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Contest No. 4 : England v. South Canterbury

at St. Patrick's Hall, Browne Street, Timaru

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1967, at 8 p.m.

CONTEST OFFICIALS

President and Contest Manager : Mr. Jim Butler (SB)

Secretary : Miss Martha Pratt (SS)

Treasurer : Mrs. B. R. Thomson (DL)

Referee : Mr. Bryan Thomson (DL)

Assistant Referee and Liaison Officer : Mr. Frank O'Gorman (SP)

Contest Committee :

Miss Lynley Wilson (TC), Messrs. Jim Butler, Brian Barker

Johnny Fox and Frank O'Gorman

English Team's Liaison Officer : Mr. Alan McCallum (Christchurch),

President, New Zealand Table Tennis Association (Inc.)

Matches : The best of 3 games of 21 points up advantage.

Official Ball : Barna-Dunlop Three Crown

Abbreviations :

Southburn (SB), Timaru Town and Country Club (TC), St. Patrick's (SP),

Orari (O), Dalgety-N.Z. Loan (DL), Kingsdown (K), Pareora (P),

Ikawai (I), Yorkshire (Y), Essex (E), South Canterbury (SC),

PROGRAMME

(Names of English players being shown first)

1. Stuart Gibbs (E) v. Barry Butler (SB)

Scores : 21/21/..... 9/17/.....

Umpire : Johnny Fox (P)

2. Denis Neale (Y) v. Brian Barker (TC)

Scores : 21/21/..... 11/15/.....

Umpire : Peter Rae (TC)

3. Stuart Gibbs and Denis Neale v. Cam McFarlane (SS) and Fred Fisher (SP)

Scores : 21/21/..... 14/13/.....

Umpire : Bryan Thomson (DL)

4. Stuart Gibbs v. Peter Wood (O)

Scores : 21/21/..... 11/9/.....

Umpire : ~~Tom McKenzie (DL)~~
J.E. KITCHEN (SS)

5. Denis Neale v. Frank O'Gorman (SP)

Scores : 21/21/..... 5/15/.....

Umpire : Jim Underdown (K — formerly of England)

EXHIBITIONS

6. Stuart Gibbs and Miss Lynley Wilson (TC) v. Denis Neale and Mrs. June Brown (O)

Scores : 21/17/9..... 17/21/21.....

Umpire : Wally Black (I)

7. Denis Neale (Y) v. Stuart Gibbs (E)

Scores : 21/21/18..... 15/23/21.....

Umpire : Frank O'Gorman (SP)

TONIGHT'S PLAYERS (in order of appearance)

STUART GIBBS (East London and England): 19; London G.P.O. employee. Playing table tennis for last six years; 12 test caps. Noted for his fitness, speed and ice-cool temperament. Attacks from the very first point; attacks on both wings, and has an extra good high top-spin loop on his forehand. Watch his ability to "kill" that seemingly safe return, his real fiery "power game."

BARRY BUTLER (SB): 19 (same age as Stuart Gibbs). Son of Association President, Mr. Jim Butler, and member of celebrated Butler table tennis family troupe from Southburn; member of national junior coaching school in his junior years along with his two brothers, David and Neville, and his sister, Margaret. A real clean, hard hitter on both wings.

DENIS NEALE (Yorkshire and England): 22; captain; 65 test caps. Plays eight hours a day — coaching and practising. Watch that brilliant forehand coupled with a backhand that baffles most players anywhere. Noted for shrewd placing of ball, formidable array of services (all complying to new restrictive law). A master tactician and a great fighter. Born in Middlesbrough.

BRIAN BARKER (TC): 23; captain; South Canterbury representative captain at New Zealand inter-association team championships last year. Easily the best winning average. An import from Christchurch clubs some two or three years ago. Co-supervisor with Geoff Owens of up-and-coming junior group at Timaru Town and Country Club; chairman of Association match committee this year. Returns almost everything.

CAM McFARLANE (SS): 26; immediate past president of Sports Shop Club. Winner of club singles for 1963, 1964, 1965 (Bryan Thomson did Cam out of four-in-a-row record last year). On Association executive for first time this year. His father, Bill (W. T.), represented Wellington against Hungarians (immortal Victor Barna and Laci Bellak, 29 years ago last week. Quite a hitter.

FRED FISHER (SP): 19 yesterday. Tonight's match qualifies Fred for his South Canterbury representative blazer award for three major representative matches. Winner of New Zealand Catholic junior singles in 1963; runner-up in South Island under-16 singles and mixed doubles in 1964; club captain of St. Patrick's; member of winning St. Patrick's A grade team of 1965 and 1966 along with Jim Kane, Frank O'Gorman and Keith Cullen (1965). A tenacious retriever.

PETER WOOD (O): 25. Hard-hitting Winchester champion; member of first junior national coaching school in 1959; great worker with Mrs. June Brown in coaching of juniors and older players in Temuka-Geraldine district; winner of numerous junior titles in younger days (South Canterbury, Canterbury, Otago, West Coast, Buller and South Island); won South Canterbury's hardest-to-win trophy — Lee Cup handicap mixed doubles — with Mrs. Brown last year.

"VETERAN" FRANK O'GORMAN (SP): 46 last March. New Zealand vice-president; life member of South Canterbury association and St. Patrick's Club; represented South Canterbury in its very first matches (v. Otago and Canterbury) in 1938; president of St. Patrick's Club again this year. Holder with Otago's Bill Fogarty (father of Yvonne and Maree) of New Zealand veteran men's doubles; seeded No. 1 again this year; represented South Island in 1949, Wellington 1943 and South Canterbury since 1938 and again this year; No. 2 seed to Fogarty in South Island veteran men's singles at Invercargill on Saturday. Owner of Jack Carrington's (of England) most instructive coaching film, "Science of Table Tennis" (only one other one in New Zealand).

LYNLEY WILSON (Miss) (TC): 19; one of famous table tennis products from well-known Southburn Club (Lynley's now living in Timaru). Won her first open provincial title (the North Otago open) at Oamaru last Saturday night; has attended national junior coaching schools; runner-up in New Zealand junior girls under 18 singles at Wellington in 1965; runner-up in West Coast open (1965) and North Otago open (1966); won South Canterbury residential singles in 1965 but lost to Mrs. Brown last year; holder of many under-21 mixed doubles titles, mainly with Barry Butler; contender along with Mrs. Brown for South Island team honours this year and for South Island titles at Invercargill this weekend; runner-up with Mrs. Brown in South Island women's doubles last year; defeated Fogarty sisters in South Canterbury women's doubles final in June (partnered with Mrs. Brown). Member of South Canterbury executive again this year; convener of social and supper committee. Watch her snap drives, always angled away from her opponent.

JUNE BROWN (Mrs.) (O): Qualified for New Zealand veteran women's events in Christchurch in 1964; holder of New Zealand veteran women's singles and mixed doubles with Bill Fogarty; holder of South Island veteran singles (defends title on Saturday); runner-up in South Island open singles and doubles last year; emergency for South Island team last year; won South Island women's doubles in 1965. Great worker for the juniors in her Temuka-Geraldine area; member of South Canterbury association executive this year.

Mrs. Brown, Miss Wilson, Barry Butler, Brian Barker, Frank O'Gorman and Cam McFarlane are members of the South Canterbury team to the New Zealand championships next month. All except Cam are competing in the South Island championships this weekend. With the exception of Mrs. Brown, all were members of winning South Canterbury teams in Dunlop Barna Cup competition for New Zealand provincial teams in neatness, punctuality, sportsmanship and general conduct at last year's New Zealand championships (both cups).

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