMS 1945 Victoria 1946 Auckland 1947 Otago 1948 Canterbury 1949 Auckland 1950 Auckland 1951 Otago 1952 Victoria 1953 Auckland 1954 Victoria 1955 Victoria 1956 Victoria 1957 Auckland 1958 Auckland 1959 Auckland 1960 Auckland 1961 Canterbury 1962 Auekland 1963 Victoria

MEN'S DOUBLES

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1948 W. Phillips and L. Cooney (O.)

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1950 D. E. Wright and W. I. Glass (O.)

1951 D. E. Wright and W. I. Glass (O.)

1952 B. Jones and R. Grubi (V.)

1953 D. E. Wright and C. Loretz (O.)

1954 A. D. Robinson and R. A. Darroch (V.)

1955 A. D. Robinson and W. Verhoeven (V.)

1956 D. D. M. Stewart and J. A. Dowie (C.)

1957 T. O'H. Cockfield and V. Doo (A.)

1958 T. O'H. Cockfield and G. W. A. Bush (A.)

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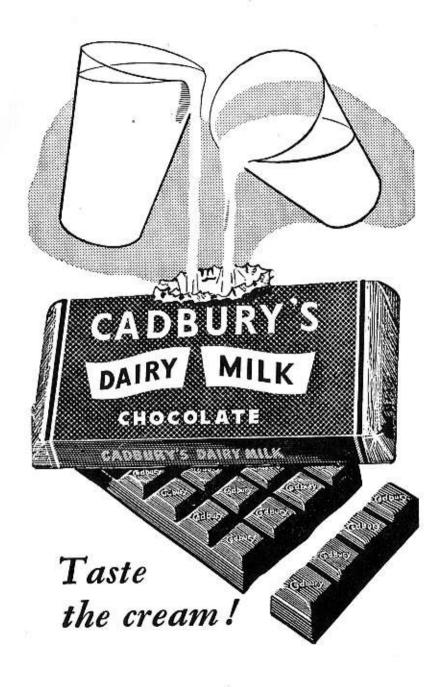
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MIXED DOUBLES

1948 A. R. Algie and B. Packwood (C.) 1949 W. Phillips and J. Davis (O.) 1950 1951 1951
1952 L. J. Townsend and M. Clarke (O.)
1953 D. E. Wright and M. Clarke (O.)
1954 R. A. Darroch and E. Lesser (V.)
1955 A. D. Robinson and E. Lesser (V.)
1956 A. D. Robinson and E. Lesser (V.)
1957 T. O'H. Cockfield and M. Sang (A.)
1958 T. O'H. Cockfield and J. Pritchard (A.)
1959 D. D. M. Stewart and C. Halliday (C.)
1960 T. O'H. Cockfield and J. Atmore (A.)
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1951—D. E. Wright (O.), W. I. Glass (O.), H. Lampen-Smith (M.), B. Jones (V.), 1952—B. Jones (V.), L. J. Townsend (O.), R. Grubi (V.), Miss R. Hirsh (A.), Miss P. MacKenzie (A.), Miss M. Clarke (O.), 1951—D. E. Wright (O.), A. D. Robinson (V.), O. Tate (A.), T. G. Shad-(C.), Miss R. Hirsh (A.), Miss V. Fleming (V.)

1954—A. D. Robinson (V.), R. A. Darroch (V.), G. Gardiner (A.), T. G. Shadwell (C.), Miss V. Fleming (V.), Miss M. Clarke (O.)

1955—A. D. Robinson (V.), G. Gardiner (A.), T. G. Shadwell (C.), Miss E. Lesser (V.), Miss A. Wills (O.)

1956—A. D. Robinson (V.), D. D. M. Stewart (C.), V. Doo (O.), J. Thomas (V.), Miss E. Lesser (V.), Miss A. Wills (O.)

1957—T. O'H. Cockfield (A.), B. Rundle (V.), D. D. M. Stewart (C.), G. Cooper (A.), Miss J. Pritchard (A.), Miss N. Hegedus (V.)

1958—T. O'H. Cockfield (A.), D. Hill (C.), J. A. Dowie (C.), Lim Kim Woon (V.), Miss P. Lambourne (C.), Miss J. Pritchard (A.)

1959—T. O'H. Cockfield (A.), G. W. A. Bush (A.), D. D. M. Stewart (C.), J. A. Dowie (C.), Miss P. Lambourne (O.), Miss C. Halliday (C.)

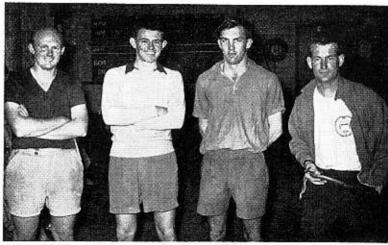
1960—T. O'H. Cockfield (A.), J. A. Dowie (C.), D. D. M. Stewart (C.), G. M. A. Bush (A.), Miss M. Robins (A.), Miss C. Halliday (C.)

1961—P. S. Alexander (L.), T. O'H. Cockfield (A.), R. H. Court (A.), G. M. Leech (C.), Miss A. Mutch (A.), Miss C. Halliday (C.)

1962—P. S. Alexander (L.), T. O'H. Cockfield (A.), D. M. Stewart (C.), R. B. McCallum (C.), Miss A. Mutch (A.), Miss C. Halliday (C.)

1963—B. Prendegast (V.), B. Neal (V.), R. Armstrong (V.), R. H. Court (L.), Miss P. Otway (O.), Miss S. Manning (C.), Miss J. Baker (M.), Miss S. Langgridge (M.),

1964 (V. Sydney University)—P. S. Alexander (L.), D. D. M. Stewart (C.), R. F. Cross (V.), B. Prendegast (V.)



N.Z.U. men's team in 1959 and 1960—Doug. Stewart (C.), Jack Dowie (C.), Terry Cockfield (A.), Graham Bush (A.).

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MATCHES AND **OPPOSITION**

v. Otago Province-Team not yet selected. RESULT

v. Otago University-J. B. Skinner, R. Carson, S. Lockhart, A. N.

RESULT v. Canterbury Province-J. Armstrong, V. N. Brightwell, M. A. Cox, N. B. Radford, D. D. M. Stewart, A. Vermes.

v. Canterbury University—P. S. Alexander, D. D. M. Stewart, D. J. Kalin, M. J. Coppen, J. O. Moen, D. T. McBride. RESULT

v. Auckland Province-Team not yet selected.

RESULT

v. Auckland University-G. E. J. Bold, B. Wilson, A. Watts, R. H. Court, B. de Lautour, D. Robinson. RESULT.

v. Victoria University-B. T. Cross, J. Thomas, R. Armstrong, B. Prendergast, W. Verhoeven, B. Neale. RESULT

- v. New Zealand Universities-P. S. Alexander, D. D. M. Stewart, B. T. Cross, B. Prendergast.
- RESULT v. Wellington Province-J. S. Crossley, R. Moffatt, P. S. South, D. R. McGregor, and two others. RESULT ...



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December 23, arrive Wellington on Oranje, to Christchurch by boat.

December 24, to Dunedin by train.

December 26, play Otago provincial team. December 28, play Otago University.

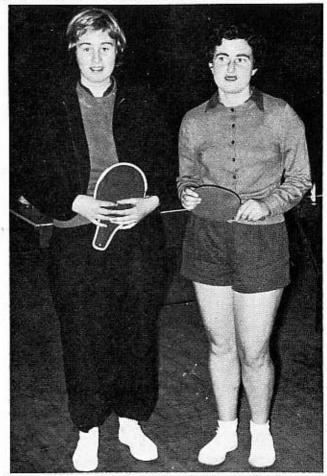
December 29, train to Christchurch. December 30, play Canterbury province.
December 31, play Canterbury University.
January 1, boat to Wellington.
January 2, bus to Auckland.
January 4, play Auckland province.

January 5, play Auckland University. January 6, bus to Wellington.

January 7, play Victoria University. January 8, play New Zealand Universities.

January 9, play Wellington province.

January 10, leave for Australia on Southern Cross.

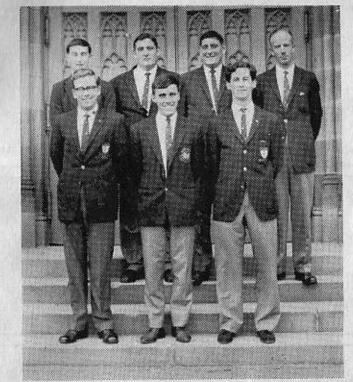


N.Z.U. women's singles champions-Carolyn Halliday (C.), 1961, and Margaret Robins (A.),

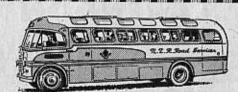


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