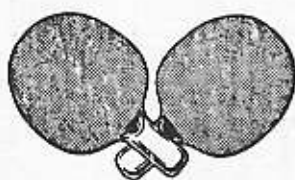


# TABLE TENNIS



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"I welcome to this Valley our Japanese players and visitors on this important occasion, and I am sure we can look forward to a successful evening."

P. DOWSE,

Mayor of Lower Hutt City.

### HUTT VALLEY OFFICERS.

PATRON: Mr. J. W. Andrews, O.B.E.      PRESIDENT: Mr. V. M. Mitchell.

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The Mayor of Petone  
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The Mayor of Lower Hutt  
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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Messrs A. R. Harding (chairman), R. J. Campbell (deputy-chairman), Miss B. K. Gardner, Messrs. V. Evans, J. Clark, A. Anderson, D. Frater, R. Robinson, G. Dalley and R. Gibson.

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HON. AUDITOR: Mr. K. L. Gruschow.

HON. SOLICITOR: Miss M. A. Taylor.

# Our Visitors hold World Titles

## N.Z.'s First Visit by World's No. 1 Player

Twenty-one-year-old Miss Kimiyo Matsuzaki, a University student of Sunshu University, is the singles champion of the world. She is the first reigning world champion of the fair sex to visit and play in N.Z. She won the world title in Dortmund, Germany, last year from another Japanese player, Miss F. Eguchi.

Miss Matsuzaki is described as a round-faced happy girl with a terrific capacity for table tennis. She has won the Japan title for the last two years, and has several college titles to her credit—table tennis is among the compulsory subjects in secondary schools in Japan.

Miss Matsuzaki, like our other visitor, Miss K. Yamaizumi, is a pen-grip player. It is a style commonly used in the Orient, and the same as that used by the renowned Japanese men players T. Tanaka and I. Ogimura on their record-breaking tour of N.Z. in 1957. Like the men, Miss Matsuzaki has a terrific forehand drive.

Miss Kazuko Yamaizumi is 25. She is a clerk, and the world doubles champion with Miss T. Nanba (Japan).



MISS K. MATSUZAKI



MISS K. YAMAIZUMI

Miss Yamaizumi is another of the hard-hitting type of player Japan is renowned for. Her forehand attack is little less severe than Miss Matsuzaki's. Miss Yamaizumi won the Japan singles title in 1957 and only recently beat almost a national field in a Tokyo tournament. Miss Yamaizumi is a talented player in singles and doubles play.

The play of the Japanese women is almost as attractive as the Japanese men, and if given the chance they would almost certainly beat almost any man in New Zealand.

### JAPANESE MANAGER

The manager of the Japanese women players, Misses K. Matsuzaki and K. Yamaizumi, is Mr. H. Shimazu. He managed T. Tanaka, then world champion, and I. Ogimura, the previous world champion on their 1957 tour of New Zealand which broke all attendances records.

Mr. Shimazu, a lecturer at Chuo University, is a director of the Japan Table Tennis Association. He is 46. Mr. Shimazu is also president of the Indonesia Mining Development Association.

# Introducing the Hutt Valley Players

## MRS. MARY J. ANDERSON:—

On leaving Wellington Girls' College, Lower Hutt-born Miss Mary Garden played her table tennis for the Waterloo Y. M. C. A. club. She quickly gained attraction through her numerous wins in junior championship play and through her deeds in interclub play.

From the Waterloo club Miss Garden transferred to the Empire club, but after a short period with that club returned to her present club Waterloo. Mrs. Anderson—she married the Hutt Valley representative Coye Anderson—first played for Hutt Valley in 1951, by coincidence the first year her husband gained Hutt Valley representative honours. She has been a regular member of the team since then.

Mrs. Anderson is 5 ft. 5 in., and is 26. She is the holder of the New Zealand women's doubles championship with Mrs. Val Symthe (nee White) of Wellington, and was runner-up in the New Zealand singles last year. She has won several provincial titles.

Mrs. Anderson is a leading Hutt Valley lawn tennis player. She was the No. 1 woman in the district for some years.

## MISS JOAN E. BROWN:—

On leaving St. Mary's College in Wellington Miss Brown took employment as a shorthand typist and it was through her work that she got started in table tennis. The firm had a table and she accepted an invitation to play. She has never looked back.

Miss Brown's first club was Taita Catholic and when that club disbanded she joined the Taita Club. Miss Brown was first selected for Hutt Valley in 1952 when a leg injury prevented Miss Ellen McNeill (Petone Catholic) going to Dunedin. In 1953 she transferred to the Empire Club, of which she has been an official for some years, the last three as secretary.

She has won many titles, including the North Island twice, the Wellington twice, the Hutt Valley open four

times, the Hutt Valley closed four times, and dozens of others. She was the No. 1 seed for the New Zealand singles last year.

Miss Brown who is 28, was born in Raetihi and is 5 ft. 2 in. She was a senior women's basketball player.

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## MRS. VAL. MUIRHEAD:—

It was attending Wellington Girls' College that Lower-Hutt-born Valerie E. Muirhead was introduced to table tennis. Her first club was Epuni, but in the early 1950's she transferred to her present club, Empire.

A Hutt Valley representative since 1953, with the exception of one season, Mrs. Muirhead has been the captain of the Hutt Valley representative team since 1956. She has won numerous titles, mostly doubles, and last year played for North Island against South Island.

With her clubmate Miss J. E. Brown she was a finalist in last year's New Zealand women's doubles championship. Mrs. Muirhead is 27, is 5 ft. 6 in., and the mother of one daughter.



MRS. M. J. ANDERSON

# Booking for the Test

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## THE TEAMS

### JAPAN

No. 1. Miss K. Matsuzaki  
No. 2. Miss K. Yamaizumi

### HUTT VALLEY

No. 1. Miss J. E. Brown  
No. 2. Mrs. M. Anderson  
No. 3. Mrs. V. E. Muirhead

## THE GAMES

### JUNIOR BOYS' EXHIBITION

W. M. Borlase v. B. Cross

## Japan v. Hutt Valley

	Scores		
	1st Set	2nd Set	3rd Set
<b>Event No. 1</b> Miss Matsuzaki v. Mrs. Anderson Umpire: Mr. R. J. Campbell.	.....	.....	.....
<b>Event No. 2</b> Miss Yamaizumi v. Miss Brown Umpire: Miss B. K. Gardner.	.....	.....	.....
<b>Event No. 3 Doubles game</b> Misses Matsuzaki and Yamaizumi v. Mesdames Anderson and Muirhead Umpire: Mr. K. L. Pointon.	.....	.....	.....
<b>INTERVAL</b>			
<b>Event No. 4</b> Miss Yamaizumi v. Mrs. Anderson Umpire: Mr. L. Newman.	.....	.....	.....
<b>Event No. 5</b> Miss Matsuzaki v. Miss Brown Umpire: Mr. Campbell.	.....	.....	.....
<b>Junior Boys' Exhibition</b> P. McLauchlan v. D. Thorner	.....	.....	.....
<b>Tourists' Exhibition</b> Miss Matsuzaki v. Miss Yamaizumi Umpire: Mr. Pointon.	.....	.....	.....
<b>Match Controller: Mr. A. Percy.</b>			
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## More Big Clubs Wanted

### TABLE TENNIS IN THE HUTT VALLEY

Table tennis in the Hutt Valley has not progressed with the growth of the population.

Twenty-seven years ago the interest in the sport was almost as great as it is now. Table tennis came in with a boom. Clubs sprang up like mushrooms. Games were played in the churches, garages, ill-lit halls, in factories, in homes. It seemed that almost everyone was interested.

It was a grand social game. Matches were played by mutual arrangement. Clubs vied to outdo each other with sumptuous suppers. Big cream sponges and other tops in the cake line were commonplace. Clubs were plentiful, learning the game was fun. The friendships made were lasting.

Then came the Second World War. There were many changes. The clubs thinned out; the ranks of the players did likewise.

With the cessation of hostilities the game picked up again, but there was not the same social atmosphere and nowhere near the same enthusiasm. The sport graduated from one of a social nature into one of seriousness. With the change the big suppers gradually drifted out; the standard of the game improved; the small clubs largely disappeared. The numbers dropped at an alarming rate. It seemed the factories were no longer interested.

The population of the Hutt Valley was going ahead in leaps and bounds; with the increase came rival attractions. Fewer youngsters were taking an interest in table tennis.

By the end of 1950 the team strength had dropped to almost half of the 1935 figure. Strenuous efforts were made to rebuild it but then only the drift was arrested; no gains were made. Bigger clubs were in operation; the administration was on a higher plane; the game was in no way social for the higher grades. It was serious business. The whole set up was changed. Players wanted a lot of space; garages and rooms in homes were out. The game had outgrown the original one.

There had been visits by world champions. New Zealanders' eyes had been opened, and the task of raising the standard in this country was tackled in earnest; Hutt Valley fell in line. Dress was equally important. Overseas standards were emulated. The game still made progress, but strangely enough the membership remained at the same level, and today is no better than it was 10 years ago, but the standard and the facilities are.

The Hutt Valley was never better off for suitable halls than now, and the Hutt Valley Association is convinced new big, strong clubs could be formed if people were prepared to give their services as administrators.

The Association is convinced, too, that there are people wanting to play but lack open clubs in their district. The Association hopes that through this visit of the Japanese women and this programme it will reach some people prepared to offer their services.

If anyone is interested they are invited to ring the secretary of the Association Mr. A. G. White (63-177) or the chairman, Mr. A. R. Harding (69-888 and ask for 3695).

Because the team strength has been static for some years it is believed the sport has found its level in the district, but that level could be raised if people were prepared to work for others.



## Empire Club Mates



MRS. V. MUIRHEAD



MISS J. E. BROWN

Miss J. E. Brown (left) and Mrs. V. E. Muirhead (right) have been clubmates for several years with the Empire Club in Petone. They have campaigned at various tournaments throughout New Zealand and are familiar figures in many table tennis gatherings. Miss Brown was a New Zealand finalist in the singles in this hall in 1957.

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