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PRINCE PHILIP SILVER WINK 1967-68

As mentioned in WW 13 the fate of the Silver Wink was not decided at the 1968 Congress owing to complications arising because Oxford played with seven men in the semi-final against Nottingham, one man playing double, and then wanted to do the same against Cambridge in the final. Cambridge demanded that Oxford play with three pairs and give up 28 points, as Tiddlywinks is a game for pairs, not players, and Oxford refused to do this saying that if they should give Cambridge 28 points they should have given Nottingham them also in the semi-final.

Oxford thus offered Nottingham a replay and the match was arranged for May 5th at Cambridge, so the winners could play Cambridge in the final on the same day. However Oxford at short notice said they could not play on the agreed date, Nottingham claimed the match and played Cambridge in the final. After the first round Cambridge were only four points up, but played steadily better until after the third round the score was 56-28. Nottingham conceded victory, being anxious to set off home.

Thus for a few brief days Cambridge thought that they had won the Silver Wink for the second year running, but it was not so. It was decided that the means were slightly dubious and Oxford should really have had a chance to play in the final, while Nottingham having been beaten once already, should not.

The problem lapsed over the long vac. and after a quantity of letter writing in several directions, Nottingham agreed they had no claim to play Oxford, and Oxford agreed to play Cambridge as they would have had to at Congress, with seven men, the seventh playing double. However the scoring system to be adopted is the one outlined by John Griffiths (President of Cambridge U Tw C) in WW13. The match will be played with this years teams on Nov. 24th at Cambridge, too late for a report of it to be included here, but here are the reports on the semi-finals made by Pat Bonham.

Nottingham University v. Oxford University April 6 1968

The scores in this game, which eventually went to Oxford by 13 points, were unusually irregular, with some very good play by both teams.

Oxford's score at the end of round one was a devastating 24-4. Three games were double-squop (6-1, 6-1, 5-2), two of which were won by good last-minute Oxford potting. The fourth game was very open, and Tattersall, playing solo for Oxford, succeeded in potting out quite early to win 7-0.

Nottingham fought back in earnest and took the next two rounds easily. In round two, Oxford's pot-out man tried it again and never quite made it; the game went to the time-limit and he just won 4-3 on points. The other three games were taken by Nottingham; in one Oxford tried pot-squop but failed due to faulty potting, and the other games were double-squop.

By the end of round three Oxford were only 7 points ahead but they took the last round 17-11 and won decisively, though the

games in this round were all rather messy and the outcome unpredictable. The final score was $62\frac{1}{2}$ - $49\frac{1}{2}$.

Top Oxford scorers were Hoare and Glicksman (19) and Allen and Edwards (17), Cordingley and Warwick scored 16 for Nottingham. Cambridge University v. Queen's University Belfast.

This close match which included some very difficult games went to Cambridge by 11 points, but each side won 8 games, 2 in each round. Queen's won their games more narrowly than Cambridge, who therefore won by trying to achieve a 6-1 score whenever they had the chance.

Round one went to Cambridge 17-11. Only 2 games were normal double-squop. The third was a Queen's pot-out (5-2 to Queen's), while in the fourth Queen's got into trouble and tried double-potting; however, Cambridge quickly potted out to take the game 6-1.

In round two, which Cambridge won 16-12, all games were double-squop. Queen's won 2 games by sheer hard work, and lost a third by getting too tied up. Cambridge won the fourth 6-1 by ensuring that one player stayed fairly free throughout the game.

By the end of round three, which again went to Cambridge $15\frac{1}{2}$ - $12\frac{1}{2}$, they needed only 8 points to win. In round four, 6 of these were achieved in one double-squop game. Otherwise Cambridge did badly and lost the round 13-15. However this gave them a final score of $61\frac{1}{2}$ to Queen's $50\frac{1}{2}$.

Orrock and Rose gave Cambridge three good wins and a 3-4 loss to score 20 points, while Hoare and Carrington (Cambridge) managed 17. Queen's top scorers were Adams and Cobain with three games won and 16 points.

1968-69 Competition

This was originally intended to be organised by the 67-68 winners, but in the absence of any such thing Cambridge have taken on the job. So far about thirteen teams have entered, less than last year, but the teams who have not reentered this year are mainly the ones who scratched last time. Thus the number of teams actually playing this year should be about the same as last. The draw has not been made yet but it will be in the next few weeks, so the competition should not be behind schedule in spite of the uncertainties in who should organise it.

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THE MARCHANT TROPHY

There have been no more challenge matches played since last WW was published, Sussex were unable to overcome the problem of travel and the next on the list is thus Altrincham, who Cambridge are waiting to hear from.

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IRTWINK

In the last few months Ir Tw A have produced the first copy of IRTWINK - "The official journal of the Irish Tiddlywinks Association". It is to be published once a year and though it is much smaller than WW (8 sides, each about half the size of a sheet of foolscap) it is printed instead of duplicated, and this leads to an enviably better quality. The magazine has a variety of articles in it, including an extract from WW 13 - John Griffiths letter on scoring in matches when only seven people turn up for one side.

The editorial, written by Roy Adams, says there is a real need to raise the status of Winks in the minds of non-winkers in general. He suggests this can be done firstly by making game more popular - teaching the rudiments of the game and conveying some idea of the competitive/social spirit in which the game is played - and secondly by organising Winks on an international basis. This latter aim can only

be realised by having a properly constituted body which is economically prosperous, thus raising of funds rather than giving donations to charity must be a primary consideration of the organisation.

Another article describes a game in which Clement Freud (Queen's honorary president) and Francis Dódd (Queen's president) beat Doris Nicholson and Martin Neill. The game was won using pot-squop tactics and Clement Freud showed he is not just a pretty face by potting 4 winks in four successive rounds and the other two in four shots when they were freed.

Craigavon won one division of the Northern Ireland League and Lurgan won and young Lurgan were second in the other. All three teams came from Lurgan Technical. Lurgan did far better than Queen's in this competition, though Queen's were hindered by degree examinations, and since Queen's were beaten by only 11 points by Cambridge in the Silver Wink semi-final, it would be interesting to see how well Lurgan could do against Cambridge, or indeed any other English side.

In a round up of the main Irish clubs Roy Adams lists five, two keen, two flagging but with hope and one dead, with other teams possibly in existence, Gadd's assorted being the more notable of these as it played in the League. The picture is fairly bright for Irish Winks because though there are few clubs, these clubs are fairly large and between them they can raise ten regularly playing teams for the League alone, with at least one more entering next year.

WW's opposite number in Ireland has thus had an auspicious start. I hope it continues in like manner and wish it the best of luck in doing so.

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LONDON LEAGUE

The final of the London League 1967-68 season, was played on 17th June 1968 between University College and Old Ealoniens, who had both won their divisions in reasonable comfort. The match was extremely close all the way through, and resulted in a narrow win for U C, who thereby won the Willis Cup for the first time.

Twelve teams have entered this year's League, which will comprise two divisions of six teams each. It is doubtful whether those old campaigners, Gradwink and Bancroft's will be able to raise strong enough teams to enter this year, but in their place will be the Warthogs, a team of ex University College winkers, and Old Bancrotonians, basically the same team which won the League in 1963/4/5/6.

Interest is still strong in London, with some colleges starting teams where there were none last year, and the draw for places in the two divisions should produce some close matches.

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NORTHERN LEAGUE

Since the last news of the League much has taken place. The news of Winks has been spread to numerous schools and youth clubs previously ignorant of the game and the League has great hopes of further expansion.

A mixed pairs championship was held with great success and a similar competition was held a few weeks later with Ken Wild, previously chairman of the League, as chief organiser.

With the end of the school year came the end of the year of office of the officials of the League. New ones were elected and three new members voted in. Two of these were to replace members who had left school for university, the third being a representative of Chadderton Girls G S, a new addition to the League.

The committee is now considering the possibility of the League's own magazine:- to rival the Winking World perhaps?

The League committee now goes on to help to organise the Northern Junior of 1969 to be held in the first few days of January

and also, it is hoped to go on to organise many more such in the future.

Northern League Tiddlywinks Championships.

This year has seen the Northern Tiddlywinks League attempt at the record for the maximum number of Tiddlywinks Championships per unit time. As well as the annual, and usually highly successful, Northern Junior Tiddlywinks Championship, two more of these social events were held. Both these were great successes due to the excellent organisation.

At the first, held on Saturday the 13th July, sex reared its ugly (and that's a matter of opinion) head, the championship being organised on a mixed pairs basis. The championship was the first to be held in the Main Debating Chamber of the Manchester University Union, a room well suited to the purpose. The only difficulty encountered was the normal apathy shown by the participants once they had been "knocked out". These people formed into small groups and sought other forms of entertainment. The championship was won by Paul Wynn (Altrincham Boys G S) and Jeannie Barton (Sale Girls G S).

The second of the championships was held on Saturday 21st Sept. at the Lesser Debating Hall of the University Union. This was run on more novel terms, being a contest between teams of four. It was hoped by the ever optimistic organiser that each team could play every other team, but time did not permit this. The situation was not aided by the fact that, despite the efforts of the more scientifically minded members of the League, the public address system refused to work. An exciting finish was won (as they always seem to be) by a team from Altrincham Boys G S with a team (affectionately known as K R A P) from Chadderton Boys G S only 4 points behind them gaining second place.

With his usual efficiency the organiser had not settled the matter of the prize for this championship although it is hoped his colleagues may have now managed to sort this matter out.

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WINKS IN AMERICA

I have written to several people in America and Canada who were or are interested in Winks but the only reply I have had was from Rosy Wain (ex Cornell University) and here are some excerpts from it.

"I wish I could give you details of great progress in the Winking World over here but unfortunately everything seemed to die down after the big convention we had in Waterloo last year... The Waterloo Convention was very well organised and arranged by Ronald Rumm and Co. and the soft drink firm "Canada Dry" promised us then that they would help sponsor the winning team to go over to England the following year. However, after Cornell had won it, I wrote to various branches of "Canada Dry" and eventually received a letter from the Vice President who denied any knowledge of the convention - let alone the trip to England! Then at this point I left Cornell and came up here to Ottawa. I know that most of the Cornell team have left Cornell now too so I doubt if there is any great activity in the Winks field there.

"... All the Toonto boys were extremely keen (although only beginners) and even had pale green sweatshirts with 'University of Toronto Tiddlywinks Club' across the front.

"I think that the enthusiasm at Waterloo waned somewhat after they lost the championships and Harvard was definitely losing its status last year. The M I T team were good but the core of that team were great pals with the core of the Cornell team and now that Cornell has probably disintegrated I think that M I T probably has too.

"Anyway this is all surmise only on my part, I have not been in contact with any of them at all and for all I know the Winks business over here could be thriving.

"...All I can tell you is that at the last count there were clubs at M I T, Cornell, Harvard, Waterloo, Toronto and Columbia University. Heaven knows what they're allup to now.

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CORRESPONDENCE

British Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Sir,

Winking World 13 contained much to interest and some matters to concern Winks players who were unable to attend Congress. Apart from Mr. Drain's ties, and the scorecard design in which Mr Jefferies has been known to specialise, Congress appears to have been less than decisive or tolerant. While in itself rational, the results of E Tw A's unfortunate and unsuccessful ultimatum seem likely to discourage incipient Associations and may have the effect of diminishing the useful rivary which has hitherto been the mainspring of International Winks. On balance, however, it may be that the proposals with which I broadly agree, were necessary. Leb Tw A which was founded some 6 years ago and has in its history played only four games, will, however, continue to offer a game (and usually hospitality) to itinerant Winks players transiting Beirut.

Seven v. Eight Winks as suggested by John Griffiths of Cambridge highlights a recurrent problem and offers an elegant solution. Within the reservations of his second paragraph his proposal deserves strong support from all Winks players concerned primarily with the excellence of the match rather than the size of the victory. Should the proposal at any stage require seconding, and this be possible by post, I would be delighted to do so.

To many friends in various clubs in Britain and America go best wishes from this outpost in nearer Asia.

Yours faithfully

Michael Halsey
(Secretary General Leb Tw A
Ex Captain of England
President of Cambridge U Tw C
etc.)

Dear Sir

I would like to make a few comments on the suggestion of Mr Griffiths made in WW13 on the size of teams.

Tiddlywinks is a game for pairs, and the Silver Wink is a competition for four pairs. If a team cannot produce the required number, then they should not enter, or be made to concede the points. There is too much of this bending of the rules for the sake of an easy life. If the game is ever to progress from a student pastime, or child's game it will be by stricter application of the rules, and by an adult approach to such problems.

At the Congress in 1967 an attempt was made by some to set up a committee to decide what constituted a legal shot. This move was dismissed because of the difficulties. There are many loopholes in the rules (what does "round" really mean?) that could do with considered thought and detailed codification. The rules do not even define what is meant by a shot.

In my opinion, rather than asking questions like is 3½" as good as 4" when replacing winks on the mat, and discussions on the ethics of playing with 7 players, the Winking community should be applying itself to producing unambiguous rules, and written conditions of entry to competitions. We must leave behind the times of haphazard gentlemen, and become players,

yours sincerely,

John Fitch₅ (sec. St. John's College Tw C)

SCOTLAND I have had a short note from Adrian Grant (Dundee) summing up the state of Winks in Scotland. "Dundee University has 30 members. The rest of Scotland not worthy of mention."

SPIKE MILLIGAN was elected Honourary President of E Tw A some time in the dim and distant past - at Congress 67 I think - he has since accepted this post. He replaces Harry Seacombe as the figurehead of English Winks.

ANY LETTERS or articles on any subject connected with Winks to me, Jeremy Shepherd, 18 Meadow Bank, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire.
or St. John's College, Cambridge.

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OPENING IDEAS by AEACUS

Read a book on draughts or croquet and you will find a section devoted to the openings; a large part of chess literature is devoted to opening theory. This is an unambitious attempt to start a discussion of the opening theory of Tiddlywinks.

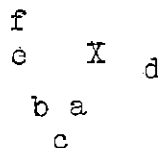
The object of the game is to pot the winks and opening moves must centre round the attempted domination of the area near the pot.

Assume a time limit game and probable double squop and consider the problem confronting North South. South wins the start. Consider the ideal position (diagram 1).

North diagram 1 East

Notes on the diagram:-

X marks the pot,
North etc. mark the corners
of the mat,
the letters mark the position
of winks (in this case just
South's).
The representation is, of course,
only approximate.



West

South

If North plays his winks to a similar position East and West are driven away from the pot, and North-South have particular strength in the direct line between their opponents and the pot. This is most desirable. East-West have their normal landing place cut off and can be cut off from each other.

Consider diagram 1 again. South should play wink a 5-6 inches from the pot (a reasonable distance, easy to pot, and giving a fair chance to squop any wink landing between it and the pot), then b to the left of a, followed by c, which should not be more than 4 inches from the pot. def represent the ideal development which almost never happens. d protects the East flank and ef link up with North. The triangle abc forms the basis of the opening.

Consider the ideal formation of West, assuming he wins the start. Diagram 2. A should be about 8 inches from the pot, C about 5. The object is to cut off North and Communicate with East. I take it as self-evident that a player should endeavour to squop the player following him. Observe that while South has to squidge about 2½ feet West has to squidge about 4 feet.

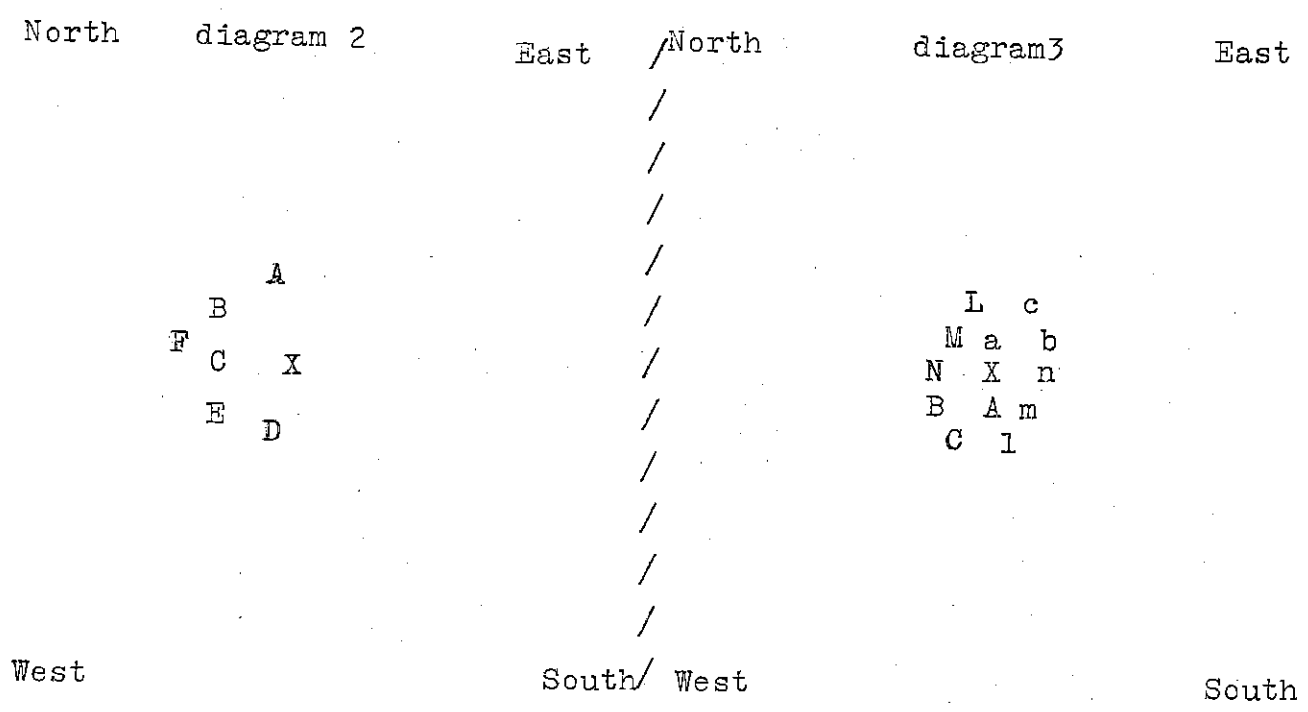


Diagram 3 represents the ideal formation for all 4 players, ABC is South, LMN West, abc North, lmn East. Unfortunately a typewriter can not show all the details accurately but in fact a is uncomfortably near L as is l to A, but small adjustments could be made. The game clearly comes to life in the fourth round, when a player may attempt to squop an opponent, to reinforce his position by advancing a fourth wink, or to pot. Notice that if he does decide to pot and fails, his winks have a good chance of landing among his partner's or safely away from the opponents. If a wink bounces sideways it is doomed.

If the player pots 3 winks his fourth has a good refuge amongst his partner's winks. But if he succeeds or fails he gives up space and virtually confines himself and his partner to one corner of the board. If the opponents play well they will occupy the vacant space, and very accurate potting will be needed to ensure that the potter does not have one of his last winks inextricably squopped.

Two observations may be made. One- is the position outlined ideal? Experiment and see- we believe that it is from long experience. Two- can winks really be placed so accurately from the corner? They can, and it is evidence of the lack of consideration given to the opening moves that they are not.

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CAMBRIDGE CUPPERS COMPETITION

In the last two years Cambridge University has dominated the Winks scene in the British Isles, a fact largely due to the lively interest in Inter-College competition. Every year the colleges compete for the Founders' Cup by knockout.

Recently the University Club has been dominated by Sidney Sussex College and Christ's College, but the results of cuppers show another power, for this year St. John's completed their hat-trick of victories and chalked up their fourth success in the last five years. This year the final was not played, being between St. John's I and St John's III. However the result of one of the semi-finals, John's III v St Catharine's I, show the control of John's. Due to a clerical error by the John's secretary, the John's team was incomplete with only ten minutes to go to the start of the match. Two complete novices were found to stop giving Cath's 28 pts and with this pair getting 4 St Cath's were defeated by one point.

It is of interest to note that these victories were made with essentially the same team, and of the 14 players who at some time helped the team, only two had played before coming to St John's.

WHY NOT WINKS?

The next Congress is to be held at Easter and its prime function is to constitute one International Winks body to replace the present national bodies and I F Tw A.

Now over the past years there have been many discussions about the name Tiddlywinks and there have been some attempts to change it. One of the arguments against changing it in the past has been the cost of reprinting stationery and membership cards with the new name. This still applies to the very few clubs that have such printed matter but it no longer applies to E Tw A and the other national bodies. The new body will have to have new letter-heads and membership cards and they can bear any name for the game desired.

The Easter Congress thus presents a unique opportunity for changing the name of Tiddlywinks to, I propose, Winks. This is not exactly a new proposal. The name has always had a large quantity of support and, indeed, many people already use this name. In fact, I think the more frequent and keen players will use this name exclusively in a few years, most already do. The counters are already called winks and players are called Winkers, so why not call the game Winks?

Having said when and to what, I ought now say why I think the name should be changed. Everyone must know by now the basic reasons for this and so I will not repeat them here, but I have noticed something which I shall now point out.

Winkers are often talking of improving the image of Tiddlywinks and to this end a small amount of publicity has been got from TV radio and newspapers. Unfortunately it is not the image of our Tiddlywinks that is being benefitted, because it never really had one, but that of the nursery game-target and nobby Tiddlywinks and the like. When the average person sees our publicity he thinks of the game he knows, the nursery game, and if he goes to a shop to buy a game for his children and our publicity causes him to think of Tiddlywinks it is not an I F Tw A matchplay set he gets. We are giving free publicity to the toy manufacturers who make the nobby winks sets which give us our bad image, and THEY KNOW IT. Among other firms Waddington's have produced a game called Tiddlywinks. Note the spelling. They, and other firms, are now using our spelling. They have seen our publicity and are turning it to their own ends. A few years ago the name would not have been spelt that way, nor the sets put in a prominent place in Lewis's where I saw it.

If we don't change the name we are in a vicious circle. We try to improve our image, thus publicising "Tiddlywinks". People buy the only sets they can in the shops- nobby type ones- and then spend a few perplexed minutes when they open them, wondering how university students and national teams can spend their time flipping winks at a target. Our image is certainly not improved this way.

Winks is a different game to Tiddlywinks. Why not give it a different name. Then when people hear of Winks they may realise we are not talking about a nursery game. If we say Tiddlywinks they don't.

The Editor.

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MEMBERS OF E Tw A

The following is a list of individual members of E Tw A in alphabetical order.

Allen Astles, Paul Atkinson, Norman Bardsley, Robert Bebbington, Stuart Bennett, Colin Blears, Patrick Bonham, Roger Broomfield, Stuart Clark, Guy Consterdine, Alan Cook, Alan Cooper, Gerry Courtney, Michael Crick, A Dean, Peter Downes, Stephen Drain, Christopher Emery, John Fitch, Colin Flood, Robin Glasscock, Michael Halsey, Anthony Herbert, Antony Hoare, Peter Howell, Diane Jacks, J Jefferis, Stefan Jefferis, Irvin Kurtz, John Last, Roger McGovern, Charles McLeod, Clive Maddock, Jon Mapley, Martin O'Shea, John Pick, Charles Relle, John Rogers,

Jeremy Shepherd, Nigel Shepherd, Graham Stamper, Bill Steen, Geoffrey Tattersall, Bob Thomson, Peter Toye, Philip Villar, Rosemary Wain, David Walton, Keith Watson, Edward Wells, Mary Wells, Ken Wild, Malcolm Wilkinson, Geoff Wilsher, John Worth, Paul Wynn.

Recently questionnaires were sent out to all the known clubs asking if the club was still in existence. This is a list of all the clubs that sent back an answer saying they are. Some clubs, such as Cambridge, are thus not listed as they did not answer, while others such as Aviawink and Revels are unfortunately now extinct.

Some clubs did not fill in all the details, such as their name, and so in these cases I have guessed the name from the postmark and any address given. The guesses might be wrong so I apologise in advance.

Aberystwyth Tw C, Barry Ellis, Padarn Hall, Great Darkgate Street, Aber-
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Altrincham High S Janet Liversage 61, Greenway Road, Timperley, Altrinch
Cheshire.

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Essex.

Bristol Univ. John Trueman, Hiatt Baker Hall, Parry's Lane, Bristol BS91
Chadderton G S. N M Harris, 10, Thorncliffe Park, Royton Oldham, Lancs.

Dean's Club. Richard Lewis, Monmouth School, Monmouth.

Dundee Univ. Graham McColl, c/o The Union Nethergate, Dundee.

Ealing G S. L Catchick, 5 Park Gate, Mount Ave. Ealing, London W 5

Exeter Univ. Anna Taylor, Jessie Montgomery House, Duryland Halls,
Cowley Bridge Road, Exeter, Devon

Hull Univ, Derek Gregory c/o 69, Cranbrook Ave, Hull, Yorks.

Kent Univ. J Jefferies, Eliot College, The University, Canterbury, Kent.

Leeds College of Tech. Miss C Harrison (Sports Sec) Leeds Coll of Tech
Portland Way, Leeds 1

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Chelsea London SW 10

St Gabriels Coll, Tina Churcher, St Gabriels College, Cormont Rd.
Camberwell, London SE 5

Manchester G S. T Jackson, 12 Windermere Ave Sale, Cheshire.

Martin Walter Social Club. S J Brice, 33 Bouverie Square, Folkestone,

N C F T W C. Mr C R Heath, St, George's Ave, Weybridge, Surrey.

New Elizabethans, Roger Cuff, 51 Valley Road, River, Dover.

Nottingham Univ, R. Beaumont, 23 Ednaston Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham

Oxford Univ. Richard Hoare St John's College, Oxford.

Reading Univ. (NO address)

Royal Holloway College, Margaret Young, Royal Holl. Coll. Englefield
Green, Egham Surrey.

Sale G G S Miss L Jones, 44, Green Drive, Timperley, Altrincham, Chesh

Southampton Univ, Alan Dean, Connaught Hall, Wessex Lane, Southampton

Squidgers and Squoppers Society, K A Jewell, 7 Swinburne Road
Darlington Co. Durham.

Westfield College P A Whitworth, Berridge House, Hillfield Road Londn NW

The Winking Gowers, P D Holland c/o University Coll School, Frognal
London NW3.

Club unknown Miss Rosina Forte, The Old Palace, Mayfield, Sussex.

ADDENDUM: Mather College, Stephen Artingstall, 4 Claremont Ave
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Income and Expenditure A/c year ended 31st August 1968

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Club Membership 1968		WW13 at cost	4 10 5
Senior	12 1 4	Bank charges	1 4
Junior	15 0	General stationery	8 15 3
	12 16 4	General postage	7 10 4

Individual Memberships
 Life 8 8 0
 Other 2 5 0

PP Silver Wink Expenses 2 15 4

12 16 4
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 Donations
 Commission
 Congress Rcpts 186 2 6
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 Donation to NPFA 10 0 0
 1 14 6
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 Sales WW12 86 1 2

Balance 31st Aug. 1968 62 8 6

86 1 2

Notes

- 1) Senior Club Membership-12@£1 plus 1/4d received from Essex Univ for scorecards, credited to 1968 subscription.
- 2) Donation received 2/-. Amount received for scorecards from Aberystwyth Univ-1968 sub having been paid
- 3) Commission on sets of winks sold:-485 U K ,90 foreign @ 3d each
- 4) Congress Payments:-

158	3	-
1	10	-
1	15	-
<u>13</u>	-	-
174	8	

Out of the balance received a donation of £10 was made to the National Playing Fields Association.

- 5) Bank Charges- one Cheque Book - 5 -
- less 22 unused cheques reclaimed on transfer of Treasuryship - 3 8
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SILVER WINK

The WW has been delayed in order that the result of the final could be included. Copies will thus probably not be distributed until after the end of November, but this should not be too great a delay.

The match was played according to the arrangements outlined on page one and so Oxford started off effectively 0-14 down. In the first round Cambridge increased this lead by winning 17-11 (including the bonus) and at no time from then on did they look like loosing. The final score was 69½-42½. Had the penalty system not been employed the score would have been 62½-49½. Peter Toye playing double scored 14 points (top score for Oxford) but had to forfeit 7 of these. For Cambridge Montgomery and Shepherd scored 23½ points (including ½ bonus) and Hoare and Carrington scored 19½ (also including ½ bonus).

In the first quarter of the draw for this year's Silver Wink, Bristol and Oxford, and Exeter and Aberystwyth are playing probably at Bristol. In the second quarter Cambridge and University College London, and Southampton and Warwick play. In the third quarter Nottingham receives a bye to play the winners of a match between Manchester and Bangor, and in the fourth Dundee play York. Winners of the quarters play in the semi-finals at Congress.

Apologies for an accidentally omitted sentence and a generally jumbled article- "Why not Winks?". Lack of time must be blamed for this (and for my spelling of quater).