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EDITORIAL

Here we are then — a new year and yet another issue of Winking World. Since the last issue appeared many events have occurred, not the least of which being that this periodical has a new Editor. Editorial policy is to print anything that happens to be submitted, so long as it has a vague sort of relation to winks and I would like to take this opportunity to ask anybody who would like to make a contribution to do so. Winking World can only exist if people are willing to write for it, and it will naturally be healthier if more do so. I would particularly like to encourage contributions from new authors, as was my predecessor (whose high standards of journalism I cannot hope to equal).

ETWA CONGRESS

This was held in the Oakeshott Room, Lincoln College, Oxford on the evening of the 30th October 1993 and was a particularly lengthy example of the species. The Chairman and Secretary both gave reports along the lines of "whither tiddlywinks", the treasurer told us just how much money ETWA had to play with and the WW Editor announced that he was going to stand down.

Moving on, a proposal to swap the positions of the ETWA Pairs and Singles was debated, voted upon and accepted. This causes a major alteration in the timing of tournaments, as it means that from now on the Singles will take place in April / May and the Pairs in November. Dates and places were also fixed for forthcoming tournaments.

All this having come to pass the congress then passed on to the elections. Matthew Rose and Patrick Barrie had announced their intention of standing down from their present posts, while all the others appeared to want to stay where they were. Simon Gandy actually said that he *liked* being Tournament Organiser!

Given this, Charles Relle and Simon Gandy remained exactly where they were, while Patrick Barrie took on and overcame Julian Porter for the Secretaryship. With a pleasing symmetry Julian Porter was then elected Winking World Editor. Gavin Keyte became Treasurer and Poss (a.k.a. E. M. Ellis) Publicity Officer.

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TOURNAMENTS

Andy Purvis' second challenge to Geoff Myers for the World Singles came amid a blaze of quite unexpected publicity. This was the work of Poss, who apparently saent press releases to everybody he could think of. Andy was interviewed by Radio 5 and Geoff was not only wineed and dined by Clement Freud, but actually managed to get his picture in The Times as well. It is hardly surprising that Poss was elected ETWA Publicity Officer the next day.

As for the match itself, it was much more exciting that the one reported in WW 61, but (much to the disappointment of the crowd of random Oxonians) his Worthiness won again. A report by Patrick Barrie is given later on in this issue. The result of the National Singles also meant that we are to be spared the spectacle of Andy having a third go. Instead Patrick swept to victory, thus obtaining challenges on *both* World titles. The most noteworthy event of the Singles, however, must have been Ben Deane's extraordinary feat of qualifying for the final in only his second year of playing. This was a truly magnificent achievement on his part, and surely is only the first of a string of such successes. I should mention that Ben actually organised the singles as well, in the absence of Simon Gandy, and did it very well.

The new year was kicked off by an invitation tournament held *chez* Relle on January 15, which Charles was throwing in support of a charity connected with a disease whose first name was "Ataxia" and whose second name I can't remember, but which goes by the general name "A-T Medical Research Trust". I recall that it was very worthwhile, nonetheless, and it is a cause we all ought to contribute to. Charles tells me that so far he has managed to collect £375. The report on this tournament seems to have gone astray, but hopefully it will turn up in time for WW 63 — I seem to recall that Jon Mapley won, but I could very well be wrong about this. What I do recall is a stunning lunch laid on by Charles, impressive in that whenever one thought it might finally be about to grind to a halt he suddenly unveiled another course. Perhaps this is why I can't remember who won.

Back to the run-of-the-mill, next came the Cambridge, St. Andrews and Oxfordshire Open Tournaments, in that order. The Cambridge and the Oxfordshire are, of course, traditional events, though this year both were plagued with initial problems. In the case of the Cambridge these were caused by the fact that Nick's computer programme (without which the thing could hardly happen) had to be re-written to suit the new machine on which it was running. In the case of the Oxfordshire the problem was caused by Wadham College, who decided (without bothering to tell anybody in advance) to shift the thing to a room that was rather tiny. The ensuing confusion led to the jettisoning of the "traditional" bidding system, and hence brought gladness to many a heart.

The St. Andrews event is new, and I gather it won't actually have a chance to become traditional either. Apparently it was the trial run for the Scottish National Singles, which ScotTwA is planning to introduce next year. This tournament went off very well, though there is some controversy as to precisely who won. According to the official view (reflected by the write-up in this issue, which we nabbed from "The Squopsman") the victor was Andy. However, a long and acrimonious debate ensued in ALT.GAMES.TIDDLYWINKS (for more on which see below) in which more and more handicapping systems were proposed which led to more and more winners. There exist versions in which Andy came last. Fortunately, in view of all this, there was no World Singles challenge involved.

The next tournaments to arise are the Scottish National Pairs, at St. Andrews on 16th and 17th April, and The English National Singles at Queens' College, Cambridge on the 30th April and 1st May. For added excitement, there will be a rules meeting at the end of play on the 30th, where the proposals described in this issue will be discussed.

ALT.GAMES.TIDDLYWINKS

This is our very own news-group on USENET, the world-wide computer bulletin board. I'm mentioning it here, as it's a bit undersubscribed at the moment.

I gather that NATwA are planning to use it to go "on line", and in particular will be posting NewsWink on the NET. I'm looking into the possibility of doing this with WW, but there are quite major problems, not least of which is the fact that I'm typesetting this in $\text{\LaTeX}$ and, as any of you who use it will know, it's not really fit for human consumption.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Finally, thanks to Patrick Barrie, for telling me how to do this, Nick Inglis for concocting the World Ratings as efficiently as ever and everybody who has contributed to this issue.

Geoff Thorpe has asked me to announce that his was the winning entry for the WW 61 competition. This could very well be because it was the only one received by the editor.

WORLD SINGLES 39

Conference Room, St Cross College, Oxford
29th October 1993

by
Patrick Barrie

Geoff Myers	2*	6	6*	7*	0*	5*	26
Andy Purvis	5*	1	1*	0*	7*	2*	16

And I saw a great light and a voice spake unto me saying: "Go ye into foreign lands to the place of St Cross and behold the battle therein that ye may learn from this and commit no more heinous crimes." I answered, "But I am not worthy," but the voice ordered, "Go, before I lose patience and set Auntie Gertie on you", and so I was forced to leave.

And out of the darkness there loomed a peculiar creature robed in black and white who spake, "I am the Wood Man who guards these doors. Go through and see what you will see." And as I journeyed through the slough feeling thoroughly squopped-up, methought I heard a mad dog barking all over the nation that he was trying to find out why there were only two types of elephant but 189 different types of squidger. And suddenly I reached the room and lo! I saw it: the holy grail, the silver chalice, the World Singles egg-cup. But the trophy was protected by a curious small four-eyed beast whom I spied was still chewing over the bones of a feast on Clement Freud.

And then in my vision I saw the mad dog enter and a tremendous tumult ensued. Coloured discs began flying through the air in all directions. Two greens disappeared into a concave-sided cup 38 mm high with an external diameter of 48 mm at the top and 38 mm at the base. A brave blue was played towards a green from a 3 inch distance but it did not finish on top. Before a pint could be amigossed there were no more greens in sight. Strange Cyrillic markings appeared on a scrap of paper and these read: Geoff Myers 2*, Andy Purvis 5*.

And then the discs began flying once more, but this time in intricate patterns around each other. The mad dog's yellows inexorably were

covered up and gallant green was left isolated with too much to do. Before long the scoresheet markings showed Geoff Myers 6, Andy Purvis 1.

And then there was a lull, and I thought myself transported across the road to a house of ill-repute where real ale was served but jacket potato with sausage and beans was not. The resulting rant benefitted Poss and Burger King, while the mad dog was forced to risk chronic indigestion.

The horrific battle began again, and a beady yellow rolled off at a critical time. Moments later, "I could get that, but what's the point — what is the point?" uttered the mad dog. The point was that after 10 minutes the yellows may have been in trouble but the greens were all free. Four greens were potted well; the fifth was missed, but the mad dog missed a two inch big-on-big, and on the scoresheet appeared Geoff Myers 6*, Andy Purvis 1*.

The mad dog now decided to try potting yellows with one on the baseline. He missed one, however, and the fifth wink was well squopped. Sixth wink to the rescue was sent off the mat, and then also squopped from a distance further than my eye could see. Soon the reds were freed and transported miraculously into the pot, as were the blues. Geoff Myers 7*, Andy Purvis 0*.

The mad dog, now madder than a very mad thing, decided to play a squop rather than the "pot five and bring-in" tactic which had gone horribly wrong the previous game. His rabid red got a tripleton and from there on it was one-way traffic until the mad dog had a squop-up. Slowly the blues were being worked free when a wink was released on the main pile by mistake. Beady blew it giving him five yellows, but freeing all the blues close to the pot. One minute the blues were flat on the mat, the next they were all in the pot. Geoff Myers 0*, Andy Purvis 7*.

Then the mad dog reverted back to type, going for the pot with one yellow on the baseline. The champion beast played a similar game — he potted his five reds in the playing area, and then sent his sixth one off the mat. Yellow was not potting well, but got to four winks in. Blue, however, got a three light-year squop onto yellow, and then red potted the sixth wink gratuitously and gloriously from two feet away to an ovation that sounded like a storm in a teacup. Geoff Myers 5*,

Andy Purvis 2*. And as I left reflecting that there seemed to be far more pot-outs in World Singles games than when I was alive, I heard a voice speak from the heavens, "Thank God that you're no longer Winking World editor, as I'm not sure I could stand many more of your write-ups".

National Teams of Four

Lincoln and Brasenose Colleges, Oxford

30th, 31st October 1993

by

Julian Porter

This tournament nearly didn't happen at all, thanks to Lincoln College, who abruptly decided that they wanted to use the Lower Lecture Room (which I had booked the previous month) for something else. Did they tell me? Did they, hell. I only found out about it on the 28th when I popped in to book a couple of guest rooms. They tried to fob me off with a room so small you could hardly hold a World Singles in it.

After much panic Paul Roberts and I managed to book various rooms spread about various colleges, the main feature of our scheme being that it was absolutely essential that we have the Quincentenary Room in Lincoln available on Saturday. I had been assured by the staff of Lincoln College that this was possible, so it should have come as no surprise to anybody to discover (as I did at 10.30 on the morning of the 30th, when everybody had arrived) that the SCR were due to have lunch there at 1 o' clock. The College Butler earned my undying worship by heroically announcing that he would shift the fellows to another room so we would be able to play winks! Why are there not more such heroes?

After this cathartic experience anything else was bound to seem an anticlimax (I had not at that stage tried to fit a 15 pair tournament into a 20 foot square room, as I had to for the Oxfordshire) and fortunately the rest of the tournament went off fairly well, despite the odd winker getting lost when walking from college to college.

While all this chaos was going on everybody present had organised themselves into teams, and it turned out that there were rather a lot of them. So many, in fact, that it was decided by a conclave of Simon Gandy and Andy Purvis that it would be impossible to get very many rounds done if we followed the usual format. Therefore we discovered that we were to have an all-play-all with half games (i.e. each half of one team only played one half of the other team rather than both, as usual), which was quite good as far as the tournament went, but made it terribly difficult to write up.

Anyway, enough of this preliminary rambling. You probably want to know what the teams were, so here they are:

THE TEAMS

- [A] — **Not Worthy, Not Worthy, Rant Triple Alliance** — Andy Purvis (7), Kilian Anheuser (0), Christine Wiggins (3), Julian Porter (2), Chris Wilson (5), Andrew Sutcliffe (0)
- [B] — **Hangover and Nephew** — Paul Woodman (3), Gavin Keyte (5), Cyril Edwards (5), Kevin Hall (1), Julian Porter (2), Amy Smith (0)
- [C] — **Tamansky Guards Division (Fuck off Ruts koy)** — Richard Moore (7), Ben Locker (0), Richard Hunt (0), Matthew Rose (6)
- [D] — **4½ Stouts and a Kebab** — Ben Soares (2), Jo Mitchell (2), Elizabeth Whalley (2), Paul Roberts (3), Ed Porter (2)
- [E] — **Still Looking for a Name, not PINTS** — Tim Jeffreys (5), Phil Scarrot (6), Steve Phillips (4), James Cullingham (3)
- [F] — **Fat Old Queens** — Jon Williams (3), Stew Sage (4), Rupert Thompson (4), James Hopgood (0)
- [G] — **Just Babes** — Ed Wynn (5), Ben Deane (4), Anne Austen (0), Alasdair Paton (0)
- [H] — **Indentity Crisis** — Jason Westley (4), Dave Carslake (2), Dave Clarke (0), Andy Milligan (3)
- [I] — **The Dean Team** — Barbie (1), Heather (2), Simon (1), Alan (7)
- [J] — **Adonis Looking for a Team** — Charles Relle (7), Geoff Thorpe (6), Rupert Wilson (4), Poss (3), Jenny Hall (0), Julian Porter (2)
- [K] — **The Hypothetical Team** — Patrick Barrie (7), Geoff Myers (7), Harry Parkes (0), Po Wah So (0)
- [L] — **Crap Suicide Squad Jackie Carter Ha Ha Ha Ooh me Skelligs Get orff my Laaand Quadruple Alliance** — Stu Collins (5), Simon Gandy (6), Anthony Heading (5), Julian Wiseman (6)

"The Dean Team" could only attend for the first day of the tournament, so it was agreed that they not be placed in the final results, but that scores obtained against them by other teams would count towards the final totals. This also meant that on the second day we had byes. What fun.

ROUND ONE						
Team	Handicap	Game 1		Game 2		Score
A	14	Purvis + Anheuser	1	J. Porter + C. Wilson	1½	2½
L	22	Gandy + Collins	6	Wiseman + Heading	5½	11½
B	14	Edwards + K. Hall	6	Keyte + Woodman	2½	8½
K	14	Myers + Parkes	1	Barrie + Po	4½	5½
C	13	Moore + Hunt	1	Rose + Locker	1	2
J	21	R. Wilson	6	Relle + Thorpe	6	12
D	9	Mitchell + Roberts	4	Soares + Whalley	3	9
I	11	A. + S. Dean	3	B. + H. Dean	2	5
E	18	Scarrot + Cullingham	6	Phillips + Jeffreys	5½	11½
G	9	Austen + Deane	1	Wynn + Paton	1½	2½
F	11	Sage + Hopgood	1	Thompson + Williams	3	4
H	9	Westley + Clarke	6	Milligan + Carslake	4	10

ROUND TWO						
Team	Handicap	Game 1		Game 2		Score
A	14	Purvis + Anheuser	5	J. Porter + C. Wilson	1	6
K	14	Myers + Parkes	2	Barrie + Po	6	8
B	14	Edwards + K. Hall	1	Keyte + Woodman	1	2
L	22	Collins + Wiseman	6	Gandy + Heading	6	12
C	13	Moore + Hunt	2	Rose + Locker	6	8
I	11	A. + S. Dean	5	B. + H. Dean	1	6
D	9	Mitchell + Whalley	0*	Soares + Roberts	1	1
J	24	Relle	7*	Thorpe + R. Wilson	6	13
E	18	Cullingham + Scarrot	1*	Jeffreys + Phillips	2	3
H	9	Milligan + Carslake	6*	Westley + Clarke	5	11
F	11	Thompson + Williams	1	Sage + Hopgood	5*	6
G	9	Wynn + Paton	6	Deane + Austen	2*	8

ROUND THREE

Team	Handicap	Game 1		Game 2		Score	Adj. Score
A	14	Purvis + Anheuser	4	J. Porter + C. Wilson	6	10	$11\frac{1}{2}$
J	20	Relle + R. Wilson	3	Thorpe + Poss	1	4	$2\frac{1}{2}$
B	14	Keyte + K. Hall	1*	Woodman + Edwards	6	7	$6\frac{1}{4}$
I	11	A. + S. Dean	6*	B. + H. Dean	1	7	$7\frac{3}{4}$
C	13	Moore + Hunt	1	Rose + Locker	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$
G	9	Wynn + Austen	6	Deane + Paton	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$
D	9	Soares + Mitchell	1	Roberts + Whalley	2	3	3
H	9	Westley + Clarke	6	Milligan + Carslake	5	11	11
E	18	Jeffreys + Phillips	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Cullingham + Scarrot	1*	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
L	22	Gandy + Collins	$5\frac{1}{2}$	Wiseman + Heading	6*	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$
F	11	Thompson + Hopgood	2*	Sage + Williams	3	5	$5\frac{3}{4}$
K	14	Barrie + Parkes	5*	Myers + Po	4	9	$8\frac{3}{4}$

ROUND FOUR

Team	Handicap	Game 1		Game 2		Score	Adj. Score
A	14	Purvis + Anheuser	3	J. Porter + C. Wilson	7*	10	$9\frac{1}{4}$
I	11	A. + H. Dean	4	B. + S. Dean	0*	4	$4\frac{3}{4}$
B	14	Woodman + Edwards	2	Keyte + K. Hall	1	3	$4\frac{3}{4}$
J	21	Relle + Thorpe	5	R. Wilson	6	11	$9\frac{1}{4}$
C	13	Moore + Hunt	1*	Rose + Locker	2*	3	2
H	9	Milligan + Carslake	6*	Westley + Clarke	5*	11	12
D	9	Mitchell + Soares	5	Roberts + Whalley	2	7	7
G	9	Wynn + Austen	2	Deane + Paton	5	7	7
E	18	Scarrot + Cullingham	2*	Jeffreys + Phillips	4	6	5
K	14	Myers + Po	5*	Barrie + Parkes	3	8	9
F	11	Thompson + Hopgood	0*	Sage + Williams	1*	1	$3\frac{3}{4}$
L	22	Wiseman + Heading	7*	Gandy + Collins	6*	13	$10\frac{1}{4}$

ROUND FIVE

Team	Handicap	Game 1		Game 2		Score	Adj. Score
A	14	Purvis + Anheuser	5*	J. Porter + C. Wilson	5½	10½	9¼
H	9	Milligan + Carslake	2*	Westley + Clarke	1½	3½	4¾
B	14	Keyte + Edwards	4½	Woodman + K. Hall	6	10½	9¼
G	9	Austen + Wynn	2½	Deane + Paton	1	3½	4¾
C	13	Moore + Hunt	1	Locker + Rose	2	3	5¼
L	22	Gandy + Wiseman	6	Collins + Heading	5	11	8¾
D	9	Roberts + Soares	1	Whalley + Mitchell	1	2	3¼
K	14	Barrie + Parkes	6	Myers + Po	6	12	10¾
E	18	Scarrot + Cullingham	1	Jeffreys + Phillips	1	2	3½
J	24	Relle	6	Thorpe + R. Wilson	6	12	10½
F	11	Williams + Hopgood	3	Thompson + Sage	2	5	5
I	11	H. + S. Dean	4	B. + A. Dean	5	9	9

ROUND SIX

Team	Handicap	Game 1		Game 2		Score	Adj. Score
A	14	Purvis + Anheuser	6	J. Porter + C. Wilson	2½	8½	7¼
G	9	Deane + Paton	1	Austen + Wynn	4½	5½	6¾
B	14	Keyte + Edwards	5	Woodman + K. Hall	1	6	4¾
H	9	Carslake + Milligan	2	Westley + Clarke	6	8	9¼
C	13	Rose + Moore	2*	Locker + Hunt	2½	4½	4¾
K	14	Barrie + Myers	5*	Po + Parkes	4½	9½	9¼
D	9	Soares + Whalley	1½	Roberts + Mitchell	4	5½	8¾
L	22	Heading + Wiseman	5½	Gandy + Collins	3	8½	5¼
E	18	Cullingham + Jeffreys	6	Scarrot + Phillips	2*	8	6¼
I	11	B. + A. Dean	1	H. + S. Dean	5*	6	7¾
F	11	Thompson + Williams	3	Sage + Hopgood	1	4	7
J	23	Thorpe	4	Relle + R. Wilson	6	10	7

ROUND SEVEN

Team	Handicap	Game 1		Game 2		Score	Adj. Score
A	15	Purvis + Sutcliffe	4	Wiggins + C. Wilson	7*	11	10
F	11	Thompson + Williams	3	Sage + Hopgood	0*	3	4
B	14	Keyte + Edwards	3	Woodman + K. Hall	3	6	$4\frac{3}{4}$
D	9	Roberts + E. Porter	4	Mitchell + Soares	4	8	$9\frac{1}{4}$
C	13	Rose + Hunt	5	Moore + Locker	2	7	$8\frac{1}{4}$
E	18	Cullingham + Jeffreys	2	Scarrot + Phillips	5	7	$5\frac{3}{4}$
G	9	Deane + Paton	1	Austen + Wynn	5	6	9
J	21	Relle + Thorpe	6	R. Wilson	2	8	5
H	9	Milligan + Clarke	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Westley + Carslake	$1\frac{1}{2}$	3	$6\frac{1}{4}$
L	22	Wiseman + Heading	$5\frac{1}{2}$	Gandy + Collins	$5\frac{1}{2}$	11	$7\frac{3}{4}$

ROUND EIGHT

Team	Handicap	Game 1		Game 2		Score	Adj. Score
A	15	Purvis + Sutcliffe	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Wiggins + C. Wilson	5*	$8\frac{1}{2}$	7
D	9	E. Porter + Soares	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Mitchell + Roberts	2*	$5\frac{1}{2}$	7
B	14	Edwards + K. Hall	1	Keyte + Woodman	1	2	3
E	18	Phillips + Scarrot	6	Jeffreys + Cullingham	6	12	11
C	13	Rose + Hunt	5*	Moore + Locker	3	8	$7\frac{1}{2}$
F	11	Williams + Thompson	2*	Sage + Hopgood	4	6	$6\frac{1}{2}$
G	9	Austen + Wynn	6*	Deane + Paton	6	12	$13\frac{1}{4}$
K	14	Barrie + Parkes	1*	Myers + Po	1	2	$\frac{9}{4}$
H	9	Milligan + Clarke	1	Westley + Carslake	1	2	$5\frac{1}{2}$
J	23	Relle + R. Wilson	6	Thorpe	6	12	$8\frac{1}{2}$

ROUND NINE

Team	Handicap	Game 1	Game 2	Score	Adj. Score
A	15	Purvis + Sutcliffe 4½	Wiggins + C. Wilson 4	8½	9¼
E	18	Jeffreys + Cullingham 2½	Scarrot + Phillips 3	5½	4¾
B	14	Keyte + K. Hall 5*	Edwards + Woodman 3	8	7¾
C	13	Moore + Locker 2*	Rose + Hunt 4	6	6¼
D	9	Roberts + Soares 6*	Mitchell + E. Porter 1*	7	7½
F	11	Thompson + Hopgood 1*	Sage + Williams 6*	7	6½
H	9	Westley + Clarke 1	Milligan + Carslake 4	5	6¼
K	14	Barrie + Po 6	Myers + Parkes 3	9	7¾
J	17	J. Hall + R. Wilson 1*	Thorpe + Relle 6	7	8¼
L	22	Wiseman + Gandy 6*	Collins + Heading 1	7	5¾

ROUND TEN

Team	Handicap	Game 1	Game 2	Score	Adj. Score
A	15	Purvis + Sutcliffe 6*	Wiggins + C. Wilson 3	9	8½
C	13	Rose + Hunt 1*	Moore + Locker 4	5	5½
B	14	Keyte + Edwards 6*	K. Hall + Woodman 2½	8½	7½
F	11	Williams + Thompson 1*	Sage + Hopgood 4½	5½	6½
D	9	Soares + Mitchell 1*	E. Porter + Roberts 1	2	4¼
E	18	Cullingham + Phillips 6*	Jeffreys + Scarrot 6	12	9¾
G	9	Austen + Wynn 0*	Deane + Paton 1	1	4¼
L	22	Wiseman + Heading 7*	Gandy + Collins 6	13	9¾
J	19	J. Porter + R. Wilson 1½	Relle + Thorpe 6	7½	6¼
K	14	Myers + Parkes 5½	Barrie + Po 1	6½	7¾

ROUND ELEVEN						
Team	Handicap	Game 1		Game 2		Score
A	15	Purvis + Sutcliffe	6	Wiggins + C. Wilson	1	7
B	13	Smith + Edwards	1	Keyte + Woodman	6	7
C	13	Moore + Rose	7*	Locker + Hunt	2*	9
D	9	Roberts + E. Porter	0*	Mitchell + Soares	5*	5
E	18	Scarrot + Jeffreys	7*	Cullingham + Phillips	6	13
F	11	Sage + Hopgood	0*	Thompson + Williams	1	1
G	9	Austen + Wynn	1	Deane + Paton	3	4
H	9	Westley + Clarke	6	Milligan + Carslake	4	10
K	14	Barrie + Parkes	2*	Myers + Po	3	5
L	22	Collins + Wiseman	5*	Gandy + Heading	4	9

I can't remember much of what actually happened, as it was all a long time ago. As far as the contest went, "Identity Crisis" went into the lead in round one and stayed there for the rest of the tournament, and after the first few rounds it became clear that "Not worthy, not worthy, rant triple alliance", "Crap Suicide Squad etc." and "Adonis Looking for a Team" were going to be second, third and fourth in some order or other. The other teams fluctuated around each other in a vague sort of way until thermodynamical equilibrium was attained. "Just Babes" put in an impressive performance to finish 5th.

At the start of round one Julian Wiseman and Tony Heading announced that they intended to play together once and then never again for the remainder of their lives. It turned out that they only managed to keep this resolution until round three, but it was still a pretty impressive start to the day. Tony had a new squidger, which he had made out of the lens of a magnifying glass and about whose usefulness he seemed somewhat doubtful. One of the more impressive features of this round was a crud performed by Chris Wilson, in which he sent four of his own, two of his partners' and only one of the opponents' winks off the mat.

Round four saw more excitement when Tony Heading tried to remove a blob of saliva from a wink he wasn't actually playing, causing Rupert Thompson to claim an automatic 7-0 for interference with winks. He got so excited about this that he galloped across Lincoln Col-

lege to find a "rules narg", stopping all events in the Oakeshott Room dead with his explosive (and breathless) arrival. After mediation (and a suggestion from Geoff Thorpe that Tony could be viewed as having played out of turn, and therefore Rupert should ask him to replace the saliva in question) Tony and Julian got the 7 instead.

It was quite nice to see a quartet of StATS at the tournament, especially for those of us who had been playing hide-and-seek with them the previous evening. They seemed to have a good time, doing pretty well overall. "The Hypothetical Team" also did rather well. Two of its members were absolute novices, but under the tutelage of Patrick and Geoff Myers they payed deardfully well. Patrick extolled at great length the eccentricity of every shot he attempted and the disastrous events that would ensue if it didn't come off. Unfortunately for his opponents it neary always did.

AGGREGATE SCORES + FINAL POSITIONS

Team	Score after Round										Total	Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
A	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	22	$31\frac{1}{4}$	$40\frac{1}{2}$	$47\frac{3}{4}$	$57\frac{3}{4}$	$64\frac{3}{4}$	74	$82\frac{1}{2}$	89	3
B	$8\frac{1}{3}$	$12\frac{1}{3}$	$18\frac{7}{12}$	$23\frac{1}{3}$	$32\frac{7}{12}$	$37\frac{1}{3}$	$42\frac{1}{12}$	$45\frac{1}{12}$	$52\frac{5}{6}$	$60\frac{5}{12}$	$67\frac{11}{12}$	9
C	4	$11\frac{1}{2}$	13	15	$20\frac{1}{4}$	25	$33\frac{1}{4}$	$40\frac{3}{4}$	47	$52\frac{1}{2}$	$60\frac{1}{2}$	10
D	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$14\frac{1}{4}$	$17\frac{1}{4}$	$24\frac{1}{4}$	$27\frac{1}{2}$	$36\frac{1}{4}$	$45\frac{1}{2}$	$52\frac{1}{2}$	60	$64\frac{1}{4}$	$70\frac{1}{4}$	8
E	$9\frac{1}{4}$	10	$13\frac{1}{2}$	$18\frac{1}{2}$	22	$28\frac{1}{4}$	34	45	$49\frac{3}{4}$	$59\frac{1}{2}$	$70\frac{3}{4}$	7
F	$3\frac{1}{2}$	9	$14\frac{3}{4}$	$18\frac{1}{2}$	$23\frac{1}{2}$	$30\frac{1}{2}$	$34\frac{1}{2}$	41	$47\frac{1}{2}$	$53\frac{11}{12}$	$56\frac{2}{3}$	11
G	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$13\frac{1}{4}$	$25\frac{3}{4}$	$32\frac{3}{4}$	$37\frac{1}{2}$	$44\frac{1}{4}$	$53\frac{1}{4}$	$66\frac{1}{2}$	$73\frac{1}{2}$	$77\frac{3}{4}$	$81\frac{3}{4}$	5
H	$10\frac{1}{2}$	$23\frac{3}{4}$	$34\frac{3}{4}$	$46\frac{3}{4}$	$51\frac{1}{2}$	$60\frac{3}{4}$	67	$72\frac{1}{2}$	$78\frac{3}{4}$	$85\frac{3}{4}$	$95\frac{3}{4}$	1
I	$4\frac{1}{4}$	11	$18\frac{3}{4}$	$23\frac{1}{2}$	$32\frac{1}{2}$	$40\frac{1}{4}$	-	-	-	-	-	-
J	10	$19\frac{1}{4}$	$21\frac{3}{4}$	31	$41\frac{1}{2}$	$48\frac{1}{2}$	$53\frac{1}{2}$	62	$70\frac{1}{4}$	$76\frac{1}{2}$	$83\frac{1}{2}$	4
K	$5\frac{2}{3}$	$13\frac{2}{3}$	$21\frac{11}{12}$	$30\frac{11}{12}$	$41\frac{2}{3}$	$50\frac{11}{12}$	$57\frac{11}{12}$	$58\frac{2}{3}$	$66\frac{5}{12}$	$74\frac{1}{6}$	$81\frac{1}{6}$	6
L	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$19\frac{1}{2}$	30	$40\frac{1}{4}$	49	$54\frac{1}{4}$	62	69	$74\frac{3}{4}$	$84\frac{1}{2}$	$91\frac{1}{2}$	2

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Blue League, by Geoff Myers

85% of the pot-outs in the Blue League ended 7-0. I thought that I should mention that at the start because there is nothing else of note to report. As the score-sheet shews, there were no 'shock' results.

BLUE LEAGUE															
Player		Opponents												Tot	Pos
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L		
A	Geoff Myers	-	7*	6	6	5	6	6	7*	7*	7*	7*	7*	71	1
B	Matthew Rose	0*	-	6*	4	7*	4½	6	7*	6	6	7*	7*	60½	2
C	Julian Wiseman	1	1*	-	4	1*	3	5	4	6*	7*	6	7*	45	6
D	Nick Inglis	1	3	3	-	4	6	6	6*	6	6	6	7*	54	3
E	Chris Wilson	2	0*	6*	3	-	2	4	6	6	6	7*	4½	46½	5
F	James Cullingham	1	2½	4	1	5	-	6	6	5	6	7*	7*	50½	4
G	Nick Reid	1	1	2	1	3	1	-	6	4½	5	6	7*	37½	7
H	Andy Milligan	0*	0*	3	1*	1	1	1	-	7*	1½	7*	7*	29½	8
I	Ed Porter	0*	1	1*	1	1	2	2½	0*	-	1	7*	7*	23½	10
J	Kilian Anheuser	0*	1	0*	1	1	1	2	5½	6	-	4	3	24½	9
K	Philip Holdsworth	0*	0*	1	1	0*	0*	1	0*	0*	3	-	3	9	12
L	James Hopgood	0*	0*	0*	0*	2½	0*	0*	0*	0*	4	4	-	10½	11

The top two seeds, Geoff Myers and Matthew Rose, qualified easily. Nick Inglis, who should have been seeded third but wasn't, also qualified by stomping on the bottom half and taking enough points off the rest, despite losing to the top three seeds. It could be argued that Julian Wiseman justified being seeded above Nick by beating him 4-3, but just 10 points off the top half suggests otherwise. Both James Cullingham and Chris Wilson took more points off the top half than Julian; both beat Julian; both finished ahead of Julian.

Nick Reid narrowly failed to get a PPG of $3\frac{1}{2}$, Kilian Anheuser did creditably in his first attempt and the remainder performed much as expected. However, there is one fact that the Blue League can be proud of: 39% of the games ended in a pot-out.

Green League, by Jon Mapley

The Deputy Tournament Organiser decreed that there should be four divisions, although this meant an inordinate number of games. As usual, I got Ed and Cyril. Alan reported that he and Heather had been practising, and that he expected her to qualify at his expense. Both he and I were wary of Benedict, after our London Open debacle, but our fears proved groundless. I am not a statistical freak (it's a good job Purvis isn't Editor¹) so I can't be sure, but this was probably the first time a division had contained three ex World champions (L. A. Kahn from D.C. being the third).

GREEN LEAGUE															
Player		Opponents												Tot	Pos
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L		
A	Larry Kahn	-	6	6	4	4	5	6	6	6	6*	7*	6	62	1
B	Jon Mapley	1	-	1	6	6	6	7*	6	5*	6	7*	6	57	3
C	Alan Dean	1	6	-	6	1	7*	6	7*	6	6	6	6	58	2
D	Ed Wynn	3	1	1	-	1	6	6*	7*	6	6	6	7*	50	4
E	Cyril Edwards	3	1	6	6	-	6	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	5	3	6	6	49	5
F	Heather Dean	2	1	0*	1	1	-	1	6	3	6	6	6	33	7
G	Rupert Thompson	1	0*	1	1*	$1\frac{1}{2}$	6	-	5*	4	6*	6	6	$37\frac{1}{2}$	6
H	Jon Williams	1	1	0*	0*	$5\frac{1}{2}$	1	2*	-	6	5	2	7*	$30\frac{1}{2}$	8
I	Chris Goddard	1	2*	1	1	2	4	3	1	-	3	2*	7*	27	9
J	Andrew Dominey	1*	1	1	1	4	1	1*	2	4	-	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	26	10
K	Pete Barton	0*	0*	1	1	1	1	1	5	5*	$2\frac{1}{2}$	-	3	$20\frac{1}{2}$	11
L	Alasdair Paton	1	1	1	0*	1	1	1	0*	0*	$1\frac{1}{2}$	4	-	$11\frac{1}{2}$	12

It is therefore understandable that Mr. Wynn was looking pleased with himself after six rounds, having broken the four-way tie in the fifth to

¹But see below — Ed.

lead by a point. Cyril and Heather were respectively on 28 and 27 at this stage, 10 points off the pace, but 16 clear of the bottom half.

Cyril made his move by scoring an magnificent 8 against Alan in Round 7 (no-one noticed until Nick fed the results into his computer!) and I ended Ed's unbeaten run to go ahead of Larry. Also in Round 7, Nipper started a dramatic surge up the table, going from $8\frac{1}{2}$ after 6 games to $30\frac{1}{2}$ at the end. Rupert T. had also been languishing against the top half, but came into his own with three sixes, a five and a four to finish sixth, just ahead of Heather, who lost her last five games, including a 0 against Dad! Chris Goddard was 2 and 9 for the day, but minimised his losses to finish ninth. The two new players, Pete and Alasdair, had mixed fortunes, Pete scoring excellent wins against Nipper and Chris; Alaisdair having to be content with a 4-3 against Pete.

So, what happened to the four who could only be three? Ed hing on grimly, but a 1 against Cyril really hurt. By the time the last round started he was seven points adrift, and that was that. Larry played the most consistent winks to remain undefeated.

Andy commented afterwards "Never bet against the old farts qualifying." One day, but not just yet.

A Purvis writes:

This is almost certainly true. To get three in one group requires an ex World champion to not be seeded in the top 8, and that's a pretty new phenomenon. But if we can extend to groups containing three by-now World champions, that would quite possibly be different (but not very helpful).

There's actually a very good chance it happened in 1984. Larry, Dave, Jon and Alan were in the Singles; there were only two groups and they may even all have been in the same one. On at least one occasion, there was a "Strong" league, from which most people went through, and a "Weak" league from which a small number would qualify. But *that's* cheating, too. So would counting the World Pairs be, which would make it easy (as you're then allowed Charles Relle, Jim Marlin, Charles Frankston...; my league from 1985 had Larry, Jim and Charles F.).

Red League, by Ben Deane

With three of last year's finalists in the division, and three to qualify, it always looked like a battle for the third spot — but the group had some upset potential and was well-stocked with CUTwC second-years.

RED LEAGUE															
Player		Opponents												Tot	Pos
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L		
A	Patrick Barrie	-	4	5	5	6	7*	6	6	6	6	6	6	63	1
B	Charles Relle	3	-	6	6	3	6	6	6	5	6	5	6	58	2
C	Geoff Thorpe	2	1	-	6	6	2	4	6*	6	0*	3	3	39	6
D	Rob Cartwright	2	1	1	-	6	6	2*	6	7*	5½	6	6	48½	4
E	Ben Deane	1	4	1	1	-	5½	5½	6	7*	7*	6	6*	50	3
F	Jason Westley	0*	1	5	1	1½	-	2½	2½	6	6	3	6	34½	8
G	Simon Julier	1	1	3	5*	1½	4½	-	1	6	5½	5½	6*	40	5
H	Dave Carslake	1	1	1*	1	1	4½	6	-	5½	4	6	6	37	7
I	Christine Wiggins	1	2	1	0*	0*	1	1	1½	-	1	3	3	14½	12
J	Dave Clark	1	1	7*	1½	0*	1	1½	3	6	-	3½	5	30½	9
K	Andrew Young	1	2	4	1	1	4	1½	1	4	3½	-	4	27	10
L	Dave Sharp	1	1	4	1	1*	1	1*	1	4	2	3	-	20	11

The first round provided just that upset, when CUTwC novice Dave Clark potted out against Geoff Thorpe for 7-0. Sylvester also took two points off Charles. Over the next three rounds Geoff regained his composure to come up to fifth, while Rob, who had started with three good wins, fell to Simon's potting squidger in round 4. Patrick was quietly notching up sixes, while Charles again had two points taken off him, this time by Christine. Ben almost came a cropper against Dave Sharp with a failed blitz. By the end of round 5, only four points separated the top four, with Ben in the lead by half a point. Geoff was clearly not having a very good day; he had a couple of 4-3 losses (to Dave Sharp and Sylvester) before tripping Ben for 6. Jason and Simon were by this stage emerging into the middle ranks, leaving Christine and the three Daves to fight it out at the bottom.

By round 8 it was starting to heat up. Patrick looked pretty safe on top with a 5-2 win over Rob, and a 4-3 win over Charles kept Ben

in there. Jason, who had had a 0 inflicted on him by Patrick, recovered against Geoff to get into fifth. Patrick continued his run with a win over Ben, and Rob followed suit to leave the third place spot to be decided in the last round, with Ben lying three points behind Rob. Simon had had a couple of decent results against the bottom half to get into fifth but with no qualification chance. Dave Carslake and Dave Clark were sitting on some good results too. In the nail-biting eleventh round, Ben did what he could with a squop-up against Jason, for $5\frac{1}{2}$. Patrick and Charles, both safe by now, shared the seven almost equally. Dave Clark broke the 30-point barrier with his third win of the day, and a squop-up for Geoff against Rob close to time gave Ben the third place. Christine finished in twelfth without a trace of being bitter or cantankerous.

Yellow League, by Julian Porter

From the moment the first name was drawn from the bag and turned out to be that of Andy Purvis it was quite clear that this league had the potential to be severely strange. This became more yet apparent as name followed name, greeted by uncouth epithets such as '... that well-known squop-up merchant'. In fact when the list was ready it was obvious to all whose names were thereon that there wasn't going to be much squopping going on in the course of the day. In fact, by the end of round 2 only two people had *not* been involved in pot-out games, and eventually nobody escaped. We should also note that this league was also remarkable in the sheer concentration OUTS. Was there perhaps some causal connection between this and the marked potophilia?

One would be inclined to assume that in a league containing Purvis and Moore two of the three going names forward to the second day were pretty obvious. One would also assume that in a league containing seven current members of OUTS it was pretty obvious who *wasn't* going to qualify. As it turns out these assumptions were fully justified, the only real interest being in precisely which one of Grant, Keyte, Sage and Scarrot was going to qualify. Grant and Sage happily stuffed the bottom half (with some exceptions — see below) but fell out of contention after playing the top half. This left Scarrot and Keyte, and after a tense and nervous (well, it wasn't but I'm trying to inject a bit of excitement into this report) Scarrot hit the jack-pot.

YELLOW LEAGUE															
Player		Opponents												Tot	Pos
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L		
A	Andy Purvis	-	1	5	6	4	7*	7*	7*	7*	7*	6	7*	64	1
B	Richard Moore	6	-	5	4	1	5*	7*	6	7*	7*	5*	6	59	2
C	Phil Scarrott	2	2	-	6*	6	4	6	5½	7*	5	6	6	55½	3
D	Alasdair Grant	1	3	1*	-	5½	6	2*	6	7*	6	2	6	45½	5
E	Gavin Keyte	3	6	1	1½	-	4½	5½	7*	7*	6	6	4	51½	4
F	Stew Sage	0*	2*	3	1	2½	-	4½	1*	6	7*	5*	6	37½	6
G	Paul Woodman	0*	0*	1	5*	1½	2½	-	5½	7*	5*	6	4	37½	7
H	Paul Roberts	0*	1	1½	1	0*	6*	1½	-	7*	6	6	6	36	8
I	Dave Holland	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	1	0*	0*	-	1*	1	4	7	12
J	Julian Porter	0*	0*	2	1	1	0*	2*	1	6*	-	4	7*	24	10
K	Poss Ellis	1	2*	1	5	1	2*	1	1	6	3	-	4	27	9
L	Elizabeth Whalley	0*	1	1	1	3	1	3	1	3	0*	3	-	17	11

These important matters dealt with, let us now cast a spavined eye over the 'οι πολλοι or dregs. The level of confidence and ability among these can be gauged from the fact that after his first two games Poss remarked to me that his only chance of more than one point lay in being potted out against. Richard must have over-heard this, as I later saw him squop Poss several parsecs from the pot. Poss appeared to recover later and got a creditable 5 off Alasdair. The two Pauls, Woodman and Roberts, did well against the bottom, finishing 7th and 8th respectively, and W. potted out against Alaisdair². I had a typically undistinguished day, the only highlights being beating Poss (of which I am quite proud) and Elizabeth kindly forbearing to squop my sixth wink. Dave Holland put up courageously with a long string of 0's and 1's in what mush have been quite a traumatic experience, but got one win, against Elizabeth, which must have cheered *him* up a bit and didn't noticeably depress her.

The Final, by Larry Kahn

Apparently ETWA has now lowered itself to having an American

²Seems like a conspiracy - Ed.

write up match reports. Well then, briefly, here's what happened: I sucked, Patrick won his first 21 games, last year's winner managed a big 9th, Charles ranted incessantly, Ben may have regretted qualifying, but at least he did better than Lockwood who didn't even make the finals. Maybe it was all a bad dream and I was actually at the Continentals in Ithaca, it was certainly cold and snowy enough.

THE FINAL															
Player		Opponents												Tot	Pos
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L		
A	Geoff Myers	-	1	1*	4	5	3	5	3	6	4½	5	6	43½	4
B	Andy Purvis	6	-	0*	2	4	5	2	1	3	1	6*	6	36	9=
C	Patrick Barrie	6*	7*	-	2*	5	6	7*	5	4	5	5	6	58	1
D	Larry Kahn	3	5	5*	-	6*	2*	5*	5	6	1	0*	6	44	3
E	Matthew Rose	2	3	2	1*	-	3½	1	3	1	6	1	6	29½	11
F	Richard Moore	4	2	1	5*	3½	-	5	0*	6	4	1*	7*	38½	7
G	Alan Dean	2	5	0*	2*	6	2	-	3	4	3	3	7*	37	8
H	Charles Relle	4	6	2	2	4	7*	4	-	1	1	5	6	42	5=
I	Jon Mapley	1	4	3	1	6	1	3	6	-	4	1	6	36	9=
J	Phil Scarrott	2½	6	2	6	1	3	4	6	3	-	3	5½	42	5=
K	Nick Inglis	2	1*	2	7*	6	6*	4	2	6	4	-	6*	46	2
L	Ben Deane	1	1	1	1	1	0*	0*	1	1	1½	1*	-	9½	12

Round 1 was an ominous start for Jon, trying to break a 10 year national singles drought, as he lost a 6-1 to Larry. Charles, trying to break an even longer drought, had better success as he beat Richard 7-0. The first few rounds went more or less as expected, and after round 3 the young turks (Patrick, Geoff, and Andy) were in the lead, followed by old farts Charles and Larry. Phil was doing quite well, taking a 6 off Larry and holding Patrick and Geoff to 5 and 4½, respectively.

Round 4 was probably the death knell for Jon, losing a 6-1 to Geoff and totalling only 10. Patrick also continued to win and he and Geoff were effectively tied, with 5 others 4 to 6 points behind. Time for lunch, probably none to soon for Ben, who was trying to hang in there while undergoing the usual trial by fire that first time finals qualifiers frequently suffer through. Lunch at the Mill was uneventful, except for

Larry proclaiming "I'm an asshole" when he made a totally bonehead maneuver and almost lost a tiny sunglasses screw.

Round 5 was a killer for Larry when he missed an easy blitz against Nick and was penalized with a zero. This put Nick in a relatively good position, having done reasonably well against the top half of the draw. It also began a long string of rounds that typified the tournament, Patrick and Geoff keeping ahead of everyone else, with Patrick slowly increasing his lead after almost every round. Everyone else was beating up on each other, there were often 6 or 7 players within a game of each other. Andy, who usually goes boom or bust, was unfortunately (for him), in bust mode, and for a while was battling Jon and Alan for 11th place.

By round 9 Patrick was looking good, he hadn't lost and had a $6\frac{1}{2}$ lead over Geoff. This soon expanded to $8\frac{1}{2}$ when he got 7 off Andy while Matthew was holding Geoff to a 5. The jockeying for 3rd through Nth continued to take place, Charles gaining the upper hand here with a 5-2 over Nick. Larry, disgusted with inconsistent potting, allowed Richard first go in a blitz game, and he ran a very good 6 (5-2 result) to end any hopes of the first American win in 3 years. Meanwhile, at the other end, Alan pulled a point ahead of Jon in a close 4-3 battle.

The critical game took place in Round 10 — Patrick vs Geoff. By this time, Patrick had won his first 9 and had an $8\frac{1}{2}$ point lead over Geoff and 13 over (!!!) Charles. It turned into a blitz game and it looked like Geoff was going to have the upper hand when he potted 5 of one color with the 6th to bring in. Curtains! The 6th one rolls off the table and Patrick takes advantage for a 6-1 potout win, and also wraps up the title with a round to go.

Now the big question — can Patrick become the first person to ace the 12 person final? Not only that, up until this point he hasn't lost a game in a 1993 national championship. Things start off well, he brings in better than Larry, and when Larry performs a very unorthodox strategy of lunging a color that he doesn't have squopped Patrick goes for the double blitz strategy. Even after a missed pot he still looks good, but Larry makes two long squops to get one of each color and after a battle fairly far from the cup he ends Patrick's long streak with a 5-2 potout. Nick gets a 6 over Ben to pull into second, and Andy denies Geoff 3rd when he takes a 6-1.

If it wasn't for Patrick spoiling it, this would have been a very interesting match, there was only a 10 point spread from 2nd to 10th.

DOWN WITH ROOLZ!

by
Patrick Barrie

The ETwA rules sub-committee have been having many sleepless nights over the few remaining inadequacies of the rules. After a brief consultation with ScotTwA we've come up with the following proposed changes to be debated at the rules meeting on 30th April. Copies of the current rules are, as ever, available from me³; I normally take a few spare copies to tournaments.

RULES CHANGES — AGREED NEW WORDINGS

1. To resolve the conflict between 12(a) and 12(b) when a player tries to play his correct colour but hits a wink of another colour first, Change 12(b) to read:

"If a player deliberately plays a shot with the wrong colour, or plays his colour when it is not his turn, then this is also a foul shot. The opponents..."

To reword 12(d) in the light of the proposed new wording to 12(b):

"If a player deliberately disrupts the course of a game, whether by interfering with winks, pot, mat or another player, the penalty is that the game is declared ended..."

2. To change the situation when a wink is potted as a result of a foul shot, change 12(a)(ii) to read:

"They may accept the shot in its entirety, and the turn comes to an end (even if a wink has been potted). They cannot..."

³Patrick's address is given on page 2 - Ed.

Also change 12(b)(ii) to read:

“They may accept the shot or shots, and the turn comes to an end. If the opponents. . .”

3. To resolve some of the difficulties when playing on mats with unmarked baselines, make an addition to the end of 5(a):

“If an attempt to squidge a wink from behind a baseline does not cause the wink to travel at least 10cm beyond the baseline, then this is a foul shot (see Rule 12).”

Also change 12(a):

“If a player squidges a wink contrary to Rules 5(a), 5(b) or 11. . .”

4. To allow the pot to be held if it is thought that the pot will move due to motion of winks (as happens when playing certain Cullingham squops) change rule 7(b) to read:

“The pot may be held if it is likely to be moved accidentally by a player or a squidger, or moved by winks in motion. If the pot is moved it must be replaced immediately at the centre of the mat. Any wink disturbed by the movement of the pot is replaced in its former position. Any wink coming to rest wholly or partly under the base of the pot. . .”

5. To clarify the situation when more than one colour is potted out in the same shot, make an addition to 10(a):

“Should more than one colour be potted out in a single shot, the points are aggregated and shared equally between these colours.”

6. To provide an improved wording to the last sentence of 11(b), change it to:

“Note that a shot which is forfeited owing to Rule 7(a) is always counted in the timing of a freeing shot.”

FURTHER CHANGES

There are a few places where the rules are still accepted as non-ideal by the rules sub-committee, and we will be seeking the views of other wingers concerning these (even though we have no definite proposals concerning them this year). Also, Andy Purvis will be bringing forward a gender-neutral version of the rules for consideration.

CAMBRIDGE OPEN, 1994

Queens' College, Cambridge
29 and 30 January 1994

by
Ed Wynn

Nick's trusty computer was unavailable for comment. There loomed the awful prospect of a Cambridge Open happening without it. So awful was this prospect, in fact, that tribal instinct gave Richard Moore a retrospective gain of memory; he was heard to comment on how bad the last 'Paper Open' had been, even though he was too young to have been there. However, a brave CUTwC crew - Rupert, Nick and Sylvester - had set out to make a more modern machine behave like Nick's. This it did, but the strain of thinking down to its predecessor's level slowed it down; whenever it put up a new screen, it amusingly disassembled the old one blob by blob (not to be confused with bit by bit). How we laughed! - computers are such interesting things.

ROUND ONE			
Andrew Gibson + Charles Relle	1	Patrick Barrie + Ed Porter	6
Jon Williams + Kilian Anheuser	6	James Hopgood + Stew Sage	1
Rupert Thompson + Phil Clark	2	Matthew Rose + James Cullingham	5
Geoff Thorpe + Ed Wynn	6	Poss Ellis + Alastair Grant	1
Alan Boyce + Elizabeth Whalley	3	Stu Collins + Andrew Young	4
Julian Porter + Paul Lewis	0	Gavin Keyte	7
Nick Inglis + Andrew Sutcliffe	1	Jon Mapley	6
Ben Deane + Dave Carslake	6	Simon Julier	1

ROUND TWO			
Andrew Young + Alan Boyce	1	Stew Sage + Patrick Barrie	6
Gavin Keyte + Ed Wynn	6	Nick Inglis + Simon Julier	1
Jon Mapley + Andrew Gibson	1	Rupert Thompson + Dave Carslake	6
Julian Porter + Stu Collins	2	Charles Relle + Geoff Thorpe	5
Poss Ellis + Kilian Anheuser	1	Alastair Grant + Andrew Sutcliffe	6
Jon Williams + Phil Clark	1	James Cullingham	6
Anthony Heading + Paul Lewis	3½	Elizabeth Whalley	3½
James Hopgood + Ben Deane	0	Matthew Rose	7

Anyway, the system was kicked into action and sworn at until it behaved, and then all went smoothly enough. The only hitch was a collective operator-failure: I wombled in after Sunday lunch to put myself back on the active-service list, and my arrival was trumpeted by Patrick, who was standing by the keyboard. (I use the word 'trumpeted' advisedly.) I assumed that I would therefore be reinstated, but wasn't. I'm not saying that I'm bitter or anything, but I was cheated of the opportunity to be the first person to play in a serious winks tournament with a broken right hand. (Serious?)

ROUND THREE			
Andrew Young + Ben Deane	6	Nick Inglis + Stew Sage	1
Patrick Barrie + Kilian Anheuser	5	Andrew Gibson + Dave Carslake	2
Ed Wynn + Poss Ellis	2	Matthew Rose + Geoff Thorpe	5
Simon Julier + Phil Clark	0	Chris Andrew + Rupert Thompson	7
Elizabeth Whalley + Gavin Keyte	4	James Hopgood + Alan Boyce	3
Stu Parker + Charles Relle	1	Jon Mapley + Anthony Heading	6
Richard Moore + Stu Collins	5½	Andrew Sutcliffe + Julian Porter	1½
Andrew Dominey + Alastair Grant	1	James Cullingham + Jon Williams	6

Nick handed over running of the computer to Rupert. The new regime proved more tolerant of unorthodox names; in the old days, Patrick Barrie was never given enough letters, and Moore was never Bloody on the screen. Some of the new names were helpful: "Benedict Dominey" and "Spike Milligan" were recognisable both to CUTwC and to the rest of the world (ie, both halves of humanity, for want of a better word). The ghost of the old regime persisted in requiring that a name consists of two words; this was fine for Dub Dub, but produced the more dubious "Poss Poss", "Droogs Droogs", and "Neville Neville". Lastly, some of the names were downright unhelpful; I leave you to deduce the true identities of "Tedious Heapshit" and "Oohme Skelligs". To the observant observer, though, the most bizarre name was one that someone typed in for himself: "Alastair Grant" (*sic*).

ROUND FOUR			
Ben Deane + Richard Moore	6	Dave Carslake + Andrew Sutcliffe	1
Poss Ellis + Ed Porter	0	Matthew Rose + Julian Wiseman	7
Alastair Grant + Jon Mapley	4½	Ed Wynn + Phil Clark	2½
Elizabeth Whalley + Andrew Gibson	1½	Anthony Heading + Julian Porter	5½
Stu Collins + Nick Inglis	4	Andrew Young + Rupert Thompson	3
Andrew Dominey + Kilian Anheuser	1	Gavin Keyte + Patrick Barrie	6
Alan Boyce + Chris Andrew	3	Simon Julier + Charles Relle	4
James Cullingham + Geoff Thorpe	4	Simon Gandy	3

ROUND FIVE			
Chris Goddard + Gavin Keyte	2	Andrew Dominey + Julian Porter	5
Rupert Thompson + Alan Boyce	4	James Cullingham + Richard Moore	3
Kilian Anheuser + Ben Deane	6	Julian Wiseman + Andrew Gibson	1
Stew Sage + Simon Gandy	6	Matthew Rose + Nick Inglis	1
Ed Wynn + Alastair Grant	6	Jon Mapley + Simon Julier	1
Anthony Heading + Charles Relle	5	Andrew Young + Dave Carslake	2
Poss Ellis + Geoff Thorpe	1	Chris Andrew + Patrick Barrie	6
Elizabeth Whalley + Stu Collins	3	Phil Clark	4

Lunch may or may not have been somewhere or other. I seem to remember a model of Oxford-Cambridge togetherness in Queens' Bar, but that may have been during the Varsity Match. Anyway, things were less sweet and less light by Round Nine, when Richard felt obliged to pot out, so that a game involving Rupert and Charles could end as quickly as possible, and they could go to their opposite corners to spit into buckets and readjust their gum-shields. Ding ding!

ROUND SIX			
Stu Collins + Dave Carslake	6	Julian Porter + Andrew Young	1
Phil Clark + James Cullingham	1	Nick Inglis + Rupert Thompson	6
Stew Sage + Simon Julier	0	Patrick Barrie + Matthew Rose	7
Gavin Keyte + Alastair Grant	6	Elizabeth Whalley + Kilian Anheuser	1
Alan Boyce + Ed Wynn	3	Chris Goddard + Richard Moore	4
Chris Andrew + Poss Ellis	6	Andrew Dominey	1
Anthony Heading + Jon Williams	6	Ben Deane	1
Simon Gandy + Jon Mapley	5	Charles Relle	2

One can have too much of Rupert, like all good things (or should I say, "like all other good things"?). Richard felt that he had passed the limit when he played in the same games as Rupert for the fourth time. Probability does suggest that four meetings in nine rounds was exceptional; given the rounds he played in, Richard's most likely number of meetings was one; the probability of fewer than 2 meetings was 65%.

ROUND SEVEN			
Simon Gandy + Chris Andrew	3	Ben Deane + Charles Relle	4
Phil Clark + Alan Boyce	5	Geoff Thorpe	2
Richard Moore + Rupert Thompson	6	Alastair Grant	1

Oh dear!, I've started writing about the winks. I was hoping to avoid them. I feel sure that you can read score-sheets as well as I, and probably better. If I had to mention something, it would be that in Round 3, Chris Andrew was top (played 1, missed 2, PPG 7) while Nick was third from bottom (played 3, missed 0, PPG 1). From then on, it was a struggle between Barrie and Rose for the top place; Chris failed to sustain his promising start. Even more exciting was the heavyweight struggle for last place: Nick had to fight all the way to bring himself equal to Stew, and share last place on the real people's table, just below "Buster Gonads".

ROUND EIGHT			
Simon Gandy + Charles Relle	1	Matthew Rose + Alan Boyce	6
Dave Carslake + Alastair Grant	6	Chris Andrew + Stew Sage	1
Rupert Thompson + Patrick Barrie	2	Richard Moore	5
James Cullingham + Ben Deane	6	Anne Austin	1
Geoff Thorpe + Phil Clark	3½	Jon Williams	3½

ROUND NINE			
Richard Moore + Charles Relle	5	Rupert Thompson + Jon Williams	2
Chris Andrew + Stu Collins	5	James Cullingham + Nick Inglis	2
Geoff Thorpe + Stew Sage	0	Patrick Barrie + Alastair Grant	7
Matthew Rose + Simon Gandy	7	Anthony Heading + Dave Carslake	0
Ben Deane + Anne Austin	2	Julian Wiseman + Andy Milligan	5

I was going to write that the CUTwC Dinner was unusually civilised, and then I remembered to add on the words "except for ...", and a couple of incidents sprang to mind. The Vice involved hard-boiled eggs, but could have been a lot worse. One member of the catering staff was

surprised to see Mr Skelligs in the SCR on Sunday, since the last time she had seen him, he had been stuffing Ejaculate Cake down the neck of a wine-bottle. In the now-traditional way, a chair was broken, and this time we remembered to keep the detached legs as trophies. Suffice it to say that if they were to be given for "Most Surprising Behaviour at the Dinner", then this year's would have to be a joint award.

ROUND TEN			
Alan Dean + Charles Relle	4	Andrew Young + Matthew Rose	3
Stu Collins + Simon Gandy	6	Jon Williams + Chris Andrew	1
Alastair Grant + Nick Inglis	2	James Cullingham + Patrick Barrie	5
Rupert Thompson + Anthony Heading	7	Andy Milligan + Stew Sage	0
Dave Carslake + Heather Dean	2	Julian Wiseman + Geoff Thorpe	5
Richard Moore + Anne Austin	4	Ben Deane + Ed Wynn	3

ROUND ELEVEN			
Chris Andrew + Andrew Dominey	3	Matthew Rose + Charles Relle	4
Stu Collins + Stew Sage	5	Dave Carslake + Patrick Barrie	2
Ben Deane + Nick Inglis	5	James Hopgood + Ed Wynn	2
Anthony Heading + Andrew Young	6	Anne Austin + Heather Dean	1
Jon Williams + Geoff Thorpe	4	Alastair Grant + Simon Gandy	3
Richard Moore + Alan Dean	1½	Rupert Thompson + James Cullingham	5½

CURIOUS BEHAVIOUR AT THE CAMBRIDGE OPEN

Why is it that immediately after lunch on Saturday Charles placed a pot in one of his socks and invited Rupert to "get it out"?

For that matter, why did Jon Mapley manifest an overwhelming desire to be called "Torville" in the august pages of WW? Is he thinking of changing his name by deed-poll?

Why did Patrick render "The family of the Sun" in such an outstandingly decibel-filled fashion as to cause acute agony to the bar-maid at "The Mill"?

Is this the effect that ETwA council meetings have on the mind? We think we ought to be told.

ROUND TWELVE			
Andrew Dominey + Stew Sage	6	Dave Carslake + James Cullingham	1
Alan Dean + Simon Gandy	5	Heather Dean + Chris Andrew	2
Stu Collins + Patrick Barrie	4	Nick Inglis + Andrew Young	3
Charles Relle + Ed Wynn	6	Ben Deane + Jon Williams	1
Matthew Rose + Alastair Grant	7	Rupert Thompson	0

Well, that's it. As usual only people who missed two or less games (or equivalently, played ten or more) were counted in the compilation of the final results, reproduced below.

FINAL RESULTS							
Pos		PPG	Total	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1	Matthew Rose	5.364	59	11	9	0	2
2	Patrick Barrie	5.091	56	11	9	0	2
3	Stu Collins	4.450	$44\frac{1}{2}$	10	8	0	2
4 =	Alastair Grant	4.208	$50\frac{1}{2}$	12	7	0	5
4 =	Rupert Thompson	4.208	$50\frac{1}{2}$	12	7	0	5
6	James Cullingham	4.045	$44\frac{1}{2}$	11	7	0	4
7	Ben Deane	3.833	46	12	7	0	5
8	Chris Andrew	3.700	37	10	4	0	6
9	Geoff Thorpe	3.550	$35\frac{1}{2}$	10	6	1	3
10	Charles Relle	3.500	42	12	8	0	4
11	Dave Carslake	3.091	34	11	4	0	7
12 =	Nick Inglis	2.600	26	10	3	0	7
12 =	Stew Sage	2.600	26	10	4	0	6

Now, of course, a lot of people tend to miss more than two games, what with one thing and another, so we thought we ought to include the results of everybody who didn't get through to the final score-sheet, just for completeness.

Unplaced Competitors						
	PPG	Total	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
Gavin Keyte	5.167	31	6	5	0	1
Anthony Heading	4.875	39	8	6	1	1
Julian Wiseman	4.500	18	4	3	0	1
Richard Moore	4.444	40	9	7	0	2
Simon Gandy	4.333	39	9	5	0	4
Ed Wynn	4.056	$36\frac{1}{2}$	9	4	0	5
Jon Mapley	3.917	$23\frac{1}{2}$	6	4	0	2
Alan Boyce	3.500	28	8	3	0	5
Alan Dean	3.500	$10\frac{1}{2}$	3	2	0	1
Jon Williams	3.389	$30\frac{1}{2}$	9	4	1	4
Kilian Anheuser	3.333	20	6	3	0	3
Andrew Young	3.222	29	9	3	0	6
Chris Goddard	3.000	6	2	1	0	1
Ed Porter	3.000	6	2	1	0	1
Andrew Dominey	2.833	17	6	2	0	4
Elizabeth Whalley	2.667	16	6	1	1	4
Andy Milligan	2.500	5	2	1	0	1
Julian Porter	2.500	15	6	2	0	4
Phil Clark	2.375	19	8	2	1	5
Andrew Sutcliffe	2.375	$9\frac{1}{2}$	4	1	0	3
Anne Austin	2.000	8	4	1	0	3
Poss Ellis	1.833	11	6	1	0	5
Paul Lewis	1.750	$3\frac{1}{2}$	2	0	1	1
Heather Dean	1.667	5	3	0	0	3
James Hopgood	1.500	6	4	0	0	4
Andrew Gibson	1.300	$6\frac{1}{2}$	5	0	0	5
Simon Julier	1.167	7	6	1	0	5
Stu Parker	1.000	1	1	0	0	1

A CUTwC Lexicon

I thought that it might be useful if I compiled a list of current CUTwC nick-names, as these seem to be proliferating at an alarming rate and are getting wierder and wierder by the minute.

CUTwC Name	Genuine (?) Name
Nipper	Jon Williams
Benedict	Andrew Dominey
Spike	Andrew Milligan
Sylvester	Andrew Young
Dub-dub	Andrew Gibson
Walter	Dave Clarkson
Buster	Dave Carslake
Droogs	James Hopgood
Neville	Stuart Parker

Apparently "Droogs" is actually pronounced as if it were "Drugs" spoken in a Yorkshire accent. My thanks to Ben Deane for providing the necessary information, and informing me that a few lost souls still call Buster "Dave".

AUNTIE GERTIE'S PROBLEM CORNER

by
Auntie Gertie

Dear Auntie Gertie,

I recently learnt that a certain American winker does weight-training twice a week and aerobics three times a week in order to build up his stamina for winks tournaments. On the other hand I know that a certain British winker trains by consuming 50 units of alcohol each week. I have tried to combine these two approaches but the strain has proved

too much, and I have now been advised to give up the game for health reasons. What do you recommend I do?

Yours hopelessly,
Dr. Boondock

Dear Dr. Boondock,

You should perhaps bear in mind that both of the winkers that you mention have had a great deal of experience with their particular modes of training. You should start off in a small way and gradually building up. Try following ten minutes of weight lifting with four hours of drinking and you will find that within a few months you will be able to carry out your proposed regime without much effort. Or you might possibly be dead. One or the other. Anyway, dulce et decorum est pro vinkibus mori.

A.G.

Dear Auntie Gertie,

Why is it that whenever I get out my winks mat and try to play my friends all start laughing? How can I convince them that the darn game is serious?

Yours prejudicially,
Et in Virginia Vinko.

Dear Et in Virginia Vinko,

The fault is either with the game of winks or your friends. Of course we cannot consider the first of these possibilities, even for a moment, so we must conclude that you have the wrong sort of friends. Have you ever considered finding some new ones who might have more catholic views?

A.G.

THE ST. ANDREWS OPEN

by
Joanne Victoria Mitchell

Everyone except statistics turned on time for the 10 O'clock start — a random draw put all StATS members playing each other and all external competitors battling between themselves.

Andy began the first round slowly, only managing 6 from a pot-out against Geoff Thorpe. The Swiss format exacted its penalty on me for good win against Sarah — I played Andy in the second round and it took him a full four minutes to get the seven.

On the whole StATS played extremely well (OK I'm slightly biased). Bruce particularly, found good form, finishing only $\frac{1}{2}$ a point behind Andy (after transfer that is). The fourth round saw a suprising 7-0 loss for Tim "Tim" Butterworth, StATS' best and probably only potophilic. Elizabeth suffered from a poor handicapping decision, this has since been rectified — see final paragraph! Congratulations to Bruce, Graham and Ben for limited losses against Andy⁴ — faith in the handicapping system is restored! My tip for the future is Richard Hunt, who played very impressively against Gavin.

Lunch was taken in The Wine Bar. Now firmly established as the StATS local with staff on first name terms and our own bottle of mead! The food was appreciated particually by a certain Stopfordian, not currently resident in St. Andrews⁵, who resolved to try everything on the menu. I believe he went some way to achieving the goal with the lubrication of a Bloody Awful or two.

After lunch an unexpected arrival was from Adrian Grant (an inhabitator of the real world at Freuchie and an ex-Secretary General of ScoTWA — yes in those days there was one T!). A firm believer in pot-squop, he managed to suprise the gentler competitors, "The two

⁴He didn't pot out. This must have been quite rare, as his PPG was greater than 6 — Ed.

⁵Surely not G. Thorpe? — Ed.

young ladies gave me the chance of potting three so I took advantage of them." (!)

In the last round those of us who had not requested a bye and wandered off for a round or several were feeling mentally drained. I gallantly offered to shake on 1-6 against Gavin, after getting squopped up in eight minutes, but he refused, holding out for the 5* - 2*. In fact the squop-up was reversed giving a final score of 4-3.

And the winner?

Well, that depends. Andy took home the elegant trophy (a university Brandy glass) but since the tournament Bruce, Ben and an Apple Macintosh have been trying different handicapping systems to get less worthy winners. I believe Andy, Andy, Andy, Bruce, Sarah, Elizabeth and Adrian have won so far. The scores given here are for the initial version of the system, where Andy won.

Player		Round (opponent, score, adj. score)				
		1	2	3	4	5
A	Bruce Turnbull	C, 4, 4	M $5\frac{1}{2}$, $5\frac{1}{2}$	L, 4, 4	G, 1*, $3\frac{1}{2}$	H, 5, $4\frac{1}{2}$
B	Graham Turnbull	H, 5, $5\frac{1}{2}$	E, 2, $3\frac{1}{2}$	-	M, 7*, 7	G, 1, $3\frac{1}{2}$
C	Julian Cole	A 3, 3	H, 1*, $\frac{1}{2}$	M, 2*, 2	-	I, $4\frac{1}{2}$, 4
D	Elizabeth Whalley	E, 1, 2	F, 1, $2\frac{1}{2}$	I, 6, 5	J, 1, $\frac{1}{2}$	M, 1, $\frac{1}{2}$
E	Gavin Keyte	D, 6, 5	B, 5, $3\frac{1}{2}$	G, 0*, 1	L, 5, $3\frac{1}{2}$	F, 0*, $\frac{1}{2}$
F	Geoff Thorpe	G, 1*, $1\frac{1}{2}$	D, 6, $4\frac{1}{2}$	J, 6, 4	K, 6, 4	E, 7*, $6\frac{1}{2}$
G	Andy Purvis	F, 6*, $5\frac{1}{2}$	J, 7*, $4\frac{1}{2}$	E, 7*, 6	A, 6*, $3\frac{1}{2}$	B, 6, $3\frac{1}{2}$
H	Richard Hunt	B, 2, $2\frac{1}{2}$	C, 6*, $6\frac{1}{2}$	K, 2*, $2\frac{1}{2}$	I, 4, 4	A, 2, $2\frac{1}{2}$
I	Sarah Watson	J, 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$	K, 1*, $1\frac{1}{2}$	D, 1, 2	H, 3, 3	C, $2\frac{1}{2}$, 3
J	Jo Mitchell	I, 6, $5\frac{1}{2}$	G, 0*, $2\frac{1}{2}$	F, 1, 3	D, 6, $6\frac{1}{2}$	K, 2*, 2
K	David Jackson	L, $1\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$	I, 6*, $5\frac{1}{2}$	H, 5*, $4\frac{1}{2}$	F, 1, 3	J, 5*, 5
L	Ben Soares	K, $5\frac{1}{2}$, $5\frac{1}{2}$	-	A, 3, 3	E, 2, $3\frac{1}{2}$	N, 7*, 6
M	Tim Butterworth	-	A, $1\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$	C, 5*, 5	B, 0*, 0	D, 6, $5\frac{1}{2}$
N	Adrian Grant			-	-	L, 0*, 1

Player		Round (opponent, score, adj. score)				Score	Position
		6	7	8	9		
A	Bruce Turnbull	F, 1, 3	E, 3, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	B, 6, 6	K, 4, 4	39	2
B	Graham Turnbull	K, 6*, 6	F, 1, 3	A, 1, 1	D, 5, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	35	4
C	Julian Cole	N, 6, 5	L, 4, 4	G, 0*, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	–	21	11
D	Elizabeth Whalley	–	–	–	B, 2, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	13
E	Gavin Keyte	H, 4, 2	A, 4, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	K, 7*, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	J, 4, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	9
F	Geoff Thorpe	A, 6, 4	B, 6, 4	L, 6, 4	M, 6, 4	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
G	Andy Purvis	L, 6, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	, M, 7*, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	C, 7*, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	H, 7*, 4	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
H	Richard Hunt	E, 5, 3	J, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6	–	G, 0*, 3	30	6
I	Sarah Watson	–	N, 0*, – $\frac{1}{2}$	M, 0*, $\frac{1}{2}$	L, 0*, $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
J	Jo Mitchell	M, 2*, 2	H, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 1	N, 1*, 0	E, 3, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	8
K	David Jackson	B, 1*, 1	–	E, 0*, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	A, 3, 3	25	10
L	Ben Soares	G, 1, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	C, 3, 3	F, 1, 3	I, 7*, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	34	5
M	Tim Butterworth	J, 5*, 5	G, 0*, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	I, 7*, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	F, 1, 3	29	7
N	Adrian Grant	C, 1, 2	I, 7*, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	J, 6*, 7	–	17.5	12

Yes, It's Incomprehensible Statistics

This article was sent to me accompanied by the astonishing claim that "Statistics have become acceptable to ETwA (at least according to Nick)". I must say this is the first I had heard of this, and I hope it's the last as well. However, I think that the thing has some interesting features. These include the way that in the original copy only people who had qualified six or more times had fore-names.

Anyway, what it is is a compilation of the results from the last ten singles finals, including only people who have played in at least three. Apparently the numbers in the columns headed "TOTAL" include the playoff game that happened in 1984 but, just to confuse everybody, the PPG and the numbers in the columns headed "AVERAGE" do *not*. We wouldn't want to make things too easy to understand, now would we?

Moreover, the averages aren't just any old averages. Oh no, apparently they "normalise the 1986 final from 10 to 11 games". So there.

	TOTAL				PPG	AVERAGE			
	Win	Lose	Draw	Points		Win	Lose	Draw	Pos
10 Finals									
Larry Kahn	84	25	1	526 $\frac{1}{6}$	4.783	8.39	2.51	.1	1.7
Jon Mapley	67	42	0	434 $\frac{1}{6}$	3.983	6.78	4.22	0	5.4
Alan Dean	61	48	0	411	3.771	6.19	4.81	0	6.5
9 Finals									
Charles Relle	59	39	0	385 $\frac{1}{3}$	3.932	6.61	4.39	0	4.33
Nick Inglis	33	65	1	268 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.712	3.67	7.22	.11	8.22
7 Finals									
Dave Lockwood	50	28	0	326	4.179	7	4	0	3.71
6 Finals									
Geoff Myers	42	24	0	278 $\frac{1}{3}$	4.217	7	4	0	4.17
Andy Purvis	36	28	2	249	3.773	6	4.67	.33	5.83
Patrick Barrie	34	32	0	232 $\frac{1}{6}$	3.518	5.67	5.33	0	6.83
Richard Moore	33	32	1	226	3.424	5.5	5.33	.17	7.33
3 Finals									
Geoff Thorpe	8	25	0	83 $\frac{1}{6}$	2.520	2.67	8.33	0	10
Mike Surridge	16	17	0	115 $\frac{1}{3}$	3.495	5.33	5.67	0	6.33
Simon Gandy	16	17	0	110 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.348	5.33	5.67	0	6.67
Keith Seaman	12	21	0	99	3.000	4	7	0	8.67
Graham Hancock	4	28	1	59	1.788	1.33	9.33	.33	10.67
Jim Carrington	5	27	0	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.984	1.73	9.26	0	11.33
Rob Cartwright	3	30	0	56	1.697	1	10	0	11

So far, so boring. However, this gives the opportunity to introduce this issue's really devastatingly unexciting competition. Try to answer the following four questions:

1. What is the nationality of the author of this article?

2. Who is he, then?
3. Why did he think anybody would be interested?
4. What, if anything, does "normalise the 1986 final from 10 to 11 games" mean?

If you can, please write your answers in bat's blood on a post-card addressed to

Hermann Waffenstaffer,
1320, John Lennon Memorial Shot Avenue,
Seattle.

All correct answers will be disqualified.

The
VARSITY MATCH
and
SILVER WINK
by
Simon Julier and Julian Porter

*Being a Most Biased Account of the Events of the 26th
February, when Oxford Did it Again*

On the last cold and grey Saturday of February nine winkers set out from Oxford. Their hearts were trembling with anticipation, for these were the Varsity and Silver Wink team, doing their duty for chancellor and University. Five of them were new to the Quarter Blue corps — Kilian Anheuser, Poss, Julian Porter, Elizabeth Whalley and Christine Wiggins.

The day started off with a delay of half an hour due to the Press. A stranger appeared at Queens' college and introduced himself as an

observer. CUTwC assumed he was an official observer for OUTS, OUTS assumed he was an official observer for CUTwC and as a result nobody talked to him at all. Stew suddenly had a brainwave and realised that he was neither but was from *the Observer*, a newspaper of ill repute. On this everybody started to talk to him at once. He took a large number of photographs of the rival presidents potting winks, or more exactly of Simon potting winks and Nipper staring at him with a look of wild surmise. None of these were ever published, which makes the whole thing rather annoying, really.

Then it was time to try to concoct a score-board. Ben got quite excited about this, and went through some fifty-seven drafts before he was fully satisfied. CUTwC having written the names of their team down in a ritually prescribed order it was the turn of OUTS to do the same. This process took quite a long time and prompted Rupert to remark that CUTwC shouldn't have much problem beating OUTS because "they don't know who they're partnering" and, after a spot of confusion involving Paul Woodman, "they don't even know who they are". However, all good things come to an end, and eventually we had to start playing winks.

This was a bad idea. The first round, like Mike Atherton's recent batting in the West Indies, was a sign of things to come and, from OUTS' point of view, not a very hopeful one. Despite a number of close games that included a 5-2 by OUTS' start pair of Wiggins and Woodman, CUTwC drew into the lead by 17-11. At this stage there was still a chance that OUTS might win, so we pushed ahead with a much more aggressive strategy. This completely failed to work and the round went to CUTwC $23\frac{1}{2} - 4\frac{1}{2}$. This round contained the titanic struggle of Rupert and Spike against Poss and Julian which involved all the winks in a single pile so complicated that it was necessary to call on Andy to be an umpire or shot-judge for nearly every shot, which he wasn't very happy about. It's amazing the thing ever finished at all.

The score was now $40\frac{1}{2} - 15\frac{1}{2}$ so OUTS felt it was time to go for big wins in all games. This didn't go quite as badly as you would expect, as we managed to get a couple of 3's and only lost the round 20-8. At least there weren't any pot-outs.

At this point it was time to take a serious look at the situation. An OUTS team meeting counted the scores and, on the third attempt

(since no-one had a calculator and it's very hard to count half a finger), it was discovered that the score was $60\frac{1}{2} - 23\frac{1}{2}$. OUTS needed at least $37\frac{1}{2}$ points from the last round and, barring a sudden rules meeting, this was beyond the capabilities even of Paul Roberts' cardboard squidger. We therefore decided to concede the match to CUTwC and let them try to insure the trophy for another year. It was also decided (and nobody is willing to claim responsibility for this daft idea) that we should play the Silver Wink and *then* round four of the Varsity, if there was time.

The Silver wink went rather better for OUTS and was actually drawn at the end of round two. However, Dr. Sage now started to pot out, so the whole thing went downhill from that point onwards. Christine did the sensible thing by going off college hunting, while Simon and Julian accidentally squopped up Ed and Stew, leaving themselves utterly confused, as they had no idea what to do. This also caused much misery to Chris, who had to act as shot judge and appeared to think that Julian was trying to annoy him. There isn't much more to say, so here's the score:

		O	X	O	N	
		S. Julier J. Porter	Poss K. Anheuser	E. Whalley P. Roberts	A. Purvis P. Woodman	
C	J. Williams	6	3	2	1	16
	A. Dominey	1	4	5	2	
A	B. Deane	1	1	1	6	19
	A. Young	6	6	6	1	
T	S. Sage	6	2	1*	2*	17
	E. Wynn	1	5	6*	5*	
B	R. Thompson	6	4	1	6	11
	A. Milligan	1	3	6	1	
		19	10	5	15	

CUTwC	63
OUTS	49

As there was sufficient time left the fourth round of the varsity fol-

lowed. By now everybody was suffering from "last game of the day" syndrome and not very bothered about what happened, as the result was a fore-gone conclusion. Ironically enough, this was OUTS' best round. We won it 16-12 and most of our pairs gave their best performance, most notably Christine and Paul W, who managed to win their game as a result of Christine potting lots of winks after Paul had said to her "we've lost, so it doesn't matter what you do" and Poss being so scared at the thought of winning at all that he wimped out on the chance of getting OUTS' only 6 of the match to go for a 5 instead.

The finish was somewhat delayed by some deeply strategic play by Chris Goddard and Ed Wynn, who spent ten minutes in round four trying to work out how they could get a score with a half point in it, thus making CUTwC's final score an integer. Apparently integers are easier to sing. In case anybody is interested, the scores were as follows:

		O	X	O	N	
		S. Julier K. Anheuser	Poss J. Porter	E. Whalley P. Roberts	C. Wiggins P. Woodman	
C A N T A B	J. Williams	3	1	1	3	20
	A. Dominey	4	6	6	4	
	B. Deane	1	5	4	1	17
	A. Young	6	2	3	6	
	E. Wynn	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1	4	5	$16\frac{1}{2}$
	C. Goddard	$5\frac{1}{2}$	6	3	2	
B	R. Thompson	1	1	3	4	19
	A. Milligan	6	6	4	3	
		$6\frac{1}{2}$	8	12	13	

CUTwC	$72\frac{1}{2}$
OUTS	$39\frac{1}{2}$

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ORGANISER OF THE 1995 CAMBRIDGE OPEN

Dear Fellow Winker,

I thoroughly enjoyed my Saturday at the 1994 Cambridge Open. I played six good games with a variety of very pleasant people, some of whom I knew well, and others of whom I had not met before. The two hours in the pub were riotously good fun, and those who know me saw me drink rather more of the hoppy substances than they might normally expect.

There is, however, a balance that needs to be maintained, and the Cambridge Open format lends itself ideally to achieving that end. If players want to stay in the pub and miss the odd round, or arrive late on Sunday morning, they can. Unfortunately, if the re-start times are announced on the assumption that every player wants to drink rather than wink, the balance is lost, because those who would prefer to play seven or eight rounds each day are prevented from doing so.

On my way back in the car on Saturday evening, I regretted only having been able to play six games, and realised that the 10.30 start on Sunday would probably similarly restrict the second day's play, so I decided not to bother. I may have been the only attendee who felt this way. If so, then ignore this plea. If the 40th anniversary of CUTwC is to be truly successful, however, I suspect most of the participants would want to play a few more games than this year.

Yours sincerely,
Jon Mapley.

A GERONTOLOGICAL SUGGESTION

Sir,

It occurs to me that Charles Relle may be too old for the game of tiddlywinks.

A Well Wisher.

OXFORDSHIRE OPEN 1994

Old Lecture Room, Wadham College, Oxford

6 March 1994

by
Matthew Rose

With the Oxfordshire Open enjoying a trial separation from the Varsity Match this year, the Tournament (proper) followed a Marchant day and the OUTS dinner. This resulted in CUTwC appearing for one day only, and probably led to a reduction in overtime hours worked by Oxford's good car park and guest room attendants.

THE TEAMS			
[A]	Christine Wiggins Cyril Edwards	[B]	Simon Julier Julian Porter
[C]	Gavin Keyte Kilian Anheuser	[D]	Chris Wilson Alan Dean
[E]	Charles Relle Simon Gandy	[F]	Rob Cartwright Alan Boyce
[G]	Tim Hedger James Cullingham	[H]	Elizabeth Whalley Andy Purvis
[I]	Patrick Barrie Stew Sage	[J]	Steve Phillips Jon Carlaw
[K]	Ed Wynn Jon Williams	[L]	Richard Moore Andrew Dominey
[M]	Rupert Thompson Andy Milligan	[N]	Geoff Thorpe Tim Jeffreys
[O]	Geoff Myers Matthew Rose		

The tournament was publicised as involving a "bidding system", but given the good turnout, the size of the Lecture Room and the general confusion, normality was restored and bidding was abandoned.

It should be noted, though, that the threat of bidding seemed to drive away Julian Wiseman. Should this policy be made official? Congress should consider this very seriously!

The 15 pairs were generally strong on paper, but (unfortunately) only a small number were undergraduates. The first round saw relatively few surprises, with Patrick and Stew managing to overcome Andy and Elizabeth even without Patrick's regular squidgers. There were good wins for Tim H. and James and Richard and Benedict, while Geoff M. and Matthew edged out Geoff T. and Tim J. in a tight game. Tim J. was wearing a rather trendy 'green and weapon' or Greenpiece outfit which was utterly tasteless. Bizarrely enough Geoff T. was in more traditional outfit (has ETWA not got the funds for a large Number 6?).

In the second round none of the early leaders got 6 and the pre-lunch position was fairly even. As usual lunch was around four hours too short, but it had some moments of wittiness, although Messrs Relle and Thompson's impromptu Greek alphabetic discussions can be excluded from that description. (

After lunch there were no pot-outs in the third round. Geoff M. and Matthew squopped up Richard and Benedict for the lead, closely tracked by Ron and Alan B. and Chris and Alan D. Tim H. and James re-entered the fray shortly afterwards by stopping the leaders, leaving a number of pairs in contention by the end of round 4.

Round 5 saw the clashes that set up the final rounds — Rob missed his 5th wink against Geoff M. and Matthew and paid heavily. Simon and Charles and James and Tim H. got 6-1 victories which put them in the top three and Steve and Jon potted out to put Richard and Benedict out of contention.

In the penultimate round Simon and Charles lost to James and Tim H. following Simon's unluckiest hour — in round 4 he knocked off and squopped one of his own winks, taking out his partner's pottable wink and freeing two of his opponents' as well. Stick to pinball in future! This round also saw the re-emergence of Patrick's squidgers, returned sportingly by Steve Phillips (I believe he houses squidgers overnight at no cost), but rather less sportingly he and Jon beat Patrick and Stew convincingly to end up 4th. Geoff M. and Matthew's win over Chris and Alan D, following a long squopping battle, gave them a few points

lead which they consolidated in the final round by squopping well after Andy missed a reasonable pot-out attempt.

Overall it was a fairly high quality tournament, despite a poor showing positionally by the local players and a retention of the title by the raiders from the Capital.

TEAM	ROUND (Opponent - Score)							Total	PPG	Pos
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
A	C - 3	K - 3	M - 4	F - 0*	B - 6	H - 3	L - 1	20	2.857	13
B	D - 1	N - 1	J - 2	M - 1½	A - 1	K - 1½	C - 1*	9	1.286	15
C	A - 4	L - 2	F - 1	J - 3	bye	M - 1	B - 6*	17	2.833	14
D	B - 6	G - 4	I - 4	bye	N - 3	O - 1	E - 5	23	3.833	6
E	F - 6	N - 2	K - 6	I - 2	H - 5½	G - 2	D - 2	25½	3.643	7
F	E - 1	J - 5	C - 6	A - 7*	O - 1*	N - 6	G - 4	30	4.286	3
G	J - 6	D - 3	bye	O - 4	I - 6	E - 5	F - 3	27	4.500	2
H	I - 1	M - 5	N - 2	K - 7*	E - 1½	A - 4	O - 1	21½	3.071	12
I	H - 6	bye	D - 3	E - 5	G - 1	J - 1	M - 3	19	3.167	10
J	G - 1	F - 2	B - 5	C - 4	L - 6*	I - 6	bye	24	4.000	4
K	bye	A - 4	E - 1	H - 0*	M - 6	B - 5½	N - 2	18½	3.083	11
L	M - 6	C - 5	O - 1	N - 2	J - 1*	bye	A - 6	21	3.500	8
M	L - 1	H - 2	A - 3	B - 5½	K - 1	C - 6	I - 4	22½	3.214	9
N	O - 1	B - 6	H - 5	L - 5	D - 4	F - 1	K - 5	27	3.857	5
O	N - 6	E - 5	L - 6	G - 3	F - 6*	D - 6	H - 6	38	5.429	1

Mention should be made of certain other comments — Rob shewed how “on the ball” life in Bedford must be by referring to the Carlton TV advert featuring Jon and Patrick as if no-one had seen it before! Also, Cyril must win the ‘charming man of the year’ award for his diplomatic and complimentary remarks about Christine. He phrased them in a delicate and non-sexist manner that I sha’n’t repeat.

Finally, as once more Richard Moore proved to be the average of the people there, we must refer to that wondrous county of Humberside which, if the Boundary Commission have their way, will doubtless go up in smoke; presumably where this article will end up in due course.

NATwA INDIVIDUAL PAIRS

Chez Kahn, Silver Spring, MD
Sunday, 27 March 1994

We don't have any write-up for this, but here are the scores, for anybody who's interested:

Name	Total score after round							Pos
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Rick Tucker	1	7	8	14	17	24	30	2
Mac McAvoy	6	10	13	16	19	19	25	6
Marg Calhoun	1	4	5	6	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	8
Dave Lockwood	6	12	18	21	25	26	27	3
Larry Kahn	6	7	10	14	$17\frac{1}{2}$	$24\frac{1}{2}$	$25\frac{1}{2}$	5
Bob Henninge	1	2	6	7	$10\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$17\frac{1}{2}$	7
Brad Schaefer	1	5	9	15	19	25	26	4
Sunshine	6	9	15	19	$22\frac{1}{2}$	$28\frac{1}{2}$	$34\frac{1}{2}$	1

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Nick Inglis' World Ratings

(at the time of going to press)

Here they are, as always. Players with less than thirty rated games are italicised and those with less than fifteen have been omitted entirely. It should be re-iterated that these ratings are wholly unofficial, and no-one should treat them as an excuse for jumping off suspension bridges.

Player	Current Rating	Rating in past year		Games in past Year		
		High	Low	Rated	Total	PPG
Geoff Myers	2624	2680	2567	66	84	4.542
Patrick Barrie	2601	2601	2332	66	86	4.932
Dave Lockwood (U.S.)	2531	2553	2443	59	59	4.638
<i>Mike Surridge</i>	(2516)	(2516)	(2444)	28	28	5.054
Larry Kahn (U.S.)	2503	2620	2488	74	74	4.655
Andy Purvis	2501	2564	2496	118	138	4.114
Jon Mapley	2441	2531	2434	78	79	4.709
Richard Moore	2411	2476	2347	67	76	4.368
Charles Relle	2380	2457	2342	88	90	4.439
Matthew Rose	2376	2384	2268	81	90	4.456
Bob Henninge (U.S.)	2341	(2365)	(2288)	38	38	4.110
Brad Schaefer (U.S.)	2322	2322	(2193)	39	39	4.231
Nick Inglis	2315	2362	2200	76	76	4.189
<i>Ferd (U.S.)</i>	(2310)	(2310)	(2310)	26	26	4.237
Simon Gandy	2294	2323	2179	44	44	4.477
Phil Scarrott	2294	2294	2203	67	67	3.948
Alan Dean	2290	2359	2253	59	61	4.213
<i>Joe Sachs (U.S.)</i>	(2257)	(2257)	(2257)	26	26	3.692

Player	Current Rating	Rating in past year		Games in past Year		
		High	Low	Rated	Total	PPG
Julian Wiseman	2204	2231	2120	75	76	4.375
Jim Marlin (U.S.)	2201	2216	2114	37	37	3.063
Anthony Heading	2193	2193	2001	46	47	4.617
Ed Wynn	2186	2186	2005	38	48	4.115
Stu Collins	2182	2182	(2025)	46	46	3.967
Rick Tucker (U.S.)	2169	2212	2097	40	40	3.108
Geoff Thorpe	2156	2273	2148	55	55	3.909
Alan Boyce	2111	2204	2068	36	36	3.389
<i>Rupert Wilson</i>	(2098)	(2098)	(2089)	28	37	3.486
Alasdair Grant	2094	2094	1946	48	55	3.773
Cyril Edwards	2087	2152	(1959)	36	37	3.284
Rob Cartwright	2085	2132	1988	36	36	3.875
Chris Wilson	2068	2068	1811	51	56	3.687
<i>Tim Jeffreys</i>	(2044)	(2044)	1988	22	22	3.750
<i>Jon Marchant</i>	(2044)	2068	1976	18	18	3.528
<i>Ian Gameson</i>	(2036)	(2172)	(1970)	16	16	4.219
Rupert Thompson	2029	2029	1829	66	69	3.370
Ben Deane	2014	2048	(1772)	62	72	3.264
Gavin Keyte	2010	2018	1903	85	87	3.423
<i>Jim Carrington</i>	(1992)	(2106)	(1992)	16	16	3.469
Jason Westley	1952	(2051)	1952	42	50	3.610
<i>David Clarkson</i>	(1948)	(2041)	1911	29	29	4.034
Nick Reid	1942	1942	1855	39	46	3.554
Paul Woodman	1937	(1976)	1937	49	49	3.493
James Cullingham	1933	1955	1855	85	85	3.453
<i>Heather Dean</i>	(1918)	(2214)	(1918)	17	20	2.750
Phil Carmody	1912	1990	1912	36	49	2.735
<i>Steve Phillips</i>	(1898)	(2087)	1898	21	21	2.762
Stew Sage	1898	1996	1896	50	57	3.377
Dave Carslake	1892	1899	(1522)	43	44	3.091
<i>Dave Clark</i>	(1854)	(1932)	(1854)	21	21	3.310
Jon Williams	1842	1842	1697	57	58	2.767
<i>Phil Clark</i>	(1838)	(1914)	(1838)	22	22	2.545
<i>Andrew Young</i>	(1795)	(1795)	(1382)	20	20	2.800
<i>Simon Julier</i>	(1781)	(1937)	1732	28	30	2.750
<i>Mury Cathoun (U.S.)</i>	(1779)	(1779)	(1779)	19	19	1.816
<i>Graham Turnbull</i>	(1776)	(1776)	(1776)	15	15	2.600
Andy Milligan	1773	1824	1687	49	51	2.696

Player	Current Rating	Rating in past year		Games in past Year		
		High	Low	Rated	Total	PPG
<i>Ben Soares</i>	(1764)	(1655)	(1655)	26	26	2.481
<i>Paul Roberts</i>	1752	1752	1616	73	73	2.575
<i>Kilian Anheuser</i>	(1745)	(1877)	(1723)	23	23	2.978
<i>Julian Cole</i>	(1725)	(1725)	(1725)	19	19	2.237
<i>Andrew Dominey</i>	1723	1772	(1595)	42	42	2.607
<i>Bruce Turnbull</i>	(1713)	(1714)	(1713)	25	25	2.247
<i>Chris Goddard</i>	1664	1739	1623	20	20	2.275
<i>Elizabeth Whalley</i>	1653	(1878)	1653	37	38	2.671
<i>Julian Porter</i>	1649	1649	1407	44	45	2.733
<i>Poss Ellis</i>	(1629)	(1737)	(1629)	24	24	2.312
<i>Ed Porter</i>	(1610)	(1620)	(1486)	24	24	1.896
<i>Christine Wiggins</i>	(1600)	(1887)	(1600)	16	16	2.156
<i>Alasdair Paton</i>	(1596)	(1881)	(1596)	21	21	2.024
<i>Kate Woolfitt (U.S.)</i>	(1533)	(1533)	(1533)	17	17	2.029
<i>Jo Mitchell</i>	1530	1530	(1382)	35	35	2.143
<i>Tim Butterworth</i>	(1498)	(1498)	(1498)	19	19	2.289
<i>Simon Dean</i>	(1426)	(1426)	(1268)	29	30	2.350
<i>James Hopgood</i>	(1368)	(1602)	(1368)	26	26	1.462

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