

THE WEST COAST PLAYERS

NORMAN ORR: A former Canterbury player who has joined the Bank of New Zealand in Hokitika. While in Canterbury he played for the Linwood Club and became Canterbury boy's champion under 16yrs and 18yrs in 1951 and 1953 respectively. In 1952 he won the under 18yrs singles, doubles and mixed doubles at the South Island Championships. Norman first represented Canterbury in 1952 and continued to do so until 1955. Since then he has figured prominently in N.Z. Championships and has proved a useful acquisition to St Mary's and Hokitika Table Tennis.

DAVE WILSON: First played table tennis in 1947 as a member of the Kaniere Club. Since 1955 he has been playing for Workingmen's Club and figured prominently in West Coast and Buller Championships in the last five years. Dave has acquired many Hokitika Championships and is considered to be one of the best players and sportsmen in our town.

MRS DAWN BERENDT: A member of the United Club Dawn first started playing the game in 1951. She won her Club Championships in 1953 and 1955. In 1955 she partnered John Moen in the mixed doubles of the Coast Championships and was successful. In 1956 she represented Hokitika against Greymouth and met with considerable success.

MRS JUDY RUSSELL: A new member of the United Club this year, Judy played table tennis in Nelson prior to coming here. She has also represented Hokitika against Reefton this year.

NEVILLE SADLER: Formerly a South Canterbury Representative player now back living in Greymouth. In 1956, he won the West Coast Men's Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championships.

GORDON BLOOMFIELD: For some years a prominent follower of the sport in Greymouth. He partnered Neville Sadler in the winning doubles combination which won the West Coast Championships in 1956. He was also runner-up in the Men's singles. At the West Coast Championships at Reefton last Saturday, again partnered by Neville Sadler, he was runner-up in the Mens Doubles title.

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MEMORIAL HALL, HOKITIKA

SATURDAY, 24 AUGUST 1957

PROGRAMME

Match No. 1:

TOSHIAKI TANAKA v. N. SADLER

Match No. 2:

ICHIRO OGIMURA v. G. BLOOMFIELD

Match No. 3:

TOSHIAKI TANAKA and MRS DAWN BERENDT
v.
ICHIRO OGIMURA and MRS JUDY RUSSELL

Match No. 4:

TOSHIAKI TANAKA v. N. ORR

Match No. 5:

ICHIRO OGIMURA v. D. WILSON

EXHIBITION MATCH:

TOSHIAKI TANAKA v. ICHIRO OGIMURA

All matches will be the best of three games.

Japanese Team Manager: MR HITOSHI SHIMIZU

New Zealand Liaison Officer: MR ARNOLD PERCY

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TOSHIAKI TANAKA

Aged 22, "Tosh", as he is known to his friends at the World Championships, is the smaller of the two players visiting Hokitika. Weighing just under 8st 10lbs and only 5ft 3in in height, Toshiaki nevertheless has the amazing stamina to go through to win the World Championships twice in 1955 and 1957. The present world title holder's occupation is not unsimilar to many of New Zealand's top players - Clerk of the Company Yawata Iron and Steel Co Ltd. He is also a graduate of Nihon University, Tokyo.

Playing record in brief: 1955: won Japanese Singles Title; 1955; won Men's Singles 22nd Table Tennis World Championships; Utrecht; 1956: Finalist Men Singles 23rd Table Tennis World Championships, Tokyo; 1957: won Men's singles 24th Table Tennis World Championships, Stockholm.

ICHIRO OGIMURA

Born in 1932, Ichiro (meaning first born) was always a very keen sports all-rounder. A graduate of Nihon University in Tokyo, Ichiro is now employed as a Clerk of Company, Ogimura Industrial Co Ltd, but while at the University he was much sought after as a representative in Soft-ball, Japanese Wrestling and Real (or Royal) Tennis as well as Table Tennis. He was 1952 all-Japan Soft-ball Champion.

1953 Ichiro won the Mens Singles and Doubles Student and Japanese National Titles. 1954 he won his first Championship of the World Singles Title. Ogimura once again won the World Table Tennis Championships Mens Singles Title at Tokyo in 1956 but was edged out of the title by Tosh this year at Stockholm.

MR HITOSHI SHIMIZU

The Manager of the Japanese team, Mr Shimizu is a Director of the Japan Table Tennis Association. The third University graduate of the touring party, Mr Shimizu was educated at the Chuo University, Tokyo and is at present a Director of the Fuki Tea Manufacturing and Sale Co Ltd.