

## WINSTONES' 1973 JAPANESE TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND

A team from Japan of two men and two women plus Manager, toured New Zealand in August 1973. The players were Toshiaka Furukawa (ranked 6th in Japan), Keitaro Sugimoto, Miss Yoshiko Takase (ranked 2nd in Japan) and Miss Kasumi Inaguma. The Manager was Mr. Takashi Nomura.

The Winstones sponsored tour started in Invercargill on 1st August but it wasn't until the Japanese played Canterbury on 3rd August before anyone took a game and that was when Jan Morris extended Inaguma to three games.

The Japanese won the first test Japan v New Zealand 10-0 with Anne Stonestreet giving the best performance of the New Zealanders in taking a game off both of the Japanese girls in her singles matches.

In Wanganui the first upset of the tour was recorded when Richard Lee and Nelson Tizard teamed to defeat Furukawa/Sugimoto.

On the next two nights the Japanese mens doubles was lost to Richard Lee and Kerry Palmer in Taumaranui, and to Gary Murphy and Bain Attwood in Hamilton. Also in Hamilton Yvonne Fogarty took a game off Takase.

Up in Whangarei on the 10th August, Garry Frew became the first male player to take a game off the Jap men winning the second game against Furukawa 26-24 and even leading 16-15 in the third. Neti Traill took a game off Inaguma, but it was James Morris who stole the limelight. James took the second game from Furukawa 21-7 and completely bowled Furukawa over with a backhand kill to win the third 21-19.

The second test, Japan v N.Z. was held here in the YMCA on 12th August. Japan won the first three matches with ease but then Yvonne Fogarty started the account for N.Z. giving Inaguma her first singles loss of the Australasian tour. Alan Tomlinson and Gary Murphy combined to give the Japanese their fourth doubles loss of the tour.

If Yvonne had played well in her first match, she played even better in her second, attacking brilliantly and never giving the second ranked Japanese a chance to dominate the game. Yvonne won the first at 14 and raced away to a 10-3 lead in the second. Takase caught up but Yvonne still won two straight.

Anne Stonestreet then gave an impressive display of loop attack to win a straight sets match over Inaguma and the final result was close - Japan won 6 - 4. Lets hope New Zealand play equally as well today.

## The **AUCKLAND** **TABLE TENNIS ASSN.**

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## WINSTONES' CZECHOSLAVAKIAN TABLE TENNIS TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND

### The 2ND TEST CZECHOSLAVAKIA

v

### NEW ZEALAND

YMCA Stadium, Pitt St. Auckland.

Sunday 23rd June 1974 - 2.00 p.m.

Programme : 10c

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A Message from Sir Dove-Myer Robinson  
Mayor of Auckland

(Patron of the Auckland Table Tennis Association).

I am delighted to see that once again a team from a major table tennis country is touring New Zealand, and that the Auckland Table Tennis Association has been honoured by being requested to conduct the Second Test, Czechoslovakia v New Zealand here at the Y.M.C.A. Stadium in Auckland. This tour follows successful tours by Sweden, China and Japan, and I am sure this strong Czechoslovakian team, which includes the current European men's singles champion, will delight and astound the Auckland public as they have in contests held elsewhere in New Zealand.

I also wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Auckland Association as this is their Jubilee Year. It is here in Auckland that the first table tennis championships were held in 1924 - earlier than any other centre in New Zealand and before any other country, with the sole exception of England.

I look forward to Auckland's Jubilee Tournament to be held on Saturday, August 17, and the Jubilee functions and reunion which I understand will take place on that weekend.

(Sir) Dove-Myer Robinson  
Mayor.

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President's Message

As President of the Auckland and New Zealand Table Tennis Association's, it is my privilege and pleasure to extend a sincere and warm welcome to the table tennis delegation from Czechoslovakia.

Already they have exhibited an amazing ability in the matches that they have played so far on tour and have delighted the public. I would like to take this opportunity of sincerely thanking them for coming to New Zealand and helping further this sport in our country.

R.J. Rassie  
President  
Auckland Table Tennis Association.

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Czechoslovakian sportsmen are comparative strangers to these shores but their international reputations are such that I am confident that competition with this team will act as a stimulus to New Zealand players and adherents of table tennis.

We wish our visitors an enjoyable and successful tour.

K.O. Jarvis  
Managing Director  
Winstone Ltd.

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#### A Brief History of the Auckland Association

The pioneers of table tennis in this city were a group of tennis enthusiasts, who saw possibilities in this new game. In 1924, Mr. D.S. Wylie decided to hold a table tennis tournament. It was the first Auckland Open tournament and was played in Dalgetys Building in Albert Street. The winners were Alex Turner (mens singles) and Mary Mariner (womens). Following the championships, it was decided to form an Association to organise the sport and so the Auckland Table Tennis Assn. was formed.

Frank Paton who first won the Auckland Open singles in 1926 and won it a total of nine times will be with us today.

The Auckland Association almost died with the war in 1941 but thanks to the efforts of Errol Cheal, Herbie Brien and others, it came back. By 1949, a record 182 interclub teams took part in the local competition under the control of Grace Kniveton. Since 1953 the largest number was in 1965 - 121 teams.

Two persons have dominated Auckland administration. Errol Cheal served from 1935 to 1960 and Dick Rassie our President is currently serving his twelfth consecutive year as President.

#### WINSTONES' CZECHOSLAVAKIAN TABLE TENNIS TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND

A very warm welcome is extended to the Czechoslovakian team and our thanks also to the sponsors Winstones Ltd., who have made this tour possible.

This visiting team is one of the strongest ever to visit this country and it includes the current European mens singles champion Milan Orlowski. European table tennis has surged forward in recent years and at the last world championships in April 1973, seven of the last eight in the mens singles were Europeans (and two of these were Czechoslovakians you will see today - Orlowski and Kunz).

Today's match, the second test - Czechoslovakia v New Zealand - is the last contest of the Czechoslovakians tour of New Zealand. The Czech's remain unbeaten in New Zealand having defeated all opposition and only one match has been won by New Zealanders and that was in Dunedin when the locals Bryan Foster and John Angus produced an upset result in the mens doubles. Apart from this, the most meritorious performance from a New Zealander came when the Czech team played an Invitation side at Taumaranui. Auckland's Alan Tomlinson very nearly scored an upset over the Czech number three Josef Dvoracek. Alan became the first and only player so far to take a game off a Czech player in a singles match. Alan looked like he might win when he stormed ahead to lead 19-16 in the third but Dvoracek served five balls and played winners off the returns to win 21-19.

In their most recent match, the Czechoslovakians played Hamilton and won 8-0. Orlowski showed the brilliance of his game with a devastating 21-4, 21-5, win over Bain Attwood, and in a mixed doubles against Attwood and Ivonne Foranthy, Orlowski and Grofova killed the first eight balls that came over the net, stone dead. They lost the second game but then once again in the third game showed their superiority by racing away to a 10-1 lead and winning 21-5.

The exhibition between Orlowski and Kunz was truly excellent and this will be a most awaited for event here today. Hamilton's exhibition showed some staggering play which combined with some of the antics from that conic Kunz, makes these two games worth the money alone.

## MATCH

In accordance with international procedure,

The names of players, number of

CZECHOSLAVAKIA: MILAN ORLOWSKI  
JAROSLAV KUNZ  
JOSEF DVORACEK  
ALICA GROFOVA

### PROGRAMME

the draw will be made prior to the contest.

games and the order of play will be announced.

RICHARD LEE  
JAMES MORRIS  
ANNE STONESTREET

NEW ZEALAND:

EVENT		CZECHOSLAVAKIA		NEW ZEALAND	SCORES			RESULTS	
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8									
EXHIBITION MATCH								-	-
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Contest Manager: Mr. R. Moses

Referee: Mr. R.J. Rassie



CZECHOSLAVAKIA TEAM

Milan Orlowski

He was born on 7th September 1952 and began playing table tennis at the age of eight. His first coach was his father Marcel Orlowski, a former table tennis and soccer player. When Milan was ten, his father brought him to the a.c. Sparta Club. In 1969 he was sent for the first time to the world championships to gather experience. He was a member of the Czechoslovak Junior team that won European Junior Teams Championship, three times. At the world championships in 1971 at Nagoya, Japan, he reached the last eight and he repeated this at the world championships at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, in 1973 where he was stopped by the world champion Hsi En-ting (China). At the European championships in April this year he won the mens singles beating Johansson and Gergely. His current world ranking is number six but his win in the European championships will probably place him at second or third in the world rankings and a favourite for the next world mens singles title at Calcutta next February.

Jaroslav Kunz

Kunz is one of the exceptions among Czechoslovak and European players. His basic stroke is backhand and his back-hand blocking is very effective with most players whose basic stroke is top-spin. He has played for Czechoslovakia since 1964 and in 1973 became the Czechoslovak National champion. At both of the last two world championships he reached the quarter-finals of the mens singles.

Josef Dvoracek

Dvoracek was twice a member of the Czechoslovak junior team which won the European championships, in 1968 and 1969. In 1969 it was Dvoracek who secured first place for Czechoslovakia when he beat Stellan Bengtsson (Sweden) in the decisive match. With Grofova, he reached the semi-finals of the mixed doubles at the 1973 world championships.

Alica Grofova

Grofova began to play table tennis at the age of ten. She first played for Czechoslovakia in 1967. At the world championships in 1971 she surprised when she reached the quarter-finals. In 1973 she placed anti-topsin rubber on her backhand and went through to the womens singles final at the world championships.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM

Richard Lee

Richard is 19 years of age and is the current National men's singles champion. Richard first came to prominence at the age of 15 when he was selected to represent New Zealand against the touring Swedish team of Alser and Johansson. A lot of criticism was levelled at his selection but he silenced his critics by winning the North Island men's singles that same year. He first represented New Zealand overseas in 1971 when he played in the first Commonwealth championships in Singapore and World Championships in Nagoya, Japan. He won his first national mens singles that same year. Richard was also a member of the N.Z. team that toured China and played in the Asian Championships in Yokohama, Japan, earlier this year. An exceptionally keen student of the game, Richard is currently living in Canterbury where he is coached by the N.Z. Director of Coaching, Trevor Flint.

James Morris

James is a young dedicated player who has worked very hard at his game and on the recent China tour had some good wins. He played in matches against the last two teams which toured this country - China and Japan - and was the only male N.Z. player to record wins against these teams. He is 22 years of age and was also a member of the team that went to the 1971 world championships and the team that went to the 1973 Asian championships. James has never won the national men's singles title but he has won the North Island and in 1971 was nationally ranked number one. James lives in Hikurangi, just north of Whangarei and in order to get sufficient practise, travels over 200 miles once every week to play in the strong Auckland interclub competition.

Anne Stonestreet

Anne, aged 20, is a hard hitting right handed aggressive player of great promise. Anne failed to gain selection in the 1971 world championships team but later that year proved the selectors wrong by winning the national womens singles title, despite being unseeded for that event. No one has beaten her for this title since. Anne owes much to her coach Geoff Jennings, with whom she has twice won the national mixed doubles title. In November of last year, Anne went to England to further her play, where she stayed five months before going to China and to the Asian Championships in Yokohama. Here she reached the last 16 and took a game off the eventual winner.

### Like to play table tennis - Join a Club

You too can be like the Czechoslovakians. Join a club and start practising. Auckland has 20 clubs and here listed below are eight of the larger clubs which have five or more tables in use on clubnights. For any further information contact the Auckland Secretary George Wilkinson ph: 765-750 (business), or the persons listed below.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Clubnight</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>
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Ellerslie	Kalmia St.	Thursdays	Ray Davison	OH 62-658
Hornets	Mt. Eden	Tuesdays	Iann Lawlor	872-642
Jordan	Oranga	Tuesdays	Len Lowe	548-791 (Bus).
Pakuranga	Main Highway	Wednesdays	Maureen Wilson	567-639
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### 1974 Jubilee Celebrations

1974 is Auckland's Jubilee Year as the Auckland Association was formed in 1924. There may be people in the audience here today who could help the Jubilee sub-committee's Secretary Bob Lassen to trace some of the early administrators and players. In particular Bob requires Auckland administrators (Presidents, Secretaries names etc). for the years 1924 - 1935. Also the womens singles winners of 1929 and 1930 are required. If you can help phone Bob Lassen at 549-704.

The Auckland Jubilee Open Tournament, Re-union and dinner will be held on the weekend 17/18 August. For more info ph Bob.

### The Previous Tours

This years visit by a Czechoslovakian team is the eighteenth time a visiting team has come to New Zealand. Despite New Zealand's isolation, we have been fortunate in that many teams have visited us since 1934.

The following is a list of these teams : -

- 1934 - Fred Perry and Anthony Wilde (England).
- 1937 - M. Szabados and I. Kelen (Hungary).
- 1938 - V. Barna and L. Bellak (Hungary).
- 1949 - V. Barna and R. Bergmann (England).
- 1951 - J. Leach (England) and M. Haguenaure (France).
- 1953 - Misses Diane and Rosalind Rowe (England).
- 1954 - R. Bergmann (England).
- 1957 - T. Tanaka and I. Ogimura (Japan).
- 1960 - Misses K. Matsuzaki and K. Yamaizumi (Japan).
- 1961 - G.J. Jennings and M. Wilcox (Australia).
- 1964 - M. Wilcox and M. Thomson (Australia).
- 1967 - Denis Neale and Stuart Gibbs (England).
- 1969 - G. Stirling and L. Pascoe, Misses M. Cleaves and L. Gilbert (Australia).
- 1970 - Hans Alser and Kjell Johansson (Sweden).
- 1971 - Tang Hung-bor and Ma Lung-sang (Hong Kong).
- 1972 - A delegation of 21 from China.
- 1973 - Furukawa, Sugimoto, Misses Takase and Inaguma (Japan).
- 1974 - Orlowski, Kunz, Dvoracek and Miss Grofova (Czechoslovakia).

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### Table Tennis in Czechoslovakia

The Czechoslovak Table Tennis Union comprises over 3000 clubs and 80,000 players. Officially the organisation has existed since 1925 and in 1926 was co-founder of the International Table Tennis Federation. (ITTF).

The first world champions title was won by Czechoslovak table tennis players in 1932, when they won the Swaythling Men's teams tournament. Then Marie Kettnerova won the womens singles title in the 1933/34 and 1934/35 seasons. The first men's singles title was won for Czechoslovakia by Stanislav Kolar in the 1935/36 season and again by Bohumil Vana, one of the worlds best players of all times in the years 1937/38 and 1946/47. Czechoslovakia has won the Swaythling Cup six times and the Corbillon Cup three times.