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New York Retains National Team Title, St. Louis 2nd Plans Are Completed For Biggest American Zone Ever

Fourth Victory In Stewart Cup Classic

Chicago, Jan. 5: New York repeated last year's victory in the National Intercity team championship held before capacity crowds at the beautiful Lake Shore Athletic club after a gruelling battle with St. Louis.

U. S. Champion Abe Berenbaum and Sol Schiff were the Gothamites who delivered the lethal thrust to turn back a great St. Louis team in a struggle that had the spectators hysterical with excitement in a tie that went to eight individual matches for a decision.

Results (team "ties", percentages, individual matches):

	W	L	PCT	W	L
New York.....	6	0	1.000	30	10
St. Louis.....	5	1	.833	28	11
Indianapolis..	4	2	.667	27	16
Chicago.....	3	3	.500	23	17
Detroit.....	2	4	.333	10	26
Cincinnati....	1	5	.167	9	26
Omaha.....	0	6	.000	5	30

New York defeated St. Louis, 5-3; Indianapolis, 5-4; Chicago, 5-3; others, 5-0. St. Louis defeated Indianapolis, 5-3; Chicago, 5-2; Omaha, 5-1; others, 5-0. Indianapolis defeated Chicago, 5-3; Detroit, 5-1; Omaha, 5-2; Cincinnati, 5-0. Detroit defeated Cincinnati, 5-3; Omaha, 5-1.

Earl Coulson plus Jimmy McClure's presence brought Indianapolis from the bottom last year to third place. Jimmy made a grand slam winning eleven matches against the

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1936 FOREIGN TOUR SET

A USTTA-sanctioned tour of the U.S. by foreign stars will be conducted by Sandor Glancz after the World championships at Prague.

World Champion Viki Barna, Runner-Up Miklos Szabados or possibly other Europeans will constitute the "circus." Write for bookings to Mr. Glancz, Room 2937, 20 West 43rd St., New York.

The tremendous success of last season's Barna-Glancz tour of 20 cities, where over 20,000 spectators gasped at the bullet drives and spectacular returns from 25 feet behind the table, assures the popularity of the forthcoming invasion in April.

THE 1936 NATIONAL CITY CHAMPIONS



THE WINNING NEW YORK TEAM

From left to right: Abe Berenbaum, Sol Schiff, Louis Pagliaro and James Jacobson. New York was undefeated in team matches.

THUMBS DOWN EDICT MAY BE FORCED BY PUSHERS' TACTICS

BY JACK A. AHERN
USTTA EXHIBITIONS CHAIRMAN

From the time when thumbs were relentlessly turned down on the Roman gladiator whose lack of courage had failed to please the crowds assembled to see him do battle, almost every sport, at some stage of its struggle to widespread popularity and its rightful place in the sun, has found it necessary to protect the spectator following that made its events and organization possible. Mention a sport that does not place a premium on aggressiveness and speed against defensive play and you will have named one that because of its lack of spectator appeal has failed to achieve a wide hold on popularity and one financially weak.

It is common to see boxers thrown out of the ring for stalling. Baseball was rescued by the colorfully aggressive play of Ruth, and a livelier ball, but still it has its base on balls against the pitcher who will not let the slugger hit. Billiards was forced to introduce the balk line to do away with the monotonous running of points from balls grouped in a corner of the table—and today, although pocket billiards penalizes the player who persists in safety play, other rulings against such tactics are being urged. Basketball now requires that the ball be held no longer than three seconds, and in football and other popular sports stalling is immediately dealt with by officials.

It is unfortunate that table tennis, after three hard driving years of work by the USTTA, which have resulted in so much for the sport, against great obstacles, is now confronted with the fact that all this work to attract attention to its speed and fascinating characteristics, and in turn a following that has made possible large tournaments in surroundings that befit such affairs, touring foreign stars, intersectional and international matches, and a strongly knit, devoted group of state and national officers, must, because of an extremely small group of players, take drastic action if the sport is to progress still further.

Unlike Europe, where the aggressive style of play makes the

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Entries Now Close January 22nd

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18: With the Third Annual American Zone championships only a little over two weeks away, Washington's DCTTA officers are busy laying plans for the biggest tournament ever held.

The McKinley High School gymnasium, one of the largest and most modern in the country, with a seating capacity of 4,000, will be the scene of the matches. Ten tables with a 20-foot playing area at each end and lighted by five 200-watt reflectors will accommodate the men's singles, men's doubles and women's singles events.

Trophies will be presented to the winner of each event and in addition the victor in the men's singles will join three other U.S. ranking players to compete in the World championships to be held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, next March.

While Washington has been host to almost every known organization in the country, she will experience something new when the opening gong rings on January 29. Never before has she witnessed a tournament of this kind and Washington goes for the new and the unusual. So interest is already at a high pitch and

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FIGHTING FUND APPEALS AGAIN

How is your patriotism? Wouldn't you be proud to see the U.S. mow down opposition in the World championships at Prague?

Wouldn't you like to be on the team—over there—fighting for the good old U.S.A.? Oh, boy! Who wouldn't?

Not all of us can go—only the best. But each one of us can help to send a strong team to represent us all. And we can all rejoice in its victories, proud to know that each of us had a share in making them possible.

Sort of makes your spine tingle, doesn't it? That's your patriotism stirred up. Seldom do you have such an opportunity to prove it's genuine.

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PUSHERS

The article in this issue of Topics by Jack Ahern so clearly defines the pushing "menace" and why it must be dealt with, that there is little that needs to be added to it at the moment. The fundamentals of any sport require that it be exciting, enjoyable and physically exhilarating. Players who strive to avert defeat, rather than win, completely destroy these three points.

PUBLICITY

More and more, table tennis is finding its way into the limelight. There is no reason today why the press of any metropolitan city should continue to be reluctant to feature the tournaments and activities of State and local associations.

The Chicago Tribune (1,050,000 Sunday circulation) is now carrying each week a two-column article by Colman Clark. The Buffalo Times devotes one-half page a week to the game. Philadelphia dailies carry league results regularly, in addition to special articles on the world's fastest sport. The St. Louis Star-Times, Chicago American and New York World-Telegram are also keeping the game periodically

before the public. In England and the Continent table tennis is so completely accepted that the problem of publicity no longer exists. If it is bothering you, why not drop in to see the various sports editors of your newspapers. A clear and comprehensive discussion of why the game merits their attention will almost invariably produce results, for after all, these editors because of the very character of the news they are dealing with, are also sportsmen.

TO STATE ASSOCIATIONS

If you have the type of player who objects to paying 50 cents USTTA dues—who says he "just wants to play for fun, doesn't want to belong to a national association, doesn't take the game that seriously," etc., don't coax him.

Leave him out of your leagues, leave him out of your tournaments, let him shift for himself—and see how much fun he has.

Don't waste any time on him. He's the type who fails to show up to play, shows up late, balls up league schedules, causes extra work, doesn't want to play according to rules, and won't do any work for the game. You're better off without him.

For every one of his type, you can find two who do take the game seriously and who know that teamwork is needed to accomplish anything.

How to Join the USTTA

(1) If you live in an organized State, write to the Governor (see page 2, column 4). (2) If you live in an unorganized State, write to USTTA Expansion Chairman Frank H. Trolle, 316 Ardmore Ave., Trenton, N. J.

It's a Rough Game

Several General Accident Insurance Co. officials in Philadelphia are debating whether or not to allow their sons to play table tennis, because it is so rough. P'raps they'll devise a special t.t. accident policy, or make the boys play football instead. The other day in the GAICTTC's rooms, Musser chopped a wide one just as Stackhouse at an adjoining table dived after an angle drive. Musser's bat cracked against Stackhouse's skull (with a sound resembling wood hitting wood, they say). Then Klinger fell under the table in returning a Faussett drive, disappearing from view and his head emerged above the table's edge just in time to be popped in the eye by another drive.

Players' Voices

Topics invites letters. Write on one side of paper—and keep 'em short.

Greetings From Ireland

"I have to thank you for the very interesting copy of Table Tennis Topics. On behalf of Ireland I send to all American players our heartiest greetings. We have been playing the game here since 1922 and are still growing. At first we had a hard fight. People made jokes about 'pat-ball,' but we just plugged away and now in Dublin we have 1,000 affiliated players and the newspapers regularly include our results on the sporting pages. So far we have not had much luck in international fixtures, losing with great regularity, but we hope for the best and, anyway, we can be good losers. After all, the win is not the chief thing.

"Our boys had the pleasure of getting acquainted with yours in Wembley and our ladies actually succeeded in winning against yours. Please remember us in any European tour which might be arranged. We are always ready for battle and the close ties which bind our countries will insure your players a reception second to none."—John Waugh, 80 Rapelagh, Dublin.

(Dr. Waugh is General Honorary Secretary, Irish Free State TTA).

Old Man Experience Says

Table tennis clubs should encourage long practice sessions to replace the enjoyable but foolhardy "games for blood." Every member should spend hours of determined practice to strengthen his weak spots. If a clubmate has a weak backhand and your forehand chop is not so hot, get him to cooperate with you for an hour, you sending forehand chops to his backhand and he practising backhand strokes to your forehand.

Cheerio! Welcome!

"Table Tennis," official organ of the English TTA, made its bow with the November issue—an attractive 6-page 8x10-inch monthly, published at 64 High Holborn, London, WC 1. Annual subscription, 1 shilling for one copy per month; 2 shillings 6 pence for four copies per month. Topics wishes it every success.

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WHY HUNGARY IS SUPREME IN WORLD TABLE TENNIS

BY ANDOR WILCSEK

CAPTAIN, HUNGARIAN WORLD-CHAMPION TEAM

SIDNEY B. WOOD, Jr. MAKES DEBUT
Philadelphia, Dec. 4: Sidney B. Wood, Jr., U.S. Davis Cup star, made an impressive showing in his debut as a table tennis match player here tonight in Central YMCA gym. Teamed with Sandor Glancz, Hungary, as the "N. Y. International A.C.," he lost close matches to Isadore Bellis (national boys' lawn tennis champion) and Ed Silverglade, representing this city. Silverglade d Glancz; Glancz d Bellis. Exhibitions: Wood d Glancz; Ruth Hughes Arons, N. Y. (U.S. women's champion) d Jack Hartigan (Westchester TTC). Albert Nachsin, chairman.

We Hope It's Fool-Proof

If you are a USTTA member and do not receive your Topics or membership card, be nonchalant, please.

Take it up with your local membership chairman (the one you gave your money to), have him inquire of State membership chairman, who should inquire of National membership chairman.

This is the route your membership should have taken, and if you make inquiry through these channels the trouble can be found and corrected. The USTTA believes it has a membership routing system that is fool-proof, provided local and State officials will follow directions.

Our Ambition, Too

The English TTA has headquarters at Featherstone House, 64 High Holborn, London, WC 1, with a full-time paid secretary.

T.T. Helped Perry

Ellsworth Vines believes Fred Perry's deadly masked forehand stroke in lawn tennis is due to Perry's development of table tennis strokes.

A Favor All Around

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One of the greatest assets of the Hungarian TTA was its international connections, which did a good turn for Hungarian players and had a beneficial effect on the development of table tennis everywhere. Examples are the excellence of Czechoslovakians and Austrians. It is no accident that the Central European countries are the strongest in this game. These countries developed together by leaps and bounds because of their geographical position.

The Hungarian TTA maintains close connections with every country of the slightest importance from the standpoint of table tennis, even though its competitive play is not on a high level. We are proud to see these countries develop play rapidly and become equal rivals for us.

The sporting Hungarian notion is that we want to lend a hand to the further development of every country, even undergoing sacrifice and not being scared of the steadily strengthening rivalry. Seeking how rapidly this game dashes forward in foreign countries we are not content to rest on our laurels but wish to unearth new talents, further develop our present values and enhance the playing standard of Hungarian table tennis.

Tactical Readiness

Besides the controlled nerves mentioned and the talent so necessary in every game, table tennis requires a definite intelligence for gaining great success. Ninety per cent of Hungarian players come out of the intermediate school and nearly all our first-class players are graduates. With players of such spiritual standard it is much easier to obtain good results.

In this game raw strength does not do mean everything, rather, technical and tactical readiness is the essential factor in building up a sound all-court play. If we take recognition that today the best of the foreign competitors are on our very trail, they are still far behind us as regards technique and tactics. The best examples are doubles. The Hungarian men's mixed doubles and even women's doubles pairs stand greatly above the best foreigners. Without being conceited I can declare that real doubles are still played only in Hungary. Why? Because this play requires an expert technical and particularly complete tactical readiness, which even the best foreign players lack.

I am bold enough to offer the same opinion regarding singles too. If a first-class Hungarian meets an equally qualified foreigner in the frame of a hard-fought five sets, the Hungarian crack has in my opinion a 75% chance of taking the deciding set and the match therewith, though every good player can lose a game even against a player much weaker than himself.

Let us have a look at games that depend on the last two points. Here I give again a 75% chance to the Hungarian player.

This is not the question of physical fitness—the so-called condition, a word much in use in Hungary—for I presume good condition on both sides, but the question of exclusively tactical readiness. For instance I have seen a lot of first-class foreign contestants, who played the points of final decision so they do not risk anything, playing a safe game, taking care only to put the ball back into play and expecting the same play-system from their opponents. The first-class Hungarian player continues his usual style at the deciding points, too. Even though he may not once win the service point when deuced at 20-20 and takes thereby an enormous risk, he finds his opponent napping many times and scores the vital points. This fact can be due only to his tactical readiness.

Tactical readiness—this is one of the most important factors in modern table tennis. You require it when you feel that you are not your best, when your shots, so sure at other times, go out and you are at a loss what to do.

We have observed a great many instances when a Hungarian competitor dropped the first set and had a hard time with his opponent, to at last realize that some very important change in his tactics must be made and having so changed his attack nosed his opponent out in but a few minutes.

Doubtless the greatest tactician of table tennis is our five-times victorious World Champion Gyozo Barna. In reaching his almost impossible-sounding results his tactical readiness has been a much bigger part than have his talent, intelligence and technique.

The finals of the last two World championships should have convinced those skeptics who were not aware of this strongest asset, his unparalleled tactics.

In Paris last year he could not swing into form and Bellak had a lead of 2 games to 1 and seemed a sure winner. Then Barna, after a rally of some shots, did not continue his defensive style but became very aggressive, which greatly surprised Bellak,

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MICHIGAN TTA ANNOUNCES RANKINGS

Detroit, Dec. 12: The Michigan TTA has selected the following players for 1934-1935 ranking:

Singles: 1. Larry Fitch. 2. Edward Denges. 3. Clarence Laude. 4. John Cash. 5. Harvey Davis. 6. George Abbott. 7. Stanley Davis. 8. Ray Thompson. 9. Arthur DeBoves. 10. Ralph Wells.

Doubles: 1. Laude-Chinn. 2. Davis-Davis. 3. Abbott-DeBoves. 4. French-Denges. 5. Fitch-Campbell. 6. Cash-Thompson. 7. McReynolds-Herrick.

Detroit now has one of the finest table tennis centers in the country. Located in the heart of the city, the Grisowald Table Tennis Center has fourteen tables and sufficient room behind each to play any type game.

Largest Club

The Wekearyn Club, composed of Western Electric Kearny (N. J.) Works employees, appears to be the largest club in the country, with more than 600 regularly playing members, of which 75 are women.

Club rooms contain 25 official tables, brilliantly lighted and 20-ft. playing space behind each table.

Two teams are entered in the Industrial League and two in the Union County League of the New Jersey TTA. There is also an 8-team inter-department league.

The club ladder keeps interest at a high pitch. Activities are guided by a committee headed by John E. Petersen, chairman.

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WILCSEK PRAISES CORINNE MIGNECO

Budapest, Dec. 5: In response to an inquiry from the USTTA Andor Wilcsek, captain of the famous Hungarian team, commented as follows on the American girl recommended by Dr. Pick recently as a candidate for the U. S. Corbillon Cup team.

"She is slight, but nevertheless sturdy, and very agile. Her strongest asset is her defense, although she possesses a strong forehand drive which she mixes very cleverly with the rest of her game. She has a severe chop which is returned over the net so low that it is difficult to drive past her . . . I have seen only Miss Ovenden of your players play, and Miss Migneco is well above her in skill. She is quite equal to the best of the Austrian women stars, and even is a real threat to our first Hungarian girls, because of her all court game . . . teamed with Miss Aarons, the United States would have a very good chance for place, if not for victory."

If the fighting fund permits, the USTTA hopes to send two women players to Europe in March. Failing, Miss Migneco will in all probability be Ruth Hughes Aarons' partner in the Corbillon event.

Illinois Table Tennis

Illinois joins New Jersey and Washington state with a smart 6-page magazine containing news of its activities and members, tournament results and matters pertaining to cities over which the association has jurisdiction. Copies are mailed free to ITTA members. Gerry Schnur, 141 Park Ave., Glencoe, is editor.

Jolly Friends in England

John Jaques & Son, Ltd., London firm that owns the p.p. trademark throughout the world, except in the U.S., gives 100% cooperation to the English TTA and assists in promotion of the game under its historic name, table tennis.

Maule Victor

Shorewood, Wisc., Nov. 30: Duane Maule defeated Bud Carson 14, 17, 14 to take the Shorewood open after winning from Bill Rivette 3-1 in the semi-finals.

Ted Hoyt in "Come-Back"

Ted Hoyt, star sports writer of the Philadelphia Inquirer (the city's largest morning newspaper), has returned to an old love, table tennis. He and Mrs. Hoyt were dining-room table t.t. "champs" some years ago.

Insist on good lighting in the runback space.

Where We Err

BY COLEMAN CLARK

American devotees of the world's fastest game are rapidly improving but we still have a long road to travel ere our leaders can approach the class of Europe's topnotchers. In what respects do our stars fall short of the amazing games of the great Continentals?

In the first place in accuracy. Viktor Barna, world champion, and Sandor Glancz, former world doubles champion, who toured this country last season are not only machine-like in the art of placing the ball but marvelously consistent. Glancz's forehand drive is aimed like a rifle and when he pulls the trigger the ball whizzes to either corner, and when I say corner I mean it. If he decides to go for the sidelines the ball often nicks it, so precision-like is his control. He will make these accurate drives time after time without slackening speed. Barna's incredible backhand drive is likewise deadly accurate especially when he drives to his opponent's forehand corner. Both these boys angle their shots far better than our experts. Barna will pull you 'way off to one side then completely pass you on the opposite side. Moreover, these Hungarian masters can drive the ball not two or three times in succession without missing, but eight or ten times, and they are just about equally good on forehand or backhand.

Take the drop-shot, that tantalizing little stroke that just clears the net. True, some of our best players have good drop-shots but scarcely on a par with Glancz's, for example. He catches his opponent unawares. It comes so unexpectedly. He hides it beautifully and often throws his bewildered adversary off his game because one never knows when or where it is coming. He can even drop-shot a ball that lands at the far end of his side of the table. Difficult? Yes, but he does it because he has devoted years to perfecting it.

Another trick our players have failed to develop fully is the feint, of which Barna and Glancz are past masters. They will set themselves to drive to your forehand. You will move over to take the ball only to see it skoot by you on your backhand side. You are completely fooled so foxily have they outwitted you. When they mix drop-shots with feints they will have you huffing and puffing and all-together up in the air. They simply run you ragged.

Another thing. These Hungarian demons will frequently drive a serve which has topspin on it. Our players rarely do this, yet this shot used occasionally is a sure bet as it has the element of surprise. Of course it's generally much easier to chop the usual topspin serve but it isn't so hard to learn to drive them once in a while and often you find it possible to score outright aces by so doing. This is particularly effective in doubles play as the receiver must move fast to get his racket on the ball.

A few of our experts are now beginning to drive drives—"tennis spiel" as Barna calls it, but to date we are not proficient enough at it. It's thrilling to watch two fine drivers plant themselves six or eight feet behind the table and meet forehand drive with forehand drive until one of the other misses. It not only gives the gallery a treat, and heaven knows they are entitled to it, but it's often a great scoring shot because it has speed and comes unannounced. With practise it's also possible to learn to drive drives on the half volley. Barna and Glancz did this to the keen delight of the enthralled spectators.

Summarizing my remarks it is certainly safe to say that many of our leading players can perform certain strokes as proficiently as the world's best but none of them as yet are equipped with a full assortment of perfected strokes. Before the happy day arrives when the Swaythling Cup rests in America (and I believe it will some day) our growing crop of hopefuls must perfect what strokes they now possess more fully and devote sufficient time to learning new ones so that under the fire of the sternest international competition our standard bearers will have sufficient confidence and stroke repertoire with which to scale the heights.

U.S. Team Requisites

The winner of the American Zone automatically plays in Europe. Other members of the team will be selected from information obtained at the Intercity in addition to the Zone. No player will be considered who does not, unless for exceptional reasons, participate in the Washington event.

How to Cure Chiselers

Ed Harris, General Accident Insurance Co., Philadelphia, suggests a cure for "pushers"—have the spectators chant the "Volga Boat Song" when the "pinging" begins. That's what they do down at his club—and do they hold their sides laughing?

Keep your eye on the ball.

BRADLEY HEADS NEW COMMITTEE

Thomas C. Bradley, president of Security Banknote Co., Philadelphia, is chairman of the new USTTA Interfraternity Committee, which is co-operating with Expansion Committee to introduce organized play among college fraternity houses.

Mr. Bradley is a Beta Theta Pi ('18, University of Pennsylvania). Other fraternities represented in his group include Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Chi Sigma, Delta Chi, DKE, Delta Psi, Delta U, KA, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Sigma Kappa, SAE, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi, Theta Chi.

Marshall 14 In England

London: English rankings: 1 Haydon, 2 Jones, 3 Bergl, 4 Millar, 5 Hales. Gilbert W. Marshall, U.S. Swaythling Cup player, living in England, is 14th.

U.S. Seeks Opponents

Chicago, Dec. 19: USTTA Inter-Match Chairman D. A. Kittermaster is trying to arrange exhibition matches with France and Austria for the U.S. team on its way to World championships.

Ohio Open at Toledo

Toledo, Dec. 14: With large entry lists promised from Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton and Detroit, the Toledo TTC will sponsor the Ohio open here on Jan. 18-19 in the Athletic Center. Tournament plans call for a 6-table layout, modern lighting, public address system and a seating capacity of 1,000. Special hotel rates may be obtained by writing W. H. Mason, chairman, Home Bank Bldg. For details see Tournament Calendar.

USTTA Officers' Pledge

Below is the officers' pledge signed by all members of the USTTA Executive Committee:

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3. I will uphold the USTTA constitution and by-laws.
4. I will promptly and faithfully do my share of the work and in event of absence arrange for a substitute.
5. I will keep orderly records and turn them over to my successor.
6. I especially promise that I will immediately answer urgent communications.

BOKSENBOM TOPS MIAMI VALLEY

Cincinnati, Dec. 8: Jack Boksenbom defeated Tom Pearson to win the first Miami Valley open held at the OVTTC today, while Calvin Fuhrman & Merle Arens took the doubles event. The match between Earl Coulson, who had just won the Wabash Valley (Indiana) title from Billy Condy (Chicago) and Boksenbom was the feature, the latter squeezing out a hard-fought 4-game victory. Emily Cordes won the women's event.

Men's singles finals: Boksenbom d Pearson 8, 17, -10, 11; 1/2's: B d Earl Coulson -15, 13, 15, 18; P d Fuhrman 20, -15, -17, 19, 9; 1/4's B d Richard Farr -18, 19, 18, 16; C d Arens 11, 7, 16; P d Marquis Neff 16, 21, 19; F d Berne Abelwed 13, -19, 11, 13.

Women's singles finals: Emily Cordes d L. Swick 15, 14; 1/2's: C d Dorothy Gray -17, 11, 7, 11; S d Mrs. Mildred Jones -19, 18, 19, 11.

Men's doubles finals: Fuhrman & Arens d Coulson & Cox 12, -15, 14, 10; 1/2's F & A d Harris Rosedale & Taylor 10, 20, 17; C & C d William Oesterlein & Howard Thomas -11, 15, 17, 19.

Entries: men's singles, 46; men's doubles, 15; women's singles, 18; chairman, Norbert E. Kohl; sponsor, Ohio Valley T.T.A.

How Team Will Be Picked

U.S. Team in World championships at Prague, March 12-18, will be selected by Ranking Committee, subject to Executive Committee approval. Selection depends largely on Intercity and American Zone results ("pushers" being barred). Size of team sent depends on size of Fighting Fund. A 5-player team needs \$1,500.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES ENDS WITH NO MEN'S CHAMPION

New York, Dec. 14: Anti-pushing agitation, which has grown nationwide since the last Nationals, in an effort to save table tennis from the fate of a spectatorless sport, reached its height here in the Middle Atlantic States, staged in the grand ballroom of the Hotel New Yorker, Dec. 12-13, before capacity crowds.

The men's singles title was declared vacated when the two finalists, Stanley Feitelson and Albert Goldman, were disqualified for stalling with the score 20 all in the fifth game. Despite repeated warnings and enforcement of various rulings in an attempt to end the contest, the two players continued "pushing" with little or no endeavor to win the point. The farce was stopped at 3:45 A.M.

The first sensation, in a huge field which contained every star in the East, came in a semi-final of the men's singles when Harry Cook (No. 7 U.S.) was disqualified after leading Feitelson two games love. Although officials warned both players before and during the match, Cook refused to play an offensive game. Feitelson complied and was awarded the default.

In the women's singles, Ruth Hughes Aarons continued her three-year unbeaten trail by defeating her perpetual Eastern finalist, Anne Sigman, in straight games.

National singles champion, Abe Berenbaum, and his national doubles partner, Ed Silverglade, captured the doubles crown, eking out a tight 5-game victory over the New York state champions,

Officials who will not answer urgent letters are a stumbling block for table tennis.

Harry Cook and Melvin Rose.

The tournament, conducted under ideal playing conditions, was featured by many upsets, including the defeat of Berenbaum by Feitelson in straight games, the downfall of Sol Schiff at the hands of Albert Goldman in the semi-finals, and of James Jacobson and Jack Hartigan by unranked players.

Men's singles finals: Feitelson and Goldman defaulted games 2-2, score 20-20, 5th game; 1/2's: G d Sol Schiff 14, 9, 14; F by default from Cook; 1/4's: S d Charles Schmidt 15, -20, 18, 19; G d Rose 14, 14, 18; C d Bernard Grimes 8, 15, 15; F d Berenbaum 15, 20, 9; 1/8's: Schmidt d Sidney Jacobs 20, 14, 12; Schiff d Louis Pagliaro 20, 18, -9, 17; Rose d Sam Silberman 22, 19, -18, 15; G d Manny Moskowitz (Rutherford, N. J.) 19, 16, 20; G d James Jacobson -19, -19, 18, 20, 19; C d Abe Krakauer 10, 11, -16, 14; B d Arthur Drapkin -14, 17, -18, 6, 19; F d Ed Silverglade (Trenton, N.J.) -8, 14, 15, 15.

Women's singles finals: Aarons d Sigman 18, 14, 16; 1/2's: A d Ruth Applebaum (Newark, N. J.) 7, 6, 9; S d Mae Spannaus 13, 6, 11.

Men's doubles finals: Berenbaum & Silverglade d Cook & Rose 16, -6, 16, -18, 18; 1/2's: B & S d Feitelson and Sidney Biddell 12, 15, -19, 13; C & R d Schiff & Ralph Langsam 14, -19, 19, 13.

Entries: men's singles, 94; men's doubles, 22; women's singles, 16; sponsor, Metropolitan TTA; chairman, Sidney M. Biddell.

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McCLURE RETAINS CITY TITLE

Indianapolis, Dec. 1: Jimmy McClure retained his city title in the championships held today at the Paddle Club when he defeated Billy Condy. Paired with Joel Inman, he won the doubles event from Robert McKinley and Condy in five hard-fought games. There were no up-sets, the eight seeded players reaching the 1/4's before going down to defeat.

Men's singles finals: McClure d Condy 16, 14, 12; 1/2's: McC d Inman 15, 20, 15; C d Lester Adams 17, 20, 24; 1/4's: McC d Ed Dorey 19, 11, 16; I d H. Stolkin -19, 17, 13, 12; C d Henry Spaulding 10, -17, 18, -20, 19; A d Earl Coulson 18, 19, -14, -11, 15.

Men's doubles finals: McClure & Inman d Condy & McKinley -17, 15, -20, 16, 12; 1/2's: Mc & I d Coulson & Adams 17, -18, -20, 17, 14; C & McCK d Spaulding & Mills 18, 22, -19, 12.

Entries: men's singles, 64; men's doubles, 16; sponsor, Indianapolis TTA; R. G. Craig, tournament director.

Membership Tournaments

A good way to add members to local and State associations is the "Chicago method."

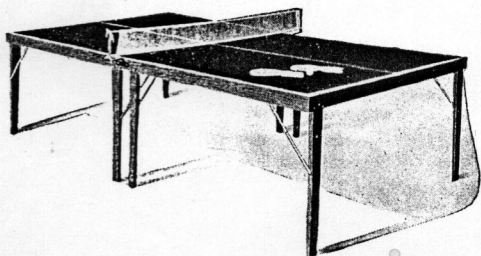
This is a membership tournament, in which USTTA members may enter for a very small fee. Usually there are two divisions, an open and a novice (from which ranking players are barred), with a consolation for 1st and 2d round losers in each division.

Names

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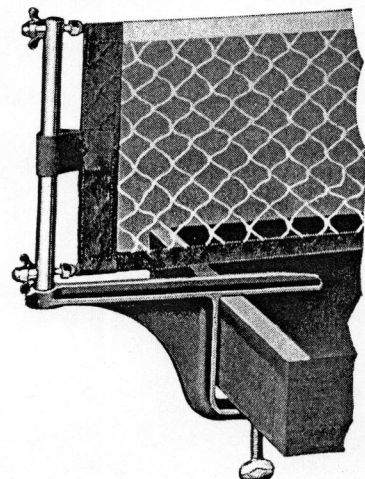


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BLATTNER TAKES TWO TITLES

St. Louis, Dec. 14: Robert Blattner established himself as a strong contender for a place on the U.S. team to compete in Europe in March in annexing the District championship singles and doubles titles today when he blasted his way through Richard Tindall (defending champion and No. 5 U.S.) in the semi-finals. He then took the finals from Bill Price (No. 8 U.S.). Blattner, teamed with Tindall, took the doubles crown. Mrs. Ethel Baer Schneider out-steadied Mrs. Gertrude Bell (former champion) in the women's singles.

Men's singles finals: Blattner d Price 11, -21, 15, 6; 1/2's B d Tindall 13, 12, 18; P by default; 1/4's: T d Edwin Woody -24, 15, -19, -19, 19.

Men's doubles finals: Blattner & Tindall d Price & Garrett Nash 19, 17, 18; 1/2's: B & T d Jack Nix & Leonard Radunsky 8, -19, 16; Price & Nash by default.

Women's singles: Mrs. Schneider (state titlist) d Mrs. Bell 4, 17; 1/2's: Mrs. S d Mrs. Ruth Woodward 15, -19, 12; Mrs. B d Dolores Prober 18, -18, 18.

Veteran's singles finals: Arthur Richter d Frank Hesler 5, 9; 1/2's: R d Fred Wayman 11, 11; H d T. B. Williamson 11, 5.

Mixed doubles finals: Mrs. Schneider & Price d Kathryn Collard & Mark Schlude -20, 16, 17.

Entries: Men's singles, 64; men's doubles, 16; women's singles, 12; veterans' singles, 16; mixed doubles, 8; sponsor, Missouri TTA.

Buffalo Affiliates

Buffalo, Dec. 16: The newly formed BTTA today affiliated with NYSTTA and forwarded an initial list of 16 from a 200 playing membership. Headquarters are the Buffalo TT Club, 723 Main St., a club second only to that of the Cleveland association. It is expected this new state affiliate before many months will be one of the state's largest groups. Officers are Jack Stum, pres., 262 Main St.; Fred G. Smith, vice-pres.; William Evans, 2nd vice-pres.; Gred Mulleavy, treas.; Ray Leininger, sec'y.

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Executive Committee voted the American Zone winner in each event will receive title U. S. Champion; Nationals winner in each event, U. S. International Champion.

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THUMBS DOWN EDICT FOR PUSHERS

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defensive tactics of a player who will not hit of little value, in this country we have a relatively few ranking players, who have, since the game is young here, directly built their styles on defensive safety tactics which have enabled them to gain some measure of success by their colorless never-take-a-chance methods. Stolid, unimaginative, and with no thought of the sport to which they contribute so little, and which gives them so much, contrary to all precepts of sportsmanship, they expect to be champions, without a single effort on their part to warrant such titles.

When one meets another of his ilk in any tournament, not only does their play throw out any tournament schedule of play, but their refusal to hit any forcing shot so disgusts spectators that the work of committees to make the tournament attractive to players, gallery and newspapers is undone in a twinkling. Not only this, but so completely twisted is their viewpoint that they have been known to boast of their tactics which reduce the fine purpose of the sport to one of patience and endurance from speed and aggressiveness.

It was recently calculated that were two of these players to continue to play their entire match as they had played one point that it would require *over six days of solid playing time for the match to be completed.* Obviously no tournament could be completed under such play.

Last month, despite warnings contained in Topics from the USTTA against the continuation of such styles of play, and the passing of a national by-law permitting committees to deal summarily with offenders persisting in such tactics, one major tournament was ruined by the necessity of disqualifying the finalists, and the defaulting of a semi-finalist who refused to relinquish his pushing methods. Another was marred by similar necessary action in a quarter final contest, and still another had the same trouble, but in a lesser degree. Such play cannot continue if the sport is to be played before audiences.

As prophesied in November Topics, these offenders who chose to disregard fair warnings from the USTTA have not been chosen by cities represented at the National Intercity championships in Chicago, for fear that they would, by a continuation of their tactics, be defaulted there, thus reducing any city's chances for victory. Before another month will have passed definite action will undoubtedly be taken against them as regards other events on the USTTA's calendar.

"Thumbs down," say two thousand sportsman to twenty . . . ?

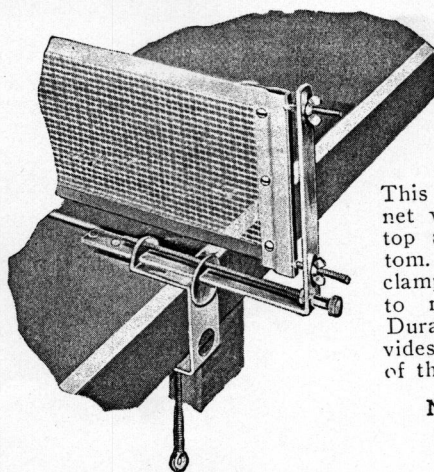
Women

There is indisputable evidence that playing table tennis keeps women slender, healthy and good-looking. A postal card to Miss Anita Currey, 1805 Douglas St., Omaha, Neb., will bring details of how she, as national chairman of the USTTA Women's Division, is helping to organize women's teams and leagues.

Mississippi Interested

When B. L. Binford, YM-CA, Greenville, Miss., inquired about the USTTA, it left only five States blank on Chairman Frank Trolle's national expansion map.

John M. McFall, Maryland TTA president, is vice president and chief counsel of the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.



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CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

(Symbols: * tentative date; m, men's singles; w women's singles; md, men's doubles; wd, women's doubles; mx, mixed doubles; v, veterans' singles; j, junior singles. Open means open to USTTA members everywhere).

January

16-17-18: ESSEX COUNTY, closed to N.J.; at Essex TTC, 601 Broad St., Newark; m, md; sponsor, NJTTA; chairman, Manny Moskowitz.

16-17-18: SUBURBAN, at North Shore TTC; sponsor, NSTTC; chairman, Gerry Schnur, 141 Park Ave., Glencoe, Ill.

18-19: OHIO State, open, at Athletic Center, Toledo; m, w, md, mx; sponsor, OTTA; chairman, W. H. Mason, 1920 W. Bancroft St., Toledo.

21-22-23: DAILY ADVOCATE, closed to N. Y. State, at Drury's, Jamaica; m, w, md; sponsored by L. J. Daily Advocate, Long Island City; chairman, Eugene McAuliffe.

*23-24-25: DETROIT METROPOLITAN, open.

30-31-Feb 1: AMERICAN ZONE open, in McKinley High School, Washington, D. C.; m, w; sponsor, District of Columbia TTA; Morris B. Bassford, 930 Washington Bldg.

February

14-15: MISSOURI VALLEY, open, at Omaha, Neb.; m, w, md, mx; sponsor, Nebraska TTA; chairman, A. B. Martin, 412 So. 44th St.

22-23: CENTRAL STATES, open, at Cincinnati; m, w, md, wd, mx; sponsor, Ohio Valley TTA; chairman, N. E. Kohl, 4253 Kirby Ave., Cincinnati.

28-29-Mar. 1: MICHIGAN State, Detroit, open.

March

12 to 18: WORLD, at Prague-Czechoslovakia; Hon. Ivor Montagu, 29 Ranelagh Gardens, London, W6, England.

6-7-8: WESTERN, open, at St. Louis; m, w, md, wd, mx, j, v; sponsor, St. Louis TTA; Fred D. Wayman, 1017 Hi Pointe Place.

13-14: EASTERN, open, at YM CA, Worcester, Mass.; m, w, md, mx; sponsor, Worcester TTA; John H. Weinheimer, 33 Elm St.

23 to 27: PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

28-29-30: NEW JERSEY State.

April

2-3-4: NATIONAL, international (open to foreigners) in Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia; m, v, w, md, wd, mx, j; sponsor, Pennsylvania TTA; chairman, Frank R. Veale, Jr., 221 Fairhill Ave., Glenside, Pa.



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Correct Lighting

BY J. H. WEINHEIMER
USTTA EQUIPMENT CHAIRMAN

In order to secure a somewhat standard set-up for lighting over table tennis tables in recreation rooms, as well as tournaments or public playing places, investigation has been carried on to obtain the most suitable lighting.

We wish to acknowledge the assistance we have received from Mr. J. M. Smith of the General Electric Company, Cleveland, who has gone into this matter with considerable thought and study. Also for the tests that have been made and carried out by the Railley Corporation in co-operation with Mr. Smith which has led to the development of a very desirable shade.

Types: In the first place, we should consider the type of lamp to be used—there are three types recommended:

- (1) 200-watt frosted
- (2) 150-watt clear
- (3) 200 or 150-watt clear, with aluminum cap at bottom

Suspension: All lights

should be suspended at least four feet above the table.

Number: Each table should have at least three lights—one over the center of the table, the remaining two to be suspended over an imaginary extension of the center line, three feet beyond the table at each end.

If five lights are used, one should be suspended over the center of the table, the remaining lights suspended about five feet diagonally off each corner of the table.

Shades: The shade to be used should be given serious consideration as the type should be such that it will completely cover the light so there will be no glare in the eyes of either players or spectators. In other words, a very deep shade is recommended, cone-shaped, and lined with white, either solid or parchment. If parchment, it is recommended that the outside of the shade be stained a green similar to that used by the Railley Corporation for their shades.

WHY HUNGARY IS SUPREME

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who waiting for Barna's continued defense could not cope successfully with his hard hitting. The result was Barna's sure triumph.

In London Barna met in the final Szabados, who was that time at the top of his game. Barna played here very safely too and did not seem to be the ultimate winner either. In the 5th game Szabados led 19-18 and masterfully controlled Barna's formidable flick shots which our Viki hits so lightning-like from his backhand; whereupon Barna, risking much, but reacting correctly to the impetus of necessity, suddenly hit three unexpected forehand drives in series and thus won his 5th World championship.

I could cite many more examples to prove victories reached only by correct tactics, but I think the two precedents are enough proof of it.

In a Nutshell

If I now sum up the cause of the great Hungarian supremacy, I find the following pointers in a nutshell: (a) Three decades of experience; (b) players' intelligence over average; (c) proper training system, where the greatest attention is paid to tactical readiness; (d) world-wide international relations, by which our players acquired great competitive routine; (e) adequate upbringing of players by clubs, the purpose being not to give playing possibilities to many players but rather to keep permanently in training a few first-class competitors; (f) proper division of the tournament program annually. Of course there are many other factors that contribute to our success.

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(See Mr. Weinheimer's article in this issue).

Relative to nets, it is felt that a net suspended by a cord through the top is much better than any other, but at present only one such net is sold in this country. Therefore, until June 1, 1936, it has been decided to allow any type of net provided it meets requirements of the Laws of Table Tennis, which were published in the June, 1935, issue of Topics.

The Equipment Committee will consider additions to the list at the request of a manufacturer. Likewise it will consider reducing it upon suitable recommendations of players.

The approved-equipment list will be published each month in Topics.

Elect Table Tennis Heads

St. Louis, Dec. 12: The Heart of America TTA has elected the following additional officers: C. E. McBride, advisory counsel; E. F. Cinnator, honorary pres.; Godfrey B. Stone, jr., treas.; Warren E. McFadden, executive sec'y; Robert Rehorn, corresponding sec'y; Dale C. DeBerry, recording sec'y.

Officers previously elected are Dr. F. Stanley Morest, pres., and Harry T. Benson, v.p.

Committee chairmen: Frank Abbey, constitution; Mel Bohn, expansion; Godfrey B. Stone, jr., finance; Harry Benson, tournament; Vernon Webb, membership; Robert Rehorn, property, and Robert Reed, nominating.

Canadians in Nationals

James Cooke, president, Canadian TTA, writes Canada's three top-ranking players will enter the U.S. National championships next April.

Every USTTA member should try to sign up at least one additional member.

BIG ZONE SET

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elaborate plans are being laid to entertain the participants during their stay.

When J. Edgar Hoover heard of the coming tournament he extended an invitation to Mr. M. B. Bassford, president of DCTTA, to have all players accompany him on a personally conducted tour through his famed Department of Investigation. Mr. Bassford also announces that plans are afoot to have the guests received at the White House.

Many new sights await those who have not visited Washington for some time. The new \$200,000,000 Federal Building Triangle has been completed and stands as the greatest showplace in the nation. Starting with the Archives building on the eastern point of the triangle and extending ten blocks west to the Dept. of Commerce building at its base, the project represents a most awe-inspiring sight. It alone is well worth the trip to Washington.

All entries must be in the hands of Nathan D. Sameth, Chairman Entry Committee, 1911 Eye St., not later than Jan. 22.

Women's Team Matches

Omaha, Dec. 5: Anita Curry, USTTA Women's Division Chairman, invited several Eastern cities to stage the first national women's intercity team championships near the date of the Nationals in Philadelphia, April 2-3-4. Two-player team matches along Corbillon Cup lines are planned.

To Set You Straight

Confusion has been caused by balls and bats of a Massachusetts firm being marked "Approved by American Table Tennis Association." This is the colored national association.

Hungarians In England

London, Dec. 10: The Barona-Szabados-Bellak "circus" is on a month's tour of England, playing to packed galleries. In every city all seats were sold in advance.

What Is the USTTA?

The USTTA isn't something apart from you, trying to make you do this or that. YOU are the USTTA. Your vote counts as much as the vote of any other member. YOU can make the USTTA do things you want it to do, and it will be what YOU want it to be.

Attention, officials: Read Article 4-D-4 of USTTA Constitution.

FIGHTING FUND NEEDS HELP

(From Page 1)

The USTTA (all of whose officers serve without pay) is raising a \$1,500 Fighting Fund to send a 5-player team. Several State Fighting Fund chairmen are waging campaigns. The American Zone will contribute \$250. But we're a long way from \$1,500—and the money should be pouring in—now.

Based on rough population figures, each State should contribute these amounts: Cal. \$90, Conn. \$30, D. of C. \$10, Ill. \$140, Ind. \$60, Iowa \$50, Kans. \$40, Md. \$30, Mass. \$40, Mich. \$90, Mo. \$60, Neb. \$30, N. J. \$80, N. Y. \$230, Ohio \$140, Ore. \$20, Pa. \$200, R. I. \$20, Wash. \$30, Wis. \$60—Total \$1,450.

Here are ways to provide your share: If each State Association president personally contributes \$10—total \$200. If friends of five players selected launch five \$100 campaigns—

\$500. If each USTTA member gives only \$1—\$1,600. If only 50 cents each—\$800.

Looking at it from a purely selfish standpoint, it will help your own game to send a big team. These boys will come back chock full of experience gained in playing the world's best, and we will all learn from them.

But don't wait to see what the other fellow gives. Give yours now. Do your bit. Send your contribution to USTTA Fighting Fund Chairman Chas. B. Dahmen, Bankers Indemnity Insurance Co., 15 Washington St., Newark, N. J. Make checks payable to U. S. Table Tennis Association.

All contributions will be printed in Topics. Send yours NOW—while your fighting blood is up—and inspire others to follow your patriotic example.

How to Get Members

(1) Run membership tournament with closed section for novices and open section, offering entry and membership at "bargain" rate. (2) Appoint an aggressive Expansion Chairman, who will send for valuable pointers to USTTA Chairman Trolle.

W.C. March 12-18

London, Dec. 20 (by radiogram): The Hon. Ivor Montagu, ITTF chairman, announced the Czechoslovakia TTA changed dates of World championships from March 10-16 to March 12-18.

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NEW YORK WINS

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country's best and was awarded the Best Performance medal in spite of the fine showing made by other leading players.

The New York-St. Louis dual provided the real fireworks to the final session after the crowd had thrilled to a great Indianapolis-Chicago battle for third place.

Bud Blattner drew first blood for St. Louis in defeating Louis Pagliaro, New York's newest member, 21-14, 22-20. Sol Schiff evened the count by winning from Bill Price after losing the first game, 12-21, 21-16, 21-16. St. Louis went ahead once more when Richard Tindall defeated Abe Berenbaum, 15-21, 21-16, 21-16, in a contest that brought hysterics from a woman spectator. Schiff again brought Manhattan back with a nerve tingling victory over Blattner, 13-21, 21-17, 21-19. Once more St. Louis pressed, when Tindall in a driving contest that was machine gun like in its rapidity, downed Pagliaro, 21-14, 21-17. With the score 3-3, Schiff turned in his third victory to put N.Y. ahead for the first time in defeating Tindall in a breath taking duce match, 21-19, 19-21, 24-22. This was the turning point for Berenbaum turned on the pressure to finish the great battle, winning from Price, 21-10, 19-21, 21-15.

Other features of the final exciting session were Earl Coulson's victory over Jimmy Jacobs, 19-21, 22-20, 21-19, and Herbert Aronson's win from Bud Blattner 19-21, 23-21, 21-15.

The leading individual standings are below:

James McClure, Indiana.	11	0	1,000
Sol Schiff, N.Y.	12	1	.923
Richard Tindall, S.L.	13	2	.867
Abe Berenbaum, N.Y.	7	2	.778
William Osterlein, Cin.	3	1	.750
Robert Blattner, S.L.	9	4	.692
Herman Leavitt, Chicago	6	3	.667
George Hendry, S.L.	2	1	.667
Louis Pagliaro, N.Y.	5	3	.625
Harvey Davis, Detroit	6	4	.600
James Jacobson, N.Y.	6	4	.600
Edolph Muchow, Chicago	6	4	.600
Herbert Aronson, Chicago	4	3	.572
Henry Spaulding, Indiana.	4	3	.572
Earl Coulson, Indiana.	9	7	.562
William Condy, Chicago	4	4	.500
William Price, S.L.	4	4	.500
Morton Ladin, Chicago	3	3	.500

No "tie" was held that did not contain hot battles galore, and when all was over it was a complete opinion of everyone present that the greatest Intercity held thus far had passed into history.

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