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Men fall to Pam's winks

MALE EGOS in the world of tiddlywinks have been shattered by a woman.

Accountant Pam Knowles, 27, from Manchester, stormed to victory in the U.S. championships in Washington.

She staggered the other players—all men—as she won shot after shot in intense heat.

Pam flies home today to celebrate her world first . . . no woman has ever won a big tiddlywinks tournament before.

'THE SUN'

Saturday May 31.

She said: "This is the achievement of my tiddlywinking career. Right until the final game, some of the American Players were telling me my chances were zero.

"But I kept a steady hand — and showed a ruthless streak I did not know I possessed when it came to squopping the rest."

DAILY MAIL

Monday June 2

Tiddlywinks ace Pam scoops title

TOP TIDDLYWINKS player Pam Knowles was returning to her Manchester home today, with a major title under her belt.

Chartered accountant Pam, aged 27, of St Hilda's Road, Old Trafford, has just beaten the game's world champion to win the United States championships.

Pam took the championships in Washington by storm, winking into the pot consistently ahead of the opposition.

At the end of the two-day marathon, Pam was 21 points clear of Larry Kahn from Washington. World champion Dave Lockwood, from New York, was third.

Pam finished only eighth in the UK championships. But an English Tiddlywinks Association spokesman said she must now be rated one of the favourites for the title this year.

Only about 10 per cent of the game's players were women, and this was the first time one had won such a major title.

"We are all very happy for her," he said.

Pam, 27,
flips her
way to
the top

MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS

Saturday May 31

BRADFORD TELEGRAPH & ARGUS

Tuesday June 3

The North American Tiddlywinks Association raised the money to offer to pay for Alan Dean to come for their 1980 Singles Championship, but Alan suggested he pay half the fare himself allowing someone else to also be sponsored. None of the players regarded as the top Singles hopes could go, so Pam volunteered! How wrong everyone was proved to be!

For an account of the Championship turn to page four.

A VAGUE REPORT OF THE CAMBRIDGE PAST v PRESENT MATCH

by Peter Toye.

(This match was played as part of the Cambridge Jubilee celebrations - see WW35)

At the outset there was a slight problem. The Cambridge Past Captain, the grand old man of winks himself, was still imbibing, thus necessitating the election of a Vice-Captain. With so many examples of vice to choose from - the product of ten generations of Cambridge Winkers - the only clean living candidate was chosen. With his customary flair for organisation (guess who is writing this) various pairings were arranged and the match started no later than is customary. Following an unfortunate incident with a squidger that even Cyril Edwards would have been ashamed of, (I'm glad I don't understand this - ed.) the first round was won by 'Past' by 25-3.

At this point Captain Charles Relle appeared from the pub and lead his rearranged and somewhat inebriated team to a round victory of 20½ to 7½. For the third round yet another reshuffle was made and this succeeded in demoralising Cambridge Present to the extent of a 25-3 loss. We decided that as it was getting late (i.e. past opening time), and as 'Past' had already won, that the fourth round would be abandoned.

The players and partnerships changed each round but the players involved were -

PAST Charles Relle, Peter Toye, Steve Drain, Bungy Wells, Alan Cook, Geoff Thorpe, David Rose, Dennis Opposs, Paul Hoffman, Phil Tepper, Michael Halsey, Dave Ackland, Andrew James, Andy Davidson.

PRESENT Harold Snow, John le Geyt, Adrian Tottenham, Paul Manning, Nick Inglis, Roger Long, Colin Hardman, C. Brown, M. Smith, M. Warmsley, J. Morrison.

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NEWS FROM CAMBRIDGE

American television have been in contact with the club for a series called 'Games People Play'. They were interested in the history of the club but showed particular interest in the Varsity Match. Negotiations are continuing to see whether they will be able to film the Match.

At present it is hoped to arrange a tri-partite match between Oxford, Cambridge and Southampton at Cambridge on Nov. 15-16th in Cambridge. The idea is to combine the Silver Wink and Varsity Match.

Thanks to Roger Long, Cambridge Secretary for the information - I would like to hear more news from people.

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There is still time to get a London League going for this season but someone needs to organise it - any volunteers? There should not be much work involved. Contact the editor or Jon Mapley if you can help.

THE WORLD SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

The World Singles is challenge event, open to the American and English champions each year. Dave 'the dragon' Lockwood of New York has held the title for some time and in fact the title has always been held by an American. Earlier this year Dave defeated our own Jon Mapley (see WW35) and in April he went on to play the American 1979/80 champion Severin Drix. 'Newswink 11' headlines this match as 'Dragon Stuffs Drix in Boring Match' so maybe we won't delve too far into it. Dave in fact won 26½-15½, needing only 6 of the 7 games. Again to quote; Drix views tiddlywinks competition as a test of his meditative endeavours, of his ability to play 'detached'. Lockwood just likes to win.

Pam winning the American championships has caused complications to the normal challenge rule. Larry Khan, who came second, was the highest placed American and so became the U.S. champion and thus entitled to a crack at the World Championship. Larry got the first crack, but Pam will also get a Challenge.

Larry played Dave at the beginning of August. Larry has the better record in tournaments recently, edging Dave out in the 'Singles' and he started out very well in the match - after four of the seven games he was 16-12 up. Dave however jumped in with three 6-1's to keep his title.

THE RULES

The question of changes to the Rules has again raised its head. It is becoming essential that we (a) agree on a standard set of Rules with the Americans and (b) that we print a new set of E.Tw.A. rules that correspond with what we actually play.

The suggestions for changes will be discussed at Congress. Some of the main points are given here for you to think about. Hopefully we will also have American participation, and a set of American Rules, at Congress.

These points are put forward by Jon Mapley (refer to your existing rule book):

Rule 3 We need a standard procedure for playing on tables less than 6'x3' - i.e. what happens when a wink is balanced on unsupported mat.

Rule 12 We need a complete rewrite of this rule (free turns). The Americans have incorporated several of their own interpretations into this rule and there are many disagreements amongst ourselves on this. (Jon has redrafted the rule and it runs to several pages, but see below.)

Rule 13 It is not clear from the current wording that any foul shot may be accepted by the offended pair - this is certainly accepted practice.

Suggestions;

30 second rule. In American matches the clock is stopped whenever a player takes longer than 30 seconds to play a shot. Most players seem to favour us adopting this rule.

Americans change the rules on round counting if free turns are in progress. (I think the suggestion is to persuade the Americans that our rule is right - ed.)

That any wink crossing the boundary may not be placed within four inches of any other wink.

Rule 12. The idea of the new proposal is that the squopped pair should gain the maximum benefit from any failure to free, but that a genuine attempt to free which fails to free due to a fluke should not be penalised as a foul shot. As with a number of other rules it will depend on the goodwill of the players involved - an essential part of tiddlywinks.

Editors note.

We haven't even touched on the subject of the length of the game. My own feeling is that we should compromise on 25 minutes for Pairs matches and 20 minutes for Singles.

My pet subject is the losing of a shot for 'going off'. Usually one goes off the mat because of some bad bounce, always one ends up with a wink in a useless position. One has already been penalised by having a wink out of play so why the extra penalty of losing a shot? One could easily lose two winks squopped while missing the turn and still have to bring the wink back from the edge. (I could see some justification for losing a shot for sending one's opponent's wink off the mat!)

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THE GOLDEN SQUIDGER

The response to the suggestion of a new knockout tournament for pairs has been profoundly disappointing - reports Cyril Edwards. Somehow the idea that it should be organised on a regional basis has put people off. In fact the idea was to encourage pairs to enter who live far from the Winking centres by having them play the pair nearest them, thus ensuring the minimum amount of travelling.

In fact four pairs entered: Alan Dean and Keith Seaman, former British champions; Dave

Ackland and Andrew James (ex-Cambridge, now NEWTS); Dennis Opposs and Cyril Edwards (ex Oxbridge, now NEWTS); and because of the paucity of entries I accepted an American pair, Dave Lockwood and Joe Sachs (courtesy of Pan-Am!). Next year I think that the tournament should be made open to the Americans on a similar regional knockout basis, since there is a fair likelihood that the winning pair will be present for the planned internationals next summer.

The draw was made in the presence of the neutral Charles Reile, and placed Opposs & (continued on p.4)

THE NORTH AMERICAN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships took place in Washington over the weekend of 24-25th May. Pam and Alan arrived in New York on the Friday evening and were driven, jet-lagged, straight to Washington. The previous year Jon Mapley had suffered with the jet-lag and this time Alan was the sufferer. Pam, however, showed no ill-effects and started the tournament in fine style by beating Larry Khan, one of the very top U.S. players, 6-1 in the opening round. After three rounds Joe Sachs was in the lead having scored three 6-1's but he soon fell back and at the end of the first day Pam had gone into the lead, having won all eight of her games, scoring 42 with Larry 4 points behind.

The next day saw the completion of the eleven round all-play-all section plus the extra games played between the top four players. Pam just held on, to lead going into the finals. The positions were: Pam 53½, Dave Lockwood 53, Larry 51½, Severin Drix 47.

The first play-off round, after much discussion, pitted Dave against Larry and Sev against Pam. Larry finally got his first Singles win over Dave, a solid 6-1, while Pam disposed of Sev by the same margin. Larry then beat Sev in a tough game 5½-1½ and Dave beat Pam for the second time 6-1. The final round began with Larry 2½ up over Pam, Dave another ½ behind and Sev out of it, 13½ back. Larry's and Pam's game started first and about halfway through it looked like a 6-1 for Pam. In this game Pam played almost flawlessly, making the tough shot when she had to. Meanwhile, Dave learned he probably couldn't get first but he could still get second place to be the official N.A.Tw.A. title holder. Sev had other ideas and beat Dave 6-1. This left the final placings as

Pam	66½
Larry	64
Dave	61
Severin	55½

Fifth was Joe and Alan followed a disappointing sixth, feeling both his lack of sleep and the very high temperature the tournament was played in. Alan, however, provided tremendous moral support for Pam, particularly in the finals.

Everyone, apart from Dave, seemed to agree that Pam won on merit which is not surprising as she only lost two games all weekend - both 6-1's to Dave!

Many thanks to the Americans for sponsoring the English players and providing the hospitality. We look forward to seeing some of them over here soon.

(Thanks to Larry for parts of this report.)

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The Golden Squidger (continued)

Edwards home to Ackland and James, Lockwood and Sachs home to Dean and Seaman. Problems immediately - Dave Ackland took up a job in darkest Africa. His place was taken by fellow Christian Charles Relle. On 17th July the Semi-final between the NEWTS based Pairs took place (I call it the Semi-final because this means that I have reached the Semi's in every Pairs tournament this year) (I think we will allow third in the Manchester Open to count - ed.). As always the Home Pair elected to play instead at the Relle Winks Centre with its superior facilities.

The match was to be best of three games. Opposs/Edwards tried to give away the first game but came out with a 6-1. In the next game Andrew tried a pot out but succeeded

with only four. Despite considerable harrassment (correction, harassment,) from Charles Dennis potted out and the result was a 7-0, a clear winning margin to Opposs and Edwards.

It is hoped that the other Semi-final and the Final will be played by Congress from which date Entries will be accepted for next years competition - 50p.

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Don't forget the next E.Tw.A. events:

Teams of Four in London at CONGRESS, November 1st-2nd. Contact Cyril Edwards.

National Singles in Southampton, November 22nd-23rd.

THE MANCHESTER OPEN

This year the 'Manchester' took the form of an interesting, and successful experiment.

The entry included five players from 'LUSTS' (Latymer School in West London) who were kindly ferried up North by some of the NEWTS players. It was decided that each partnership could only contain one 'established' player and a remarkably even tournament was the result - almost. Mapley messed it up by again winning too many games. At the end of the first day he and Tony Brennan had scored 32½ points from six games and were well in the lead. The closeness of following group can be seen below:-

Charles & Paul	24
Nigel & Bob	21½
Keith & James	21
Cyril & Duncan	21
Dave & Colin	19
Dave & Harold	19

The Tournament was played as a double round All-play-all for the eight pairs and so it

was a genuine two day event - a far better idea than a rushed afternoon event, though of course not always practicable.

Dave Lockwood again made the trip from New York but unfortunately could not stay for the second day. His partner, Harold Snow, gamely played on solo, but his results deteriorated slightly!

All through the second day it was clear that Jon and Tony would win but there was a battle royal for second place. Going into the last round Keith & James had 51, Nigel & Bob 53, Cyril & Duncan 56, but Cyril and Nigel had to play each other. Keith scored only 3 so was out of contention. Nigel & Bob got into a position of a safe 4 points but needed 5 to tie. Desperation tactics came into play which left everything on the last round shots. Suffice it to say that in great tension all Nigel and Bob's shots worked and they amassed 5½ points.

Open Final Results.

Jon Mapley (NEWTS) & Tony Brennan (LUSTS)	71½
Nigel Knowles (QESH) & Bob Wilkinson	58½
Cyril Edwards (NEWTS) & Duncan Budd (LUSTS)	57½
James Wyllie (LUSTS) & Keith Seaman (QESH)	54
Paul Ireson (LUSTS) & Chales Relle (NEWTS)	46½
Dave Byard & Colin Hardman (CUTwC - ex)	38½
Dave Lockwood (U.S.A.) & Harold Snow (CUTwC)	36½
Peter Toye (NEWTS) & Robert Baldwin (LUSTS)	29

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STATISTICS GONE MAD

In England we tend to go slightly mad over records and statistics (Tell me Bill, when did a West Indian last score a century on a wet Tuesday afternoon at Lords.....), but we have nothing on the Americans. Did you know, or would you want to know, that the most games played missing two scores (in this case 0 & 2½) is 202? This momentous record is held by one Scott Hirsh. The most games played without any 'rare' score (3½, 2⅓, 4⅔) is 152 (Matt Gola). Severin Drix has scored more rare scores than any other American (15).

One record that might interest English players is the potting of twelve small winks from three feet. This is officially 23 and has been achieved by several people. Larry Khan claims to have lowered the record to 21, in the presence of witnesses but not with all the required 'Guinness' paperwork.

EDITORS PLEA

You will no doubt have noticed that successive issues of Winking World have had fewer pages.

There is only one answer to this, I must have more contributions from you - any subject you care to write about.

I will try always to bring out WW on a regular basis - even if it does mean making it smaller!

Apologies to the member of 'The Friends of the Earth' who complained that only one side of the paper was being used, but it is the only possible way with the present production method.
