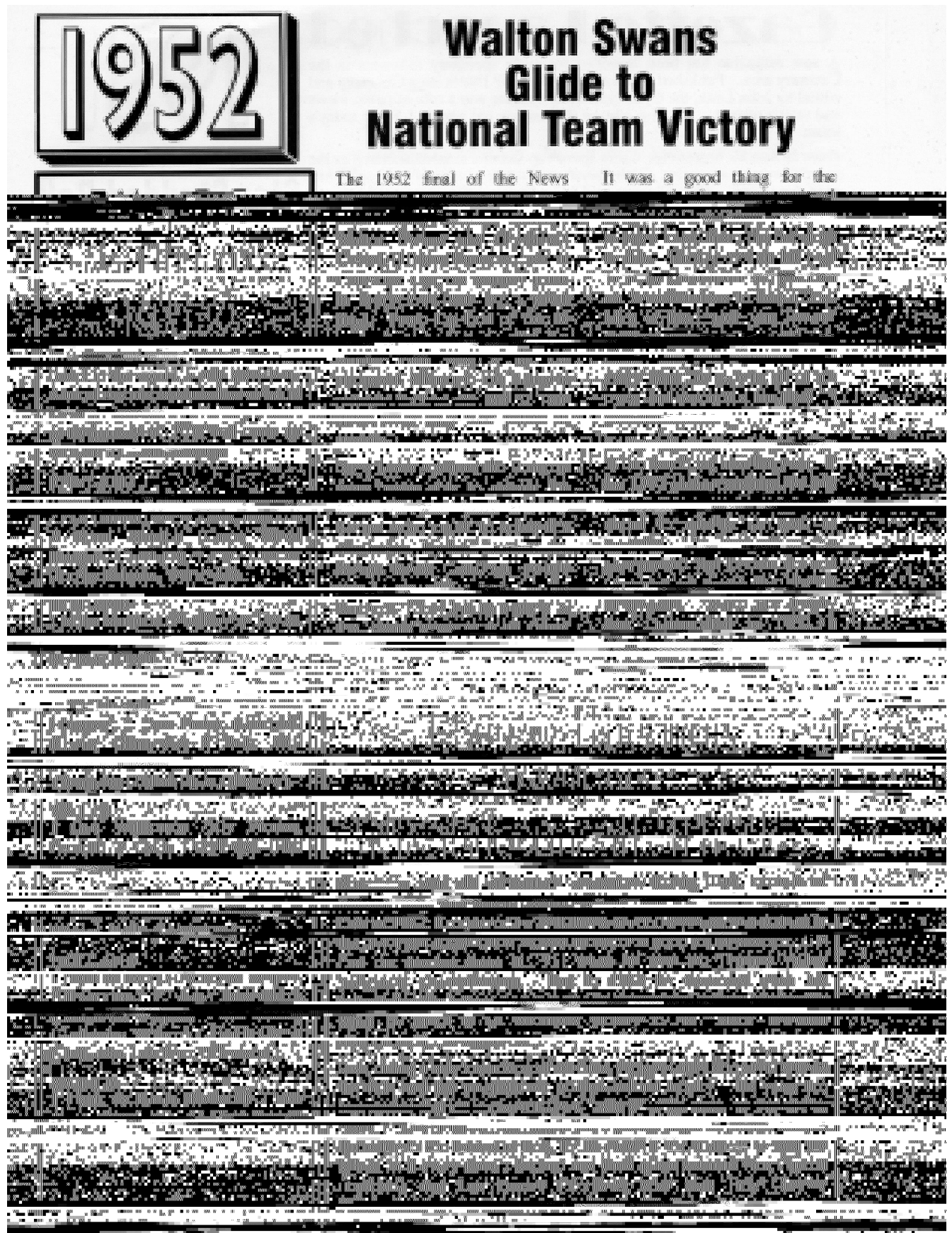


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First Ever Meeting in Germany

Germany's first ever meeting was staged at R A F Wildenrath, eight miles from the Dutch border. 300 spectators saw Stan Blackwell and Ray Hyam win the Best Pairs Cup presented by the wife of the Camp Commandant and famous wartime pilot Group Captain 'Johnny' Johnson. After the meeting Wildenrath Vampires challenged any club in Holland or Germany to a match.

Result: 1st - Stan (Tiger) Blackwell (ex London Aces) 15 and Ray Hyam (Ipswich) 9 - total 24 points; 2nd - Rocky Ibell 10 and 'Dixie' Dean (Middlesex) 9 - total 19 points; 3rd - Bill Edge 10 and Ron Perly 7 - total 17 points.

In June 1952, Norfolk beat Hertfordshire 82-50 in an inter-county representative match. In August Hertfordshire 54 - Norfolk 77, September North Birmingham 73 South Birmingham 38

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Photograph below:

Top NACSA officials and special guests pictured on 5 March 1952 at a Mars national championship sub-committee meeting at the Royal Hotel, Slough

Front row (left to right)
 Bertram Duffield (Chairman NACSA),
 A W McIntosh
 (Vice-President NACSA),
 Councillor Percy Lightfoot JP
 (Mayor of Slough),
 T Sumner (Sales Director, Mars),
 George Fernyhough (Chairman of
 Trophies Committee and Secretary
 NACSA)

Back row (left to right)
 Jim Bunker (Treasurer NACSA),
 T Bennett
 (Chairman of Stewards' Committee),
 Lew Grepp
 (National Individual Champion and
 Mars Golden Helmet winner 1951),
 Eric Marsden and Frederick Ashtonhurst
 (Trophies Committee)

The Champions

Around the country teams with the trophies included: - Rayleigh and Hawkwell (Southend League champions), Southampton Racers (Southampton League), Ibsley Eagles (New Forest League), Russell Eagles (Hertfordshire League), Cheadle Hulmes Rangers (Manchester, Stockport and District Division One), Bredbury Bees (Manchester, Stockport and District Division Two), Bisphan Red Lions (North West Fylde League), Blackbird Monarchs (Leicester League Central), Belgrave Devils (Leicester League North), Wigston Wasps (Leicester League South), Harefield Pirates (North West Middlesex), Norwich Stars (Norfolk), Grandpont Giants (South Oxfordshire League), Whitby Lions (Somerset League), Burton Goldstars (Staffordshire League), Claydon Greyhounds (Deben League), Hellingly Lions (Hastings & District League), Kingstanding Monarchs (Birmingham and District), Craighton Eagles (Glasgow)

