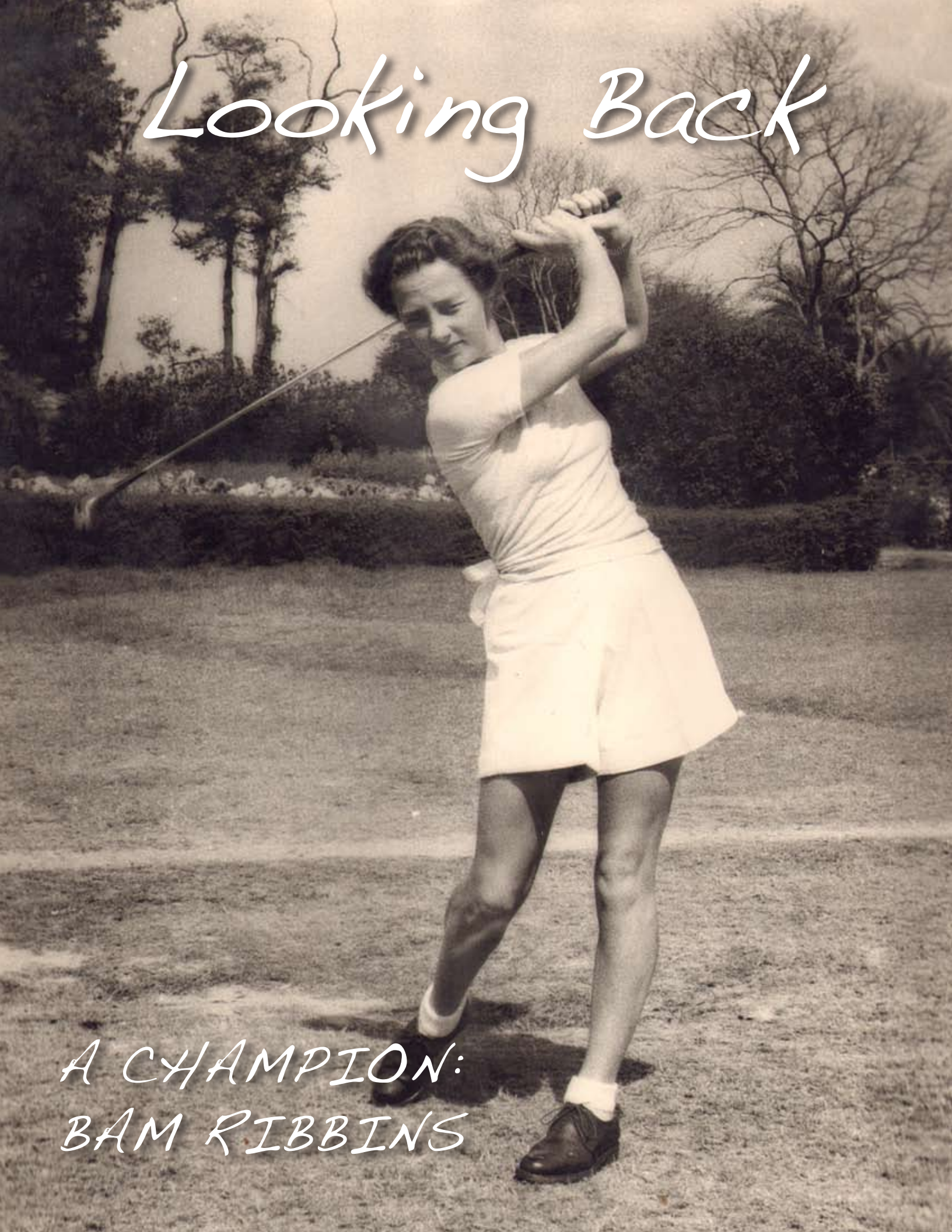


Looking Back



A CHAMPION:
BAM RIBBINS

FOREWORD

A TRIBUTE TO BAM RIBBINS **An Undefeated Champion.**



An Invaluable Newspaper Collection Aggregated by Bam Ribbins
REFLECTIONS OF LIFE WITH A CHAMPION
Amassed by her daughters Caryl Frances and Jennifer Jane



Indebted THANKS to Bam's Grandson, Jeffry Tansey, for hours of labourous scanning of 35 years of Bam's News Articles and Congratulatory Correspondence.

It has been our pleasure compiling memories and memorabilia about Bam's 82 years of life, gathering our recollections of a champion of a mother in more than just her golf, remembering her loving husband - our caring father, and pondering on the wonderfully rich childhood they both afforded us in India and England, for which we remain ever indebted. Herewith, our expression of gratitude!



1965 - The Ribbins Family - Caryl, George, Bam and Jenny



BAM RIBBINS

1925 - 2007

At 8 yrs old won her First Golf Club Competition - United Services Club, UK
7 TIMES WINNER OF THE ALL-INDIA LADIES OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
9 TIMES A FINALIST

2 IN-A-ROW WINNER OF THE EAST INDIA CHALLENGE CUP
WINNER OF THE LADIES OPEN CEYLON NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

In India, winner of an assortment of Inter-Club Golf and Club Championships,
L.G.U Silver Division, Medals, Bogeys, Stablefords, Ladies Foursomes, Mixed Foursomes,
Putting Competitions, AND set a new L.G.U. record for

Tollygunge Golf Course in a Medal Round of 75,.

After Retirement from India in 1966: Stoneham Cup, Echo Cup, Hampshire Women's Team,
Hampshire Ladies' County Golf Association's Hull Shield Competition, Gosport and Stokes
Bay Golf Club and still competing at 62 yrs!

Adeline (Adine) Frances Walker was born in Alverstoke, Hampshire where she married Capt. George William Ribbins in 1946 after WW2 at the completion of his wartime military service. They met through Dad's closest family from India, cousin Bill - an engineer - who got posted to Hampshire during the war. Mum's family relocated to the same street and they became neighbours. Bill and his wife Nora had a daughter Colleen, known as Colly, who was the same age as Mum. They became best of friends. Colly adored her older cousin George who she introduced to Adine. The best friends were married months apart from each other and honeymooned together at Colly's parents new home when, after the war they were relocated to Northern Ireland. The newly weds Colleen and Gordon immigrated to Canada, and Dad left for Calcutta, India where he was hired by the shipping agency Gladstone Lyall.



Adine joined George some months later, pregnant with their first daughter, Caryl Frances, born in Calcutta. In 1950, their second daughter, Jennifer Jane was also born in Calcutta. Adine's nickname Bambino was initially the affectionate expression her older brothers bestowed on their only baby sister, but George further shortened it to Bam, a petname that remained for the rest of her life.

Amongst Mum's possessions is the following correspondence: a letter she wrote to a friend, which we've left in its entirety because it's unique and an account from Mum's perspective of her own, one-of-a-kind golfing history: from childhood in England, to young adulthood in India, telling her experiences after returning "home" to England in the mid-60's, when she started playing County Golf and found it difficult to adjust to winter weather conditions. Many of the details Mum skips in the letter are captured in the following pages of this journal, and were cut out by Mum from dozens of newspaper stories, over the years, charting many years of her formidable golf play in India, and later, in England.



George, centre, in army uniform visiting his cousins in Hampshire. Colly, Mum's best friend, on his right with her brothers Patrick, Peter and Saint.

We're immensely grateful to Mum's faithfulness for this invaluable collection of memories that gives enjoyment to her children and grandchildren, and will continue to bring pleasure to those around the world interested in her legendary golf accomplishments.

THE LETTER....A peek into Bam's life through a letter to a friend who requested the history of Mum and her home club, Gosport & Stokes Bay, which in 2002 awarded Bam a Full Honorary Life Membership when she was 75 yrs.

INTRODUCTION:

Mum was born and raised in the Lee-on-Solent & Gosport/Stokes Bay area, knew the seaside golf links well, and experienced first hand the impact of World War 2 (WW2) in the County of Hampshire. During the war her coastal home was requisitioned by the government and the entire Solent coastline was crammed with troops, tanks, guns and army vehicles of all kinds preparing for the build up to D-Day, June 6th 1944.

The golf course, situated on the sea-front was taken over for the installation of defense systems consisting of caissons (huge floating concrete boxes) resulting in the area being armed with ack-ack guns and barrage balloons, inflated with hydrogen, which were floated at different altitudes in the clouds and anchored to the golf course below with steel cables to prevent low flying air raid attacks. Artificial fog was created each night, to hide the lights of Portsmouth Harbour which remained in operation night and day. Mum was 14 yrs old when Britain declared war on Germany in 1939 and she experienced the terrifying presence of V1 flying bombs – the infamous “Doodlebugs that would fly low over the southern coast towards London.

Her letter starts *(all information in italics in brackets is mine)*:

“Promoted from carrying my brothers’ *(golf)* clubs, I won my first competition at the United Services Club (now Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Club) at the tender age of 8 with cut-down hickory shafts. All sons or daughters were frowned upon by Senior Military Gentlemen members when invading their hallowed patch (consisting of 18 holes in those pre-war days). But through a hole in the hedge at the bottom of our road, we gained easy access to the 19th Fairway and a 6-hole loop from which we could beat a hasty retreat at the sight or sound of angry parents on the warpath!

“Honours Boards in the Clubhouse record a Miss S. Lamplough winning the Henderson Cup in 1933. Her name was to reappear as Mrs. Williams in many important Chairs of Golf. Then in 1937 and 1939 Miss Hills won the Club challenge and Jubilee Cups off handicaps of 6 and 4. The daughter of an extremely popular home Professional, Percy, she later became

Mrs. Betty Bavin, taking Hampshire golf by storm. Sadly from then until 1959 we have no records. Covered with Tank-traps, Barrage Balloons, Rocket Batteries and Searchlights, adjoining beaches launching the famous Caisson Harbours of D-Day, it was pitted by anti-personnel and high explosive bombs over the war years to be finally attacked by a Corps of eager young Sappers who filled in the moats with bulldozers, completely upsetting the fragile drainage of the Course and surroundings.

“In 1947, I joined my husband in the sunnier climes of India. A year later we were able to join an extremely prestigious Gymkhana Club (*The Tollygunge Golf Club*) through being in the Army, with tennis, swimming, riding, racing and a beautiful golf course. During our first furlough we visited the Railway Lost Property Office in the Strand (*London*) and purchased a set of golf Clubs. Returning in six months, we approached the Club Professional, one George Willard (whose daughter was later to make her Golf Name in the Midlands, England) who told us to come back in six months having practiced swinging a club!

“We enrolled ourselves with the Professional from another Club who taught us all we were ever to know. We played tennis on Saturdays and Golf on Sundays, and a group of us started mid-week bridge and golf on Wednesdays which coincided with Ladies’ Day. But we played together and kept well clear of “the Committee”. (How they must have hated us!)

“Enjoying a shower after one such afternoon, I was surprised by a thump on the door. “Is your name Ribbins?” I mumbled through a towel that it was. “Well you’re in the Silver Division.” Was I? What does that mean – another mumble. “It means that you must fix up games with Silver Division members, and stop playing with your friends on Wednesdays.” I joined our group on the tea-lawn, and explained that apparently I wasn’t allowed to play with them any more. Working at the UK High Commission with my half days’ activities now in doubt, I arranged a weekly game, following lunch, with the Club Secretary, and put in EDS.

“Then in 1952 I won a Mixed Foursome Knock-out at the “Royal”, the rival Club! (*The Royal Calcutta Golf Club*) And I qualified for the all-India Championship in 1953 but was knocked out first round. And yes, you’ve guessed right. “Mrs. Ribbins, we notice that you have not played in any competitions lately.” I replied that I hadn’t because I didn’t know anybody in the Silver Division, and as none had asked me I had been playing with the Secretary instead. That was my first brush with the L.G.U. in the Commonwealth, and I was not impressed!

“In my first Championships Final in 1954, I was beaten by Mollie Lyne, a Club-mate, “in a spirit of friendly give and take” the cutting reads. In the semi-finals Mollie played Mrs. G. Mackinlay (also a Club-mate) now Lady Margot, of Corhampton G.C. In the annual very unfriendly Four-somes match between the two local Clubs, Mollie and I were selected as reserves. (Peggy Prendergast of Hampshire and Stoneham fame was off 16.)

Following my first all-India win in 1955 I received a telegram from Mollie “Congratulations! Are you in Tolly team yet?” I was, for the first time, playing second string to Margot. That April, my Medal Round of 75 was recognized as a new L.G.U. record for the Course.

“Although the climate was for 12 months’ of golf, the “season” was November through February. The East-India happened over Christmas, the All-India early January followed closely by the Westerns in Bombay. With all clubs having 4-day Open Meetings culminating in these and other trophies, and half the population celebrating Hogmanay, it was a nightmare revising handicaps at 31st December. A Committee of weirdly assorted costumes (according to the festivities of the night) congregated each New Years Eve furiously adding and dividing ready for Competitions the following day! An average of 60 entries was not unusual for an L.G.U Medal with 180+ for an Open. After suffering for two years, I wrote to the L.G.U. asking them to change year-end to February which they subsequently did!

“Amongst the hundreds of beautiful Golf Courses playable at that time, there were only nine with L.G.U. SSS, the “Royal A” one such male stronghold allowing Ladies’ Tees for five days a year (80 in the cold weather and 85 in the Monsoon and every stroke needed!) L.G.U. ruling at that time required a Scratch – 4 player to complete 6 cards over 4 courses. We had the alternative, therefore, of a UK furlough or flying thousands of miles around India and Ceylon. Luckily the Burra-Sahibs (*Executive Decision Makers!*) of my last job were sympathetic. I was often sent down to our Colombo (*Ceylon*) factory. “Take your clubs and pop up to Newara Eliya for the (*Ceylon*) Nationals.” “VIPS are due in Delhi on Friday. Take your clubs and look after them. We want them here by Monday afternoon!” I have yet to see more gambling on golf courses than that practiced amongst Americans!

“The first ever mens’ India Open Championship was inaugurated in 1964.

The Ladies' All-India, Eastern and Western Championships were all revived in 1951 and gradually drew more national and overseas players, either to winter in India or in transit. There was an unwritten law – each season we combined our efforts to eliminate all outsiders, then dealt with locals, then settled down to bitter battles between clubmates – there were four of us playing below 4. (In 1961 Anne Scargill from Weatherby and Yorkshire (*UK*) – playing off scratch – managed to survive the quarter-finals!) As for professionals passing through, Di Rees, Derek Stockton, Guy Wolstenholme, Harry Weetman, Peter Thompson, Eric Brown and Ken Bousfield come immediately to mind. My privilege as Club, National or International Champion was to play with many of them and I have such happy memories of doing so, as also serving as Club Captain.

“In 1966, off scratch, we retired. I went on ahead (*to England*) to unpack crates of furniture and generally get the house ready for occupation – at least that was the idea. However, on the first sunny day a high Victorian sash window crashed down on my hand breaking or crushing three fingers and a thumb.

“Being a Country member of Stokes Bay (*Golf Club*) for so long, in 1968 I was asked to become Captain, the first Office of many over following years. When able to start playing again, I joined Lee-on-Solent (*Golf Club*) to get Sunday Medals with other workers, but this was short-lived. I resigned following an incident with the Gentleman Captain to which I took strong exception. Needing a second course, I was approached to join Stoneham (*Golf Club*) by Peggy Prendergast and various members of the Hampshire team. My introduction to County golf was trying to “play” courses blind, in extremely cold weather. I found reading distances and lines so different in the cold climate as also the distraction of a trolley-puller (an essential I was told for prestige and one-upmanship) with whom I felt duty-bound to make polite conversation. One particular hole haunted me for years and it was only recently I discovered it must have been during a match against Dorset, as the course was Broadstone!

“At about that time, we decided to take a holiday in Jersey, where, alas! We were hijacked into a mini colony of golfers from India. Many chotta pegs later, I was told of a teenager Islander who played superb par golf. Would I like to have a game with her? I would – we played- and I returned to report to the County the merits of a young lady called Carol Le Feuvre. Whether Le Feuvre or Gibbs, she soon became County and Curtis Cup history.

“Hampshire and Stoneham re-introduced me to the serious golf and big Courses I’d been used to. I played the Avia, over the Berkshires, with Mollie Ingles. It’s inaugural and early years used the White Tiger Tees and we exhausted ourselves recovering from knee-high carries! Several years and many suffering partners later, Anthea Wilkinson and I won the Handicap event, to the delight of dear old Douglas Caird. Stoneham Cup matches tightened my matchplay, with the final of 1981, at Blackmoor, coming to mind. With not a soul in sight we, as last couple, drove off the 37th, into the gathering dusk to gain a result. (The thought did cross my mind that whatever the outcome, nobody could go home without us because I, as County Captain, had to present the Cup!) We played the necessary six extra holes when suddenly a seething mass of humanity emerged from the shadows and carried us home!

“My memories of early venues, home or away, concern the courses (and my problems reading them for there were no crib sheets with hazards and measurements, only Cards giving yardage) and the Committee Ladies lining fairways, asking scores, of whom everyone was in awe! I didn’t mind them because our championships were played with crowds following as well, and one could remain head down listening for the resultant clap, roar, or groan of every shot!



Bam Ribbins teeing off at Tollygunge Golf Club

BAM RIBBINS GOLF SCRAPBOOK

1933- At the age of 8 yrs Mum wins her first golf competition at the United Services Club (now Gosport and Stokes Bay Golf Club, Hampshire, England)

1952 – Ribbins and Forman win the Royal Calcutta Golf Club Monsoon Mixed Foursomes Bogey Competition (the first of many) - “Bam Ribbins, one of the most promising young golfers in Calcutta...”

1953 – Bam qualified for the All India Ladies Golf Championship but got knocked out first round!

1954 – “Bam ...playing magnificent golf at the moment...”

First time Runner Up!

1955 – Set a new L.G.U. record for Tollygunge Golf Course in a Medal Round of 75

1955 – “A thrilling win at the 18th... Bam becomes the new All India Ladies Golf Champion.”

1956 – Reigning Champion defeated in the 3rd Round

1957 – “Bam again becomes woman’s golf champion, recapturing a title she’d won two years ago when she first appeared on the scene unknown and unheralded yet equipped with everything that goes into the making of a top-class games player.”

1958 – Bam in “brilliant form” becomes third time winner, second year in succession.

1959 – “Mrs. Ribbins Completes Her Hat-trick...First lady in the history of these Championships to become Three-in-a row winner!”

1959 – MUM & DAD Win Tollygunge Mixed Four-some Bogey Competition

1960 – Temporarily unable to defend her title due to UK Furlough

1961 – A Fifth Win for Bam who succeeds in breaking her own record!(Her Sixth Final)

1962 – Bombay’s Mrs. Brown wins the All-India (Bam’s Seventh Final)

1962 - EAST INDIA CHALLENGE CUP (First Inauguration Tournament)

1963 – TWO-IN-A-ROW- East India Challenge Cup

1963 – “Mrs Ribbins Sixth victory for All-India Ladies Title proved conclusively that she is the finest Lady golfer in this country!”

1964 – Bam wins her Seventh All India Title and Ninth Final!

1964 – The Ladies Golf National Championship of Ceylon is taken to India – for the first time ever! Bam Ribbins is Ceylon’s New Golf Champion

1972 Feb 4th – In honour of Bam, BWC organizes a competition to be played at Tollygunge Golf Club awarding a BAM RIBBINS CUP

1981 – At 56 yrs.Mum wins the Stoneham Cup for her club, Stoneham, Hampshire, (Last won 16 years earlier in 1965)

1982 – Former Stoneham Ladies Captain, Bam wins The Echo Golf Finals

1987 – At 62 yrs Bam is joint winner in The Hampshire Ladies County Golf Association’s Hull Shield Competition. She played for her club Gosport and Stokes Bay.

2000 – Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Club gives Bam Full Honorary Life Membership.



"Bam Ribbins... playing magnificent golf at the moment..." writes Uncle John! Our parents taught us as a matter of respect to call their close friends, blood related or not, aunty or uncle, a term of endearment that well suited Uncle John Forman, who was not only a close friend of the family, but Mum's partner for Mixed Foursomes. He was a correspondent for The Bombay Onlooker Magazine who wrote about "Calcutta Golf". Two years later in April of 1956 Mum left her job at the UK High Commission where she worked half days and joined the staff of the Calcutta Onlooker as their Calcutta Manager.

As years continued, between holding down a busy career, raising children, managing our home and Dad's social calendar, Mum found time to work on her golf. She was much in demand to partner with others for mixed foursomes, but inevitably Forman and Ribbins teamed up. Their first win was in 1952 for the Monsoon Mixed Foursomes played at the R.C.G.C. (Royal Calcutta Golf Club) known as the "Royal".

ONLOOKER - DECEMBER
1952.



Bam Ribbins, one of the most promising young golfers in Calcutta, driving from the first tee. She and her partner won the R.C.G.C. Monsoon Mixed Foursomes Bogey Competition.

ROYAL 'B' WITH JOHN FORMAN.

1953 was Mum's first sign up for the All India Ladies Open Golf Championship and as her hand written note says, she qualified - but that was it for a first attempt!

She lost in the First Round to Mrs. Thompson who she beat two years later at an Inter-Club Silver Division match. Mum played for Tollygunge Club (Tolly) L.G.U. and Mrs. Thompson played for the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club (C.L.G.C.)

1953.

We did qualify in the All-India but departed smartly in the first round after drawing Mrs Thompson - Handicap? About 24!!! Score? About 105!!!

ALL INDIA OPENS
1954.

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All-India Ladies Golf First Round Begins Today

The qualifying round of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship was played over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Monday. There were 27 entrants, of whom two were from clubs outside Calcutta.

Mrs D. C. Meeker, who is a visitor from Bombay and who has won the Western India Ladies Golf Championship for two successive years, shared the title of "Best Qualifier" with Mrs G. F. Carter, of Tollygunge Club, both players returning a score of 89.

The following are the 16 qualifiers, and the draw for the first round, which will be played today.

12-34 p.m.—Mrs E. Thompson, Mrs E. Lyne;
12-42 p.m.—Mrs G. Mackinlay, Mrs D. C. Watkin;
12-50 p.m.—Mrs G. F. Carter, Mrs J. H. Harley;
12-58 p.m.—Mrs R. T. Archibald, Mrs G. R. R. Brown;
1-06 p.m.—Mrs D. C. Meeker, Mrs L. Neeham;
1-14 p.m.—Mrs C. A. Hutchinson, Mrs R. Evrall;
1-22 p.m.—Mrs C. A. Buxton, Mrs R. C. Last;
1-30 p.m.—Mrs G. Ribbins, Mrs J. L. Wilson.

1954 Happy Birthday Bam Ribbins!

Mum was born on 11th of January, 1925 and on her 29th birthday qualified for her second All India Open as one of 16 successful entrants out of 27. The following year a record 34 entrants attempted to qualify.

Mum played off for her First Round on the Old Course of the Royal which, over the years, was a course she learned like the back of her hand. At her first play off she met Mrs. Wilson and play as usual started at 1.30 p.m!

Beating Mrs. Wilson was Mum's first successful win of her first ever round. Next she played Mrs. "Aunty Phyllis" Buxton. For many a year to come these two battled against each other in the finals leaving Aunty Phyllis always the runner up, until 1960 when Mum left India on Furlough giving Phyllis the chance to win the title. Both were strong contenders and as Uncle John wrote: they were to become -

"undoubtedly the two best lady golfers in Calcutta, or more correctly in India.."

1954 - FIRST ALL INDIA FINAL – And The First Of Many!

This year Mum got through to her first ever All India Final but lost the title to Aunty Molly (Mrs. Lynn) who, because she was shortly to leave India, was unable to defend it the following year, giving Mum the happy chance of her first ever win! But from a distance, Aunt Molly keenly watched the following All India, and sent a congratulatory telegram to the winner, Mum!

Both finalists were Tolly L.G.U. members "and played in a friendly spirit of give and take...." Well, that's how it appeared to the crowds and Press but known only to those close to Mum, she always suffered the "cobblywobbles" (her affectionate term for nerves!)

SURPRISE DEFEAT OF MRS. THOMPSON

ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

THE first round of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship, played on Tuesday afternoon, produced a surprise in the defeat of Mrs E. Thompson, a former finalist and twice semi-finalist, who lost to Mrs E. Lyne by 2 and 1.

Mrs D. C. Watkin, a semi-finalist on two previous occasions, was defeated at the 19th by Mrs G. Mackinlay. Nineteen appears to be an unlucky number for Mrs Watkin, who was beaten at that hole in the semi-final last year. Mrs C. A. Buxton, who reached the final last year, won her match by 2 and 1, and Mrs G. F. Carter and Mrs D. C. Meeker also entered the second round.

All the matches were keenly contested, and the indications are that this will be a more open Championship than has been the case since its revival in 1951.

Results:
Mrs E. Lyne beat Mrs E. Thompson by 2 and 1.
Mrs G. Mackinlay beat Mrs D. C. Watkin at the 19th.
Mrs G. F. Carter beat Mrs J. H.

Hayley at the 19th.
Mrs R. T. Archibald beat Mrs G. R. R. Brown, 1 up.
Mrs D. C. Meeker beat Mrs L. Needham, 2 and 1.
Mrs C. A. Hutchinson beat Mrs R. Eyrall, 2 up.
Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs R. G. Lest, 2 and 1.
Mrs G. Ribbins beat Mrs J. L. Wilson by 4 and 3.

TODAY'S MATCHES

1 p.m.—Mrs E. Lyne v Mrs G. Mackinlay.
1-10 p.m.—Mrs G. F. Carter v Mrs R. T. Archibald.
1-20 p.m.—Mrs D. C. Meeker v Mrs C. A. Hutchinson.
1-30 p.m.—Mrs C. A. Buxton v Mrs G. Ribbins.

All-India Ladies Golf

2 Matches Decided At The 19th

The quarter-finals of the Ladies Golf Championship at the Royal on Wednesday produced two thrilling matches which went to the 19th hole.

Of these, that between Mrs Buxton, last year's finalist, and Mrs Ribbins was the more evenly contested, and on only one occasion was there a margin of more than one hole either way. This was when after winning the 10th and 11th, Mrs Ribbins was 2 up, and held her lead by halving the short 12th. Mrs Buxton retaliated with birdie 4s at the 13th and 14th, to win both holes and square the match.

At the 15th, both strayed from the centre of the fairway, and Mrs Buxton played a safe second from under the trees on the right, just short of the green. Mrs Ribbins played for the green from the left of the fairway, caught the tank on the right of the green, and after mishitting a second shot into the tank she conceded the hole.

At the short 16th it was Mrs Buxton's turn to have water trouble, and Mrs Ribbins won the hole, but lost the 17th after hooking her drive into the tank on the left. A well played hole for a birdie four gave Mrs Ribbins the 18th, and squared the match.

Both players had less than their usual drives at the 19th: Mrs Ribbins mis-hit her second and put her third into the bunker on the right of the green. Mrs Buxton played short for two, but ran too far with her short approach, and three-putted for six. Mrs Ribbins made a fine recovery out of the bunker and sank a good putt for a five, and the match.

Mrs Archibald also won her match at the 19th. Three down at the 4th hole, she fought back to become all square at the turn, and went on to win the 10th, 11th and 13th. It was then Mrs Carter's turn to fight back, which she did by taking the 14th with a birdie 4, and the 16th and 17th. The 18th was halved, and the match went on to the 19th, where a missed putt cost Mrs Carter the hole.

Mrs Lyne played steady golf to defeat Mrs G. Mackinlay by 5 and 4, and Mrs Meeker, holder of the Western India Ladies Golf Championship title, fought back from being down 3 down, but could not do more than halve the 17th, to lose by 2 and 1 to Mrs C. A. Hutchinson.

Today's semi-final matches are as follows:

1 p.m.—Mrs E. Lyne v Mrs R. T. Archibald.
1-15 p.m.—Mrs C. A. Hutchinson v Mrs G. Ribbins.

1954: Mum is first time All- India runner up!

The Statesman writes: *“A most successful and enjoyable week of golf...”* Enjoyable for many reasons yes! But for us as a family an event happened that year that we’ll never forget because it impacted our lives from then on. I was 6 years old and Jenny was 3, when I executed a golfing faux-pas, blooper, blunder, social error worthy of the penalty of death! From that day on I respected golf in a whole new way!

We can’t ever remember golf not being part of our family and knew first-hand the experience of being golf-orphans, raised by golf-obsessed parents. Over many a family meal we observed golf postmortems as one parent, with eyes closed in anticipation, listened to the other’s description of a recently played match. Details included conditions of the course and meticulous dissection of the score. The autopsy went stroke by stroke as each chip, swing, slice, drive, putt, trapped, bunkered, sunk ball, approach or teed off shot was examined. Ultimate analysis led to the cause of death of the hole, and /or the match, which after being determined and diagnosed was laid to rest.

Over these sessions we learned highly technical golf terms: the divot mark, rebound, par, rough, down the middle, well up, rimmed the hole, tee shot, pin high, short of the pin, past the pin, birdie, bogey, halved, squared the game, the dreaded shank and “never up – never in”, a favourite of Mum’s only exceeded by her saying, “keep your head down..”.

By the time Mum played her First Final we weren’t the golf experts we’ve since become, but were old enough to be at the Championship with many spectators which proved disastrous. We walked the course with the appreciative crowd, ran keeping up between shots, squirmed when immense tension demanded and partook of the breathe-held silences around tees, fairways and greens. Of course we were proud to be with Dad and very proud that Mum was on centre stage.

As time passed and excitement filled the air, somewhere through the match we watched Mum putt to win the hole: “Mummy, Mummy, Mummy,” yelled I, and with much enthusiasm ran across to hug her. All too quickly the transgression had taken place, the golf blunder couldn’t be withdrawn, the violation was done and Mum’s concentration was utterly shattered. The rest of her game showed it. Her next drive was badly placed, she hit some trees, got trapped in the bunker and Dad cringed in agony. For the remaining years we weren’t permitted any-

where close enough to distract. We trailed behind ever growing numbers of spectators as Mum's golf victories attracted more admirers. But happy to say we weren't expelled altogether and after Mum sunk her last putt we were allowed to celebrate beside her.

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ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF FINAL TODAY

Mrs. Lyne To Meet Mrs. Ribbins

THE final of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship, between Mrs E. Lyne and Mrs G. Ribbins, will be played over the Old Course of the Royal, commencing at 1 p.m. today.

Both matches in the semi-finals played on Thursday afternoon, attracted quite a few on-lookers and held the interest of a fairly large crowd of spectators until the last putt had been sunk.

The first match, that between Mrs Lyne and Mrs Archibald, got off to a good start, both players the hole well to make a 4 after hitting the put with a long approach. Thereafter, for a spell of several holes, the players were generous in their efforts to reach other, neither really settling down until the 7th hole was reached. This was halved in 16, as also was the next, and Mrs Archibald finished a 3 at the 8th. She went on to win the 10th, and the 11th and 12th were halved. Mrs Lyne lost the 13th to a 3 after missing a short putt, to become 3 down.

TURNING POINT

The 14th hole proved to be the turning point of the match. Mrs Archibald, just short of the approach bunkers for two, put her ball in the bunker on the right of the green. Failing to get out in one, she was out nicely with the second, but missed the putt. Mrs Lyne, meantime, had played out of a bunker on the left of the fairway into one on the right of the green. A good recovery left her to sink a short putt, for which she was very lucky, and she won the 14th with a 3. Halved the 15th in 4 after being lucky to get out of the tank with a head on shot, and sank a difficult putt for a 4 at the 17th, to become all square.

Mrs Archibald's drive at the 18th was trapped by the bunker on the right of the fairway, and a visit to another bunker on the left of the green proved too much for her. Although well out of both traps, she failed to sink a long putt for a 3, and was nicely on the green in three, and though with her first putt was able to sink the next for a bogey 3 and the match.

SECOND MATCH

Both Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Ribbins started shakily, but Mrs Ribbins settled down to win the 1st, 6th and 7th in par figures, and Mrs Ribbins the 8th after both players had went over the back of the green with approach shots.

Mrs Hutchinson now began to stage a recovery. She won the 10th with a 6, just missed a hole, and played a beautiful tee shot on to the green at the 12th for a bogey 3. Mrs Ribbins' approach shot from the hole, and she failed to sink her putt. The 13th was halved, and another bogey at the 14th gave Mrs Hutchinson the hole and squared the match.

Both had good drives at the 15th but Mrs Ribbins made no mistake with her second on to the green, and succeeded in putting for a 4. Mrs Hutchinson's second hit the bank to the left of the green, but her chip was also short, and she failed to sink her putt for a bogey 4. Mrs Ribbins was nicely on the green at the 16th, and Mrs Hutchinson conceded the hole after playing two approach shots from a bad position to the left of the green. Mrs Ribbins won the 17th with a 3 on the 17th tee. Her drive at this hole was well right and was lucky to hit a tree and rebound, and she played a low shot from under the tree, short of the bunker, and her approach to the green just ticked off to the right.

Mrs Hutchinson's straight drive and long second finished to the right of the green and she chipped on for a 3, but Mrs Ribbins sank her chip from all the green for a bogey 4, and the match.



Finalists in the All-India Ladies Golf Championship. Left to right: Mrs G. Ribbins and Mrs E. Lyne, the winner.—Statesman.

MRS. LYNE NEW GOLF CHAMPION

MRS E. Lyne won the All-India Ladies Golf Championship on Friday by defeating Mrs G. Ribbins at the 19th over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club. The game was refereed by Mr J. D. K. Brown, the captain of the Club.

The finalists are both members of the Tollymore Club L.J.U. Section, and the match was played in a spirit of friendly rivalry and good sportsmanship.

The first hole was quickly over, Mrs Lyne making her second shot out-of-bounds, playing short for 4, and conceding the hole to Mrs Ribbins, who was nicely on for 2 Mrs Ribbins pulled her drive at the second, played out too well to the right, and failed to reach the green with her third. Mrs Lyne had short-putted.

Third and fourth both went to Mrs Lyne. Mrs Ribbins having trouble with her tee-shot. At the short fifth Mrs Lyne had a chance to get still further ahead. Her drive was nicely two bunkers, but she missed her first chip and put the second six feet from the pin, only to miss the putt. Mrs Ribbins' tee-shot was behind the bunker on the right, and she played a run-up to the top of the green and two-putted for 4 to win the hole.

Both had good drives at the 6th, and Mrs Ribbins played a beautiful shot to the green. Mrs Lyne's second caught the bunker, she came out too well into the nullah at the back of the green, played out nicely, but gave up the hole after short-putting.

MRS LYNE 1 UP

At the 7th it was Mrs Ribbins' turn to concede the hole after topping her drive into the tank, playing her third into the left, and putting her fourth into the tank across the fair-

way. The 8th was halved in three, and Mrs Ribbins again gave up the 10th, where both were just short of the green for 2, but Mrs Lyne put her approach two feet from the pin, while Mrs Ribbins ran well past and was much too strong with a downhill putt. Mrs Lyne was thus 1 up at the turn.

CHANCE MISSED

The 12th and 13th were halved in bogeys, and the 14th in birdie four. At the 15th Mrs Ribbins missed a chance to square the match, but Mrs Lyne caught the tree with her second after placing her drive too far right, and could only play a low shot out short of the green. Mrs Ribbins' second caught the bank to the left of the green and fell into the depression, and she played out too strongly. Both players missed putts, and the hole was halved.

The tank at the short 16th has been the graveyard of many of golfer's ambitions, and both players hurried their shots there. Mrs Lyne just cleared the tank with her next, but Mrs Ribbins put another ball in before playing over the back of the green, to make Mrs Lyne downie 2.

Both had new drives at the 17th, but Mrs Lyne pulled into the trees with her second and was short of the green for 3. Mrs Ribbins placed second to the right of the green, and almost repeated her performance of Thursday by running in her chip shot to the edge of the hole, to win it in 4.

At the 18th, Mrs Lyne put her drive out-of-bounds, was still short of the green for 2 and gave up the hole after seeing Mrs Ribbins on for 3 and so the match continued.

Here both played their drives well, and Mrs Lyne played her second well. Mrs Ribbins went for short for 2, but was unlucky to catch the bunker in front. Mrs Lyne put her third safely on, and two-putted for 4, while Mrs Ribbins was short out of the bunker and with her approach, and could not sink a long putt.

Mrs Lyne thus became the new champion, and it is unfortunate that, as she is shortly leaving India, she will be unable to defend her title next year.

ABOUT DAD

Capt. George William Ribbins, born November 28th 1913, was proud husband to Bam from June 18th 1946 to December 17th 1976, when sadly, after over thirty years of happily married life, he was suddenly (within ten days) taken with a fatal bout of leukemia, when they resided in the home near Bam's birthplace in Hampshire. Dad was excellently cared for at Gosport's HMS Haslar Hospital in the Royal Submariners base HMS Dolphin, named after an old training vessel berthed alongside the base from 1906 to 1923. "Dolphin" was also one of the code names used in WW2 for certain parts of the Caisson Harbours built in this area for D-Day operations (see Forward for more).

It was in the nearby village of Alverstoke, that George, at about 30 years old first met Bam who wasn't yet 20. He was visiting relatives during WW2, and it was near here, after their initial meeting sixty-one years later, that Mum joined Dad in 2007, was laid to rest in peace next to her husband and where they now remain side by side in Portsmouth Cemetery.

Dad, like Mum, was athletic. He was a Captain in the British Army stationed in India, and while serving there was a Gymnast Instructor and Swim Champion. He enjoyed golf and partnered with Mum whenever possible. In a 1952 letter he wrote to family in England, he mentioned being surprised at how quickly time was passing: he'd been married for almost 7 years, had a young family and enjoyed playing a "Stableford Golf Challenge with Bam". In 1959 they won a Mixed Foursome Bogey together.

Dad also enjoyed playing tennis, often entering Tolly Tennis Tournaments in which he did quite well. I have him to thank for encouraging me in serious tennis which I continue to play to this day. Among my favourite memories are our Saturday family tennis afternoons when horseracing at Tolly forced closure of the golf course. The Tolly tennis courts have since become part of Calcutta's Metro, but at that time, the race track ran beside the courts, and as we played tennis we'd hear horses thundering by, jockeys yelling and the ferocious whips of the riding crops against who knows what.

On non horserace weekends we swam in the only swimming pool, an indoor pool, and sunbathed on a grassed area between the pool building and racetrack which is today an outdoor eating area for a Tolly restaurant that didn't exist when we were growing up. On golf and swim days the Grandstand opposite the indoor pool was silent and void of the madding crowd, in sharp contrast to race days when solidly packed stands were filled with

SEPTEMBER - 1954
ROYAL "A" - MONSOON MIXED FOURSOMES - 14 HOLES

DAD.
Capt. George
William Ribbins.



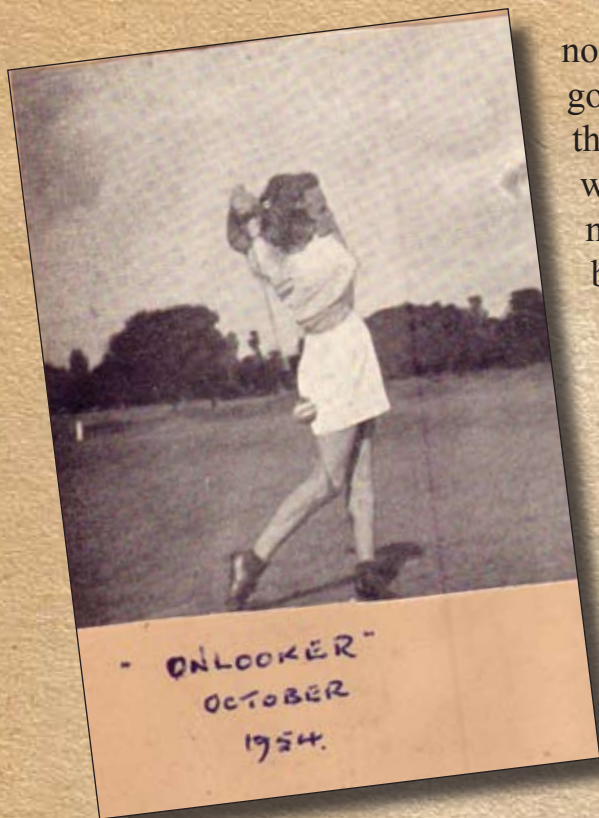
Dippie Henderson who, together with his wife, has reached the finals of the Monsoon Mixed Foursomes.



Capt. George
William Ribbins,
Dad.



Semi-finalists in the Monsoon Mixed Foursomes : Bam Ribbins, Jack Madden and Nora Madden.



*"ONLOOKER"
OCTOBER
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noisy spectators and excited mayhem. Lady golfers, teeing off the First had to walk under the white boundary fences of the race track which was part of the golf course. The fences no longer remain having been replaced now by a Walking Promenade.

1954 All-India Runner-up, Bam Ribbins

CALCUTTA LADIES GOLF CLUB

A most successful and enjoyable week of golf at the RCGC ended on Jan 15. The Captain of the Royal, Mr J. D. K. Brown, refereed the final of the All India Ladies Gold Championship and presented the prizes afterwards.

Champion—Mrs E. Lyne; Runner-up—Mrs G. Ribbins; Semi-finalists—Mrs C. A. Hutchinson and Mrs R. T. Archibald

Best scratch score Silver division—Mrs G. F. Carter.

Best scratch score Bronze division—Mrs A. H. Burnett.

Medal Silver division—Mrs E. Lyne; Runner-up—Mrs J. Harley.

Medal Bronze division—Mrs P. Quentin; Runner-up—Mrs J. Anderson.

Bogey Silver division—Mrs R. R. Hogarth; Runner-up—Mrs C. A. Buxton.

Bogey Bronze division—Mrs W. O. Frost; Runner-up—Mrs G. A. S. Sim.

Bogey foursome—Mrs J. Fyfe Smith and Mrs K. D. Eke; Runners-up—Mrs T. D. Crabb and Mrs Howard Bent.

Nine Holes flag Silver division—Mrs L. Needham.

Nine Holes flag Bronze division—Mrs P. Yates.

Eighteen holes putting competition—Mrs R. Smith; Runner-up—Mrs R. C. Last.

MONTHLY BOGEY

Calcutta Ladies Golf Club Monthly Bogey competition was played over the Maidan Course on Monday. The Silver Division was won by Mrs J. Hesse and the Bronze Division by Mrs W. A. Stuff.

Leading scores:

Silver Division.—Mrs J. Hesse (6) all square; Mrs S. C. Bhur (7) 1 down; Mrs J. C. Dickson (8) 2 down; Mrs M. B. Tighe (9) 2 down.

Bronze Division.—Mrs W. A. Stuff (14) all square; Mrs V. C. Eagleton (10) 1 down; Mrs C. D. Wales (11) 1 down; Mrs D. Keiller (10) 2 down; Mrs G. Walmsley Fisher (13) 2 down.

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*Mum and Uncle John WIN
RCGC Handicap Mixed
Foursome Competition.*

CALCUTTA GOLF

The final of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club Handicap Mixed Foursomes competition played over the Old Course at Tollygunge on Sunday, Sept 19, resulted in a win for Mr J. H. Forman and Mrs Ribbins who beat Mr and Mrs D. H. P. Henderson by 2 and 1.

STATESMAN.

TIE IN INTER-CLUB GOLF

A match between the Tollygunge L.G.U. and Calcutta Ladies Golf Club was played over the New Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Tuesday and resulted in a draw.

Details:—

Tollygunge:—Mrs Crowe 0; Mrs Ribbins 3/2; Mrs Beaid 0; Mrs Perry 0; Mrs Gilbert 2 up; Mrs Howarth 0; Mrs Burnett 2/1; Mrs Prendergast 3/2; Total 4.

CL.G.C.:—Mrs D. D. MacGregor 5/5; Mrs R. T. Archibald 0; Mrs K. D. Eke 0; Mrs R. Y. Morrison 1 up; Mrs P. Barra 0; Mrs J. Madden 3/1; Mrs V. C. Eagleton 0; Mrs J. McEwan 0; Total 4.

AUGUST, 1954.

*At the INTER-CLUB GOLF
Mum plays for Tolly's LGU
against Calcutta Ladies Golf
Club (CLGC) over the Royal's
New Course resulting in a
tie....*

*At Tolly's L.G.U Monthly
Bogey Mum wins the Silver
Division!*

STATESMAN.

TOLLYGUNGE CLUB GOLF

The L.G.U. monthly Bogey Competition was played over the Tollygunge Club Course on Wednesday, Dec 1.

The following were the results:

Silver Division.—(1) Mrs Ribbins 2 Up; (2) Mrs C. W. Perry 1 Down; (3) Mrs Broadbent 2 Down.

Bronze Division.—(1) Mrs Sim 1 Down; (2) Mrs Field 2 Down

Thirtytwo cards were taken out.

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RECORD
116 entries
for Tolly's
L.G.U. Open

Mum wins the Bogey
Silver Division

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**TOLLYGUNGE CLUB
OPEN MEETING**

The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. held their Open meeting at the Tollygunge Club on Dec 6, 7 and 8. There were 116 entries which was a record. The results were as follows:

MEDAL

Silver Division — (Best Scratch Score)—Mrs Watkin 24 (Scratch Prize)
Mrs Manson (14) 72—1st Handicap Prize; Mrs Watkin (9) 75; Mrs Somerset (18) 76—2nd Handicap Prize (on last 9 holes); Mrs H. Kidd (16) 76.
Bronze Division — (Best Scratch Score)—Mrs Greenland 95—Scratch Prize (on last 9 holes); Mrs Henderson 95; Mrs Fordwood (26) 71—1st Handicap Prize (on last 9 holes); Mrs Tainsh (29) 71—2nd Handicap Prize (on last 9 holes); Mrs Henderson (24) 71.

BOGEY

Silver Division—Mrs Ribbins 3 up 1st Handicap Prize; Mrs Hall 2 up 2nd Handicap Prize.
Bronze Division—Mrs Spalding 1 up 1st Handicap Prize; Mrs Hayworth All Square 2nd Handicap Prize.
Bogey Foursomes—Mrs Bulst 2 down; Mrs Field 1st Handicap Prize (on last 9 holes); Mrs Ribbins 2 down; Mrs Manson 2nd Handicap Prize.

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**TOLLYGUNGE CLUB
GOLF**

The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. monthly competitions played over the Tollygunge Club Course last week resulted as follows:

Silver Challenge Bowl—In the final of the Silver Challenge Bowl Handicap Match Play Competition Mrs G. Ribbins (10) beat Mrs D. H. P. Henderson (22) at the 21st Hole.

**MRS C. A. HUTCHINSON'S
AGGREGATE CUP**

Silver Division—winner—Mrs J. Saver aggregate 76-1/3.
Bronze Division—winner—Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast aggregate 76.
L. G. U. BROCHES

Silver Division—winner—Mrs D. Manson aggregate 74.
Bronze Division—winner—Mrs J. Fordwood aggregate 71j.

5.1.1955.

Mum wins the Silver
Challenge Bowl

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MERCHANTS' CUP GOLF

KEAN'S 79 BEST SCORE OF THE DAY

By a Correspondent

THE weather on the whole, and certainly the Course, were again kind to competitors playing in the Merchants' Cup Golf competition on Wednesday. A slight Scotch mist wet the later starters, but this was no excuse for anything untoward in the matter of scoring. Even experts, among them I.C.I.'s representative, went out of bounds at the first hole, and one anonymous competitor after having hit seven balls into the 10th tank was forced by ball shortage to putt round the path and thus to record a momentous 24.

The position among competing teams is now clearer, but there are interesting struggles for the Wooden Spoon, and for the runners-up to Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd. "A" in the first division. Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd. "A" are now 22 strokes ahead of the field and must, barring accidents, win the Cup, as a very low 80 is expected from their last representative. Anything less than 83 will give them the record low aggregate for the Competition which has been held at 497 by Burmah Shell since 1929. Jardine Henderson Ltd. have a lead of five strokes for second place but at least four other teams are within striking distance.

National Bank of India Ltd. "A" lead the second division by six strokes from Caltex (India) Ltd., and the ever forward Macneill & Barry Ltd "B" team are a certainty for the 3rd division as they lead by 32 strokes.

General Electric Co. of India Ltd. the holders, still lead in the fight for the retention of the Wooden Spoon by eight strokes, their representative electrified their opponents by returning an aggressive 97. The Statesman and five other teams are, however, not discouraged and all are rumoured to have good scorers to come on Friday.

LEADING SCORES

Leading scores were as follows:

J. Thomas & Co. Ltd. "A" (J. R. B. Kean)	... 79
Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. "A" (C. D. Wilson)	... 81
Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd. "A" (H. M. Molesworth)	... 81
Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (D. C. Fairbairn)	... 84
Imperial Tobacco Co. of India Ltd. "A" (J. L. Bowring)	... 85
Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation Ltd. (D. H. P. Henderson)	... 83

Full scores:

DIVISION I		DIVISION II			
Club	score	Club	score		
Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd. "A" (H. M. Molesworth)	84	414	National Bank of India Ltd. "A" (A. D. R. Geddis)	129	501
Jardine Henderson Ltd. "A" (J. T. Dunlop)	88	438	Caltex (India) Ltd. (H. G. Avis)	113	509
Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd. "A" (G. C. Maclean)	86	441	Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co. Ltd. "A" (T. O. Millar)	98	516
			Turner Morrison & Co. Ltd. (M. Russell)	102	511
			Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. "A"	107	518
			Gilanders Arbuthnot & Co. Ltd.	100	524
			Lloyds Bank Ltd. "A" (J. A. Brough)	108	537
			Dunlop Rubber Co. (India) Ltd. (J. Luckham)	102	548
			Martin Burn Ltd.	101	554
			Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (D. C. Fairbairn)	138	566
			Norwich Union Insurance Society Ltd.		
			Thomas Duff & Co. (India) Ltd.		
			Gladstone Lyall & Co. Ltd. (G. W. Ribbins)		
			Duncan Brothers & Co. Ltd. "A"		
			Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd. "B"		
			Jardine Henderson Ltd. "B"		
			Atlants (East) Ltd.		
			Orr Dignam & Co.		
			Harrisons & Crosfield Ltd.		
			Imperial Tobacco Co. of India Ltd. "B"		
			Chartered Bank of India		



For the Merchant's Cup, Dad represented the Agency he worked for, Gladstone Lyall and scored a grand 98

1955 - BOMBAY CHALLENGES CALCUTTA IN LADIES GOLF

Mum qualified out of a record 34 entries and in her first round beat Mrs. Broadbent. Next she beat Mrs. Kidd, taking her to the semi finals in which, despite an injury to Mum's shoulder, she proved herself the more experienced player and beat Bombay's Mrs. Frost.

Two years later Mum was challenged by Mrs. Frost for the title in a well fought excellent final. Meanwhile, this year Mum got to the semi-finals and played against Mrs. Buxton where, *"Excellent golf was witnessed in the semi-finals...."*

The Luck of The Toss of a Coin!

Some of Mum's golf club ladies were special family friends with whom we often socialized. This year in particular close friends came through to the quarter finals and were all playing exceptionally well. Aunty Dilys Watkin and her husband David had two daughters close to our ages which was a wonderful reason for us all to go on holiday together which is what we did the following year. Aunty Dilys as a County player sharpened Mum's golf often, but not this year. Inter-club battling went on between two of Mum's closest rivals, Aunt Dilys and Aunt Phyllis (Buxton). Two days of "well-fought matches" between the pair produced "fine golf" in a "thrilling win" which, unfortunately, was decided by merely the toss of a coin. The verdict? Dilys lost to Phyllis! Both were tied at the 18th when the referee, Mr. Bagley, tossed a coin to decide who'd putt first. Phyllis won the toss and sank the putt to win the match! The ref declared:

"Both Mrs. Buxton and Mrs. Watkin are to be congratulated on a very fine exhibition of play."

1955 All-India Ladies Golf Championship

ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF

16 PLAYERS QUALIFY

The qualifying round of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship was played over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Monday. There were 34 entrants, Mrs E. Thompson being the best qualifier returning a score of 89.

The following are the 16 qualifiers and the draw for the first round which will be played today.

12-34 p.m.—Mrs E. Thompson and Mrs D. C. Watkin; 12-42 p.m.—Mrs G. M. Mackinlay and Mrs W. J. Madden; 12-50 p.m.—Mrs R. R. Hogarth and Mrs J. E. Potts; 12-58 p.m.—Mrs J. Willson and Mrs C. A. Buxton; 1-6 p.m.—Mrs R. T. Archibald and Mrs W. O. Frost; 1-14 p.m.—Mrs V. C. Eagleton and Mrs D. Manson; 1-22 p.m.—Mrs E. J. Somerset and Mrs F. C. Kidd; 1-30 p.m.—Mrs G. S. Broadbent and Mrs G. W. Ribbins.

11.1.55.

ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF

THRILLING WIN FOR MRS WATKIN

The opening matches of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship was played over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Tuesday.

On the whole the matches were keenly contested and provided excellent sport for the spectators.

There was a close tussle in the match between Mrs E. Thompson and Mrs D. C. Watkin. Both played fine golf and it was anyone's game till Mrs Watkin won the 17th and the match 2 and 1.

Mrs W. O. Frost and Mrs R. T. Archibald also provided excitement, for while Mrs Frost took an early lead—4 up at the 10th—Mrs Archibald rallied valiantly. The match ended on the 17th, Mrs Frost being the winner 2 and 1.

The following were the results:

Mrs D. C. Watkin beat Mrs E. Thompson 2 and 1; Mrs G. M. Mackinlay beat Mrs W. J. Madden 5 and 4; Mrs R. R. Hogarth beat Mrs J. E. Potts 3 and 1; Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs J. Willson 4 and 2; Mrs W. O. Frost beat Mrs R. T. Archibald 2 and 1; Mrs D. Manson beat Mrs V. C. Eagleton 4 and 3; Mrs F. C. Kidd beat Mrs E. J. Somerset 6 and 5; Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs G. S. Broadbent 4 and 3.

TODAY'S MATCHES

1 p.m.—Mrs D. C. Watkin v Mrs G. M. Mackinlay; 1-10 p.m.—Mrs R. R. Hogarth v Mrs C. A. Buxton; 1-20 p.m.—Mrs W. O. Frost v Mrs D. Manson; 1-30 p.m.—Mrs F. C. Kidd v Mrs G. W. Ribbins.

12.1.55.

"Fine Golf...
anyone's
game...till..."
Aunty Dilys
won on the
17th!"

LIFE WASN'T ALL GOLFING

The next School Holiday, the Ribbins and Watkin families spent a memorable time together at a rented beach home in Puri, Orissa. We children loved the train ride from Calcutta, through beautiful lush country side, forests and rice-fields, to the gorgeous sandy beaches of Puri where we swam for hours off the shores of the Bay of Bengal.

The scenery and experiences were breath taking, inspiring me to paint several water colors while on location which to this day I still possess. I remember the ferocious lightning flashes that emblazoned the pitch black nights, the sound of thunderous roaring waves beating on the spacious white-sand beaches, and the brawny muscular fisherman with their tall cane headgear who, on certain rough days, served as our life-guards while we battled the seas and powerful currents.

Sightseeing was plentiful and an adventurous part of our holiday. The majestic temple of Jagannath was a definite highlight superseded only by our mode of transport - cycle rickshaws! Here's a snap I took of Uncle David and Aunty Dilys and their daughters, and Mum and Dad sitting in local rickshaws enjoying being tourists!



All India OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1955

1955 TO BE MUM'S FIRST ALL-INDIA TITLE WIN!

MRS BUXTON REACHES SEMI-FINALS

Well Fought Matches In All-India Ladies Golf

By a Correspondent

DEFEATING Mrs R. R. Hogarth by 5 and 3 Mrs C. A. Buxton qualified for the semi-finals of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship on Wednesday. The three others to make the semi-final grade were, Mrs D. C. Watkin, Mrs W. O. Frost and Mrs G. W. Ribbins.

In spite of the final score of 3 and 3 in favour of Mrs Buxton—finalist and semi-finalist in former championships—the quarter-final match against Mrs R. Hogarth was well fought out. Only on one hole was anything other than a bogey or a birdie good enough to win.

Both players were excellent in the long game, though Mrs Hogarth had to call on some skillful recovery shots since she all too often ran into trouble. Mrs Buxton was very strong on the putting green.

The match was all square on the sixth tee, then Mrs Buxton won the sixth, seventh and eighth with 5, 5, 4 to gain a three-hole lead. Mrs Hogarth reduced it to two with two up 5 on the tenth. It was still two up for Mrs Buxton on the 11th and she played in par for two holes to put Mrs Hogarth dormie four.

On the 15th Mrs Buxton played two beautiful shots to the heart of the green and Mrs Hogarth, having sliced into trouble on her second and catching the bunker with her third, came out, but conceded the hole and the match on missing her putt.

Mrs Watkin and Mrs G. M. Mackinlay also played a well-fought match. Mrs Mackinlay had plenty of trouble on the first five holes and was five down at the 11th. She showed tremendous fighting spirit, however, and reduced the lead until she was only one down at the 16th tee.

Mrs Watkin drove beautifully on to the green. Mrs Mackinlay found the back of the tank, played nicely on to the green but conceded the hole on missing her putt and was dormie two. On the 17th Mrs Mackinlay was again on the back of a tank and on failing to play out, conceded the hole and the match to Mrs Watkin.

Mrs Frost and Mrs D. Manson played a close match with never more than two holes difference and Mrs Frost won on the 18th when Mrs Manson found too much trouble and conceded the match. The match between Mrs Ribbins (last year's runner-up) and Mrs F. C. Kidd (champion in 1953) was very even until the end of the sixth but Mrs Ribbins played very strongly from here onwards and won by 5 and 3.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Semi-finals—1.30 p.m.—Mrs D. C. Watkin v Mrs C. A. Buxton; 1.30 p.m.—Mrs W. O. Frost v Mrs G. W. Ribbins.

13.1.1955

A close game with no more than two holes difference till Aunty Sylvia conceded on the 18th!

THRILLING WIN AT THE EIGHTEENTH Mrs Buxton & Mrs Ribbins In Golf Final

By a Correspondent

EXCELLENT golf was witnessed in the semi-finals of the All-India Ladies Championship on Thursday, Mrs C. A. Buxton defeating Mrs D. C. Watkin by one up and Mrs G. W. Ribbins beating Mrs W. O. Frost two and one.

The match between Mrs Buxton and Mrs Watkin was the more exciting until the last putt on the 18th green.

Mrs Watkin drove off first, had a long hooked ball which just stayed in bounds, but played a beautiful recovery shot on to the green. She putted which gave Mrs Buxton, who had started a bit shakily, the opportunity to halve the hole in 5.

The second hole was halved in birdie 4's and the third in 5's. On the 4th Mrs Watkin hooked slightly into a bunker on the left; she came out nicely, but unfortunately rolled into a bunker well, but on missing her putt, conceded the hole to Mrs Buxton, who had played safely on for 3 and put her long putt near the hole.

Both played on the 5th and 6th in bogies, but on the 7th Mrs Buxton played the hole nicely in bogey 3 and Mrs Watkin three-putted to lose the hole. Mrs Buxton was now two up. The 8th was halved, then Mrs Watkin played perfect golf on the 9th for a birdie to win back a hole. Mrs Watkin's 10th hole was also a lesson in golf. Her drive was straight and long as well up to the second tank, a beautiful second shot finding the heart of the green. She narrowly missed an eagle, her long putt resting on the lip of the hole. Mrs Buxton's was a bogey and the match was all square.

On the 11th Mrs Buxton again won a hole back with a bogey 5 when Mrs Watkin found a bunker with her tee—a low shot played under the tree at the right, but Mrs Watkin took back the 12th, narrowly missing her birdie, again missing the cup with her first putt. The match continued all square until the 17th hole.

On the 17th Mrs Buxton had less than her usual drive, though it ran well up the fairway. Mrs Watkin played her usual fine form on the 18th, but Mrs Buxton's second was nicely on the green while Mrs Watkin was slightly short and to the right. Here Mrs Watkin had trouble with her approach and Mrs Buxton won the hole with a bogey 4, making her 1 up. On the 18th Mrs Buxton's drive was down the centre, Mrs Watkin's was slightly shorter than usual but in the middle. Both had good seconds about 12 ft from the hole; both missed their first putts. Mr F. R. Bailey, who refereed the match, tossed a coin to decide the first putter and Mrs Buxton sank the putt to win the match 1 up. Both Mrs Buxton and Mrs Watkin are to be congratulated on a very fine exhibition of play.

14.1.1955

KEENLY CONTESTED

The other semi-final between Mrs W. O. Frost and Mrs G. W. Ribbins was very keenly contested. Both players were rather nervous and did not show their best form. Mrs Ribbins unfortunately strained a shoulder muscle, which affected her shots and she found trouble at several holes.

After halving the first hole, Mrs Ribbins sank a long putt at the second to put her 1 up. Mrs Frost was in the tank with her second at the third, played short over it and conceded the hole to Mrs Ribbins, who reached the green in 3, sinking her putt for a birdie 4. The 4th was halved luckily for Mrs Ribbins as she was in the tank with her drive. Mrs Frost played the hole very well with a short tee shot, her approach dead and sinking her putt for a birdie 3.

Mrs Frost squared the match at the 6th by playing a perfect approach to the green and two-putting, while Mrs Ribbins was unlucky to find a bunker again. The 7th hole was halved, with Mrs Ribbins having found the tank with her second shot. The 10th hole was halved Mrs Ribbins played with her head, she approached the tank too strongly, the ball coming to rest with a hanging lip. She played it back a yard or so and was comfortably on the green for 4. Mrs Frost had already found trouble at this hole; her drive went into the first tank.

Mrs Ribbins was really in trouble at the 11th as she drove into the nullah and failed to get it out with her second. Her fourth to the green was a brave shot over the trees and was unlucky to catch a branch and deflected down. Mrs Frost played straight down the middle and holed comfortably in 5 to make the match all square. Mrs Frost sank an excellent putt on the 12th down for two to put herself 1 up. The 13th was halved and Mrs Frost won the 14th after Mrs Ribbins had turned her drive almost into the tank on the left of the fairway.

At the 15th Mrs Ribbins had an excellent drive, second on to the green and two-putted to be 1 up. Mrs Frost had a beautiful shot to the 16th green, but three-putted to the bins, being in the bunker with her drive, recovered splendidly and sank her putt to be dormie 2 up. The 17th was halved in five which left Mrs Ribbins the winner by 2 and 1. Mrs Frost played a very stalwart game against an experienced opponent and we look forward to seeing her in the final one day.

The final between Mrs C. A. Buxton and Mrs G. W. Ribbins will be played over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club today, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

1955 - Mrs. Ribbins – The NEW GOLF CHAMPION

*“A really first class game with both players fighting hard all the way...
congratulations to both for such an excellent performance –“*

Eves Weekly

“A thrilling final which went to the 18th Green”.

This was Mum’s first Championship win and the beginning of our attendances to presentations celebrating meritorious golf achievements! Each year Mum’s golf bettered, her reputation drew more fame, and annually her crowd following grew! As years passed, only she was able to break the golfing records she’d set!

Championship parties were exciting. Trophy presentations abounded with compliments and kind speeches from admirers who praised Bam’s incredible golf skills and remarkable performance. Of course there were typical dissections of play over shots and putts that fell short of perfection, but usually at these events congratulations exuded.

But Mum was always shy of applause and unpretentious about her golfing talent. Her character trait was apt to praise her rivals for any advantage she achieved. She humbly acknowledged her challengers for giving



her “the chance” that resulted in her victory. She wouldn’t take credit for personal good play but assumed any winning score was due to her opponent’s “misfortune” or was merely “a fluke”!

At her funeral in February 2007, friends and golfing associates said they’d no idea Bam held an undefeated record of seven times All India Champion. She never boasted her achievements which we listed in the Funeral Notice. Many in attendance were surprised by her accomplishments. While she continued to play golf on her return to England from India, and her playing was impressive and winning continued, she modestly kept her past golf conquests to herself.

But friends from India kept her kudos going as have Jenny and I. From the first All-India celebration on the Royal Lawn in 1955 we’ve bragged about our Mother’s golf wins. During the reception we’d carry the large, half filled with champagne Trophy, the All India Silver Cup, and serve Mum’s fans at the white linen covered tables, encouraging guests to sip the congratulatory cheer. Those were the days before sensitive management of hygiene when no one bothered wiping the silver rim before the next sip!

We’d proudly showed off Mum’s trophy and they’d say, “You must be very proud having such a clever Mum?” And we’d smile broadly and Jenny would reply with the lisp she eventually grew out of - “Yeth”. We thought it normal occurrence to have a golf champion for a Mother never understanding what a privilege she’d added to our lives.



Mrs. RIBBINS NEW GOLF CHAMPION

Thrilling Final To Eighteenth Green

By a Correspondent

IN a thrilling final which went to the 18th green Mrs G. W. Ribbins defeated Mrs C. A. Buxton on Friday to become the new All-India Ladies Golf champion.

Although both finalists seemed a bit nervous at the beginning and did not play with their usual sureness and accuracy, the match provided suspense in plenty and a wonderful climax to this year's "Open".

On the first hole Mrs Ribbins had a very long drive which unluckily caught the bunker on the left. Her second was well out and she approached close to the pin for three. Mrs Buxton also had a long drive to the left, she skimmed the trees with her second and was also on for three. Three putts on both sides resulted in a half in six.

The second was halved in five. On the third both ran into trouble, Mrs Ribbins very unluckily catching the bunker with a long drive and Mrs Buxton hitting her second into the tank short of the green. However, Mrs Ribbins had trouble approaching and Mrs Buxton won the hole to be one up.

Mrs Ribbins took it back at the next hole with two beautiful shots, placing the ball about a yard short of the green. Her run-up was a little gentle but her long putt was close and she was down for five. Mrs Buxton, on for three, three-putted and the match was all square.

The fifth was halved in bogey four. On the sixth Mrs Buxton again took the lead. She recovered after two weak shots with a good approach and an excellent one-putt, while Mrs Ribbins was slightly strong with her second which rolled by the side of the green into the left hand bunker. Though well out, her putt was a little too long.

The seventh was perfectly played by Mrs Ribbins in bogey five to even the match. The eighth and ninth were halved. At the turn the golf became stronger and on the 10th Mrs Ribbins had one of the shots of the day with a long drive which unfortunately caught the second tank. She dropped a ball and placed her shot beautifully on the green, just missing her birdie with an excellent putt. Mrs Buxton, who drove well, elected to play safe with her second, chipping up to the tank, and putting her third in the bunker to the left of the green, came out too strongly and two-putted. Mrs Ribbins was now one up.

GOOD RECOVERY

The 11th was halved in birdie fours. On the 12th Mrs Ribbins had a perfect bogey, while Mrs Buxton, bunkered on her tee shot, took four to get down. The match continued with Mrs Ribbins two up until the 14th when Mrs Buxton played for a safe bogey five and took back a hole.

Both were on in three at the 15th but Mrs Buxton sank a long putt for a four and squared the match. The 16th was halved in perfect bogey threes. On the 17th Mrs Buxton sliced a long drive into the trees; Mrs Ribbins put hers down the middle. Mrs Buxton played out short and put her third into the bunker to the left of the green, while Mrs Ribbins' second was a well executed shot on to the green. Mrs Buxton played out, leaving herself a long putt. Mrs Ribbins' putt was nearly in the hole which she soon won to be dormie.

On the 18th both had two very good drives and both had to carry bunkers to clear on their approaches to the pin. Their short shots were good but both required two putts and Mrs Ribbins became the new champion. This is Mrs Ribbins' second year as a finalist and she is to be congratulated on this year's successful bid for the title. Mrs Buxton also deserves praise for her consistent good golf throughout the championship and for the very fine figures she put up in the semi-finals.

THE FINALS.

STATESMAN

15.1.1955.



Mrs G. W. Ribbins explodes from a bunker.—Statesman.



Mrs C. A. Buxton completing a drive during Friday's All-India Ladies Golf final.—Statesman.

Indian Express Correspondent Tommy wrote of Mum and "Aunty Phyllis" Buxton. "The players.... provided the large gathering of spectators with thrilling golf!"

Mr. Duckworth as he was formally addressed, was to his friends, Tommy! He was an adept expert who gave golf lessons on The Maidan Golf Course. Mum, gave him all credit for patiently coaching her for many years especially when she "needed to get her head around things" such as the All India Open. She knew him as her mentor and "The Pundit".

Jenny also took regular lessons on the Maidan from Mr. Duckworth and thought highly of his teaching ability but gives Mum all the credit for her golf game. Mum gave Jenny her first clubs at 12 yrs old, she brags, "My first clubs were half a set and Mum chose each one."

Of Mr. Duckworth Jenny says, "he was skinny, well - lanky really, and an OLD man..." (but she was a pre-teen then, and anyone seems "old" to a pre-teen!) "He never hit a ball," she remembers, "but taught me how to swing and how to improve what I was doing wrong. He was a really good tutor! But, Mum was supportive and encouraged my game. I wish I'd played more often and better." Like Mother like daughter - fruits of modesty don't fall far from the tree.

Jenny was a champion too. In the early 60's, with consistent lessons, Mum got her handicap down from 36 to 18 in two years rallying her on to play all the matches Tolly offered, including the monthly LGU Medals. Jenny was the youngest player in the L.G.U and won numerous prizes, "Miscellaneous glassware, half a dozen sets of spoons, and loads of silver which was really nice." She chortles!

KEEN TUSSLES IN WOMEN'S GOLF

By T. A. DUCKWORTH

THE All-India Women's Golf Championship, played over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club, began on January 10 with a qualifying round for 16 places in the match-play stage, from an entry of 34 competitors.

Mrs. E. Thompson headed the qualifiers with an 86, while Mrs. G. S. Broadbent, who gave Mrs. G. W. Ribbins a tough fight in the first round, won the handicap prize with a net 80.

Some close matches were witnessed before Mrs. D. C. Watkin, Mrs. C. A. Buxton, Mrs. W. O. Frost and Mrs. G. W. Ribbins emerged as the semi-finalists.

The match between Mrs. Watkin and Mrs. Buxton was close and exciting, and up to the 17th tee, where they were All Square, it was anybody's match. At this hole, however, Mrs. Buxton from a short drive off the tee took courage in both hands and hit a very long second to the middle of the green. Mrs. Watkin, from a good drive, pushed her second shot wide of the green, was much too strong with her third and strong again with her fourth. Her fifth was played well up to the hole but too late to save it from Mrs. Buxton, left with 3 for it from barely 10 feet with which she made no mistake, thus placing herself in the happy position of dormie. With a half in 5 at the 18th she won the match 1 Up and entered the final for the second time.

The other semi-final, between Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Ribbins, also was a keen affair. All Square at turn, the match continued with Mrs. Ribbins fighting hard to shake off Mrs. Frost's tenacity. This she was unable to do till the closing stages, and she won by 2 and 1, thus entering the final for the second successive year.

The final between Mrs. C. A. Buxton and Mrs. G. W. Ribbins, played in the afternoon of Friday, January 14, began with both players showing signs of nervousness, doubtless due to the importance of the occasion, but from the 6th hole onwards, at which stage the match was All Square, the players ran into form and provided the large gathering of spectators with some thrilling golf.

All Square at the turn, Mrs. Ribbins assumed the lead for the first time in the match by winning the 10th, with a splendid 5 after incurring the loss of a penalty stroke from driving a very long, straight ball into the

further tank. She increased it to 2 Up with a well played 3 at the short 12th, where Mrs. Buxton was bunkered from the tee. The 13th was halved in 5. Then Mrs. Buxton, staging a fine recovery, won the next 2 holes to square the match.

The short 16th was halved in well played 3's after both players had made bold efforts to hole their putts for birdies.

Whatever chances Mrs. Buxton had of continuing the splendid fight she was making of it were ruined by a badly cut tee shot into the trees at the 17th—from where she had to play out safe—and by pulling her



Mrs. Ribbins (left), winner of the women's golf championship of India, and Mrs. Buxton, runner-up, face the camera before the tee-off for the final.

third into the bunker guarding the green.

Mrs. Ribbins, taking full advantage of a long drive well down the fairway, put net second within 8 feet of the pin. Mrs. Buxton recovered well from the bunker, but Mrs. Ribbins making sure of a 4, won the hole to become dormie. With a half in 5 at the 18th, Mrs. Ribbins ran out the winner of this year's championship. Her figures of 5, 4, 3, 5, 6, 5, 3, 4, 5 (40) for the homeward half was just a stroke over the bogey for this stretch.

Mr. T. S. Prosser, Captain of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club, refereed the match, and presented the trophies.

20.1.1955.

Indian
Express
Golf
Correspondent
Tommy
Duckworth

Jenny took pleasure in the whole ambience of golfing with Mum at Tolly and relished playing with Mum's club-ladies who warmly welcomed in their young enthusiast. Jenny says the Nullah's took most of her balls while Mum's sailed over the tanks easily. She remembers loosing quite a few balls to mischievous young urchins who'd hop over the wall near the third green and pocket golf balls to resell as seconds. They swim into the nullah too for balls – mostly hers, she adds!

On Saturday's Jenny'd play with Uncle Jeff (Chaffey) unless it was Horse Racing Saturday when she'd join Dad and I on the tennis courts. Many years later, Jeff was her Best Man at her wedding in England when the reception was held at our parent's spacious home, on the well maintained (by Dad) lawn. He loved "to potter in the garden". Their grounds ran along the garden wall of the home Mum grew up in as a child, yes, they purchased the house next door to her parents home!

Jenny's fondest memories of Tolly were sitting under the trees beside the Men's Shamiana on the 18th green. She'd sit on wicker furniture eating a club sandwich with Coca-Cola chilled with lumps of ice. She delighted in the outdoor movie showings on the Tea-lawn when a huge screen was erected against the backdrop of the famous Tolly Club House, there, the reel to reel projector whirred noisily until the movie ended to satisfied applause.

My favourite Tully recollections were all about the grounds. I share Dad's enthusiasm for gardening and recall him pointing out the colourful flowers that bloomed everywhere. On certain months the trees were ablaze with fire-coloured blossoms and Tolly's tanks overflowed with beautiful lilies. The seasons were a blur of mosquito nipping times, cooler weather when a cardigan over the shoulders was needed times, hot tennis afternoons when salt pills had to be consumed in large doses times and Tolly's famous, most refreshing drink, nimboo-pani (fresh-squeezed lemonade with masses of sugar) for all times!

*Jenny and Patrick's Wedding Reception in
No. 1 Merlin Park, Alverstoke, Hampshire with proud parents,
Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Ribbins!*



1955 All-India Ladies Golf Championship

It was a really thrilling game with the crowd sharing the suspense right up to the 18th green!

Bam...“the powerful hitter she is...”

Phyllis’s “long hitting opponent”

“Bam hit a screamer off the tee at the tenth....”

“Bam played a picture number 5 Iron to within 5 feet of the pin...”

“The crowds were on their toes.....”

Bam hit her first bad shot on the 14th...”

A contrasting style in media banter is seen in the pages of society magazine Eve’s Weekly, India’s counter-part to the British Tatler. The relaxed journalistic style is a change because the mention of Phyllis and Bam’s christened names are devoid of the Statesman’s customary formal identification by the husband’s initials!

The Eve’s Weekly account makes for exciting reading, and still after all these years, has my heart pounding as I visualize both ladies “excellent performance”! I’m reminded of Mum’s high goal-setting in that her first bad shot was on the 14th – way to go, Bam! -and particularly impressive is the observation!....**“Bam showed the powerful hitter she is by finishing a foot or so short of the green with a drive and an iron – from the men’s back tee!”**

All-India Ladies' Golf Championship

LAST Friday Bam Ribbins just off the green: Phyllis here, became the new Ladies All-India Champion by defeating Phyllis Buxton in the final by 1 hole. It was a really thrilling game with the crowd sharing the suspense right up to the 18th green. Phyllis is to be congratulated on her magnificent fighting recovery after finding herself 2 Down on the 14th tee: she just refused to be over-awed by her longer-hitting opponent — and very nearly took the lead at the short 16th. But we are going too far ahead.....

At the 1st both were on the green in three, Bam being much nearer: Phyllis putted up, and was not too adjacent: Bam made the mistake of going for it, slipped past the hole and missed the return: a half resulted. It was the same at the 2nd, only this time both get down in regulation bogeys: at the 3rd, a long drive by Bam just tailed off into the bunker on the right: Phyllis hit a good one down the middle but cut it too fine with her second and finished on the bank of the tank: Bam only cleared the bunker and put her third well to the right of the green: Phyllis dropped behind the tank and played her fourth onto the edge of the green: Bam attempted to run up round the bunker instead of going for it, was very short and eventually lost the hole.

At the 4th Bam showed the powerful hitter she is by finishing a foot or so short of the green with a drive and an iron — from the men's back tee! Phyllis might have halved this hole but missed a short putt. At the 5th neither player hit the green with her tee shot and a half in bogey resulted. Phyllis proved that it is not always the long hitter who wins holes when at the 6th, after a poor drive and an indifferent second, she chipped up beautifully and sank the putt for a 4: Bam in the meantime had the misfortune to see her approach just fade into the bunker on the left, and although she exploded out well, she failed with the putt to become 1 Down again.

The game was squared at the long 7th where Phyllis sliced her tee shot into the nullah: Bam, safely up the middle, played the hole in the regulation number of shots. The same player failed to take advantage of her position at the 8th from

by the way, bunkered from the tee, had played a grand recovery shot and although short with her pitch, laid her putt dead for a 5: still all-square. Phyllis again found trouble off the tee at the 9th and overshot the green with her third: again Bam failed to clinch matters and took three putts: all-square at the turn.

The golf not unnaturally had been a little shaky up to this stage; but the real thrills were now to come. Bam hit a screamer off the tee at the 10th and had the chagrin to see her ball finish in the far tank: Phyllis played short with her second and pulled her third into the bunker to the left of the green: Bam then played a picture No. 5 iron to within five feet of the pin: it was a winner all the way. At the 11th both were just short of the green with their seconds but chipped well—Phyllis to about ten feet from the pin and Bam about six feet away. Phyllis nobly sank that putt—and the pressure was on: but Bam rose to the occasion and followed suit. The crowd were now on their toes.

Bam placed her tee shot to the back of the pin at the short 12th: Phyllis was short and caught the cross bunker: she exploded over the green, chipped back and sank the putt for a 4: Bam was down in bogey and became 2 Up. The 13th was halved in bogey, although Bam had a possible chance here with a six foot putt.

2 Down and five to play never wins a match! That well worn cliché began to look as if there was a certain amount of truth in it when Bam hit her first bad shot through the green at the 14th, after a very long drive. Phyllis took full advantage of this and reduced the deficit to one. Bam hit another loose second at the 15th which finished in the bunker on the right—and with Phyllis sinking a grand fifteen footer, the match was all-square. The crowd were thrilled.

Phyllis now had her tail right up! (No offence meant lady and none taken, I 'opes?). At the short 16th she played a grand shot to the left of the pin and only about twelve feet away: it was Bam's turn to worry but undaunted she hit a No. 7 iron to within about the same distance as Phyllis. Her putt was never on the line, but was sufficiently close: Phyllis made another bold attempt but the ball just hung on the lip of the hole and refused to drop.

At the 17th Phyllis pushed her drive into the trees on the right and recovered very short: Bam, after another long drive, hit a No. 5 iron to the heart of the green: Phyllis' approach just caught the bunker on the left, and although she exploded well, Bam laid her putt stiff for the hole. As a matter of fact another half turn and it would have dropped. Good drives at the 18th were followed by reasonable seconds—Phyllis short to the left and Bam out to the right. Phyllis chipped up but was still a long way from the pin: Bam played a bold wedge shot over the bunker and with Phyllis missing her putt, had two for the match: she made no mistake. It had been a really first-class game with both players fighting hard all the way. Phyllis' recovery from the 14th hole, when she was 2 Down, was a noble effort indeed. Congratulations to both for such an excellent performance.

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Caryl on front lawn of No.1 Merlin Park, our new home

Mum's FIRST Final Win of the All India Ladies Championship brought many a congratulatory letter and this rather special one came from Dad's Company Superior who thought Mum's win was "a good show"! We never called Mr. J. M. Bannerman uncle but he and his wife Sheilah were part of our more formal young lives, after all, Mr. Bannerman was the Managing Director of Gladstone Lyall and Co. Ltd. where Dad worked as Head of the Agency Department. The letter came to our new home in Ballygunge where we moved to 1950.

At the end of our school day at Loreto House, Middleton Row, our faithful chauffeur, Sylvester DeCosta would often be waiting for us in the car. We

affectionately called him Driver. He had two daughters close to our ages who we always wanted to play with. He'd collect us from school and drive us through the noisy city to Dad's office in bustling Fairlie Place where many of the Merchant Agencies were located near Hoogly River.

It was always breathtaking to walk through Dad's large Head Office building, a reminder of former affluence majestically displayed in beautiful Colonial architecture. The area was named after William Fairlie, the celebrated India Merchant, one of a succession of Scottish traders who made their fortune in the British Empire. After Fairlie returned from India, he settled in London becoming a Member of Parliament before he moved to Scotland, passing away in 1825. Interestingly, years later in 1860, his son Colonel James Ogilvy with the Earl of Eglinton founded the Open Golf tournament in South Ayrshire, Scotland and some thirty years later, The Tollygunge Club was established in Calcutta.



Our car and Driver in Merlin Park driveway

4, FAIRLIE PLACE
CALCUTTA 1

15th January, 1955.

My dear Bam,

Sorry I missed you on the phone last night and when I did get out of my bath I tried to get you but without success. I now send herewith my belated congratulations for winning the Amateur Golf Championship. It is indeed a good ~~day~~ and all of us in my Department are very proud of your success. The Champagne to fill it will be with you shortly.

With my very best wishes in which Sheilah joins me.

Yours sincerely,

J.M. Bannerman

(J.M. Bannerman).

Mrs. G.W. Ribbins,
1, Merlin Park,
Ballygunge,
Calcutta.

Indian telegrams remind us of those we received while at boarding school in England from our parents in India who wished us birthday and Christmas greetings, or sent special notes about Mum's All-India wins.

It must be noted here that only a few weeks before playing off this championship, Molly and I were paired off as Reserves in the Inter-club match against the Royal (sic) Foursomes. Hence Molly's Telegram a few pages ahead... "are you in Tolly Side yet?"

Molly Lynn beat Mum in the 1954 All India and the receipt of the telegram from Molly the following year was much appreciated by Mum

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Heartiest congratulations are you in tolly side yet

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My interest in history came when I was young and fascinated by the by-gone era I was surrounded by and contrasting civilizations and lifestyles that I daily saw unfurled as tapestries of my life in India. I was insatiably curious about the culture I grew up in. One of my childhood delights was talking to Mrs. (Phyllis) Jones, Dad's gorgeous young secretary who gave us sweets while we waited for Dad to complete his day's business and come home with us.

According to Mrs. Jones, Gladstone Lyall was essentially a Managing Agency for a number of import/export trade companies and services. It represented Lloyds Insurance, Merchant Shipping lines including Ellerman and City, Carew and Co (who dealt with liquor) and a number of smaller Agencies such as Roof Waterproofing, Red Hand Paints, DDT Servicing, Gutta Percha Rubber, and more. All I recall is Dad knowing endless people belonging to numerous names and companies and I was most impressed with his hobnobbing during the Merchants' Cup Golf held annually at the Royal.



Proud Dad with his firstborn Caryl in Tollygunge

“NO WALK-OVER”!

What was warming about Aunty Winnie's congratulatory note was her personal mention of Mum's father, our Grandpa Reggie, and the pleasure she thought he'd derive from his daughter's All-India win. The realization that Mum had a trustworthy friend soon after she arrived in India was comforting. Uncle Charles and Aunty Winnie Nodder lived in Tollygunge close to where Mum began her new life in India. She'd voyaged alone to Calcutta; a 21 year old bride who'd never left home, bravely sailing across the seas pregnant with her firstborn.

Jan. 15. 55

12, Regent Patts
Tollygunge.

Dear Bam,

Charlie and I were delighted to read about your golf success in this morning's paper. Judging by the stroke by stroke description of the game it was no walk-over either.

What is especially good about it is that your Father will be able to enjoy the proof of his family's quality too.

With love (and looking forward to this evening)

WIN.

(NODDER)

After the Nodder's left India, they retired to Ballycastle, Northern Ireland, an unspoiled and remote seaside resort where we spent an unforgettable summer while on furlough, a holiday we've been able to relive through watching Dad's home movies. We were young and it was an impressionable time away from home in India. I learned about a new world of airplane travel, experienced a different culture in a foreign country, listened to an unfamiliar dialect, felt the chilliness of bitterly cold winds coming off the North Channel, and on a clear day could see the northernmost and craggy Rathlin Island beyond miles of sea. We strolled the pebble shores beachcombing and discovering a plethora of strange organisms in rock pools, visited the famous Giant's Causeway, and oh! I remember seeing so many sheep on so many lush green hills.



Dad and Jenny in the front garden at Merlin Park

Back to India we lived temporarily in Paul Mansions, Bishop Lefroy Road until Dad's promotion got us our new home in Ballygunge, No. 1 Merlin Park, where we lived until we left India. Since that time, the spacious house with plenty of acreage got developed into a complex of apartment buildings. But in its original state, it was home to us sisters, our dog Sandy, her numerous puppies, and countless memories captured in many hours of shaky 16mm home-movies. Indeed our memories there were so wonderful that we named our home in England No. 1 Merlin Park!



Mum's car in Merlin Park's driveway showing the spacious grounds.

"Paddy and Dad" were Mum's youngest brother Patrick, and Dad Captain Reginald Walker. On our travels to England, Grandpa's home was our UK base, and some years later it became our home away from home when we attended a local junior boarding school. Mum's brothers lived nearby and family visits were usual.

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1920 - Bam's mother holds her youngest son, Patrick with older brothers George and Geoff looking on. Five years later, their baby sister Adeline arrived who they renamed Bambino because she was the baby of the family. Uncle Paddy nicknamed her Bambi which Dad shortened to Bam.



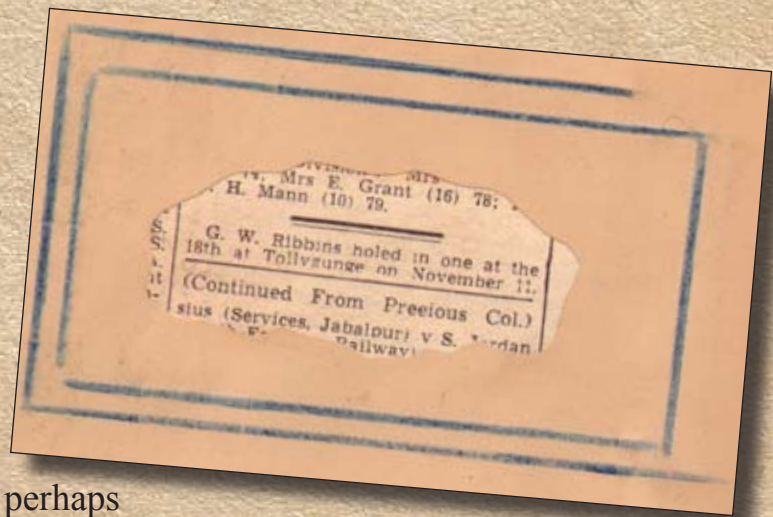
1955 - Mr. G.W. Ribbins of Gladstone Lyall and Co shows his skill

“Don’t look now but he’s done it again,” writes Mum encouragingly of Dad’s score - A GOOD 94!

Dad played to a 10 handicap and most Sunday mornings would meet other husbands and bachelors at about 6am to play lie dice, while waiting to tee off for the Sunday morning Men’s Friendly Foursomes, which ended with drinking beer in the exclusively male environment of the Men’s Shamiana at the 18th - where women were absolutely forbidden – a far cry from the mixed company permitted to meet there today, at roughly the same locale, and TOGETHER enjoy a meal and drinks!

The Merchant’s Cup was Dad’s most competitive golfing event each year, and oh yes! there was always his partnering with Mum in Mixed Foursomes that kept him on his toes! Then, the surprise came in 1958 when he not only confounded himself, but his male audience in the Men’s Shamiana. His hole-in-one at Tolly’s 18th was an expensive green to exhibit such talents because of its close proximity to the men’s watering hole which cost Dad drinks all round several times!

From then onwards, especially at Mum’s major golf events, Dad wore his costly (due to the drinks bill) hole-in-one tie, perhaps supporting her or perhaps reminding her he’d achieved a coup she was never able to top! But one time she almost did but, as Dad reminded her, “almost doesn’t count”! At the 1964 Finals of the Ceylon National played on Ceylon’s beautiful Nuwara Eliya course, when Mum won the Finals bringing the Title to India, she was short a hole-in-one by five inches on the 9th, a 109 yard hole!





MERCHANTS' CUP GOLF

By a Correspondent
AT the close of the first round of the Merchants' Cup Golf competition on Wednesday there was a marked lack of excitement in the clubhouse of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club, Chennai. Conditions were good but scores in general were mediocre. It is still far too early for speculation on the ultimate winner but a Son 24 by J. C. Nair has given Jardine Henderson "A" from a useful lead. It is understood that Nair first began golf as recently in 1930. Another excellent round was that of S. K. Khanna, who returned a 72.
 There were the usual moans of missed putts and bad breaks but as yet no player has returned a score which would be credit to a half of good shooting sport because, however there is still time and perhaps pairs of the calibre are being kept in reserve.

By a Correspondent
ONCE again conditions were good and very favourable for the Merchants' Cup Golf Competition on Wednesday. The highlights of the day were an excellent 75 from J. A. Pringle of Steel Brothers and a 74 by W. T. Martin of Kilburn "A" team. The latter score was matched only the first time being by a bearded playwart in the employ of a well-known insurance firm. On being interviewed the only remark that he got out of the game had to offer was "Please tell the golfing community of Calcutta that the Cricket season is now open! The competition is now..."

By a Correspondent
 The fourth day of the Merchants' Cup saw another 63 runners face the starter on the first tee. As each couple went off it was quite remarkable the various directions into which the balls flew! Your cavalry correspondent likened it to Balaklava, Peshawar to the right and the 14th Green Dragoon to the left and the putting green into the valley of death, that shallow little ditch 100 yds ahead, went many a Blue Flash and a Silver King. The chaps who play professionally of course just went straight on.

I don't know whether all your readers know the Big Course at the Royal but it is a long way out into the country and an even longer way back. There's a stiffish water jump just after the turn and this produced the usual number of plops! As I had forgotten my glasses and I am my back, I couldn't follow all the little incidents closely but in a strong finish the favourite got home again by a round of lengths followed by a nice flashy type of chestnut. Thereafter a number of the field were all very close an except for one youngster who was obviously out of his class and got well tailed off. In leaving the course and get back to the Club House the competition is now closely poised (and who I might say is behind us!) with the individual...



By a Correspondent
CONDITIONS were very favourable for the second day of the Merchants' Cup Golf Competition, on Friday, but once again scores were high. Only one competitor succeeded in breaking 60, whilst at the other end of the scale two "unknowns" tied with 120. The 19th has claimed a victim early on in the Competition, an 18 being noted on one individual's card. Jardine Henderson Ltd.



VISITING the 1st round of the Merchants' Cup Golf tournament at Tollymore on Wednesday see Fashion Critic writes:
 The T shirt is de rigeur. It's versatile evidence. Yellow towel cut diagonally gives a casual draped effect. Cut both diagonally and horizontally it assumes the weight of lead, sans rhinoceros-like about the knees or swishes the waist depending on the figure. I find the hearty, outdoor type most battered by towel. T. A. mous-

tacha, provided it is of noticeable proportion below.
 For the secretary type making a once nearly away into fresh air, the clear cut, high necked stocknettie T is just right. It emphasizes that slender-as-a-tooth-pike-like look. The sagging arm hole and plunging neckline should be avoided always. I noticed it wasn't.
 The bush shirt still lingers—an unlikely echo I noticed one in Mysore and blue over crumpled khaki slacks. The

trouble about this is that it simulates golf. Gimmerton slacks suited at the tail are permissible even chic.
 Shorts I was sorry to see are uncharacteristically individual despite the limitations. The fashionable length is 11 1/2 inches off the ground—in low heels—built-up heels, twelve, nearer 8 inches, usually at the back. In fact a tendency towards the train is distinctly in evidence. The bustle is popular. Always charming are the nice short shorts, 8 inches or more above ground level.

creasing attention on the legs. In word, dirty skirt or reduced length. But a word of warning. Definitely for the athlete and self possessed. And be sure they are Sandriated.
 Hats, if found worn, three-quarter length and sheer. A must for the well turned ankle and sculptured calf.
 Hats are wise aware, rince, aggressive and generally small. The cloche a back. Sandals under brown felt are the latest word. Ermine blinkers are just the thing for those cut to rough by frequent bystanders.

DON'T LOOK NOW BUT HE'S DONE IT AGAIN!

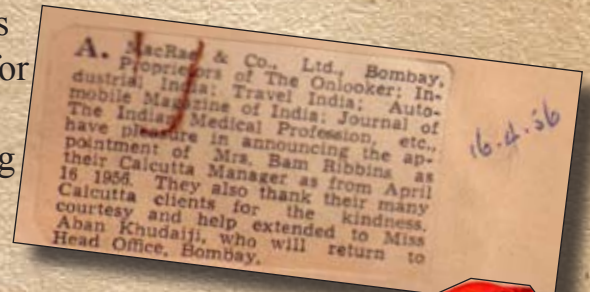
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403	McLeod & Co. Ltd.	167	331
404	James Finlay & Co. Ltd.	118	211
405	Burmah Shell Oil Storage & Marketing Co. of India		

Maidan Golf Club's "maiden voyage"!



First official play at the Maidan Club is apparently its "maiden voyage" as pointed out in Mum's whimsical play on words!

Mum had a way with puns, ambiguity of words and double entendres which were her forte in both her fictional writing and journalistic reporting. In 1956 she was hired to be Calcutta Manager for The Onlooker covering events as a correspondent and working on advertising campaigns and promotions.

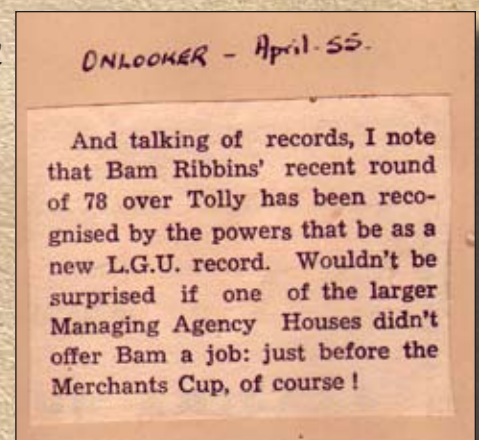


Bam was also a talented artist, skills inherited from her creative mother who had a delicate touch with watercolours. She died when Mum was a teenager leaving her to manage the all male dominated family of brothers and a forbidding Father who was in HMS Admiralty.



The Onlooker reports Mum has set a NEW L.G.U. record at Tolly!

And watch out! Uncle John humorously warns of Mum's hitting skills being tantamount to a man's and also draws attention to her marketing and design career skills incase any Agency head-hunters are recruiting!



STATESMAN.

TOLLYGUNGE GOLF

The L.G.U. monthly Medal Competition was played over the Tollygunge Club Course on Wednesday, and the results were as follows:

Silver Division.—Mrs G. W. Ribbins (10) 70; Mrs C. A. Buxton (9) 73; Mrs D. Manson (11) 73; Mrs D. C. W. Watkin (9) 75

Bronze Division.—Mrs D. H. P. Henderson (22) 74; Mrs Howard Bent (30) 75.

Forty-three cards were taken out.

2.1.55

Mum wins the Monthly Medal.
L.G.U Silver Division

STATESMAN.

TOLLYGUNGE CLUB GOLF

The Tollygunge L.G.U. Captain's Prize (18 holes Medal), played on Feb 2, was won by Mrs Howard Bent with a score of 99 (30) 69.

Leading scores were—
Mrs Goffey (16) 71; Mrs Tainsh (28) 71; Mrs Ribbins (8) 73; Mrs Manson (9) 73; Mrs Mackinlay (11) 73; Mrs Gilbert (18) 73; Mrs Somerset (16) 74; Mrs Sim (19) 74; Mrs Burnett (22) 74; Mrs Selkirk (27) 74.

4.2.1955.

Mum wins the Monthly Medal.
L.G.U Silver Division

LGU Monthly Medal - Mum Wins the Silver Division!

TOLLYGUNGE CLUB GOLF

The L.G.U. monthly Medal Competition was played over the Tollygunge Club Course on Wednesday.

Results:
Silver Division.—Mrs G. W. Ribbins (4) 80; Mrs D. C. W. Watkin (7) 83; Mrs J. A. Sayer (13) 84.

Bronze Division.—Mrs B. Meyer (21) 89; Mrs S. Garrow (32) 81; Mrs W. Hutchinson (21) 85.

Twenty-two Cards were taken out.

18.6.55 (16th)

LGU Monthly Bogey - Mum has leading Score in the Silver Division.

7.9.55.

TOLLYGUNGE CLUB GOLF

The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. Monthly Bogey was played over the Tollygunge Club course on Wednesday.

Fourteen Cards were taken out.

Leading Scores were:
Silver Division.—Mrs G. W. Ribbins (4) 6 down.

Bronze Division.—Mrs J. Braid (23) 6 down.

Statesman 9.9.55.

MUM WINS!

Royal B. - 20-9-55.

INTER-CLUB GOLF

The match between the Tollygunge Club L.G.U. and the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club played over the R.C.G.C. New Course on Sept 20 resulted in a win for the C.L.G.C. by 1 match.

TOLLYGUNGE		C.L.G.C.	
SILVER DIVISION			
Mrs G. Ribbins	4 & 2 1 v	Mrs E. Thompson	0
Mrs C. A. Buxton	3 & 2 1 v	Mrs J. E. Potts	0
Mrs D. C. W. Watkin	6 & 5 1 v	Mrs H. Kidd	0
Mrs J. S. Broadbent	0 v	Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead	1 up 1
Mrs J. Sayer	0 v	Mrs R. Evrall	5 & 3 1
Mrs C. W. Perry	1 v	Mrs C. W. Porter	1
BRONZE DIVISION			
Mrs B. Meyer	4 & 3 1 v	Mrs J. H. Eastwood	0
Mrs J. B. Braid	0 v	Mrs T. R. Shields	1 up 1
Mrs L. Fyfe	0 v	Mrs L. J. MacFadyen	1 up 1
Mrs C. I. Turcan	0 v	Mrs J. H. Marsden	4 & 3 1
Mrs A. Fergle	0 v	Mrs K. H. Johnston	6 & 5 1
Mrs W. G. Garrow	3 & 1 1 v	Mrs W. T. Martin	0
Total	21	Total	61
RESERVES:			
Mrs F. Gilbert	2 & 1 1 v	Mrs A. Izal	0
Mrs Weale	0 v	Mrs A. C. Lough	4 & 3 1

Statesman 25.9.55.

The first meeting with Joan since the 1st Round of the All India in 1953.
(83 with 4 x 3putts)

She explains the September Inter-Club match was the first time she'd played against Joan Thompson since they met two years earlier at the All-India when Joan knocked Mum out in the First Round! In this match Mum beats her - she's improving! And her 24 handicap is down!

Handicap Mixed Foursomes ANOTHER GREAT WIN for Mum and Uncle John Forman

HANDICAP MIXED FOURSOMES

The final of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club Handicap Mixed Foursomes competition, played over the Old Course at Tollygunge on Saturday, resulted in a win for Mr J. H. Forman and Mrs Hibbins who beat Mr and Mrs A. A. G. Weir by 6 and 5.

Statesman 26.9.55.

3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 7, 4, 5.
(4, 5, 5, 5, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5).



Girl Guide Bam with her parents and dog, Wendy. Her Mum died January 1941 when Bam was 15 yrs.

WW2 had a large influence in Mum's teenage years. Already a Girl Guide at the break of the war, she immersed herself in local Women's Voluntary Services and Warden duties. She passed a Wardens Test and was involved in the local Wardens Post in The Avenue, Alverstoke where her family was relocated after the Admiralty took over Moray House. Mum became a Warden Messenger having to ride her bicycle and make sure "blackout" was kept and part of her duties were to warn of air raids.

Everyone was issued a gas mask and she carried hers with her wherever she went. The masks came in 3 sizes, Small,

Medium and Large. Food rationing was introduced and almost everything was rationed. She quickly learned long term planning and how to stretch ration coupons for family food needs. She was resourceful in many ways which benefited her later as she began a career.

Through Mum's job in The Onlooker she made many contacts in the advertising world, She was actively involved in the Esso campaign and played an integral part in creating the Air India dashing Maharaja, famous for his hospitality stance, elaborate red turban and kurta, and generous walrus moustache. She encouraged my involvement in Commercial Art and after I left school in England enrolled me in the Government College of Art and Craft in Calcutta. On the completion of my Foundation Art course she signed me into apprenticeship programs with the advertising departments of The Statesmen, McCann Erickson and J. Walter Thompson.



1942 - Mum at 17 yrs.

In 1966, after we left India my hands on experience got me hired by a BBC affiliate studio. Later I formed my own graphic design business in London followed by another in USA. But all this, thanks to Mum's insistence on my pursuing a commercial design and writing career. While in India Bam won an opportunity to travel around Europe with leading journalists from India and she was the only woman chosen!

1955 Golf Tournaments

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**TOLLYGUNGE CLUB
GOLF**

The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. Medal competition was played over the Tollygunge Club Course on Wednesday.

Leading Scores were:

Silver Division—Mrs F. P. Gilbert (16) 75; Mrs G. W. Ribbins (4) 76; Mrs D. C. W. Watkins (7) 77.

Bronze Division—Mrs K. W. Dee (29) 76; Mrs J. M. Thomson (28) 76; Mrs J. A. Steven (20) 77; Mrs W. H. Wainwright (24) 78.

Mrs K. W. De won on the last nine holes.

A total of 26 cards was taken out.

L.G.U Medal
Competition
- Mum has a
Leading Score
in the Silver
Division
**TOLLYGUNGE
CLUB GOLF**

**TOLLYGUNGE CLUB
GOLF**

On Tuesday a match was played over the Tollygunge Club Course between the Calcutta Ladies' Golf Club and the Tollygunge Club L.G.U. It resulted in a win for the Calcutta Ladies' Golf Club by 7½ matches to 6½ matches.

Details are as follows:

Mrs J. E. Potts (2 up) 1 v Mrs G. W. Ribbins 0; Mrs R. T. Archibald 0 v Mrs D. C. W. Watkin (9 and 8) 1; Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead 0 v Mrs J. A. Sayer (6 and 5) 1; Mrs C. W. Porter (2 up) 1 v Mrs P. Goffey 0; Mrs D. Ritchie (6 and 4) 1 v Mrs D. H. P. Henderson 0; Mrs J. C. Spalding 0 v Mrs J. Saddler (3 and 2) 1; Mrs R. Evrall 1 v Mrs F. P. Gilbert 1; Mrs K. H. Johnson 0 v Mrs E. J. Somerset (3 and 4) 1; Mrs W. J. Madden 0 v Mrs B. Meyer (2 up) 1; Mrs H. Madath (4 and 2) 1 v Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast 0; Rani of Nandgaon (2 and 1) 1 v Mrs E. Fordwood 0; Mrs W. D. Jones (6 and 5) 1 v Mrs J. A. Steven 0; Mrs Greenland (2 and 1) 1 v Mrs A. Selkirk 0; Mrs V. Eagleton 0 v Mrs A. H. Burnett (3 and 2) 1.

Mum won her game!
But TOLLY Ladies were
beaten by CLGC!

Mum and
Uncle John tie
in the Mixed
Foursomes
Bogey for the
Independence
Cup played
over the Maidan
Course.

**CALCUTTA LADIES
GOLF CLUB**

The Calcutta Ladies Golf Club Monthly Bogey Competition was played over the Maidan Course on Monday and resulted in a win in the Silver Division for Mrs V. C. Eagleton and in the Bronze Division for Miss J. Jones.

Leading Scores:

Silver Division—Mrs V. C. Eagleton (5) 3 down; Mrs J. H. T. Harley (2) 6 down; Mrs S. N. Ghose (5) 6 down; Mrs J. M. Lall (6) 6 down.

Bronze Division—Miss J. Jones (10) 4 down; Mrs W. R. Monk (10) 6 down; Mrs R. J. Boudrieau (11) 6 down; Mrs R. H. Mody (14) 6 down.

A mixed foursomes Bogey Competition for the Independence Cup Sunday resulted in a tie between Mrs G. W. Ribbins and Mr J. H. Forman and Mrs J. H. T. Harley and Mr W. M. Coria with a score of 2 up. Mrs Ribbins and Mr Forman winning on the last nine holes.

**CALCUTTA LADIES
GOLF CLUB**

The Calcutta Ladies Golf Club final match for the Hutchinson Challenge Bowl was played over the New Course of the R.C.G.C. on November 26 and resulted in a win, by 2-1, for Mrs P. J. F. Warner. Mrs G. Ribbins was the runner-up.

The Shanks Challenge Bowl was played over the New Course of the R.C.G.C. on November 27. Mrs F. C. Wells was the winner with a nett 70. Twenty-nine cards were taken out and nine cards were returned.

Leading scores were as follows:

Mrs F. C. Wells 95 (25) 70 (winner); Mrs D. T. Mody 95 (19) 76; Mrs E. C. Hayworth 97 (20) 77; Mrs P. J. F. Warner 102 (24) 78.

The All-India Ladies Golf Championship and Open meeting will be held at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club from January 14 to 18.

Hutchinson
Challenge Bowl
played at the
Royal
Bam is Runner
Up

1956 Merchant Cup Golf Tournament

Merchants' Cup Golf

IMPERIAL CHEMICAL GO INTO LEAD

W. T. Martin (80) Returns Best Score Of Very Wet Day

By a Correspondent

IT was wet at the Royal on Wednesday: it rained steadily until about 2.30 p.m. Those who went out early played under most trying conditions, with rain and waterlogged greens to contend with, and the later players found the green potholed by the feet of their predecessors.

Many players found it difficult to hold their clubs, and there must have been some which went as far as, if not farther than, the ball—one caddie reported that he was required to dive into the tank by the eighth green to retrieve his employer's driver! The anonymous representatives of two A teams were at pains to explain the fact that their B teams had produced better scores was entirely due to old age creeping on, and that their selection for their company's A teams was based on seniority, not skill. It was noted that the representatives of steamer agencies played well; perhaps they were at an advantage with their experience of negotiating watery problems!

W. T. Martin's 80, played almost entirely in the rain, was an exceptionally good round and deserves special mention. Other scores were high, but this was only to be expected—even Orr Dignam's score was almost forgivable. Imperial Chemical Industries now lead by four strokes from Balmer Lawrie, who are closely followed by Jardine Henderson.

DIVISION I

	Cumulative Score
Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Private Ltd. "A"	
(A. Keown)	86 259
Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. "A" (C. G. Montgomery)	96 263
Jardine Henderson Ltd. "A" (P. B. McLaren)	93 265

Jessop & Co. Ltd. (C.E. Cargin)	87 267	"A" (P. A. Jansen)	97 319	National Bank of India Ltd. "B"	102
MacNeill Ltd. "A"		Bird & Co. Private Ltd. "A"	109 322	Co. Private Ltd. "B" 120	
Andr (F)		Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co. Private Ltd. "B"		& Co. Ltd. "B"	
J.					
M					
	279	Calcutta Electric Supply Corpn. Ltd.	100 296	Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. (Mosley)	
	96 286	Khaitan Sons & Co. (B. D. Khaitan)	92 298	Mercantile Ltd.	
	93 293	Calcutta Port Commissioners	105 301	General Elect Private Ltd.	
	103 298	Thomas Duff & Co. (India) Private Ltd.	105 304	Imperial Tobacco Ltd. "B" (I)	
	107 300	Chartered Bank of India, Australasia and China	118 306	Volitas Ltd.	
	102 301	Harrisons & Crossfield Ltd.	108 306	Associated Etries (India)	
	92 311	MacNeill & Barry Ltd. "B"	119 312	M. S. Riso	
	103 312	Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Private Ltd. "B"	111 320	Atlantis (Es)	
	11 313	Gladstone Lyall & Co. Ltd. (G. W. Ribbins)	94 323	Intex (I Sahay)	
				Brooke Bond Ltd. (F)	
				Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Glaziers Ltd.	
				Calcutta Trade Jardine H. "B"	
				Lloyds Bank Statesman Co. Goody Mc D	

LEADING SCORES

W. T. Martin	(Kilburn & Co. Private Ltd.)	...	80
F. R. Bagley	(Brooke Bond India Private Ltd.)	..	84
A. Keown	(Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Private Ltd.)	...	86
J. E. Cargin	(Jessop & Co. Ltd.)	...	87

LEADING POSITIONS

Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Private Ltd. (A)	...	259
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Stalshman 11.7.56.

Dad Scores 94 for Gladstone Lyall



1957 - Four of the Best From Bombay Challenge
The Ladies of Calcutta



Contenders for the Ladies All-India—L. to R: Bam Ribbins, Betty Harley, Paddy Mitchell-Innes, Phyllis Buxton

By JOHN FORMAN

Ladies' Championship

By the time this appears in print the first round or two of the above tournament will have been decided. There are a number of strong contenders this year and it would be difficult—if not foolish—to forecast even possible finalists. The outside interest is being maintained by an entry of four from Bombay. Pride of place here, although not of lowest handicap, goes to Mrs. Thelma Brown, the present Western India Champion: as one of the previous holders of the same

Championship, Mary Taggart, also won the All India. I am sure Mrs. Brown will make a strong bid for equal honours. This is her first appearance in Calcutta.

Better known locally, but also from Bombay, is Emily Meeker: Emily has a handicap of 6. For a number of years she was the undisputed champion over there, but so far has never been successful in the All-India. The Old Course is a really tough test of golf for ladies and definitely favours the longer hitters. Perhaps it is in this department that Emily is weakest, but her short game is immaculate and can prove ruinous to an opponent.

The other two visitors from Bombay are Mrs. Doris Ede and Mrs. H. J. Trow. Both are expected to give a good account of themselves.

From the Calcutta contingent joint local favourites must inevitably be Bam Ribbins and Phyllis Buxton: Bam is a former holder and was once runner-up, while Phyllis has been runner-up on no less than three occasions. Almost like the poor Old Dear who was always the bridesmaid and never a bride! However, Phyllis has been practising religiously for some months now, and perhaps this year her efforts will be rewarded. No one appreciates better than herself the type of opposition she will be up against.

There are also quite a number of others capable of causing not a few upsets: I am equally sure that is their intention! Dilys Watkin, a former County player, has perhaps one of the soundest swings among the ladies in Calcutta: Dilys has been having a little trouble with slicing lately, but I have no doubt this will be ironed out before the great day. Joan Frost is a natural hitter of the ball, and is improving every year: she is quite capable of accounting for a more fancied player. Paddy Mitchell-Innes knocked out Bam Ribbins last year en route to the semi-finals, and is no doubt determined to go even further this year. Betty Harley meets Phyllis Buxton in the first round and will certainly not be awed by her opponent's past record. Betty will match Phyllis off the tee and, if she could tighten up her short game, could do well indeed.

There are lots of others I am sure I could mention: so ladies, if your name does not appear in the call-over among the list of possibles, please forgive me: I mean no disrespect, but space is limited!

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All-India Ladies Golf Championship

The following are the results of the first round of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship:

Miss P. Basil beat Mrs R. Evrall 3 and 2; Mrs J. H. T. Harley beat Mrs C. A. Buxton 4 and 3; Mrs D. Ede beat Mrs D. Manson 6 and 4; Mrs W. O. Frost beat Mrs J. Saddler 5 and 4; Lady Mackinlay beat Mrs R. A. V. Prendagast 7 and 6; Mrs T. Brown beat Mrs R. T. Archibald 3 and 2; Mrs D. Watkin beat Mrs E. C. Hayworth 9 and 7; Mrs C. W. Porter beat Mrs F. C. Wells 4 and 3; Mrs E. Meeker beat Mrs B. Meyer 8 and 7; Mrs D. Duncan Smith beat Mrs W. E. Mitchell-Innes 2 up; Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs H. T. Greenland 3 and 1.

SECOND ROUND MATCHES

Lady Elliott Lockhart v Miss P. Basil; Mrs J. H. T. Harley v Mrs D. Ede; Mrs W. O. Frost v Lady Mackinlay; Mrs T. Brown v Mrs D. T. Mody; Mrs H. J. Trow v Mrs P. R. Batra; Mrs D. Watkin v Mrs C. W. Porter; Mrs E. Meeker v Mrs D. Duncan Smith; Mrs G. W. Ribbins v Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead.
First match at 12-15 p.m. Thereafter at 10 minute intervals.

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ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF

The following are the results of the second round of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship played on Tuesday:

Lady Elliott-Lockhart beat Miss P. Basil on the 19th; Mrs D. Ede beat Mrs J. H. T. Harley 3 and 1; Mrs W. O. Frost beat Lady Mackinlay 5 and 4; Mrs T. Brown beat Mrs D. T. Mody 3 and 2; Mrs H. J. Trow beat Mrs T. R. Batra 8 and 7; Mrs D. Watkin beat Mrs C. W. Porter 3 and 2; Mrs E. Meeker beat Mrs D. Duncan-Smith 2 and 1; Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead 8 and 6.

TODAY'S QUARTER-FINALS

Lady Elliott-Lockhart v Mrs D. Ede; Mrs W. O. Frost v Mrs T. Brown; Mrs H. J. Trow v Mrs D. Watkin; Mrs E. Meeker v Mrs G. W. Ribbins.

The first match starts at 12-45 p.m. and thereafter at every 15-minute intervals.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16 1957

MRS RIBBINS WINS AT THE 19th All-India Ladies Golf

By a Correspondent

The quarter-finals of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship were played over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Wednesday.

Up to the quarter-final stages there were no real surprise results apart from the defeat of Mrs C. A. Buxton at the hands of Mrs J. H. T. Harley in the first round. Mrs Harley was in turn eliminated in the second round by one of the Bombay players, Mrs D. Ede.

The closest game in the quarter-finals was that between Mrs Meeker from Bombay and Mrs Ribbins of Calcutta. First blood went to Mrs Ribbins who won the first hole with a safe 5. Mrs Meeker immediately squared the game at the second and also won the next 2 holes. Mrs Ribbins three-putting the 3rd and 4th. Mrs Ribbins squared by winning the next 2 holes.

Mrs Meeker regained her lead of 2 holes when Mrs Ribbins found tank trouble at the seventh and three-putted the 8th. There was no change at the 9th, this hole being halved. Mrs Ribbins gained a good half at the long 10th in 5 after finding the big tank with her drive. She won the 11th but lost the short 12th to a bogey 3s—Mrs Meeker 2 up again. Mrs Ribbins reduced the deficit with a good bogey 4 at the 13th, halved the 14th in 5, but lost the 15th as the result of a hooked drive. At each of the 16th and 17th holes Mrs Ribbins sank good putts for birdies and the game was all square. At the 18th hole, which was halved in 5, Mrs Meeker just failed to sink a long putt. Mrs Ribbins entered the semi-final at the 19th where two good shots to the green gave her a bogey 4.

Another Bombay player to be defeated was Mrs T. Brown who lost to Mrs Frost by 3 and 1—Mrs Frost makes a habit of getting through several rounds in this competition. Mrs Frost got away to a good start by winning the first 2 holes in 3, 4, both birdies. Mrs Brown won the 5th and 8th holes, but in between Mrs Frost had won the 7th and was 1 up at the turn. The next 3 holes all went to Mrs Frost. Mrs Brown meeting with bunker and tank trouble, Mrs Brown staged a fight back by winning the 13th and 15th holes but the end came at the 17th, after a half at the 16th, when Mrs

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after a half at the 16th, when Mrs Frost sank a good putt for a 5 to win the hole and the match.

Mrs Ede from Bombay defeated Lady Elliott-Lockhart by 4 and 2. Mrs Ede was 1 up at the turn and won the next 3 holes. Lady Elliott-Lockhart won the 13th but found the tank at the short 16th and conceded the hole and match.

Bombay provide another representative in the semi-finals with the victory of Mrs Trow over Mrs Watkin by 4 and 3. This was a good win for Mrs Trow over a more fancied player. The game was fairly close for the first 9 holes when Mrs Trow reached the turn with a lead of 1 hole. On the inward half Mrs Trow won the 10th, 12th and 14th holes to become dormie 4 and gained the required half at the 15th to enter the semi-finals.

Full results were as follows: Mrs D. Ede beat Lady Elliott-Lockhart 4 and 2; Mrs W. O. Frost beat Mrs T. Brown 3 and 1; Mrs H. J. Trow beat Mrs D. Watkin 4 and 3; Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs E. Meeker at the 19th.

TODAY'S SEMI-FINALS

1-15 p.m.—Mrs D. Ede v Mrs W. O. Frost. 1-30 p.m.—Mrs H. J. Trow v Mrs G. W. Ribbins.

ALL-INDIA GOLF FINAL TODAY

Mrs. Ribbins To Meet Mrs. Frost

By a Correspondent

THE semi-finals of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship, played on Thursday, saw the defeat of the last two representatives from Bombay and the final will be contested today between Mrs W. O. Frost and Mrs G. W. Ribbins. This will be the first appearance in the final for Mrs Frost but her opponent won the title in 1955.

In the first match Mrs Frost beat the Bombay player Mrs D. Ede by 2 and 1. This was a very good game and might possibly have gone to the last green. The match started with both players hitting two good shots to the first green and a half in bogie 4 resulted Mrs Frost won the second hole with a bogie 5, her opponent's putt for a half rimming the hole. The match was squared at the third where Mrs Ede sank a good putt for a birdie 4 after both players had hit good third shots to the green. Both were bunkered at the next hole and a half resulted. The 5th and 6th were also halved, both players finding the same bunker at the latter hole.

Mrs Frost became one up again at the 7th, where the Bombay player found trouble in the nullah from her drive. The 8th was halved and Mrs Frost turned with a lead of two holes when she won the 9th. Mrs Ede won the 10th, almost sinking a putt for a birdie 4, her bogie 5 being good enough. Halves followed at the 11th in 5 and the 12th in 3. At the latter hole Mrs Frost was bunkered from the tee but exploded out to within twelve inches from the flag. Mrs Frost put herself in the comfortable position of 3 up with 4 to play when she won the 13th and 14th holes, but Mrs Ede fought back well and won the 15th where her opponent three-putted, and the 16th after finding a bunker from which she recovered well. At this hole Mrs Frost found the tank. Mrs Frost was now only 1 up with 2 to go, but Mrs Ede was unable to keep up the pressure and a fluffed chip cost her the match at the 17th.

In the second game Mrs Ribbins gained a quick lead of 2 holes winning the 1st in 5 where her opponent was bunkered and the 2nd with a birdie 4 as the result of a good putt. The same player was bunkered at the 3rd and then took 3 putts to lose the hole. The 4th was halved and Mrs H. J. Trow squared the game at the 5th where her opponent took two shots in a bunker. Mrs Ribbins then won four holes in a row. The 6th was conceded where Mrs Trow put two balls in the tank; the same player found the nullah at the 7th; and Mrs Ribbins holed a long putt for a birdie 3 at the 8th. The 10th was played very well by both, and was halved in birdie 4. The 11th was also halved. Mrs Ribbins won the 12th with a regulation 3, Mrs Trow being short from the tee, and by halving the 13th became dormant 5. The end came at the next hole which Mrs Ribbins won to gain a 6 and 4 victory. Mrs Trow must be satisfied having had such a good run in this competition.

Today's final will start at 1-30 p.m.



Mrs Ribbins, winner of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Friday.—Statesman.

MRS. RIBBINS REGAINS ALL-INDIA GOLF TITLE

Good Fight By Mrs. Frost

By a Correspondent

THE final of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship was played on Friday and resulted in a win for Mrs G. W. Ribbins who beat Mrs W. O. Frost by 2 and 1. It was a good match and interest was maintained to the end.

Mrs Frost started off in real championship form and won the first two holes in bogey. She was nicely on the first green in two, her opponent being short and to the right with her second. Mrs Ribbins had a nice chip over the bunker to the green and actually hit the pin, finishing about four to five feet away. She was unable to hole this putt. At the 2nd Mrs Ribbins hit her third shot to the left of the green, while Mrs Frost was nicely on for the same number of strokes, and was unable to get down with a chip and a putt. Mrs Ribbins won the 3rd hole in 5 where her opponent hooked her third shot. She also won the 4th in 5 where Mrs Frost did not hit a particularly good second. The short 5th was halved in four, and at the 6th Mrs Frost played short of the green in two, while her opponent's second shot found the left hand bunker. The recovery shot from this bunker was a very good one, but Mrs Ribbins took three putts to go into arrears once more. Mrs Frost found the nullah with her drive at the 7th and eventually lost the hole to a 5. Neither the 8th nor the 9th holes were particularly well played and halves resulted at each, and the match was square at the turn. At the 9th Mrs Frost played a good recovery from the bunker guarding the green.

Mrs Ribbins took the lead for the first time in the match at the 10th. Mrs Frost finding the first tank from the tee. She also won the 11th, this hole being conceded, to gain a lead of two holes. At the short 12th Mrs Ribbins played a nice shot to the front edge of the green, her opponent being bunkered to the right. From the trap Mrs Frost played a lovely recovery shot which trickled up to the pin, hit it, and stayed out one inch away. Mrs Ribbins putted up well, rimmed the hole, and finished three inches past and a half resulted—Mrs Ribbins 2 up with 6 to go.

Mrs Frost started to fight back, and won both the 13th and 14th holes to square the game; at the latter hole she sank a good putt for a birdie 4. The 15th was probably the decisive hole. Mrs Frost's drive glanced the branches of a tree and finished short, her second was well up and her third finished on the back of the green. Mrs Ribbins hit two nice shots to the green and won the hole after Mrs Frost had run her approach too far past the pin to sink the return putt. Mrs Ribbins became dormie 2 at the 16th where she hit a beautiful shot to the green, her opponent finding the tank. The match finished on the 17th. Both had good drives and both finished short of the green and to the right with their seconds. Mrs Frost had to play first and hit a nice shot to the back of the green about four yards from the cup. Mrs Ribbins played a run up shot which just trickled over the back of the green, the return chip finishing about two feet away. Mrs Frost made a valiant effort to hole her putt, just running past the hole hand side of the pin, and the hole was halved in 5. This was Mrs Ribbins' third appearance in the final and her second victory.

The prizes were presented by Mr R. R. Hogarth, Captain of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club, who refereed the final.

In his speech Mr Hogarth mentioned that he and the committee had been a little bit worried prior to the final at the state of the bunkers, owing to the recent rains in Calcutta. He went on to say that his fears were proved unfounded and that one of the finalists had given a lesson in bunker recovery shots. He also referred to a quotation from Kipling about the female of the species being deadlier than the male.

1957 GOLF TITLE FOR MRS. RIBBINS

- Pearson Surita writes -

"Bam Ribbins, once again became India's woman golf champion, recapturing a title which she had won two years ago when she first appeared on the scene unknown and unheralded yet equipped with everything that goes into the making of a top-class games player."

The Statesman:

"Mr. Hogarth, Captain of the Royal, while presenting the trophy quoted Kipling when describing Bam as "The female of the species being deadlier than the male."

The 1957 All India Ladies Golf Championship brought the ladies of Calcutta a strong challenge from the pride of Bombay but in the end it was Calcutta's Bam Ribbins who came through for her second title win since 1955. This was Bam's third All India final. Her first attempt was in 1954 when she was beaten by Mrs. Lynn. In 1955, she beat Mrs. Buxton for her first All India title and two years later, she was to begin a record that only she was able to defeat year by year! An accomplishment unbeaten to this day!

Tollygunge Golf

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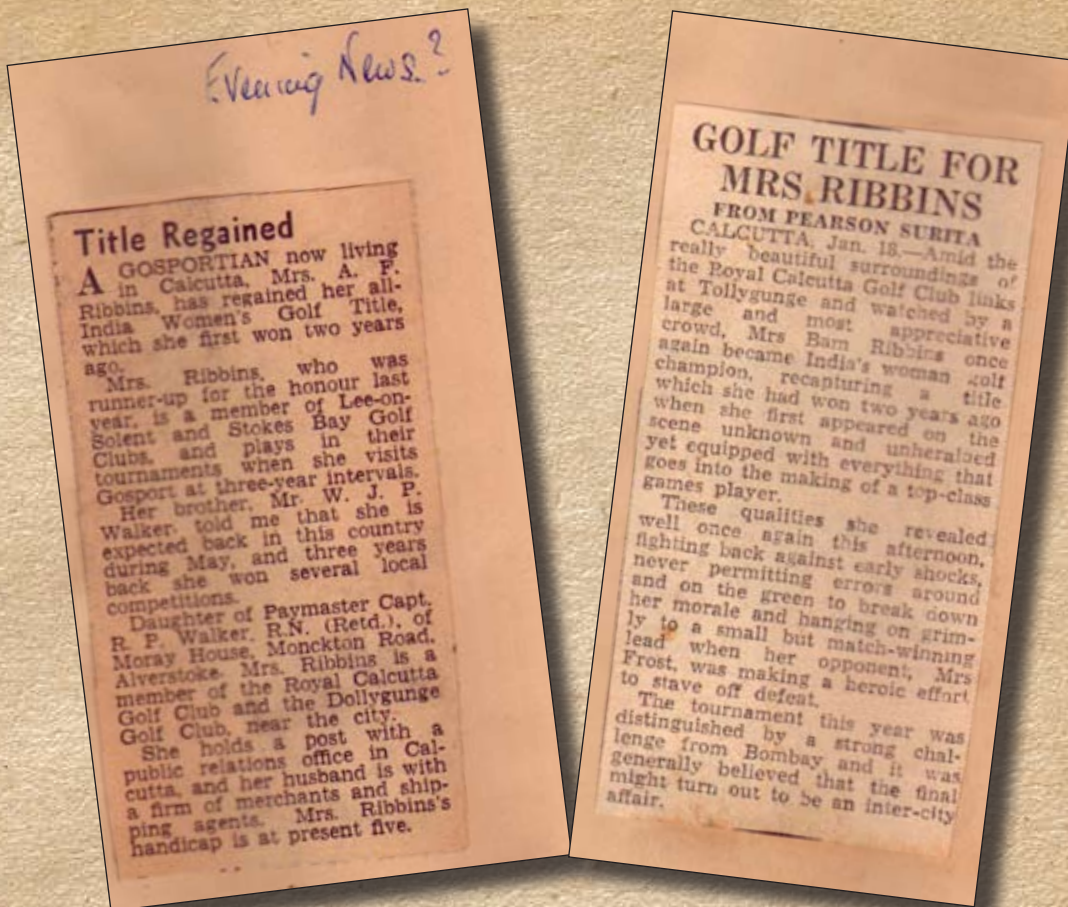
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Tollygunge Club's "Stableford" four-Ball Better-Ball -

In this Bogey Competition Mum partners with Auntie Sylvia (Manson) and they come in second. Auntie Dilys (Watkin) played with the gals too!



EVENING NEWS?

The news clipping with Mum's handwritten query is a press article from the Portsmouth area newspaper in the County of Hampshire where Mum was born and raised.

The origins of the Lee-on-Solent and Stokes Bay Golf Clubs are described in length by Mum in the Foreward. In the new article opposite Mum's youngest brother, Mr. W.J.P. Walker, boasts of her winning several local tournaments when she was last in England. Uncle Paddy (Walker) was a brilliant golfer himself and was responsible for leaking news of his sister's win to the local press! Mum was one of four siblings and adored by all three as she was their only sister. Years after his passing, I still recall Paddy's fondness for "Bambi darling"!



Mum's childhood home in Southern England was named Moray House nicknamed Moray and situated on Monckton Road, where Uncle Paddy continued living after his father passed away. Moray was a large, spacious, brick Victorian house with many rooms. The grounds sprawled and were well kept with a maintained vegetable garden, large orchard, sprawling wooded glen with tall and unusual trees, a colourful rose garden with arbors galore, and a beautifully manicured rockery that Mum's mother enjoyed tending personally.

There were several outer storage buildings but I remember best the carriage house with loft, and a large glass conservatory with unique plants. There were several "secret" places to discover like the chicken coups at the far end of the lawn and many nooks and crannies for hide and seek adventures.

During WW2, the Admiralty requisitioned Moray and converted it into a residence for hundreds of military personnel. Mum's family were relocated for the rest of the war to a smaller home on The Avenue, near Alverstoke Village, where Mum met new friends. Mutual friends introduced her to the Ribbins Family. Colleen Ribbins and Mum were both the same age, loved riding horses and played tennis. A new friendship blossomed. Colleen, also known as Colly, adored her older cousin George who later became my Dad. He first met Bam while visiting his cousins, serving in England, en route to being stationed to North Africa where he joined the Desert Rats.



In 1940, Dad was part of the heroic Rescue Operation Dynamo that moved almost 400,000 British and French soldiers trapped by German armies at the beaches of Dunkirk, to England. Because of the shallow waters near Dunkirk, British Naval Destroyers weren't able to approach the beaches and escaping soldiers had to wade out to the warships, many of them spending hours shoulder deep in water until help shuttled them to freedom.

According to British, then Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, "Operation Dynamo" was the "greatest military defeat for centuries"

and its success served to raise British morale at a time Britain appeared defeated.

Dad's heroism was part of the "Dunkirk Spirit" (a phrase still used for courage and solidarity in adversity) first mentioned in Churchill's famous speech in the House of Commons (June 4, 1940) and remembered in David Knowles BBC News story (May 30, 2000) "The Miracle of Dunkirk".

Dad's family proudly boast of his part in the transporting of thousands of stranded soldiers into over 700 private boats and small craft which tirelessly carried them between the beaches and warships for weeks. Dad returned home safely, exhausted and apparently slept without moving for days on end!



After the war, Moray was returned back to its original state but the next generation, by then married, decided to partition the house into three separate homes which remains that way today. The acreage it sat on has since been partitioned off into two further dwellings as have the outer buildings which are now converted into separate family residences.


During our furloughs we'd often stay at Moray and I remember well the spectacular views of the Isle of Wight across the English Channel (where Osborne House is situated: Queen Victoria's 1800's summer getaway). We'd beachcomb along our local Gilkicker Beach listening to Mum and Dad reminiscing about the war years in these parts. While Jenny and I were at a local junior boarding school we were able to enjoy many of the surroundings and pastimes Mum enjoyed with Colly and friends, particularly the horse riding paths which remained the same for years. We rode horses from the same stables that Mum worked at when she was young, when she groomed the horses and shoveled the barns. We did the same years later at the same stables!

While on leave, Mum participated in local Ladies golf and even from abroad strongly supported her home club Gosport and Stokes Bay to which she gave years of dedicated tuition and selfless service. In 2002, at 75 years old, in appreciation of all she'd contributed to golfing and local golfers, her Club awarded her a Full Honorary Life Membership which she received with her customary modesty and as a great honor.

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1958 FIRST ROUNDS OF THE ALL INDIA LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

A number of the golfing ladies who played in the 1958 All-India were of particular influence in our young lives such as Aunty Sylvia (Mrs. D Manson) who was married to Uncle Donald. They were a Scottish couple, with thick brogues, who brought us hilarity with their gregarious personalities. Mum mentions Aunty Sylvia in my Baby Book Aunty as early as my First Birthday, who came to my party with a gift of "pretty hankies"!

Sylvia was one of the movie stars, alongside us daughters in Dad's family home movies. As an avid Producer and Director he captured many amusing hours of our growing up and first time experiences year by year. Sylvia's on-screen performance as she played to the camera was as outstanding as her golf game!

Apart from his other talents, George Ribbins was an accomplished stage Producer. Both he and Mum were involved in several All-Amateur theatre productions with The Calcutta Theatre group, Calcutta Dramatic Club and Pantomime Group. The many plays, musicals and pantomimes they organized were primarily Fundraisers that benefited good causes such as the Indian Red Cross, S.P.C.I and Cheshire Homes Orphanages.

I clearly remember the theatre production of 1958 for Cheshire Homes. Jenny and I had bit parts for the hysterical pantomime our parents wrote and produced - Alladin Bhai. We were singers and dancers in several scenes but sadly, I got measles days before my debut performance and didn't get to be on stage. But I was spotlighted in a unique way when Founder, Leonard Cheshire himself gave me his special audience. He made a house call, and at my sickbed signed my Autograph Book, and presented a signed Cheshire Homes Fundraiser Program voicing how appreciative he was of our parents' theatrical efforts, which aided in the purchase of three new Cheshire Homes in India.

Some years earlier, during another theatre production, an emergency illness befell Dad two weeks before curtains up, but the show went on and a theatre reviewer wrote: "The Calcutta Dramatic Club are to be congratulated on the latest production, *Little Lambs Eat Ivy* which was performed at the New Empire Theatre on 20th, 22nd and 23rd of August. Two thirds of the way through rehearsals the producer, Mr. George

Ribbins had to retire to a nursing home with a gastric ailment and the production inevitably died a little as anything does which lacks the vital presence of Mr. Ribbins or his wife.....”

Of all the Theatre Reviews Mum collected in her “India Scrapbook” covering the numerous shows they produced together, the memento and press clipping I like best is about Noel Coward’s *Present Laughter*, because Noel sent them a personal, autographed, good luck letter dated 10th October, 1951 saying, “I send “The Amateurs of Calcutta” my very best good wishes for a most successful production of *Present Laughter*”

1958 FIRST ROUNDS OF THE
ALL INDIA LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

All-India Ladies Golf Championship

By a Correspondent
Mrs G. W. Ribbins, the holder, had an easy victory in the first round of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship which commenced at the R.C.G.C. on Saturday.

The following are the results of first round matches:

Mrs G. Ribbins beat Mrs D. H. P. Henderson 6 and 4.
Mrs G. Wade beat Mrs R. Evrall 6 and 4.
Mrs D. Manson beat Mrs B. Meyer 4 and 3.
Mrs D. C. W. Watkin beat Mrs J. Saddler 4 and 2.
Mrs C. W. Porter beat Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast 1 Up.
Mrs D. Duncan Smith beat Mrs H. Kidd 3 and 1.
Mrs R. Y. Morrison beat Lady Elliott Lockhart 3 and 1.
Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs K. Schoon 4 and 2.

Second round matches to be played on Tuesday Jan. 28 are as follows:

Mrs F. C. Wells v Mrs J. D. Spurr;
Miss P. Basil v Mrs G. Ribbins;
Mrs G. Wade v Mrs F. P. Gilbert;
Mrs D. Manson v Mrs D. C. W. Watkin; Mrs C. W. Porter v Mrs C. E. Cargin; Mrs D. Duncan Smith v Mrs R. Y. Morrison; Mrs C. A. Buxton v Mrs D. Ritchie; Mrs W. T. Martin v Mrs R. R. Hogarth.

EASY WIN FOR MRS. RIBBINS

All-India Ladies Golf

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Third round matches are as follows:

Mrs J. D. Spurr v Mrs G. Ribbins;
Mrs G. Wade v Mrs D. C. W. Watkin; Mrs C. W. Porter v Mrs R. Y. Morrison; Mrs C. A. Buxton v Mrs R. R. Hogarth.

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1958 All India Ladies Open

Contenders for the All-India Title came from different countries and places in India. This year a visitor, Mrs. Spurr, came from the Dooars, the breathtaking gateway to the eastern Himalayas and hill station regions of Darjeeling. My Baby Book shows I was sent from Tollygunge where Mum and Dad lived to beautiful Darjeeling at 6 months to enjoy the cool climes, forests and mountain streams of the lush undulating plains far away from the “prickly heat” weather of Calcutta. I inherited my Dad’s gastric troubles and the nuns of Loreto, Mother John Burkman, (Burky) and Mother Superior had the joys of looking after their youngest resident while I recuperated.



Caryl at 6 months in arms of Mother Superior, Loreto Convent, Darjeeling

In 1949 we moved at Christmas to our first house and new home in Ballygunge where I went to my first pre-school, “Miss Higgins School, in Ballygunge” in November 1950 at about 2 and a half years of age. Jenny was born that year and according to Mum’s entry in my Baby Book in her handwriting as though I were speaking, I would go to school, “each morning in the car with Douglas Pringle and Mary Campbell. There are about 65 other children.

My next School was in Plymouth (England). St. Mary’s. I had a Green Blazer and Tammy and School Frock. Feb – July 1951.”



While at our schools in England we sisters stayed with The Robbins family in Plymouth, Leicester and Kent spending many School Holidays with Dad’s cousins. Cousin Colleen, although living in Canada, was named my Godmother and as Bam’s best friend, over the years, became a second mother to me. Dad’s sister’s family would often visit us in Leicester during School-breaks. His other siblings moved to Australia, USA and India

All-India Ladies Golf

ANOTHER GOOD WIN FOR MRS. RIBBINS

Mrs. Wade Takes Mrs. Watkin To 17th Green

By a Correspondent

THE quarter-finals of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship were played over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Wednesday. Unfortunately it rained throughout the day's play and the contestants had unusual conditions to contend with.

In the first match the holder, Mrs G. W. Ribbins, won fairly comfortably against Mrs J. D. Spurr, a visitor from the Doonars. Mrs Ribbins was 5 up at the turn, having played steady golf. The 10th, 11th and 12th holes were all halved and Mrs Ribbins won the 13th in a bogey 5 to get through to the semi-final. In earlier rounds Mrs Ribbins had beaten Mrs D. H. P. Henderson and Miss P. Basil.

The best match of the day was that between Mrs D. C. W. Watkin and Mrs G. Wade. After a half at the first hole, Mrs Wade drew first blood by winning the 2nd. Her lead was neutralised when Mrs Watkin won the 3rd. The latter also won the 4th, where Mrs Wade took three putts, to go one up. The next five holes were all halved leaving the position unchanged at the turn. The 10th hole was also halved, both players playing particularly well and getting down in birdie 4's. After yet another half Mrs Wade squared the game when she won the 12th with a 3, but proceeded to three-putt the 13th to go into arrears once more. Mrs Wade played a very good chip at the 14th to win the hole with a 5 and Mrs Watkin retaliated by winning the 15th—Mrs Watkin one up with three to go. Mrs Watkin played a lovely tee shot at the 16th and finished it off with a good putt for a 2 to become dormie. Mrs Wade found the tank with her tee shot at the 17th and lost the hole to a 4 and a very good match by 3 and 1.

Mrs R. Y. Morrison, who has managed to get through on the last green in the previous round, against Mrs D. Duncan-Smith in a very good game, beat Mrs C. W. Porter by 4 and 3. Mrs Porter had a very close match in the first round in which she was 4 down after 6 holes against Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast, but managed to win by one hole. Mrs Morrison won the first two holes and was 3 up at the turn. She also won the 10th where Mrs Porter had trouble with a tank. After losing the 12th to a 3, Mrs Porter won the 13th, halved the 14th, but lost the 15th to allow Mrs Morrison to reach the next round.

In the last game of the day Mrs C. A. Buxton played beautiful golf to beat Mrs Hogarth by 8 and 6. Mrs Buxton was only 2 over bogey for the 12 holes played and Mrs Hogarth was unable to do very much against such opposition. Mrs Buxton met Mrs I. Schoon, the Indonesian Champion, in the 1st round and both these players played very steady golf to be all square for most of the game. Mrs Buxton towards the end had a run of four birdies and won by 4 and 3.

- Results: Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs J. D. Spurr 6 and 5; Mrs D. C. W. Watkin beat Mrs G. Wade 3 and 1; Mrs R. Y. Morrison beat Mrs C. W. Porter 4 and 3; Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs R. R. Hogarth 8 and 6. The pairings for today's semi-finals are as follows: Mrs G. W. Ribbins v Mrs D. C. W. Watkin; Mrs R. Y. Morrison v Mrs C. A. Buxton.

The first match starts at 1-20 p.m. and the second at 1-30 p.m. and both should prove to be close games.

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1958 ...THE SEMI FINAL'S

"One of the best matches of the tournament was that between Dilys Watkin and Bam in the semi-finals: it was a cut and throat affair all through..."

For posterity, Mum writes her scores with her golf pencil straight onto the pages of her scrapbook – the Semi-Final score is marked with W for Aunty Dilys Watkin's score and R (Ribbins) for Mum.

MRS RIBBINS TO MEET MRS BUXTON IN FINAL

By a Correspondent

THE semi-finals of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship were completed over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Thursday. Both matches were full of interest and as a result the holder, Mrs G. W. Ribbins, will meet Mrs C. A. Buxton in today's final which will commence at 1-30 p.m. Both have been in the final on several occasions and, as the two players have been playing consistent golf throughout the earlier stages of this year's championship, a battle royal should be assured.

The closer match of the day proved to be the one in which Mrs Ribbins had to play the full 18 holes before gaining the upper hand on Mrs D. C. W. Watkin. Mrs Watkin made a good start by winning the first hole with a 4, Mrs Ribbins 3 putting this green. The 2nd hole went to Mrs Ribbins when her opponent had slight tree trouble from her tee shot. Both the 3rd and 4th holes were halved, Mrs Ribbins fall-

She does it - AGAIN!
HER THIRD WIN....
SECOND YEAR IN SUCCESSION!
THE FINALS.....

Mrs Ribbins to meet Mrs Buxton
– "A Royal Battle Assured....."

"On top of her form and played golf that could hardly be beaten....one below bogey for 13 holes completed which must rank as about the best golf played in the final of this nature for some years...."

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Figures:-

	W	R	PAV
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2-6	5	5	5
3-6	6	5	3
4-5	5	5	5
5-3	4	4	5
6-5	4	4	4
7-5	5	5	5
8-5	5	4	4
9-5	4	5	5
10-5	5	5	5
11-5	5	5	5
12-4	4	4	5
13-5	4	4	5
14-5	6	6	5
15-5	5	5	4
16-4	2	2	5
17-5	5	5	4
18-5	5	5	5
Total	44	44	39

ing to take a chance of winning the 3rd when she once more took three putts. Mrs Watkin took the lead again at the short 5th where she hit a perfect tee shot to the middle of the green. Her opponent holed out in 4, but Mrs Watkin got down in the regulation two putts. The 6th and 7th holes changed hands, Mrs Ribbins winning the former with a 4 and her opponent taking the long 7th with a 5. After a half at the 8th Mrs Ribbins won the 9th with a birdie to reach the turn all square. The first three holes of the inward half were all halved. At the 10th Mrs Ribbins put her tee shot into the bank of the large tank and had to play out backwards but still collected a bogey 5. Both were bunkered at the short 12th and 4's resulted. Mr Ribbins birdied the 13th where she took one putt to gain the lead but Mrs Watkin counter-attacked and won the long 14th with a 5—all square once more. The 15th was halved in 5 and then the 16th proved to be the decisive hole. Mrs Ribbins played a delightful tee shot to within about 8 ft of the stick and sank her putt for a birdie 2 to go one up at a vital stage. Both the 17th and 18th holes were halved in 5's to give Mrs Ribbins a narrow victory.

In the second semi-final Mrs Buxton defeated Mrs R. Y. Morrison, who proved a worthy opponent by 3 and 2.

Results:

Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs D. C. W. Watkin 1 up

Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs R. Y. Morrison 3 and 2.

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Bam’s explosion from the trap curved onto the green, bounced twice, ran on, hit the flag and finished a mere four inches from the hole: it was a wonderful shot.

The Finals Score in Mum's handwriting indicates Buxton as B and Ribbins as R

Finals

	B	R	Par
1	5	4	4
2	5	5	5
3	5	5	5
4	5	4	4
5	4	4	4
6	4	4	5
7	6	5	4
8	6	6	5
9	5	6	5
	<u>45</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>41</u>

	B	R	Par
10	5	4	5
11	5	5	5
12	4	3	3
13	3	4	5
	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>

Mrs Buxton 5 over for 13

MRS RIBBINS RETAINS ALL-INDIA GOLF TITLE

Brilliant Form Against Mrs. Buxton In Final

By a Correspondent

MRS G. W. Ribbins won the All-India Ladies Golf Championship for the third time, and the second year in succession, when she beat Mrs C. A. Buxton by 6 and 5 in the final of the 1958 Championship played over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Friday. Mrs Buxton was making her fourth appearance in the final of this Championship and has yet to record a win.

Mrs Buxton's golf in the earlier rounds was consistently good and it did seem that this might have been her year. However, she was unfortunate to meet an opponent in the final who was on top of her form and played golf that could hardly be beaten. Mrs Ribbins was in fact one below bogey for the 13 holes completed which must rank as just about the best golf played in a final of this nature for some years. Mrs Ribbins took the lead at the first hole where she got down in 4. The next two holes were halved in regulation 5's and Mrs Ribbins gained a 2-hole lead when she carded her first birdie at the 4th. Both the 5th and 6th holes were halved in bogey 4's and at the 7th Mrs Ribbins put her tee shot into the nullah but succeeded in getting a bogey 5 when she sank a putt all of 25 ft. This was good enough for a win as Mrs Buxton's putter let her down and she missed a short one for a half. Mrs Ribbins also won the 8th to gain a comfortable lead of 4 holes. Mrs Buxton won the 9th where her opponent missed a short putt but this was the only hole she was destined to win. Mrs Ribbins got a birdie 4 at the 10th after two magnificent shots to be pin-high on the green and regained her 4-hole lead. The 11th was halved in bogey and at the short 12th Mrs Ribbins holed out in 3 while Mrs Buxton was unfortunate to be bunkered from the tee. The latter exploded well but was unable to hole the putt for a half. The match ended at the 13th where Mrs Ribbins got her third birdie.

Both players had good drives but Mrs Buxton found her ball in a hanging lie. Her shot from here was a bit strong and finished over the green. Meanwhile Mrs Ribbins had played a good second which was unlucky enough to finish in the bunker. She played a magnificent explosion shot which finished 6" from the pin; Mrs Buxton played a brave approach, but once again her putter let her down and she was unable to hole the putt required to keep the game alive. The match was refereed by Mr F. R. Bagley, Captain of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club.

At the prize-giving ceremony after the game the Captain of the Ladies Golf Club, Mrs C. W. Porter, spoke of the high standard of Golf witnessed in this Championship and congratulated both the winner and the runner-up. She mentioned that entries this year had not been as large as in some of the preceding years, but emphasized the success of the Championship.

Mr F. R. Bagley, who presented the prizes said that it was always nice to have the Ladies hold their Championship at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club and he pointed out that the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club was itself almost as old as the Royal.



Mrs Ribbins, the winner, who retained her title on Friday.—
—Statesman.

DAD SENDS US OUR FIRST EVER TELEGRAM....

Which arrives at our junior boarding school in EnglandAND The PORTSMOUTH EVENING NEWS makes mention of Mum, a home grown heroine!

By 1958 we were attending St. Vincent's Boarding School in Alverstoke near Uncle Paddy. Grandpa, who'd lived in the area for 39 years, had passed away the year before, and Mum had spent three months away from India to be with her brothers in Hampshire and settle us into our new school. Four months later, we received a telegram that Mum's done it again! Winner of the All India Ladies Nationals. Needless to say we were as proud as we could be but sad to be missing the celebrations, however Mum sent us the first champagne cork that "popped" the first bottle opened and I've been collecting champagne corks ever since that "pop" for any memorable occasion!

MRS. RIBBINS WINS AGAIN


For the third time, and the second year in succession, Mrs. G. W. Ribbins has won the all-India women's golf championship. Mrs. Ribbins is the daughter of Captain (S) R. P. Walker, R.N., who has lived at Alverstoke for the past 39 years, and she has two daughters who attend St Vincent School, Alverstoke.

Her husband is a mercantile assistant for a large British business firm, and they went out to India nearly seven years ago. Although a keen golfer before that, Mrs. Ribbins has only taken part in competitive golf since first going to India.

She returned to Calcutta after three months' leave in October. During her leave, she played at Lee-on-Solent and Gosport and Stokes Bay golf clubs.

Her latest achievement was described by one golfing journalist: "Mrs. Ribbins was, in fact, one below bogey for the 13 holes completed, which must rank as just about the best golf played in a final of this match for some years."

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1958 MUM DOES IT AGAIN - ALL INDIA LADIES CHAMPION

CALCUTTA GOLF

By JOHN FORMAN

Ladies' All-India Championship

AS was expected, the undoubtedly two best lady golfers in Calcutta, or more correctly in India, met in the finals of the National Championship. Bam Ribbins was defending her title, while Phyllis Buxton was having yet another tilt at the tournament: indeed, it was Phyllis' fourth final without a win. (If it is any consolation, Phyllis, I. S. Malik had an even better record of finals before he eventually won the All India! But I hope you don't have to wait as long as he did.)

Up to the final stage it had been Phyllis who had produced the better and more convincing golf: in the earlier rounds most of her opponents were slaughtered well out in the country, while Bam was still trying to find her best form. However, that is not uncommon in competitive golf: very often it is the player, who has only just scrambled through the early rounds who, with the pressure on and something bigger at stake, gets really "hot". Such was the case when Phyllis

went down to a much bigger margin than any of us expected. Bam's putter was devastatingly "on" that day!

Before a sizeable crowd, among whom were quite a number of males who had sneaked off from Clive Street, Phyllis and Bam hit two good drives from the 1st tee: Bam played a No. 7 for her approach to within five feet of the pin, while Phyllis had pushed her second into the bunker on the right: she exploded well, but her six-foot putt just failed to drop: 1 up. The 2nd was halved in regulation bogeys. Phyllis played the 3rd in a somewhat more orthodox manner, but Bam slotted the first of a number of long cruel putts to snatch a half: it was the same at the 4th, with Bam sinking yet another 12-footer, this time for a birdie and a win: Phyllis was lying handy 10 feet away in 3 but the putt again failed to drop. Neither played the short 5th very well and halves in 4 resulted.

Pushed drives at the 6th presented more difficult seconds, but both girls boldly carried the bunker and finished hole-high: Phyllis putted lamentably short, but stroked in the next for an important half. The long 7th could well have been the turning point in the game; again it was Phyllis who played the better golf through the green and was actually lying nicely on in 3: Bam had had a series of excursions *en route* and eventually scrambled on to the edge of the green in 4: this could be one back for Phyllis! But Bam's putt never looked like going anywhere else but the middle of the hole—and a shattered Phyllis three-putted! Such are the fortunes of the misfortunes of golf. The 8th and 9th changed hands, leaving Phyllis 3 down at the turn.

Bam played two beautiful woods to

the left of the 10th green chipped up, and sank the putt for a birdie: 4 up. The 11th was halved, and at the short 12, Bam, now right on top and playing confident golf, hit her tee shot 10 feet from the cup: Phyllis' ball finished in the bunker on the right from where she recovered well—a mere five feet from the hole: but once again the putt just failed to drop, and by this time she was rapidly running out of holes.

The end came at the next hole, in a somewhat dramatic manner: after two good drives Phyllis played short into the depression on the left, then chipped rather strongly, while Bam had hit her second into the bunker on the right. Bam's explosion from the trap curved onto the green, bounced twice, ran on, hit the flag and finished a mere four inches from the hole: it was a wonderful shot—but how disheartening for any opposition at that stage in the game! Phyllis made a bold effort to keep the game alive, but the ball ran over the hole and stayed out. Bad luck.

Earlier Rounds

There had been quite a lot of interest in the first round match between Ietje Schoon and Phyllis Buxton: although losing two holes smartly, Ietje recovered well and managed to square the game: however, her more experienced opponent was not to be denied, and Phyllis took complete charge from the 12th on.

Mrs. Spurr, the only outside entrant, did well to reach the quarter-finals, but at that stage could not cope with the eventual winner. One of the best matches of the tournament was that between Dilys Watkin and Bam in the semi-finals: it was a cut and thrust affair all through. Bam won the short 16th in a birdie 2, to take the lead at a crucial stage: this proved the decisive hole as the 17th and 18th were halved.

Although the entries had not been as in previous years it had not been as successful.

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS POUR IN!

The letter opposite from Chitranjan, Bardhaman District in West Bengal, is in the familiar handwriting of one of our parents' closest mentors, Jesuit priest and personal family friend Reverend Father Fitz. For some mysterious reason, only known to them, Father Fitz signs himself Methuselah Tiddlywinks, who is obviously in the know about "balding", "a choice of tie" and apparently more!

At least the 'P.S.' is straight forward. Fitz read the news of Mum's win while in Asansol and sent congratulatory greetings with love to George (Dad) and "the children".

Father Fitz was always a part of our parents' decision making particularly when it came to matters of our schooling. His Roman Catholic affiliations helped place us in Loreto House School in Middleton Row. Eventually, when he moved from Asansol, he lived in the Residence near St Thomas' Church, Middleton Row, where he regularly presided over offering Roman Catholic Mass and other religious observances at St. Thomas'. He was part of our family gathering at our Christmas Eve Dinners along with Dad's brother, Uncle Lionel, an Anglican Priest who was sadly murdered during political riots while he was involved in missionary work in Bangladesh. After our Christmas dining festivities we'd traditionally attend Midnight Mass at St. Thomas'. Christmas in Calcutta was a time of lavish generosity: We received many gift baskets from Dad's business clients who wished us Seasons Greetings despite most coming from a different religious background. During Christmas week, we'd travel by car delivering gifts to many of our close friends, enjoying Christmas decorations en route. But, more spectacular by far was Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights when the city was ablaze with enthusiastic celebration

Father Fitz's familiar handwriting is a happy reminder of the many letters he wrote to us while we were at boarding school. Letters received were a source of great joy and being able to recognize the hand-writing was part of the fun of receiving. The hand written congratulatory correspondence following are a sad reminder of the lost art of hand written letters that have given way to keyboard technology: emailing, internet chat-rooms, face-book and phone texting!

Amusing CONGRATULATIONS
from Father Fitz

16B, Street No. 9,
Chittaranjan,
Burdwan Dist
25/1/57.

Dear Mr. Robbins,

Be so kind as to give me an appointment towards the end of this month. I wish to consult you concerning a few grave matters that are worrying me considerably.

First there is the matter of baldness. You can I feel sure tell me how one can grow bald gracefully.

Then the matter of a choice of tie. I experience no little difficulty in satisfying my wife. You will enlighten me.

I have long suffered painfully from complicated castanets. I shall follow your advice to the last.

There are other matters of a more intimate nature that I wish to consult you about. I shall open my heart.

Permit me the impertinence, which have you decided on, the screen or TV?

Devotedly yours

Pethusalekhi Tiddalwint.

P.S. Dear Bram. Warmest congratulations. Head of your captor only yesterday, passing through Arand. Feel somewhat cut off out here, but otherwise hilarious. Please tell George I have not got in touch with Karail (!) Singh as yet. Apologies. Love to the children and grandsons. Father, Fitz.

An interesting comment in this
CONGRATULATORY LETTER!

42-B, PARK STREET,
CALCUTTA-16

18th January '57

Dear Mrs. Robbins,

I heard about it
to-day, and I just wanted
to write and say "well
done!". Mr. Robbins often
spoke about your power
at Solp, but I had no
idea you took it as
seriously as all that.

Here's hoping you go
from victory unto victory.

Yours Very Sincerely,
Elizabeth (Stoker)

CONGRATULATIONS from a business colleague at
Dad's office who's passing on news coverage from Delhi
and Correspondent Pearson Surita

4, FAIRLIE PLACE
CALCUTTA 1

13/2/57

My dear Bam,

Pearson asked me
to give George the attached cuttings
from a Delhi newspaper, but as
His Lordship is on tour, I'm sending
it to you.

Was verily sorry to have
missed your celebration party, but
work (that cursed medium through
which we eat & drink !!) intervened!

Hope to see you soon

Yours as ever

Joe.

Kind CONGRATULATORY sentiments with a "chota peg"
(small shot) and hopes for wins until Mum's 99
- sadly an age not reached!

TELEPHONE—120

TISCO HOTEL
JAMSHEDPUR



TELEGRAMS:
'TISCOHOTEL'

20.1.57.

My dear Mrs Ribbins,

Please allow me to
send you my congratulations ~~for~~ on your
success in the "Open". The newspapers here
are about 2 days behind the times and I
only read about the results in today's paper
So am writing immediately - Well done I
say and I hope you do the same again
every year from now on until you are 99.

Today I shall have a
"chota peg" and toast your success because I
shall be away from Calcutta until the end
of the month and won't be able to attend
your usual "winners" party.

Please give my kind
regards to George and the children

Yours very sincerely
Len Greenburg.

CONGRATULATIONS from Dad's Burra Sahib
on behalf of all at Gladstone Lyall

4, FAIRLIE PLACE
CALCUTTA 1

19th January 1957.

My dear Bam,

I read with great pleasure this morning the result of the All India Ladies Amateur Golf Championship and I now hasten to congratulate you.

I am quite sure the rest of the staff in the Agency Department, as well as all members of the Company, are very proud of your success and join me in this letter of congratulation.

Yours very sincerely,

J. M. Bannerman
(J.M. BANNERMAN).

Mrs. G.W. Ribbins,
1 Merlin Park,
Ballygunge,
CALCUTTA.

GJ

TOLLYGUNGE CLUB GOLF
 The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. Monthly Medal was played over the Tollygunge Club Course on Wednesday. Twenty-nine Cards were taken out.
 Leading scores were:-
 Silver Division—Mrs G. W. Ribbins (4) 74; Mrs B. Meyer (17) 75.
 Bronze Division—Mrs N. S. Watson (21) 74; Mrs J. B. Braid (19) 75; Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast (19) 75; Mrs S. J. G. Nairn (28) 76.

LGU Monthly Medal - Silver Division - Mum has Leading Score

TOLLYGUNGE CLUB GOLF AWARDS
 The following are the results of the L.G.U. Open Meeting (1957) of the Tollygunge Club—
MEDAL COMPETITION
 Silver Division—Scratch Prize—Mrs C. A. Buxton 80.
 Handicap—Mrs T. V. Croley (16) 73 First Prize; Mrs F. P. Gilbert (12) 75 Second Prize (on last nine holes); Mrs C. E. Cargin (17) 75.
 Bronze Division—Scratch Prize—Mrs F. C. Wells 100.
 Handicap—Mrs A. N. R. McHarg (30) 73 First Prize (last 9 holes); Mrs J. Gidley (29) 73 Second Prize (last 9 holes); Mrs I. Nath (36) 73.
BOGEY COMPETITION
 Silver Division—Mrs D. Duncan-Smith (16) 2 Up First Prize; Mrs G. W. Ribbins (4) 1 Up Second Prize.
 Bronze Division—Mrs A. N. R. McHarg (28) all square First Prize; Mrs W. R. Monk (30) 1 down Second Prize.
BOGEY FOURSOMES
 Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast and Mrs D. Duncan-Smith 4 Up First Prize; Mrs A. N. Mitchell and Mrs A. A. G. Weir 2 Up Second Prize.

1957 LGU OPEN at Tolly Bogey Competition Silver Division Mum comes second to Auntie Maureen (Duncan-Smith) who wins

TOLLYGUNGE GOLF
 The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. Monthly Medal was played over the Tollygunge Club Course on Wednesday. Twenty-six cards were taken out.
 Leading scores were:-
 Silver Division—Mrs G. W. Ribbins (4) 72; Mrs D. Duncan Smith (11) 74; Mrs D. Manson (8) 75; Mrs D. Wade (16) 75.
 Bronze Division—Mrs C. Fountain (27) 76; Mrs H. Norrington (26) 79; Mrs W. Everard (36) 79.

LGU Monthly Medal - Silver Division: Mum has Leading Score

LGU Monthly Medal, Silver Division - Aunties Peggy (Prendergast) and Phyllis (Buxton) beat Mum But she DROPS TO A 3 HANDICAP!

TOLLYGUNGE GOLF
 The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. Monthly Medal was played over the Tollygunge Club course on Wednesday. Eighteen Cards were taken out.
 Leading scores were:-
 Silver Division—Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast (16) 72; Mrs C. A. Buxton (4) 73; Mrs G. W. Ribbins (3) 77.
 Bronze Division—Mrs C. Fountain (30) 68; Mrs H. Norrington (26) 70; Mrs V. Andrews (36) 77.

Tollygunge L.G.U. Competitions
 The following were the results of Tollygunge Club L.G.U. competitions held recently:
January L.G.U. Bogey—
 Silver Division—Mrs D. C. W. Watkin 2 up.
 Bronze Division—Mrs J. E. Andrews 2 down.
Captain's Prize—Twenty-three competitors entered for this on January 15 and it was played as a Bogey Stapleford, in one division.
 Winner—Mrs J. A. Eastwood (19) 39 points (on last 9 holes); Runner-up—Mrs D. L. Main-Day (29) 39 points.
Awards for 1957:
 L.G.U. Scratch Challenge Bowl—Mrs C. A. Buxton.
 L.G.U. Handicap Challenge Bowl—Mrs A. F. Ribbins.
 Aggregate Cup Silver Division—Mrs D. Duncan-Smith.
 Aggregate Cup Bronze Division—Mrs L. W. Balcombe.
L.G.U. Brooches—
 Silver Division—Mrs F. P. Gilbert.
 Bronze Division—Mrs H. Norrington.
Tollygunge Cup (played on February 12)—
 Best Nett Scores: Mrs Alexander (25) 67 (winner); Mrs J. McEwan (22) 69; and Mrs T. V. Croley (17) 70.
 Best scratch score: Mrs C. A. Buxton 82.
 Other good scores recorded: Mrs A. H. Mitchell (24) 71; Mrs W. E. Mitchell-Innes (15) 73; Mrs J. B. Braid (16) 74; Mrs D. H. P. Henderson (14) 74; Mrs A. McHarg (28) 75.
 Fifty-three cards were taken out.

Mum wins the LGU Handicap Challenge Bowl

All-India Ladies Golf Prizes
 The following is a list of the prize winners in the Championship and the Open Meeting which was run in conjunction with it.
All-India Lady champion; Mrs G. W. Ribbins.
 Runner-up, Mrs C. A. Buxton.
 Semi-finalists: Mrs D. C. W. Watkin and Mrs R. Y. Morrison.
 Best scratch scores.
 Silver Division: Mrs C. A. Buxton.
 Bronze Division: Mrs H. Madath. Medal.
 Silver Division: Mrs W. Mitchell Innes 1; Mrs E. J. Somerset 2.
 Bronze Division: Mrs M. Russell 1; Mrs W. R. Monk 2.
Bogey.
 Silver Division: Mrs J. Eastwood 1; Mrs V. C. Eagleton 2.
 Bronze Division: Mrs P. F. Lewis 1; Mrs A. A. G. Weir 2.
Bogey Foursomes. Mrs J. D. Spurr and Mrs D. Manson 1; Mrs F. P. Gilbert and Mrs E. Somerset 2.
9-Hole Flag:
 Silver Division: Mrs P. Basil.
 Bronze Division: Mrs A. Cattinach.
Putting: Mrs B. J. Smith 1; Mrs F. P. Gilbert 2.
Ladder Putting: Mrs H. Workman.

CALCUTTA GOLF
 During January the L.G.U. Medal, the L.G.U. Bogey and the final match of the Thompson Trophy were played over the New Course of the R.C.G.C. Results were as follows:
L.G.U. Medal.
 Silver Division—Miss P. Basil (16) 77; Mrs V. C. Eagleton (18) 78.
 Bronze Division—Mrs A. Fernie (29) 68; Mrs A. Blewitt (30) 70; Mrs A. R. P. Ramsay (29) 71; Mrs F. C. Wells (20) 71.
L.G.U. Bogey.
 Silver Division—Mrs H. T. Greenland (14) All Square; Mrs R. R. Hogarth (16) 2 Down.
 Bronze Division—Mrs C. E. Cargin (19) 1 Up; Mrs R. N. Batra (27) 1 Down.
 In the final of the Thompson Trophy Mrs G. Ribbins beat Mrs R. Evrall by 6 and 4.

In the Final of the Thompson Trophy Mum beat Mrs. Evrall

Statusman 16/2/58.

Mum wins the Calcutta Challenge Bowl - with a 3 handicap!

Calcutta Golf
L.G.U. Competitions In February

During February the L.G.U. Medal and the L.G.U. Bogey were played over the New Course and the Calcutta Challenge Bowl was played over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club. Leading scores were as follows:-

L.G.U. Medal
 Silver Division—Mrs R. Evrall (18) 68; Miss P. Basil (16) 74; Mrs R. Y. Morrison (10) 75
 Bronze Division—Mrs A. Cattenach (24) 64; Mrs A. A. G. Weir (34) 70; Mrs A. Stock (36) 70.
L.G.U. Bogey
 Silver Division—Miss P. Basil (16) 1 Up; Mrs R. Evrall (16) 4 Down; Mrs D. T. Mody (16) 4 Down.
 Bronze Division—Mrs T. R. Shields (27) 1 Down; Mrs E. C. Hayworth (28) 2 Down; Mrs A. E. Blewitt (28) 2 Down.
 Calcutta Challenge Bowl—Mrs G. W. Ribbins (3) 76; Mrs E. C. Hayworth (30) 77; Mrs J. A. Eastwood (13) 77; Mrs A. McHarg (28) 77; Mrs C. E. Cargin (17) 78; Mrs A. A. G. Weir (22) 78.

The final of the Silver Tassie Competition played over the New Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club, Tollygunge, on Sunday resulted in a win for J. H. Forman (3), who beat P.M.R. Surita (17) at the 21st.

LGU Bogey (Silver Division) Mum's the Winner!

L.G.U. Competitions

The following were the results of the C.L.G.C. L.G.U. Competitions played over the new course of the R.C.G.C during the month of April.

L.G.U. Medal (Silver Division)—Mrs H. Madath (18) 69 (winner); Mrs P. J. F. Warner (17) 74; Mrs R. Y. Morrison (10) 74; Miss P. Basil (16) 75; Mrs Eagleton (17) 76; Mrs C. E. Cargin (16) 77
Bronze Division—Mrs J. W. Easson (31) 65 (winner); Mrs A. E. Blewitt (28) 70; Mrs A. H. Mitchell (21) 75; Mrs W. S. M. Turner (22) 76.
L.G.U. Bogey (Silver Division)—Mrs G. W. Ribbins (2) 2 Down (winner); Mrs D. Duncan-Smith (10) 4 Down.
Bronze Division—Mrs A. E. Blewitt (25) All square (winner); Mrs M. K. Powvala (22) 3 Down.

Tollygunge beats CLGC - Mum Wins!

LGU Monthly Silver Division - Mum's down to a 2 handicap!

TOLLYGUNGE CLUB GOLF

The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. Monthly Bogey Stableford was played over the Tollygunge Club course on April 2. Twenty-seven cards were taken out.

Leading scores were:
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Silver Division—Mrs Duncan-Smith (10) 35; Mrs Watkin (6) 32; Mrs Eagleton (18) 32; Mrs Gilbert (12) 30.
Bronze Division—Mrs Balcombe (23) 33; Mrs Norrington (22) 30; Mrs Mackenzie (35) 28.

The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. Monthly Medal was played over the Tollygunge Club course on March 28. Twenty-four cards were taken out.

Leading scores were:
Silver Division—Mrs B. Meyer (15) 72; Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast (15) 75; Mrs G. W. Ribbins (2) 76; Mrs F. P. Gilbert (12) 77; Mrs J. Braid (15) 79.
Bronze Division—Mrs H. Norrington (22) 76; Mrs J. Hollander (33) 80; Mrs Poyser (30) 80; Mrs J. Russell (30) 81; Mrs J. A. Steven (22) 81.

INTER-CLUB GOLF

In the L.G.U. Foursomes Golf Competition between the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club and the Tollygunge Club, played over the Tollygunge Club Course on Tuesday, the latter won by six matches to one.

The following were the results (Tollygunge Club names first):-
 Mrs G. W. Ribbins (2) and Mrs D. Milne-Day (23) beat Miss P. Basil (16) and Mrs C. E. Cargin (16) by 2 and 1; Mrs C. A. Buxton (3) and Mrs H. Norrington (19) beat Mrs R. Y. Morrison (10) and Mrs P. J. F. Warner (17) by 5 and 4; Mrs D. C. W. Watkin (6) and Mrs L. W. Balcombe (20) beat Mrs J. A. Eastwood (11) and Mrs V. C. Eagleton (17) by 4 and 3; Mrs D. Manson (9) and Mrs O. R. Underhill (20) beat Mrs H. Kidd (16) and Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead (20) by 4 and 3; Mrs F. P. Gilbert (10) and Mrs A. Selkirk (27) beat Mrs H. Madath (16) and Mrs A. McHarg (23) by 5 and 4; Mrs B. Meyer (13) and Mrs J. R. Hollander (28) beat Mrs W. T. Martin (17) and Mrs A. A. G. Weir (20) by 1 up; Mrs J. W. L. Russell (30) and Mrs J. G. H. Phillips (32) lost to Mrs F. C. Wells (19) and Mrs T. R. Shields (25) by 4 and 2.

Tollygunge Monthly Bogey - Mum Wins the Silver Division

TOLLYGUNGE GOLF

The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. Monthly Bogey Competition was played over the Tollygunge Club course on Wednesday. Twenty-six Cards were taken out.

Leading scores were:
Silver Division—Mrs G. W. Ribbins (2) 1 Down; Mrs J. Saddler (13) 3 (On last 9 holes); Mrs C. A. Buxton (3) 5 Down Prendergast (14) 3 Down; Mrs R. A. V. Alexander (20) 4 Down; Mrs O. R. Underhill (21) 5 Down (On last 9 holes); Mrs E. C. Poyser (25).

4/6/58.

TOLLYGUNGE CLUB GOLF

The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. Monthly Medal was played over the Tollygunge Club Course on Wednesday. Fourteen Cards were taken out.

Leading scores were:-
Silver Division—Mrs G. R. Ribbins (2) 77; Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast (14) 82.
Bronze Division—Mrs E. B. Hall (20) 79; Mrs J. G. H. Phillips (32) 80; Mrs Bracken (25) 81.

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The Tollygunge Club LGU Monthly Medal - Mum's Leading Score

TOLLYGUNGE GOLF

The Tollygunge Club L.G.U. Monthly Bogey Stableford Competition was played over the Tollygunge Club course on Wednesday. Seventeen cards were taken out.

Leading Scores were:-
Silver Division—Mrs C. A. Buxton (3) 26 pts. (on last 9 holes); Mrs G. W. Ribbins (2) 26 pts., Mrs B. Meyer (13) 25 pts.
Bronze Division—Mrs J. Hollander (27) 27 pts., Mrs Milne-Day (23) 25 pts., Mrs Norrington (19) 24 pts.

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LGU Monthly Bogey Stableford Competition Silver Division Mum and Phyllis tie - Mum's down to a 2 handicap!

MERCHANTS CUP July 1958

Dad's score is right up there at 95 but not a winner!

And, his company Gladstone Lyall (of 4, Fairlie Place fame) didn't place either!

But Mum cheers on George William Ribbins in her delightful hand written acknowledgement "there's always next year..."

THE STATESMAN WEDNESDAY JULY 16 1958

The Statesman

DAY'S BEST SCORES

W. T. Martin (Macneill & Barry Ltd. "A")	...	79
J. K. Shafer (National Carbon Co. (India) Ltd.)	...	83
Balram Singh (Balmer Lawrie & Co., Ltd. "A")	...	84
P. B. Datta (James Warren & Co., Ltd.)	...	85
G. P. Khaitan (Khaitan Sons & Co.)	...	85
J. R. Hollander (J. Thomas & Co. Private Ltd. "A")	...	85

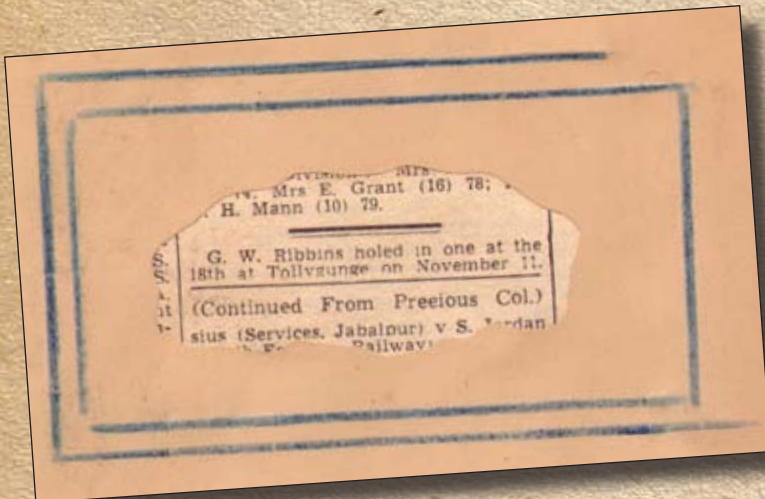
MERCHANTS' CUP GOLF

Keen Williams Ltd.	...	115	510
Chartered Bank	...	116	510
General Electric Co. of India Private Ltd.	...	118	513
Gladstone Lyall & Co. Ltd. (G. W. Ribbins)	...	95	515
Mercantile Bank Ltd.	...	114	522
The Statesman Private Ltd.	...	108	525
Thomas & Co. Private	...	103	531
"A" Ltd.	...	102	531

← He might so easily have been in the Headlines here - Out in 42, and no rain either!

But there's always NEXT YEAR.

AND ...four months later Dad showed her!



On November 11th, 1958 he made a hole-in-one at Tolly's 18th... where the Men's Shami-ana was conveniently situated close to the green and gathered male golf experts were quick to recognize the triumphant feat! A prompt call for drinks all round was in order to celebrate the occasion!

BALMER LAWRIE WIN

MERCHANTS' CUP

DIVISION I		DIVISION II		DIVISION III				
	Cumulative Score							
Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. "A" (J. H. Forman) ...	73	503	Martin Burn Ltd (E. Coe) ...	95	562	Hoare Miller & Co., Ltd. (P. H. Russell) ...	82	577
Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Private Ltd. "A" (N. S. Watson) ...	87	523	Andrew Yule & Co., Ltd. "B" (K. G. McLeod) ...	94	572	Guest Keen Williams Ltd. (H. M. L. Williams) ...	87	597
Burmah-Shell Oil Storage & Distributing Co. of India Ltd. "A" (J. C. Chopra) ...	82	530	Thomas Duff & Co. (India) Private Ltd. (N. M. Adam) ...	92	579	The Chartered Bank (H. J. M. Cook) ...	89	599
Macneill & Barry Ltd. "A" (J. M. Parsons) ...	83	533	Calcutta Port Commissioners (P. R. Batra) ...	97	587	Turner Morrison & Co. Private Ltd. ...	104	612
J. Thomas & Co. Private Ltd. "A" ...	100	535	Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. "A" ...	100	589	Calcutta Electric Co. of India Private Ltd. ...	102	615
National Overseas & Grindlays Bank Ltd. "A" (A. C. Downie) ...	84	545	Duncan Brothers & Co., Ltd. "A" ...	105	594	Gladstone Lyall & Co., Ltd. ...	105	620
Jardine Henderson Ltd. "A" (J. D. K. Brown) ...	91	551	Shaw Wallace & Co., Ltd. Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation ...	112	595	Atlantis (East) Ltd. ...	90	634
Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co. Private Ltd. "A" (T. O. Millar) ...	92	551	Macneill & Barry Ltd. "B" (R. H. Morrison) ...	90	598	Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co. Private Ltd. "B" (W. G. Howcroft) ...	97	640
Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation Ltd. "A" (A. L. Pereira) ...	87	552	Lloyds Bank Ltd. (J. J. O'Gorman) ...	93	600	McLeod & Co., Ltd. (B. P. Bajoria) ...	95	653
Khaltan Sons & Co. (A. J. Chaytor) ...	94	560	National Carbon Co. (India) Ltd. ...	112	604	The Statesman Private Ltd. ...	137	662
James Finlay & Co., Ltd. (B. C. Parker) ...	89	567	Balmer Lawrie & Co., Ltd. "B" (D. Manson) ...	94	614	Mercantile Bank Ltd. ...	145	667
Andrew Yule & Co., Ltd. Bird & Co. Private Ltd. "A" (D. C. B. Pukington) ...	107	568	Dunlop Rubber Co. (India) Ltd. ...	105	618	Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation Ltd. "B" ...	102	670
Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Private Ltd. "B" (D. B. Mohindra) ...	93	585	Cillanders Arbuthnot & Co. Ltd. ...	118	625	Bird & Co. Private Ltd. "B" ...	139	679
James Warren & Co., Ltd. Jessop & Co., Ltd. Orr Dignam & Co. of Imperial Tobacco Co. of India Ltd. "A" ...	116	604	Steel Brothers & Co., Ltd. Jardine Henderson Ltd. "B" (G. Stevenson) ...	93	637	J. Thomas & Co. Private Ltd. "B" ...	149	680
100	605	Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry ...	118	647	Mackintosh Burn Private Ltd. ...	158	698	
134	634	National Overseas & Grindlays Bank Ltd. "B" (J. L. McLaren) ...	99	660	Duncan Brothers & Co., Ltd. "B" ...	145	706	
112	638	Jenson Nicholson (India) Ltd. ...	111	685	Associated Electrical Industries (India) Private Ltd. ...	110	709	
107	644	Imperial Tobacco Co. of India Ltd. "B" ...	124	697	Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. "B" ...	115	730	
					Octavius Steel & Co., Ltd. ...	142	752	
					Burmah-Shell Oil Storage & Distributing Co. of India Ltd. "B" ...	110	756	

Balmer Lawrie In Clear Lead

By a Correspondent
 The fifth round of the Merchants' Cup was played on Tuesday in perfect golfing weather. With the fairways in good condition and the greens holding low scoring was expected. Merchants' Cup nerves, however, were again in evidence and the returns were disappointing. Balram Singh of Balmer Lawrie started his round with a disastrous seven but pulled himself together quickly and produced a very steady 84 to put his team in the lead by 5 strokes from J. C. Thomas. Molesworth playing for I. C. I., had a number of lapses on the putting green and finished with a 90. Ellis of G. E. C., however, was very happy with his score of 118 exactly 39 strokes better than his Merchants' Cup round last year. Balmer Lawrie, with John Forman of five strokes and with John Forman playing on the last day, must be very confident of winning the competition. Many will, however, recall that at this stage last year National Bank were leading by 8 strokes. Burmah Shell but scrambled home to a one stroke victory after Nettel's brilliant 71 on the last day. Martin Burn and Hoare Miller have maintained the lead in Divisions II and III respectively.

WINNERS' SCORES

P. Norton-Jones	... 90
F. C. Wells	... 87
P. H. Sykes	... 88
C. D. Wilson	... 81
Balram Singh	... 84
J. H. Forman	... 73
	503

Glamorous Maureen Duncan-Smith

During Mum's last years in England, when I resided in USA, Jenny and Mum often reminisced over Mum's best golfing stories when, Jenny recalls, "Mum spoke fondly about Aunty Maureen (Duncan-Smith) and the times they played golf alongside or even opposite each other. They were relaxed as friends which spilled over into their golf game. They'd often be seen laughing about all and sundry while playing the course." Even during the All India championship they seemed to carry their ease above the tensions of battle mode, contrary to the more somber mood around Aunty Phyllis (Buxton). Ribbins and Buxton's rounds were serious and competitive as seen in the 1959 Finals. Mum was absent from India during the 1960's All-India settling us children into a new school in England. In the 1961 Finals she played against Aunt Maureen, but for the rest of the story....read what the gentlemen of the Press wrote!

With Mum out of India in 1960, Maureen and Phyllis met for a spirited Final and at last, after holding the record for being most times Runner-up, on her sixth appearance since 1953 Phyllis won the coveted All India Title!

I remember Aunty Maureen as quite the elegant lady that I wanted to emulate when I grew up! To me she epitomized femininity and glamour! I was amused by her giggle. Mum had a contagious laugh but Maureen had a delightful giggle!

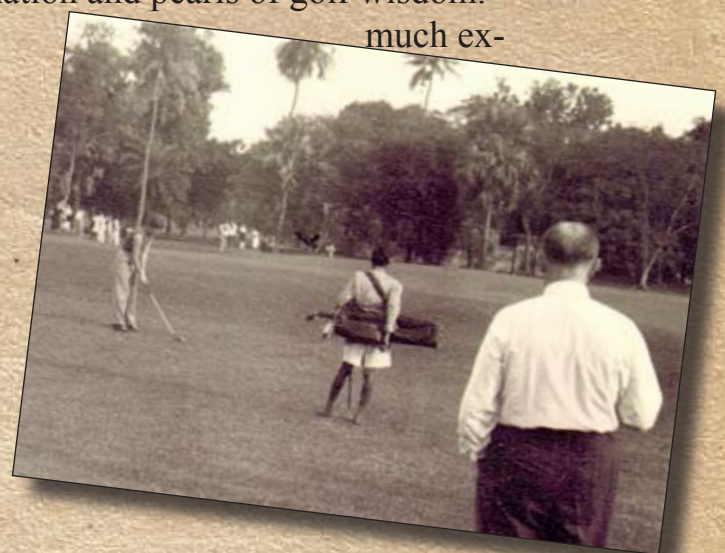


could spot the caddy a mile off with his singular stance and special way of carrying the club bag.

CADDY'S!

I try to get a close look at news photos to see if I recognize the capable caddy behind the lady player. Mum spoke highly of her caddy whose opinions she considered worthwhile, describing them as mines of information and pearls of golf wisdom.

She gleaned much expertise over the years from her favorites. I recall Nabi Rasool, amongst others. You



JOHN FORMAN - Jenny often played golf with Uncle John when Mum wasn't playing a competition with him. Both Jenny and Mum knew John in a different way than Dad and I did. I admired Uncle John's writing skills and journalistic ability. I desired a vocabulary just like his in writing and speaking. I thought he wrote with laughter in his pen. His comment about Mum's backswing while putting says it all!

CALCUTTA GOLF

POPULAR INTER - CLUB MATCH

By JOHN FORMAN

Inter-Club Match

One of the most popular events of the year is the annual inter-club match between the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club and the Royal. On this occasion the Ladies are granted three-quarters of the difference in handicap, plus NINE, strokes. This meant that the mere males were giving on an average fourteen shots to their opponents of the fair sex. With conditions comparatively easy, and with the ball running a long way, this seemed a lot: a considerable amount of bargaining for adjustment was noticed on the first tee—but without any success. As it was, the Royal won (lily handsomely by no less than 84 matches to 34).

The men's Committee showed a certain cunning in organising this event.



Maureen Duncan-Smith appears to be looking more in the direction of the 18th rather than in the first green!

A programme had been laid on which called for 'drinks' at 12.45 p.m., followed by lunch at 1 p.m.—with play commencing from 2 p.m. If the Committee had not left sufficient time for the males to sabotage their opponents' game, before lunch, at least there was a generous allowance for the dispensing of 'Putting Mixture' after lunch but before play started.

Progress of the Games

Roderick Nemeier batted first for the Royal and accounted for Jean Martin. Then Mike Loshrop established a most ungentlemanly lead over Rene Warner, only to fritter it away and scrape home on the last green. 'Hyo' Cargin and Jim Capper may have come to some arrangement before the match: at any rate they finished all square. Bertie Hogarth, playing what is probably his last Inter-Club match against the Ladies in Calcutta, was unkind to Sveta Cattanach. Peter Roselli and Edith Eyrall shared the honours.

It looks like Jagdish Bagai will have difficulty in keeping his place in the side next year after the thrashing he took from

Jagdish Bagai who was trounced by Pat Basil. By the way, that is not a C.F.C. jersey Pat is wearing!



Jim Capper and "Hyo" Cargin appear to be reasonably friendly on the 1st tee.



Bam Ribbins, playing No. 1 for the Ladies, lost to John Keen on the last green. Bam's three-foot backswing for a two-foot putt gives me the "willies" every time I see it!

Uncle Bagley, who captained the Royal: Jean Morrison looks on



The ONLOOKER

Pat Basil: Pat was in top form, and if she maintains this it is unlikely that she will be the recipient of so many shots next year: 10 is a lot to give.

Unlucky Male

Jimmie McGregor also achieved fame in being the only other male to succumb to the fair sex. John Nettelliehl was too strong for Maureen Duncan-Smith. Uncle Bagley and Jean Morrison had a terrific battle with Jean leading most of the way; however, Uncle managed to hold on and just squared the game on the 18th green. Bam Ribbins was 4 up at one stage on John Keen: John's return half of 34, aided by a few loose shots by Bam, enabled him to snatch victory by the narrowest of margins. Although quite a number of John's approaches had found trouble by the green, his explosion shots were so accurate that he seldom failed to get down in two. There is no doubt that his bunker recoveries are really first class.

Pleasant Afternoon

As the get together after the match there were many tales of what might have happened; all agreed, however, that it had been a most pleasant afternoon.

January 1959 -

Bam tries for her third title in succession

MRS. RIBBINS WINS ON LAST GREEN

Start Of All-India Ladies Golf

By Our Golf Correspondent

MISS Pat Basil confirmed the improved golfer she is of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship on Monday over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club. However she did not get things all her own way as having been Dormie 5 she only scraped through on the last green!

Mrs Watkin really putted herself out of the competition when she required three putts on no less than the first four holes. Three down at the turn Mrs Watkin lost the 10th, halved the 11th, and then went further in arrears at the 13th. From then on she played some wonderful golf, winning the next four holes in sub-par figures. Despite these setbacks Miss Basil hit two grand shots to the edge of the match.

Mrs Bam Ribbins, the holder, and Mrs Sylvia Manson were both obviously suffering not a little from lack of sleep, having been engaged in midnight rehearsals in connexion with "Alladin Bhat" over the last few weeks. Mrs Ribbins eventually emerged the winner on the last green.

Mrs Phyllis Buxton, who must hold the record for being most times runner-up, avenged a former defeat by Mrs Betty Harley in a most convincing manner.

Mrs Sheila Porter proved too good for Mrs Peggy Prendergast. Mrs Jean Morrison accounted for Mrs Rita Kidd, while Mrs Elma Muirhead was a little unkind to Mrs Kathleen Meyer, the match finishing out in the country.

INTERESTING MATCHES

There should be a number of interesting matches today with Mrs Maureen Duncan-Smith meeting the holder, and Mrs Hermoine Madath clashing with last year's runner-up.

A friendly encounter, more in the nature of their usual week-end match, will be between Mrs Vera Wells and Mrs Hyo Cargin, which will be the first match of the day, beginning at 12-34 p.m.

It is always dangerous to forecast possible results but in this year's Championship, with unfortunately no outside interest, the two undoubtedly best lady golfers are Mrs Ribbins and Mrs Buxton. Assuming things run true to form we can expect to see them compete once more in the final on Friday afternoon. And it's amazing the number of Clive Street Burra Sahibs who find they have important conferences in Tollygunge on that date.

Fortunately, the week is not only for the Tigers—or should I say, "Tigresses," as there are numerous other Handicap competitions for those not vitally interested in the Championship.

Results:
Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs D. Manson 2 up. Mrs C. W. Porter beat Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast 4 and 2. Miss P. Basil beat Mrs D. C. W. Watkin 1 up. Mrs R. Y. Morrison beat Mrs H. Kidd 5 and 3. Mrs T. D. S. Muirhead beat Mrs B. Meyer 8 and 7. Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs T. H. T. Harley 7 and 5.

TODAY'S MATCHES

12-34 p.m.—Mrs F. C. Wells v Mrs C. E. Cargin; 12-42 p.m.—Mrs D. Duncan Smith v Mrs G. W. Ribbins; 12-50 p.m.—Mrs C. W. Porter v Miss P. Basil; 12-58 p.m.—Mrs A. B. Catlanach v Mrs D. T. Mody; 1-06 p.m.—Mrs S. N. Ghose v Mrs J. Saddler; 1-14 p.m.—Mrs R. Y. Morrison v Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead; 1-22 p.m.—Mrs C. A. Buxton v Mrs H. Madath; 1-30 p.m.—Mrs R. D. Archibald v Mrs S. A. Alexander.

Predictions, with no outside interest playing this year, have "the two undoubtedly best lady golfers - Mrs. Ribbins and Mrs. Buxton" in the finals on Friday afternoon. " ...And it's amazing the number of Clive Street Burra Sahibs who find they have important conferences in Tollygunge on that date."

Results...
Mum beat Aunty Sylvia in the First Round and Aunty Maureen in the second day's play, but only just, Bam had to sink an eight-foot putt on the last green to come through...

ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF STARTS TODAY

The All-India Ladies Golf Championship commences at 12-30 p.m. today and will be played over the Royal Calcutta Golf Club Course. There has always been considerable interest in this event and the usual high standard of play is anticipated. Last year's winner Mrs G W Ribbins will make her bid to win the title for the third year in succession, while last year's runner-up Mrs C A Buxton, is also among the entrants. She has appeared four times in the final and has yet to record a win.

At The "Royal" On Tuesday



Mrs. C. A. Buxton.



Mrs. G. W. Ribbins.

HOLDER TAKEN TO THE 18th

All-India Ladies Golf Championship

By Our Golf Correspondent

WHAT would have been the biggest upset of the second day's play in the All-India Ladies Golf Championship on Tuesday was only averted by the holder, Mrs Ribbins, sinking an eight-foot putt on the last green. Mrs Duncan Smith had put up a wonderful fight against a much stronger opponent who, it must be admitted, had a decided off day.

Both ladies had regulation bogeys at the 1st Mrs Ribbins won the 4th but lost the 6th and 7th after some really wild shots. The holder went further in arrears at the 8th after being bunkered with her second; at the same hole her opponent managed to get down in a single putt. The situation had not changed at the turn, but Mrs Ribbins gave an indication of the powerful hitter she is by finishing pin high at the long 10th in two. A birdie here reduced

the lead. Things were looking brighter and she should have got another hole back at the 11th—but alas her putting let her down once more. Mrs Duncan Smith increased her lead at the 13th with a well played 4: 2 up and five to play! Would the old cliché hold good? Perhaps the occasion was too much for her, whatever the reason Mrs Duncan Smith was unable to hold on to the lead she had established.



Mrs. C. W. Porter

lost the next two holes, halved the short 16th and then went into arrears for the first time at the 17th Dogood enough to see the holder through into the next round—but it had been very close!

FINE VICTORY

Congratulations to Mrs Porter on her fine win over yesterday's conqueror of Mrs Watkin-Miss Basil. Mrs Porter played very steady golf throughout and throughly deserved her win.

Today Mrs Ribbins meets Mrs Cargin who yesterday accounted for Mrs Wells. The figures in this match were excellent: Three Down at the 4th, Mrs Cargin then produced sparkling golf, and won the next five holes. Mrs Wells never recovered and eventually lost on the 17th.

Another close match was that between Mrs Muirhead and Mrs Morrison. The latter was expected to win this game but Mrs Muirhead took an early lead, which she never relinquished eventually winning on the last green.

Mrs Buxton continued her winning streak and defeated Mrs Madath by a somewhat unlady-like margin. Her today's opponent is Mrs Archibald who yesterday accounted for Mrs Alexander, one of the longest hitters among the ladies. Once Mrs Alexander curbs her enthusiasm for game she is bound to be a much more serious contender for this title. In this particular match it was a case of the more experienced player taking full advantage of the mistakes of her opponent.

Mrs Saddler proved too strong for Mrs Ghose, and ran out a fairly comfortable winner by 5 and 4. In responsible for the defeat of Mrs Cattannach. Mrs Mody is a very polished golfer so her game today against Mrs Porter should prove most interesting.

Results:

Mrs C. E. Cargin beat Mrs F. C. Wells 2 and 1; Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs Duncan Smith 1 up; Mrs C. W. Porter beat Miss P. Basil 3 and 2; Mrs D. T. Mody beat Mrs A. B. Cattannach 3 and 1; Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs H. Madath 7 and 6; Mrs R. D. Archibald beat Mrs S. A. Alexander 3 and 4; Mrs J. D. Muirhead beat Mrs R. Y. Morrison 1 up.

TODAY'S MATCHES

1-00 p.m.—Mrs Cargin v Mrs Ribbins;
1-10 p.m.—Mrs Porter v Mrs Mody;
1-15 p.m.—Mrs Saddler v Mrs Muirhead;
1-20 p.m.—Mrs Buxton v Mrs Archibald.

NO SURPRISES ON THIRD DAY

All-India Ladies Golf Championship

By Our Golf Correspondent

AT 1 p.m. on Wednesday, the first ball in the third round of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship was driven a long—slightly left—way down the fairway by Mrs Cargin—in her match against the holder, Mrs Ribbins. This was followed by a somewhat doubtful No. 4 iron which finished just short of the green. In the meantime her opponent, after a good tee shot, had shanked her second into the tank on the right—an 'orrible experience!

Mrs Cargin then proceeded to execute a most effective chip which was immediately followed by an equally successful putt for a 4—and the hole. 1 up. The 2nd was halved in regulation figures, but the game was squared at the next hole where Mrs Ribbins, after playing her second to the right of the green, got down in a chip and a putt.

It was a case of Peekin at the 4th as far as Mrs Cargin's approach was concerned, although this may have been induced by her opponent's grand chip which finished just by the hole. 1 down. With Mrs Cargin's tee shot landing under a root to the left of the green on the short 5th, another hole changed hands. Mrs Ribbins became 3 up at the 6th which she played in a most orthodox and satisfactory manner. Although Mrs Cargin got one back at the 8th she was unable to match her opponent's accuracy through the green, and eventually lost on the long 14th where Mrs Ribbins registered her third birdie of the match.

There were lots of vicissitudes in the match between Mrs Porter and Mrs Mody, but there was never any lack of excitement. It was a "long dour struggle" all the way, with the interest never waning; all-square on the 18th tee a half in regulation figures resulted . . . and so on to the extra hole. A 5' here by Mrs Porter was good enough to ensure her entry into the semi-finals.

EXCELLENT GAME

Another excellent game was that between Mrs Muirhead and Mrs Saddler. This only finished on the Home green. Mrs Saddler went into the lead at the 2nd where her opponent sliced her tee shot into the trees. The next two holes were halved, but the game was squared at the short 5th after Mrs Muirhead had played a grand wood to within four feet of the pin. Fortunes on either side fluctuated from then on and there was still nothing in it on the 17th tee. Alas, for Mrs Saddler a visitation to the tank on the left cost her two strokes, and with her troubles even than not over she lost the hole to a 6. A badly played 18th gave her no chance against her opponent's bogey. Mrs Muirhead's short game had been excellent throughout.

As was expected, Mrs Buxton won her game against Mrs Archibald, but the latter is to be congratulated on putting up a grand fight. Six down after 10 holes Mrs Archibald won the short 12th, reduced the lead still further at the 13th, halved the long 14th, won the 15th and only conceded the game at the short 16th which both perpetrated in a large number of strokes.

And so to today's semi-finals: They should provide a lot of interest, but the two top favourites should get through. If they do, then the finals will again be worth the afternoon off!

Results:

Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs C. E. Cargin 5 and 4; Mrs C. W. Porter beat Mrs D. T. Mody on the 19th; Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead beat Mrs J. Saddler 2 up; Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs R. T. Archibald 3 and 2.

TODAY'S MATCHES

1-20 p.m.—Mrs G. W. Ribbins v Mrs C. W. Porter; 1-30 p.m.—Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead v Mrs C. A. Buxton.

ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF

THREE-IN-ROW FOR MRS. RIBBINS

Mrs. Buxton Goes Down Fighting

By Our Golf Correspondent

MRS G. W. Ribbins won the All-India Ladies Golf Championship for the third year in succession over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Friday, defeating Mrs C. A. Buxton in the final by 2 and 1.

A large crowd had already assembled before Mrs Ribbins and Mrs Buxton took their place on the first tee. From the number of Clive Street Bara Sahibs present one could only assume that the market was very quiet indeed!

Mrs Ribbins drove—a long one down the middle, Mrs Buxton didn't quite connect and her drive finished in the nullah ahead of the tee, but in no trouble. Her iron from there was short of the cross bunker. Mrs Ribbins' approach to the green was slightly pushed, but a quick prayer seemed to be readily answered, and the ball broke left in a most satisfying manner, bounced over the bunker, and finished a mere ten feet or so away from the pin. Mrs Buxton's chip was only just on the green, and she lost the hole to a 4.

Both had extremely long drives at the 2nd. Mrs Buxton played first and was just short of the green. Mrs Ribbins' Fairway Wood was home all the way, and with her opponent again chipping short, she became 2 Up with a fine birdie. At the 3rd both elected to play safe with their second. Mrs Buxton's approach was again short, pitching on the well watered apron, although she chipped close her putt just failed to drop. Three Down after three holes. It might have been one more at the 4th where Mrs Ribbins missed a short putt for yet another birdie after almost getting home in two against the wind.

FIRST BREAK

Mrs Buxton's first break came at the short 5th where both had been bunkered off the tee. Her opponent's recovery(?) pitched right over the green and finished near the edge of the far tank. Two shots later she conceded the hole. The 6th was also halved.

These ladies certainly can hit that ball! At the long 7th both hit drives which many men would have welcomed in a week-end match with no pressure on! Mrs Buxton elected to play an iron safe up the middle. This was followed by a glorious chip to within four feet of the pin. Nothing daunted, her opponent had in the meantime hit another long Wood just short of the green, and then proceeded to lay her approach stiff! From Mrs Buxton's point of view it was heart breaking golf and it was little wonder that her putt for a half in birdie just stopped on the lip of the hole. But she never gave in, and at the next hole her chip from just off the green actually connected with the pin. It was Mrs Ribbins who had to struggle for the half after being on in two. The latter again gave an exhibition of power hitting by getting home in two at the 9th. This hole was halved, however, as she three-putted. Three Down at the turn.

MRS. RIBBINS TO MEET MRS. BUXTON IN FINAL

By Our Golf Correspondent

SO once again we have a Ribbins-Buxton final in the All-India Ladies Golf Championship. And if your favourite bookmaker is offering any odds on either of these two fine players then I'd be grateful if he would contact me before battle commences this afternoon!

SUB-PAR GOLF

It was only natural that the strain would eventually tell and from then on Mrs Ribbins took control of the game. From the 8th to the 15th she played sub-par golf, giving nothing away. Many a daughter opponent would have wilted under such pressure a lot sooner.

Unfortunately Mrs Muirhead's short game which had been so good on the previous day, deserted her in her match against Mrs Buxton. Well . . . against an opponent of that calibre you just can't do that sort of thing, and still win. However, it would have taken more than just a good short game to have beaten Mrs Buxton on her Thursday's performance as her figures were the model of steadiness throughout.

Results:

Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs C. W. Porter 5 and 3.
Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead 8 and 7.
The final today will commence at 1-30 p.m.

From the first hole Mrs Porter showed her determination by sinking a long putt for a half in 4. The 2nd and 3rd were halved and then Mrs Ribbins found the tank off the tee at the 4th, and eventually conceded the hole. The next two holes were halved and then Mrs Porter went further ahead when at the long 7th Mrs Ribbins was through the green with her third and failed to get down in a.c. & p. This was a turn-up for the books! The deficit was reduced at the 9th, however, when Mrs Ribbins sank a sizeable putt for a 4. 1 down at the turn.

Up to this stage Mrs Ribbins had been consistently out driving Mrs Buxton—although not by too much. However at the 10th Mrs Buxton really connected and was just a few yards short of the far tank. But a clobbered second cost her the hole. The 11th was halved in 5's. Both ladies hit professional-like irons to the short 12th green—and both just missed their birdies. At the 13th Mrs Ribbins' second was badly pulled and finished beside an open drain. She recovered fairly well, and then played a grand chip to within two feet of the pin. Mrs Buxton, on the other hand, putted slightly strong but sank three, putted slightly strong but sank three, putted slightly strong but sank three. Here again she went for the return. A half? Not a bit. Mrs Ribbins missed this short 'un. Now only 3 Up.

At the long 14th both ladies hit good drives down the middle. Mrs Buxton played first and put her second just beyond the cross bunkers. Her opponent had a really vicious hook which almost finished against the boundary wall. She pitched to the edge of the green from where she got down in two for a half. Mrs Buxton was having no luck with her putts. Here again she went for the hole but the ball just curled off at the last minute.

A hooked approach at the 15th cost Mrs Ribbins the hole. Mrs Buxton's chip here was proverbially stiff. The latter made a grand attempt to birdie the short 16th, but her putt, although it hit the hole, stayed out. Dormie. And it might have gone to the 18th at the 17th, after an indifferent second Mrs Buxton chipped to within four feet of the pin. Mrs Ribbins in the meantime had again pulled her approach into the bunker on the left, and then played a dangerous shot—which came off—but was about ten feet past the pin. Her putt for the match just fell away; alas Mrs Buxton was a little quick on that all important four-footer... and it failed to drop. But she had put up a wonderful fight indeed, and from 4 Down on the 11th tee few of us thought she would take the game so far.

Both ladies had certainly produced excellent golf under pressure, and had that putt at the 17th dropped, then... But there is no point in speculating. It didn't and Mrs Ribbins ran out a very worthy winner for the third successive year.

Mrs. C. W. Porter, Captain of the C.L.G.C. in a short speech, thanked the R.C.G.C. for all their assistance and cooperation in making the Championship and Open Meeting a success. Mr. F. C. Kidd, Captain of the R.C.G.C., who had refereed the Final, replied, and later presented the prizes.

GOLF

Mrs. Ribbins Completes Her Hat-trick

By "NIBLICK"

When Mrs. Ribbins slotted her putt at the 17th of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Friday afternoon, she became the first lady in the history of these Championships to become winner three times in a row.

This has been more than adequate recompense for some of the most "splendid and consistent golf that has been played in Calcutta", to quote Captain of the Royal, Frank Kidd's words, as he gave away the prizes and there is less humour than one might imagine in his suggestion that Mrs. Ribbins should be invited to take part in the Men's Championship in future.

I say this because she strikes the ball as far as a majority of us striving males and this was never more amply brought out than it was on Friday when, off the tees, she was always some 20 yards ahead of Mrs. Buxton, herself no mean hitter of the ball. The latter is once again runner-up and I think everyone looks forward to the day when this game golfer will take unto herself the crown. Mrs. Buxton failed yesterday because she seemed imbued with the belief that her woods were not going to work through the green, consequently her long irons were never long enough for Mrs. Ribbins' sweetly struck woods and the consequent loss of distance, translated into strokes, is really what accounted for her ultimate defeat.

Mrs. Buxton appeared nervous at the start and it was not until the

5th, that she pulled herself together. By this time Mrs. Ribbins was 3 up, a lead that was shortened by a series of errors at the 6th which ended in a 6 to Mrs. Buxton's courageous 4 after being short with her tee-shot to a bunker in front of the green. A lucky kick at the 1st, round the rim of the bunker to Mrs. Ribbins' pushed 2nd, had contributed in no small measure to this state of affairs.

Good 4's, in spite of a topped 2nd, by Mrs. Buxton, meant a half at the 6th, and then the ultimate winner played a fine tee-shot and a grand run-up to lay her third dead at the 7th, to win this long and difficult hole in 4. The 8th, was halved in 4's, and this time luck rallied to Mrs. Buxton's cause when her somewhat strong chip hit the flag-stick and stopped dead. Two 5's, at the 9th, found Mrs. Ribbins going to the 10th, tee 3 up.

At this hole she contrived another grand 4 (cf. Mr. Kidd's comments!) while Mrs. Buxton had tank trouble. Halves at the 11th, and 12th, followed and then in mounting teneness, Mrs. Buxton got one back at the 13th. When her opponent missed a foot putt, the long 14th, was halved in regulation 5's, and then Mrs. Ribbins found her lead shortened once again when Mrs. Buxton's model chip up to the verge of the hole permitted her a 4 at the 15th. Mrs. Ribbins was now 2 up with three to go.

The short 16th, was halved in 5's, after both had hit the green from the tee. Mrs. Buxton going across the hole with her putt and holding the return to keep the number alive, and then Mrs. Ribbins caused a ripple of excitement by slightly hooking her drive at the 17th, to give herself a most difficult 2nd, to the green. She went for it and was just short and bunkered—but Mrs. Buxton, seeming to tire a little, could contrive no more than a 5 herself and that was that.

Mrs. Porter, the Captain of the L. G. U., had many important things to say in her speech, particularly her reference to the absence of entrants from Clubs out side Calcutta, and then Mr. Kidd gave away a large number of very attractive prizes. Results :-

Mrs. G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs. C. A. Buxton 2/1.

GOLF

Mrs. Porter's Splendid Fight In Ladies' Golf

By "NIBLICK"

When the writer was in Bombay early last month and Mrs. Buxton was winning the Western India Championship, he was given to understand that a representative challenge would emanate from that centre, this year, for the All-India Ladies' Championship. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Meeker, Mrs. Ede and others threatened to make the 1959 event one of the most representative in recent years but, alas, the threat has not materialised and nobody can tell me why.

I consider this a great shame because there are few harder-working people than the members of the local L. G. U. and surely their efforts and enthusiasm deserve a greater reward. There seems to be little point in organising an All-India Championship every year if it is going to be limited to Calcutta ladies and I do hope that these words will catch the eye of potential entrants in other parts of the country.

I have only just managed to catch up with the Championship myself on the fourth day of play and at the semi-final stage and once again the title will be fought for by those two old rivals, Mrs. Ribbins, the holder and Mrs. Buxton, a bonny fighter if ever there was one. A grand match is expected this afternoon, starting from 1-15.

Mrs. Ribbins has not had things all her own way this year being taken the full distance by Mrs. Manson a greatly improved player, then again by Mrs. Duncan Smith, from whom a fight can always be expected, before she contrived to finish her later matches comparatively early. Nevertheless, she was given as stern a struggle as any sportsman or sportswoman might have desired by Mrs. Porter in Thursday's semi-final, the ultimate loser leading by 2 holes at the 7th.

At this stage the champion started to fight back. She must have been fully aware of the difficult task before her as her opponent was giving little way, having halved the first 3 holes, distinguished by a terrific 25-foot putt at the 1st, won the 4th, halved the 5th and 6th, and taken the 7th, with a careful 6 after Mrs. Ribbins was too strong with a thinly-struck third to be over the green.

The 8th, was halved in 5's, and then Mrs. Ribbins sank a splendid putt on the difficult 9th, green for

a 4 to go to the turn 1 down. A well-played 6 at the 10th, at which she had a birdie the day before, permitted the holder to square the match.

At this stage, with the pressure on, Mrs. Porter might have been forgiven for wavering. She has been away for many months and been away had all the practice she has not had all the practice she would like and teeing-ground troubles forced concessions of the 11th, 12th, and 13th. At the last 11th, Mrs. Ribbins played two wonderful shots, the second, a 3-iron, finishing pin-high, worthy of any male mortal. Mrs. Porter 3-putted the 14th, missing a 12-incher, and Mrs. Ribbins was dormie. A good 4 at the 15th, gave her the match, 5/3.

In the meanwhile Mrs. Buxton was having a comparatively easier time against Mrs. Muirhead and playing Golf of such a high standard that she was out in 43, arrived at the turn as many as 6 up. Her figures—4-5-5-4-6-4-5-5-5. This might have been much better but for the 6 at the 5th, when she chipped too strongly across the green to find sand and took two more shots to get out of the bunker. Astonishing Golf and enough to drive any opponent to desperation.

Two more holes, completed in regulation 5's, were enough to sew up the match, 8/7 and this convincing victory and the form that contributed towards it must inspire Mrs. Buxton to give of her very best to-day. Results :-

Mrs. G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs. C. A. Buxton 5/3; Mrs. C. A. Buxton beat Mrs. J. D. S. Muirhead, 8/7.

"AND FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE YEAR
MRS. RIBBINS BECAME A WORTHY
ALL-INDIA LADIES CHAMPION."

Calcutta Golf by John Forman



Bam Ribbins (right) and Phyllis Buxton (left), the finalists in the All-India Golf Championship

ALL-INDIA FOR MRS. RIBBINS—AGAIN

LAST week-end saw the conclusion of yet another successful Ladies All-India Championship. It was unfortunate that there had been no outside entries but despite that there was no lack of interest.

If there would appear to be a sort of resigned monotony about the headlines, this is certainly not intentional. A battle between Bam Ribbins and Phyllis Buxton is always a rare golfing treat, especially from the spectators' point of view; and this year was no exception. Just when Phyllis will string all her good shots together and record her first victory over Bam in this event, is difficult to say. But I think she is getting nearer, and but for one or two putts which just failed to drop, the result might have been different this year. In that department of the game she is undoubtedly better than her longer hitting opponent, on whose "three-foot-back-swing-for-an-eighteen-inch-putt" I have already commented upon in these columns. I'll say this for Bam's putting, she certainly attacks the hole! Indeed she looks as if she is trying to pulverise it!

I was interested in Phyllis' short game in the final. From anything up to one hundred yards from the pin, with no bunker intervening, she employed a low push-shot type of run-up, which was very effective in most cases, but left her very short in others. I had always admired Phyllis' approach Irons which were hit firmly up to the pin; however, perhaps she is preparing for the hard ground conditions of the hot weather.

Previously I had mentioned that since the Royal had started watering the fairways, the ladies would probably find the course playing longer. There was no sign of this in the finals, and indeed both players hit some of the longest drives I have seen executed by the fair sex in Calcutta. I also envy the amount of top spin both manage to impart to the ball from the tee. Granted this secret I reckon I could keep up with them!

As far as the game is concerned, for the first ten holes Bam was undoubtedly in charge. She won the 1st in 4, after just a wee bit of luck when her pushed approach took off like a thoroughbred over the bunker guarding the green: two glorious Woods saw her home at the 2nd which she also won with a birdie. Phyllis should have snatched a half at the 3rd but her putt from about four feet just failed: as if to even out the breaks, Bam missed an even shorter one at the 4th.

Bam played her first bad shot at the short 5th: this was followed by three others of the same ilk, and she eventually conceded the hole. Nothing like getting them all out at once! Phyllis chipped close from just off the green for a half in 4 at the next hole. The long 7th should have been halved in birdies where both ladies had approached beautifully; however again Phyllis' four footer just failed to drop: Bam's had been a Gimmie, 3 Up. With halves at the next two holes the situation remained the same at the turn.

Phyllis failed to take advantage of a much longer drive at the 10th, and her second finished in the tank: this allowed Bam to become 4 Up with yet another birdie. If any of us thought this was a sign of an early finish, Phyllis proved she had different ideas. The 11th and 12th were halved in regulation figures. At the 13th, Bam's second was badly pulled and finished in the depression by a drain. She elected to play the ball from where it lay although the referee, Frank Kidd, Captain of the Royal, would have granted her relief, and a free drop, had the matter been put to him. The fixed object obviously interfered with the stance/shot. Despite this Bam scrambled the ball clear and then chipped dead (?) with her next. Apparently there was still a little life in the ball, as she missed the shortest of putts—and Phyllis got the break for which she had waited so long.

The holder was a little fortunate not to lose another hole when she did not play a too intelligent second at the long 14th. At that stage she was 3 Up; her opponent's second was just through the cross bunkers. From a good position on the fairway Bam proceeded to play a Wood, which she pulled round her neck, and was lucky not to find the ball against the boundary wall. It appeared that an Iron would have been

the safer shot—and she could probably have got home with it anyway. The next escape she had was when Phyllis' putt for a birdie just lipped the hole, and again stayed out. Still 3 Up.

Phyllis got another back at the 15th after a beautiful chip from just short of the green: a Gimmie. And how hard she tried for her birdie at the 16th? It was a long putt, but it covered the hole all the way, hit the back, popped up, and ran on... a bold effort. Dormie. There was still just a chance: a poor second was followed by a good chip to within four feet of the pin: Bam had pulled her approach into the bunker, from where she played about twelve feet past the hole. Her putt for the match just did not drop. Alas, Phyllis, understandably under pressure, just failed with her four-footer. She had fought well indeed.

And for the third successive year Mrs. Ribbins became a worthy All-India Ladies Champion.

The Earlier Rounds

Congratulations are due to Sylvia Manson in the 1st round and Maureen Duncan Smith in the 2nd round, for taking the champion to the last green before admitting defeat. Nice work indeed. It was a good effort on Pat Basil's part to account for one of the more fancied players, Dylis Watkin in the 1st round. Pat then went out to Sheila Porter, who accounted for Siloo Mody in the 3rd round; Sheila did well indeed to hold Bam to a modest victory in the semi-finals, and indeed was 2 Up at one stage. I don't know whether Elma Muirhead has created a record or not, but to the best of my knowledge she is the first grandmother to have appeared in the semi-finals. That's something to tell her grandchild!

The Open Meeting

You must give the ladies their due, they try hard to produce a little something for everybody. While the championship proper was being played each afternoon, every morning there were other competitions, both for the Silver and Bronze Divisions. Indeed after the finals, at the prize-giving there were so many trophies to be distributed that it looked more like a Fetch-and-Carry Church Sale! There were so many recipients—not to mention Monica Mitchell, who paid no less than three visits to the table!

And there is no prompter service in Calcutta. Barbara Mackenzie started the week with a 29 handicap...and finished it only two off the Silver Division!

Undoubtedly the Ladies Captain and the Committee had put a tremendous amount of effort into making this Open Meeting and Championship such a success, and their reward was the enjoyment which everyone shared.

THE ONLOOKER

TOLLYGUNGE GOLF

The following was the result of the Mixed Foursome Bogey Competition played over 18 holes on Saturday at the Tollygunge Club course on a $\frac{3}{8}$ combined handicap: Mr and Mrs G. W. Ribbins (8) 2 down (winners on result of first 9 holes); Mr and Mrs A. D. Vaughan (20) 2 down; Mr and Mrs C. A. Buxton (5) 4 down; Mr B. Meyer and Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast (8) 4 down; Mr T. C. Hornby and Mrs Showers (12) 7 down. Twenty-eight cards were taken out.

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The Winners!

MUM & DAD partner for the Mixed Foursome Bogey Competition over 18 holes on a $\frac{3}{8}$ combined handicap!

CALCUTTA GOLF

The following are the Prize winners in the C.L.G.C. L.G.U. Open Meeting, run in conjunction with the All India Ladies' Amateur Golf Championship, and played over the Old Course of the R.C.G.C. Tollygunge, from Jan. 12 to 16.

Best Scratch Score (Silver Division)—Mrs G. W. Ribbins 82.

Best Scratch Score (Bronze Division)—The Rani of Nandgaon 97.

MEDAL

Silver Division—1st Prize Miss P. Basil (13) 78; 2nd Prize—Mrs F. P. Gilbert (10) 79.

Bronze Division—1st Prize—Mrs A. Selkirk (27) 75 (on last 9 holes); 2nd Prize—Mrs P. Mandal (33) 75.

BOGEY

Silver Division—1st Prize—Mrs J. H. T. Harley 2 Up; 2nd Prize—Mrs H. Madath All Square.

Bronze Division—1st Prize—Mrs K. R. T. Mackenzie 3 Up; 2nd Prize—Mrs W. D. Jones All Square.

Bogey Foursomes—1st Prize—Mrs A. H. Mitchell and Mrs A. A. G. Weir, 3 Up; 2nd Prize—Mrs F. J. Drane and Mrs W. S. M. Turner, 2 Up.

9 Hole Flag Competition (Silver Division)—1st Prize was a tie between Mrs D. C. W. Watkin and Mrs S. N. Ghose.

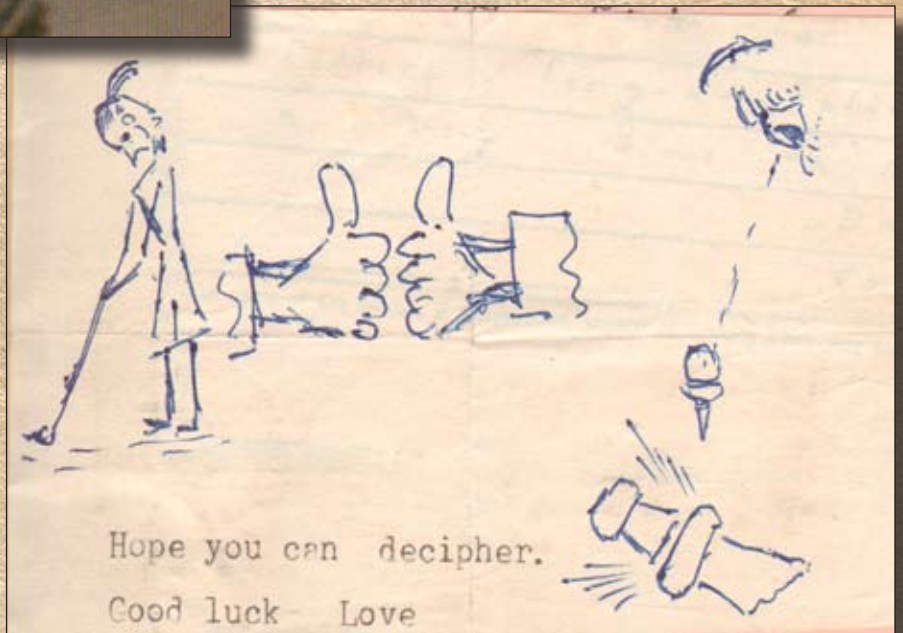
Bronze Division—1st Prize—Mrs A. H. Mitchell.

Pitching—Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead.
Putting—Mrs A. H. Mitchell.
Ladder Putting—Mrs D. Manson.

C.L.G.C. L.G.U. Open Meeting at the Royal during the All-India Ladies' Amateur Golf Championship.

Best Scratch Score (Silver Division) Mrs. Ribbins!

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1960 - ALL INDIA LADIES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

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ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF

CLEARER PATH FOR MRS. BUXTON

HOLDER NOT DEFENDING CHAMPIONSHIP

By Our Golf Correspondent

THE All-India Ladies Golf Championship and Open meeting starts today with the first and some of the second round matches over the Old Course of the R.C.G.C., commencing at 12-30 p.m.

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Readers who may be inclined to treat this suggestion more as a jest than a gesture will no doubt be surprised to know that, at the height of his golfing career, Bobby Jones came closer to being beaten by Miss Lady Heathcoat-Amory (then Miss Joyce Wethered) for the first time over his home course and on level terms than by many of his nearest rivals to Championship honours that year. In fact, he had to do a sub-par round to gain the verdict on the home green.

To revert to the women's championship Mrs C. A. Buxton is among the entries. She has been knocking at the door for several years, often with only Mrs Ribbins standing between her and the title. With such a formidable foe out of the reckoning some would be inclined to view Mrs Buxton's success as a foregone conclusion.

It is, however, well to remember that the only certainty in match-play golf is that there is always a winner and a loser. While she is unquestionably the most experienced aspirant to the title this year, I think her most serious rivals, if they can run into form while practising over the course, are likely to be Mrs J. H. T Harley, who beat her in the first round in 1957, and Mrs D. Duncan Smith, who came very close to pulling off a big surprise last year, losing narrowly to Mrs Ribbins on the 18th green after playing herself into a 2-hole lead on the 14th tee.

Last year's other semi-finalists, Mrs J. D S Muirhead and Mrs C. W. Porter, are in and I hear a few other competitors have improved considerably during the year. But I should like to see them in action before assessing their chances, which I hope to do today.

It is a pity that the entries for the various events covered by the Open meeting are on the thin side, due in some measure to the absence abroad of a number of regular competitors but more, I am led to believe, to the reluctance on the part of many would-be enthusiasts to compete, for reasons which are not very clear. From the golfing point of view this is difficult to understand because a competitor can only do two things with her card, either enter it or add it to the number of cards not returned. In either case no harm is done and the experience gained is certainly worth the effort.

Like the recent men's championship, the draw for the Ladies event appears to have been very competently handled and we should see some good matches before the successor to Mrs Ribbins is known.

Stratman - January 1960.

In 1960 Mum and Dad took their furlough to coincide with settling us into a new school: moving us from junior to middle school, from Alverstoke in Hampshire to Brighton in Sussex.

We enjoyed a Christmas together which didn't happen as often as we'd all have liked. This particular January was a bitterly cold winter in the south of England. None of us enjoyed the cold hence Mum's hand written note, "Fancy going on leave at the only time of the year when Calcutta's climate is bearable."

Bam always battled huge nerves which she affectionately called her "collywobbles". She tried to overcome them by downplaying her fears which the Golf Correspondent of The Statesman (1961) saw as her "couldn't care less attitude", which, he reported, "has almost encompassed her defeat by much inferior opponents in the past."

Among her pastimes Mum enjoyed reading literature and one of her favorite poets was William Shakespeare as witnessed by her quote from his *A Midsummer Nights Dream* in which the mischievous fairy Puck said, taken in its full context –

"Captain of our fairy band,
Helena is here at hand,
And the youth, mistook by me,
pleading for a lover's fee.
Shall we their fond pageant see?
Lord, what fools these mortals
be!"

(Act 3. Scene 2, 110-115- *A Midsummer Nights Dream*)



"Oh lord! What fools these mortals be!"
M-S-N-D.

Fancy going on leave at the
only time of the year
when Calcutta's climate
is bearable!

This cutting was sent to the UK
and we read it beside
a roaring fire with three
inches of snow lying over
the south coast - The Riviera
of England!

How envious can
one be?

Nevertheless it was a wonderful
way of avoiding collywobbles!

Keeping us informed of All-India Golfing news, friends sent the following articles to us in the UK which we read around a hearty fireplace in Moray House, Mum's family home.

1960 - ALL INDIA LADIES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP -

Wednesday, 13th January 1960

Tuesday, 12th January 1960

ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF STARTS

Tuesday 12th January 1960.

By Our Golf Correspondent

The first round and six matches of the second round of the all-India Ladies Golf Championship were played over the Old Course of the R.C.G.C. on Monday. While there was no real surprise result, unless the defeat of Mrs Henderson by Mrs Evrall by the comfortable margin of 5 and 4 can be considered a mild one, it was unusual to see so many matches proving unequal encounters.

No less than seven of the nine matches were decided on or before the 14th with Mrs Buxton registering a handsome win by 9 and 7, the highest of the day and with the impressive figures of 2 over bogey for the 11 holes played.

The closest match was that between Mrs Wells and Mrs Prendergast, the former winning on the home green after playing herself into the comfortable position of Dormie 3. But a well-hooked tee shot cost her the short 16th and a couple of loose shots the 17th.

Both semi-finalists last year, Mrs Muirhead and Mrs Porter won their matches. Considering that Mrs Muirhead has only recently been under medical treatment, she played very well to register a comfortable win by 5 and 4 over her opponent. Mrs Birthwhistle, who has distinct potentialities, Mrs Porter, on the other hand, took advantage of her opponent's lapses between the 14th and 16th and added all three holes to her lead of one hole to run out the winner by 4 and 2.

Today only the two remaining second round matches are due for de-

cision. Commencing at 1.22 p.m., both Mrs Mackenzie v Mrs Muirhead and Mrs Manson v Mrs Ritchie should provide some interesting golf.

The reason for playing both the first and second rounds on Monday was to give a greater number of competitors in the Championship an opportunity of competing in the Medal Competition, which has been scheduled for today, carrying prizes for both Scratch and Handicap scores.

RESULTS WERE:

FIRST ROUND
Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead beat Mrs W. P. Birthwhistle 5 and 4; Mrs D. Manson beat Mrs A. H. Mitchell 5 and 4; Mrs D. Ritchie beat Mrs G. Wade 7 and 6.

SECOND ROUND
Mrs R. Evrall beat Mrs D. H. P. Henderson 5 and 4; Mrs D. Duncan Smith beat Mrs D. A. Blackford 5 and 5; Mrs F. C. Wells beat Mrs R. A. V. Pendergast 1 Up; Mrs J. H. T. Harley beat Mrs F. P. Gilbert 7 and 6; Mrs C. W. Porter beat Mrs S. N. Ghose 4 and 2; Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs A. B. Cattnach 9 and 7.

FASCINATING TUSSELE IN LADIES GOLF

Wednesday 13th January 1960

Mrs. Ritchie Beats Mrs. Manson

With Last Putt

By Our Golf Correspondent

In the first of the two second-round matches of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship played over the Old Course of the R.C.G.C. on Tuesday, one of last year's semi-finalists, Mrs Muirhead, lost to Mrs Mackenzie by 4 and 2.

Mrs Mackenzie got off to a good start by winning the first three holes in 3s. She, however, lost the 4th to a 5 to bring her back to 2 Up. With her opponent finding trouble from the tee in the ditch on the right at the short 5th, Mrs Mackenzie returned to 3 Up which she increased to 4 Up, winning the 7th in a well-played 3, only to lose the 8th to a fine 4 by Mrs Muirhead. With a win in 5 at the 9th where Mrs Muirhead 3 putted, Mrs Mackenzie turned 4 Up.

She then lost 2 holes of her lead at the 10th and 11th but won the short 12th in a 3 to return to 3 Up. The 13th was halved in 3s. Then by winning the long 14th in a well-played 3, Mrs Mackenzie placed herself in the happy position of Dormie 4. She lost the 15th but made amends by winning the short 16th in 3 and the match by 4 and 2.

The second of the two matches between Mrs Manson and Mrs Ritchie, was one of the most delightful I have had the pleasure of seeing since I started reporting golf championships in 1932. It had all the qualities of a really good match. Played in a friendly spirit it was close (with never more than one hole in it from start to finish) and steady golf most of the way, with just the right dash of the human element to make it fascinating.

EARLY LEAD
Mrs Ritchie went into an early lead by winning the first hole in a well-played 4 but her opponent came back at her with a splendid birdie 4 at the 2nd to level matters and went into the lead by winning the 3rd in a 3. A half in 6 followed at the 4th where both were in trouble in the ditch on the right from the tee. Then, Mrs Ritchie squared the match by winning the short 5th in a 3 where Mrs Manson was bunkered on the left with her tee shot. Both were short with their approaches at the 6th which was halved in 3. Mrs Manson then recovered the lead by winning the 7th where Mrs Ritchie found a packet of trouble by

driving into the ditch. With halves in 3s at the 8th and 9th Mrs Manson turned 1 Up only to lose the 10th by putting her 3rd into the tank. The match was again All Square.

The human element came well into the picture at the 11th where both incurred penalties for visiting tanks between the tee and the green. Mrs Ritchie won the hole to take the lead once again. Both went for 2s at the short 12th, but with neither succeeding, the hole was halved in 3. Mrs Ritchie looked like going further ahead at the 13th where Mrs Manson pulled her 2nd into the trees but the latter played a magnificent shot out of them on to the green and the hole was halved in 5. Then, Mrs Manson squared the match by winning the long 14th in a well-played 3.

BRAVE EFFORT

Both missed the green with their 2nds at the 15th and with neither succeeding with a chip and putt, the hole was halved in 3. Mrs Ritchie finally went ahead with a fine 3 at the short 16th where her opponent, hitting a tree on the left, found her ball almost back at the tee. She made a brave effort to get a rebound of the opposite bank of the tank with a low shot but missed narrowly and her ball finished over the green, from where she all but holed her chip for a 3.

Both were well off the tee at the 17th, but approaching directly into the sun their heads came up a good deal sooner than they should have and followed, as it was, by a spot of indifferent play on and around the green (Mrs Manson 3 putting, the hole was eventually halved in 6 and Mrs Ritchie became Dormie).

The end was approaching and the 18th was almost a replica of the previous hole but this time it was nerves which played tricks with the players. But with a somewhat indifferent half in 6 Mrs Ritchie emerged the winner by the narrow margin of 1 Up.

RESULTS WERE:
Mrs K. R. T. Mackenzie beat Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead 4 and 2; Mrs D. Ritchie beat Mrs T. Manson 1 Up.

MEDAL COMPETITION

Mrs Henderson made ample amends on Tuesday for her defeat in the Championship the previous day by winning the Scratch prize for the Medal Competition, the results of which were as follows:

Silver Division.—Mrs D. H. P. Henderson 67-82 39 scratch prize; Mrs R. Evrall 95-17-78 1st prize; Mrs J. H. T. Harley 92-10-82 2nd prize.
Bronze Division.—Mrs G. D. Wade 93-20-73 scratch prize; Mrs P. Mandel 97-25-72 1st prize; Mrs W. S. Robertson 108-30-78 2nd prize.

On Mum's return from UK she phoned her friend Pearson Surita, correspondent for The Onlooker and gave an update of her trip, then behold! She read of her personal "chat" reported in the magazine, hence her handwritten note, "Ain't it Marvelous!"

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those few hours to snatch.

Bam Ribbins Returns

Back from her holiday in the U.K. and full of the joys of an English spring is Bam Ribbins, India's leading lady player of the last few years. Bam was saying that she contrived to play quite a bit while at home and visited several courses in the South of England.

Around London she played at Wimbledon Park, Roehampton and Royal Wimbledon and it was at the last that she was greatly amused when one of the members came up and said: "John For-man ka kya khubbur hai?" It was a recently retired Assam oil man and a good friend of John's.

Bam did not play any competitive golf because the children were on holiday and much time was devoted to them and getting them ready for the new school to which they have gone. Family Golf was, therefore, the order.

While visiting Folkestone, Bam was invited to play at the Royal Cinque Ports Club at Deal and found it "out of this world." The Herefordshire Golf Club course she found interesting and intensely exhausting as one has to climb up and down "about a thousand feet at a time." Bam could not quite agree with me, however, when I suggested that after all this she might offer herself as a member of Lady Hillary's expedition to the Himalayas next year.

Ain't it marvellous!
And I thought Pearson
was a friend of mine!
Just goes to show
what a casual
chat on the
telephone can
lead to!

**1961 “MRS. RIBBINS.....BRILLIANT PERFORMER... “
“TOUGH AS THEY MAKE THEM, CHAMPS I MEAN.....”**

1956 was the record year of entries for the Ladies Championship and 1961, with 13 First Round matches, was only one entry short of the record.

Also, 1961 promised to be the best year of Ladies Golfing since WW2 with the added presence of distinguished overseas visitors joining the already top class India entries. Mrs. Carr, with a 12 handicap from England, Mrs. Valdinger, current holder of the Turkish Ladies Championship, and Miss Anne Scargill from Yorkshire, England, a scratch handicap player.

Scargill's presence in the Championship contributed more interest than any other year as she not only came in with (supposedly) “over 30 years of competitive experience” but also a desire to take the All-India Title back to England to join her other “loads of trophies including probably one of the most coveted in the U.K., The Golf Illustrated Ladies Vase.” (A must-read article by John Forman with amusing comment of Anne's “30 years of experience” can be read in The Onlooker coverage to come where you'll have it on his good reputation that Anne only recently celebrated her 29th birthday!)

Mum came to the Championship with several disadvantages: a 4 handicap, Phyllis Buxton's impressive record win of the year before (and Buxton's ambition to keep the title in 1961) and, due to nursing Dad through a serious illness, Mum was left emotionally exhausted and had not played much golf for many months.

However, Mum was supported and much encouraged by those who believed in her, one of her staunchest allies being her coach and mentor Tommy Duckworth, who she called “The Pundit Himself”, and acknowledged :

*“Without whose infinite patience and never ending interest,
nothing would have been possible.”*

Invaluable supporters were also those of the press.

The Statesman correspondent wrote:

*“...no competitor has a more impressive record in these championships,
four wins (3 in a row) and a finalist once since 1953 with
absence abroad last year”.*

“Why, that I cannot say,” said he “But ‘twas a famous victory.”

Why one wonders did Tommy quote from **The Battle of Blenheim** by Robert Southey, the English Lake Poet of the Romantic School?

Perhaps for the same reason that many consider golf to be as nonsensical as war. It is the one and only club-and-ball athletic sport in which the winner is the one who ends up with the fewest number of strokes! In other sports, the winner is the one who scores the highest number of points! Perhaps Tommy included his profound insight because those who battle in golf fight for a famous victory that defies logic and yet is charted in the annals of history as a “great victory” much akin to the records accumulated by Bam Ribbins and friends in this journal!

*The moral nonsense of the European war of 1704 was the point of this poem set in Blenheim, Bavaria, at the battle between the Austrians and English against the French and Bavarians. The poem tells how a little girl found a skull near the battle-field many years afterward, and asked her grandfather how it came there. He told her that a great battle had been fought there, and many of the leaders had won great renown. But he could not tell her why it was fought or what good came of it. He only knew that it was a “great victory.” (Analysis taken from “The Battle of Blenheim” reprinted from *Historic Poems and Ballads*. Ed. Rupert S. Holland. Philadelphia: George W. Jacobs & Co., 1912.)*

When Jenny visited India in 2008, she stayed at the Tollygunge Club Resort and was thrilled to see Mum’s name emblazoned on the Walls of Honour in recognition of Mum’s legendary victories in golf. But on introducing herself at the Resort as the daughter of this seven times winner of the All India Title, and other Awards, those approached were void of knowledge of the great accomplishments of the Champion or reasons for the battling. They politely lifted questioning eyebrows with a shrug of their shoulders. Their response was the beginning of our journey to uncover Mum’s history and recount her part in the battles fought over the All-India Titles and other competitions. The Honour Wall of Tollygunge shows it all to have been a “great victory”, and this journal hopes to connect the dots between some of those who fought in the great battles for great renown. Hopefully this journal will help us understand what good has come of it all!

19-1-61 "Why, that I cannot say," said he
but 'twas a famous victory:

The Landit himself.

Robert Southey - The
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A Treasured Tribute from
the one and only
- T. A. Duckworth -
without whose infinite patience
and reverencing interest nothing
would have been possible. Blessings!

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ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF STARTS TODAY

Strong Overseas Challenge

By Our Golf Correspondent

THIS year's Ladies Championship, commencing over the Old Course of the R.C.G.C. today, with an entry only one short of the record of 1956, possesses some interesting features which promise to make it one of the most open since the war.

Rumour had it a few months ago that an overseas entry with a big golf reputation was a possibility. As this gave way a little later to greater certainly much activity was noticeable in the realm of top class ladies golf and well it was that they took this line for it is now an established fact and she is with us. Miss Anne Scargill entered from the Wetherby G. C. with a scratch handicap with loads of trophies including probably one of the most coveted in the U.K. the "Golf Illustrated" Ladies Vase won at Oakdale 11 years ago, with the top award last year for the lowest scratch score in the Yorkshire Ladies Championship at Pannal and with over 30 years of competitive experience, bids fair to taking the title abroad, but she will have to produce some pretty good golf to do it.

Among the local top class entries Mrs C. A. Buxton and Mrs D. Duncan Smith come next in order of handicap with 3's followed closely by Mrs G. W. Ribbins with 4, Mrs D. C. W. Watkin with 6 and Mrs D. H. P. Henderson with 9. These are the single figure handicap players and there are no fewer than 11 with handicaps ranging between 10 and 14 including two very interesting visitors in Mrs W. H. Carr, wife of the Queen's Jockey, and Mrs P. Valdinger, current holder of the Turkish title, both of whom I would like to see in action today before assessing their chances.

With our local aspirants to the title going all out to put an edge to the match-winning part of their game in preparation for a possible encounter with the distinguished visitor, I think we can look forward to witnessing some really good golf this year.

IMPRESSIVE RECORD

To start with Mrs Buxton, the holder, with the impressive record of six appearances in the final since 1953 from one of which she emerged the winner, and present holder of the Tollymunge Course record for ladies, looks set for making a determined bid to retain her title but I think she has a tough proposition on her hands against Mrs Watkin today, who will doubtless make no small effort to avenge her defeat in the semi-final of 1955. An upset here cannot therefore be ruled out.

Mrs Duncan Smith who figured in a spirited final with Mrs Buxton last year has a recent victory over Mrs Ribbins in the final of the Thompson Scratch prize which should have provided her with the right incentive needed to add zest to her attack on the title.

Finally we come to Mrs Ribbins, no competitor has a more impressive record in these championships, certainly since the war, four wins (3 in a row) and a finalist once since 1953 with absence abroad last year. Unfortunately the serious illness of her husband kept her out of the game for several months till very recently and while she appears to have regained her confidence, always a serious force to be reckoned with against this brilliant performer, I am not sure that she has recovered enough of her lost fitness, but she is as tough as they make them, champs I mean, and provided she can discard that "couldn't care less attitude" in the earlier rounds which has almost encompassed her defeat by much inferior opponents in the past she should be in at the kill. May be this is her way of testing her powers of recovery but it is risky and could be attempted once too often.

Other than the match between Mrs Buxton and Mrs Watkin in the first round, two other matches which look good for close finishes are those between Mrs Muirhead and Henderson and Mrs Manson and Mrs Birtwhistle. Mr Morrison may find the cares and worries allied to her position as Chairman of the Championship Committee a little too much in her encounter with Mrs Ribbins today. It is a difficult business trying to shut out thoughts on administrative problems which have been lived with for many weeks to cope with those of golf concentration and winning golf just wont permit anything else. Nevertheless, she can be relied upon to give of her best and that should be enough to give her opponent plenty to think about.

The draw appears to have been most astutely handled by the Championship Committee drawing the four seedees from the hat against the normal procedure of deciding the order by choice and with the entries for the various events in the Open Meeting exceeding expectations it must be most heartening for them to feel that their efforts in the cause of local golf have received such gratifying support. I do not think many realize what a tough business it is organizing a meeting of these proportions but our lady golfers are making a fine show of it.

Miss Anne Scargill, the distinguished visitor will open proceedings in the Championship by striking off the first tee at 12 noon today in her match with Mrs P. J. F. Warner.

All-India Ladies Golf

CLOSE FINISHES ON FIRST DAY

Fine Win For Mrs. Buxton

By Our Golf Correspondent

SOME idea of the closeness in the majority of the 13 first round matches on Monday in the Ladies Golf Championship now being decided over the Old Course of the R.C.G.C. can be gained from the fact that three of them went to the 19th, one to the home green and three to the 17th.

Among those to finish at the 19th I think the victory of Mrs Mandal over an opponent with a much lower handicap created something of a surprise, while that of Mrs Greenland who also pulled her match off at the same hole over a far most experienced player, a fine effort. This player is a powerful striker of the ball and should if she perseveres, be figuring in top class golf within the next two years.

Miss Anne Scargill, with a personality as charming as her fluid swing is enjoying her visit immensely. Her only complaint is that her horse are spoiling her with their kindness but so long as her golf remains unaffected I think she will be prepared to waive the complaint. She won her match fairly comfortably but feels a little uncertain about her touch on and around the greens. The other two visitors Mrs Valdinger and Mrs Carr also won their matches but while the former registered the biggest win of the day, the latter met strong resistance from her opponent and just got home on the 17th.

While the match between Mrs Buxton and Mrs Watkins failed to provide the excitement expected owing largely to (a) Mrs Buxton's steadiness and (b) Mrs Watkin's failure to accept the few opportunities offered her, the other two had to go to the 17th before a decision could be reached. Mrs Muirhead put up a remarkably fine performance against Mrs Henderson, a much lower handicap player. She was 2 Down at the turn but fighting back strongly won the 10th, 11th and 12th to assume the lead but then her putting touch deserted her and she lost the next three holes to go 2 Down again. Hanging on to her lead Mrs Henderson gained the verdict by the narrow margin of 2 and 1. Mrs Birtwhistle's indifferent putting cost her the match with Mrs Manson but again not before the 17th green had been reached.

Mrs Ribbins was locked in a wonderful struggle with Mrs Morrison right up to the 11th tee where they were All Square but then Mrs Ribbins commenced to apply the pressure and drawing away steadily ran out the winner by 4 and 3.

Unquestionably the best figures for the day were put up by Mrs Duncan Smith who, despite opening with a 6 from a hooked tee shot out of bounds, was able to reach the turn in 41, just bogey for this stretch where she stood 5 Up on her opponent. She lost the 10th however through essaying a long carry over the tank from a cupped lie, which failed and put her in the drink but going merrily on her way thereafter completed the 14 holes of the match just one over bogey which bettered

Mrs Buxton's effort by a single stroke.

The second round matches will commence from 12.30 today.

Results:
Miss A. Scargill beat Mrs P. J. F. Warner 5 and 3; Mrs D. H. P. Henderson beat Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead 2 and 1; Mrs C. W. Porter beat Mrs G. R. Littlewood 4 and 3; Mrs D. Manson beat Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle 3 and 1; Mrs P. Valdinger beat Mrs A. Fernie 9 and 7; Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast beat Mrs C. E. Cargin 2 Up; Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs R. Y. Morrison 4 and 3; Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs D. C. W. Watkin 5 and 4; Mrs G. Thomson beat Mrs A. Mackay at 19th; Mrs P. Mandal beat Mrs W. E. Mitchell-Innes at 19th; Mrs W. H. Carr beat Mrs V. C. Eagleton 3 and 1; Mrs W. E. Greenland beat Mrs A. B. Cattanach at 19th; Mrs D. Duncan Smith beat Mrs P. F. Gilbert 6 and 4.

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TUESDAY

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The Battle of Blenheim by Robert Southey (1774-1843)

It was a summer evening;
Old Kaspar's work was done,
And he before his cottage door
Was sitting in the sun;
And by him sported on the green
His little grandchild Wilhelmine.

She saw her brother Peterkin
Roll something large and round,
Which he beside the rivulet
In playing there had found.
He came to ask what he had found,
That was so large, and smooth, and round.

Old Kaspar took it from the boy,
Who stood expectant by;
And then the old man shook his head,
And with a natural sigh,
"Tis some poor fellow's skull," said he,
"Who fell in the great victory.

"I find them in the garden,
For there's many here about;
And often, when I go to plow,
The plowshare turns them out;
For many thousand men," said he,
"Were slain in that great victory."

"Now tell us what 'twas all about,"
Young Peterkin, he cries;
And little Wilhelmine looks up
With wonder-waiting eyes;
"Now tell us all about the war,
And what they fought each other for."

All-India Ladies Golf

MISS SCARGILL IN GREAT FORM

Three Fancied Stars Extended

By Our Golf Correspondent

THE second round of the all-India Ladies Championship, played over the RCGC on Tuesday, was notable for the remarkable opposition put up by three double-figure handicap players against their top class opponents.

To start with, Mrs Prendergast held Mrs Ribbins to the position of All Square at the turn, but with a drive which almost finished in the further tank and a 5 iron to the middle of the green, Mrs Ribbins won the hole with a birdie 4 to take the lead. Two halves in regulation figures followed; then Mrs Prendergast brought the match back to All Square at the 13th, but a birdie 4 at the long 14th and a well-played 4 at the 15th put Mrs Ribbins 2 Up and, hanging on to her lead, she emerged the winner by 2 and 1. Judging by the figures in this match, Mrs Prendergast's performance was a highly creditable one.

Mrs Ghose, finding herself 3 Down at the end of 6 holes, decided to stage a comeback and, winning 2 of the next 3 holes, reduced Mrs Buxton's lead to a bare 1 hole at the turn and squared the match at the 13th by sinking a long putt for a win in 4. But a wild 3rd from the bunker at the long 14th cost her the hole and Mrs Buxton was back in the lead, which she increased to 2 holes at the 15th. With a delightful chip and a putt able to snatch a half from her opponent, sitting pretty for her 3, but with a half in 5 at the 17th Mrs Buxton entered the next round.

Finally, Mrs Duncan Smith, turning 3 Up, for the 2nd successive day essayed a long carry over the tank with her 2nd. The shot was struck a trifle too thin and just caught the top of the opposite bank from where the ball rolled back into the water and while she was well over with her 4th, it was not good enough to match her opponent's 3. Three halves followed; then Mrs Duncan Smith won the long 14th to become 3 Up again. She promptly proceeded to lose the 15th through a brilliantly-planned but faultily executed 2nd and a fit of 3-putting. However, a well-played 3 at the short 16th, where her opponent found the tank from the tee, gave her the hole and the match by 3 and 2.

Mrs Mitchell found Miss Anne Scargill's 41 to be the turn too much to cope with and a birdie 4 by her opponent at the 10th sent her into the almost irrecoverable position of 7 Down. This distinguished visitor seems to have recovered her touch, which hoses ill for any of her aspiring opponents.

The match between Mrs Manson and Mrs Valdinger looked in the initial stages like being a runaway victory for the latter, who won 3 of the first 4 holes but then Mrs Manson, a reputedly great fighter, came back at her opponent and, by winning the 8th and 9th in 4's, reduced Mrs Valdinger's lead to only 2 holes at the turn. She lost the 10th, however, to a well-played 5 to go back to 3 Down. Her opponent's lead, however, was short-lived because Mrs Manson won the 11th, 12th and 13th to square the match. A win in 5 at the long 15th put Mrs Valdinger in the lead once again and she increased it to 2 holes by winning the short 16th in a well-played 3 after her opponent had found the tank from the tee. With another win in 4 at the 17th Mrs Valdinger was home by 3 and 1.

Seeing whatever opportunities were provided by her opponent's lapses through inexperience, Mrs Carr registered a comfortable win by 5 and 4. This match provided quite an amusing incident at the 6th where Mrs Carr found the bunker on the left of the green with her 2nd, Mrs Greenland, who stood calmly watching proceedings from the opposite side of the green on the crest of a bunker, suddenly heard Mrs Carr yell "duck"; she did, lost her footing and tumbled into the sand. It was a near miss.

The third round matches commence at 1 p.m. today.

Results .

Miss A. Scargill beat Mrs A. H. Mitchell 8 and 6; Mrs D. H. P. Henderson beat Mrs C. W. Porter 5 and 3; Mrs P. Valdinger beat Mrs D. Manson 3 and 1; Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast 2 and 1; Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs S. N. Ghose 2 and 1; Mrs P. Mandal beat Mrs G. Thomson 5 and 3; Mrs W. H. Carr beat Mrs W. E. Greenland 5 and 4; Mrs D. Duncan Smith beat Mrs A. Thomason 3 and 2.

THE STATESMAN
WEDNESDAY

“It was the English,” Kaspar cried,
 “Who put the French to rout;
 But what they fought each other for,
 I could not well make out;
 But everybody said,” quoth he,
 “That ‘twas a famous victory.

“My father lived at Blenheim then,
 Yon little stream hard by;
 They burnt his dwelling to the ground,
 And he was forced to fly;
 So with his wife and child he fled,
 Nor had he where to rest his head.

“With fire and sword the country round
 Was wasted far and wide,
 And many a childing mother then,
 And new-born baby died;
 But things like that, you know, must be
 At every famous victory.

“They said it was a shocking sight
 After the field was won;
 For many thousand bodies here
 Lay rotting in the sun;
 But things like that, you know, must be
 After a famous victory.

“Great praise the Duke of Marlbro’ won,
 And our good Prince Eugene.”

“Why, ‘twas a very wicked thing!”
 Said little Wilhelmine.

“Nay ... nay ... my little girl,” quoth he,
 “It was a famous victory.”

“And everybody praised the Duke
 Who this great fight did win.”

“But what good came of it at last?”
 Quoth little Peterkin.

“Why, that I cannot tell,” said he,
 “But ‘twas a famous victory.”

THE STATESMAN FRIDAY JANUARY 20 1961

ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF

Mrs. Ribbins To Meet
 Mrs. Duncan Smith

Miss Scargill's Remarkable
 Recovery Of No Avail

By Our Golf Correspondent

BOTH the semi-final matches in the all-India Ladies Golf Championship, played over the RCGC on Thursday, provided plenty of thrills—all the way.

I feel sure nobody watching the match between Mrs Ribbins and Miss Scargill could possibly have foreseen where it was going to end when Mrs Ribbins, off to a brilliant start with 4, 5, 4, 5, 3, stood 4 Up. But then Miss Scargill commenced to fight back—and what a magnificent performance she put up. Winning the 6th with a par 4 and the 7th with a birdie 4 she had her opponent back to 2 Up. The 8th was halved in good 5's after both had been bunkered on the right from the tee, then with a long putt for a birdie 4 at the 9th Mrs Ribbins, out in 40, turned 3 Up.

With Miss Scargill winning the 10th in 5 and the 11th in 4 she reduced her opponent's lead to a slender one hole. A half in 3 followed at the short 12th, then Mrs Ribbins won a hole which she looked like losing all the way. She pushed her tee shot out on to the 16th tee and hit a tree with her 2nd, which deflected the ball on to the 14th fairway, but from here she played a wonderful pitch on to the green. With her opponent overshooting the green from the depression, chipping wide and falling with the putt, Mrs Ribbins won the hole with a 5 to increase her lead to

2 Up. The long 14th was halved in 5's then Miss Scargill let her opponent off at the 15th by missing a very short putt from a brilliant 3rd out of the bunker. But she won the short 16th with a well-played 3, and with another fine win in 4 at the 17th she finally succeeded in bringing the match back to All Square. It was a wonderful effort and her admirers—and there were many of them—had visions of a fine victory for Miss Scargill.

With a half in 5 at the 18th the players proceeded to the 19th where both sank long putts for a half in 4. Mrs Ribbins looked like winning the 20th when Miss Scargill overran the green with her chip, but sinking a good putt for a 5, a half resulted. Her opponent had a fine chance of clinching the issue at the 21st but she missed a short putt for a 5. The 22nd saw the end of a match which had had spectators holding their breath frequently, and I think it will be agreed that it was no small relief. Mrs Ribbins put a magnificent 2nd just short of the green while her opponent, some distance away with her 2nd, pitched her 3rd into the bunker on the right. As these had no terrors for her, she came out barely eight feet from the pin, but with her opponent chipping up close to the hole and Miss Scargill missing her putt, Mrs Ribbins was left with 2 for it with which she made no mistake, to enter the final for the sixth time. Her last three were wins. Is she going to break all records by making it four in a row? That we shall know before the day is done.

The other semi-final produced a match in which there was never more than one hole in it from start to finish. Mrs Buxton, out in 45, stood 1 Up but then Mrs Duncan Smith won the 10th and brought the match back to All Square. She lost the 12th, however, to a 3 and Mrs Buxton was back in the lead. The 13th and 14th were halved in 5's. Then, winning the 15th in a 4 and the short 16th in a 3, Mrs Duncan Smith assumed the lead for the first time in the match, but with a fine win in 4 at the 17th Mrs Buxton levelled matters again. A magnificent 2nd with an iron just short of the 18th green put Mrs Duncan Smith in a fine position to clinch the issue, which she did with a deft approach and a putt for a 4 to avenge last year's defeat and enter the final for the second successive year.

The final, due to commence at 1-30 p.m. today, promises to be another grand struggle.

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS
 Mrs. G. W. Ribbins beat Miss A. Scargill at 22nd; Mrs. D. Duncan Smith beat Mrs. C. A. Buxton 1 Up.

ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF

SEMI-FINAL LINE-UP AS EXPECTED

By Our Golf Correspondent

BOTH Mrs Ribbins and Mrs Duncan Smith were faced with strong opposition in the quarter-finals of the all-India Ladies Golf Championship at the RCGC on Wednesday.

In the first of these two matches Mrs Ribbins looked like running away from Mrs Valdinger when she won the 6th in a well-played 4 to go 2 Up and increased her lead to 3 Up by winning the long 7th but 3-putting the 8th from barely ten feet, her opponent managed to snatch a half, after finding the ditch on the right from the tee. Both went for birdies at the 9th but with neither succeeding, the hole was halved in 5 and the turn was reached with Mrs Ribbins 3 Up. Mrs Valdinger then proceeded to fight back and, winning both the 10th and 11th in 5's had her opponent back to 1 Up. But a loose tee shot at the short 12th into the front tank, cost her the hole and she was back to 2 Down.

With both players showing sympathy for each other's faulty play on and around the 13th green, the hole was finally halved in indifferent 5's. Again at the long 14th the same "fellowship" persisted, but this time Mrs Ribbins was by far the more generous and Mrs Valdinger, winning the hole in 6, had her opponent back to 1 Up. She let Mrs Ribbins in at the 15th by 3-putting it and then handed the match over to her by mishitting her tee shot into the tank; it must, however, be mentioned here that, striking first, Mrs Ribbins put her tee shot within six feet of the pin.

With Miss Scargill playing as well as the day before and registering a comfortable win over her opponent, the semi-final match between her and Mrs Ribbins today looks good for providing us with a few hair-raisers.

The other match between Mrs Carr and Mrs Duncan Smith, last year's runner-up, thrilled spectators right to the home green. At the turn Mrs Duncan Smith was 1 Up after a stirring ding-dong struggle.

On the way back the tense battle for supremacy continued and only at the 18th when she failed to get out of the bunker at her first attempt and barely out at her second did Mrs Carr concede the hole to her opponent.

I do not think many are aware of the enormous handicap under which Mrs Carr competed in this Championship. With a set of borrowed men's clubs and with little or no preparation owing to more pressing demands on her time, she has faced the ordeal of three matches with as fine a sporting spirit as one could possibly wish for.

Mrs Mandal had a tough time trying to prevent Mrs Buxton running away with the match, with figures only two strokes removed from the bogey for the 13 holes played.

Today's semi-finals promise interesting struggles and Mrs Ribbins will find in Miss Scargill an opponent worthy of her best effort. Mrs Buxton opposes Mrs Duncan Smith who is equally determined to avenge her last year's defeat in the final.

Results of Wednesday's quarter-finals were:

Miss A. Scargill beat Mrs D. H. P. Henderson 5 and 4; Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs P. Valdinger 3 and 2; Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs P. Mandal 6 and 5; Mrs D. Duncan Smith beat Mrs W. H. Carr 2 Up. The semi-finals start at 1-30 p.m.

ALL-INDIA TITLE

MRS. RIBBINS

Mrs. Duncan Smith Fades After 10th

By Our Golf Correspondent

THE final of the all-India Ladies Golf Championship, played over the RCGC on Friday, resulted in a win for Mrs Ribbins, who had succeeded in breaking her record of three-in-a-row. She did not defend her title at the previous Championship.

Both players were well off the tee at the first, but with Mrs Duncan Smith pitching short with her 2nd and Mrs Ribbins overshooting the green, a half in 5 resulted. The 2nd was halved in well-played 5's. Then, Mrs Ribbins put herself in the lead by winning the 3rd from a position which gave little promise. She failed in her attempt to carry the tank with her 2nd but played a splendid pitch to within six feet of the pin with her 4th. Her opponent on, but a long way from the pin, then lapsed into the error of 3-putting and Mrs Ribbins, sinking her putt, assumed the lead.

Mrs Duncan Smith saved the 4th by sinking a long putt for a 2 but with Mrs Ribbins finding the middle of the green from the tee at the short 5th, where her opponent in the front bunker had exploded weakly, chipped short and missed the putt, leaving her with 2 for 11 with which she made no mistake to increase her lead to 2 Up. The 6th was halved in well-played 4's and Mrs Ribbins went further ahead by winning the long 7th in a 5. This got her opponent thinking a bit and, resolving to do something about it, she proceeded to win both the 8th and the 9th to bring Mrs Ribbins back to 1 Up at the turn.

Both were short of the green with their 3rds at the 10th and with neither succeeding with a chip and a putt, the hole was halved in 6. Then, Mrs Ribbins returned to 2 Up by winning the 11th in a 5 after her opponent, in the ditch on the right from the tee, had played a magnificent 2nd well down the fairway, misjudged her pitch, chipped strongly and missed the putt. Mrs Ribbins now proceeded to lay the foundation for victory by sinking a long downhill putt for a birdie 2 at the short 12th after her opponent had made sure of her 3.

Playing a magnificent 2nd just short of the green from an awkward lie from under the tree on the right of the fairway where her tee shot had strayed and chipping well up, she won the 13th with a 2, after her opponent had 3 suited it, to place herself in the almost impregnable position of 4 Up and 5 to go. The long 14th was halved in well-played 5's and with both players being timid with their chips at the 15th, the hole was halved in 5's and Mrs Ribbins emerged the winner by 4 and 2.

While the golf on the whole lacked that fire of which both these players are capable, which I suppose was only natural after the gruelling fights they had had the day before, the features were reasonably good. They were:

Mrs Ribbins: Out 5, 5, 5, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 5-44.
Home 6, 5, 2, 5, 5-28.
Mrs Duncan Smith: Out 5, 5, 6, 5, 4, 4, 6, 5, 5-45.
Home 6, 6, 3, 6, 5, 5-31.

Before calling upon Mr C. D. Wilson, Captain of the RCGC, to present the prizes, Mrs P. J. Warner, Captain of the CLGC, congratulated the winner, the runner-up and the semi-finalists, paid a tribute to the Members of the Championship Committee who had worked untiringly to make the Championship and Open Meeting a success, and thanked the RCGC for permitting the use of the Old Course. In a delightfully humorous reply, Mr Wilson thanked the CLGC for paying him the honour of being the guest of the evening.

THE ONLOOKER

SEES MOST OF THE GAME...

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BOMBAY: 15th February, 1961

CALCUTTA GOLF JOHN FORMAN

LADIES ALL-INDIA TITLE FOR MRS. RIBBINS

HERE was a most refreshing and welcome outside interest in this year's Ladies All India Championship played over the Old Course of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club in January . . . although it was disappointing that a number of the low handicap Bombay lady players were unable to make the trip. Indeed, had the new Western champion and others from that part of India entered, the committee would have had difficulty in arranging the many possible seeds. As it was there were four outstanding players, all of whom were seeded, and all of whom obliged by reaching the semi-finals. Just how keen was the competition at that stage can be judged by the fact that Maureen Duncan Smith only just defeated the holder Phyllis Buxton on the last green while in the other game Bam Ribbins scraped through — but only after twenty-two holes! Her opponent in this game was Miss Anne Scargill who had entered from Wetherby, Yorks.

It is only fitting that a National Championship should have some outside interest. Besides Miss Scargill, Mrs. Carr who has a 12 handicap in the U.K., had entered, as had Mrs. Valdinger, the current holder of the Turkish Ladies Championship. Mrs. Carr was finally beaten on the 18th green by the eventual runner-up, while Mrs. Valdinger went out to Mrs. Ribbins on the 16th: both these ladies had reached the last eight . . . a very creditable performance considering their lack of knowledge of the course and local conditions. And in the case of Mrs. Carr . . . with borrowed men's clubs! So the many spectators who attended each day witnessed a number of really thrilling battles, all played in the very best spirit of the game.

It was Bam Ribbins' fifth win . . . a record which is only likely to be surpassed by herself! It had also been a good tournament for the runner-up . . . her second occasion as a golfing 'bridesmaid' . . . who, although no stylist, never gives up, and fights every inch of the way.

Maureen is not particularly long off the tee, but her short game is very sound, and the number of middle distance putts she holed in the final, with the pressure on, was quite remarkable. Perhaps her finest hole was the 18th in the semi-final against the holder: a 4 here, with the match all-square, was real tournament stuff.



Above: Mrs. Duncan Smith, who was the runner-up, Right: Mrs. Ribbins receives the Cup from Mr. C. D. Wilson, captain of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club

5th where Bam had played a magnificent iron to the heart of the green. Maureen sank another long one at the 6th for a half, lost the 7th to become 3 Down, but then won the next two holes, so there was only one in it at the turn.

Neither lady played the 10th as well as they normally do, and a half in 6 resulted: a pushed tee shot at the 11th cost Maureen the Hole: it was then Bam's turn to slot a long 'un at the short 12th where both had had beautiful tee shots: that made it 3 Up, and it looked suspicious as if the writing was on the wall: Maureen was running short of holes! She lost the 13th, and with halves at the next two holes Bam regained the title which she had . . . temporarily (?) . . . relinquished last year. A very worthy winner, and a very gallant loser.



The Final

The two finalists presented a contrast in styles. I suppose this was only to be expected as I do not know of any other lady in India who hits the ball quite so solidly, and with such tremendous top-spin, as Bam Ribbins. Although slim built, she has wonderful golfing hands that enable her to hit the ball as far, if not further, than the average male. Both players should have had par figures at the 1st, but failed to get down in two from just off the green. The 2nd followed more or less the same pattern. At the 3rd Bam clobbered a fairway Wood into the tank, and with Maureen safely on in 3 it looked as if the hole was lost. Not a bit of it! Bam's Wedge from behind the tank hit the green, bit in a most professional manner, and stopped about five feet from the hole. Down went the putt . . . and Maureen, most unusual for her, proceeded to three putt, and lose a hole she looked like winning. She made partial amends by slotting a long one for a half at the 4th, but lost the

Marathon Match

Undoubtedly the match of the week — and I am in no way detracting from the importance of the final — was the semi-final game between the Yorkshire Lass, Anne Scargill, and Bam. What a magnificent fight it was! Anne found herself 4 Down after five holes, her opponent having completed said holes in 2 under the card! Yet she never gave in, and after many vicissitudes, and many holes later, eventually squared the match at the 17th: a half followed at the 18th, and then at the first extra hole it was Bam's turn to slot an enormous putt to keep the game alive. Cut and thrust stuff. The end finally came at the 22nd, with by this time both competitors, and the entire gallery which had assumed very large proportions, in a state of nervous tension. Indeed I am sure the spectators were as relieved as the players that the game had finally ended.

Miss Scargill had been a dour fighter: her presence in the cham-

pinship had contributed more interest to it than for many a year. I only hope that she can return one of these days . . . and perhaps bring some of her friends with her. They will certainly all be assured of a most warm welcome.

In an amusing 'Thank you' speech after the prize-giving, Miss Scargill referred to a Press report . . . and not by a member of the L.G.U. either . . . which had (discredited her with "thirty years of tournament experience!" Obviously the reporter concerned failed to appreciate just how dangerous it is to make any reference, no matter how obliquely, to fair sex ages. Or the fact that the best ten years of a lady's life are between the ages of twenty-nine and thirty-nine!

But to settle all arguments, I have it on good authority that Miss Scargill has just had her twenty-ninth birthday.

The Prize-Giving

Mr. C. D. Wilson, Captain of the Royal, had refereed the finals, and thereafter had given away the prizes. The list was long and impressive. Indeed to the mere male it seemed that there were prizes for everyone! But then of course there had been the Open Meeting as well as the Championship, and just about every conceivable combination and permutation of golf competition had been included . . . Pitching and Putting, Ladder Putting . . . the LOT. Might even have got something myself had I been allowed to enter!

I have to hand it to the ladies for their choice of prizes. They, the prizes . . . but of course this applies to the ladies too . . . were both artistically attractive and useful. These little trophies that help subscribe to gracious living.

A most satisfactory Championship altogether.

Hard to Swallow!

Conversation piece in the Ladies Golf Club one morning between slightly hung-over Member, and Bearer.

Member: "Bearer, kutch Veganin goli hai?"

Bearer: "Nahin Mensahib; call Dunlop sixty-five goli hai."



WITH APOLOGIES TO THE BARD

Following parody, was recently sent to me from a friend at home. I do not know who the author I'm sure he will not object to my passing on his amusing and sound advice in these columns

*IF you can keep your head down whilst you pivot
And keep it steady in the "follow through";
If you have mastered "slice" and "null" and "divot"
And three-yard putts are mere child's play to you;
If you have studied Cotton, Braid and Vardon
And E. R. Whitcombe on "the short approach",
And practise with your niblick in the garden
And never feel that you might need a "coach".*

★

*If you're amused whilst those in front are making
Their slowest motions in their lowest gear,
Nor turn a hair when your opponent's taking
A practice swing in your immediate rear;
If when a divot on the fairway greets you
You feel no urge to cut the culprit's throat,
If on the green a filthy fluke defeats you
And you still for the stupid "stymie" vote.*

★

*If you can hide your mirth when you are winning
And on the other hand can mask your frown
When you can see that your opponent's grinning
With happy thought that you are "dormy down";
If you consider that at golf and tennis
To hunt for prizes is quite out of place
That those who hint at side-bets are a menace
And "ball a corner" — four balls a disgrace.*

★

*If you're not hustled when your rival rallies
With ricochet from an adjoining hut,
Nor even if upon the green he dallies
And takes five minutes at a six-inch putt;
If visit to a "hazard" costs you seven
And you are not to thoughts of suicide stirred,
Or in a shallow bunker play eleven
And never even use a naughty word.*

★

*If you can listen to another bleating
Of how, with luck, he might easily have won,
And let him go without to him repeating
The things you did, or things you might have done;
If you can play as well in rain and blizzard
As when the weather is a perfect joy,
No doubt at golf you'll one day be a wizard,
But what is more you'll miss the fun, my boy.*

9. Queen's Park,
Ballygunger.
23rd January 1961.

For: —
"The" Champion
Well done!

Jessie Wilson

(Enclosing a treasured possession — An adorable ball.)

1961 Silver Division of LGU Medal
was a tie for Mum who won on the
last 6 holes!
Mum had Leading Scores in the Silver
Division

CALCUTTA GOLF

The L.G.U. Medal for January was played over the New Course of the RCGC on Thursday, January 5. There was a tie in the Silver Division between Mrs R. Y. Morrison and Mrs G. W. Ribbins, the latter winning on the last six holes. Mrs P. R. Batra was the winner in the Bronze Division.

Leading scores were:

Silver Division—Mrs G. W. Ribbins (5) 72; Mrs R. Y. Morrison (11) 72; Mrs C. E. Carain (18) 75; Mrs J. D. S. Muirhead (14) 76.

Bronze Division—Mrs P. R. Batra (26) 73; Mrs N. M. Shaw (T-34) 74; Mrs H. T. Greenland (22) 76; Mrs E. W. Coe (25) 76; Mrs S. K. Khanna (36) 76.

1961 - BAM RIBBINS FIFTH WIN...
A RECORD WHICH IS ONLY LIKELY TO
BE SURPASSED BY HERSELF!

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“Although slim built, she has wonderful golfing hands that enable her to hit the ball as far, if not further, than the average male.”

ALL-INDIA TITLE FOR MRS. BROWN

REMARKABLE GOLF DOUBLE

By Our Golf Correspondent

The final of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship played over the Old Course of the RCGC on Friday resulted in a creditable win for Mrs H. C. Brown who beat Mrs G. W. Ribbins by 3 and 2. She thus added the All-India title to that of Western India and appears to be the first lady golfer to do this, since the war at any rate.

Mrs Brown opened her account with a good win in 4 at the first hole and increased her lead to 2 up with a win in 5 at the 2nd, but a fit of 3-putting cost her the 3rd, and two badly hooked tee shots, both the 4th and the 5th, gave Mrs Ribbins the lead but a fit of 3-putting cost her the 6th and Mrs Brown won the hole with a well played 4 to bring the match back to all square. Her opponent was then guilty of a good deal of loose play through the green at the 7th which she lost to a 5 and Mrs Brown was back in the lead, which she increased to 2 up with a fine 4 at the 8th and went further ahead with a birdie 4 at the 9th where Mrs Ribbins completely misjudged her approach from just short of the green.

Both players had magnificent drives down the 10th but while Mrs Ribbins was a trifle short of the green with her 2nd, Mrs Brown was in the bunker on the left from which she barely got out. Mrs Ribbins was too strong with her chip while Mrs Brown put her 4th a few feet past the pin; with Mrs Ribbins putting strong and missing the return putt Mrs Brown was left with her's for a win which she promptly proceeded to do and go 4 up.

Both the 11th and 12th were halved in regulation figures then a mis-hit 3rd by Mrs Ribbins from just off the green on the left where her 2nd had strayed and a putt well past the hole left Mrs Brown with 2 for it with which she made no mistake to place herself in the almost impregnable position of dormie 3.

FINE BIRDIE

Just as we were beginning to prepare for the end of match Mrs Ribbins came at her opponent with a fine birdie 4 at the long 14th to win

it and promptly proceeded to take another hole from her opponent with a well played 4 at the 15th. Both missed the green at the short 16th from the tee, while Mrs Ribbins overshot it Mrs Brown was a trifle short and playing first left her approach a trifle short of the pin. Mrs Ribbins then chipped much too strongly and missing the putt for a 3 Mrs Brown was left with 2 for the half and the match with which she made no mistake.

The approximate figures for the match were.

Mrs Brown—Out	4 5 6 7 6 4 5 4 4 =	45
Mrs Ribbins—Out	5 6 5 5 3 5 6 5 5 =	45
Mrs Brown—Home	5 5 3 5 5 5 4 =	32
Mrs Ribbins—Home	6 5 3 6 4 4 4 =	32

I hope those who followed this final noted how handsomely our new champion's deft approaching and good putting contributed towards her victory.

Before calling upon Mr Neimeyer Captain of the RCGC to present the prizes Mrs Ghose, the Captain of the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club, thanked the RCGC for making the Old Course available for the holding of the Championship and the Open Meeting commended Mr Weckler and his ground staff for the splendid playing conditions and congratulated the prize winners of the Championship and the Open Meeting. In a well delivered reply Mr Neimeyer thanked Mrs Ghose and the Championship Committee for the honour of asking him to present the trophies.

BAM'S COLLYWOBBLES.....

Mum was humbled by the letter of encouragement from Dad's Burra Sahib Douglas, but would not be comforted with his "kind" accolades! Mum found it difficult to accept compliments if she felt they had no foundation. She didn't accept that she'd played good golf on this occasion (while it was her best, it wasn't good enough in her estimation!) and no empathy could persuade her to be gentle on herself. She wouldn't accept encouragement at its face value! She indeed was a perfectionist and set high standards for herself. At losing the Championship, she names herself "an ignorant body who appeared never to have held a club in her hand, and had no right to waste the onlooker's afternoon when golfers should have met in the finals and given an exhibition of golf". She was extremely aware that time was of a precious commodity, and for the gift of people giving their time to see her play golf she felt she needed to do THAT, play "golf" - she was disappointed that she'd fallen short of the mark she set herself claiming she'd played, "lousy golf throughout"!



Such torment was what Mum affectionately called her "collywobbles" and others read into it a "couldn't care less attitude"! We daughters inherited Bam's collywobbles resulting in us both being high achievers who set high goals!

Thanks Mum!

"Thank you roses" in appreciation of the work ethic you passed down to us!

4, FAIRLIE PLACE
CALCUTTA 1

Tue. 19 Jan.

My dear Bam.

A note of congratulations—
it takes courage to contest a final, but it
takes so much greater courage to give someone else
a chance. As our mascot, we appreciate your
gesture & think so highly of you.

Yours sincerely

J. A. Agency Dept. - 66.

How sweet can people be?
But Douglas always says the truest
things—

Good for Thelma and many apologies—
A remarkably kind write-up - No mention
of honey Gey throughout, only "Five Bredie"
"Trifle short" shots and "Strong pitcher" re-
"mis-hit" and "topper" balls produced by
an ignorant body who appeared never to
have held a club in her hand, and had
no right to waste the outlanders afternoon
when Goffers should have met in the finals and
given an exhibition of Gey - UGH!

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 6 1962

Inauguration of the
East Indian Championships
in conjunction with the Tollygunge O.H.
(The beginning of a new era?)
A long way to go yet!
No golf on leave - 2/62 to 11/62.

The Summer of 62 was one of the best family holidays we spent together. We children never knew how disappointed Mum was about her All-India loss, but Dad of course was aware of her despondency and kept quite attentive to her needs. We enjoyed

two wonderful months out of boarding school touring Europe, camping in France and Spain, with hours of pleasure captured on home movies that remind us to this day of the joys we shared together. Back to school came all too soon and our parents left England for India. Mum set her mind like flint between her career and social calendar to "improve" her golf and get back in form. And by golly, she did it again!

First time ever!

*1962 sees the commencement of
The EAST INDIA CHALLENGE CUP
Mum's handwritten note questions,
"The beginning of a new era?"*

*Despite no playing golf for almost nine months while on leave -
MUM WINS the first East India Ladies Golf Tournament!*

Mrs. Ribbins beat Mrs. Buxton in the Finals

"Once again Bam was the winner and after her recent home leave was hitting the ball as well, and as far, as ever."

"Bam....her approach putt, in the best Arnold Palmer style, sailed gaily five feet past the hole.
Atta Girl! Go for it!"

"....then Bam played the most delicate of chips to within eighteen inches of the hole....
and it was all over."



Bam dear,
Flowers you
deserve and flowers
you're going to
get!
From two of
your most ardent
admirers -
Louise + Me!

*MRS. RIBBINS WINS!
EAST INDIA CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE CUP -*

ONCE AGAIN Bam was the winnerJohn Forman

East India Ladies Golf

First-Round Matches Start Today

The Ladies Golf Tournaments, the East India Challenge Cup and the Open Scratch Trophy (Bronze Division) commence today at the Tollygunge Club.

The qualifiers for the match play stage of these tournaments are given below. In the case of the East India Challenge Cup the figures in brackets indicate the gross score for handicaps below 19, while in the Open Scratch Trophy (Bronze Division) the bracketed figures show the gross score for handicaps of 19 and above.

East India Challenge Cup.—Mrs G. W. Ribbins (77); Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast (89); Mrs R. Tucker (92); Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle (87); Mrs J. H. T. Harley (83); Mrs C. A. Buxton (82); Mrs H. Madath (88); Mrs D. Duncan-Smith (76).

Open Scratch Trophy (Bronze Division).—Mrs P. W. G. Adair (83); Mrs A. A. Norrie (99); Mrs A. Stock (98); Mrs C. M. A. Bathurst (102); Mrs J. C. Hornel (101); Mrs J. V. Cracknell (101); Mrs H. Norrington (99); Mrs B. Lal (97).

First round matches commence at 12-45 p.m. today at the Tollygunge Club.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 4 1962

East India Ladies Golf

Finals To Be Played Today

Semi-final round matches in the East India Ladies Golf tournaments at the Tollygunge Club on Wednesday resulted as follows:

East India Challenge Cup.—Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle 8 and 7; Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs D. Duncan-Smith 6 and 4.

Open Scratch Trophy (Bronze Division).—Mrs A. A. Norrie beat Mrs C. M. A. Bathurst 2 and 1; Mrs J. V. Cracknell beat Mrs B. Lal 3 and 1.

Final matches commence at 1-00 p.m. and 1-15 p.m. today.

E. INDIA LADIES GOLF

Challenge Cup For Mrs. Ribbins

Final round matches in the East India Ladies Golf tournaments at the Tollygunge Club on Thursday resulted as follows:

East India Challenge Cup.—Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs C. A. Buxton 2 up.

Open Scratch Trophy (Bronze Division).—Mrs J. V. Cracknell beat Mrs A. A. Norrie 4 and 3.

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WEDNESDAY

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EAST INDIA LADIES' GOLF

Results of first round matches of the East India Ladies Golf tournaments played at the Tollygunge Club on Tuesday were as follows:

East India Challenge Cup.—Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast 5 and 4; Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle beat Mrs R. Tucker 3 and 2; Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs J. H. T. Harley 5 and 4; Mrs D. Duncan-Smith beat Mrs H. Madath 6 and 5.

Open Scratch Trophy (Bronze Division).—Mrs A. A. Norrie beat Mrs P. W. G. Adair 4 and 3; Mrs C. M. A. Bathurst beat Mrs A. Stock on the 20th; Mrs J. V. Cracknell beat Mrs J. C. Hornel 3 and 2; Mrs H. Lal beat Mrs H. Norrington 4 and 3.

Semi-final matches commence at 12-45 today.

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CALCUTTA GOLF

JOHN FORMAN

East India Ladies

Managed to play hookey from office the other day and witness the last eight holes of the finals of the above tournament between these two most friendly and off-times rivals Bam Ribbins and Phyllis Buxton. It was played over Tolly. Once again Bam was the winner and after her recent home leave was hitting the ball as well, and as far, as ever. Phyllis is a tough opponent, and never gives in. Under pressure her swing was inclined to speed up, and shorten, and she was not getting through the ball as well as she could.

Both girls played magnificent approaches to the 14th at which stage Bam was 2 up. Both putts just missed. Then Bam's tee shot at the 15th finished in the bunker. Phyllis in the meantime had played a picture pitch to within two feet of the pin for a birdie. Only one in it! Bam replied with an even more impressive birdie at that horror, the 16th. Dormie. Both were on the green at the 17th... and it was Phyllis' putt. She was woefully short. Bam then had two for it... and her approach putt, in the best Arnold Palmer style, sailed gaily five feet past the hole. Atta Girl! go for it! Shortly after Phyllis took the honour on the 18th tee!

Phyllis' tee shot was pushed into the right hand bunker while Bam pulled her's left of the green, pin high. Phyllis just managed to scramble out... and then Bam played the most delicate of chips to within eighteen inches of the hole... and it was all over.

With Maureen Duncan Smith also playing well, and with Thelma Brown coming over from Bombay to defend her title, the All India Ladies next month promises to provide a higher standard of golf than for many a year. Calcutta now has no less than three 3-handicap golfers, all of whom will be intent on regaining the title for this side of India. The Championship Committee should have an easy job with the seeding.

1963 ALL INDIA LADIES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

ALL-INDIA LADIES AMATEUR GOLF

The draw for the All-India Ladies Amateur Golf Championship is as follows:

Mr H. C. Brown (Bye), Mrs J. V. Cracknell v Mrs D. C. W. Watkin.
Mrs R. B. Bainbridge (Bye), Mrs S. N. Ghose (Bye), Mrs G. Wade (Bye).

Mrs H. Madath (Bye), Mrs D. Mansop (Bye), Mrs C. A. Buxton (Bye).

Mrs G. W. Ribbins (Bye), Mrs P. C. Cheryan (Bye), Mrs R. B. Howie (Bye).

Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle (Bye), Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast (Bye).

Mrs J. H. T. Harley v Mrs C. E. Cargin, Mrs D. Duncan-Smith (Bye).
Where possible, matches scheduled for January 15 may be played on January 14, but only at timings as drawn for Tuesday.

ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF FROM TODAY

By Our Golf Correspondent

WHILE the field for this year's All-India Ladies Golf Championship, commencing over the Old Course of the RCGC today, is a slight improvement on that of last year in the matter of numbers, it again bristles with talent which promises to make it one of the most exciting in recent years.

In addition to the holder of the title, Mrs H. C. Brown from Bombay, the runner-up Mrs G. W. Ribbins, and the two semi-finalists Mrs C. A. Buxton and Mrs D. Duncan Smith, all playing off a handicap of 3, we have Mrs D. C. W. Watkin also off 3, Mrs G. Wade off 7, Mrs J. H. T. Harley off 8, Mrs D. Mansop off 9 and two low double figures handicap, players off 10, viz Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast and Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle.

In a field such as this and with all matches over the short route a surprise result cannot be ruled out but I expect the semi-final lineup to be either Mrs Brown or Mrs Watkin, Mrs Buxton, Mrs Ribbins and Mrs Duncan-Smith in this order. All are seasoned players whose experience should give them the edge over opponents disputing their passage. The draw places Mrs Ribbins in the most favourable position to reach this stage but the others are likely to encounter a tough hurdle or two before making it.

There has been much activity among local aspirants to the title during the past month or so to prevent it returning to Bombay and Mrs Brown, who incidentally made short work of the opposition in the 72 hole medal-play Championship of W.I. at Chembur last November for the second successive year, will assuredly be called upon to produce some of her best golf in the defence of her title.

Among the disappointments in local golfing circles is the withdrawal due to a recent bereavement of Mrs R. Sahay, one of the most promising players in Calcutta whom a local columnist has referred to as "our deshi hope" and a newcomer, Mrs S. Kumar, probably the smallest lady golfer in the country who I understand is under doctor's orders. Despite a lack of inches and avoirdupois it is fascinating to watch this player attack the ball with such zest and determination in a bid to bend it to her will and with a mental approach to the game far beyond the average much can be expected of this petite member of the fair sex in the years to come.

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All-India Ladies Golf Championship

By Our Golf Correspondent

BOTH the first round, and all but two matches of the second round, in the All-India Ladies Golf Championship were played over the Old Course of the RCGC Tollygunge, on Monday, which leaves only two matches for decision today. Both these matches should be well contested with play commencing at 12-34 p.m.

In the first we have Mrs H. C. Brown, the holder, meeting Mrs D. C. W. Watkin who produced some good golf in her match with Mrs Cracknell to win by the handsome margin of 6 and 5. In the other, Mrs D. Duncan-Smith meets Mrs J. H. T. Harley, who also won her match against Mrs C. E. Cargin by the same margin.

In the match between Mrs. Howie and Mrs. Tucker, the former got off to a flying start by winning the first three holes but with her opponent suddenly finding form the match reached the turn all square and Mrs. Tucker assumed the lead by winning the 10th in a well played match. The next three holes were halved then Mrs. Howie brought the match back to all square at the 14th. She played a fine 2nd to 14th within 6 feet of the pin at the 15th and with her opponent short with the 2nd and weak with the approach, Mrs. Howie was left with 2 for it with which she made no mistake to assume the lead once again.

Both missed the green from the tee at the short 16th but with Mrs. Howie pitching well and sinking the putt for a win in 3 became the dormie 2. Both were well off the tee at the 17th but Mrs. Tucker won it in a well played 4 to keep the match alive. Mrs. Howie found the bunker from the tee at the 18th barely exploded out and mishit her 2nd well short of the green. Meanwhile, Mrs. Tucker just short

of the green with her 2nd chipped well on and by winning the hole in 5 brought the match back to all square. The 19th was halved in an indifferent 6 then with Mrs. Howie 3 putting the 20th Mrs. Tucker was able to enter the next round.

Mrs. Prendergast started her match with Mrs. Birtwhistle by winning the first three holes but she suddenly lost her touch and with her opponent producing some good recoveries she was able to square the match at the turn and by winning 5 of the next six holes ran out the winner by 5 and 3.

Results:

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. D. C. W. Watkin beat Mrs. J. V. Cracknell 6 and 5; Mrs. J. H. T. Harley beat Mrs. C. E. Cargin 6 and 5.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. R. B. Bainbridge beat Mrs. S. N. Ghose 4 and 2; Mrs. G. Wade beat Mrs. H. Madath 2 up; Mrs. C. A. Buxton beat Mrs. D. Mansop 5 and 4; Mrs. G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs. P. C. Cheryan 7 and 6; Mrs. R. C. Tucker beat Mrs. R. B. Howie at 20th; Mrs. W. P. Birtwhistle beat Mrs. R. A. V. Prendergast 5 and 3.

OPEN MEETING

9 Hole Flag Silver Division Winner: Mrs. J. V. Cracknell 7½ paces beyond nullah.
Bronze Division Winner: Mrs. S. Prakash 100 yards beyond nullah.

DAY OF SURPRISES IN ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16 1963

Mrs H. C. Brown Eliminated

By Our Golf Correspondent

BOTH the remaining matches in the second round of the All-India Ladies Gold Championship, played over the Old Course of the RCGC, Tollygunge, on Tuesday were well contested with Mrs D. C. W. Watkin gaining the verdict over the title holder, Mrs H. C. Brown, on the 16th and Mrs J. H. T. Harley beating Mrs D. Duncan-Smith on the home green.

Mrs Brown got off to a fine start by winning the 1st hole with a fine birdie 3. The next was halved in 5 then with Mrs Brown 3 putting the 3rd lost the hole and the match was back to all square. A win in 5 at the 4th put her 1 up again. Both were short of the green with their tee shots at the 5th, but with Mrs Watkin holing a good putt for a birdie 3 she squared the match and went 1 up with a well played 4 at the 6th. She lost this lead, however, through a spot of loose play through the green at the long 7th which cost her the hole and levelled matters again. With the holing of a long approach for a birdie 3 at the 8th Mrs Brown assumed the lead once again.

This position was maintained to the turn then with a splendid birdie 4 at the 10th Mrs Watkin squared the match and went into the lead by

winning the 11th, following the holing of a chip for 4 and went further ahead with a well played 3 at the short 12th where her opponent found the bunker to the right of the green from the tee.

A half in 5 followed then Mrs Watkin drove into the tank to the left of the fairway of the long 14th which eventually cost her the hole and her lead was reduced to 1 up, but with Mrs Brown hooking her tee shot into the trees at the 15th, Mrs Watkin was able to claim the hole with a 5 to go back to 2 up. Both were on from the tee at the short 16th but with Mrs Brown 3 putting it she lost the hole and the match to her opponent by 3 and 2.

Fortunes fluctuated in the match between Mrs Harley and Mrs Duncan-Smith with Mrs Harley taking the lead with a fine birdie 3 at the first and Mrs Duncan-Smith levelling with a birdie 4 at the 3rd. Mrs Harley again went 1 up with 4 at the 5th, but the match was back to all square at the 6th which Mrs Duncan-Smith won with a well played 4 and assumed the lead for the first time in the match by winning the long 7th with a well played 5. A half in 5 followed then with a fine birdie 4 at the 9th Mrs Harley brought the match back to all square.

This position was maintained with

SECOND ROUND

Mrs D. C. W. Watkin beat Mrs H. C. Brown 7 and 2; Mrs J. H. T. Harley beat Mrs D. Duncan-Smith 2 up.

Silver Division—Best scratch score: Mrs G. W. Ribbins—83.

1st Medal—Mrs C. E. Cargin—79.

2nd Medal—Mrs C. A. Buxton—81.

Bronze Division—Best scratch score: Mrs P. W. G. Adair—79.

1st Medal—Mrs D. A. Blackford—75.

2nd Medal—Mrs J. M. Lall—78. 3rd

Handicap Prize—Mrs R. Kochar—80.

halves over the next 5 holes then Mrs Harley went ahead with a win in 4 at the 15th but promptly proceeded to lose her lead at the short 16th, where she hooked her tee shot well to the left of the green, barely reached it with her chip and missed the putt. With Mrs Duncan-Smith making sure of her 3 the match was back to all square. Both were well down the fairway from the tee at the 17th but Mrs Harley then played a beautiful 2nd to the middle of the green and with her opponent falling with her putt for a 4, Mrs Harley won the hole to become dormie and clinched the issue by winning the 18th in a well played 4.

Today's third round matches start at 1 p.m.

TOLLYGUNGE CLUB LGU

The Tollygunge Club LGU Monthly Bogey Stableford was played over the Tollygunge Club course on Wednesday, when 41 cards were taken out.

Leading scores were:
Silver Division—Mrs G. W. Ribbins (3) 35 points; Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast (10) 32; Mrs R. C. Tucker (14) 32.

Bronze Division—Mrs J. C. Horne (19) 34 points; Mrs J. V. Cracknell (19) 32; Mrs W. Smith (23) 30; Mrs J. McLean (28) 30; Mrs D. Carter (36) 30.

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Bogey Stableford -
Leading Score -
Bam Ribbins!

IRRESISTIBLE GOLF BY MRS. RIBBINS

Mrs. Ribbins SIXTH ALL-INDIA SUCCESS

This was her sixth victory and with two other appearances in the final in ten years, it is surely a record which is most unlikely ever to be equaled, leave alone surpassed.

SEMI-FINALS REACHED IN LADIES GOLF

Mrs. Harley Wins Exciting Encounter At 19th

By Our Golf Correspondent

THE semi-final line-up following the 3rd round matches in the All-India Ladies Golf Championship, played over the Old Course of the RCGC, Tollygunge, on Wednesday is Mrs D. C. W. Watkin, Mrs C. A. Buxton, Mrs W. G. Ribbins and Mrs J. H. T. Harley in this order. While the first three came through their encounters comparatively easily, Mrs Harley was taken to the 19th by Mrs Birtwhistle.

In the first of these four matches Mrs Bainbridge did extremely well to take Mrs Watkin, who gained the verdict over Mrs H. C. Brown, the holder, of the title on Tuesday, to the 15th where she lost the match by 4 and 3. Mrs Wade came up against Mrs Buxton in one of her irresistible moods and lost by the wide margin of 8 and 7.

Mrs Ribbins got off to a fine start in her match against Mrs Tucker by winning the first two holes, but play as well as she could, Mrs Ribbins was unable to make any impression on her opponent till the 8th where she increased her lead to 3 up and this was the position at the turn. With a splendid birdie 4 at the 10th, Mrs Ribbins went 4 up and winning the next 3 holes in par figures, emerged the winner by the handsome margin of 7 and 5.

In her match with Mrs Birtwhistle, Mrs Harley opened her account with a win in 4 at the first hole, but with a well-played 5 at the next hole her opponent levelled matters. A half in 5 followed then Mrs Harley took the lead again by winning the 4th in a 5 and maintained this lead for the next two holes. Both mis-hit their tee shots at the long 7th into the ditch in front of the tee but got out well and were just short of the green in 4 from here, however, Mrs Harley chipped very strongly over the green and was short with her approach.

LEAD INCREASED

Meanwhile, Mrs Birtwhistle approaching well was left with 2 for it from barely 10 ft with which she made no mistake to square the match. A half in 5 followed at the 8th then with a well played 5 at the 9th Mrs Birtwhistle assumed the lead for the first time in the match and increased it to 2 up by winning the 10th.

With a fine recovery from the ditch where her tee shot had strayed, Mrs Harley won the 11th with a 4 to bring her opponent back to 1 up, but her smothered tee shot into the tank in front of the short 12th cost her the hole and Mrs Birtwhistle was back to 2 up. The next 2 holes were halved in 5's then with Mrs Birtwhistle mis-hitting her tee shot into the pines at the 15th and 3-putting it Mrs Harley won the hole to reduce her opponent's lead to 1 up. Another 3-putting effort at the short 16 cost Mrs Birtwhistle the remaining hole of her lead. The match had now reached an interesting stage with the pressure on Mrs Birtwhistle who appeared to show it by losing the 17th with yet another 3-putting effort, leaving her opponent dormant.

Pulling herself together, however, she fought back well at the 18th to win it in a 5 and the match proceeded to the 19th where Mrs Birtwhistle found the bunker in front of the green with her 2nd, while Mrs Harley ran through it. Mrs Birtwhistle recovered well from the bunker to within 10 ft of the pin while her opponent barely reached the green with her approach but from here she proceeded to sink a long putt for a 4 and on Mrs Birtwhistle failing with the putt Mrs Harley entered the semi-final.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs D. C. W. Watkin beat Mrs R. B. Bainbridge 4 & 3; Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs G. Wade 8 & 7; Mrs W. G. Ribbins beat Mrs R. C. Tucker 7 & 5; Mrs J. H. T. Harley beat Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle at 19th.

OPEN MEETING—BOGEY

Silver Division.—1st Prize—Mrs H. Madath—2 down (winner on last 9 holes), 2nd Prize—Mrs H. C. Brown—2 down.

Bronze Division.—1st Prize—Mrs W. Falconer—1 down, 2nd Prize—Mrs A. Fernie—2 down.

THURSDAY

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MRS. RIBBINS TO MEET MRS. BUXTON Ladies Golf Final Today

By Our Golf Correspondent

ONCE again we see the familiar rivals, Mrs Buxton and Mrs Ribbins, who won their respective semi-final matches in the All-India Ladies Golf Championship played over the Old Course of the RCGC, Tollygunge, on Thursday, contesting the final.

day, contesting the final.
In her match with Mrs Watkin, Mrs Buxton went into an early lead at the 2nd but with her opponent winning both the 3rd and the 4th, the tables were turned and Mrs Watkin became 1 up. She increased this to 2 up by a good putt for a 5 at the long 7th, but then her opponent commenced to fight back and winning the 8th in a 5 and 9th with a splendid birdie 4, she levelled matters. With Mrs Watkin 3 putting the 10th Mrs Buxton finally assumed the lead which she never lost.

At the 11th Mrs Watkin found the bunker on the left of the green from her 3rd, and on exploding weakly and missing the putt, Mrs Buxton won the hole with a 5 to go 2 up. Both were bunkered on the left of the green from the tee at the short 12th but with Mrs Watkin barely getting out, chipping weakly and missing the putt, she lost the hole and Mrs Buxton increased her lead to 3 up. Just short of the green with their 2nd at the 13th, Mrs Watkin chipped nicely on but Mrs Buxton completely mishit her approach, was well past the pin with her 4th and missing the putt, Mrs Watkin was left with 2 for it from barely 10 ft. with which she made no mistake to bring her opponent back to 2 up.

It was Mrs Watkin's turn now to mishit her approach, which she did at the long 14th and seizing this opportunity Mrs Buxton claimed the hole with a well played 5 to go 3 up again. The 15th was halved in somewhat indifferent 5's then at the short 16th Mrs Buxton put a decisive end to the encounter by holing a good putt for a win in 3 to emerge the winner by 4 and 2.

FINE START

Mrs Ribbins got off to a fine start in her match with Mrs Harley by winning the first 3 holes which included a splendid birdie 4 at the 2nd but a win in 5 at the 4th enabled Mrs Harley to reduce her opponent's lead to 2 up. This position was maintained with halves at the next 3 holes; then winning both the 8th and the 9th Mrs Ribbins turned 4 up. A spot of loose play through the green at the 10th and the 11th cost Mrs Ribbins both these holes which brought her back to 2 up, and with Mrs Harley winning the 13th, Mrs Ribbins found herself with a bare lead of 1 hole but a win in 5 at the long 14th sent her 2 up again.

An indifferent half in 5's followed. Mrs Ribbins then played herself into a fine position for clinching the issue at the short 16th where Mrs Harley found the bunker to the left of the green from the tee but she 3 putted it from barely 12 ft. and a half in 4 resulted, leaving her dormie 2. The 17th saw Mrs Harley produce a fine recovery following a mishit tee shot and a splendid 3rd almost enabled her to snatch the hole from her opponent to keep the match alive but she failed with the putt from 6 ft. and with the hole being halved Mrs Ribbins emerged the winner by the slender margin of 2 and 1.

The final will be decided today with play commencing at 1-30 pm.

Results:

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs C. A. Buxton beat Mrs D. C. W. Watkin 4 and 2; Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs J. H. T. Harley 2 and 1.

OPEN MEETING—BOGEY FOURSUMES

1st Prize—Mrs H. Madath and Mrs R. B. Howle—1 down (winners on last 9 holes); 2nd Prize—Mrs H. C. Brown and Mrs E. Ellison—1 down.

IRRESISTIBLE GOLF BY MRS. RIBBINS SIXTH ALL-INDIA SUCCESS

By Our Golf Correspondent

WITH golf which was a fine example of steadiness all the way, Mrs G. W. Ribbins gained another verdict over Mrs C. A. Buxton in the final of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship which concluded over the Old Course of the RCGC, Tollygunge, on Friday. This was her sixth victory and with two other appearances in the final in ten years, it is surely a record which is most unlikely ever to be equalled, leave alone surpassed.



Mrs G. W. Ribbins.

It is but fair that readers should be given an opportunity of comparing the records of these two fine lady golfers in their quest for Championship honours and as I have given you that of Mrs Ribbins here is Mrs Buxton's. She made her first appearance in the final in 1953 and has up to date appeared in seven finals from which she emerged the winner in 1960. Of these she has met Mrs. Ribbins four times but has never succeeded in lowering her colours. Actually they have met each other six times in the Championship and Mrs Ribbins remains undefeated.

Mrs Ribbins opened her account with a win at the first hole where her opponent found the tank to the right of the green with her 2nd and went further ahead at the third where Mrs Buxton was bunkered to the right of the green from her 3rd. Her cut tee shot into the ditch on the right of the fairway made it difficult for her to snatch a half at the 4th and Mrs Ribbins went 3 up.

Mrs Buxton had a chance of pulling a hole back at the 5th but she missed for a 3 from barely 4 ft. and the hole was halved. Both were well down the fairway from the tee at the 6th and played splendid 2nds to the green, putting first Mrs Buxton missed from 8 ft. Mrs Ribbins then had a good chance of increasing her lead to 4 up but she lipped the hole for a win in 3 and a half in 4 resulted.

Mrs Buxton played herself into a fine position for winning the 7th with a birdie 4 but she missed from barely 4 ft. and a half in 5 resulted. An indifferent half in 6 followed at the 8th where both players 3 putted, then with a fine putt for a win in 4 at the 9th Mrs Ribbins turned 4 up and went further ahead at the 10th when her opponent chipped into the tank with her 2nd and lost the hole to a 3.

The 11th was halved in 5 and with Mrs Buxton then missing the green well to the left from the tee at the short 12th, completely missing her chip and being strong with her 3rd, Mrs Ribbins was left with 2 for it from barely 12 ft. with which she made no mistake, to place herself in the impregnable

position of Dormie 6.

With a half in 5 at the 13th Mrs Ribbins emerged the winner by the handsome margin of 6 and 5.

Here are her figures for the 13 holes played which represents only 2 strokes over bogey for this stretch.

Out—5, 5, 5, 3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 4=43.

Home—5, 5, 3, 5=18.

Before calling upon Mr J. K. Shaefer the Captain of the RCGC, to present the prizes, Mr S. N. Ghose, the Captain of the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club, thanked the Committee of the RCGC for permitting the Championship to be held at the Royal and Mr Shaefer for kindly consenting to distribute the prizes. Mr Shaefer in a well delivered reply thanked Mrs Ghose and the Championship Committee of the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club for making him the guest of the evening, congratulated both the winner and the runner-up in the Championship and all the prize winners in the Open Meeting.

1963 - EAST INDIA CHALLENGE CUP

Mrs. Ribbins Wins Exciting Final ...the match exceeded all expectations. Mrs. Ribbins Wins an Exciting Final and her second successive East India Title Win in the East India's second championship. It was a splendid fight with the golf served up by both Mrs. Ribbins (the eventual winner) and Mrs. Duncan Smith among the best that has been seen in ladies golf in Calcutta for many years.

THE EAST INDIA
CHALLENGE CUP 1963
5th to 8th
DECEMBER

TOLLYGUNGE CLUB LGU Open Meeting

By Our Golf Correspondent

The chief attractions in a very full programme covering four days of competitive golf are the match-play contests for the East India Challenge Cup (Silver Division) and the Bronze Scratch Trophy (Bronze Division) open to all competitors throughout the country with an L.G.U. handicap, for which a medal round to decide the eight qualifiers in each section, the respective title holders earning exemption from qualifying, was played on Monday.

Inaugurated last year as a result of a suggestion made in the right company some 3 or 4 years ago, the contest for the Open Scratch Trophy for bronze division players has provided a long felt want and recognizes the right of this class of players constituting by far the greater majority in the ladies section of any club to a championship all their own. To Mrs D. Duncan Smith goes the credit of having brought it to fruition, but as she so modestly and rightly claims it would not have been possible without the invaluable support of the Tollygunge Club headed by its Secretary Mr. W. S. Pool, which so generously donated both the handsome trophies and the whole-hearted cooperation of the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club.

Respective title holders of the East India Challenge Cup and the Open Scratch Trophy are Mrs G. W. Ribbins and Mrs J. V. Cracknell; while the former proceeded to pull off a fine double by winning the All-India Championship last January, the latter has earned promotion to the silver division during the year.

Entries for both competitions have been most satisfactory and the Meeting bids fair to increasing in popularity.

Results of qualifying round, East India Challenge Cup:

Mrs D. Duncan Smith 78, Mrs D. Matheson 82, Mrs D. C. W. Watkin 83, Miss V. Malik 85, Mrs R. Tucker 86, Mrs F. J. Copeland 89, Mrs C. E. Cargin 90, Mrs G. W. Ribbins (exempted).

Results of qualifying round Open Scratch Trophy.

Mrs. A. Fernie 92, Mrs R. Younger 94, Mrs W. D. Jones 95, Mrs A. M. S. Fergie 95, Mrs D. Fordwood 99, Mrs C. Bathurst 99, Mrs V. Nath 100, Mrs K. O. Bell 100.

TOLLYGUNGE LGU OPEN MEETING Easy Victories In Challenge Cup

By Our Golf Correspondent
While the semi-final matches for the East India Challenge Cup in the Tollygunge Club LGU Open Meeting on Wednesday, resulted in comparatively comfortable victories for the winners, the margins could have been a lot wider but for spirited opposition.

In the first of these matches Mrs Duncan Smith, out in 37, one under bogey, stood 4 Up on Mrs Tucker and went further ahead with a 5 at the 10th, but Mrs Tucker reduced her opponent's lead by winning the 11th in a well played 4. However, Mrs Duncan Smith was not to be denied. A fine birdie 3 at the 12th took her back to 5 Up, and with halves in regulation figures at the next two holes she emerged the winner by the comfortable margin of 5 and 4.

In the other semi-final Mrs Ribbins went into an early lead of 3 Up by winning the 4th in a birdie 3, and looked like increasing her lead with a birdie 2 at the short 5th but her opponent, Miss Malik, also sank her putt for 2. Yet another birdie 4 at the 6th put Mrs Ribbins 4 Up, but then her opponent came back with a fine birdie 3 at the 7th, and another win in 5 at the long 8th helped Miss Malik to reduce the lead to a bare 2 holes.

A spot of bunker trouble cost Miss Malik the short 9th, and with Mrs Ribbins registering wins with birdies at the 12th and 14th, she clinched the issue by 6 and 4. But for a nervous start, quite understandable in the circumstances, Miss Malik acquitted herself remarkably well, and

In the first of the semi-final matches for the Bronze Scratch Trophy Mrs Bell got rid of all her bad shots at the very first hole and, playing steady golf, reached the turn 4 Up on Mrs Fernie. A half in 5 followed, then Mrs Bell went further ahead with a fine win in 4 at the 12th. A bogey 5 at the 13th gave her the hole and the match 6 and 5.

The match between Mrs Younger and Mrs Nath had to go to the 20th before a decision could be reached. Twice in the course of this match Mrs Nath found herself 2 Down but each time she fought back strongly to win the two succeeding holes to level matters. The match reached the 16th tee All Square, and with halves at the 17th and 18th the players proceeded to the 19th, which was also halved. Then a bit of 3-putting cost Mrs Younger the 20th, and Mrs Nath literally putted herself into the final.

Results:

East India Challenge Cup (Silver Division).—Mrs D. Duncan Smith beat Mrs R. Tucker 5 and 4; Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Miss V. Malik 6 and 4.

Bronze Scratch Trophy (Bronze Division).—Mrs K. O. Bell beat Mrs A. Fernie 6 and 5; Mrs V. Nath beat Mrs R. Younger at the 20th.

MRS. RIBBINS WINS EXCITING FINAL Tollygunge Club LGU Open Meeting

By Our Golf Correspondent
WITH only a stroke separating the handicaps of the two contestants in the final of the East India Challenge Cup at the Tollygunge Club LGU Open Meeting on Thursday, it was generally expected that a keen contest would result, but the match exceeded all expectations. It was a splendid fight with the golf served up by both Mrs Ribbins (the

The next three holes produced some fantastic putting by Mrs Duncan Smith, who sank very long putts to save them all and retain her slender lead, but a bunkered tee shot at the 18th, from which she recovered a trifle weakly, gave her opponent a chance to step in with a chip and a putt, which she did to win the hole and square the match.

MISSED PUTTS

Both the 19th and 20th were halved in regulation figures, then at the 21st each threw away the opportunity of clinching the issue by missing a short putt. Was the strain beginning to tell? The next hole provided the answer. Both played splendid seconds to the 22nd green, and while Mrs Duncan Smith all but holed her putt, Mrs Ribbins proceeded to provide the birdie necessary for putting a smart termination to the encounter.

The final match for the Bronze Scratch Trophy proved a rather one-sided affair. While Mrs Nath played well below her handicap, Mrs Bell seemed to be struggling with her swing, and though she managed to restrict her opponent to a lead of 4 holes at the turn, the next three holes were a series of disasters for her and Mrs Nath emerged the winner by the handsome margin of 7 and 6.

Before calling upon Mr Bathurst, president of the Tollygunge Club, to present the prizes, Mrs Watkin, captain of the LGU, thanked the Tollygunge Club for all the support it had given to the meeting, paid tribute to the unstinted hard work put in by the committee to make the meeting a success, and congratulated the prizewinners.

All-India Ladies for Mrs. Ribbins

It so happens that this issue covers both the Men's and the Ladies All India Championships, so that despite my natural reactions I have unfortunately to give preference to the former. There would bound to be comment otherwise: perhaps therefore the ladies will forgive me.

Once again Mrs. Ribbins proved conclusively that she is the finest Lady golfer in this country. And once again Mrs. Buxton proved that she is the staunchest runner-up. For Mrs. Ribbins it was her sixth victory, and for Mrs. Buxton her seventh appearance in the finals. (At least the latter, unlike Pitamber and another fellow I know, has had the satisfaction of winning once!)

As for the finals, the game was a little one-sided. Mrs. Buxton never produced the golf of which we all know she is capable. No one works harder at the game, but against Mrs. Ribbins she never seems to be able to bring out her best. 3 Down after four holes, and with the short 5th halved both ladies played magnificent approaches to the 6th. Both narrowly missed their putts for birdies. Thereafter Mrs. Buxton despite one or two opportunites, could make no impression on her opponent who steadily increased her lead. .finally becoming dormie at the short 12th where she sank a putt of ten feet for a birdie 2. . A half in par at the 13th saw the end of the match.

1963 - ALL-INDIA LADIES

Once again Mrs. Ribbins proved conclusively that she is the finest Lady golfer in this country

JOHN FORMAN

The Earlier Rounds

Congratulations to Mrs. Watkin on her victory over last year's winner Mrs. Brown, in the second round. Mrs. Watkin. . . to whom I owe an apology as I failed to include her name among the list of 3 handicap players competing. . . is another of those golfers whose game is a lot better than her record in this event. She has a nice compact swing, and it is surprising that she has not done better in the All India in previous years. Perhaps this was the break she was looking for.

Mrs. Brown was 1 Up at the turn, but lost the 10th, 11th and 12th.

Thereafter Mrs. Watkin held on and, with her opponent three putting the short 16th, emerged the winner by 3 and 2.

In the same round Mrs. Harley caused an upset by defeating Mrs. Duncan Smith on the last green. All-square and two to play Mrs. Harley won the last two holes. The same player went on to account for Mrs. Birtwhistle in the next round. . . but only after an extra hole. . . and then lost to Mrs. Ribbins by 3 and 2 in the semi-finals. In the latter round Mrs. Buxton defeated Mrs. Watkin by 4 and 2.

15th February 1963

From Wolstenholme's Repertoire

Apparently last year in the States, Guy was playing with that well known American Comedian Phil Harris. Harris' tee shot at the 1st took off straight for the trees: the same thing happened at the 2nd. . . and again at the 3rd. His comment. . . "Brother, I'm sure hitting these Woods well today!"

BOMBAY GOLF - While Bombay's Mrs. Brown has played the All-India Opens several times, she only met Mum for the second time in the 1964 All-India Finals at which time Mum won the title for the seventh time.

Both played top form golf but in 1962, at their first All India final, when Mrs. Brown won, Mum wasn't a fit woman. However, both ladies are champions, Mrs. Brown claiming unsurpassed victories in Bombay Golf and Bam surpasses in Calcutta Golf!

THELMA BROWN

IN her exciting and thrilling golf career, Thelma Brown, winner of the Ladies Open Golf Championship of Bombay in 1963, has the unique distinction of winning the event six times and for five years in succession.

In the past four years, Thelma had bagged the Kazi Cup almost without much opposition, but this year, she met in Briget Zachariassen a resolute challenger who refused to be cowed down. With a little bit of luck, Briget would have turned the tables, but she fumbled on the 34th hole with two bad approaches and thus lost the chance of extending the match to 35th hole.

The Ladies Open Week Championship started on January 28 at the Bombay Presidency Golf Club with a field of 48 participants.

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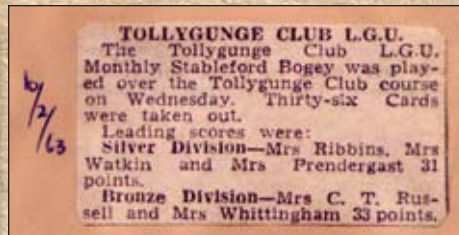
BOMBAY GOLF

Onlooker's John Forman acknowledged the L.G.U. had made quite a bit of progress towards increasing the interest in the Game of Golf in India and certainly recruiting Mum for their Silver Division tournaments raised the standard. Her self discipline in golf and consistent play continued to raise the bar for Ladies Golf in India

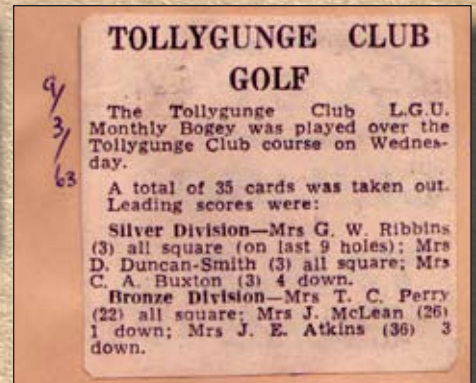
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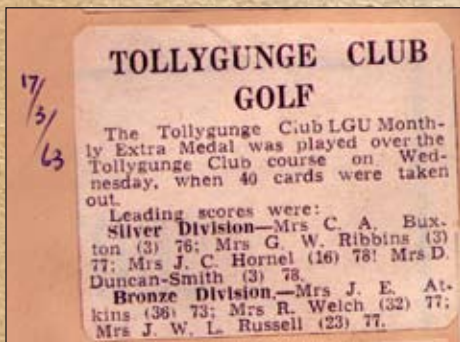
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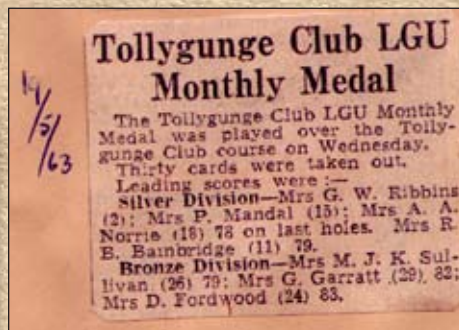
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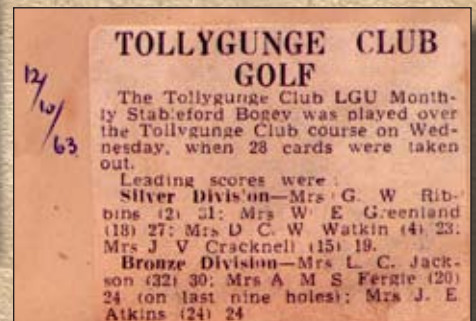
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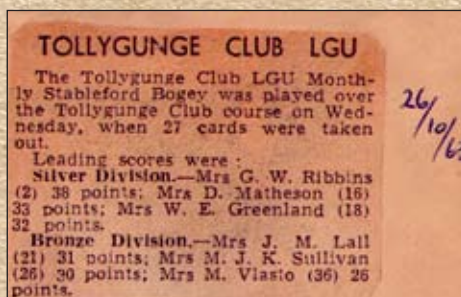
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Leading Score - Silver Division - Mrs. Buxton ahead of Mrs. Ribbins



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MEDAL - Leading Score - Silver Division - MUM!



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STABLEFORD BOGEY -
Leading Score - Silver Division - MUM!



LGU Monthly STABLEFORD BOGEY -
Leading Score - Silver Division - MUM!

1964 - All-India Ladies Amateur Golf Championship
 Local riots and severe disturbances postponed the Ladies All-India Championship for a week after which play was resumed, although Army personnel patrolled the course throughout

the tournament making for a rather different

atmosphere to by-gone years. Political demonstrations were to increase and times became threatening with frightening experiences eventually contributing to our soon withdrawal from India.

DRAW FOR ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF

The All-India Ladies Amateur Golf Championship will be played in Calcutta from January 13 to 17. The following is the draw:
 Mrs H. C. Brown (bye), Mrs L. G. Ubhayakar (bye), Mrs W. C. Falconer v Mrs R. B. Howie, Mrs G. Wade v Mrs M. G. Matheson, Mrs F. J. Copeland v Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast, Mrs C. W. Hopkins v Mrs A. A. Norrie, Mrs C. E. Cargin (bye), Mrs D. Duncan-Smith (bye), Mrs D. C. W. Watkin (bye), Mrs B. Zachariassen (bye), Mrs K. H. Wilson v Mrs J. V. Cracknell, Mrs S. Kumar v Mrs K. O. Bell, Mrs H. Madath v Mrs S. Prakash, Mrs W. P. Birt-whistle v Mrs R. C. Tucker, Miss V. Malik (bye), Mrs G. W. Ribbins (bye).
 Where possible matches scheduled for Tuesday (Jan. 14) may be played on Monday (Jan. 13), but only at times as drawn for Tuesday.

ALL INDIA LADIES GOLF STARTS TODAY

By Our Golf Correspondent

WITH only a few strokes separating the handicaps of the contestants in several matches of the first round in the All India Ladies Golf Championship commencing over the Old Course of the RCGC today, some exciting golf should be witnessed and if, as seems likely, the four second round ties involving the four seeds, Mrs H. C. Brown, Mrs D. Duncan Smith, Mrs D. C. W. Watkin and Mrs G. W. Ribbins, are also worked off the golfing fare served up should prove even more interesting.

In this round Mrs Brown a past winner of the title from Bombay meets Mrs Ubhayakar from Bangalore, winner of the Western India title three years ago in which she beat Mrs Brown, but this time it is a much improved opponent whom she faces who will doubtless make things a lot more difficult for her.

Mrs Duncan Smith, twice runner-up for the title, opposes Mrs Cargin, captain of the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club, and though the former holds an appreciable advantage in the matter of handicap she will certainly not be permitted to take any liberties with her opponent. Mrs Watkin meets Mrs Zachariassen from Bombay but the latter has not yet arrived.

MRS. RIBBINS FOILS MISS MALIK AGAIN All-India Ladies Golf Championship

By Our Golf Correspondent

BOTH the first round and four matches in the second round of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship, now being played over the Old Course of the RCGC, were completed on Monday.

Apart from the encounter between Mrs Howie and Mrs Falconer, all the other matches resulted in comparatively comfortable victories for the winners. Mrs Howie got off to a fine start by winning six of the first seven holes, but then Mrs Falconer, finding her touch, commenced to fight back and reduced her opponent's lead to a bare two holes by the 16th tee. But, banging on to her slender lead, Mrs Howie emerged the winner by the narrow margin of 2 and 1.

Mrs Ubhayakar found Mrs Brown in irresistible mood and lost by the wide margin of 6 and 4. Despite a little loose play around the green at the 11th, which cost her a 7, Mrs Brown completed the 14 holes of the match in one stroke over bogey, a fine performance.

Normally a very good putter, Mrs Cargin just could not get the strength of the greens and this resulted in an easy victory for Mrs Duncan Smith.

With her game on and around the greens at its best, Mrs Madath had little difficulty in disposing of Mrs Prakash by 6 and 5.

Once again Mrs Ribbins got the better of Miss Malik, but this time the match went to the 15th, at Tollygunge it finished at the 13th. Mrs Ribbins opened her account by winning the first hole. A putting lapse, however, cost her the second, at which Miss Malik narrowly missed her birdie. Bunker trouble at the 4th, 5th and 6th cost Miss Malik all these holes and she went 4 Down when Mrs Ribbins won the 8th, but with a well played 4 at the 9th and a fine birdie 4 at the long 10th she had her opponent back to 2 Up.

A fine recovery following a hooked drive into the tank saved the hole for Miss Malik, and it looked as if she was about to reduce her opponent's lead still further at the short 12th after Mrs Ribbins had failed with her first attempt from the bunker to the right of the green, where her tee shot had strayed, but with Mrs Ribbins holing a long putt and her opponent failing with a shortish one the hole was halved in 4. A spot of loose play through the green at the long 14th cost Miss Malik the hole, and Mrs Ribbins was back to 3 Up.

Both were well off the tee at the 15th, but while Miss Malik found the bunker to the right of the green with her second, Mrs Ribbins was in the depression to the left of the green. Miss Malik exploded out nicely, but a delightful chip to within a foot of the hole left her opponent needing a good putt to save the hole. She narrowly failed, and Mrs Ribbins ran out the winner by 4 and 3.

Finally Miss Malik, daughter of I. S. and brother of Asoke, golfer of the year by virtue of his victories in the East India and All India Championships last month, once again joins battle with Mrs Ribbins, the holder of the title. It will be recalled that Miss Malik put up a most creditable performance against her present opponent in the semi-final of the East India Challenge Cup at Tollygunge early last month but Mrs Ribbins has been obliged to do some hurried experimenting with her stance following an injury to her right knee which has practically kept her out of the game for nearly a month and it is doubtful if she will succeed in time to find the position which will not greatly impair the thrust from this leg. However she possesses a strong pair of hands which could to a degree offset any slight weakness in this direction. Whatever the result, these encounters with a player of the calibre of Mrs Ribbins, six times winner of the title, cannot but add to Miss Malik's acquisition of experience which should play their part in the years to come if, as seems likely, she inwardly cherishes the goal of emulating the achievements of either her father or her brother.

Run concurrently with the Championship is the Open Meeting intended to cater for the higher handicap players and for maintaining the interest of those losing in the earlier rounds, and as entries for the various events have met with a satisfactory response it must be highly gratifying for the Championship Committee of the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club whose efforts in the cause of ladies golf in Calcutta have always been most praiseworthy.

As the result of a fine sporting gesture on the part of the RCGC the full programme extending over five days will be carried through in its entirety as originally scheduled.

1964 - All-India Ladies Amateur Golf Championship

The 1964 All-India Championship drew strong lady golfers from outside Calcutta and promised to be an exciting tournament. Mrs. Ubhayakar from Bangalore had beaten Bombay's Mrs. Brown for the Western India Title three years previously and both had entered for the 1964 All-India. Another strong player from Bombay was Mrs. Zachariassen who had a walk-over by Aunt Dilys in the Second Round.

Formidable strength lay within the Calcutta Ladies too, besides Mum, who, the month before had won the East India Challenge Cup, there was Aunty Peggy (Prendergast) who played magnificent golf, Aunt Dilys, a County player and Aunty Maureen who twice had been Runner-up for the All-India.

After retirement from India, Aunty Peggy moved to Hampshire, England not far from Mum, and was instrumental in making Mum a member of her home club Stoneham Golf Club from where Mum played impressive golf winning The Stoneham Cup, a Championship Stoneham had not won for 16 years, but more on that event later.

In the Second Round of the All-India Mum met Miss Malik, a tough Calcutta opponent whose father and brother had recently gained victories in the East India and All India Championships. Miss Malik had given Mum quite a challenge the month before in the Final of the East India Challenge Cup which Mum won!

1964 All-India Match Results

Results:
FIRST ROUND
Mrs R. B. Howie beat Mrs W. C. Falconer 2 and 1; Mrs M. G. Matheson w.o. Mrs G. Wade; Mrs R. AV. Prendergast w.o. Mrs F. J. Caneland; Mrs G. W. Hopkins beat Mrs A. A. Norrie 3 and 3; Mrs K. H. Wilson w.o. Mrs J. V. Cracknell; Mrs K. O. Bell beat Mrs S. Kumar 3 and 4; Mrs H. Madath beat Mrs S. Prakash 5 and 5; Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle w.o. Mrs R. C. Tucker.
SECOND ROUND
Mrs H. C. Brown beat Mrs L. G. Ubhayakar 6 and 4; Mrs D. Duncan Smith beat Mrs C. E. Cargin 7 and 6; Mrs D. C. W. Watkin w.o. Mrs B. Zachariassen; Mrs W. G. Ribbins beat Mrs V. Malik 4 and 3.

Second round results: Mrs H. C. Brown beat Mrs M. G. Matheson 2 and 1; Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast w.o. Mrs G. W. Hopkins 3 & 3; Mrs K. O. Bell beat Mrs N. H. Wilson 3 & 4; Mrs H. Madath beat Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle 5 & 5.
The third round will be played today, with matches commencing at 1 p.m.

Third round results:
Mrs H. C. Brown beat Mrs R. B. Howie 3 and 2; Mrs D. Duncan Smith beat Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast 6 and 4; Mrs D. C. W. Watkin beat Mrs K. O. Bell 5 and 3; Mrs G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs H. Madath 5 and 4.
Play in the semi-final will commence at 1.15 p.m. today.

CREDITABLE WIN FOR MRS. R. B. HOWIE All-India Ladies Golf In Last Eight Stage

By Our Golf Correspondent

WITH the completion of the second round ties in the All-India Ladies Golf Championship over the Old Course of the RCGC on Tuesday, the last eight to emerge are: Mrs H. C. Brown, Mrs R. B. Howie, Mrs R. A. V. Prendergast, Mrs D. Duncan Smith, Mrs D. C. W. Watkin, Mrs K. O. Bell, Mrs H. Madath and Mrs W. G. Ribbins, in that order.

Of the four matches played Mrs Prendergast, Mrs Bell and Mrs Madath won fairly comfortably.

Mrs Prendergast was out in 44, three over bogey, and despite dropping a stroke at each of the next two holes was still two strokes below her handicap when she beat Mrs Hopkins at the 13th by the handsome margin of 6 and 5.

Mrs Madath did well to get the better of Mrs Bishopstle, who held a four-stroke advantage in handicap, by the comfortable margin of 5 and 4.

Mrs Howie was involved in yet another close match which only a brilliant recovery caused to be decided in her favour. Mrs Matheson was 2 Up on the 11th and went further ahead by winning this hole, but now Mrs Howie commenced to fight back, winning the short 12th with a well played 3 after her opponent had 3-putted it. Then with a good putt for a 4 at the 13th and a fine birdie 4 at the long 14th she had her opponent back to All Square, and took the lead with a win in 4 at the 15th, where her opponent, in the depression to the left of the green with her second, failed with a chip and a putt.

This lead, however, was short-lived when her opponent hit her tee shot to within 6 ft. of the pin at the short 16th and Mrs Howie, just short of the green, chipped a trifle strongly and failed with the putt, leaving Mrs Matheson 2 for it, with which she made no mistake to level matters once again.

Both were well off the tee at the 17th. Playing first, Mrs Matheson was a good deal short of the green with her second, while Mrs Howie was pin high just off the green to the right. Mrs Matheson then pitched into the middle of the green, after which Mrs Howie played a delightful approach to within a foot of the hole. Her opponent went for the putt and narrowly missed, thus letting Mrs Howie in an opportunity she seized with both hands to win the hole and become Dormie.

She was a little lucky to miss the bunker from the tee at the 18th, but followed this up with a fine wood just short of the green. Her opponent, well ahead from the tee, cut her second to the right of the bunker guarding the green, leaving her an awkward approach with which she failed to deal effectively, losing the hole and the match to Mrs Howie by 2 Up. It was a grand recovery on the part of Mrs Howie, who deserves every credit for pulling off the match.

MRS. BROWN TO MEET MRS. DUNCAN SMITH All-India Ladies Golf In Semi-Final Stage

By Our Golf Correspondent

THE semi-final line-up in the All-India Ladies Golf Championship, now being played over the Old Course of the RCGC, is: Mrs H. C. Brown, Mrs D. Duncan Smith, Mrs D. C. W. Watkin and Mrs G. W. Ribbins in that order. These were the four seeds in the draw.

Mrs Brown was in irresistible mood again on Wednesday and disposed of Mrs Howie by the wide margin of 8 and 7, at which stage she was only 2 over bogey.

Mrs Prendergast held her opponent to a slender lead of one hole after 6 holes, but a series of adventures following a very loose second at the 7th, which finished in the ditch, found the ball completely covered by a leaf, and though she vaguely remembered the rule permitting her to remove the leaf sufficiently to enable her to see the top of the ball, she failed to apply it and a mishit resulted, which left the ball still in the ditch and, curiously enough, covered this time by a paper bag.

She made another attempt at getting the ball out of the ditch, but failing once again, conceded the hole to Mrs Duncan Smith, thus sending her 2 Up. This appeared to have unnerved Mrs Prendergast, who promptly proceeded to lose the next three holes, permitting her opponent to become 5 Up.

However, she pulled herself together and, following a half at the 11th, won the 12th with a well played 3 to bring her opponent back to 4 Up, but two well played bogeys at the 13th and 14th were good enough to give Mrs Duncan Smith both these holes and the match by 6 and 4.

Mrs Bell, despite being at a great disadvantage in the matter of handicap, did very well indeed to hold Mrs Watkin to a bare two-hole lead at the turn, but from here onwards her opponent commenced to apply strong pressure on and around the greens, and by increasing her lead steadily emerged the winner by 5 and 3.

Mrs Madath was at a considerable disadvantage in the matter of handicap in her match with Mrs Ribbins, but she produced sufficiently good golf to hold her opponent to a bare lead of one hole at the turn, but from here onwards Mrs Ribbins took charge and won the 10th and the 11th with two well played 5's, halved the short 12th and finished off the match with two perfectly good birdies at the 13th and the 14th.

And so we have Mrs Brown and Mrs Duncan Smith doing battle again in the semi-final of the All-India Championship. They met in 1962, when Mrs Brown secured the verdict by the narrowest of margins, 1 Up. Will she repeat it? That we shall know before the day is out, but one thing is certain, she will find her opponent a good deal more mature and a far more stubborn fighter. It will be a tough match with, as is usual in matches of this description, the issue being decided on and around the putting green.

Onlooker's Uncle John described the Semi-final between Aunt Dilys and Mum as a match that "was between the two most friendly of rivals, Mrs. Watkin and Mrs. Ribbins.

"...As an indication of the power of Mrs. Ribbins' tee shots, at the 10th her drive finished only a couple of feet from the far tank. That's good hitting by any standard: her next shot was a comfortable No. 5

MRS. BROWN DEFEATS MRS. DUNCAN SMITH All-India Ladies Golf Final Today

Iron behind the pin!.....Length, combined with accuracy...gives a tremendous advantage....." and that was Mum's most powerful combination that rewarded her with her 7th win in the All-India.

By Our Golf Correspondent
WITH Mrs H. C. Brown and Mrs W. G. Ribbins winning their semi-final matches in the All-India Ladies Golf Championship over the Old Course of the RCGC on Thursday, golf enthusiasts will once again be afforded the opportunity of witnessing these two fine players fighting out a final. They met in 1962, when Mrs Brown gained the verdict by 3 and 2 to win her first All-India title.

Which of them will win today is anybody's guess but again, as it did yesterday in the first semi-final match the game on and around the greens will decide the issue.

Normally a strong part of Mrs Duncan Smith's game, her touch almost completely deserted her against Mrs Brown who opened her account by winning the first hole in a well played 4. Then with Mrs Duncan Smith 3-putting the second, her opponent was able to snatch a half. Another 3-putting effort cost Mrs Duncan Smith the third, and a hooked drive into the trees from where she was obliged to play back into the fairway cost her the fourth and this sent her opponent 3 Up.

Once again, with her opponent 3-putting the fifth, Mrs Brown was able to snatch a half and she went 4 Up with a well played 4 at the 6th. A visit to the tank with her second at the long 7th, however, cost her the hole and she was back to 3 Up.

With her opponent missing a short putt for a win at the 8th, Mrs Brown was able to retain her lead, which she once again increased to 4 Up by winning the 9th, where Mrs Duncan Smith was bunkered to the left of the green from her third and exploded much too strongly.

The homeward half started with a half in 5 and it was now Mrs Brown's turn to 3-putt, which she did at the 11th losing the hole to bring the match back to 3 Up in her favour. A magnificent third to within a foot of the hole at the 13th for a birdie 4 gave Mrs Duncan Smith the hole, and Mrs Brown was now only 2 Up.

With her opponent missing a shortish putt for a birdie 4 at the long 14th, Mrs Brown was able to retain her lead, which she maintained for the next two holes with regulation figures, then a badly mis-hit 3rd from slightly to the left of the green at the 17th, followed by another missed short putt, cost Mrs Duncan Smith the hole and the match which she lost by 3 and 1.

While the foregoing clearly shows that despite the lateness of it Mrs Duncan Smith made a brave effort to stave off defeat, it was just not sufficiently sustained.

In the other semi-final Mrs Ribbins got the better of Mrs Watkins by 4 and 3. She got off to a good start by winning the first two holes, but a mis-hit approach followed by a missed short putt cost her the third, and she went to 2 Up again with a well played 5 at the 4th. Then a 3-putting effort cost her the 5th and she was back to 1 Up.

A 5, however, was good enough to give her the 6th, but a visit to the ditch on the right of the 7th cost her the hole and her lead was reduced to a bare hole. This position was maintained to the turn.

A fine birdie 4 gave Mrs Ribbins the long 10th to take her back to 2 Up, which she increased to 3 Up by a well played 3 at the short 12th after her opponent was bunkered from the tee, but Mrs Watkin came back at her with a fine birdie 4 at the 13th. Not to be outdone, Mrs Ribbins returned the compliment with a good birdie 4 at the long 14th and finished the match off with a well played 4 at the 15th.

Semi-final results:
 Mrs H. C. Brown beat Mrs D. Duncan Smith 3 and 1; Mrs W. G. Ribbins beat Mrs D. C. W. Watkin 4 and 3.

Today's final commences at 1-30 p.m.

"Quite a record," states John, "which will take some time to emulate. Certainly not in my time...at least in my time in India."

FINE DOUBLE FOR MRS. RIBBINS NARROW WIN IN ALL-INDIA LADIES GOLF FINAL

By Our Golf Correspondent

WITH her victory over Mrs H. C. Brown by the narrow margin of 3 and 1 in the final of the All-India Ladies Golf Championship, played over the Old Course of the RCGC on Friday, Mrs W. G. Ribbins registered her seventh title win, a record which is most unlikely to be ever equalled.

1964 - Mum met Bombay's Thelma Brown in the Final and Bam Ribbins registers her 7TH Title win...

A RECORD WHICH IS MOST UNLIKELY TO BE EVER EQUALLED

Quite horrible Scoring - but a small impressive effort!

This follows her win in the East India Challenge Cup played at Tolly early last month.

Mrs Ribbins opened her account by winning the first hole in a well played 4, but a bunkered tee shot, followed by a hooked third, cost her the 3rd and the match was back on level terms. Then Mrs Brown took the lead with a well played 5 at the 4th, only to lose it at the 5th by finding trouble under the tree to the right of the green, with which she was unable to deal effectively.

The 6th was halved in somewhat indifferent 5s, then a bad drive into the trees at the 7th, which needed another two strokes for her to return to the fairway, cost Mrs Brown the hole and Mrs Ribbins went into the lead again. This lead was, however, shortlived when Mrs Brown, following a delightful pitch to within 6 ft of the pin at the 8th, holed her putt for a birdie 4. With a half in 5 at the 9th the turn was reached with the players All Square.

Both missed, holeable putts for their birdies at the long 10th, then a grand recovery from the ditch to the right of the fairway at the 11th, where her tee shot had strayed, followed by a deft pitch to within two feet of the pin for a birdie 4 gave Mrs Ribbins the hole and the lead, which she never lost. Once again both narrowly missed their birdies at the short 12th, and a half in 3 resulted.

WEAK PUTTING

Up to this stage Mrs Brown had been putting quite well, but then she 3-putted two greens in succession, the 13th and the 14th, and lost them both to make her opponent 3 Up. A deft approach from the depression to the left of the green at the 15th enabled Mrs Ribbins to snatch a half in 4, but a visit to the bunker to the right of the green at the short 16th cost her the hole, and her lead was reduced to 2 Up.

Both were well down the fairway from the tee at the 17th and just short of the green with their seconds. Playing first, Mrs Brown left herself with a fairly long putt, then Mrs Ribbins chipped 3 ft past the pin. Her opponent went for the hole and ran further past than Mrs Ribbins, from where she proceeded to miss her next putt, leaving her opponent to hole her putt or a win, with which she succeeded to run out the winner by 1 and 1. At this stage Mrs Ribbins was only three strokes over bogey, so her opponent really had something to contend with.

Before calling upon Mr K. K. Mitra, Captain of the RCGC to distribute the prizes, Mrs C. E. Cargin, captain of the CLGG, expressed her abundant thanks to the RCGC for permitting the use of the Course following a postponement, paid a tribute to Maj. Gen. Henderson-rooks and the military personnel for ensuring the safety of the layers during the Meeting, and congratulated the prize winners and Mr Clarke and his ground staff for the excellence of playing conditions. In his reply Mr K. K. Mitra thanked Mrs Cargin and the CLGG for paying him the honour of making him the guest of the evening.

OPEN MEETING

Following are the results of the Open Meeting, held concurrently with the All-India Championship:

Best Scratch Score—Silver Division—Mrs D. Duncan-Smith 83. Bronze Division—Rani of Nandgaon 98.

Medal—Silver Division—Miss V. Malik 81, 1st Prize; Mrs G. W. Ribbins 82, 2nd Prize.

Bronze Division—Mrs L. C. Jackson 79, 1st Prize; Miss P. A. Robinson 80, 2nd Prize.

Bogey—Silver Division—Mrs L. G. Ubhayakar 3 down, 1st Prize; Mrs W. P. Bhatnagar 3 down, 2nd Prize.

Bronze Division—Mrs A. Strachan 3 down, 1st Prize; Mrs D. G. Raffel 4 down, 2nd Prize on last nine holes.

Bogey Foursomes—1st Prize—Mrs A. Taylor and Mrs F. W. Weidner, 2 down on last nine holes. 2nd Prize—Mrs S. J. G. Nairn and Miss V. Malik, 2 down.

Nine-hole Flag—Silver Division—Mrs L. G. Ubhayakar, Bronze Division—Miss J. Bhatnagar.

36-Handicap Prize—Medal—Miss B. Singh 61, Bogey—Mrs W. W. Shearer, 6 down.

Putting—Mrs L. G. Ubhayakar, 35. Ladder Putting—Mrs S. Prakash, 7.

Pitching—Miss V. Malik, 4.

Thelma says she'll be back for the Rubber!

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Of Bam, Onlooker's John Forman, Mum's Mixed Foursome's partner says,

"She has an enviable record in this Championship which I doubt will ever be bettered. Bam is one of the finest natural hitters of a ball. With a high, wide and handsome swing, she clobbers a golf ball farther than most men. She had a zest for experimentation...not always commendable. Fortunately she is a sufficiently natural golfer to return in due course to the more orthodox.

"Her putting is bold and she never fails to charge the hole. The fact that she has to sink a large number of return six footers never seems to bother her. But partnering her, I must admit on occasions to have looked the other way when she was left with a two foot putt. Her four foot backswing for a putt of half that length gave me the willies. Bless her heart; she seldom missed 'em.

1964 ALL INDIA CHAMPIONSHIP

"Bam's three foot backswing for a two-foot putt gives me the 'willies' every time I see it!" writes Mum's Mixed Foursome's partner, Onlooker's John Forman

THERE were certain hazards not normally associated with golf encountered in this year's Ladies' All India Championship. Indeed the local disturbances were of quite a serious nature so it was decided to postpone the event for a week. Fortunately by then things had quietened down, although Army personnel were still patrolling the course... more as a precaution than anything else. The effect in some ways was rather pleasant as apart from the normal crowd of spectators only that loyal band of caddies and spew-wallahs followed the games. The ladies were thus saved the embarrassment of the customary milling throng of hilarious stampeding kids varying in ages from toddlers to ten-year-olds. Poor youngsters: they have little by way of amusement in life, so perhaps their enthusiasm can be forgiven. They can be off-putting however.

The various seeded players performed according to the book and as expected Mrs. Ribbins and Mrs. Brown met in the finals. This was only the second time they had played against each other, the previous occasion being two years ago when the latter won the title. However I am sure that Mrs. Brown would be the first to acknowledge that her opponent on that occasion was not a fit woman, and was just as keen to meet the challenge again when both were on top form. All of us felt the same and looked forward to a keen encounter. That the golf in the finals was not of the highest standard we know these two outstanding lady golfers can produce, was understandable. Final nerves always take their toll. It was nevertheless a most interesting match with the issue wide open until the later stages of the game.

Although Mrs. Ribbins won the 1st, holes changed hands with interesting regularity, and there was nothing in it at the turn. The 10th was also halved, although both narrowly missed birdie putts here. At the 11th Mrs. Ribbins pushed her tee shot into the ditch, but recovered very well indeed to just short of the green; then followed a glorious chip to within a couple of feet of the hole. Down went the putt for a birdie... 1 Up. To this stage Mrs. Brown, always a confident putter... indeed more orthodox in this department than her opponent... had been giving nothing away on the greens. However, unexpected lapses at the 13th and 14th cost her both holes... and the pattern of the match had changed rapidly. She played a great shot to the heart of the green at the 15th, and with her opponent booking her approach into the depression to the left, it looked as if the lead might be reduced. It was not to be; Mrs. Ribbins again recovered magnificently and snatched a very important half. Dormie. Mrs. Brown managed to hold off the result when she won the short 16th, but her opponent was not to be denied, and with an orthodox par at the 17th it was game, set and Championship. Although both are capable of better golf than they played that day the game never lacked interest. But for these putting lapses at the 13th and 14th there might have been a different story. But then why speculate? That is part of the game, and the glorious uncertainty of golf. To quote the analogy David Paton used... ah well, perhaps I'd better not. It was fairly basic, but you get the idea anyway.

This was Bam's seventh win in this event. Quite a record which will take some time to emulate. Certainly not in my time... at least in my time in India. It's a great pity that some of the better lady golfers from the U.K. find it impossible to make this trip. It would be nice to witness them put their strength and prowess against the top local lady golfers... and to speculate on the result. The I.G.U. has made quite a bit of progress towards increasing the interest in the Game of Golf in this country. Perhaps the I.G.U. will be able to persuade

ALL INDIA LADIES' FOR MRS. RIBBINS

CALCUTTA

GOLF

By JOHN FORMAN

some of the Commonwealth Ladies to stop off on their journeys across the world... next year? Or soon afterwards anyway. Might well be a possibility.

The Earlier Rounds

Too bad Miss Vinita Malik had to meet Mrs. Ribbins in her first game. This fine young golfer is improving rapidly and has been the first on the distant side of that illustrious family to show such promise. Despite losing three holes earlier in the game, as a result of bunker trouble, she managed to hold her stronger and more experienced opponent to a by-no-means-disgraced 4 and 3 victory. We'll hear more of Vinita yet.

Mrs. Betty Bell surprised a few of her supporters with good wins over Mrs. Kumar in the first round and Mrs. Joan Wilson in the second round, before succumbing to Mrs. Dylis Watkin, a former county player and obviously much more experienced. Mrs. Edcen Howie accounted for Mrs. Mary Matheson, a comparatively recent newcomer to the game, but one with tremendous potential. Mary clobbers the ball just about as far as any lady in India. She will yet make her impact on Calcutta golf.

The Semi-Finals

Mrs. Maureen Duncan Smith won through comfortably, as expected, and at this stage came up against Mrs. Brown. It was a repetition of the Ashok Malik-Biloo Sethi encounter last month with early putting lapses deciding the issue. Once these were over there was little to choose between the two ladies, although in all fairness one felt that Mrs. Brown always just had the edge. These two fine golfers could never be described as completely natural swingers, so their efforts to reach this standard by sheer application and hard work is all the more commendable. Both appreciate the value of practice and concentration... and remain delightfully feminine withal. It is still a game for them... as it should be.

The other semi-final match was between the two most friendly of rivals, Mrs. Watkin and Mrs. Ribbins. Although the latter established a quick lead there was only one hole in it at the turn. However, the stronger player forged ahead. As an indication of the power of Mrs. Ribbins' tee shots, at the 10th her drive finished only a couple of feet from the far tank. That's good hitting by any standard; her next shot was a comfortable No. 5 iron behind the pin! Length, combined with accuracy of course, gives a tremendous advantage particularly when, for ladies, the Old plays so long. So the result was inevitable with Dylis not being quite at home with her long game.

The Championship formed only part... the major part of course... of an Open Meeting, and from what I could read of the results there were competitions for everyone. The Ladies certainly fill the unforgetting daylight minute during that week. All most commendable and all very good for the game.

Kamal Mitra, Captain of the Royal, gave away the prizes. I will save you the embarrassment of the 'unbounded appreciations' that were expressed all round. Nice, necessary and warranted at the time but, please, to be taken as read.

A thoroughly enjoyable and successful week of golf.

The "Open"

Arrangements for the first ever Indian Open Championship are well

The entry list had not closed at the time of writing, but my personal fancy for this event is Brian Huggett. He knows golf in the East. As a young U.K. professional, while others of his age were hibernating with little opportunity to keep themselves in trim, under almost impossible U.K. winter conditions, he came out to Hong Kong for the season. It wasn't just for monetary gain, for the circuit had hardly got under way then. But he was able to devote himself to the game he loves, and such dedication has had its reward. Undoubtedly a spirit of adventure is what is required from the young U.K. professionals these days if they are to cope with their more tournament trained American counterparts.

As for the local opposition... I don't expect that from the professional ranks a great deal will be provided. All of us would like to see Joe Hardwick do well. The local assistant professionals and playing caddies will be outclassed... but they will have been given the first opportunity to compete with some of the finest golfers in the world. That will all be good experience, and I am sure that the visitors will be only too willing to offer the odd tip and advice which could well set the local boys on the correct lines for the future. This in turn will help provide stiffer opposition for ensuing tournaments.

Delhi has been singularly honoured by being chosen to act as hosts to this championship. I am sure they will do an excellent job. So the best of luck to all. And in conclusion India has three top amateurs in Ashok, Biloo and Pit, all of whom are capable of finishing ahead of some of the visiting professionals.

Delhi... here we come!

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Top Indian Golfers make a bid for the 1964 CEYLON NATIONAL GOLF Title on Ceylon's beautiful Course at the Nuwara Eliya Golf Club.

Women's Champ among challengers for Nationals

Four top Indian golfers will be making a bid for the Ceylon National Golf Title at Nuwara Eliya this month.

According to a cablegram received yesterday afternoon by Dr. Lance Fernando, Honorary Secretary of the Ceylon Golf Union, the Indian Golf Union has stated that four golfers from India are now certain of playing in the Ceylon Nationals.

They are:—
P. K. PITAMBER, a scratch golfer from Bombay, who is an Oxford Blue and a past captain of Oxford. He will captain the Indian team.

W. H. YELLOWLEASE (2), from Calcutta, S. S. MALIK (2) from Delhi and K. PEDDER (4) from Bombay.

It is just likely that two more may obtain passages to Ceylon including Major P. G. Sethi, an

ex-All-India champion.

Yesterday morning, the Pakistan Golf Union confirmed that five Pakistani golfers will be arriving on April 15 to play in the Nationals.

The Ceylon Golf Union is arranging an International match too. Originally it was hoped to hold this in Colombo on the Ridgeways on April 18—Saturday week.

According to present information the Indian golfers are expected on April 17, except for Yellowlease, who is scheduled to arrive on April 19. So the final arrangements for the International match will have to be deferred, as the Indian golfers

have suggested that it be played up at Nuwara Eliya on April 21.

Certain

The draw for the Nationals will be on the evening of April 20, (Monday), at Nuwara Eliya.

The 36-hole final will be on Saturday, April 25. The title holder is Upali Senanayake. He will be defending his title.

The Indian National Ladies' champion Bam Ribbins — handicap 2—is also now certain of playing in the Ladies' National at Nuwara Eliya which starts on April 17, according to Mr. W. Pin Fernando — many times ex-National champion and Captain of the Royal Colombo Golf Club.

OVERSEAS PLAYERS IN LADIES GOLF NATIONALS

NUWARA ELIYA, Saturday.
THE amateur ladies golf championship of Ceylon commenced here on Saturday morning in bright sunshine after a lapse of several years. The entries for this year's meet has some foreign competitors.

As there are players from India and Pakistan participating in the tournament naturally this will bring extra interest into the tournament and local players will have to give of their best to keep the title in Ceylon.

The reigning champion Mrs. Lilamani Weeraratna and two ex-champions namely Mrs. P. Fernando and Miss Mutukumaraswami will be playing in this year's tournament. With the two foreigners, Miss Ghazala and Mrs. Ribbens also in the tournament there should be some excellent golf played.

Miss Ghazala Ansari is the youngest player ever to participate in the open tournament which started off this morning with a match between Mrs. Lilamani Weeraratna and Mrs. B. R. Fernando. Mrs. Fernando went out in 41 and Mrs. Weeraratna in 42 and the match stood all square at the turn.

Mrs. Fernando won the first with a regulation five to Mrs. Weeraratna's seven who was in trouble with her drive. Mrs. Weeraratna won the second with a birdie to be all square. The third and fourth were halved.

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Mrs. Fernando won the fifth with a birdie to Mrs. Weeraratna's bogey five to take the lead once again. The sixth was halved but Mrs. Weeraratna won the seventh in bogey to stand all square.

Once again the 8 and 9 were halved in bogey 4 and from here onwards it was all Mrs. Weeraratna, who played excellent here onwards it was all Mrs. Weeraratna, who played excellent golf and won five out of 6 holes scoring a birdie at the 10th to win the match 5 and 3.

The form displayed by Mrs. Weeraratna indicates that she will be a strong defender of her title and a hard player to beat if she maintains this form. Results of other matches were as follows:—

1ST ROUND

MRS. WEERARATNA BEAT MRS. B. R. FERNANDO

5-3.

MRS. GHAZALA ANSARI BEAT MRS. M. J. ROBINSON

3-2.

MISS G. W. RIBBENS BEAT MRS. G. D. GORDEN

3-2.

Women's golf champ beaten

Two overseas players reach semi-finals

(From our Special Correspondent)

NUWARA ELIYA, Sunday.

CEYLON champion Lilamani Weeraratne bowed out of the Women's Amateur Golf Championship today when she suffered severe defeat in a second round match against ex-champion Pam Fernando.

The others who entered the semi-finals were Pakistan champion Ghazala Ansari, Mrs. G. W. Ribbins, Indian title holder, and Mrs. R. H. Cotton.

Mrs. Pam Fernando, out in 43, showed good form to be 5 up at the turn with a birdie on the 2nd green. She went on

to win the 10th, 11th and was a safe winner with half on the 12th winning 7 and 6.

Mrs. Ribbins, from India, scored a comfortable win over Mrs. T. D. Greenway 8 and 7.

Mrs. Cotton played quite well in her match against Mrs. Mackenzie, who made quite a fight of it leading two up at the turn. In the journey back, however, she surrendered the 10th which reduced her lead

and conceding the 11th lost any advantage she held. Mrs. Cotton then won a good hole on the 13th to lead and improved on it on the 15th and made certain of match on the 17th 3 and 1.

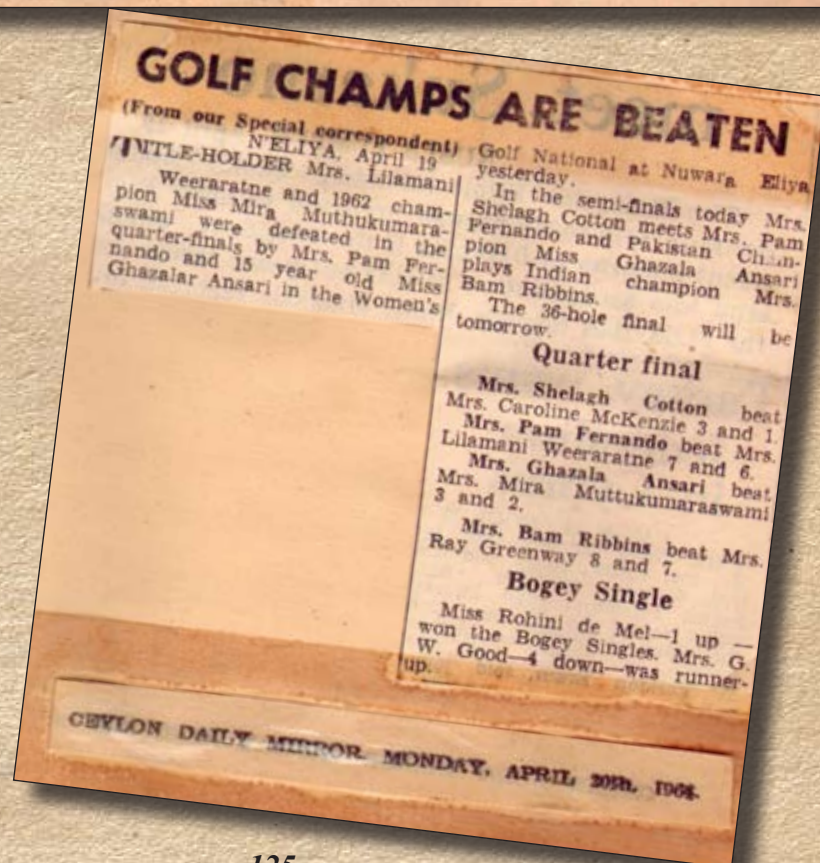
Another former Ceylon champion Mira Muthucumaraswami was shot out of the running when the young champion from Pakistan Ghazala Ansari claimed a

good victory on the 16th green 3 and 2

The following are the results:—

Mrs. R. H. Cotton beat Mrs. W. M. C. Mackenzie 3 and 1, Mrs. W. P. Fernando beat Mrs. L. Weeraratne 7 and 6, Miss G. Ansari beat Miss M. Muthucumaraswami 3 and 2, Mrs. G. W. Ribbins beat Mrs. T. D. Greenway 8 and 7.

*The Times
of Ceylon -
Monday 20th April*



15-year-old student at the Convent of Jesus and Mary, Pakistan, is PAKISTAN'S GOLF CHAMPION and holder of the Swimming Free Style Record in Pakistan.....

Attractive Ghazalla Ansari played brilliant golf against Mum who was on top form



The Ceylon Daily News,
Wednesday, April 21st 1964

Mum's Scorecard of her play with Ghazalla Ansari at the Semi's on Nuwara Eliya Course, Ceylon

GHAZALLA ANSARI.

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- (1) In the river at the back and left of 6th Green is out of bounds.
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2. A ball lying in or on the concrete drain at the 4th hole, the irrigation ditches immediately in front of the 9th ladies tee and on the left of the 2nd Green, the water holes at the 2nd, 8th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Greens, may be lifted and dropped without penalty within two club lengths but not nearer the hole.

3. On the cut fairway a ball may be lifted and dropped without penalty within two club lengths but not nearer the hole if it:-

- (a) lies in its own pitch mark
- (b) lies in any hole so that the shaft of the club can be laid over it in every direction without touching it.

The hollow and slope below the 13th Green is considered a Cut fairway.

4. On the cut and rolled part of the green a ball lying in its own pitch mark may be lifted and placed not nearer the hole and within two inches of the spot where the ball originally lay.

5. A ball on the cut and rolled part of the green may be cleaned and replaced.

6. Whenever in a mixed foursome another tee shot is necessitated it shall be played from the teeing ground appropriate to the sex of the player.

7. A ball lying within a club length of an immature tree demarcated by a ring of turf removed immediately round it or by a metal guard or on a turf nursery, or on ground under repair so indicated by G.U.R. board, may be lifted and dropped within two club-lengths but not nearer the hole, without penalty.

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9. If, from a drive at the 16th tee, a ball lie on or within one club length of the road, the player may lift it and drop it without penalty behind the road and not nearer the hole keeping the spot at which the ball originally lay between himself and the hole

10. **Practice Ground** Brocas meads area around the Club House.

SEMI-FINALS

Splendid semi-finals with teenager Ansari who hung in closely with Mum

NUWARA ELIYA GOLF CLUB, LADIES' BRANCH.

Event _____ Date _____

Hole	Yards	Strokes	Bogey	Score	Bogey Result
1	432	11	5	5	5
2	381	3	5	4	5
3	180	13	3	3	4
4	273	6	4	4	4
5	375	17	5	4	4
6	485	1	5	5	6
7	306	10	5	6	5
8	194	8	4	2	3
9	109	15	3	4	4
2,825			39	51	41

Handicap _____

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17	115	18	3		
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Home 2,274			30		Home
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Won
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Result

Scratch Score 71

Marker _____

Competitor **ANSARI - PANSARI**

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Nuwara Eliya Beer is Best

Splendid semi-finals at N'Eliya Golf Course

THE CEYLON DAILY NEWS TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1964.

Five down, 7 to go; but Shelagh Cotton beaten only on 20th

PAM AND BAM TO CLASH IN GOLF FINAL

Splendid semi-finals at N'Eliya

(From our Special correspondent)

Mrs. Pam Fernando, National champion of 1957 and 61, who was 5 up with 7 to go when entering 'Switzerland' was taken to the 20th by Mrs. Shelagh Cotton in one of the most exciting matches seen here in a championship in recent years. Mrs. Fernando won but not without having seen Mrs. Cotton put up the fight of her life.

Mrs. Cotton did the last nine holes like a champion. She had birdies at the 14th and 18th, the rest were done in par.

In the other semi-final All-India champion Mrs. Bam Ribbins beat Miss Ghazala Ansari the 15 year old champion of Pakistan—4 and 3 but the score is no indication of the golf which was really of a high order. From where the match ended Miss Ansari needed to do only three holes in par to give her a round of 78. And Mrs. Ribbins was one over four for the 15 holes played.

After today's 36-hole final the Prime Minister Mrs. Sirima Bandaranaike will give away the trophies.

Flag singles

Mrs. S. B. J. Walsh won the Flag Singles on the 17th green.

Mrs. C. McKenzie was runner-up.

Stableford

Mrs. Y. Punchheva and Mrs. Good won the Stableford Four-somes with 31 points.

Mrs. J. Morrison Smith and Mrs. W. R. Jepson were runners-up with 29 points.



BAM RIBBINS



PAM FERNANDO

"For the first time of asking...." Mum takes the Ladies Golf National Championship of Ceylon to India

THE CEYLON DAILY NEWS, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1964.

All-India title-holder takes Ceylon National

BAM RIBBINS IS GOLF CHAMPION

Pam Fernando, 2 down after 18th, defeated on the 33rd

(From our Special Correspondent)

Mrs. Bam Ribbins the All-India National Champion, for the first time of asking took the Ladies Golf National Championship of Ceylon to India beating Mrs. Pam Fernando at the 33rd — 5 and 3.

Mrs. Ribbins, who missed a hole-in-one at the 109 yard 9th by five inches, was 2 up after the morning round of 18 holes which she did in 8 over par 82 to Mrs. Fernando's 87.

Mum's Score-card of the Finals with Pam Fernando

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She was 2 up after the first nine which she did in one over par 40. Of these she birdied the 2nd, 5th, 8th and 9th and did the 6th in par.

On the morning's back nine she did the 10th, 14th, 17th and 18th in par for a 7 over par 42.

Mrs. Fernando took four over par 43 for the first nine. Of these she did the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th in par. On the back nine over which she took 9 over par 44, she did the 10th, 17th and 18th in par. The birdies eluded her.

Our Nuwara Eliya correspondent adds: A large crowd followed the finalists in the brightest possible weather conditions.

Mrs. Ribbins did not produce the same standard of golf as in her semi-final against Miss Ghazala Ansari, the 15-year-old-attractive Pakistani Champion.

Mrs. Fernando played steadily although she had a few bad holes. She won the 1st in 5 and lost the second to a good birdie 4. She was in trouble at the 3rd where she overran the green with her drive which had found the undergrowth on the left.

At the 4th Mrs. Ribbins missed a 4-foot putt for her par and the match was all square.

Mrs. Ribbins played the 5th perfectly, laying her second within 10 feet of the pin. Both were slightly off the green with their thirds at the long 6th. Both chipped short but sank ten footers for a half in 5. The 7th was indifferently played and won by Mrs. Pam Fernando in 6 to 7 to make the match all square again.

Mrs. Ribbins almost drove the green at the 155 yard 8th and put her tee-shot to the ninth within 5 inches of the hole to be 2 up at the turn within two consecutive birdies.

Mrs. Ribbins was in trouble at the 10th and lost the hole but Mrs. Fernando had trouble with her drive to the 11th and gave up the hole to be 2 down again. She however, won the 12th. The short 13th was halved in 4 with both three-putting.

To the 14th Mrs. Fernando's drive struck a tree and she lost the hole to send Mrs. Ribbins 2 up.

The next four holes were halved in 5, 5, 3, and 3 to leave Mrs. Ribbins 2 up after the morning round.

Mrs. W. Russell Jepson, President of the Ladies Golf Union of Ceylon, in welcoming the Prime Minister, said that it was indeed a pleasure to have her give away the trophies at the 60th anniversary of the Ladies Championship of Ceylon.

Mrs. Bandaranaike in her reply stated that although she was not a golfer herself, she was happy to see the performances of a champion from abroad and a local ex-National champion.

THE CEYLON NATIONAL FINALS...

Mum misses a hole-in-one by inches on the 109 yard 9th of the Nuwara Eliya Course

NUWARA ELIYA GOLF CLUB, LADIES' BRANCH.

Event

Date

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Player

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2,825			39	40 44	

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Nuwara Eliya Beer is Best

1964 was the 60th Anniversary of the Ladies Championship of Ceylon. Celebrations abounded.

Mum was presented the Ceylon Nationals Trophy by The Prime Minister Mrs. Sirima Bandaranaike

The Philippine Embassy honoured the 1964 National Ladies and Men Golf Championship with a Buffet Dinner and Chipping Contest.

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Colombo 5

Dress: Bush Shirt

The Royal Colombo Golf Club and The Ceylon Golf Union arranged an International Golf Match in Colombo on the Ridgeways. Mum kept her score card from the LGU Stableford Competition at Royal Colombo and by her comments wasn't impressed much with the course saying it was "too much like Jodhpur" but she was left with "very happy memories". Over the years she often talked with affection about her time in Ceylon and said without a doubt that the beauty of Nuwara Eliya surpassed any course she'd ever played on.

ROYAL COLOMBO GOLF CLUB
 LOCAL RULES, REVISED WITH EFFECT
 FROM 1st NOVEMBER 1961

- The Boundaries of the Course are defined by the fences, walls and hedges on either side of each fairway and beyond each green.
- Out of Bounds
 - A ball coming to rest beyond the boundaries of the Course as defined above.
 - At the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th holes, a ball coming to rest over the rear rail of the Railway.
 - At the 6th and 7th holes, a ball coming to rest in or beyond the ditch on the far side of Moddi Farm Road.
- Water Hazards:— All water on the Course including flood water, except water on the putting green and in isolated pools, which is casual.
- The following are lateral water hazards:
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 - The water on the right of the 7th fair way but only when the player's ball crosses the edge of the water hazard between the two points marked by white stone blocks.
 - The ditch on the left of the 14th fairway (The paddy field is out of bounds).
 - The water on the right of the 12th green but only when the player's ball crosses the edge of the water hazard beyond (i.e. South of) the point marked by a white stone block.
- Free lifts are permitted as under:—
 - The entire area of the railway track between the grass verges where it crosses the 6th hole.

*Not an impressive course -
 Too much like Jodhpur -
 but very happy memories
 with Sue, Alex and
 Yasee Sines.*

L.G.U.
 ROYAL COLOMBO GOLF CLUB

Player..... Date.....
 Competition..... Handicap.....
 Strokes received.....

Rail Fross, Wellawatte
STANDARD SCRATCH SCORE 72

Marker's Score	Hole	Yards	Bogey	Stroke Index	Player's Score	Won Lost Halved O	Marker's Score	Hole	Yards	Bogey	Stroke Index	Player's Score	Won Lost Halved O		
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	2	313	4	11				11	216	4	10				
	3	344	4	3				12	274	4	4				
	4	152	3	16				13	138	3	14				
	5	319	4	5				14	396	5	8				
	6	178	3	13				15	496	5	2				
	7	423	5	1				16	153	3	17				
	8	359	4	9				17	410	5	6				
	9	148	3	18				18	273	4	12				
	OUT	2,616	35					IN	2,647	37					
Marker's Signature													OUT	2,616	35
Player's Signature													TOTAL	5,263	72
In bogey play the gross score must be entered, otherwise the hole will be counted as lost.															
STABLEFORD SCORING															
One over Bogey 1 point															
Bogey 2 points															
One under Bogey 3 points															
Two under Bogey 4 points															
Divots MUST be Replaced and Firmly Stamped down															

1966 - "none other than...you know who" writes Mum as John Forman laments her departure from golf in India

He writes, "She (Bam) has an enviable record in this Championship which I doubt will ever be bettered."

THE ALL INDIA LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

This year, the first time for many years, the above tournament will be without Bam Ribbins. Bam has left for the U.K. to where the rest of the family move shortly. She has an enviable record in this Championship which I doubt will ever be bettered.

Bam is one of the finest natural hitters of a ball. With a high, wide and handsome swing, she clobbers a golf ball farther than most men. She had a zest for experimentation . . . not always commendable. Fortunately she is a sufficiently natural golfer to return in due course to the more orthodox. Her putting is bold and she never fails to charge the hole. The fact that she has to sink a large number of return six footers never seems to bother her. But partnering her, I must admit on occasions to have looked the other way when she was left with a two foot putt. Her four foot backswing for a putt of half that length gave me the willies. Bless her heart, she seldom missed 'em.

All of us wish Bam the best of luck where she settles . . . and good golfing.

7 February, 1966

Overlooker

None other than... you know who!

CALCUTTA GOLF
By JOHN FORMAN



Bam Ribbins, playing No. 1 for the Ladies, lost to John Keen on the last green. Bam's three-foot backswing for a two-foot putt gives me the "willies" every time I see it!

"All of us wish Bam the best of luck where she settles...and good golfing" John Forman

On her first week back from India in 1966, as Mum was preparing our home in England, the window sash of a huge Victorian window broke and fell on her hand breaking and shattering her fingers and thumb. She was never quite able to regain the strength in her golfing hands but continued tenaciously to improve on her game. The following year AVIA - Ladies National Tournament requested her golf details to enter her to play for her County, Hampshire.

HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND

In 1967 Mum started playing for
Hampshire County (Hants) Champion

AVIA

Ladies' National Golf Tournament

Seventy-two hole Scratch and Handicap Foursomes

BERKSHIRE GOLF CLUB, 14th—16th MARCH, 1967

Dear Mr. Ribbons

We are preparing a booklet for members of the Press giving details regarding certain of the players in this tournament. I would be most grateful therefore if within the next few days you would let me know some of your golfing achievements that would be of interest and may be your age on 14th March. Your co-operation will be very much appreciated.

27th January 1967

George Fairh.

Dear dear Douglas!

1973 Hampshire Women's teams beat Sussex twice and Berkshire twice. Mum plays both Foursome and Singles for the Hampshire (Hants) Second Team

Hampshire's bright start

Hampshire's women golfers made a bright start to the county season, beating Sussex by ten matches to three at Hayling.

In the top singles Miss Carol LeFeuvre, the Hampshire champion, had a great battle with Mrs. Pru Riddiford, the Sussex title-holder, and when Carol won on the 16th green she was only one over par.

Miss Heather Clifford and her Sussex rival Miss Elizabeth Mountain were level at the turn. Heather won the next four holes, and although Miss Mountain fought back gamely, she conceded the match on the 17th green.

Mrs. Patricia Pink was out-putted by Mrs. Toni Sycamore — the only Sussex player to remain unbeaten.

Sandra Thurston, Waterloo 16 year old made a promising first team debut, scoring a convincing 7 and 5 win over Mrs. Daphne Reed.

Results (Hampshire names first)
Foursomes — Mrs. P. Pink and Miss C. LeFeuvre beat Mrs. Riddiford and Miss Mountain 2 holes; Mrs. Green and Miss Clifford beat Mrs. Allan and Mrs. Tate 5 and 4; Mrs. Ribbins and Miss Morrison lost to Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Knight 3 and 1; Mrs. Johnson and Miss Thurston beat Mrs. Flood and Mrs. Hitchison 7 and 6.

Singles — Miss LeFeuvre beat Mrs. Riddiford 3 and Miss Green beat Miss Mountain 2 and 1; Mrs. Pink lost to Mrs. Sycamore 3 and 2; Mrs. Green beat Mrs. Allan 3 and 2; Mrs. Ribbins beat Mrs. Tate 1 hole; Mrs. Johnson beat Mrs. Knight 5 and 4; Miss Thurston beat Mrs. Flood 7 and 6; Miss Morrison beat Mrs. Hitchison 3 and 2.

In the Hampshire junior girls meeting at Alford, 15-year-old Elizabeth Kelly (Bramshaw) playing off 19, had a brilliant round of 80 gross to win the championship. She also won the handicap shield.

Youngest-ever competitor, eight-year-old Jane Whitebread, delighted spectators with her busy efficiency, and her 12-year-old sister Mary won the prize for the best nine holes.

Championship: Elizabeth Kelly (Bramshaw) 80. Handicap Shield: 1, Elizabeth Kelly 80-19=61; 2, Gillian Hill (Liphook) 85-9=76; 3, Sandra Thurston (Waterloo) 86-8=77; 4, Nicola Jackson (Waterloo) 118-31=85. Best nine holes: 1, Mary Whitebread (Waterloo) 63 gross; 2, Nicola Kelly (Bramshaw) 79.

Corhampton Golf Club's Reeves Trophy, four-ball better ball Stableford, was won by R. Carpenter (18) and D. Meadus (15) with 44 points, followed by H. Clark (11) and M. Miller (12) 41 points.

Corhampton April medal: F. R. Gregory (21) 70 nett, on the last nine holes from C. F. Lutman (10) 70. April Stableford: M. Miller (12) 34 points; J. Browning (14) 25 points.

The Corhampton Ladies

GOLF

section Reeves Salver was won by Miss D. Jacobs, 33 points. Mrs. K. Smith won the winter eclectic competition with a nett 61. April medal winner: Mrs. E. Harris 100-28=72.

Rowlands Castle Golf Club's extended course was used for the first time for their inter-club fixture against Waterloo, and the home side won by ten matches to three. Rowlands also beat Blackmoor by seven matches to five.

Stan Armstrong won the Arnold Trophy with a score of 80-18=62, three strokes ahead of Stephen Hoar 83-18=65.

Bogey points mixed competition: 1, E. Maher and Mrs. Maher 36 points; 2, B. Irving and Mrs. M. Townsend 34 points. Men's medal. Division A: 1, Jim Dalton 74-4=70; 2, Brian Thompson 73-2=71. Division B: 1, Brian Tricker 85-20=65; 2, Peter Doran 90-24=66.

Rowlands Castle Ladies May White Cup was won by Mrs. C. Guy 95-32=63, followed by Miss Bevis White 99-32=67.

Brian Foster (9) won Portsmouth Golf Club's qualifying round for the Rank Xerox program competition with a nett 67, from D. H. Williams (18) 69, on the best last nine from J. Fletcher (12) 69.

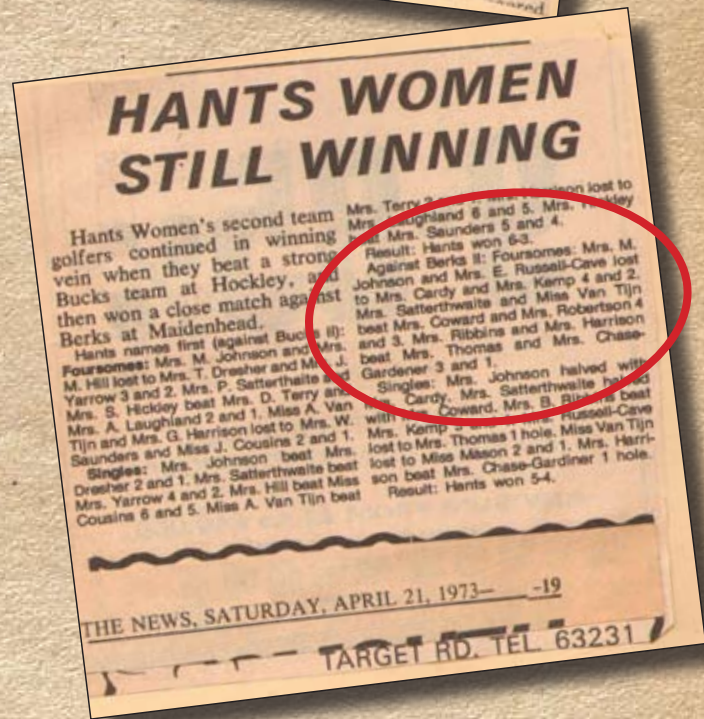
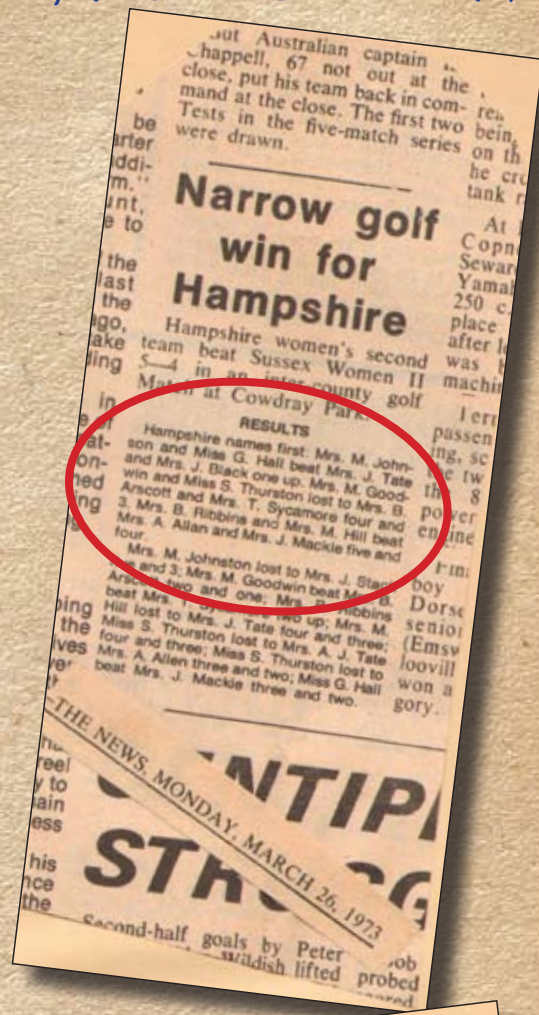
Foster and Bill McHardy, the Portsmouth professional, go through to the next round in June with the chance of a four-day trip to Greece in November to compete in the finals.

In the Marstons over 50 county knock out tournament Portsmouth beat Waterloo by four matches to three. The result hinged on the last putt.

In away fixtures, Portsmouth beat Gosport and Stokes Bay, winning five matches and halving one, and drew 3-3 with Waterloo.

More than 50 competitors from Newport, Ryde, Portsmouth, Havant, Southampton and Salisbury took part in the Hastings and Thanet Building Society's first area tournament, staged on the Stoneham, Southampton course.

Winners in the 18-holes Stableford competition were J. B. Pothecary (Southampton) 40 points; G. Simpkins (Newport) 39 points; P. H. Midden (Portsmouth) 36 points.



1976 - THE HAMPSHIRE LADIES
CHAMPIONSHIP
MUM GOT BEATEN IN
THE SEMI FINALS
Bam was playing for
Stokes Bay Golf Club

In 1977 Mum was New Lady
Captain for Stoneham Golf Club

With John
Rush former
Hampshire
(Hants)
Champion



Mrs. Carol Gibbs completes a drive on her way to winning the Hampshire Ladies' Championship at Hayling.

Top-class Gibbs lifts Hants title

By ALISTER MARSHALL

Former Curtis Cup player Mrs. Carol Gibbs (Lee-on-the-Solent) played Curtis Cup-quality golf to beat Miss Heather Clifford (North Hants) 7 and 5 in the final of the Hampshire Ladies Championship on the sun-baked Hayling course yesterday.

The astonishing feature of the one-sided final was that Clifford, who produced several superb second shots, did not play badly, but it is doubtful if anyone could have "lived" with the 24-year-old international in this form.

Out in a remarkable 32 containing three birdies, Gibbs was seven up at the turn, and it was difficult to trace one loose shot on the outward leg.

She reached a peak of domination on the par-four eighth, hammering a long second shot on to the green and sinking a birdie putt.

The on the par-four ninth she repeated the dose with another long second followed by another brilliant putt for a second successive birdie.

Clifford, however, still had two moments to savour before the inevitability of defeat came on the 13th.

Trailing from the second hole, where Gibbs took the lead by chipping her third to

within a foot of the pin for an opening birdie, Clifford hit back to win the tenth and the 11th, with successive birdies.

On the 10th she produced one of her string of good second strokes to birdie the hole with the putt. Then, on the 11th, her drive found the green and she slotted home a long putt for a birdie two.

In the semi-finals, Clifford beat her North Hants colleague, Miss Mary Morrison, 5 and 4. Gibbs, after a dramatic 2 and 1 win against Miss Christine Mackintosh in a quarter-final tie which claimed the title as the match-of-the-championship, beat Mrs. Bam Ribbins (Stokes Bay) by the same margin in the semi-final.



DRIVING IN

JOHN RUSH and Mrs. A. F. ("Bam") Ribbins drive into office as Stoneham Golf Club's new captains. Rush is a former Hampshire champion, while Mrs. Ribbins is a seven times former winner of the India Ladies' Open Championship.



In 1981 Mum was the Hampshire Captain and playing for Stoneham Golf Club. It was a momentous year and the undoubted highlight of the year (in the Ladies' Events) was the victory in the Stoneham Cup at Blackmoor, Hampshire. This important event was last won by Stoneham 16 years before in 1965, and as mentioned in the Club Bulletin, "Thanks in this connection, must go to the vast experience and flawless swing of Mrs. Bam Ribbins, who won way out in the country after six extra holes in the deciding match.

It's Stoneham — in the dark!

"BAM" RIBBINS won the Stoneham Cup for her club, Stoneham, by beating the Army's Mrs. J. Quay at the sixth extra hole in the final played at Blackmoor.

The clubs were level at three wins apiece when, in the gathering dusk, Mrs. Ribbins, the Hampshire captain, overcame Mrs. Quay at the 24th hole despite having to give her opponent two shots.

In the semi-finals, played earlier in the day, the Army beat Brokenhurst Manor 4-3 and Stoneham beat Meon Valley 6-1.

Results: Army 4, Brokenhurst Manor 3. Mrs. R. Willis beat Mrs. Witt 3/2, Mrs. E. Macmillan beat Mrs. P. Cotton 3/2, Mrs. J. Quay lost to Mrs. Hill 3/2, Mrs. D. Chance lost to Mrs. F. Allen 3/1, Mrs. B. Jones beat Mrs. Tripp at 19th, Mrs. S. Smart lost to Mrs. Burton 3/2, Mrs. J. Lee beat Mrs. Collins 1 up.

Stoneham 6, Meon Valley 1. Miss S. Gardiner beat Mrs. J. Lawson 3/2, Mrs. P. Pearse beat Mrs. Hockey 1 up, Mrs. B. Ribbins beat Mrs. Blake 5/3, Mrs. M. Hill beat Mrs. B. Benson 2 up, Mrs. Burroughs beat Mrs. Oxenham 2 up, Mrs. Man-chett lost to Mrs. Harts-horn 2 up, Mrs. Elliott beat Mrs. Anderson 1 up.

Final — Stoneham 4, Army 3. Miss Gardiner lost to Mrs. Willis 1 up, Mrs. Pearse lost to Mrs. Macmil-lan 5/3, Mrs. Ribbins beat Mrs. Quay at 24th, Mrs. Hill beat Mrs. Chance 3/2, Mrs. M. Bone beat Mrs. Jones at 19th, Mrs. Bur-

roughs lost to Mrs. Smart 2 up, Mrs. Elliott beat Mrs. Lee 1 up.

ROMSEY — October medal — Div 1: N. Woodward (2) net 66; K. Woodfield (7) 67 (on last nine), I. Knightley (6) 67. Div. 2: S. Whicher (17) net 67 (on last nine), K. Miles (22) 67. A. Stuart (13) 68 (on last nine), D. Hore (17) 68.

HOCKLEY — Winter stableford — Div. A: G. Saxby (5) 40 pts., B. A. Wolfenden (10) 39 pts. Div. B: R. L. Andrews (24) 40 pts. (on last nine), P. S. Haffenden (22) 40 pts. Junior Div.: M. R. Broomhall (8) 36 pts., K. F. Veal (5) 35 pts. BRAMSHAW — Heathcote Salvers: V. Randall and Mrs. I. Davies (16) net 64; R. Crawford and Mrs. V. A. Crawford (16) 67; J. Sweeney and Mrs. E. Thurston (14) 70.

Kung Fu team

... producing some experts
... best home from Birmingham is
... simple Kung Fu team, based in the

And a member of their ladies' squad, Jo Frampton, won the national ladies event at the same meeting.

Their victories in the Kung Fu national tournament were described by their manager Tony Broomes as "a marvellous achievement in so short a time".

For the bulk of the team has been together for only three years, during which time the club's two British internationals, Humphrey Broomes (Tony's brother) and Lew Wilson, have

coached four youngsters who look to have such a promising future in the sport.

At Birmingham, the team won through four preliminary rounds before clinching the best-of-five final 3-1.

"I should think the rest of the team must now be in contention for England places," said Tony, who was also delighted with Jo Frampton's success in the women's individual tournament.

Age range of the team is 18 to 26.

Monday Barbecue and Dance was a really... made economically possible by Ken... plus friends, who provided the splendid music free of charge. Also Alec O'Rourke, who not only loaned, delivered, erected and collected the commercial barbecue, but also donated £50 worth of charcoal. Thanks are also due to Stan Buchan for donating a piano to the Club. It seems that a spirit of giving is abroad and I am bound to say that I find this particularly gratifying.

Ladies' Events

This has been a momentous year for the Ladies under the enthusiastic captaincy of Alison Fisher. The undoubted highlight of the year was the victory in the Stoneham Cup at Blackmoor. This important event was last won by us 16 years ago. Thanks in this connection must go to the vast experience and flawless swing of Mrs. Bam Ribbins, who won way out in the country after six extra holes in the deciding match.

The Championship was won by Sue Gardiner, who beat Mrs. Marge Hill in the final. Sue has also played for the County 1st team this year and Mrs. Carol Church, Mrs. Pat Pearse and the Ladies' Captain herself have all represented the County at other levels.

The Open Mixed Foursomes was extremely well supported from far and near with a record entry of 85 couples.

Mrs. Pat Pearse and Mrs. Jean Lawson honoured the Club by winning the County Foursomes.

Well done indeed Ladies.

(PAT GRIFFIN - NO LESS) 12-1981



The champions celebrate . . . David Wheeler and Bam Ribbins.

'ECHO' GOLF CHAMPIONS

DAVID WHEELER (Brokanhurst Manor), whose father owns a newsagents business in Fawley, and Bam Ribbins, of the host club, won the "Echo" golf finals at Stoneham yesterday.

In addition to the perpetual trophies, each received a ship's decanter and six sherry glasses made of Waterford crystal.

The "Echo" tournament underwent a

change of format this year in that yesterday's event, an 18-hole stroke-play event, decided the whole thing.

In the past, an eliminating competition for qualifiers from the clubs in our circulation area decided which players, two men and two women would go on to contest the match-play finals.

ECHO SPORT 1

Stoneham player's success

THE "ECHO" tournament has always been held at Stoneham, but it was only yesterday that the host club provided a winner or even the runner-up in either event.

The jinx was broken when Bam Ribbins, playing off a handicap of nine, returned a net 75 to win the women's event by three shots from Judy Dawe, an 18-handicapper from Gosport and Stokes Bay.

Mrs. Ribbins, whose formidable list of titles include the All-India championship seven times, was genuinely surprised at her success yesterday as she was unhappy with her game, particularly on the greens.

Indeed, she three-putted six times and even took four putts to get down at the 14th, where her approach shot hit the flagstick and finished up just three feet from the hole.

Despite the torments she went through on the greens, which started at the second, Mrs. Ribbins had four gross pars in her outward nine of 42. She was particularly disap-

pointed to three-putt on the par four fourth after having reached the edge of the green in two.

She opened her inward nine with a par at the 10th (160 yards), but then dropped two shots at the next hole, where she put her second shot into the stream at the bottom of the valley below the green.

Those four putts on the 14th green cost her a seven but, helped by a birdie at the short 18th, she only dropped three shots over the last four holes.

ECHO SPORT 3 . . . ECHO SPORT 3 . . . E

New look golf final

By DAVID KENNY



BAM RIBBINS

THE "ECHO" golf tournament, the finals of which have in the past been staged in either Majorca or the Channel Islands, have undergone a change of format.

In the past the club qualifiers have played an eliminating round at Stoneham to decide which two men and two women would go on to contest the match-play finals.

MAXIMUM PRIZES

This year, and from now on, the eliminating round will be the finals and the prizes for the two winners will be the maximum an amateur is entitled to receive.

There will be many other prizes, too, and the whole package, we believe, will make this annual event one of the most prestigious on the Hampshire golfing calendar.

The rest of the format is as before. All clubs in our circulation area have received invitations to stage their own

qualifying event to produce one man and one woman to go forward to what will now be the finals, to be played at Stoneham on Friday, October 1.

ALL INDIA WINNER

Stoneham's Bam Ribbins, seven times winner of the All India championship, is among those who have so far qualified for this year's finals. A former Stoneham Ladies captain, she plays off a handicap of nine.

Also through Mrs. Joy Johnston (Cochampton), a former international athlete, who has a golf handicap of eight, while the qualifiers from Newport on the Isle of Wight are Nicholas Argue and his wife, Julie.

The other qualifiers so far:

MEN

- Basingstoke: Stewart Avery, aged 45. Handicap 5. Design consultant.
- Gosport and Stokes Bay: W. E. Parker, aged 73. Handicap 11. Retired.
- Hartley Wintney: T. C. Harmer, aged 38. Handicap 9. Toolmaker.
- Shanklin and Sandown: Raymond Dyke, aged 49. Handicap 12. Proprietor of tea garden and gift shop.

WOMEN

- Army: Mrs. Helga Redhead. Handicap 13. Hotel manager.
- Cochampton: Mrs. Joy Johnston. Handicap 8. Former international athlete and county tennis player. Housewife.
- Freshwater Bay: Mrs. Sybil

- McPherson. Handicap 19. Housewife.
- Lee-on-Solent: Mrs. Betty May. Handicap 18. Captain of Lee-on-Solent Ladies in 1960. Housewife.

- North Hants: Mrs. Elizabeth Russell-Cave. Handicap 11.
- Osborne: Mrs. Margaret Butler. Handicap 11. Isle of Wight champion. Housewife.
- Royal Winstanley: Miss Valerie Knight. Handicap 12. Speech therapist.

- Ryde: Mrs. Joanna Kirkham. Handicap 13. Twice finalist in Isle of Wight championship. Housewife.

- Stoneham: Mrs. Bam Ribbins. Handicap 9. Seven times All India champion. Also former Cayles champion. Company director.

1987 Bam was still playing and STILL WINNING for Hampshire Ladies County Golf

THE NEWS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1987—11

Honours shared



AT the end of an exciting day's golf at Hayling, Rowlands Castle and Gosport and Stokes Bay shared the leadership in the Hampshire Ladies' County Golf Association's Hull Shield competition.

Forty clubs took part in the tournament. The joint winners who finished on 146, will each hold the trophy for six months.

Pictured in the front row (left to right) are

the representatives of the winning clubs, Dawn Spencer and Margaret Marshall (Rowlands Castle) and Chris Cheesman and Bam Ribbins (Gosport and Stokes Bay).

In the back row (left to right) are June Coulson (Assistant County Secretary), Tricia Pink (County Captain), Rosemary Barrett (Hayling Ladies' captain) and County Secretary Elsie Buckley. — Photo sales no. B5486-1.

Hard driving for La Manga

ROWLANDS Castle Golf Club are just two matches from clinching a place in the Team Golf Championship.

**Golf by
Alister
Marshall**

D. Habgood and P. Peyser (Portsmouth) (61) r the best last nine from (3) P. Dore (Southsea) r H. Davis (Southsea).
Tee Topica Trophy — 1. A. Sawyer (Portsmouth) (40pts); 2. J. Stead (Portsmouth) (39pts); 3. M. Hughes (Portsmouth) (38pts). Senior Ward (Portsmouth) (30pts). Junior Medal — 1. P.

BAM RIBBINS

Bam 82, left us on February 22, 2007
On March 19, 2007, Bam's two daughters Caryl and
Jenny invited family and friends to celebrate the
fulfilling and valuable life of their beloved Mum,
Grandma, special friend, seven times All-India Winner
and former Ceylon National Champion
at a Memorial Service where Bam's ashes were
scattered alongside her late husband George in the
Garden of Remembrance at Porchester Crematorium, in
Hampshire.

Discovered in Bam's personal possessions was this
anonymous poem -

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I don not sleep,
I am a thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glints on snow;
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle Autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.

*Bam and George leave behind their two daughters
and four grandsons Jeffrey and Jonathan, Joshua
and Jonathan*



Jenny's sons: Jon and Jeff - 1985

*Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of
the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a
warrior, so are the children of one's youth.*

Psalms 127: 3-4



Caryl's sons: Jon and Josh - 1992

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS AND IN LOVING MEMORY