



The photos above portray the successful events of the recent Ecusta Open WNC Ping Pong Tournament held at Camp Sapphire Sunday, June 5th.

1. The scene of action. 2. N. L. Ponder and Millender Matthews, winners of the Doubles event. 3. Buddy Oates, defending Singles champion of 1948. 4. John Shaver congratulates Walter Straus Singles champion, who defeated him for the 1949 title. 5. Players who participated in the tournament.

Ecusta entries in the Second Annual WNC Ping Pong tournament enjoyed a big day Sunday, June 5th, at Camp Sapphire to win both the Singles and Doubles division. Walter Straus,

Ecusta's Fourth of July Ping Pong champion for years, extended himself to land in the finals with John Shaver of Asheville, whom he defeated 21-9, 21-4 and 21-3. The road wasn't an easy one since Walter had to overcome such opponents as Ed Loftis, Buddy Oates and N. L. Ponder.

Sam Matthews and N. L. Ponder came through with flying colors in the Doubles by defeating the combination of Ed Garrett-Harvey Souther; Jim Dillard-Dick Kaplan, and Buddy Oates-Walter Straus. Final scores of the championship match were 21-18, 21-17, and 21-16. Defending champions, Ed Loftis and Bob Anders were defeated by Oates-Straus in the semi-finals.

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