

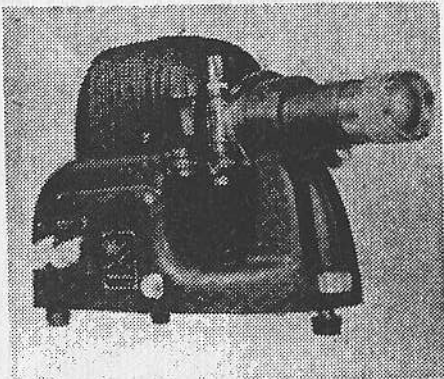
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WORLD'S CHAMPIONS

TOSHIAKI
TANAKA

ICHIRO
OGIMURA



JAPAN V. SOUTHLAND



INDOOR BASKETBALL STADIUM, SURREY PARK
TUESDAY, 20th AUGUST, 1957, at 8 p.m.

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Tonight's Players ..



TOSHIAKI TANAKA, aged 22, first won the World Championship in 1955, lost to ICHIRO OGIMURA in 1956 and then regained the title this year. Weighing just under 8st 10 lb. and only 5ft. 3in. in height, TOSHIAKI nevertheless possesses amazing stamina. Competent critics have said that TANAKA'S drive is the hardest yet seen, especially as a consistent weapon and not just for the odd kill.

ICHIRO OGIMURA, aged 25, first picked up a Table Tennis bat in 1948, and in 1953 was ranked No. 5 in the Japanese team at the second Asian Championships. His progress was so good that in 1954 he was ranked No. 1 in Japan and it was this year that he won the World Championship Singles Final. ICHIRO lost to Szomogy the following year, but came back to win in 1956. He was narrowly beaten by TANAKA this year at Stockholm.

JOHN CATTO, at the time of writing, is present Southland Champion. John, who is a former N.Z. Junior Champion, relies on defensive play to carry him to victory. It will be interesting to see the defensive strokes against the attack of the visitors.

W. HAY is a former Canterbury representative now domiciled in Invercargill. Bill is a player who is not afraid to attack.

K. HORNER is the province's leading Junior and it is only fitting that he be on the programme tonight. Ken is a very steady player.

DAVE KIDD is perhaps Southland's most promising Junior and his game against Tanaka is likely to be of great benefit to him.

L. MUSSEN and ERIC JOHNSON are both entirely different in style. Laurie possesses a great defence and Eric is probably the most stylish attacking player in Southland.

Miss MARION CATTO and Miss BETTY SMITH are players with a future.

TOM BREAYLEY and CLIFF WALKER will appear in a light-hearted curtain-raiser.

I hope all will enjoy seeing these players in action and that the visit will improve the standard of play in Southland.

C. ISITT,
President, S.T.T.A.

.. Programme ..



Event No.

1—T. BREAYLEY v. C. WALKER

Result

2—T. TANAKA v. D. KIDD

Result

3—I. OGIMURA v. K. HORNER

Result

4—T. TANAKA v. I. OGIMURA
and Miss B. SMITH and Miss M. CATTO

Result

5—I. OGIMURA v. W. HAY

Result

6—T. TANAKA v. J. CATTO

Result

7—I. OGIMURA v. T. TANAKA
and L. MUSSEN and E. JOHNSON

Result

8—T. TANAKA v. I. OGIMURA

Result

ALL MATCHES WILL BE THE BEST OF THREE GAMES
