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HONG KONG v. NEW ZEALAND

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF PALMERSTON NORTH



It gives me great pleasure to welcome to our city our visitors from Hong Kong and members of the New Zealand Table Tennis Team. We are particularly pleased that our city has been chosen as the venue for this test match during our year of Centenary celebrations. The visit of an overseas team, especially one from our neighbours in the Pacific is always an exciting occasion and we trust that your stay with us, although of a short duration, will be a memorable occasion. We trust you will be able to enjoy some of the city's fine amenities, and on behalf of the citizens I extend my best wishes for a successful test match.

D. B. BLACK,
Mayor.

August, 1971.



A WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

I extend a cordial welcome to the Hong Kong and New Zealand players on the occasion of the Second Test Match between our two countries. International competition is of the utmost importance in developing individual players skills and techniques and all players and supporters in the city and surrounding districts are thrilled to have the opportunity of witnessing this important fixture.

I trust that our friends from Hong Kong have a pleasant and successful tour of New Zealand.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the University Arts Council for allowing us the use of the Izadium during the week of their festival. We appreciate their gesture to our Association.

BOB PERKS,
President Manawatu Table Tennis Association

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In the very early days, four sports — cricket, soccer, league and athletics — received help. Today, the total has climbed to more than 60. Few people put to the test could name 60 different sorts of sporting activity.

Table tennis is one of these sports and the assistance received by the National Association over the years from the Rothmans Sports Foundation has helped appreciably to support international tours such as the visit to New Zealand by Hans Alser and Kjell Johansson, the Swedish world champions last year and the Australian Women's team in 1969 and this tour by Hong Kong in 1971.

Yet the Foundation has been most careful not to intrude into the organisation or management of the many sports that it helps or supports. It never has and never will seek to be in control.

This is clear when the aims of the Rothmans Sports Foundation are considered . . . To assist and encourage the youth of New Zealand in the fullest participation of sport . . . and to assist and encourage the raising of standards of performance in New Zealand sports as a whole in co-operation with the national governing bodies.

Referring to the permanent members of the Foundation and to the Coaches they provide, the aims go on to say . . . it is hoped the youth of New Zealand will find a source of inspiration through contact with men and women who have achieved success in their chosen sport.

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HONG KONG TOURING TEAM — 1971

MA Lung-sang, 19 years old is a graduate in an English High School. He is the most promising young Table Tennis player in Hong Kong. He holds the pen-holder grip and is a fast attacking player. He was runner-up of the Hong Kong Open Singles Championships in 1969 and 1970 and is now in the last eight of the current singles championships. He is one of the three players in the Dron Eagle Team which has won the Hong Kong Open "A" teams events for the last three years. He has represented Hong Kong in the last Asian Championships 1970, 1st Commonwealth Championships in Singapore and the 31st World Championships in Japan in April, 1971. He was one of the players of the Hong Kong team which won a Silver Medal in the teams event in the 1st Commonwealth Championships in Singapore last April. He also won a Silver Medal in the men's doubles in the same championships. In the current World Championships in last April he only lost 1-3 to Chuang Tse Tung, three times world champion in the singles event.

TANG Hung-Bor is a native Chinese, 5ft. 11ins. in height and 136 pounds in weight. He is a graduate in High School with a good command in both English and Chinese. He works as a clerk in an accountant's firm in Hong Kong. Tang, former champion in singles, doubles and teams event in Hong Kong, is a pen-holder Chinese style attacking player. He is an experienced and crafty player representing Hong Kong many times in international championships including the Asian Championships, Asian Games and the recent 1st Commonwealth Championships. He was one of the players of the Hong Kong team which won the Silver Medal in the teams event in the 1st Commonwealth Championships in Singapore in April this year.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM — 1971

Alan Tomlinson is New Zealand's most experienced international player. Has represented New Zealand on many occasions, winner of the New Zealand singles title in 1959, 1964, 1969. Is a hard-hitting attacking player. He was captain of the New Zealand team at the recent Commonwealth and World Championships and set a fine example on the table by being the most successful player and was a grand captain and advisor.

Terry O'Carroll. A member of a well-known Northland sporting family and is a school teacher at Te Awamutu. He first came to National prominence as a Junior, winning the Under 18 New Zealand Singles in 1964 and 1965. He toured with the New Zealand team to the World Championships in 1967 and represented New Zealand in 1970 against the touring team from Sweden. He is an extremely fast, attacking player, making full use of a consistent loop drive.

Richard Lee has been a member of the New Zealand team for the past two years. First represented New Zealand against Sweden in 1970 when only 15. Toured in 1971 with the New Zealand team to the Commonwealth and World Championships and has represented New Zealand again this year. Won the North Island singles in 1970 and is a left handed player who could emerge as the best prospect we have had for many years. He will play in the doubles match in this contest.

2nd TEST MATCH

HONG KONG v. NEW ZEALAND

MATCHES — BEST OF 5 ADVANTAGE GAMES

HONG KONG

NEW ZEALAND

Singles v.

Winner

Score

Singles v.

Winner

Score

Doubles v.

Winner

Score

Singles v.

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Singles v.

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