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## NATIONAL WORKERS' SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The National Workers' Sports Association was formed in 1930 with the object of encouraging and assisting the development of sport and recreation within the Labour and Trade Union Movement and to serve as a link between all existing workers' sports clubs and groups operating in several localities.

### DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

The ultimate form of organisation will be through "District Committees" as already exist in the larger centres. Any Labour, Trade Union or Co-operative Sports Club is eligible to affiliate to a District Committee at a fee fixed by the local body--generally 7/6 per 50 members or part thereof. Non-playing bodies (such as Trades Councils, or local Labour Party Committees) generally affiliate at a flat fee of 5/- per annum.

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Until District Committees are formed in their particular locality any organisation may affiliate direct to the National Workers' Sports Association at a fee of 5/- for every 50 members or part thereof. (Special inclusive rates are arranged for large bodies, such as a national Trade Union, desiring to affiliate on behalf of all its members).

Where no local sports organisation or affiliated body exists, individuals may become members of the Association at a fee of 2/6 per annum.

### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The officers of the Association include :—

*President* : Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P.

*Chairman* : H. H. Elvin (T.U.C. General Council)

*Vice-Chairman* : G. L. Deacon

*Treasurer* : Ernest A. Davies

*General Secretary* : George H. Elvin,

14 Skardu Road, London, N.W.2.

The Rt. Hon. F. O. Roberts and Doris Saunders represent the Labour Party Executive Committee and the League of Youth N.A.C., respectively, on the Association's Executive Committee.

### READING OFFICIALS.

The main officials of the Reading District Committee are :

*Chairman* : Arthur Lockwood. *Secretary* : Mrs. I. Noyes,  
59 St. John's Road, Caversham, Reading.

### ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES.

In addition to tennis, the Association caters for athletics, chess, cycling (through the National Clarion Cycling Club), football and swimming, while in addition, certain districts organise other sports, such as net-ball and table-tennis in London and rowing in Reading.

### TENNIS SECTION

This is one of the most active sections of the Association. The primary object is to provide a link between Workers' Tennis Clubs in various localities, but much work remains to be done in

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establishing such clubs.

## "WORKERS' WIMBLEDON."

In 1932 the Association arranged for a National Championship for individuals and "pairs" and that this is a popular event is shown by the growth of entries;—36 in 1932, 65 in 1933. We hope for a larger entry this year. The entry fees have been kept low and Reading was chosen for a number of very good reasons. There is no reason why the event should not grow into a regularly successful event—the "Workers' Wimbledon" as it has been aptly named.

Five magnificent silver challenge trophies are competed for annually, due to the generosity of:—Reading Trades Council, the late Sir Louis Baron, Bart., J. S. Elias, Esq., F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, Esq.

The generosity of Reading Labour L.T.C. in 1932 and Dr. Somerville Hastings, L.C.C. in 1933 enabled medals to be given to the winners of each event.

Elsewhere will be found photographs of last year's winners. We congratulate winners and losers alike who provided us with thrilling, keen and sporting contests.

This annual meeting is only possible because of the wonderful "team-work" shown by everybody concerned. Special mention must be made of the officials and members of the local Labour Party, the local Labour Tennis Club, the District Sports Association and the local branch of the U.P.W. Unfortunately space does not permit us to list their names.

### REFEREES, UMPIRES, ETC.

The referees of the present meeting are: Messrs. R. F. Bishop, A. Barber and N. Lawrence (all U.P.W.).

Umpires will be appointed by the Referees and we trust that, as in previous years, players will gladly volunteer to act as umpires, ball-boys, stewards, etc.

Competitors should place themselves unreservedly in the hands of the Referee in charge and should not leave the ground without consulting that official.

*Consolation Competitions.* Competitors defeated in the first round of the Singles Events should enter their names for these competitions without delay.

*Social Functions* have been arranged for the Saturday and Sunday evenings, details of which will be announced during the week-end.

*Distribution of Trophies.* Mr. Walter Citrine (General Secretary of the T.U.C.) has kindly consented to distribute the trophies and awards after the conclusion of play on the Whit-Monday.

*Photographs.* It would be appreciated if amateur photographers securing interesting "snaps" would send copies to the undersigned for publicity purposes as occasion arises.

Here's wishing a successful Meeting and a pleasant one to everyone!

GEORGE L. DEACON,  
National Tennis Secretary,  
22, Eton Avenue, New Malden, Surrey

*Winners in Previous Years*

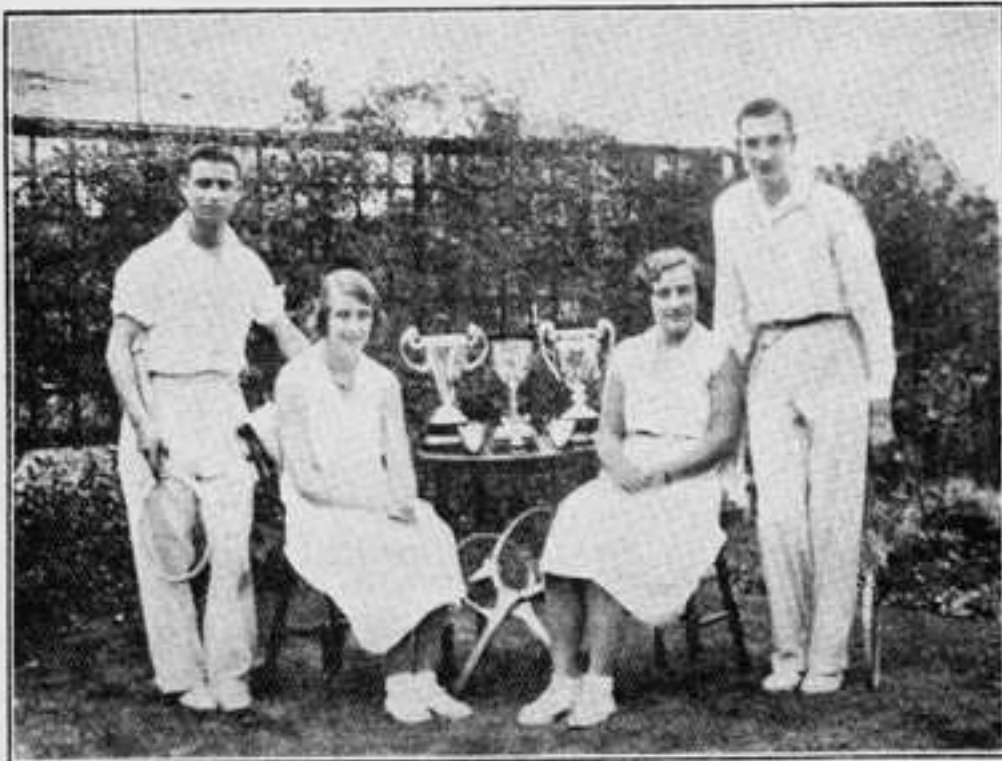
**R. C. BAMBER**  
(N.U.D.A.W.)  
BRISTOL



**B. BAMBER**  
(N.U.G.M.W.)  
BRISTOL

*(Photo by courtesy of "Evening World" Bristol)*

In 1933 at Reading, R. C. Bamber won Men's Singles and the two brothers won the "Doubles"



*Left to right : C. Miller, Margaret Lockwood,  
Peggy Wheatstone and J. A. Lockwood*

In various combinations these four READING players won trophies in 1932 and 1933 (See notes elsewhere)

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	Semi-final	Final
Miss Wheatstone Mrs. Tuson	Miss Evans	}
Miss A. Wheeler Miss Moran Miss I. Wheeler Miss Lockwood Mrs. I. Noyes Mrs. Lawrence Mrs. Deacon Miss Smith		
Miss Maccoby Mrs. Davies	Mrs. F. Noyes	}

**WOMEN'S DOUBLES ("Pethick Lawrence" Cup)**

(Holders:—Miss P. Wheatstone and Miss M. Lockwood, Reading;  
in 1932 won by same holders)

	Final
Miss Wheatstone and Miss Lockwood Miss Maccoby and Miss Smith	Miss Evans and Miss Holmes
Mrs. Deacon and Miss Moran Mrs. I. Noyes and Mrs. F. Noyes	
	Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Newby

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**MEN'S SINGLES ("ELIAS" CUP)**  
 (Holder:—R. C. Bamber, Bristol; in 1932 won by L. A. Winyard, Southend)  
*Semi-final* *Final*

R. C. Bamber  
 E. A. Davies  
 P. O'Callagan  
 P. Thatcher  
 R. Deacon  
 S. Woodroffe  
 G. L. Deacon  
 H. W. Jones

N. Wiggins  
 F. Tuson

N. Bishop  
 R. Lunn  
 L. A. Winyard  
 C. Miller

H. Oakley  
 G. Trent

R. Thatcher  
 R. Smith  
 H. Geen  
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**MEN'S DOUBLES ("Baren" Cup)**

(Holders:—R. C. and B. Bamber, Bristol; in 1932 won by C. Miller and J. Lockwood, Reading)

Semi-final

R. C. Bamber &  
B. Bamber  
G. L. Deacon &  
R. Deacon  
R. F. Bishop &  
N. Bishop  
P. O'Callaghan  
& J. White

R. Thatcher &  
P. Thatcher

H. Oakley &  
G. Trent  
H. Geen &  
R. Lunn  
G. H. Elvin &  
R. Smith  
F. Wise &  
S. Noyes

R. Bamber &  
H. Jones

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- E. A. Luck & Miss Maccoby
- R. Deacon & Miss Moran
- G. L. Deacon & Mrs. Deacon
- R. Wheeler & Miss Wheeler
- R. Smith & Miss Smith
- G. Trent & Miss I. Wheeler
- G. H. Elvin & Mrs. Davies
- R. F. Bishop & Mrs. Lawrence
- F. Tuson & Mrs. Tuson
- H. Oakley & Miss Evans
- S. Noyes & Mrs. Noyes
- E. M. Ortiz & Miss Wallace
- P. Thatcher & Mrs. Noyes
- R. Thatcher & Miss Holmes
- L. Winyard & Miss Wheatstone

Semi-final

Final

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A case was framed and an Act of Parliament with no bearing upon Trade Unionism, which had been legalised in 1824, was resurrected. The judge is reported to have informed the jury that they would forfeit the good opinion of the grand jury if they returned a verdict of "Not guilty." The jury made no mistake.

Out of the sufferings and sacrifices of the "Tolpuddle Martyrs" Trade Unionism drew the inspiration which created our present world-wide organisation of the working class.

This year, 100 years later, representatives of the Trades Union and working class movements from all over the world are meeting in Dorchester to pay homage to these men.

**Commemoration Programme.**

The commemoration events include the dedication of six memorial cottages, the production of a play, organisation of a Pageant, demonstrations and an international sports contest organised by the National Workers' Sports Association. The dates are Thursday, August 30th to Sunday, September 2nd, but the sports events will be confined to the first three days. At least ten countries, including France, Belgium, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Latvia and Palestine will be sending representatives to the sports which will include athletics (men and women), cycling, football and tennis events.

There are twenty-five special cups and trophies (some to be won outright) and over 250 medals to be won, for the provision of which we are indebted to the Trades Union Congress. In addition every competitor will receive a special commemorative badge entitling free admission to all the Sports Grounds. A banner will be awarded to the local Trades Council, Labour Party (including League of Youth) or Co-operative Society gaining the most points in the athletic and cycling events. Special travel and accommodation facilities are being provided by the Workers' Travel Association.

**Tennis Events.**

Entry forms for the tennis events may be obtained at this tournament. It will be seen that they in no way clash with our "Workers' Wimbledon" which is individual championships, while at Dorchester the competitive programme consists of team events. We hope that every competitor at Reading will see that he, or she, is one of a team at Dorchester. "Team" is an elastic term and any group of four persons (possessing the necessary Labour and N.W.S.A. qualifications) comes under that head. There is no need to be members of an established Labour Club, but where such clubs exist they need not confine their entry to one repre-

sentative team, but may enter as many groups of four as they desire.

In addition to these team events it is hoped to arrange international and exhibition games in which case the British teams will be selected by the National Workers' Sports Association and their judgment will be based on the play and results this Whitsun.

Dorchester will be an historic event. Every worker who takes his politics seriously should be present. Likewise, every Labour sportsman should be there. Book your holidays now through the W.T.A. and so ensure that you will be a participator in a gathering that will pay homage to the early British Trade Unionists, demonstrate the international solidarity of the present working-class Movement and, with your co-operation, it can be one of the biggest international sports meetings ever organised by an affiliated body to the Socialist Workers' Sports International.

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Entry forms and full details of the Dorchester Sports may be obtained from George H. Elvin, General Secretary, N.W.S.A., c/o Trades Union Congress, Transport House, Smith Square, London, S.W.1.

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## TENNIS (Stop Press)

We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the T.U.C., has promised to attend on the Monday and will distribute the various trophies.

*We would like to express our appreciation to advertisers in this booklet and hope readers will remember their assistance. Thanks are due to Mr. Herbert Tracy for publicity in "Labour" and various T.U. Journals, also to Mr. Peacock for notes in "New Nation."*

*We say "thank you," also to members of the movement locally who offered accommodation to visitors.*

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