

Whitelaw Cup

January 12th-14th 1973

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THE WHITELAW CUP

A record entry of forty-two teams included the Italian Olympic and European champions, the team which represented Ireland in the recent Olympiad and the Northern Ireland representatives. The Italians and the holders, Mrs. A. L. Fleming, were seeded top and bottom of the draw and Miss N. Gardener and Ireland were the two other seeds. Seeding is never likely to meet with universal approval and the reversion to seeding in the Whitelaw, a decision of the E.B.U. Tournament Committee, proved to be no exception. However the four seeds did reach the semi-final, the top and bottom seeds contested the final and the competition, and especially the final had more atmosphere than for many a year with many more than a hundred of the competitors watching, as best they could, the final stages.

Round 1.

Mrs. Burttt bt Mrs. Stapledon	78-52	Mrs. Edwards bt	
Mrs. Francis bt Mrs. S. L. Jones	89-73	Mrs. Kromwell	74-56
Mrs. Orde-Powlett bt Mrs. Ife	91-41	Miss Daly bt Mrs. Furlonger	38-32
Mrs. Everett bt Miss Eggett	90-70	Miss Matthews bt Mrs. Gough	80-40
Mrs. Coward bt Mrs. Garcia	57-40	Mrs. Grief bt Mrs. Bridgeman	99-67
		Mrs. Milne bt Mrs. Lax	45-22

Round 2.

Italy bt Mrs. G. S. Francis	42-31	Miss N. Gardener bt Dr. W. Dewell	
Mrs. M. Edwards bt Mrs. J. Ryan			94-42
	72-48	Mrs. P. Hartill bt Mrs. J. Nimmons	
Mrs. L. Christie bt Miss I. Ashcroft			69-63
	57-33	Mrs. G. Carmichael bt Mrs. R. C. Williams	58-55
Mrs. L. J. Burttt bt Mrs. Coward	57-53	Mrs. T. P. Bingham bt Mrs. Milne	
Mrs. S. W. Thomas bt Mrs. D. Chattey	102-31		81-63
Mrs. J. Craig bt Miss V. Daly	47-41	Mrs. Everett bt Mrs. Grief	104-86
Mrs. Orde-Powlett bt Miss Matthews	44-42	Mrs. F. Abrahams bt Miss Goff	96-55
Mrs. Britton bt Mrs. A. Cahalan	95-17	Mrs. Wright bt Mrs. Honeyball	69-66
		Mrs. A. L. Fleming bt Mrs. M. Glegg	92-30

Round 3.

Italy bt Mrs. M. Edwards	159-39	Miss N. Gardener bt Mrs. P. Hartill	
Mrs. L. Christie bt Mrs. L. J. Burttt			99-43
	60-56	Mrs. G. Carmichael bt Mrs. T. P. Bingham	137-39
Mrs. S. W. Thomas bt Mrs. J. Craig		Mrs. F. Abrahams bt Mrs. Everett	
	76-30		116-53
Mrs. Britton bt Mrs. Orde-Powlett		Mrs. A. L. Fleming bt Mrs. Wright	
	108-56		105-49

Quarter-finals.

Italy (Mrs. R. Jabes, Mrs. N. Robaodo, Mrs. A. Valenti, Mrs. M. Bianchi) beat Mrs. L. Christie (Miss J. Henriksen, Mrs. M. Britt, Miss M. Berman) 167-20.

Ireland (Mrs. S. Britton, Mrs. D. Woodhouse, Mrs. D. Cairnduff, Miss A. Quinn, Mrs. R. Giddings, Mrs. L. Maguire) beat Mrs. S. W. Thomas (Mrs. D. Philipps, Miss A. Kirch, Mrs. C. B. Dixon) 66-51.

Miss N. Gardener (Mrs. R. Oldroyd, Miss D. Shanahan, Mrs. S. Landy) beat Mrs. G. Carmichael (Mrs. N. Haycocks, Mrs. H. Townsend, Mrs. G. C. H. Fox) 76-32.

Mrs. A. L. Fleming (Mrs. H. Flint, Mrs. P. Gardener, Mrs. R. Evans) beat Mrs. F. Abrahams (Miss Lea, Mrs. Manewell, Mrs. Griffiths) 108-39.

Semi-finals.

Italy beat Mrs. Britton 100-36.

Mrs. A. L. Fleming beat Miss N. Gardener 54-48.

Final.

Italy beat Mrs. Fleming 76-74.

The first excitement came in the second round when Mrs. Francis' team from Bucks. and Berks. ran the Italian champions surprisingly closely in a low scoring match, the home team leading at the half-way stage. Thereafter the Italians piled up a series of unbelievable totals while Mrs. Fleming came through a hard semi-final in which she trailed for the first half of the match.