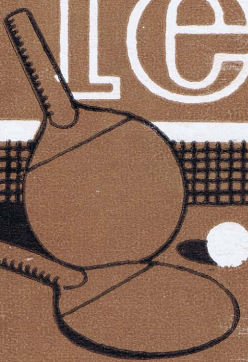


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# THE STORY BEHIND INDIA AND THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

WITH the 19th World Table Tennis Championships, the sport of Table Tennis, which is proud of many international innovations, embarks upon a very great one—the playing of the competition for its World titles in an Asian land.

Bradbourne Stadium, Bombay, was chosen as the site for the 19th World Championships “first time East.” Seldom has a “Sports Championship” attracted greater attention.

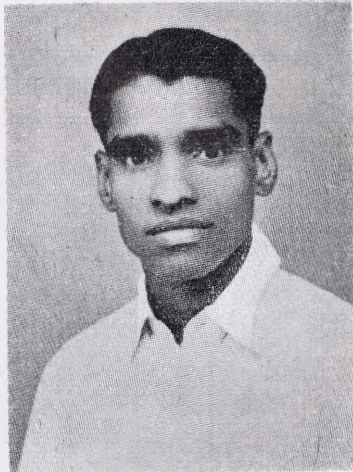
There is, however, a story behind the celluloid ball game’s journey from Europe to Asia. This is best told in the words of Mr. T. D. Ranga Ramanujam, Organising Secretary, INTABTENIS.

“Five years ago when I was battering my brains out mixing acids and chemicals in a commercial firm in Madras, there was a huge wall-clock which used to tick-tock with a feverish monotony which I couldn’t help associating with a game I had only known faintly as ping-pong . . .

“I had my rudest shock weeks later when I was clapping feverishly as a skinny-looking man in white shorts who was knocking the daylight out of a typically Bengalee-looking gentleman at the far end of a table tennis board in a crowded club hall.

“Sheer curiosity forced me to nudge my neighbour with the question for which I haven’t to this day received a more hurtful stare for an answer.

“I realised a trifle later that I had the temerity to not to recognise the hurricane sensation of ping-pong—sorry, table tennis—V. Sivaraman. He was blazing his way to-



T. D. RANGA RAMANUJAN

wards the national title for a second time.

“I vowed to myself that I will, even if I couldn’t emulate the feats of dare-devil hitter, Sivaraman, one day learn all there was to be known about this game if only to avoid a neighbourly sour look for all future occasions.

“But not even I could have dreamt of a day in the month of February, 1952, when a world championship would have been credited, rightly or wrongly, to me.

“I might be excused for my pardonable presumption in appropriating to myself the credit for the 19th World Table Tennis Championships, but . . .

“Unforgivably though there’s a story even to that.

“The last time I remember anyone shouting back at me was in the conference hall of the International Table Tennis Federation in Budapest, February, 1950.

“Unexpectedly and abruptly I stood up to ask the Federation why India should not be allowed to stage the 1952 World series.

“The outraged gentleman was none other than the Hon. Ivor Montagu, President of the International Table Tennis Federation, and since then my sincerest friend and well-wisher.

“If India were to be allowed to stage the

championships for the mere asking what about Timbuctoo making a claim for the same to-morrow? Or do you expect the International body to say yes to any and every country raising this request?

“My South Indian blood warmed up to a temperature which not even the falling snow outside could have stopped. I shot up bolt upright and remember saying something to this effect:

“‘If India cannot be offered a chance to stage the championships for fear of a rival claim from Timbuctoo in the year following, why call yourself the International Federation. Call yourself the European Table Tennis Federation and India will look after itself and probably form a federation for the benefit of the Asiatic countries.’

“The answer shook the president and the delegates of the conference. There was a logic which only an Oriental could have driven home so forcibly . . . and for the first time in the history of table tennis championships a world event moved from West to East to India.

(Allah be praised . . .)

“It was a great moment for India and the East.

“Back in India, after Budapest, I was manager of the Indian team which went on an exhibition tour of the Far East in September, 1950. Our team visited Burma, Malaya, Singapore, Viet Nam, and Hong Kong. The standard of table tennis in these far-eastern countries was exceptionally encouraging, and in the case of Hong Kong had definite signs of class.

“Unfortunately, not many of these countries seemed to be affiliated to the International Table Tennis body. Through the offices of the Indian Table Tennis Federation affiliation for such of those countries as were not recognised by the International body, was sponsored and put through by the Indian Table Tennis Federation at the next meeting of the International body held in Vienna during the 1951 Championships.

“The Indian Table Tennis Federation also submitted a detailed report on the possibilities and potentialities offered by India for the staging of the 19th World Championships here in 1952. Facilities of a pukka stadium meeting international specifications, economic air travel and such other concessions for teams making the long journey were put forward to the President, Ivor Montagu, who then appealed to all the competing countries in the Vienna Championship to make the trip to India in 1952 and make a success of the 19th World Championships.

“This, in brief, is the story of the celluloid ball game’s journey from Europe to Asia. A greater fillip to the game in the East cannot have been offered with any less labour.”

## Rumania Venue For Next Year’s Championships

Bucharest, the capital of Rumania, will be the venue of the 20th World Table Tennis Championships, next year. This decision was taken by the International Federation Congress on Sunday evening, February 10, when delegates of twenty-six nations met in the final session. England was given the first option for the Championships for 1953-54.

The 1952-53 Championships were allocated to Rumania since Czechoslovakia recently withdrew the option granted by the world body at the Vienna Congress last March. Though the Vienna Congress had decided to give Belgium and the Netherlands the first option to conduct the Championships for the 1954-55 session, Japan was asked at Sunday’s session to submit to the Federation’s Advisory Committee preliminary proposals for conducting the 22nd World Championships in Japan.

## INDIAN RANKINGS

The Table Tennis Federation of India have announced the following rankings of players for the year 1951-52.

MEN: Thangavelu Thiruvengadam, Kalyapur Jayant, Ranbir Bhandari, V. Sivaraman, T. H. Sastri and Uttam Chandrana, Jayanta De and Yatin Vyas.

WOMEN: Sayeed Sultana, Gool Nasikwalla, Vijaya Rajagopalan, Enid Bocarro, Ruby Satarawalla, Chaman Kapur and Mrs. C. K. K. Pillay.

## Souvenir Issue — —

We had intended to feature a generous supply of photographs in this issue and to cover extra expense by charging 1s. 3d. for this special number. Unfortunately the photographic coverage of the championships was extremely inadequate and no photographs were received by the usual London Agencies.

All Reports and Articles  
relating to the World’s  
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## INCIDENT BEFORE SWAYTHLING CUP FINAL

IN the final of the Swaythling Cup when an unfortunate injury to Simons in his first match against Josef Koczian turned out to be a very serious handicap, the cherubic and bespectacled player pulling a muscle in his second game, a request by England's non-playing captain to Tibor Bihari, the Hungarian non-playing captain, to have the matches re-shuffled so as to give the doctors enough time to attend Simons, was turned down by the Hungarians. This refusal has, it is learnt, given rise to great heart-burning among the supporters of England, who have even gone to the extent of dubbing the Hungarians "unsporting."

Although the reshuffling of the order of the matches would have given England's Simons some time to recover from his injury, it must not be forgotten that any change in the order of playing the nine matches is forbidden by rules of the International Table Tennis Federation.

Once the players of the two countries are announced by their respective captains, and the matches fixed according to a laid down procedure, nothing can be changed. It may have looked a little more humanitarian to allow a little relaxation of the rules in order to give an injured player time to be attended to, but this being an international competition wherein laws have been laid down, no such requests can be entertained. What happened to England may have happened to any other country. It is just luck, or else bad luck, depending on whether one belongs to one camp or other.

A similar incident occurred at Budapest in 1949-50 in the final of the Swaythling Cup, when it was the Hungarian team that suffered. Koczian developed blisters in his feet, and was unable to play before being attended to. The Czechoslovakians were awarded a walk-over against Koczian, and the Czechs won the Swaythling Cup.

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style of the Jap women's team, said, "We have never played anything like that."

Nishimura and Narahara said that their hardest games in the Corbillon Cup event were against Austria. They declared that they were called upon to give of their best against Rumania's Mrs. Angelica Rozeanu, reigning world women singles champion. Their encounters with world No. 2, Gizi Farkas of Hungary and the Austrian doubles combination of Pritzi and Linda Wertil came next in order of difficulty. "Our meeting with the Rowe twins comes fourth," said Miss Narahara, Japanese 1950-51 champion.

## England Team Results

(Swaythling Cup—Men's Teams)

### ENGLAND 5—GERMANY 0

J. LEACH bt. D. Mauritz 14, 7. R. BERGMANN bt. H. Schneider 14, 11; bt. K. Braun 13, 10. H. VENNER bt. D. Mauritz 7, 16; bt. K. Braun 21, 18.

### ENGLAND 5—CAMBODIA 0

J. LEACH bt. Thai Vy Phang 11, 7; bt. Kech My 9, 7. A. SIMONS bt. Thai Vy Phang 15, 14; bt. Lim Tam Var, 11, 17. R. BERGMANN bt. Kech My, 9, 8.

### ENGLAND 5—FRANCE 3

J. LEACH bt. M. Haguenauer, 15, 16; lost to R. Roothoft —16, —18; lost to G. Amouretti —18, 10, —21. R. BERGMANN bt. R. Roothoft —19, 14, 8; bt. M. Haguenauer, 16, 15; bt. G. Amouretti, 8, 7. A. SIMONS bt. M. Haguenauer, 19, —9, 19; lost to G. Amouretti, —11, —9.

### ENGLAND 5—JAPAN 2

J. LEACH bt. N. Fujii, 13, —16, 13; lost to H. Satoh, 18, —10, —13. R. BERGMANN bt. T. Hayashi, 18, 13; bt. N. Fujii, —16, 18, 21; lost to H. Satoh, 10, —13, —15. A. SIMONS bt. T. Hayashi, —21, 18, 12; bt. N. Fujii, 18, 14.

### ENGLAND 5—PORTUGAL 0

J. LEACH bt. R. Duque 7, 12; bt. A. Gonsalves, 20, 17. R. BERGMANN bt. A. Gonsalves, —16, 12, 9. H. VENNER bt. O. Ramos, 12, 13; bt. R. Duque, 17, 17.

### ENGLAND 5—INDIA 1

J. LEACH bt. V. Sivaraman, 6, 15; lost to T. Thiruvengadam, —17, —7. R. BERGMANN bt. V. Sivaraman, 10, 12; bt. K. Jayant, 11, 19. A. SIMONS bt. K. Jayant, 12, 19; bt. T. Thiruvengadam, 8, 11.

### ENGLAND 5—PAKISTAN 0

J. LEACH bt. I. Awan, 6, 5. R. BERGMANN bt. A. Shareef, 4, 7; bt. Majboor, 14, 11. H. VENNER bt. I. Awan, 12, 7; bt. Majboor 14, 14.

### ENGLAND 4—HUNGARY 5 (Final)

J. LEACH bt. K. Szepesi, —8, 14, 15; lost to J. Koczian, —18, 15; lost to F. Sido, —19, —17. R. BERGMANN bt. J. Koczian, 12, 19; bt. F. Sido, 16, 17; bt. K. Szepesi, 13, 6. A. SIMONS lost to J. Koczian, —17, —6; lost to F. Sido, w-o; lost to K. Szepesi, —21, 8, —16.

## SWAYTHLING CUP CONTEST

During the opening ceremony of the 19th World Championships at Bombay, on Feb. 1, 1952, inaugurated by India's Health Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, former world champion Miss Gizi Farkas fainted while standing in the hot sunshine. Miss Farkas, who is now married, made a quick recovery and almost immediately went on to play for her country, Hungary, against Japan.

Before the matches began there was an impressive parade of the competing nations.

England won her first Swaythling Cup match with ease, beating Cambodia 5-0, but it was a near thing against France; Leach did not display anything like his old form and lost to both Amouretti and Roothoft. Against Haguenauer he was fortunate enough to find his opponent as badly off form as himself and Leach won this match by two straight games. Simons lost to Amouretti, and with Bergmann winning all his three, England won by 5-3.

Richard Bergmann was playing in really good form, and contradicting his critics, who claimed that while he was a good singles and five-set, player, he was not so reliable in team events, which were the best of three games. Many considered him a hot favourite for the singles title.

Then came England's match with Japan, when Satoh beat both Leach and Bergmann. In the match against Japan Simons was quite a hero, winning his two games and assisting his side to a very satisfying 5-2 victory.

England then continued her path to success, and writing in the "Daily Mirror," Sam Leitch, who sent daily reports from Bombay, said:

"We have qualified to meet Hungary in the Swaythling Cup final by beating India 5-1 and Pakistan 5-0. Johnnie Leach is going through a particularly worrying spell.

"He was the only player to lose when England beat India. T. Thiruvengadam, India's No. 3, beat him 21-17 21-7. Fortunately, both Bergmann and Aubrey Simons were in brilliant form.

"Simons is improving with every game. The Gloucester boy is using his chop with devastating effect. He beat K. Jayant 21-12, 21-19, and Thiruvengadam 21-8, 21-11."

Hungary had emerged from Group B with one tight match against the Hong Kong team. Hong Kong flew off to a good start with a lead of two events to nil, but then they tired.

In Group B Hungary had an easy run with only Hong Kong putting up any sort of a challenge. At one time the Hong Kong team lead by two events nil, but then fell away.

### FINAL

For the final against Hungary, England was full of confidence, and it looked as though England was to win the coveted Swaythling Cup for the first time. England's hopes became even brighter when Leach beat Szepesi—even came tragedy for England. During his match against Josef Koczian, Aubrey Simons pulled a calf muscle when one of his shoes came off and he stumbled. This happened in the first game, which he lost. He also lost the other game 21-16.

The burden now rested heavily on the shoulders of Bergmann and Leach, Bergmann played his part magnificently, beating all three Hungarians: Koczian, Sido, and Szepesi in two straight games each. Leach, however, put up a lamentable performance and could beat neither Koczian nor Sido. One win from Leach, over either of these players, would have given England victory.

Simons conceded a walk-over against Sido while he rested. Then he went on to play the final and deciding match against Szepesi. Playing a good part of the time standing on one leg he lost the first game but levelled matters by taking the second. The third game went to the Hungarian at 21-16.

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## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

### MEN'S SINGLES

Sensation followed upon sensation when the battles for the St. Bride's Vase, the coveted prize for the men's singles champion in the World Table Tennis Championships, commenced on Thursday, Feb. 7th.

Both the uncrowned king, Richard Bergmann, and the crowned king, Johnny Leach, of England, were dethroned. The first by the amazing Japanese Fujii and the second by the nonchalant Frenchman, Guy Amouretti.

However, the Jap ace was not allowed to bask for long in his glory, for within an hour the conqueror of the great Bergmann met his Waterloo in almost as thrilling an encounter to France's Rene Roothoft, who with his compatriots, Guy Amouretti and Michel Lansky, Hungary's Josef Koczian and Ferenc Sido, United States' Douglas Cartland, Japan's Hiroji Sato and Portugal's Rosa Duque were in the last eight.

The encounter between Bergmann and Fujii provided an epic struggle. The nimble-footed Bergmann parried the powerful thrusts of Fujii, who smote mightily with his now famous pen-holder spin. But Bergmann did seem to have the measure of his swiping opponent and when the first two games went rather easily to the English master, it appeared as if the Japanese secret was mastered.

But the Japanese was not to be beaten by so Herculean a handicap. He viciously fought back. For a fraction of a minute Bergmann appeared to lose his concentration with the scores running level in the third game and this was enough for the man from the East.

Brilliant drives down either flank threw bad length into the Bergmann return and once Fujii obtained the initiative the defeat of Bergmann was written in blistering drives that slowly but inexorably ticked off the points, which in turn sounded the death knell of the English star.

#### Roothoft Turns Tables

After Fujii's sensational triumph over Richard Bergmann, only the most ardent optimists gave Rene Roothoft a chance against the Jap ace in his bid to enter the last eight. Fujii won the first game fairly comfortably though he conceded eighteen points. On that performance it appeared only a matter of time before "Finis" was written to all Roothoft's hopes. But the end very often differs from the beginning.

The strain of playing five strenuous games against Bergmann evidently took toll of

Fujii's striking powers. He did not reveal the same viciousness in his attack as against Bergmann, and his smashes lacked the same consistency that shook that great defensive player. Luck too was not in his favour for when he required only a point to clinch the third game he netted his service twice.

Roothoft at the start appeared to be fighting a losing battle but encouraged by Fujii's lapses he gradually gained a confidence that stood him in good stead in the fourth game. Like Bergmann, he was mainly on the defensive, but unlike Bergmann, he did not allow himself to be driven away from the table and made the most of the few opportunities that came his way to drive home his attack.

#### Leach Out!

Guy Amouretti's intelligent play, coupled with judicious smashes and drop shots, was too much for the reigning world champion, Johnny Leach, who hit a new low this year. Though his defence had improved considerably, he no longer possessed that vicious attack that was the hallmark of his game when last seen in Bombay a few months ago, and his defeat came as no surprise. Leach's half-hearted attempts to take up the offensive cost him many a point, while his wasting of many "killers" only hastened his doom.

#### Semi-Finals

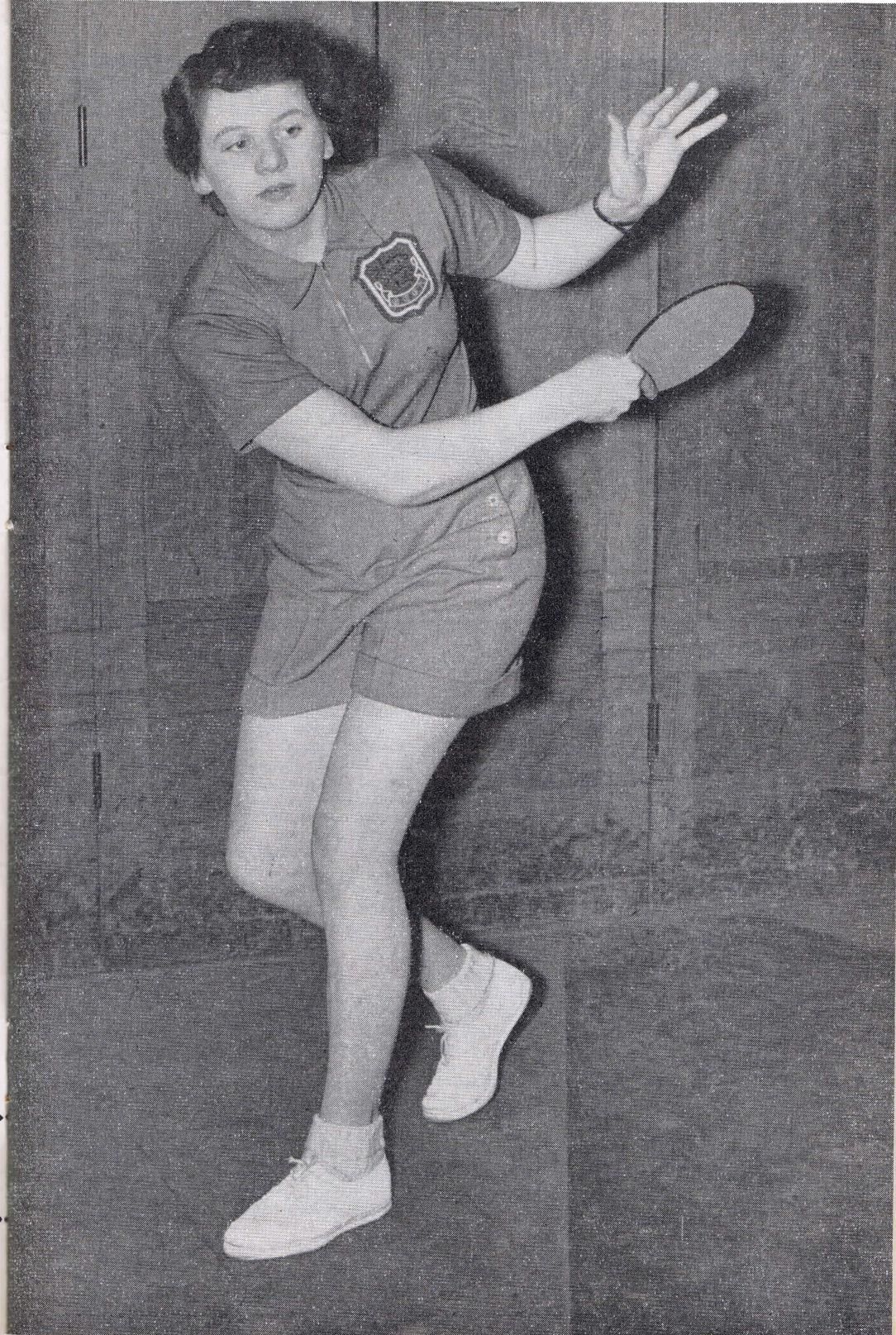
On Saturday, Feb. 9, the final stages were reached. Japan's Hiroji Sato and Hungary's Josef Koczian, came through in their quest for the St. Bride's Vase.

France's aspirations in the men's singles were brought to an end when Guy Amouretti and Rene Roothoft lost to Hungary's Josef Koczian and Japan's Hiroji Sato respectively.

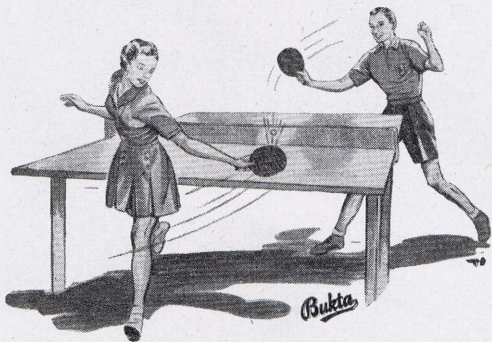
Promise of a keen duel between Amouretti and Koczian was belied once the Hungarian had neutralised Amouretti's big lead at fourteen-all, and though the scores continued to run level in the first game, the superior defensive strength and attacking ability of the Hungarian told its inevitable tale. In both the remaining games Koczian never relinquished the lead, con-

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### Women's Singles

Unlike the men's singles, most of the favourites won their first two rounds in the women's singles event quite comfortably, beating their opponents in straight games, but Helen Elliot of Scotland was taken to four games, 22-20, 9-21, 22-20, 21-6, by Japan's Shizuka Narahara before making the third round grade. Tomie Nishimura, the other Japanese girl, survived in this event, defeating Mary Stafford of Australia and Hong Kong's Mok Woon King later in the evening.

On Friday, Feb. 8, reigning women's champion Angelica Rozeanu of Rumania beat Helen Elliott of Scotland to enter the semi-final of the Women's Singles event. She was joined by thrice world champion Gizelle Farkas (Hungary), Linda Werthl (Austria) and Rosalind Rowe (England).

The best women's encounter was the meeting between Angelica Rozeanu and Helen Elliott. Though beaten in straight games, Helen Elliott gave the champion a hard fight and it was only in the crucial stages that she faltered. In every game she enjoyed the advantage of the lead, but on every occasion Angelica Rozeanu rallied strongly when all seemed smooth sailing for her opponent.

### Ros. Rowe beats Pritzi

Rosalind Rowe provided the only unexpected quarter-final result by beating 1936-37 world champion, Trude Pritzi of Austria. Rosalind had mastered the "Pritzi" chop.

On Saturday, the ease and grace with which Angelica Rozeanu performed against Rosalind Rowe made her a hot favourite to retain the Geist Cup for the third year in succession, emulating Miss Farkas' record. Rosalind was brilliant in patches in this semi-final tie and was at her best in the second game, but there was little she could do to break down the impregnable

defence of the Rumanian, whose counter-attack left her helpless.

In the other semi-final, Gizelle Farkas had a much easier time against Austria's Linda Werthl. Knowing that her defensive tactics would not help against the might of the forceful Gizelle Farkas, Linda Werthl threw all caution to the winds and indulged in an attacking spree which, however, ran more erratic than true, and in all claimed only 23 points in three games.

### Final

Gizelle Farkas' powerful forehand drives and equally deadly backhand flicks threatened at one stage to deprive Angelica Rozeanu of the distinction of winning the Geist Cup for the third year in succession, but the champion came into her own in the deciding game and successfully depended on her occasional accurate attack judiciously mixed with her superlative defence to carry her through.

The grace, poise and ease with which this table tennis ballerina performs stamps Angelica Rozeanu as an artist in a class of her own, though there was a time in the third game when she floundered before the almost merciless onslaught of Gizelle Farkas, who had only herself to blame for losing that game. Angelica started off in the true manner of a champion, slipped temporarily but recovered her equanimity in the decider to leave no doubts about her superiority.

Angelica Rozeanu was the only one to secure a double. She not only triumphed over the thrice world champion Gizelle Farkas but later in partnership with Ferenc Sido of Hungary, she deprived England of her last hope of winning a title by beating Johnny Leach and Diane Rowe in the mixed event.

ceding fourteen and seventeen points respectively.

Sato beat the French national champion, Rene Roothoft, in straight games to become the first Asian ever to play in the Men's singles final for the St. Bride's Vase. Sato, the 27-year-old Jap watch-maker, from Aomori, who piled surprise on surprise on his way to the final, was unbeaten in these championships, and has baffled all victims with his uncanny spin. For a time, with Sato's occasional smashes failing to materialise, it appeared that Roothoft, who was effectively countering the spin, would cause another upset, but only twice he came near taking a game in a match which was more of the pat-ball variety.

Sato spun and smashed his way over Hungary's Josef Koczian to become the Singles Champion of the World in his very first attempt, winning in straight games at 21-19, 21-17, and 21-14—a feat unparalleled in the long annals of the World Table Tennis Championship.

As his defence provided no effective counter, Koczian pinned his hopes in an all-out offensive, but with no better results. Koczian's terrific forehand drives enabled the Hungarian to establish a glorious 19-12 lead in the opening game, but that was as far as his efforts went. Lulled into a false sense of security, Koczian appeared to be

in a great rush to clinch the game, and in doing so played into the hands of Sato, who smiled away as the Hungarian repeatedly bungled to lose the lead and the game. This shook Koczian, and he was never quite the same after that. To add to his worries Sato took up the offensive when he led 9-4 in the third game, and this completely knocked the fight out of the Hungarian, and he surrendered tamely.

Sato was thus the first man ever to become world champion at the first attempt, after, of course, Dr. Jacobi, who claimed the St. Bride's Vase in the year of its inception in 1926.

## FINALS

### (INDIVIDUAL EVENTS)

M.S. HIROJI SATOH (Japan) bt. Josef Koczian (Hungary), 19, 17, 14.

W.S. ANGELICA ROSEANU (R.) bt. Gizi Farkas (H.), 17, —11, 18, 14, —17.

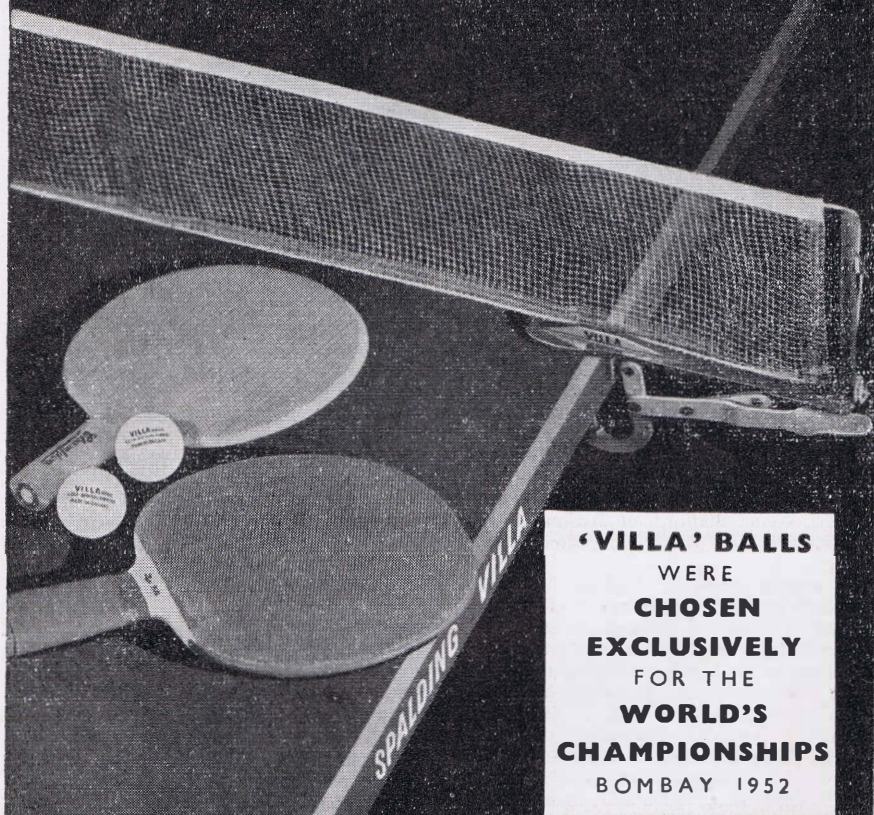
M.D. N. FUJII/T. HAYASHI (J) bt. R. Bergmann/J. Leach (E.) —12, —9, 18, 17, 12.

W.D. S. NARAHARA/T. NISHIMURA (J) bt. D. and R. Rowe (E.), 11, 7, 20.

X.D. F. SIDO/A. ROSEANU (R.) bt. J. Leach/D. Rowe (E.), 19, 13, 18.

JUBILEE S. V. BARNA (E.) bt. A. A. Haydon (E.), 17, 19.

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### Men's Doubles

Results worked out according to expectations in the men's doubles on Friday, and the only near surprise was the fine performance of the Hong Kong pair of Shi Sin Cho and Foo Ki-Fang who fully extended Johnny Leach and Richard Bergmann. The Chinese let loose fury on the Englishmen and led by two games to nil, but for reasons best known to them they relaxed their grip on the match in the third game in which they were leading 20-18 and paid the penalty.

Japan's Narikaza Fujii and Tadaaki Hayashi qualified for the final of the men's doubles by worsting America's Martin Reisman and Douglas Cartland. In the other semi-final, Richard Bergmann and Johnny Leach (both of England) beat their compatriots, Victor Barna and Adrian Haydon. A feature of the All-England semi-final was the grand display by the old-timers, Barna and Haydon. They timed their strokes with precision and only their advancing years failed them.

From the manner in which Norikaza Fujii and Tadaaki Hayashi kept blundering repeatedly in their all-out offensive against Richard Bergmann and Johnny Leach in the final round, it appeared that England would at least win one title, but the first two games were all they won.

The Japanese pair changed their tactics and with it went England's hopes. Grandly as Bergmann and Leach defended, they could not effectively counter the venom of the Jap attack. Restraining their itch to smash at every ball, Fujii (who cleverly mixed his "kills" with drops), and Harashi slowly and inexorably wore down England's defence, with Fujii being the prime mover.

### Women's Doubles

On Friday, Feb. 8, the last four in the Women's Doubles event was reached. The victorious Japanese Corbillon Cup pair, Tomie Nishimura and Shizuka Narahara confirmed their victory over Angelica Rozeanu and Sari Szasz, 17-21, 19-21, 21-16, 21-14, 21-9, qualifying to meet Scotland's Helen Elliot and Austria's Linda Werthl in the semi-finals, while the holders, the Rowe twins, Diane and Rosalind, beat comfortably the Hong Kong pair, Wai-Bun and W. Bik-Yun, 21-18, 21-9, 21-15, and entered the semi-finals of the women's paired event to meet Hungary's Gizelle Farkas and Edit Saagi. Trudi Pritzi of Austria and Ella Zeller of Rumania threatened to upset Hungary's Gizelle Farkas and Edit Saagi. They narrowly clinched the first two games but thereafter the Hungarian pair struck their true form and there was little Pritzi and Zeller could do to avert defeat.

Tomie Nishimura and Shizuka Narahara beat Helen Elliot and Linda Werthl in the

semi-finals, and the Rowe twins got the better of Gizelle Farkas and Edit Saagi.

In the women's doubles final Tomie Nishimura and Shizuka Narahara wrested the crown from the reigning champions, Diane and Rosalind Rowe. Although the Japanese were erratic in patches, particularly Miss Narahara, in the earlier stages of the encounter, this did not, in any way, hamper them from scoring a straight-game victory. The Rowe twins rallied strongly in the third game, but their bid to extend their opponents was a trifle too late, for the Japanese played inspired table tennis in the closing stages of the contest to clinch the issue over the extra points.

### Mixed Doubles

In the Mixed Doubles Victor Barna, the grand old man of table tennis, and Rosalind Rowe eliminated the No. 1 Jap pair, Fujii and Narahara, but in the semi-final perfect combination and superior skill enabled Ferenc Sido and Angelica Rozeanu to defeat Victor Barna and Rosalind Rowe. Barna, still possessing a vicious back-hand, did not receive adequate support from his partner, who frequently over-drove or netted in her anxiety to "kill", yet Barna covered up for the mistakes of his partner, and after they had won the second game over the extra points, the general feeling was that they would win.

The opposition, however, had other ideas and in a neck-and-neck race for supremacy Sido and Rozeanu drove and smashed brilliantly to win the tie at the cost of a solitary game.

In the other semi-final Johnny Leach and Diane Rowe accounted for Josef Koczian and Gizelle Farkas in another interesting contest. Leach and his partner, after winning the first game, lost the next over the extra points mainly due to the pair's inability to cope up with the terrific and well-timed smashing of Koczian and Gizelle Farkas. It appeared from the way these two performed that it would be smooth sailing for them in the penultimate round, but in the next two games the English players held the whiphand and clinched the issue in the teeth of strong opposition.

The Mixed Doubles final between England's Johnny Leach and the left-handed Diane Rowe and Ferenc Sido (Hungary) and Angelica Rozeanu (Rumania) was a one-sided affair, the Eastern European team winning in straight games, played at a fast pace. Diane Rowe recovered from the bad patch she had struck in the Women's Doubles final a little earlier and surprised all by counter-hitting even Sido's drives. But Leach lent poor support, unable to make use of the openings she made. Hir erratic play nullified all the good work of his partner.



# CONSOLATION EVENTS ★ JUBILEE CUP

## SAYEED SULTANA (India) Consolation Singles (Women's) title

India's singles champion among the fair sex, Sayeed Sultana, had the satisfaction of winning a title. She beat Wong Bik-Yin from Hong Kong in the final of the Consolation Singles. The latter's aggressive play had no terror for India's table tennis queen, whose defence was invulnerable. Miss Sultana conceded only twenty-two points in the two games.

## MARTIN REISMAN (U.S.A.) Consolation Singles (Men's) title

A better aggressive player, Martin Reisman (U.S.A.) did not find Bombay's Yatin Vyas, the man with a "tricky" service, quite to his liking in their final tie of the Consolation Singles. Vyas' deceptive service, which carried plenty of spin, worried the American for some time, and the visitor appeared to run short of ideas in the second game, which he lost. It was only in the decider that Reisman got things under control, and with his bullet-like smashes subdued the Indian.

## ★ (Restricted to players who took part ★ in World Championships 21 years ago)

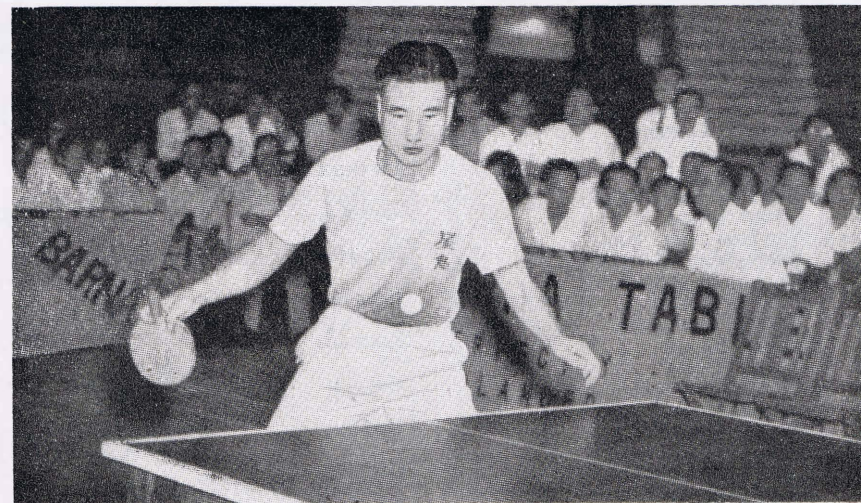
## VICTOR BARNÁ (England) Jubilee Cup title

This competition is for players who have been participating in the championships 21 or more years. In the final, Barna beat A. Haydon (both of England), 21-17, 21-19.

It was a great day for Japan for she created new history in world table tennis. Each and every member of the Japanese team will take home a prize, won so well at the Brabourne Stadium in Bombay on Sunday evening, February 10th. The Japanese in their debut in international competition broke the monopoly of world titles enjoyed from the beginning by the West.

The trophies were presented by the Hon. Ivor Montagu, President of the I.T.T.F.

Iran Cup for Men's Doubles was not presented as the holder Bohumil Vana and Ivan Andreadis of Czechoslovakia had not returned the trophy.



FOO KI-FONG  
(Hong Kong)

# That Bat! That Jap!

## BRAZILIAN OPINION

MR. SYLVIO RANGEL, Brazilian table tennis official, upon his return from Bombay had this to say about the new world champion:

*Does Satoh deserve his world crown? Well that's hard to say but he's certainly a very good player, intelligent, fast on his feet and always making the most of his opportunities. Of course the Satoh bat has caused more controversy than anything. I think that the Satoh bat gave everyone a shock from which they never properly recovered. It scared and confused his opponents who could never discover the right tactics to employ against him. Anyhow, for me the best player in Bombay was Richard Bergmann. His game is just a rare beautiful spectacle; his footwork is a dream, his mobility is a lesson, his defence made with perfect timing and style and his forehand is powerful and well directed.*

*Rene Roothoof was another player who impressed me together with the "atomic" backhand of the Hungarian Sido. Aubrey Simons is efficient. He is not spectacular or brilliant, but knows when and where to attack. Johnny Leach disappointed me. I couldn't see his virtues at all!*

Mr. Rangel referred to Satoh as the "violinist" because he said that in defence his arm seemed to be holding a violin bow.

The Brazilian player, Waldemar Duarte, also had something to say about Satoh when interviewed in Sao Paulo upon his return home from the world championships. He said:

*The whole explanation of the Satoh victory is his bat. The spin imparted by the Satoh "devilish" bat was a problem that went unsolved for all competitors. It was astonishing to see the world's best players nailing their shots into the foot of the net. Some of them in desperation tried lifting the spinning ball, but this only brought good dividends to the Jap players. I believe that the reason why the bat is dangerous is because it is so silent. The absence of any noise leads to confusion and mistiming in the opponent. Also it produces a tremendous amount of extra spin. But the advantage of the bat will disappear as players become familiar with it. His fellow-countrymen are used to the Satoh bat which results in the world champion being ranked only No. 5 in his own country.*

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# WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

## MEN'S SINGLES

*Holder* : Johnny Leach  
Final (England)

### 2nd ROUND

Leach (England) ...  
 Hamid (Pakistan) ...  
 Severo (Brazil) ...  
 Kapadia (India) ...  
 Chin Sing (Hong Kong)  
 Chandrana (India) ...  
 Gonslaves (Portugal) ...  
 Amouretti (France) ...  
 Cartland (U.S.A.) ...  
 Ghosh (India) ...  
 Yasin (Afghanistan) ...  
 Jayant (India) ...  
 Van Hoa (Viet Nam) ...  
 Kwok-Wing (Hongkong) ...  
 Kum Soon (Singapore) ...  
 Fateh (Pakistan) ...  
 Koczian (Hungary) ...  
 Severo (Brazil) ...  
 Godrej (India) ...  
 Haydon (England) ...  
 Shi-Cho (Hongkong) ...  
 Hayashi (Japan) ...  
 Chew (Singapore) ...  
 Haguenaer (France) ...  
 Shastri (India) ...  
 Hamid (Afghanistan) ...  
 Thiruvengadam (India) ...  
 Lanskoj (France) ...  
 Alam (Pakistan) ...  
 Venner (England) ...  
 Sido (Hungary) ...  
 Ramos (Portugal) ...  
 Montagu (England) ...  
 Hop (Viet Nam) ...  
 Ki-Fong (Hongkong) ...  
 Raack (Germany) ...  
 Tam Var (Cambodia) ...  
 Goon (Singapore) ...  
 Cafiero (France) ...  
 Sato (Japan) ...  
 Reisman (U.S.A.) ...  
 Midosi (Brazil) ...  
 Schneider (Germany) ...  
 Lieu (Viet Nam) ...  
 Nayudu ...  
 Roothoft (France) ...  
 Antas (Portugal) ...  
 Piffi (Germany) ...  
 Szepesi (Hungary) ...  
 Fujii (Japan) ...  
 Vyphang (Cambodia) ...  
 Bhandari (India) ...  
 Bergmann (England) ...  
 Ehrlich (France) ...  
 Wing-Ning (Hongkong) ...  
 Gyetyai (Hungary) ...  
 Harrower (England) ...  
 Khan (Pakistan) ...  
 Duque (Portugal) ...  
 Paneth (Rumania) ...

Leach ... } Leach ... }  
 Severo ... } 23-21, 21-11, 21-8 ... }  
 Chandrana ... } Amouretti 21-9, }  
 Amouretti ... } 21-7, 19-21, 21-11 }  
 Cartland ... } Cartland ... }  
 Jayant ... } 21-16, 21-12, 21-13 ... }  
 Van Hoa ... } Van Hoa ... }  
 Kum Soon ... } 25-23, 21-13, 21-12 ... }  
 Koczian ... } Koczian 21-16, }  
 Haydon ... } 18-21, 21-17, 21-17 }  
 Shi-Cho ... } Shi-Cho, 16-21, }  
 Haguenaer ... } 21-14, 21-19, 21-19 ... }  
 Shastri ... } Thiruvengadam ... }  
 Thiruvengadam ... } 21-11, 21-10, 21-15 ... }  
 Lanskoj ... } Lanskoj, 17-21, }  
 Venner ... } 21-12, 21-19, 25-23 ... }  
 Sido ... } Sido ... }  
 Hop ... } 21-12, 21-18, 21-11 ... }  
 Ki-Fong ... } Ki-Fong ... }  
 Raack ... } 21-19, 21-16, 21-14 ... }  
 Cafiero ... } Sato ... }  
 Sato ... } 21-10, 21-14, 21-9 ... }  
 Midosi ... } Lieu ... }  
 Lieu ... } 21-12, 21-13, 21-14 ... }  
 Roothoft ... } Roothoft, 23-21, }  
 Szepesi ... } 16-21, 21-13, 21-13 ... }  
 Fujii ... } Fujii, 14-21, 18-21, }  
 Bergmann ... } 21-18, 21-16, 21-17 ... }  
 Wing-Ning ... } Wing-Ning, 21-15, }  
 Gyetyai ... } 21-19, 19-21, 12-21, }  
 Duque ... } 21-11 }  
 Paneth ... } Duque, 22-24, }  
 Paneth ... } 21-14, 21-15, 21-19 ... }

**Quarter-Finals**  
 Amouretti ... }  
 21-13, 13-21, 21-13,  
 21-16, 21-14

**Semi-Finals**  
 Cartland ... }  
 21-19, 21-9,  
 21-13

Cartland ... }  
 18-21, 13-21, 21-13,  
 21-16, 21-14

Koczian ... }  
 13-21, 21-18, 13-21,  
 21-5, 21-15

Koczian ... }  
 21-18, 21-18,  
 21-12

Lanskoj ... }  
 21-15, 21-9, 17-21,  
 21-16

Sido ... }  
 21-19, 21-16,  
 21-14

Sato ... }  
 19-21, 22-20,  
 21-4, 21-13

Sato ... }  
 21-8, 21-5,  
 21-12

Koczian ... }  
 21-19, 21-14,  
 21-18

H. Sato ... }  
 21-19,  
 21-17,  
 21-14

Sato ... }  
 21-19, 21-15,  
 21-19

Roothoft ... }  
 21-16, 21-12,  
 21-9

Duque ... }  
 21-18, 20-22, 21-18,  
 21-16

# MEN'S DOUBLES

Holders : ANDREADIS & VANA

3rd ROUND	4th ROUND
Fujii & Hayashi (Japan)	Fujii & Hayashi 21-15, 21-19, 21-12
Jayant & Bhandari (India)	
Sido & Koczian (Hungary)	
Ehrlich & Cafeiro (France)	
Reisman & Cartland (U.S.A.)	Reisman & Cartland 21-17, 22-20, 21-16
Dyer & Khanchand (India)	
Chin Sing & Wing Ning (Hongkong)	Chin Sing & Wing Ning
Haguenauer & Amouretti (France)	
Leach & Bergmann (England)	Leach & Bergmann 21-12, 21-11, 21-16
Sin Cho & Ki-Fang (Hongkong)	
Schneider & Piffi (Germany)	
Eckhart & Gonzales (Portugal)	
Barna & Haydon (England)	Barna & Haydon 21-19, 21-16, 21-15
Tong Goon & Loh Kum (Singapore)	
Roothoft & Lanskoj (France)	Roothoft & Lanskoj
Szepesi & Gyetval (Hungary)	

Fujii & Hayashi 21-8, 21-14, 21-19	Fujii & Hayashi 12-21, 9-21, 21-18, 21-17, 21-12.
Leach & Bergmann 21-5, 21-13, 14-21, 24-22	
Barna & Haydon	
Rozeanu	

# WOMEN'S SINGLES

Holder : Mrs. ANGELICA ROZEANU

3rd ROUND	4th ROUND
Rozeanu (Rumania)	Rozeanu 21-15, 21-17, 21-18
Best (England)	
Elliott (Scotland)	
Saagi (Hungary)	
R. Rowe (England)	R. Rowe 20-22, 21-19, 21-18, 21-17
Nasikwala (India)	
Pritzi (Austria)	Pritzi
Wai-Bun (Hongkong)	
Nishimura (Japan)	Farkas 19-21, 21-14, 21-16, 21-18
D. Rowe (England)	
Farkas (Hungary)	
Tukmini	
Wertl (Austria)	Wertl 21-13, 21-15, 16-21, 21-17
Franks (England)	
Szasz (Rumania)	
Sultana (India)	

Rozeanu 21-14, 21-18, 21-5	Winner : Rozeanu 21-17, 11-21, 21-18, 17-21, 21-14
Farkas 21-3, 21-9, 21-10	
Rozeanu	
Farkas	

# WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Holders : D. ROWE and R. ROWE

2nd ROUND	3rd ROUND	4th ROUND
D. Rowe & R. Rowe (England)	Rowe & Rowe 21-18, 21-9, 21-15	Rowe & Rowe 16-21, 21-18, 21-14, 21-15
Wai-Bun & Bik-Yiu (Hongkong)		
Pritzi & Zeller (Austria)	Farkas & Saagi 19-21, 22-24, 21-18, 21-15, 21-13	
Farkas & Saagi (Hungary)		
Elliott & Wertl (Scotland/Austria)	Elliot & Wertl 21-16, 21-16, 18-21, 21-8	Nishimura & Narahara 21-16, 21-16, 20-22, 21-9
Best & Franks (England)		
Rozeanu & Szasz (Rumania)	Nishimura & Narahara 17-21, 19-21, 21-16, 21-14, 21-9	
Nishimura & Narahara (Japan)		

Rowe & Rowe	Winners : Nishimura & Narahara (Japan) 21-11, 21-7, 22-10
Farkas & Saagi	
Elliot & Wertl	
Nishimura & Narahara	

# MIXED DOUBLES

Holders : VANA and ROZEANU

2nd ROUND	3rd ROUND	4th ROUND
Leach & D. Rowe (England)	Leach & Rowe 21-16, 21-12, 21-15	Leach & Rowe 23-21, 20-22, 21-16, 21-13
Chandrana & Rajagopalan (India)		
Haguenauer & Wertl (France/Austria)	Haguenauer & Wertl 16-21, 21-12, 21-12, 11-21, 21-16	
Cho & Bik-Yin (Hongkong)		
Koczian & Farkas (Hungary)	Koczian & Farkas 21-14, 21-15, 21-11	Koczian & Farkas 20-22, 21-12, 21-18, 22-20
Venner & Best (England)		
Roothoft & Pritzi (France/Austria)	Roothoft & Pritzi 19-21, 21-12, 21-13, 21-19	
Reisman & Elliot (U.S.A./Scotland)		
Bhandari & Sultana (India)	Bhandari & Sultana 21-10, 21-17, 21-12	Barna & R. Rowe 21-15, 21-19, 21-19
De & John (India)		
Barna & R. Rowe (England)	Barna & R. Rowe 21-17, 17-21, 21-18, 21-18	
Fujii & Narahara (Japan)		
Sido & Rozeanu (Hungary/Rumania)	Sido & Rozeanu 21-13, 21-11, 21-13	Sido & Rozeanu 21-17, 20-22, 21-15, 21-14
Jayant & Madan (India)		
Bergmann & Franks (England)	Bergmann & Franks 21-16, 21-7, 21-16	
Sivaraman & Rukmini (India)		

Sido & Rozeanu	Sido & Rozeanu 21-19, 21-13, 21-18
Rozeanu	
Rozeanu	
Rozeanu	

# SWAYTHLING CUP

The final positions of the teams were:-

GROUP "A"	7	1	3	5	4	3	8	6	Matches Won	Games Won
1. England	5-0	—	5-3	5-0	5-1	5-2	5-0	5-0	7	35
2. Japan	5-0	2-5	5-1	5-0	5-1	—	5-0	5-0	6	32
3. France	5-0	3-5	—	5-1	5-1	1-5	5-0	5-0	5	29
4. India	5-3	1-5	1-5	5-4	—	1-5	5-1	5-0	4	23
5. Germany	5-0	0-5	1-5	—	4-5	0-5	5-2	5-2	3	20
6. Portugal	5-0	0-5	0-5	2-5	0-5	0-5	5-1	—	2	12
7. Cambodia	—	0-5	0-5	0-5	3-5	0-5	5-2	0-5	1	8
8. Pakistan	2-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	1-5	0-5	—	1-5	—	6

GROUP FINAL RESULT : HUNGARY 5 ENGLAND 4

# CORBILLON CUP

The following were the final positions of the various teams in the Corbillon Cup event :-

Versus	5	3	6	4	7	1	2	Matches Won	Games Won
1. Japan	3-1	3-0	3-0	3-2	3-0	—	3-2	6	18
2. Rumania	3-1	2-3	3-1	3-1	3-0	2-3	—	4	16
3. England	1-3	—	3-1	3-0	3-0	0-3	3-2	4	13
4. Hungary	3-1	0-3	3-0	—	3-0	2-3	1-3	3	12
5. Austria	—	3-1	3-0	1-3	3-0	1-3	1-3	3	12
6. Hong Kong	0-3	1-3	—	0-3	3-2	0-3	1-3	1	5
7. India	0-3	0-3	2-3	0-3	—	0-3	0-3	—	6

GROUP "B"	7	5	6	2	1	4	3	Matches Won	Games Won
1. Hungary	5-0	5-1	5-0	5-2	—	5-1	5-0	6	30
2. Hong Kong	5-0	5-0	5-0	—	2-5	5-0	5-2	5	27
3. Viet Nam	5-0	5-2	5-0	2-5	0-5	5-0	—	3	22
4. Singapore	5-0	5-1	5-1	0-5	1-5	—	0-5	2	16
5. Brazil	5-0	—	5-1	0-5	1-5	5-1	2-5	3	18
6. Chile	5-1	1-5	—	0-5	0-5	1-5	0-5	1	5
7. Afghanistan	—	0-5	1-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	—	6

# Meet the Jap T.T. Wonders!

**TAKING** part in the World Championships for the first time, the members of the Japanese contingent were:

Leader: Mr. Hisao Kido, member of the Japanese Amateur Table Tennis Association.

Manager: Mr. Daisuke Daimon, Managing Director of the Japanese Amateur Table Tennis Association.

Players: Norikazu Fujii, No. 1 of Japan, holder of the championship of Japan since 1946; Hiroji Sato, one of the top-rankers in Japan; Tadaaki Hayashi, a veteran; Miss Shizuka Narahara, 23-year old leading woman player, living in Hiroshima, the atom-bombed town; Miss Tomie Nishimura, best woman player of Japan and the youngest member of the team, being 18-years old.

Twenty-three year old Narahara, the woman champion of Japan in 1950-51, inherited her interest in the game of the green table from her father, who is also a good player. Her watch-word is "Attack" and she attacks relentlessly from the word "go." Her pen-holder grip and scorching drives on both flanks completely set to nought the hopes of many aspiring champions at Bombay. The heavy spin she imparted to her strokes also baffled every one of her opponents, who surrendered meekly. Only G. Farkas and Rozeanu the Rumanian champion could fight her successfully.

Narahara is at present a clerk in a rayon company in Japan. She manages to find at least two hours daily for playing the game she likes so much.

Unlike her partner, Tomie Nishimura is a dour defender. Her defence can unsettle anyone. That is what happened at Bombay. Nishimura, who is a left-hander, won the Japanese championship for the current year by defeating Oku Bo in the championships held in Kyoto City. She started playing table tennis when she was four years old! The game is very popular in her country and is played in clubs, schools and at all recreation centres. With her great enthusiasm she soon reached the top and became the school champion.

She finished her studies last year and has now decided to devote her full attention to table tennis, as she is not anxious to continue her studies.

Japan's victory over Rumania was so well appreciated that the captain of the defeated team presented Narahara with a small Rumanian flag, a great act of sportsmanship Narahara said that she would treat this as a signal of success for her country in the sphere of sports.

Nishimura, who also uses the pen-holder grip, is of the definite view that for those who are short in stature this grip is more effective

than the orthodox grip. The player can chop and spin the ball better. Also she emphasises that with the pen-holder style strokes come naturally and shots prove deceptive. Shizuka Narahara, while complimenting the Indian women on their standard of play, said that they seem to rely more on defensive than offensive play. She advises Indian women players to concentrate more on attack.

The Japanese women players, Miss Nishimura and Miss Narahara, expressed surprise at their success in the doubles final over the Rowe twins of England. They ascribed their victory more to their combination than to individual brilliance. Miss Narahara said that the world champion Roseanu set too high a standard for them. She described Miss Sultana as a budding world champion.

Commenting on the balls used in the World Championships, she said that they were soft and bounced too much.

H. Sato, the world table tennis champion, said here yesterday in an interview, that it would take three more years for India to reach top level. Sato said that his crepeline bat, which was a puzzle to his opponents, enabled him to impart more spin to his strokes. But one needed to put a lot of force behind the strokes, he added.

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# MYSTERY OF SATO'S GAME RIDICULED BY BERGMANN

*Ex-World Champion Gives His Impressions*

**R**ICHARD BERGMANN declared today that the impact of the Far Eastern style of table tennis on the Western type will give a great fillip to the game in general.

Bergmann ridiculed the mystery built up around Hiroji Sato's game and his racket and added that the sponge rubber racket was nothing new to the West. Any player confronted first time against players using such rackets used to be baffled and minor upsets have happened in the past, though never on such a scale as at the hands of Sato.

The strange racket added confusion and players went unnerved to meet him. Bergmann said that nobody times his strokes properly when in such a nervous state, which helped Sato, who played very cleverly to pile surprise upon surprise till he became "the most baffling champion ever." His own defeat by Sato, Bergmann attributed to his "recklessness" after winning the first game.

Bergmann added that the "penholder" grip had long been discarded by Western players in preference to the so-called orthodox grip of today, which was considered more scientific and sound than the former. But now that Japanese and Hong-Kong players have shown with their success that this theory was wrong, he envisaged that the game would develop side by side on both styles.

Bergmann considered Norikazu Fujii as the real Japanese No. 1 and his team mate Tadaaki Hayashi better than Sato. They were an excellent doubles pair and for that matter the Sih Sui Cho-Fu Chi Fang combination of Hong Kong was not far behind.

Richard Bergmann, four times winner of the World Table Tennis Singles title, declared that the Japanese girls made a great doubles pair but were a long way behind Rozeanu, Farkas, Pritzi and Elliott of the West.

All the Japanese had one thing in common, he said. They were all so keyed up for the championships that many a time they retrieved in time to convert a defeat into victory.

The aggressive game of the Far Eastern players was something of a revelation to the West. They hit seemingly impossible balls which kept very low.

Bergmann stated that the Japanese and Hong Kong players had reached the world class in no uncertain manner and the monopoly so long enjoyed by the West, particularly Central European countries, will in future be shared by the Far East.

Bergmann was all praise for the way the championships were conducted and said that the playing arrangements, players' accommodation, etc., were all on a par with the best available at any previous championships.

## Sato Refuses to Play Against Bergmann

**R**ICHARD BERGMANN a four-times world champion, defeated Tadaaki Havashi, Japanese No. 1, in a thrilling three-game encounter in the two-day exhibition matches which commenced at New Delhi on Feb. 14th.

Playing with all the seriousness of a world championship the visiting English and Japanese players treated a packed crowd at the Delhi Y.M.C.A. to a brilliant exposition of the game. Unmindful of the presence of distinguished personages like the Prime Minister Nehru, Health Minister Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Commander-in-Chief General K. M. Cariappa, Mr. Ivor Montague, President of the International Table Tennis Federation and a number of Foreign Ambassadors, the crowd lustily cheered the players at every stage.

Today's exhibition matches were marred by a "misunderstanding" when the world champion Hiraji Satoh refused to play against Richard Bergmann. The matches were held up for a while when the crowd booed and the officials, headed by the Health Minister, Rakjkumari Amrit Kaur, tried to persuade the Japanese champion to change his mind. But the Japanese team manager Kido agreed to put up only Hayashi against Bergmann.

Commenting on the incident, Mr. Ranga Ramanujam, Secretary of the Indian Table Tennis Federation, said that "although we cannot impose things on any team, it is really bad sportsmanship on the part of the Japanese who have the world champion with them to refuse to play against any player."



GUY AMOURETTI

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In four years Johnny Leach won the world title on two occasions but on each of the other two occasions he was knocked out of the event by Guy Amouretti, French, travelling flower-salesman. At Wembley in 1948 he beat Leach in the fourth round, 21-13, 20-22, 21-15, 13-21 and 21-14. At Bombay in February last his defeat of Leach, again in the fourth round, was a little easier. Scores 21-13, 10-21, 21-9, 21-15. Leach did not play anything like a champion defending his title. In the next round Amouretti was beaten by U.S. player Douglas Cartland, three straight games.

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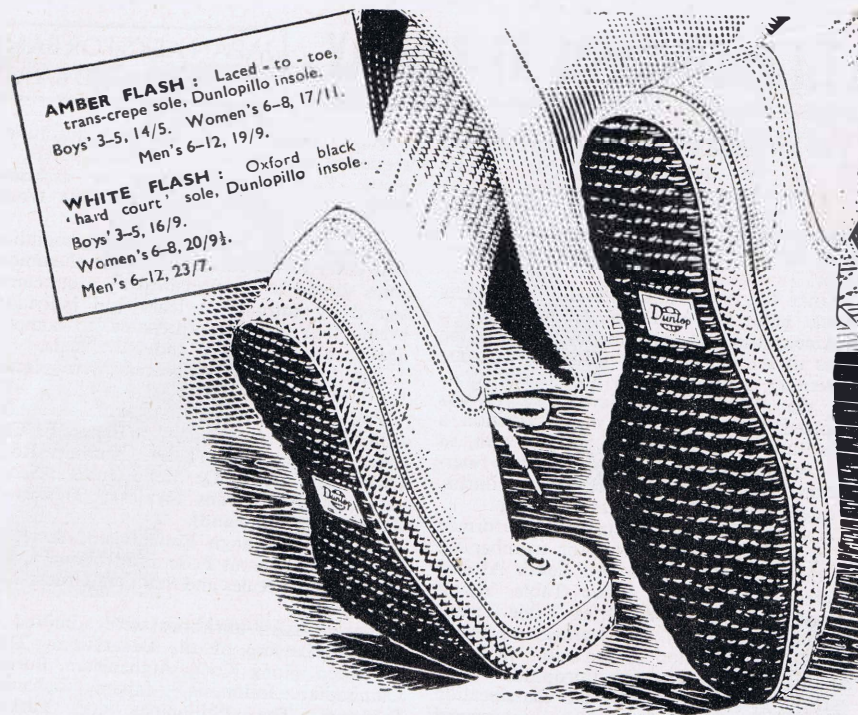
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# I.T.T.F. CONGRESS AT BOMBAY

## JAPAN ASKS FOR BAN ON CREPE-FACED BATS

JAPAN tabled a resolution at the Congress of the International Table Tennis Federation here, recently, urging a ban on the crepe-faced racket such as the one with which Hiraji Satoh emerged unbeaten from the 19th World Table Tennis Championships.

Japan felt that a standardisation of rackets would make for better table tennis.

Amongst other amendments made to the rules of the game at the Congress was one governing substitution in the team events of the World Championships. It was resolved that the referee might sanction a substitution in place of a player who, in the opinion of the referee of the International Jury, was incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable mishap.

A special five-man commission was formed to go into the application for membership of the Federation from two South African bodies: The South Africa Table Tennis Board and the South Africa Table Tennis Union. The former, it is learned, represents the Coloured section of the game in South Africa and the latter the European.

The report submitted by the Classification Committee of the Federation recommend the following classification for the Swaythling and Corbillon cups:

### SWAYTHLING CUP

First Category: Hungary, England, Czechoslovakia, Japan, France, Hong Kong, Yugoslavia, The United States, Vietnam (South) and in the tenth place, a bracket of Austria, Brazil, Germany, India, Portugal and Sweden.

Second Category: Belgium, Cambodia, Chile, Egypt, Korea (South), The Netherlands, Singapore, Switzerland and Wales. All other nations are placed in the third category.

### CORBILLON CUP

First Category: Japan, Rumania, England, Austria, Hungary, The United States, Scotland, Wales, Czechoslovakia, and in the tenth place, Hong Kong and India.

Second Category: Australia, Belgium, Egypt, France, Germany and Yugoslavia. All other nations are placed in the third category.

India has been promoted this year from the second category of the Swaythling Cup to the first.

The Congress adopted a resolution tabled by Hungary and amended by England, calling upon table tennis players and enthusiasts everywhere to encourage all those "who worked sincerely to reduce tension and mistrust in the world" and strove to achieve peaceful solutions to the problems of the day.

The original Hungarian resolution requested the President of the I.T.T.F. to invite Federation members to associate themselves with the decisions of the World Peace Council.

Also adopted was an English resolution that entry forms for future world championships should be accompanied by a statement signed by entrants in team and individual events that they were prepared to compete against all other team and individuals.

The following office-bearers were elected for the next year:—

President: The Hon. Ivor Montagu (England); Vice-Presidents: Elmer F. Cinnater (United States); Dr. Antonio Rotili (Argentina); A. S. De Mello (India); Secretary: H. Roy Evans (Wales); Treasurer: A. K. Vint (England).

Mr. T. D. Ranga Ramanujam, Secretary of the Table Tennis Federation of India, was elected to the Rules and Standing Orders Subcommittee.

Eleven Asian territories were admitted to full membership of the Federation. They are Aden, Hong Kong, Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lebanon, Pakistan, The Philippines and Turkey. Nigeria also become a full member.

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### World Congress Decisions.

Mr. Ivor Montagu, President of the World Table Tennis Federation, in an interview, expressed surprise at Press reports concerning Hungary's proposal before the World Table Tennis Congress for substitutes in the Swaythling Cup teams, who might be allowed to replace players injured during the games. He said that the proposal was referred to a select committee of which he was a member, but it was turned down. He was of the opinion that a ruling of this nature might be abused by the competing nations.

Mr. Montagu also discounted a report that Japan's suggestion to ban crepe-faced bats was ruled out. As a matter of fact, the proposal was not entertained and considered at all, as it came very late.

When asked what would have been the fate of the proposal if it had come in time, Mr. Montagu replied that possibly it would have created some panic in the Congress, which had a number of inexperienced members. But for variety in the game, "silent" bats should be allowed.

The Congress would be meeting again after a year and by that time most of the European players would have got used to playing against opponents using the bats now being employed by Sato, the present world champion, Mr. Montagu said.

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# A New Era for Table Tennis

Says SAM KIRKWOOD

THE startling success of the Japanese players in the World Series at Bombay, where they collected no fewer than four of the seven available titles and in the process made hay of the Rowe girls, Bergmann, Leach and stars of other nationalities, marks a new era in the sport.

Messrs. J. Sato, M. Fujii and T. Hayashi, and the Misses T. Nishimura and S. Narahara, shattered the European monopoly which has existed for 25 years and which was, so we must all admit, becoming boring. Year after year the world championships were dominated by the same few faces and accented by the same styles of play. A select clique maintained an iron grip on the game and annually walked away with honours. Progress doesn't lie that way.

The entry of the Nipponese has altered this state of affairs. No more can the Hungarians, Czechs and English sit back comfortably, regarding the majority of competitors merely as also-rans present just to make up the number, so to speak.

There is now a vigorous new competitive spirit abroad, and no-one dare take anything for granted. The Asiatics have joined in the battle with a vengeance and gained mastery. The Europeans are pining to prove that the events in Bombay were not a true or lasting indication of merit. As a result, the public is going to witness grim and exhilarating West versus East struggles for world supremacy.

Fine. Come right in and make yourselves welcome, our honourable Japanese friends!

Players on this part of the globe are not the only individuals who have received a severe shaking up. Coaches have plenty of explaining to do, regarding the pen-holder grip used by the Nips. But plenty. According to our orthodox tutors, those inveterate lovers of the elegant forehand and backhand executed *à la* lawn tennis, the pen-holder style was most definitely not the thing. In fact, so we had been told for umpteen years, it was more extinct than the dodo and about as much use as a knife in the back. Someone shut the door, please—there's a big draught blowing in. . . .

However, let no one be foolish enough to imagine that the pen-holder style by itself explains the Japs' triumph. Of course it doesn't. One might just as well contend that Barna achieved greatness because of the way he holds his racket. The Orientals have merely demonstrated that, used correctly and by the player suited for it, the grip can be extremely effective. It is the player who matters more than the grip, and it is my surmise that the Nipponese are so devastating

because of their quickness of eye, small and lithe bodies, fleetness of foot and trigger-quick co-ordination between mind, eye and arm.

A player naturally cumbersome of foot and slow of mind is patently unsuited for the style which, as I see it, demands overall speed and extra-quick reflex action.

Incidentally (or should I say Occidentally?), a correspondent has been quick to remind me that I should not have been surprised by the success of the Japs, pointing out that nearly four years ago I wrote that some authorities maintain table tennis was "born" in Japan 2,000 years ago, when it was called "Pom Pom." Well, well!

The game may or may not have first seen the light of day out East, but it is a fact, so I am assured, that table tennis has 25,000,000 enthusiasts in Japan, where it has become the national pastime. And—tremble, you Europeans!—the majority of them favour the pen-holder grip.

Viewing matters by and large, I think it safe to say that we may most certainly anticipate some exciting developments in the international sphere of table tennis, thanks to the little yellow wonders from the Far East.

## Please Note

### Future Issues

*In future, "Table Tennis Review" will appear at quarterly intervals with one extra special issue to cover World Championships, thus still adhering to five issues per year.*

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# Burton Bumps Beachcomber

BEACHCOMBER, of the *Daily Express*, had the following in one of his recent columns:

*"Ping-Pong is being taken more and more seriously, and every time I refuse to call it "table tennis" a maddened public lashes out at me. I would as soon call darts "indoor archery." Before me is a picture of people in training for this ridiculous game. There are probably adults who skip and run and shadow-box and live on a diet in order to be fit for a halma competition."*

Mr. Cecil H. Burton, Secretary to the Beckenham League, could not allow BEACHCOMBER to get away with this and posted the following to the *Daily Express*:

Dear Sirs,—How much longer must we endure the sneers of your reporters on the subject of Table Tennis? It is bad enough that nothing less than the World Championships appear to warrant any favourable publicity in your columns, but the latest attempt at so-called humour by your contributor BEACHCOMBER seems to me to be lacking in taste and decency.

We are, of course, quite used to the "clever" substitution of the words "Ping-Pong" for the correct title "Table Tennis," but to describe it as "this ridiculous game" is going too far. May I remind BEACHCOMBER that the sport, played properly, requires the utmost stamina and fitness, and, as a spectacle, top class table tennis takes a lot of beating.

It is well known that many first-class

cricketers, lawn-tennis players and footballers find its speed of eye and movement of considerable value to their own sport, and the completion of a competitive five-set match can require as much concentration and physical effort as many other sports.

Another point which cannot be too strongly emphasised is that far more people of both sexes play the game as opposed to watching it, and this cannot be said of many other sports where the spectators far outnumber those taking part.

The current E.T.T.A. Handbook indicates that in this country alone there are 305 Leagues, formed from 6,800 clubs, having a total membership of no less than 150,000, and there must be many more players not affiliated. May I also point out the very considerable international flavour of table tennis, which is now played in most countries of the world, and finally emphasise that it is one of the few sports which makes no distinction between amateurs and professionals, another feature which might, with advantage, be followed by many of the older organisations.

I suppose it is too much to hope that you will give any publicity to this letter, but I feel that it is time someone spoke up for the game and refuted the cheap sneers so often found in the National Press. Heaven knows, you would not dare to speak in such derogatory terms of the so-called "major" sports and, in particular, the "Sport of Kings," which always receives so much space in your columns.

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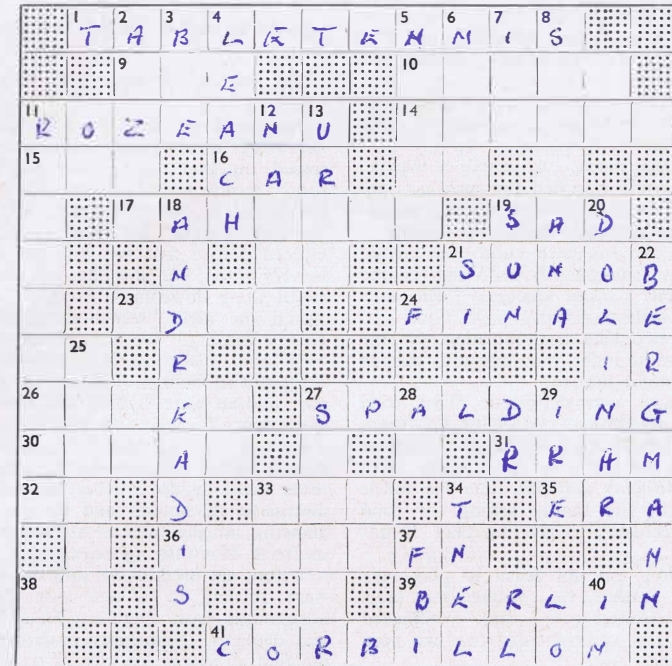
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# Table Tennis Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

1. World's most popular indoor sport.
9. Discern.
10. The five vowels (jumbled).
11. World Champion (Women—1951).
14. This player is often referred to as "a comedian of the game."
15. Formerly a military title of rank given to certain officers in the Turkish army ; now used also as a civil title and applied to men holding high positions, and also to men of great wealth and influence.
16. Wheeled vehicle.
17. The country to win the World Championship the most (jumbled spelling).
19. You need not be unnecessarily this after losing a match.
21. Workers often go on strike over this. (Reversed spelling).
23. Notion ; plan.
24. That which concludes.
26. A comic name for a worsted wig.
27. Make of the balls used in the 19th World Championships.
30. This Indian official recently lost his life in an air crash near Calcutta.
31. Almost everyone of us had a ride in it when young.
32. Mother.
33. An antelope of the Genus *Connochoetes*.
35. Period.
36. India is a ——— member of the International Table Tennis Federation (jumbled spelling).
38. Personal charm (U.S. slang).
39. The First International Congress meeting was held in ———.
41. Women's Team Championship trophy is known as the ——— Cup.

## CLUES DOWN

2. To test or examine.
3. A genus of hymenopterous insects.
4. World Champion (Men—1951).
5. He can play without a click. His forte is his back-hand flick (jumbled spelling).
6. You ——— cent per cent fitness to represent your country in a world tournament.
7. Initials of the word Labour Organisation (jumbled).
8. The youngest competitor ever to participate in World Table Tennis Championships.
11. Victor Barna called this official "Human Dynamo."
12. This Indian won the England and German Championships in 1925-26.
13. Impulse ; incentive.
18. World's outstanding take-it-easy player, but a "lion in its lair."
19. Many Indians look at it when leaving their homes in the morning.
20. He beat Bergmann, Amouretti and Fritch recently in the Austrian Open Championship.
22. Szabados called him a "Fighting Tiger."
25. Indian National Champion in 1951.
27. Make of tables used in present championships.
28. An exclamation.
29. Rage.
34. The forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day observed by Christians as a time of fasting and abstinence (reversed spelling).
37. Initials of America's Investigation Bureau.
38. In cricket it means taking one's innings.
40. Within.

PLEASE NOTE.—No Prize is offered for the correct solution. For the Official Solution please see page 32.



# A THREPENNY BALL . . .

THERE is little one can buy nowadays for less than a shilling. Really cheap toys to fill the children's Christmas stockings are very hard to get.

"Nothing over sixpence," decreed my husband George. "We spent enough on their large presents."

I toured the shops. A pencil, a whistle, what more could one find for such a price? And there, on the counter of a multiple store, lay a tiny white ball. Threepence.

I bought one for each child and carried them home triumphantly. "What is the point of that?" asked George. "The balls are no use without a bat."

I bought two bats next morning. George reminded me at night that one also needed a net. I bought that too.

The children were delighted. They tried to play on my dining room table and there was a battle between me and them because I wanted to set the table for a meal. Later on I tried to play and this time the battle was reversed, the family asking for food and myself refusing to give up play. It was fun.

The children did not learn to play very well, being rather too young for table tennis. But George and I did. We played every night and soon decided that we need a proper table.

"Cannot afford to buy," said George. "But there is some old wood in the cellar. I'll try making one."

He did. But George is a craftsman. He hates making a poor job of a thing. So he bought a new toolset which would allow for precision. He soon found that the boards he meant to use for the top were too soft. Gradually he bought more and more wood, a new plane, more hinges, nails and so on. Finally the table was ready.

"Jolly good" — we admired the finished product. "And to think it is home made, without paying the price of a new table!"

But the next day I passed a sports outfitter with tables for sale and discovered that a new one would have cost less than George's new tools and material. We had to buy it in the end anyway as the home-made table somehow did not make the balls bounce.

There was the problem of where to put the table. It was a folding one, but too large for the dining room. We put it in the nursery, which is the largest room in the house, but that left no room for children's beds. I put all the spare-room beds into the attic and the children took over our guest room. We had great fun playing table tennis.

*By way of a change Gina Watson gives us some Table Tennis Fiction*

Till the end of the week. Then Auntie Ethel arrived.

We could not put her into the attic, so she slept in our bed and George and I tossed on that hard settee in the sitting room. Auntie stayed a week. She said that the sound of the ping-pong balls bouncing at night, stopped her from sleep. I never noticed before that we had visitors to stay so very often, but now that we slept on that awful thing downstairs, every time anybody stayed the night, somebody seemed to be always coming. We needed another room.

"I think this house is really too small," I suggested to George. "It was all right when the children were babies, but now we need extra space."

I would not say that I nagged him about it, but, well, I did mention the subject about three times a day. This led naturally to discussion of houses and to glancing, just glancing, at the notices of houses for sale in front of estate agencies.

Within six months we sold our house and were settling in a new one. Odd how economical laws operate. Take the supply and demand. Somebody once explained to me that it means scarcity of a thing causes greater demand. But in my own experience it means that if you want to sell something it appears to have no value, but if you intend to buy a similar article the price rockets.

The agents explained to us that prices of houses have gone up since we bought our former abode so we will have to pay much more. At the same time we cannot expect to get more than we have originally paid for our old house, because people have no money nowadays. We will be lucky to get that much.

So we paid through our nose for the new house. Bue we had at last a spare bedroom and a proper room for table tennis. It was large enough, it was light enough, it had no nooks and crannies where the ball could disappear to force us down on our knees poking for it. That made up for the fact that the chimneys smoked and the water would not heat and the rats in the garden. We were so happy in this house playing table tennis every night and right through the week-end.

Christmas came round again and once more George addressed himself to me with a warning: "Nothing over sixpence for their stockings," he said. "I may buy a dart for each boy," I suggested. "No," he screamed.

# About The Countries

## Facts about some Bombay Competing Nations

AUSTRIA. Approx. 10,000 members. From 1928 to 1938 was at the top of world table tennis. Produced players like Thum, Liebster, Kohn, Bergmann, Pritzi.

ENGLAND. Nearly 140,000 members. A "Ping Pong" Association formed in 1902. Best products Perry, Haydon, Leach and the Rowe twins. Barna and Bergmann now naturalised Englishmen.

FRANCE. Now celebrating its Silver Jubilee. Marcel Corbillon, a great administrator, can be said to have put France on the T.T. map. Haguenaer and Amouretti world class.

HONG KONG. A newcomer to world championships, but league games have been played from the early twenties. A few years before the war Szabados visited Hong Kong and gave advice on rubber-covered rackets and the modern style of the game. Players that can be said to be of world class are Keung Wing-Wing, Sih Sui-Cho and Foo Ki-Fong.

INDIA. In the early twenties Indian students in Europe, particularly in England, entered into most international contests. From 1924 to 1927 the English Open title was carried off once by Nanda and twice by Suppiah. In 1937 the All-India T.T. Federation was born, and in 1938 a visit by Barna and Bellak.

JAPAN. Over 250,000 players. Sport became organised in 1920 and later was recognised as a premier pastime and included in the National Athletic Meet. In 1931 Lady Swaythling visited Japan. Cork covered rackets were used until Szabados and Kelen visited Japan in the early thirties. Then followed American and Australian touring teams. Participating in her first world championship this year at Bombay, her players took the Corbillon Cup back home together with the Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles titles.

SINGAPORE. Not until 1950 that any real progress has been made, although Szabados and Kelen visited Singapore in 1937. In the past couple of years teams from Hong Kong, India, and the Phillipine Islands helped to give the game a fillip. Loh Kum Soon has been playing the game for a number of years and beat both Szabados and Kelen during their 1937 visit. Wong Tong Goon took games off Leach and Haguenaer when they made a call on their way to Australia.

GERMANY. Association reformed in 1949. Now consists of the West Zone, which has 201,300 players; and the East Zone, with 90,000 players. Famous pre-war players were Madjoroglou, Nicklesburg, and Entholl.

BRAZIL. Never properly organised until 1951, although a representative team was sent to the world championships at Stockholm, Budapest and Vienna. Is affiliated to the South American Confederation of Table Tennis, which is the controlling body for South America.

## CORBILLON CUP

(Women's Teams)

### ENGLAND 3—RUMANIA 2

D. ROWE lost to A. Roseanu, 21, —12, —18; bt. S. Szasz, 20, —7, 13. R. ROWE lost to A. Roseanu, —17, 18, —9; bt. S. Szasz, 18, 10. D. & R. ROWE bt. A. Roseanu/S. Szasz, 20, 18.

### ENGLAND 3—HONG KONG 1

R. ROWE lost to Yeung Wai-Bun, 21, —11, —16; bt. W. Bik Yui, 4, 10. M. FRANKS bt. Wong Bik Yui, —17, 17, 11. R. & D. ROWE bt. Y. Wai-Bun/Wong Oi-Lau, 15, 11.

### ENGLAND 3—INDIA 0

R. ROWE bt. G. Nasikwalia, 17, 13. K. BEST bt. S. Sultana, 20, —21, 16. R. & D. ROWE bt. V. Rajagopalan/S. Sultana, 12, 26.

### ENGLAND 0—JAPAN 3

R. ROWE lost to S. Narahara, —19, —17. D. ROWE lost to T. Nishumura, —14, —17. D. & R. ROWE lost to S. Narahara/T. Nishumura 14, 9.

### ENGLAND 1—AUSTRIA 3

R. ROWE lost to T. Pritzi, —19, —10. D. ROWE lost to T. Pritzi, 13, —22, —13; lost to L. Wertl, —18, —18. D. & R. ROWE bt. T. Pritzi/L. Wertl, 6, —19, 10.

### ENGLAND 3—HUNGARY 0

R. ROWE bt. G. Farkas, 17, —13, 15. D. ROWE bt. E. Sagi, 10, —12, 13. D. & R. ROWE bt. G. Farkas/E. Sagi, 21, 14.

# Victor Barna Says . . .

Writing in his weekly article in *Sporting Record*, Victor Barna gives some impressions of the Bombay event. He acknowledges that some Eastern nations now share top places with the best in the West. He writes:

"In some respects the Hong Kong players impressed me more than the Japanese. Unlike the Japs, not all of them use the penholder grip, and these players excel especially in defence.

"Their chief trouble is that their penholder hitters are impetuous and cannot differentiate between ordinary half-volleys and chops—consequently they hit every thing in the same way.

"Their defensive players are tremendously agile, and they are capable of fantastic returns. However, they play so far away from the table that they give the opposition too much room and too many opportunities to out-manoeuvre them. Now they have seen what can be done they will become really hot.

"Three Hong Kong players succeeded in reaching the quarter-finals of the men's singles. One of them, Keung Wing-Wing, beat Ehrlich, the present holder of the English Open; and the match between their No. 1, Sih Sin-Cho, and the Japanese, Hayashi, was one of the most interesting of the whole tournament.

Sih Sin-Cho and Foo Ki-Fang nearly beat Leach and Bergmann. They led 2-0 and looked certain winners until their impetuosity let them down."

Barna concludes by saying that the Frenchman, Roothoof, improves with every match, and might one day win the world title.

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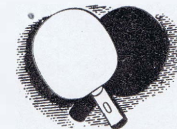
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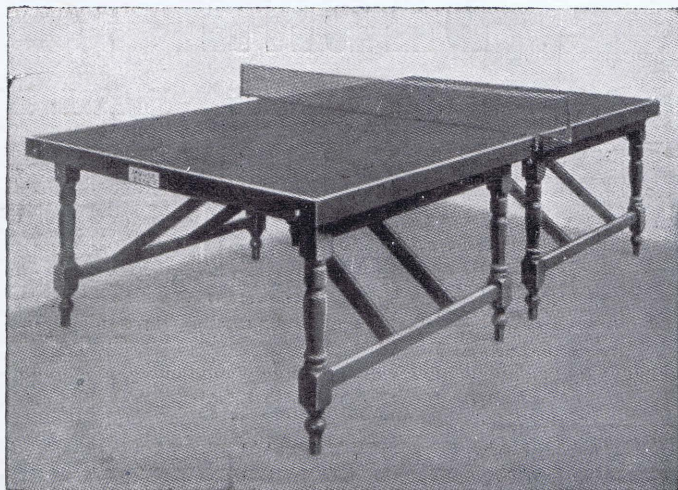
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