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Editorial.

As you all know, we lost to England in our Camrose Trophy Match (played in Manchester at the Midland Hotel) by a margin of 2,500 points. We were all hoping to win, against England's very strong team and though we held them for over three quarters of the game they proved worthy winners.

The week-end of April 23/24th, Mr. John Fogarty as Captain takes to Cork to play Eire the following team:-

E.J. Carter and S. Hoffman.
J. Belman and S. Reed.
Mrs. Bonnyman and Miss. McEachran.

We trust they will have a most enjoyable week-end and wish them every luck for the third game of the series. By the way, the last match will be against Northern Ireland. This match will take place at the Cambria Club, Cardiff and will be played on Saturday May 14th. and Sunday May 15th. - team and times of playing to be announced later.

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Results of National Trophies are now coming in very slowly. Team Captains are requested to play off outstanding matches as soon as possible, as we wish to stage the finals before the end of May. Co-operation, please!!

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Readers are requested to note that articles are welcomed. You all come across interesting hands or interesting experiences - why not send them along to me? Incidentally, what about some Regional news from Pontypridd, Newport, Swansea, Bridgend etc? Rough notes will do, we'll assemble them if necessary.

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The North Wales Bridge League has now completed the Fixture List for 1948/49. The Final League table is as follows:-

Team.	Captain.	Matches Played.	Won.	Lost	+	-	Points.
Llandudno No. 1.	Mr.Moses.	12	11	1	40.640.	1.010	22.
Bangor (Mixed)	Mr.Vallance	12	8	4		1.010	16.
Llandudno No. 2.	Major.Tatlow	12	7	5	2.440		14.
Colwyn Bay	Mr.Wilde	12	6	6		1.360	12.
Llandudno No. 3.	Mr.Cooke	12	5	7		4.180	10.
Bangor Ladies	Mrs. J. Roberts	12	3	9		15.350	6.
Llandudno No. 4.	Mrs.Rugman	12	2	10		<u>21.180</u>	4.
						<u>43.080.</u>	<u>43.080.</u>

Llandudno No. 1 Team (Messrs. Moses and Davies and Mr, and Mrs. Gordon) has, as expected, finished at the top. They have only lost one match and on that occasion Percy Davies was not playing. I hope that this is not an unfair criticism or that it was any fault of the substitute but, nevertheless, it is a fact that when the team was at full strength it was never defeated.

I am very pleased that the Flint Clubs are taking an interest in Duplicate activities. I took a Llandudno Team over to play them a couple of months ago and we had a most enjoyable time. Mrs. H.M. Jones of Rhuddlan took a team of eight to play them on Monday, April 4th. and she also has written to tell me how much they enjoyed their visit. Flint did, in fact, lose both matches but they have by their good fellowship and hospitality, made new friends, and both the Llandudno and Rhuddlan teams tell me they are looking forward to arranging a return match when they can return some of the hospitality they have received. Whilst it is true that we like to think our favourite pastime is a scientific game and we are rather inclined to look down upon the people who merely play it as a social asset, nevertheless, the friendly side is of the utmost importance and it is very nice to meet such charming people, who are also interested in the game.

The recent International Match in Llandudno has had good effects. Visitors from as far apart as Wrexham and Caernarvon travelled to Llandudno to see the game, and I have had letters from the Secretaries of both the local clubs in these towns saying how much it was appreciated.

I am writing these notes on the eve of the England v Wales Match at Manchester. All of us in North Wales are delighted that Messrs. Moses and Davies have been honoured again. We feel sure that they will not let the side down and we hope that the result will be as satisfactory as the last one. I, personally propose going to Manchester and am looking forward to seeing the

CARDIFF JEWISH SOCIAL CLUB.BRIDGE SECTION.

Handicap Open Pairs held on Monday, March 28th.

<u>North/South.</u>	1st.	J. Carter and S. Hoffman.
	2nd.	H. Schneiden and A. Schneiden.
<u>East/West.</u>	1st.	A. Landaw and D. Jessel.
	2nd.	J. Levison and S. Goodman.

Club Team versus Macintosh Institute on Monday, April 11th.

Club won by 7,810 points.

Events on:-

- Monday, April 25th. - "Handicap Open Pairs".
(4 Cups will be presented to winning pairs).
- Monday, May 2nd. - "Calcutta Sweepstake" Handicap Pairs.
(4 prizes).

All Bridge players are cordially invited to attend above mentioned events. Will those intending to participate please contact S.E. Reed (secy.pro tem). Phone 44360.

AMENDED SCALE OF
INTERNATIONAL MATCH POINTS.

I have received a letter from Major. Gray, the Hon.Secretary. of the British Bridge League, which I think will be of interest to all who take part in Duplicate Bridge Contests. It contains the amended scale of International Match points adopted by the European Bridge League at their last Executive Meeting and also the graduated scale for conversion into Victory Points. As these scales may be required for local events, may I suggest all Tournament players keep a copy for reference. The first two figures represent the difference on Board and the third figure the number of I.M.P's. obtained.

0 - 10.....0.	20 - 60.....1.	70 - 130.....2.
140 - 210.....3.	220 - 340.....4.	350 - 490.....5.
500 - 740.....6.	750 - 990.....7.	1000 - 1240.....8.
1250- 1490...9.	1500 - 1990.....10.	2000- 2490.....11.
2500- 2990...12.	3000 - 3490.....13.	3500 - 3990.....14.
4000 and over.....15.		

Scale for conversion of International Match
Points into Victory Points in Multiple Team
Contests.

Up to three boards in each match.

Conversion into Victory Points NOT recommended owing to low range of points. To be decided by straight International points, or the use of point a board system with one point for the aggregate if the difference is 100 or more.

FOUR to FIVE boards.

<u>I.M.P.</u>	<u>V.P.</u>
0 - 2	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
3 - 6	3 - 2
7 - 12	4 - 1
13 & over	5 - 0

SIX to EIGHT boards.

<u>I.M.P.</u>	<u>V.P.</u>
0 - 2	3 - 3
3 - 6	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
7 - 11	4 - 2
12 - 16	5 - 1
17 & over	6 - 0

TWELVE boards.

<u>I.M.P.</u>	<u>V.P.</u>
0 - 2	3 - 3
3 - 7	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
8 - 13	4 - 2
14 - 20	5 - 1
21 & over	6 - 0

SIXTEEN boards.

<u>I.M.P.</u>	<u>V.P.</u>
0 - 3	3 - 3
4 - 8	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
9 - 15	4 - 2
16 - 24	5 - 1
25 & over	6 - 0

THIRTY-TWO boards.

<u>I.M.P.</u>	<u>V.P.</u>
0 - 4	5 - 5
5 - 10	6 - 4
11 - 18	7 - 3
19 - 28	8 - 2
29 - 41	9 - 1
42 & over	10 - 0

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Notes on the Wales v. England Match.

On Friday, April 8th. four of us (Messrs. Trevor Williams, Jack Carter, Sid Hoffman and myself) found ourselves confined in the comparatively small quarters of a railway coach bound for Manchester, where on the Saturday and Sunday we were due to play in the Camrose Trophy match, at the Midland Hotel. Our worthy Trevor had organised sandwiches, a table and two packs of cards and the train had barely reached Splott before Rubber Bridge began. Three rubbers by the time we had reached Hereford, another three by Shrewsbury and a final three by Stockport served as a warming up, but even these preparations could not help us to win our International. We lost by 2,500 points, Our efforts, with those of our non-playing Captain Mr. John Fogarty and those two Llandudno redoubtables Moses and Davies, were not entirely in vain; we learned much and the fight was a gallant one. At the end of the first session of 24 Boards we were losing by no more than 1290 points and assisted by a good dinner we knocked 180 points off that score in the evening, so that when we retired to bed having played 60 boards, the difference of 1110 points was not discouraging. No-one could say the play had been perfect - indeed, the veriest rabbits would shudder at some of it. We must, however, remember that this is not normal Bridge and who, wanting to see classical football, would choose a Cup Tie? Nerves, doubt, anxiety, eagerness to create a "swing" all take their part and the inevitable search for a "safety play" sometimes brings disastrous results. In one hand, the English team "ducked" so many tricks that eventually no one was more astonished than the declarer at 3 No Trumps called and made.

In another hand a plunge into 3 No Trumps meant the loss of a certain game, reasonably easy to bid, in four spades, and there are of course, many such examples.

Sunday afternoon gave us a good session. We not only held Harrison Gray and Shapiro, S. Lee and Booker, and Franks and Blaser, but steadily reduced the score and most of the time the margin fluctuated between 250 and 750, the latter figure being the difference after Board 84. The next 8 boards however, turned the match. A number of poor contracts (for us) coupled with very indifferent play, meant a loss of a further 1500 points and the pre-dealt, duplicated last eight boards contained very little. Even gambling and opening "last in hand" on 12 points barely affected the issue and England came out worthy winners.

What has this match shown us? In the first instance our Captain must be congratulated in the way he placed his team, drawing out players and putting them back at exactly the right moments, and in the right places. Secondly, in the words of Mr. Harrison Gray, we can forget the idea that England could field six teams to beat Wales. This English team must be considered one of the strongest in Europe and they admit they did not feel too comfortable for three quarters of the match. Thirdly and lastly, we must play more Duplicate Bridge so that we may become accustomed to taking our time, weighing up the position, and making fewer impulsive bids and plays.

One final word I should like to add personally. The English team played a sporting game in every possible sense of the word, and if I may say so, our players will long remember one particular action of Harrison Gray's and Shapiro's, as one of the finest ever seen at the Bridge table. As long as we have players of the calibre of their team, who play the game as a game, setting so high an example in so gentlemanly a fashion, British sport will always keep its high reputation throughout the world. It was an honour and a pleasure to play with the Welsh team, whose spirits were always "tops" and it was equally an honour and a pleasure to play against the English team.....and I mean that. We lost..... but we'll get 'em yet!

 DRAW FOR SEMI-FINAL
 WELSH CUP.

V. Searle.
 (Cardiff)

v

G. Bowring.
 (Swansea)

D. McAllister.
 (Bridgend)

v

E.J. Carter.
 (Cardiff)

 One final word I should like to add personally. The English

Here is a hand from the Wales versus Scotland Match at Llandudno on 19th. February, 1949, which is presented "without comment". If any reader cares to express any views the Editor will be pleased to receive same for 'inclusion in next month's Bulletin'.

Date. 19. 2. 49. Board No. 25. Dealer S. VUL. N/S.

ROOM 1.

N. Mrs. Davidson.
 &
 S. Mr. Skinner. S. J.10.2.
 D. 7.
 E. Mr. Schneiden. D. G.J.10.7.
 & C. A.K.J.6.4.
 W. Mr. Carter. N.

ROOM 2.

N. Mr. P. Davies.
 &
 S. Mr. S. Moses.
 E. Miss McNair.
 &
 W. Mr. Ross.

S. A.K.Q.8.7.5.4.
 H. A.K.6.3.2.
 D. - -
 C. 2.

S. 6.3.
 H. Q.8.4.
 E. D. A.9.6.5.3.2.
 C. Q.7.

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S. 9.
 H. J.10.9.5.
 D. K.8.4.
 C. 10.9.8.5.3.

ROOM 1.

Contract. 6H.
 Declarer. W.
 Lead. KC AC AH.
 Result-Made 11 Tricks.
 Score. 50 NS Points.

ROOM 2.

Contract. 5S.
 Declarer. W.
 Lead. KC AC AS.
 Result-Made 11 EW Tricks.
 Score. 450 Points.

Bidding Room 1.

South	West	North	East
-	2S	-	2NT·X·
-	3H	-	4H
-	4NT	-	5D
-	6H	-	-

Bidding Room 2.

South	West	North	East
-	2S	-	3D
-	3S	-	3NT
-	4H	-	4S
-	5H	-	5S.

·X· "Herbert Response"

Room 1) Score) 50 points to Scotland.

Room 2) Score) 450 points to Scotland.

RESULT of BOARD 500 points to SCOTLAND.