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**SWEDEN Vs NEW ZEALAND**

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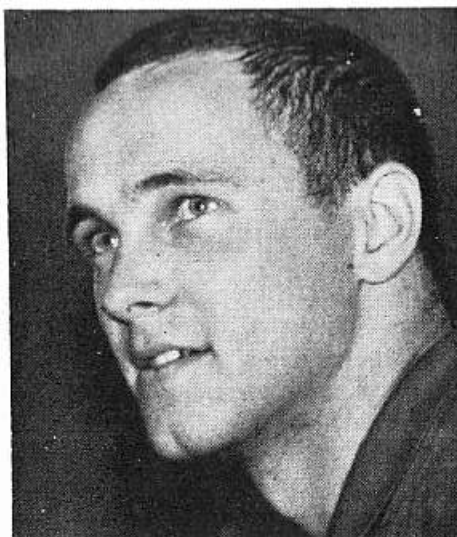
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versus

**NEW ZEALAND**

at Church College of New Zealand  
Tuhikaramea, Hamilton  
**THURSDAY, 11th JUNE, 1970**

Test Match Manager: MR B. SHERIDAN  
Test Match Referee: MR L. ROLLEY  
Manager Visiting Team: MR K. A. FRASER  
Manager N.Z. Team: MR A. K. ATTWOOD

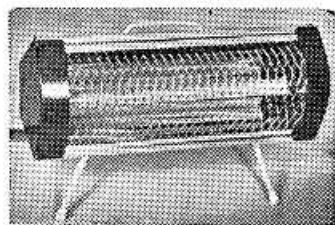
*The Hamilton Table Tennis Association, on behalf of the New Zealand Association, is proud to present such fine players as we have visiting us on this occasion.*

**HANS ALSER** is 28 years old, is the current European singles champion and shares, with his team mate Johansson, the current World Men's Doubles Crown, an event they have held since 1967. He has held the Swedish Singles Crown five times, the European twice, together with numerous other European singles and doubles titles. He is probably the best all-round player in Europe with good defence, powerful forehand and backhand attack with strong counter-attacking strokes. Hans has decided to retire after the World Championship in 1971 and such is his standing in World Table Tennis that he has already entered into a contract with the West German Association as their Chief Coach for two years. Present world ranking is No. 12.

**KJELL JOHANSSON** at 25 years old is ranked No. 4 in Europe and No. 8 in the world and shares the current World Men's Doubles Title with Hans Alsér. He also has a long list of titles to his credit, including the Swedish Singles three times. He is a very strong forehand attacking player, in fact to such a degree that this stroke has become known as "the Hammer". He also has, however, a fast backhand and cannot and does not defend, but simply attacks and counter-attacks when necessary. Kjell Johansson was named Sportsman of the Year in Sweden in 1966 and 1967, and honoured as one of the Gentlemen of Sports by the International Olympic Committee in 1968.

**BOTH** players have travelled and played throughout the world, winning a colossal number of titles throughout Europe.

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## EVENT 1 — SINGLES:

H. ANSLAUER v. R. LEE  
Umpire J. DUNN Result 21-7 21-12  
21-18

## EVENT 2 — SINGLES:

K. JOHANSSON v. T. O'CARROLL  
Umpire J. ROLLEY Result 21 21 21  
5 14 7

## EVENT 3 — DOUBLES:

ALSER and JOHANSSON v. TOMLINSON and FOSTER  
Umpire R. FRASER Result 20 21 21  
12 9 16

## EVENT 4 — SINGLES:

Umpire ALSER DUNN Result 21 21 21  
12 10 8  
ALSER v. O'CARROLL

## EVENT 5 — SINGLES:

J. JOHANSSON v. LEE  
Umpire ROLLEY Result 21 21 21  
13 13 19

ALSER v. JOHANSSON

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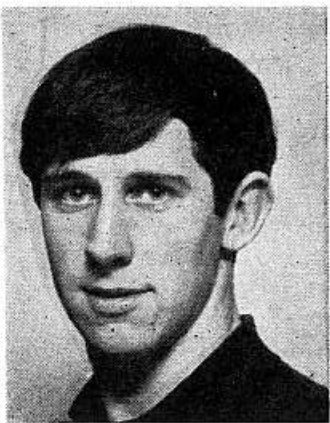
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# The New Zealand Players :



**TERRY O'CARROLL** (Hamilton Assn), 22 years old, a member of the well-known Northland sports family, is a school-teacher at Te Awamutu. His achievements include New Zealand junior champion in 1964 and 1965, and he attended the world championships in Stockholm in 1968. An all-out attacking player who revels in counter-hitting, Terry makes full use of a remarkably consistent loop drive. Extremely fast at covering the court, he has what is renowned as the deadliest forehand drive in the country. At present ranked No. 3 in the country. Although he has yet to win a national senior title, he's practically certain to do so in the next season or two.

**RICHARD LEE** (Hamilton Assn), in being selected for this Test Match at 15 years of age, has become the youngest male ever to play table tennis for New Zealand. The current New Zealand under-16 and under-18 singles title holder, Lee has been a Hamilton senior representative for the past two seasons, and has the potential to gain high international honours.



Possessing a strong forehand loop and smash, he has already this season gone undefeated through the National Junior Coaching School and in addition scored some excellent wins in open competition. Must be regarded as one of New Zealand's brightest prospects for many years.

**ALAN TOMLINSON** (Auckland). Current New Zealand Men's Singles Champion and the country's most travelled table tennis player. Alan has competed in world championships in Peking, Yugoslavia and Stockholm, and has played with considerable success in England. He first made a name for himself in 1956 when, with Bob Jackson as the other player, he formed an Auckland team which scored shock victories over the Japanese world champions of the time, Ichiro Ogimura and Toshiaka Tanaka.

Alan makes full use of his long reach and is an ideal model for many younger players as he never indulges in any shots that aren't on. He has a forehand drive that is both powerful and reliable, and when the occasion demands he can command great patience.

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**BRYAN FOSTER** (Otago) is a fantastic retriever with amazing agility and ball control. Although he often drops back on defence, his skill in varying the amount of spin on his ball often tangles up his opponents. At present he is ranked No. 2 in New Zealand, and was New Zealand champion in 1966 and 1968, and named as New Zealand's Player of the Year in 1966.

New Zealand junior champion in 1956 and 1957, he first represented New Zealand (in a home series) in 1959 and then went to Peking and the world championships in 1961 as a member of New Zealand's Swaythling Cup team. In 1968 he went to the world championships in Stockholm and over the last 10 years he has always been one of the first New Zealand test players selected. Last year he and Alan Tomlinson played key roles in New Zealand's test series success against Australia.

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