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Closing date for entries: 8th November, 1954.

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Closing date for entries: September 18th, 1954.

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Surrey.

Events:—M.S.—H. T. Venner, W.S.—Miss B. Milbank, M.D.—

K. R. Craigie and A. Rhodes, W.D.—Miss P. Gall and Miss J.

Rook, X.D.—J. E. Head and Miss Y. Seaman, J.S.B.—M.

Maclaren, J.S.G.—Miss J. Rook.

Closing date for entries: 9th November, 1954.

CHESHIRE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

January 27/29th, 1955, at the Drill Hall, Volunteer Street, Chester.

Sec.: S. H. Dutton, 35, Carrick Road Curzon Park, Chester.

Events:—M.S.—R. Stevens, W.S.—Miss A. Wood, M.D.—E. T.

Johnson and D. Schofield, W.D.—Mrs. D. Wilkinson and

Miss A. Wood, X.D.—D. G. Ellison and Miss A. Wood, J.S.B.

—D. Williams, J.S.G.—Miss S. Varley, V.S.—R. Markwell.

Closing date for entries: 15th January, 1955.

DORSET OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS November 27th, 1954, at the Sidney and Trinity Halls, Weymouth.

Sec.: P. H. Northcott, 31, Hillcrest Road, Weymouth.

Events:—M.S.—J. Shead, W.S.—Miss J. Willcocks, M.D.—R. Turner and P. Brook, W.D.—Miss J. Willcocks and Miss J. Winter, X.D.—R. Anderson and Miss J. Willcocks, J.S.B.—

Closing date for entries: 17th November, 1954.

EASTERN SUBURBAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
November 1/6th, 1954, at the Plaistow Y.M.C.A., and the Baths
Hall, Ilford.

Sec.: H. D. Olley, 67, Hastings Avenue, Ilford.

Events:—M.S.—K. Craigie, W.S.—Miss M. Piper, M.D.—D.

Burridge and K. Hurlock, W.D.—Misses D. and R. Rowe,

X.D.—J. Leach and Miss D. Rowe, J.S.B.—K. Shoaib, J.S.G.—

Miss J. Fielder. Closing date for entries: 9th October, 1954.

EAST OF ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 18/19th, 1954, at Butlins Holiday Camp, Skegness, Lincs. Sec.: Mrs. F. A. Merryweather, c/o Ruston-Bucyrus Ltd., Lincoln. Events:—M.S.—B. Kennedy, W.S.—Miss P. Piper, M.D.—J. Head and D. Miller, W.D.—Miss B. Gray and Miss S. Jones, X.D.—I. Jones and Miss S. Jones, J.S.B.—R. Dorking, J.S.G.—Miss B. Schopper. Closing date for entries: 10th September, 1954.

GRIMSBY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 26th, 1955, at Pier Pavilion and Town Hall, Cleethorpes. Sec.: J. Browne, 245, Yarborough Road, Grimsby.

Events:—M.S.—F. Kershaw, W.S.—Miss E. Grimstone, M.D.—

F. Kershaw and —. Osborne, W.D.—Miss Grimstone and Mrs. Wilkinson, X.D.—H. L. Shepherd and Mrs. Wilkinson, J.S.B.—R. Jackson.

Closing date for entries. Closing date for entries: 19th March, 1955.

HARTLEPOOLS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

November 13th, 1954, at Hartlepools Industrial Estate Canteen. Sec.: J. T. Grocott, 2, Sheridan Grove, West Hartlepool.

Events:—M.S.—A. L. Shepherd, W.S.—Miss P. Hepple, M.D.—

A. L. Shepherd and J. Worsley, W.D.—Miss P. Hepple and

M. M. S. Preston, X.D.—J. Senescall and Mrs. Senescall,

I. S. B. G. Lymeden. Closing date for entries: 6th November, 1954.

HULL AND EAST RIDING OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

November 6th, 1954, at Madeley Street Baths, Hull. Sec.: H. Flinton, 28 Albert Avenue, Anlaby Road, Hull.

Events: M.S.—R. Hinchliff, W.S.—Miss J. Bycroft, M.D.—R.

Hinchliff and G. Wadsworth, W.D.—Miss M. I. Lightfoot and

Miss M. Butter, X.D.—G. Wadsworth and Miss J. Preston,

LVS A Teel. Closing date for entries: 28th October, 1954.

KENT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

January 29/30th, 1955, at Marine Gardens Pavilion, Folkestone. Sec.: F. Betts, "Elsmycdene", 88, Surrenden Road, Folkestone.

Events:—M.S.—J. Head, W.S.—Miss J. Winn, M.D.—D. Burridge and J. Head, W.D.—Misses D. and R. Rowe, X.D.—A. Sherwood and Miss P. Gall, J.X.S.—R. Dorking.

Closing date for entries: 10th January, 1955. KENT JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

KENT JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

November 14th, 1954, at Pier Pavilion, Herne Bay, Kent.

Sec.: F. G. Mannooch, 216, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.

Events:—J.S.B.—M. Maclaren, J.S.G.—Miss J. Rook, J.D.B.—

M. Maclaren and R. Dorking, J.D.G.—Miss J. Rook and Miss

B. J. Spooner, J.X.D.—R. Dorking and Miss J. Rook, Under

15, B.S.—G. Gladwich, G.S.—Miss S. M. Pickard, B.D.—P. Cole

and J. Collins, G.D.—Miss S. M. Pickard and Miss B. Nugent,

X.D.—E. Rolfe and Miss J. Johnson, Under 13 B.S.—T. Reddish,

G.S.—Miss J. A. Leslie, B.D.—, G.D.—, X.D.

Closing date for entries: 23rd October, 1954.

MERSEYSIDE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

November 24/27th, 1954, at Drill Hall, Mather Avenue, Liverpool 18.

Sec.: W. Stamp, "Buena Ventura", Farmdale Close, Liverpool 18.

Events:—M.S.—J. Leach, W.S.—Miss H. Elliot, M.D.—A. W. Simons and B. Kennedy, W.D.—Miss C. K. Best and Miss A. Haydon, X.D.—A. W. Simons and Miss H. Elliot, J.S.B.—Miss A. Haydon, J.S.G., V.S.

Closing date for entries: 12th November, 1954.

METROPOLITAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

January 3/8th, 1955, at The Polytechnic Extension, Little Titchfield Street, London, W.1.

Sec.: E. S. Lee, The Polytechnic, 309, Regent Street, London, W.1.

Events:—M.S.—A. Rhodes, W.S.—Miss Y. Baker, M.D.—B. E.

Crouch and P. Cruwys, W.D.—Miss Y. Seaman and Miss J.

Winn, X.D.—J. Head and Miss Y. Seaman, J.S.B.—T. Densham,

I.S.G.—Miss J. Fielder J.S.G.—Miss J. Fielder. Closing date for entries: 24th November, 1954

MIDDLESEX (HERGA) OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
February 2/3rd and 7/12th, 1955, at the Herga Lawn Tennis Club,

Courtfield Avenue, Harrow.

Sec.: K. A. Martin, 55, Kings Way, Wealdstone, Middlesex.

Events:—M.S.—L. Adams, W.S.—Miss R. Rowe, M.D.—K. Craigie and A. Rhodes, W.D.—Misses. D. and R. Rowe, X.D.—V. Barna and Miss R. Rowe, J.S.B.—R. Dorking.

Closing date for entries: 10th January, 1955.

MIDLAND COUNTIES OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
February 12th and February 19th, 1955, at Friends Institute, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.

Sec.: M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.

Events:—M.S.—R. Bergmann, W.S.—Miss J. Seaman, M.D.—R.

Bergmann and J. Leach, W.D.—Misses D. and R. Rowe, X.D.—

M. Thornhill and Miss R. Rowe, J.S.B.—R. Dorking, J.S.G.—

Miss D. Worrall, J.D.B.—R. Dorking and M. Maclaren, V.S.—

L. Kinsev. Closing date for entries: 5th February, 1955.

NORTH-EAST ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 9th and 11th, 1955, at the Burniston Road Barracks, Scarborough, and Westborough Concert Hall, Scarborough.

Sec.: E. Moorhouse, 26, Sherwood Avenue, Scarborough.

Events:—M.S.—Z. Dolinar, W.S.—Miss D. Rowe, M.D.—B. Kennedy and M. Thornhill, W.D.—Miss Y. Seaman and Miss J. Winn, X.D.—Z. Dolinar and Miss A. Wood, J.S.—R. Dorking, V.S.—W. C. Pryor, Y.S.—R. Dorking.

Closing date for entries: 30th March, 1955.

NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
October 14/16th, 1954, at the Drill Hall, 606 H.A.A. Regt. R.A. (T.A.),
Norman Road, Rusholme, Manchester 14.
Sec.: L. W. Jones, 261, Mauldeth Road, Burnage, Manchester 19.
Events:—M.S.—M. Thornhill, W.S.—Mrs. D. Wilkinson, M.D.—
B. Casofsky and K. Stanley, W.D.—Mrs. D. Wilkinson and Miss
A. Wood, X.D.—R. Allcock and Miss P. Mortimer, J.S.B.—
B. F. Bell, J.S.G.—Miss W. Blades.
Closing date for entries: 2nd October, 1954.

NORTH MIDLANDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
September 10/11th, 1954, at Messrs. Ericsson Telephones Ltd.
Canteen, Trent Road, Beeston, Nr. Nottingham.
Sec.: G. D. Alford, 14, Cambridge Street, Radford, Nottingham.
Events:—M.S.—H. Venner, W.S.—Miss E. M. Steventon, M.D.—
H. Venner and L. G. Adams, W.D.—Miss E. M. Steventon and
Mrs. D. Smith, X.D.—R. J. Mackay and Miss J. Mackay,
J.S.B.—G. Paling, J.S.G.—Miss M. Munnings, J.X.D.—D. Speirs
and D. Lindley, V.S. (new event).
Closing date for entries: 25th August, 1954.

NORTH-WEST KENT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS NORTH-WEST KENT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

January 16th/22nd, 1955, at Barnehurst Residents Assn. Club, Parkside Avenue, Barnehurst, Bexleyheath, Kent.

Sec.: C. Jaschke, 22, Sidcup Hill Gardens, Sidcup, Kent.

Events:—M.S.—M. Thornhill, W.S.—Miss J. Winn, M.D.—R.

Crayden and J. Head, W.D.—Misses D. and R. Rowe, X.D.—

G. V. Barna and Miss R. Rowe, J.S.B.—M. G. Maclaren,

J.S.G.—Miss J. Rook.

Closing date for entries: 13th December, 1954.

PETERBOROUGH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
November 27th, 1954, at Baker Perkins Canteen, Westwood Works,
Peterborough and Lincoln Road Drill Hall, Lincoln, Peterborough Sec.: J. Wildman, St. Davids, 8, Eastgate, Deeping St. James, Nr. Peterborough. T. Davies, W.D.—Miss E. Ward and Miss V. Stegeman, X.D.—T. Lisle and T. Lisle and Miss D. Newey, J.S.B., J.S.G. Closing date for entries: 15th November, 1954.

January 7/8th, 1955, at the Town Hall and Assembly Rooms, Pontefract. Sec.: T. Horrocks, "Rockland", Bondgate, Pontefract, Yorks.

Events:—M.S., W.S., J.S.B., J.S.G., M.D., W.D., X.D., V.S.

PONTEFRACT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

PORTSMOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS October 24th, 1954, at South Parade Pier, Southsea, Hants.

Sec.: C. H. Staples, 271, Francis Avenue, Southsea, Hants.

Events:—M.S.—L. Sawyer, W.S.—J. Willcocks, M.D.—C. Frecker and L. Sawyer, W.D.—Miss J. Winter and Miss J. Willcocks, X.D.—C. Frecker and Miss M. Cherry, J.S.B.—J. Quilter.

Closing date for entries: 9th October, 1954.

SOUTHAMPTON OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS January 23rd, 1955, at Royal Pier Pavilion, Southampton.

Sec.: K. H. Miles, 46, Bevois Valley Road, Southampton.

Events:—M.S.—R. Dorking, W.S.—Miss M. Raynes, M.D.—

D. Barley and L. Wise, W.D.—Mrs. D. Barontini and Mrs. P. Shead, X.D.—P. Shead and Mrs. P. Shead, J.S.B.—R. Dorking. Closing date for entries: 8th January, 1955.

SOUTH LONDON OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
November 8/13th, 1954, at Manor Place Baths, Manor Place, S.E.17. Mrs. E. G. Johnston, 141, Ingram Road, Thornton Heath,

Sec.: MIS. E. G. Sollinson,
Surrey.

Events:—M.S.—J. Head, W.S.—Miss J. Seaman, M.D.—I. Jones
and A. Sherwood, W.D.—Miss J. Seaman and Miss J. Winn,
X.D.—R. Stevens and Miss Y. Baker, J.S.B.—T. Densham,
J.S.G.—Miss J. E. Fielder.

Classical data for entries: 23rd October, 1954.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS January 21st/22nd, 1955, at Firth Browns Canteen, Saville Street, Sheffield.

Sec.: R. D. Renshaw, 7, Luna Croft, Gle dless, Sheffield 12.

Events:—M.S.—R. Dove, W.S.—Mrs. R. Cassell, M.D.—A. L. Shepherd and J. Worsley, W.D.—. J. Braddock and Mrs. D. Wilkinson, X.D.—Mrs. J. Braddock and A. L. Shepherd, J.S.B.—T. H. Howie. Closing date for entries: 8th January, 1955.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS November 19th/21st, 1954, at Powers Samas Welfare Hall, Aurelia Road, Croydon.

Sec.: C. A. Bourne, 15A, Red Down Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.

Events:—M.S.—H. T. Venner, W.S.—Miss J. Roberts, M.D.—

H. Venner and J. Lowe; W.D.—Miss J. Roberts and Miss M.

Fry, X.D.—D. Burridge and Miss M. Piper, J.S.B.—M. G.

Maclaren, J.S.G.—Miss J. Fielder.

Closing date for entries: 6th November, 1954. SURREY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 21st/25th, 1955, at the Municipal Baths Hall, East Street,

Epsom, Surrey.

Sec.: C. T. Dean, 67, Osmond Gardens, Wallington, Surrey.

Events:—M.S.—K. R. Craigie, W.S.—Miss J. Rook, M.D.—K. R. Craigie and A. Rhodes, W.D.—Miss Y. Seaman and Miss J. Winn, X.D.—K. R. Craigie and Miss J. Rook, J.S.B.—M. G. Maclaren, J.S.G.—Miss J. Fielder.

Closing date for entries: 5th February, 1955.

SUSSEX OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 30th/31st, 1954, at Sea End Pavilion, Hastings Pier, and Lower Hall, White Rock Pavilion, Hastings.

Sec.: K. R. Hayward, Top Flat, 10, Wellington Place, Hastings.

Events:—M.S.—A. Simons, W.S.—Miss B. Milbank, M.D.—K. R. Craigie and A. Rhodes, W.D.—Miss J. Rook and Miss P. Gall, X.D.—H. T. Venner and Miss A. Haydon, J.S.B.—R. Dorking. Closing date for entries: 14th October, 1954.

THAMESIDE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 25/30th, 1955, at the Hydro Hall, Y.M.C.A., Greengate Street,

Plaistow, E.13.

Sec.: R. Markwell, 61, East Avenue, Manor Park, E.12.

Events: M.S.—K. R. Craigie, W.S.—Miss S. Jones, M.D.—J. Leach and J. Carrington, W.D.—Miss Y. Seaman and Miss J. Winn, X.D.—J. Leach and Miss D. Rowe, J.S.B.—M. Maclaren, L.S.—Miss J. Fielder.

J.S.G.—Miss J. Fielder. Closing date for entries: 12th April, 1955.

WEST MIDDLESEX OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
February 28th/March 4th and March 7/12th, 1955, at the West Ealing Club, Mervyn Road, West Ealing, W.13.

Sec.: J. Joyce, 7, Croft Gardens, Hanwell, W.7.

Events:—M.S.—J. Leach, W.S.—Miss R. Rowe, M.D.—L. Adams and R. Crayden, W.D.—Miss Y. Seaman and Miss J. Winn, X.D.—V. Barna and Miss R. Rowe, J.S.B.—T. Densham. Closing date for entries: 12th February, 1955.

WEST OF ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS March 18/19th, 1955, at Bristol South Baths, Southville, Bedminster,

Bristol.

Sec.: B. J. Bucknell, 29, Eastfield, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

Events:—M.S.—A. Simons, W.S.—Miss J. Winn, M.D.—H. Venner
and J. Head, W.D.—Miss J. Winn and Miss Y. Seaman, X.D.—
A. Simons and Miss M. Fry, J.S.B.—M. Maclaren, J.S.G.—

Miss M. Francis Closing date for entries: 9th March, 1955.

YORKSHIRE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 9th, 1954, at Fenton Street Barracks, Leeds.

Sec.: Mrs. B. Senescall, 64, Monkgate, York.

Events:—M.S.—B. Kennedy, W.S.—Miss A. Wood, M.D.—J. Leach and H. Venner, W.D.—Miss P. Heppell and Miss P. Mortimer, X.D.—B. Kennedy and Miss A. Wood, V.S.—J. Hitchcock.

Closing date for entries: 30th September, 1954.

YORKSHIRE JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 12th, 1955, at Messrs. Blakeborough's Canteen, Brighouse, Yorkshire.

Sec.: Mrs. B. Senescall, 64, Monkgate, York.

Events: J.X.S.—R. Jackson, G.S.—Miss J. Preston, Y.X.D.—R. Jackson and L. Blyth, X.D.—L. Blyth and Miss P. Ingleson, Y.S.—B. Pennington.

Closing date for entries: 2nd March, 1955.

HOME INTERNATIONAL MATCHES - 1954/55

England v. France (Junior Mixed) 13th November, 1954.

J. E. Hall's Canteen, Dartford.

Organising Secretary: Mr. J. H. Phillips, 97 Heathwood Gardens, Charlton, S.E.7.

England v. Belgium (Junior Mixed) 15th November, 1954.
The Pavilion, Garden-on-Sands, Broadstairs, Kent.
Organising Secretary: Mr. C. M. Wyles, 34 York St., Broadstairs,

England v. Scotland (Senior Mixed) 19th November, 1954. Eltham Baths, Eltham, S.E.9. Organising Secretary: Mr. H. E. Johnson, 14 Castlewood Drive,

Eltham, S.E.9.

England v. Wales (Women) 26th November, 1954.

Gymnasium, Bolton Y.M.C.A., Deansgate, Bolton.

Organising Secretary: Mr. A. Howcroft, 30 Thorne St., Farnworth,

England v. Germany (Senior Mixed) 9th December, 1954.

The Guildhall, Winchester.

Organising Secretary: Mr. H. A. Richards, 18 St. Paul's Hill,

Winchester.

England v. Wales (Junior Boys) 18th February, 1955.

Assembly Hall, Worthing.

Organising Secretary: Miss L. E. Rymill, 'Imatome,' 192 Goring
Way, Goring-by-Sea, Sussex.

VICTOR BARNA AWARD

This Trophy purchased from the Victor Barna Testimonial Fund (raised in 1950) is intended to mark each season the most notable performance by an English Table Tennis player.

1952/53 A. W. C. Simons (Gloucestershire).

1953/54 Misses. D. & R. Rowe (Middlesex).

DAILY MIRROR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

1949/50	Men's Singles	Leonard Adams (West Ealing)
	Women's Singles Girls' Singles	} Diane Rowe (West Ealing)
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1952/53	Men's Singles Women's Singles	William England (Nottingham) Ann Haydon (Birmingham)
	Girls' Singles	Joyce Fielder (Eltham)
1953/54	Boys' Singles Men's Singles	Gordon Lumsden (Sunderland) David House (Bath)
	Women's Singles Girls' Singles	} 'Ielen Houliston (Edinburgh)
	Boys' Singles	Edward Hodson (London)

NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

Chairman	A. K. Vint, 69A, St. Helens Park Road, Hastings, Sussex.
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NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

County Championships were inaugurated in 1947 on a national scale. Prior to 1940 they were operated on a limited scale in the North and Midlands. Membership figures since the inception of the National Championships are as follows:—

		SENIOR			JUNIOR	10000
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1949-50	24	6	29	6	1	6
1950-51	27	7	34	9	2	9
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1949-50	Middles	sex	Devon		Northun	berland
1950-51	Middles	sex	Surrey		Yorkshir	e
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1952-53	Middles	sex	Kent		Yorkshir	e
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1952-53	Middles		Lancas	hire	Bedfords	hire
1953-54	Surrey		Cheshi	re	Hertford	shire
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1953-54 Gloucestershire

THE CHAMPION COUNTY v. THE REST OF ENGLAND

1948 (London)	Champion County	4	The Rest	5	
1949 (London)	Champion County	4	The Rest	5	
1950 (London)	Champion County	4	The Rest	5	
1951 (Aylesford)	Champion County	4	The Rest	6	
1952 (Cheltenham)	Champion County	. 5	The Rest	5	
1953 (Hanley)	Champion County	3	The Rest	7	

THE COUNTY UMPIRE SCHEME

The aims of the County Umpire Scheme are to set a standard of good umpiring and to provide recognition for those of proved ability. This is at once an acknowledgment of the efficient service which the Umpire gives and a help to organisers who have to ensure that matches are controlled by capable people.

The Qualities of a Good Umpire

The Umpire must, first and foremost, know and understand the Laws of the Game. But this is not all; he must have practical ability Laws of the Game. But this is not all; ne must have practical ability as well. He must be able to apply those laws promptly and correctly whilst a match is in progress; he must be able to keep the score correctly and to announce it clearly and audibly to both players and spectators; he must have the faculty of controlling a match firmly but tactfully; and he must have an understanding of the importance of the part he has to play in presenting a Table Tennis match before a public audience.

The Qualified Umpire

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Those who have this theoretical anowledge and practical ability are invited to qualify as County Umpires. To do this, it is necessary first to answer in writing a set of questions designed to satisfy the County Association Umpires Committee about knowledge and understanding of the Laws of the Game (and the Knotty Point interpretations that go with them). The question paper is not intended as a test of memory—the candidate may spend as long as he likes in answering the questions, and may consult the rule book. The one thing he must not do is to copy out someone else's answers.

Test papers may be obtained from the Secretary of the County Association Umpire Committee, or, where there is no County Association, from the E.T.T.A. Office, 214, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.

Those whose written test papers are satisfactory become probationary County Umpires, and may be appointed by local organisers to Umpire any match. As soon as the County Association Umpire Committee representatives are satisfied from actual umpiring at matches played before a public audience, that the probationary umpire possesses a satisfactory standard of practical ability, he is accepted as a full County Umpire, and becomes entitled to hold a County Umpire's badge.

The Umpire's Handbook

A handbook for umpires has been published by the E.T.T.A. This gives more detailed information about the County Umpire Scheme, in addition to much useful guidance for umpires.

The names and addresses of the present secretaries of County Association Umpires Committees are given overleaf.

SECRETARIES OF COUNTY ASSOCIATION UMPIRES COMMITTEES

- * Denotes no particulars received for this season at the time of going to press, last season's details inserted.
- E. G. Payne, 58, Clarence Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. *Bedfordshire
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- P. H. Northcott, 31, Hillcrest Road, Weymouth. Dorset
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- C. Eyles, 115, Wick Road, Brislington, Bristol, 4. Gloucestershire
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ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's S	ingles that the contract of the fact to	Women's Singles
1921-22	A. Donaldson (Durham).	Mrs. Scott (London).
1922-23	M. Cohen (London.	Miss K. M. Berry (Surrey).
1923-24	P. Bromfield (Kent).	Miss K. M. Berry (Surrey).
1924-25	P. N. Nanda (India).	Miss K. M. Berry (Surrey).
1925-26	R. G. Suppiah (India).	Miss G. Vasey (Whitby).
1926-27	R. G. Suppiah (India).	Miss D. Gubbins (Wales).
1927-28	Dr. D. Pecsi (Hungary).	Miss Erika Metzger (Germany).
1928-29	A. Malecek	Miss M. Smidova
	(Czechoslovakia).	(Czechoslovakia).
1929-30	S. Glancz (Hungary).	Miss D. Gubbins (Wales).
1930-31	M. Szabados (Hungary).	Miss V. Bromfield (London).
1931-32	M. Szabados (Hungary).	Mrs. M. Mednyanszky
		(Hungary).
1932-33	G. V. Barna (Hungary).	Miss D. M. Emdin (St. Albans).
1933-34	G. V. Barna (Hungary).	Miss M. Osborne (Birmingham).
1934-35	G. V. Barna (Hungary).	Miss M. Osborne (Birmingham).
1935-36	A. Ehrlich (Poland).	Miss M. Kettnerova
	II les la Maria de la como	(Czechoslovakia).
1936-37	G. V. Barna (Hungary).	Miss R. H. Aarons (U.S.A.).
1937-38	G. V. Berna (Hungary).	Miss D. Beregi (Hungary).
1938-39	R. Bergmann (Poland).	Miss J. Nicoll (Wembley).
1939-40	R. Bergmann (Poland).	Miss V. Dace (London).
1940-45	No contest.	No contest.
1945-46	B. Vana (Czechoslovakia).	Miss D. Beregi (Exeter).
1946-47	V. Tereba (Czechoslovakia)	Miss G. Farkas (Hungary).
1947-48	R. Bergmann (London).	Miss G. Farkas (Hungary).
1948-49	M. Reisman (U.S.A.).	Miss P. McLean (U.S.A.).
1949-50	R. Bergmann (London).	Miss M. Shahian (U.S.A.).
1950-51	A. Ehrlich (France).	Miss T. Pritzi (Austria).
1951-52	R. Bergmann (London).	Miss L. Wertl (Austria).
1952-53	M. Haguenauer (France).	Miss R. Rowe (Middlesex).
1953-54	R. Bergmann (London).	Miss L. Wertl (Austria).

Men's Doubles

1926-27—P. Bromfield (Kent) and L. S. E. Farris (London).
1927-28—C. H. Bull (Kent) and F. J. Perry (Ealing).
1928-29—C. H. Bull (Kent) and F. J. Perry (Ealing).
1929-30—C. H. Bull (Kent) and F. J. Perry (Ealing).
1930-31—M. Szabados and G. V. Barna (Hungary).
1931-32—H. Kolar and A. Malecek (Czechoslovakia).
1932-33—G. V. Barna and S. Glancz (Hungary).
1933-34—G. V. Barna (Hungary) and T. E. Sears (London).
1934-35—G. V. Barna (Hungary) and T. E. Sears (London).
1935-36—L. Bellak and M. Szabados (Hungary).
1936-37—S. Schiff and A. Berenbaum (U.S.A.). 1936-37-S. Schiff and A. Berenbaum (U.S.A.).

Men's Doubles—continued. 1937-38—G. V. Barna and L. Bellak (Hungary). 1938-39—G. V. Barna and L. Bellak (Hungary). 1939-40—R. Bergmann (Poland) and A. Liebster (Austria). 1939-40—R. Bergmann (Poland) and A. Liebster (Austria).
1940-45—No contest.
1945-46—B. Vana and A. Slar (Czechoslovakia).
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1947-48—R. Bergmann (London) and T. Flisberg (Sweden).
1948-49—R. Bergmann (London) and G. V. Barna (Mddx).
1949-50—Z. Dolinar and V. Harangozo (Yugoslavia).
1950-51—J. Leach (Essex) and J. Carrington (Surrey).
1951-52—Z. Dolinar and V. Harangozo (Yugoslavia).
1952-53—R. Bergmann (London) and J. Leach (Essex).
1953-54—B. Kennedy (Yorkshire) and A. Simons (Gloucestershire). Women's Doubles 1926-27—Miss D. Gubbins (Wales) and Miss J. Ingram (London).
1927-28—Miss W. H. Land and Miss B. Somerville (London).
1928-29—Miss M. Smidova (Czechoslovakia) and Miss P. Moser (London).

1929-30—Miss W. H. Land (London) and Miss M. Gal (Hungary).

1930-31—Mrs. L. M. Holt (London) and Miss N. Wood (St. Albans).

1931-32—Mrs. M. Mednyanszky (Hungary) and Mrs Martin (London). 1932-33-Miss N. Wood (St. Albans) and Miss W. Woodhead 1933-34—Miss D. M. Emdin (St. Albans) and Miss P. Moser (London).
1934-35—Miss M. Osborne (Birmingham) and Miss W. Woodhead (Amersham). (Amersham). 1935-36—Miss Krebsbach (Germany) and Miss D. M. Emdin (St. Albans).

1936-37-Miss M. Osborne (Birmingham) and Miss W. Woodhead

(Amersham). 1937-38—Miss M. Osborne (Birmingham) and Miss W. Woodhead

1938-39—Miss V. Depetrisova and Miss V. Votrubcova (Czecho-slovakia).

1939-40-Miss J. Nicoll (Wembley) and Miss D. Beregi (Hungary).

1939-40—Miss J. Nicoll (Wembley) and Miss D. Belegt (Hungary).
1940-45—No contest.
1945-46—Miss D. Beregi (Exeter) and Miss V. Dace (London).
1946-47—Miss V. Dace (London) and Miss E. Blackbourn (Exeter).
1947-48—Miss G. Farkas (Hungary) and Miss L. R. Barnes (Surrey).
1948-49—Miss P. McLean and Miss T. Thall (U.S.A.).
1949-50—Miss D. Rowe and Miss R. Rowe (Middlesex).
1950-51—Miss D. Rowe and Miss R. Rowe (Middlesex).
1951-52—Miss D. Rowe and Miss R. Rowe (Middlesex).
1952-53—Miss D. Rowe and Miss R. Rowe (Middlesex).
1953-54—Miss D. Rowe and Miss R. Rowe (Middlesex).

(Amersham).

1926-27—L. S. E. Farris and Miss J. Ingram (London).
1927-28—Dr. D. Pecsi (Hungary) and Miss Metzger (Germany).
1928-29—F. J. Perry (Ealing) and Miss W. H. Land (London).
1929-30—S. Glancz (Hungary) and Miss M. Gal (Hungary).
1930-31—S. Glancz (Hungary) and Miss V. Blomfield (London).
1931-32—M. Szabados and Mrs. M. Mednyanszky (Hungary).
1932-33—G. V. Barna (Hungary) and Miss D. M. Emdin (St. Albans). Albans).

1933-34—G. V. Barna (Hungary) and Miss D. M. Emdin (St. Albans).

1934-35—C. V. Barna (Hungary) and Miss M. Osborne (Birmingham). 1935-36-G. V. Barna (Hungary) and Miss M. Osborne (Birmingham). 1936-37—R. G. Blattner and Miss R. H. Aarons (U.S.A.). 1937-38—G. V. Barna (Hungary) and Miss M. Osborne (Birmingham). 1938-39—B. Vana and Miss V. Votrubcova (Czechoslovakia). 1939-40—G. V. Barna (Hungary) and Miss M. Osborne (Birming-1940-45-No contest. 1940-45—No contest.

1945-46—E. J. Filby (Plymouth) and Miss D. Beregi (Exeter).

1946-47—B. Vana and Miss Votrubcova (Czechoslovakia).

1947-48—F. Sido and Miss G. Farkas (Hungary).

1948-49—R. Miles and Miss T. Thall (U.S.A.).

1949-50—J. Leach and Miss M. Franks (Essex).

1950-51—G. V. Barna (Middlesex) and Miss H. Elliot (Scotland).

1951-52—J. Leach (Essex) and Miss D. Rowe (Middlesex).

1952-53—G. V. Barna and Miss R. Rowe (Middlesex).

1953-54—J. Leach (Essex) and Miss D. Rowe (Middlesex).

Mixed Doubles

Junior Singles (Boys) 1932-33 C. W. Davies (Manchester). 1933-34 M. B. W. Bergl (Harrow). 1934-35 H. Lurie (Manchester). 1935-36 G. B. Sellman (Ealing). K. Stanley (Manchester). K. Stanley (Manchester). K. Stanley (Manchester). 1936-37 Junior Singles (Girls) 1937-38 1938-39 Miss E. Blackbourn (Exete.). 1939-40 J. P. Bermingham (Wembley). No contest. Miss J. Mackay (Birmingham). No contest. D. A. Miller (London).
W. Rowe (Torquay).
M. Thornhill (Mddx).
D. G. Ellison (Lancs.). 1945-46 1946-47 1947-48 1948-49 No contest. Miss A. Wood (Lancs.).
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Miss R. Rowe (Mddx.).
Miss D. Munnings (Lincs.). J. Lowe (Mddx.). 1950-51 B. Malmquist (Sweden).

Junior Singles (Girls)—contd. Junior Singles (Boys)—continued. 1951-52 K. Freundorfer (Germany). Miss J. Rook (Surrey).
1952-53 K. Freundorfer (Germany). Miss A. Haydon (Warwicks.).
1953-54 K. Freundorfer (Germany). Miss J. Rook (Surrey).

Junior Doubles (Boys)

1949-50—J. Lowe (Mddx.) and P. Smith (Essex). 1950-51—B. Malmquist and L. Pettersson (Sweden). 1951-52—A. Danton and D. M. Eagles (Kent). 1952-53—A. Danton (Kent) and R. Dorking (Essex). 1953-54—R. Dorking (Essex) and M. G. MacLaren (Surrey).

Junior Doubles (Girls)

1949-50—Miss R. Rowe and Miss D. Rowe (Middlesex). 1950-51—Miss D. Munnings (Lincs.) and Miss J. Titterington (Lancs.).

1951-52—Miss U. Paulsen and Miss H. Walz (Germany).

1952-53—Miss A. Haydon (Warwicks.) and Miss J. Rook (Surrey).

1953-54—Miss A. Haydon (Warwicks.) and Miss J. Rook (Surrey).

Junior Mixed Doubles

1949-50—7. Smith (Essex) and Miss R. Rowe (Mddx.). 1950-51—L. Pettersson (Sweden) and Miss D. Spooner (Mddx.). 1951-52—K. Freundorfer and Miss U. Paulsen (Germany). 1952-53—D. Phillips (Wales) and Miss F. Lauber (Austria). 1953-54—R. Dorking (Essex) and Miss A. Haydon (Warwicks.).

Men's Veteran Singles
1932-33 Z. Mechlovits (Hungary).
1933-34 J. Thompson (Bristol).
1934-35 A. J. Wilmott (London).
1935-36 E. C. Gunn (Plymouth).
1936-37 A. Melnick (London).
1937-38 H. Knibbs (Liverpool).
1938-39 Z. Mechlovits (Hungary).
1939-40 A. J. Wilmott (London).
1940-45 No contest.
1945-46 R. V. Bryant (Salisbury).
1946-47 J. Taylor (London).
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1951-52 A. D. Brook (Sussex).
1952-53 L. C. Kerslake (Devon).

Women's Veteran Singles

Mrs H. Roy Evans (Wales). Mrs. S. Betling (France). Mrs. S. Betling (France). Mrs. I. B. Bell (Essex). Mrs. C. Cooke (Yorkshire).

Men's Consolation Singles

1932-33 F. J. Perry (Ealing).
1933-34 M. A. Symons—S. Shah (Joint).
1935-36 W. Bedford (Huddersfield).
1935-36 E. Bubley (London). Wom
1936-37 M. B. W. Bergl (Harrow).
1937-38 E. Hardman (Sheffield). Miss
1938-39 G. Marshall (London). Mrs.
1939-40 H. F. Walton Miss Women's Consolation Singles Mile. Soulage (France).
Miss R. Doolan (Liverpool).
Mrs. H. Collier (London).
Miss F. Blackbourn (Exeter). (Birmingham).

(Birmingham).

1940-45 No contest.

1945-46 M. Bordrez (France).

1946-47 F. Tokar (Slovakia).

1947-48 E. Marsh (Mddx.).

1948-49 R. Crayden (Surrey).

1949-50 V. Harangozo (Yugoslavia)

1950-51 B. Crouch (Mddx.).

1951-52 L. G. Adams (Mddx.).

1951-53 D. Burridge (Mddx.).

1952-53 D. Burridge (Mddx.).

1953-54 K. Freundorfer (Germany).

No contest.

Miss E. McBryde (Hants.).

Miss J. Mackay (Warwicks.).

Miss S. Gray (Wales).

Miss J. Roberts (Surrey).

Miss J. Seaman (Mddx.).

NATIONAL INTER-LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

J. M. Rose Bowl Wilmott Cup (For Women's Teams) (For Men's Teams) 1934-35 Manchester. No contest. 1935-36 1935-36 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39 1939-46 1946-47 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 South London. Manchester. Manchester. Exeter. No contest. North Middlesex. No contest. London. Northumberland. Manchester. Manchester. West London. Manchester. South London. West London. South London. South London. West London. Birmingham. South London. South London. 1953-54 South London.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

Team Championship (Men)—Swaythling Cup

1926-27, 7-8, 8-9, 9-30, 30-1, Hungary; 31-32, Czechoslovakia; 1932-3, 3-4, 4-5, Hungary; 1935-6, Austria; 1936-7, U.S.A.; 1937-8, Hungary; 1938-9, Czechoslovakia; 1946-7, Czechoslovakia; 1947-8, Czechoslovakia; 1948-9, Hungary; 1949-50, Czechoslovakia; 1950-1, Czechoslovakia; 1951-2, Hungary; 1952-3, England; 1952-4, Japan.

Team Championship (Women)—Marcel Corbillon Cup

1933-4, Germany; 1934-5, 5-6, Czechoslovakia; 1936-7, U.S.A.; 1937-8, Czechoslovakia; 1938-9, Germany; 1946-7 England; 1947-8, England; 1948-9, U.S.A.; 1949-50, Rumania; 1950-1, Rumania; 1951-2, Japan; 1952-3, Rumania; 1953-4, Japan.

Men's Singles—St. Bride Vase

1926-7, Dr. R. Jacobi; 1927-8, Z. Mechlovits; 1928-9, F. J. Perry; 1929-30, G. V. Barna; 1930-31, M. Szabados; 1931-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, G. V. Barna; 1935-6, S. Kolar; 1936-7, R. Bergmann; 1937-8, B. Vana; 1938-9, R. Bergmann; 1946-7, B. Vana; 1947-8, R. Bergmann; 1948-9, J. Leach; 1949-50, R. Bergmann; 1950-1, J. Leach; 1951-2, H. Satoh; 1952-3, F. Sido; 1953-4, I. Ogimura.

Ma's Doubles

1926-7, Dr. R. Jacobi and Dr. D. Pecsi; 1927-8, A. Liebster and R. Thum; 1928-9, 9-30, 30-1, 1-2, G. V. Barna and M. Szabados; 1932-3, G. V. Barna and S. Glancz; 1933-4, 4-5, G. V. Barna and M. Szabados; 1935-6, 6-7, R. H. Blattner and J. H. McClure; 1937-8, S. Schiff and J. H. McClure; 1938-9, G. V. Barna and R. Bergmann; 1946-7, B. Vana and A. Slar; 1947-8, B. Vana and L. Stipeck; 1948-9, F. Tokar and I. Andreadis; 1949-50, F. Sido and F. Soos; 1950-1, B. Vana and I. Andreadis; 1951-2, N. Fujii and T. Hayashi; 1952-3, J. Koczian and F. Sido; 1953-4, V. Harangozo and Z. Dolinar. ozo and Z. Dolinar.

Women's Singles—G. Geist Prize

1926-7, 7-8, 8-9, 9-30, 30-1, M. Mednyanszky; 1931-2, 2-3, A. Sipos; 1933-4, 4-5, M. Kettnerova; 1935-6, R. H. Aarons; 1936-7, Title Vacant; 1937-8, T. Pritzi; 1938-9, V. Depetrisova; 1946-7, 7-8, 8-9, G. Farkas; 1949-50, 50-1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, A. Rozeanu.

Women's Doubles

1927-8, M. Mednyanszky and F. Flamm; 1928-9, M. Mednyanszky and Muller Rüster; 1929-30, 30-1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, M. Mednyanszky and A. Sipos; 1935-6, M. Kettnerova and M. Smidova;

1936-7, 7-8, V. Depetrisova and V. Votrubcova; 1938-9, T. Pritzi and H. Bussmann; 1946-7, G. Farkas and T. Pritzi; 1947-8, Mrs. V. Thomas and Miss P. Franks; 1948-9, H. Elliot and G. Farkas; 1949-50, D. Beregi and H. Elliot; 1950-1, D. Rowe and R. Rowe; 1951-2, S. Narahara and T. Nishimura; 1952-53, G. Farkas and A. Rozeanu; 1953-4, D. Rowe and R. Rowe.

Mixed Doubles

1926-7, 7-8, Z. Mechlovits and M. Mednyanszky; 1928-9, I. Keler, and A. Sipos; 1929-30, 30-1, M. Szabados and M. Mednyanszky; 1931-2, G. V. Barna and A. Sipos; 1932-3, I. Kelen and M. Mednyanszky; 1933-4, M. Szabados and M. Mednyanszky; 1934-5, G. V. Barna and A. Sipos; 1935-6, M. Hamr and G. Kleinova; 1936-7, B. Vana and V. Votrubcova; 1937-8, L. Bellak and W. Woodhead; 1938-9, B. Vana and V. Votrubcova; 1946-7, S. Soos and G. Farkas; 1947-8, R. Miles and T. Thall; 1948-9, F. Sido and G. Farkas; 1949-50, F. Sido and G. Farkas; 1950-1, B. Vana and A. Rozeanu; 1951-2, F. Sido and A. Rozeanu; 1952-3, F. Sido and A. Rozeanu; 1953-4, I. Andreadis and G. Farkas (Gervai).

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HINTS ON PLAYING CONDITIONS by G. W. Decker

The table should rest on a wood floor. A linoleum covered floor is not good and the bounce of the ball is affected. Linoleum is all right for footwork but pieces should be cut out for the legs of the table to rest on. The holes must be filled in with small pieces of wood the same thickness as the linoleum. If the cutting is done by an expert the linoleum pieces can be replaced when the table is not in use and the break in the linoleum is hardly noticeable. It has been found that the difficulty of a table on a soft surface where cutting is not possible can be overcome by heavily weighting the table, say 56 lbs. on each leg—4 cwts.

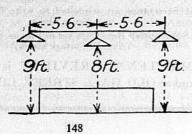
Surrounds:

For exhibitions or special occasions the court should be enclosed by a cloth-covered barrier 2 feet or 2 feet 6 inches high. This can easily be constructed and should be made up in frames 5 feet by 2 feet or 6 feet by 2 feet 6 inches, supported by wooden triangles nailed or screwed at the base of each upright. If the four corner sections of the arena are hinged this will obviate the triangles for eight of the sections. The frames can be covered with green cloth, muslin or sisalcraft which can be glued to each side and then sprayed with green paint. This latter method has been found very satisfactory.

Lighting:

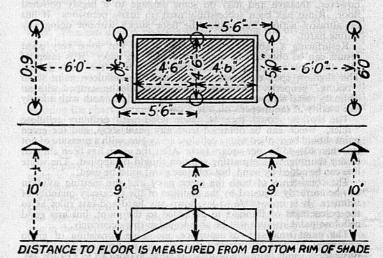
The very minimum for club play and ordinary matches should consist of three 150 watt lamps in 20-inch circular billiard shades—one over the centre of the table and one over each end of the table. A very convenient method is to wire the whole outfit on to an 11 feet beam with a lead to the nearest lampholder and suspend the whole by two chains or cords from the ceiling and six feet apart. The distance from lamp to lamp should be 5 feet 6 inches and the maximum height from the floor 9 feet, measured from the bottom rim of the shade. No portion of the lamp should be visual to the eye, and as shades vary somewhat in depth and angle, the height should be adjusted as necessary. The centre light should be a foot lower than the two outside ones. Filament glare must be avoided at all costs and unless good lighting adequately shaded is provided in clubs eyestrain and nasty lighting adequately shaded is provided in clubs eyestrain and nasty headaches will result.

For Club Room:



Exhibition and Representative Matches:

The playing space should not be less than 36 feet by 18 feet. At the first Championships at Wembley we had 60 feet by 40 feet. The following year it was reduced to 50 feet by 25 feet. Later it was reduced to 40 feet by 20 feet and has remained at this ever since and is ample. A large area gives the player much further to go when picking up the ball and also dwarfs the spectacle of a player retrieving boundary hits. The thrill of the game is felt much more in the smaller area.



Ten 150 watt lamps are used in 20 inch billiard shades spaced Ten 150 watt lamps are used in 20 inch billiard shades spaced as shown. 200 watt lamps are not too much. Sometimes it is necessary to go much higher with the lights when they obscure tieve for spectators in a gallery. Three 1,000 watt lamps on a 16 foot bar at a height of 16 feet will be found satisfactory and gives nearly as much light as the system shown in figure 2. It must be remembered that the light thrown on any given area of surface varies as the square of the distance. A 500 watt lamp at a height of 16 feet (13 feet 6 inches from the table) would not give as much light as a 150 watt lamp at a height of 9-ft. (6 feet 6 inches from the table). For this reason the higher the lights are the more powerful they should be. Lamps with silvered reflecting surfaces, bright metal reflectors, or looking glass reflectors should never be used as their light distributions are very uneven.

Fluorescent lighting presents special problems because of its stroboscopic effect. Some success has been achieved by using dual tubes but experiments and trials are still proceeding.

On the Umpires table a jug of water and glasses should be provided, also towels.

For big international matches scoring machines should be used. It is also necessary to provide stop clocks in case the time limit rule has to be applied. Chess clocks have been used for the purpose but for

has to be applied. Chess clocks have been used for the purpose but for real exactitude a stop watch or a clinical clock should be used.

Where a floor is slippery scrubbing is essential, but, in cases of emergency, powdered pumice makes a good surface. Its action is, however, abrasive and may do some damage to a highly polished floor. Rinso has been successfully used on many occasions. It has no abrasive action, but makes the floor sticky without doing any lesting barm.

lasting harm. Resurfacing a table is a very technical job but some very good results can be obtained by amateurs if they are lucky. It is essential that the table's surface be absolutely clean and free from grease. The slightest spot of grease will prevent the cellulose paint from "taking" properly. Preferably, the table should be scraped with an ordinary metal scraper and the surface then made smooth with a fairly

ordinary metal scraper and the surface then made smooth with a fairly fine quality of sandpaper.

The surface should then be made good with ordinary cellulose "filler," which can be obtained from any paint shop, and the green paint should be applied with a cellulose spray gun, with a pressure of not less than 40—45lbs. per square inch. After the green has been allowed to dry thoroughly, the matting solution should be applied. The white line can be added by hand, but cellulose paint must be used.

The consistency of both the green paint and the matting solution can be correctly adjusted by the addition of the necessary quantity of thinners. It is impossible to lay down any hard-and-fast rules as to the percentages of thinners to be added to the paint, but any good cellulose paint sprayer will be able to judge this accurately.

The paint necessary to resurface one table consisting of green undercoat, matting lacquer and thinners, can be obtained for £3 plus postage. Various firms are resurfacing tables at from £8 to £19 10s. Od. plus cartage, but as with most things the best is cheapest in the end.

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THE CHART SYSTEM FOR ARRANGING LEAGUE FIXTURES

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The Chart System has now become a necessity to all Table Tennis Organisers. In order that clubs can compete in leagues, they must be able, if they enter more than one team, to be certain that two teams from the same club will not be called upon to play at home in the same week. This can always be *guaranteed*, providing the divisions making up a league have the same number of teams in each, irrespective of whether the two teams are in one division, or separate, and irrespective of how many clubs enter with two teams.

Most leagues to-day publish their own handbook, and the amount of space taken up by printing fixtures is considerable. This can be cut down to a maximum of two pages (including explaining the chart) by using the chart system. Even if you decide to print your fixtures in full, you will find that, to obtain satisfactory fixtures, you must prepare them with the aid of a chart.

The following charts can be used for divisions from 6 to 16 teams: if an odd number of teams, say 7, you give a blank week to the team due to play No. 8 in each case. Use of these charts guarantees that no team is ever called upon to play three consecutive home or away matches, and that they get the maximum possible number of alternate home and away games. Furthermore, by using the combinations shown underneath each chart, you safeguard your clubs and their few match nights. For example, if you have a club with two teams, one in the premier division and one in the third division, with only one have a girlt allot the first team to position No. 1 in the premier division. one in the premier division and one in the third division, with only one home night, allot the first team to position No. 1 in the premier division, and the second team to position No. 5 (for divisions of eight) in the third division. It should be noted that although only four combinations are listed as alternatives for divisions of eight, these combinations can be reversed; i.e., 5 and 1, 6 and 2, giving eight combinations for eight places, covering every possibility.

The tables used cover the first half of the season, and the letter "a" denotes an away match. For example, again quoting from divisions of eight, Team No. 1 plays Team No. 8 at home in the first week, and then meets Team No. 7 away in the second week. Obviously, for the second half of the season, the homes and aways are reversed.

Shortage of space precludes giving all details, but further informa-tion can be supplied and queries answered if a communication is sent to the Association.

There is a way in which EACH team can play alternate home and away matches, providing that two extra weeks can be devoted to the league programme. Obviously, this is more satisfactory if time permits, and you are recommended to use the charts numbered 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

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THE ORGANISATION OF AN OPEN TOURNAMENT

Most organisers are now well aware of the major pitfalls in running an open tournament and detailed recommendations have been given here only to ensure as full a coverage as possible of what are almost the major events of the table tennis season in England, for if certain basic principles are followed no vast organising ability is required but at the same time success is assured.

The most vital maxim is that a great deal of time must be spent in advance and never forget that even hours of work beforehand which will save say one minute on every match played, may well make the difference between a smooth-running tournament and one which leaves players disgruntled, officials worn out and the general public wondering whether table tennis really is a great national sport.

The first step is to form the tournament committee under the chairmanship of the referee. This committee should be as small as possible and contain officials all of whom are themselves chairmen of even smaller sub-committees each responsible for the various essential sides of the organisation. These are normally a Playing Committee which handles matters connected with the draw and the actual playing of the matches, while the others such as Umpires, Stewards, Box Office, Programmes, Press, Hospitality, etc., have obvious duties. This system generally ensures a fair division of the work and avoids vital matters being overlooked.

Entries would normally be received by the tournament secretary, who, working under the referee, arranges for their collation. It still seems impossible for every player to fill in an entry form correctly however simple, therefore the easiest way is to prepare a complete list of all competitors, as entries are received, on the following lines, immediately addressing to each entrant a notification card to be completed later by the playing committee:

No. Name	Events Entered	Partners	Fees Paid	to be refunded	Remarks
1 J. Smith	M/S, M/D	J. Brown	4s.	—6d.	6 o'c; not Wednesday
2 Miss J. Green	W/S, W/D,	Miss L. Jones A. Robinson	7s.	+ 1s.	7 o'c; only Monday

At the same time separate lists of competitors are built up—one for each event, containing only the entrant's name.

After entries have been closed the basis of the time schedule is worked out according to the number of matches to be played, with particular reference to days on which competitors will be required to play in more than one event. Normally 15 minutes is the allowance for a three game set and without an experienced organisation it is unwise to try to reduce this

We are now ready to go ahead with the draw. Here careful note must be made of the Association's new rules on seeding, details

of which will be found earlier in the handbook under Rules for Open Tournaments. Most organisers are able to make a draw but as the calculation of the number of byes, which should occur only in the first round, still causes some confusion, perhaps the following method may assist. To give four semi-finalists and two finalists the number of competitors must be a power of two in the first round. If not, sufficient byes must be introduced in the first round to make the number in the second round a power of two, i.e., either 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, etc. This is done by subtracting the number of entrants from the next highest power of two. This figure is the number having byes into the second round.

Example: With 99 entries the next highest power of 2=128, 128-99=29.

In the first round we have 29 byes with 70 actually

In the first round we have 29 byes with 70 actually playing, giving 35 winners + 29 byes = 64 for the second round.

The second round is a second round in the second round.

These byes are then inserted on alternate lines of the draw sheet—half in the top half of the draw and half in the bottom half. Where the number of byes is not exactly divisible by 2, the extra bye should go in the bottom half. To illustrate this the following table shows the number of byes for up to 64 competitors:—

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The easiest way, then, of making the draw, after inserting the byes, if any, is to use numbered pieces of paper—one for each competitor or pair, divide these into halfs or quarters according to the permitted number of seeds, insert the seeds in their appropriate sections and make a straight draw.

Having completed the draw the next stage is to schedule each match, i.e., allow one match per table for each period of 15 minutes. This is a fairly straightforward matter so long as care is taken in endeavouring to even out players' rest periods between each round.

A point to remember here is, that as your final will presumably not be played until all preliminary rounds of other events are completed, you can play one half of an event at a time, i.e., if you have 64 first round matches you do not have to play more than 32 of them before beginning the second round. In this way, if you have say only six tables you can play the first half of the draw down to the third round before commencing the first round of the second half of the draw. Thus players' waiting time between rounds is evened out and all your tables are kept in play for a longer period with a corresponding lessening of wasted tables.

If more than one event is being played in the same session it is best to select non-clashing events to follow each other, e.g., Men's singles, Ladies' singles, Men's doubles, Ladies' doubles, Junior singles, Mixed doubles. Here you have only to arrange that your better Juniors are excluded from the first round Mixed doubles matches which are scheduled to be played at the same time as the last Junior matches.

Now, notification cards have to be filled in giving players the times of their first matches in each event. This is really essential as it always seems pointless to insist on a large number of players being available at the commencement of each session when an examination of the schedule shows that many of them can be given but one match in two hours.

We now come to preparations for the actual operation of play. Draw sheets are already completed and each match shown thereon should have its time and number stated beside it. Every match should, of course, be numbered, both for checking purposes and for easy reference when Umpires' scorecards are returned. These numbers should never be duplicated but should follow on from event to event, e.g., if there are 127 matches in the Men's singles and 63 in the Ladies' singles the former will be numbered 1 to 127 and the latter 128 to 191 and so on.

It is far simpler to work from a schedule and use the actual draw sheets only for entering up results. This sheet should have sufficient columns of two-inch width to permit one for each table, while lines are ruled across to denote the 15-minute periods. Each oblong thus formed has the number and competitors for each match entered into it (later rounds, will, of course, have only a number—the names being filled in as they become available). In this way your matches are played as scheduled with no overlapping, so long as matches are announced for play only in their correct time sequences. Naturally, unless you have unlimited time, there is no need to tie matches down to table numbers denoted by the column heading on the schedule. They can be put on any available table but must be in their time sequence.

At long last we have reached the commencement stage of play itself. Competitors should report to the Referee with their notification cards. From this their names are easily found on the schedule

and play is ready to begin. If sufficient time can be found beforehand it is advisable to have match cards already written out for the first round matches. The appropriate matches are then taken, crossed off the schedule and handed to the announcer who allocates them to tables, announces them, and hands the match cards to the Chief Umpire who immediately despatches Umpires to the tables with the cards and balls. The cards, of course, return by the same process.

So your tournament will continue until the final stages which should naturally be on one table only in some sort of staged manner. Nothing, surely, is more unfair to both players and spectators for a final to be put on with a Junior quarter final on one side of it and a Consolation singles battle on the other. Also your finals are your greatest opportunity of drawing a "gate" and thus would be your greatest source of revenue as well as really being a duty of yours to the players who have patronised your tournament. They should at least be given the kudos of winning a title before an audience unhampered by the diversions of play on other tables.

Two further points to watch at your finals—never play Consolation singles finals with your major finals. They are seldom popular with either players or spectators and only detract from public interest. Secondly, always present your prizes after each final. If these are left to the end they are but a source of embarrassment to the dignatory who has to dispense them amid a diminishing audience and to the accompaniment of the muffled conversation and clattering chairs of the departing.

In conclusion, keep your officials at the Committee table to the absolute minimum—four is ample; pick your officials carefully—an Umpires' Committee which fails to get Umpires is just as useless as a Press Committee which does not obtain Press publicity—and be prepared to work hard in advance. If these are done there is no reason why the whole tournament should not run successfully and be a credit to the organisers.

G. JAMES,

Chairman National Umpires Committee.

Seeding of players from other countries at Open Tournaments

The following decisions are for the guidance of Open Tournament Organisers. The Home Countries are Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

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1. The Current World Ranking List should take precedence over the Current English Ranking List.

2. Ranked players of other countries (not included in World Ranking) may be seeded.

Any other Home Countries' players or foreign players may be seeded with the approval of the Hon. Sec. of the National Selection Committee, Mr. H. J. Amery, 12 Kennerley Avenue, Exeter.
 Ranked players of other countries should be separated in the draw.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the Open Tournament Regulations. See Regulation 7, page 45.

OFFICIAL NATIONAL RANKING LIST, SEASON 1954/55

Men	Women
1. R. Bergmann (Middx)	1. Miss R. Rowe (Middx)
I I Leach (Fesev)	2. Miss D. Rowe (Middx)
2. A. W. C. Simons (Glos)	3. Miss C. K. Best (Yorks)
4. H. T. Venner (Surrey)	4. Miss A. Haydon (Warwicks)
5. K. Craigie (Surrey)	5. Miss J. Winn (Surrey)
6. B. Kennedy (Yorks)	6. Miss Y. Seaman (Middx)
7. B. Merrett (Glos)	7. Miss B. Milbank (Essex)
8. L. G. Adams (Middx)	8. Miss J. Rook (Surrey)
Group 'A'	9. Miss B. Isaacs (Surrey)
R. J. Crayden (Surrey)	10. Miss Y. Baker (Essex)
J. Head (Surrey)	Group 'A'
R. Hinchliff (Yorks)	Miss M. Franks (Essex)
A. Rhodes (Middx)	Miss P. Gall (Surrey)
J. P. Shead (Sussex)	Miss P. Mortimer (Warwicks)
M. H. Thornhill (Middx)	Miss M. Piper (Surrey)
Group 'B'	Miss J. Roberts (Surrey)
R. Allcock (Lan :s)	Mrs. J. Willcocks (Devon)
R. Baker (Lancs)	Group 'B'
B. Brumwell (Essex)	Mrs. E. Carrington (Essex)
D. C. Burridge (Middx)	Miss M. H. Cherry (Middx)
B. Crouch (Middx)	Mrs. M. Cumberbatch (Warwicks)
R. Dorking (Essex)	Miss D. Ellis (Middx)
R. Griffin (Glos)	Miss M. Fry (Glos)
D. House (Glos)	Miss M. Jones (Glos)
I. W. Jones (Essex)	Miss J. Mackay (Warwicks)
J. Lowe (Middx)	Miss A. Wood (Lancs)
M. G. Maclaren (Surrey)	the State of the S
R. J. Stevens (Essex)	MANAGAMAN TONICA SEGMENTANTAN

The Classification Committee of the International Table Tennis Federation has issued a provisional list as a guidance for seeding in current competitions, Season 1954/55.

Men	Women
1. I. Ogimura (Japan)	1. A. Rozeanu (Rumania)
2. I. Andreadis (Czechoslovakia)	2. F. Eguchi (Japan)
3. T. Flisberg (Sweden)	3. E. Wertl (Austria)
4. R. Bergmann (England)	4. G. Gervai (Farkas) (Hungary)
5. F. Sido (Hungary)	5. Y. Tanaka (Japan)
6. V. Tomita (Japan)	6. R. Rowe (England)
7. Z. Dolinar (Yugoslavia)	7. K. Watanabe (Japan)
8. R. Roothooft (France)	8. E. Koczian (Hungary)
9. R. Miles (U.S.A.)	9. G. Pritzi (Austria)
10. V. Harangozo (Yugoslavia)	10. D. Rowe (England)
11. V. Tereba (Czechoslovakia)	11. C. Watel (France)
12. Mai Van Hoa (S. Vietnam)	12. A. Haydon (England)
13. J. Leach (England)	13. C. K. Best (England)
14. L. Stipek (Czechoslovakia) 15. T. Reiter (Rumania)	14. E. Krejcova (Czechoslovakia)

NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME

by JACK CARRINGTON

(Hon. Director of Coaching)

When the National Coaching Scheme was inaugurated two years ago, its objects were summarised as follows:—

To spread as widely as possible a knowledge of correct principles and technique of table tennis;

To interest and enthuse young people in the athletic possibilities of the modern game;

To set standards for instructional work and to promote and encourage the teaching of the game by all possible means, with special emphasis on the building up of a chain of qualified instructors throughout the country.

In furtherance of these aims the National Coaching Committee has staged a number of week-end Coaching Courses (for general students), week-end Study Courses (for potential Coaches), and a trial Course for Schoolchildren. The latter was successful and it is planned to develop this side of the work as time goes on.

The Director of Coaching, has also been called upon to arrange instructional programmes; to advise and examine local instructors, on behalf of County or local organisations and educational bodies.

Another important task is the presentation of E.T.T.A's. views and experience in conferences with authorities of other sports, since now-a-days "Physical Education" is a very wide subject.

The Committee works closely with the Central Council of Physical Recreation which has believed our sport greatly by the staging of many

attractive instructional courses.

Much study has been applied to the questions of setting-up and recognising clear and uniform standards of Coaching ability, and recently instituted the E.T.T.A. Basic Coaching Diploma.

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N. Doble (Glos)
G. R. Harrower (Herts)
J. A. Hayward (Staffs)
A. O. Hill (Warwicks)

R. Hinchliff (Yorks)
F. J. Holman (Kent)
F. R. Kershaw (Staffs)
J. A. Leach (Essex)
K. S. McMillan (Yorks)
T. E. Sears (Middx)
J. Senescall (Yorks)
H. T. Venner (Surrey)
T. Williams (Suffolk)

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INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

The Twenty-First Congress of the International Table Tennis Federation took place in London. The E.T.T.A. Chairman and Treasurer were re-elected President and Treasurer of the I.T.T.F. respectively. The Chairman is also Chairman of the Rules Committee and a member of the Classification Committee. The Treasurer was appointed Chairman of the Standing Order Committee and Mr. G. R. Harrower Chairman of the Equipment Committee, and also to the World Championships Committee and the Technical Committee. Mr. T. Sears was elected to the Committee to consider the development of the junior game. The Honorary Secretary is Mr. H. Roy Evans, 1, Llwyny-Grant Road, Penylan, Cardiff, Glam.

Guernsey, Jamaica, Peru, and the U.S.S.R. were accepted into membership.

It was agreed to amend the service rule to delete the word "vertically".

After considerable discussion a motion to forbid the use of sponge rubber rackets was defeated by 40 votes to 28. As a three-fourths majority would have been necessary the proposal was far from securing adoption. An amendment expressing the E.T.T.A. viewpoint:—

"In view of the fact that many associations and territories have no experience to date of the sponge rackets in modern play, and that in others no sufficient study of its effects and possibilities has yet been made, it would be premature to reach conclusions based on speculative prediction of its possible effect on styles of piay and the spectator appeal of the game. The Annual General Meeting instructs the Advisory Committee to take steps to launch an enquiry, with which all Associations are requested to co-operate, collecting information on the prevalence, use and effect of sponge rackets in each territory, the data resulting from this enquiry to be made available to all Associations before December 31st next. Meanwhile all Associations are advised to

discourage any inclination of any junior players to suppose prematurely, that sponge rubber can be a sub-

stitute for skill or a short cut to success."
was likewise defeated. The law and practice permitting
the use of any type of racket remains therefore as before.

The World Championships 1954/55 are to be in the Netherlands. The events, agreed to be continued annually for the present, are if possible to be held the following year at an Asian venue.

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For the 1954-55 season there will be 8 issues commencing with October, and subsequent issues on the 10th of each month THE LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS

(As adopted by the International Table Tennis Federation)

Singles

1. The Table.—The table shall be in surface rectangular, 9ft. in length, 5ft. in width; it shall be supported in such a way that its upper surface shall be 2ft. 6ins. above the floor, and shall lie in a horizontal

It shall be made of any material and shall yield a uniform bounce of not less than 8ins. and not more than 9ins, when a standard ball is dropped from a height of 12ins, above its surface.

The upper surface of the table shall be termed the "playing surface"; it shall be not reflection of a deale calculation with a white line 3in here.

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it shall be non-reflecting, of a dark colour with a white line \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. broad along each edge.

The lines at the 5ft. edges or ends of the playing surface shall be termed "end lines". The lines at the 9ft. edges or sides of the playing surface shall be termed "side lines".

2. The Net and its Supports.—The playing surface shall be divided into two courts of equal size by a net running parallel to the end lines and 4ft. 6ins. from each. The net, with its suspension, shall be 6ft. in length; its upper part along its whole length shall be 6ins. above the playing surface; its lower part along the whole length shall be close to the playing surface. The net shall be suspended by a cord and attached at each end to an upright post 6-ins. high; the outside limits of each post shall be 6ins. outside the side line on the same side.

3. The Ball.—The ball shall be spherical. It shall be made of celluloid, white, but not brightly reflecting; it shall not be less than 4\frac{1}{2}\)ins nor more than 4\frac{1}{2}\)ins. in circumference; it shall not be less than 37 grains (2.40 grammes) nor more than 39 grains (2.53 grammes) in weight.

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4. The Racket.—The racket may be any material, size, shape, or weight, provided it is not white, light coloured or reflecting.

5. The Scoring of Points.—A game shall be won by the player who first wins 21 points, unless both players shall have scored 20 points, when the winner of the game shall be he who first wins two points more than his corporant.

when the winner of the game shall be he who first with two points more than his opponent.

6. The Choice of Ends and Service.—The choice of ends and the right to be server or striker-out in every match shall be decided by toss, provided that, if the winner of the toss chooses the right to be server or striker-out, the other player shall have the choice of ends, and vice versa and provided that the winner of the toss may, if he prefer it, require the other player to make the first choice.

7. The Change of Ends and Service.—After five points the striker-out shall become the server, and the server the striker-out, and so on after each five points until the end of the game or the score 20-all. At the score 20-all the striker-out shall become the server, and the server the striker-out, and so on after each point until the end of the

server the striker-out, and so on after each point until the end of the game. The player who served first in a game shall be striker-out first in the immediate subsequent game, and so on until the end of a match. The player who started at one end in a game shall start at the other

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in the immediately subsequent game, and so on until the end of the match. Where the match consists of only one game, or, where it consists of more than one game, in the deciding game of the match, the players shall change ends at the score 10.

8. Out of Order of Ends or Service.—If a player serve out of his

turn, the player who ought to have served shall serve as soon as the mistake is discovered, unless a group of five services shall have been completed before such discovery, when the service in the subsequent groups of services shall continue in the sequence as originally established, the discontinuity being ignored. In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery shall be reckoned.

If the players shall not have changed ends when ends should have been changed, the players shall change ends as soon as the mistake is discovered, unless a game shall have been completed since the error, when the error shall be ignored. In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery shall be reckoned.

9. The Order of Play.—The server shall first make a good service, the striker-out shall then make a good return, and thereafter server and striker-out shall each alternately make a good return. turn, the player who ought to have served shall serve as soon as the

striker-out shall each alternately make a good return.

10. A Good Service.—The service shall begin by the server projecting the ball by hand only, without imparting of spin, up into the air. The ball shall then be struck so that it touch first the server's court and then, passing directly over or round the net, touch the striker-out's court

The free hand, while in contact with the ball in service, shall be open, flat and horizontal, with the fingers straight and together, thumb free and the ball resting on the palm without being cupped or pinched in any way by the fingers.

At the moment of the impact of the racket on the ball in service, the latter shall be behind the end line of the server's court and between an imaginary continuation of the side lines.

11. A Good Return.—A ball having been served or returned in play shall be struck by the player so that it pass directly over the net or round the net and touch directly the opponent's court; provided that, if the ball, having been served or returned in play, returns with its own impetus over the net or round the net, it may be struck, while still in play, by the player so that it touch directly the opponent's

12. A Let—The rest is a let:

(a) If the ball served in passing over the net touch it or its supports, provided the service either be otherwise good or be volleyed by the

(b) If a service be delivered when the striker-out is not ready provided always that he may not be deemed to be unready if he attempt to strike at the ball.

(c) If either player be prevented by an accident, not under his control, from serving a good service or making a good return.

(d) If either player lose the point, as provided in Law 13 (c), (d), (e), or Law 14, owing to an accident not within his control.

13. A Point.—Either player shall lose a point:

(a) If he fail to make a good service, except as provided in Law 12.

(b) If a good service or a good return having been made by his opponent, he fail to make a good return, except as provided in Law 12.

(c) If he, or his racket, or anything that he wears or carries, touch the

net or its supports while the ball is in play.

(d) If he, or his racket, or anything that he wears or carries, move the playing surface while the ball is in play.

(e) If his free hand touch the playing surface while the ball is in play.

14. A Point.—Either player shall lose the point:

(a) If, before the ball in play shall have passed over the end lines or side lines not yet having touched the playing surface on his side of the table since being struck by his opponent, it come in contact with him or anything that he wears or carries.

(b) If at any time he volley the ball, except as provided in Law

12 (a).

15. In Play.—The ball is in play from the moment at which it is projected from the hand in service until:-

(a) It has touched one court twice consecutively.

(b) It has, except in service, touched each court alternately without having been struck by the racket intermediately.

(c) It has been struck by either player more than once consecutively.

(d) It has touched either player or anything that he wears or carries, except his racket or his racket hand below the wrist.

(e) On the volley it come in contact with the racket or the racket hand below the wrist (f) It has touched any object other than the net, supports, or those

referred to above

16. Further Definitions.—The period during which the ball is in play shall be termed a rest.

A rest the result of which is scored shall be termed a point,
A rest the result of which is not scored shall be termed a let.

The player who first strikes the ball during a rest shall be termed the

The player who next strikes the ball during a rest shall be termed the

striker-out.

If the ball, in passing over the net, or round the net, touch it or its supports, it shall, nevertheless, be considered to have passed directly except as referred to in Law 12 (a).

"Round the net" shall be considered as including "under or round the projection of the net and supports outside the side line."

If the ball in play come into contact with the racket or racket hand, not yet having touched the playing surface on one side of the net since last being struck on the other side, it shall be said to have been volleyed.

The racket hand is the hand carrying the racket: the free open hand is the hand not carrying the racket.

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17.—The above Laws shall apply in the Doubles Game except as below.

18. The Table.—The surface of the table shall be divided into two parts by a white line in broad, running parallel with the side lines and distant equally from each of them. This line shall be termed the service-line. The part of the table surface on the nearer side of the net and the right of the service-line in respect of the server, shall be called the server's right half-court, that on the left in respect to him the server's left half-court. The part of the table surface on the farther side of the net, and the left of the service-line in respect to the server, shall be called the striker-out's right half-court, that on the right in respect to the server the striker-out's left half-court.

19. A Good Service.—The service shall be delivered as otherwise

provided in Law 10, and so that it touch first the server's right halfcourt or the centre line on his side of the net, and then, passing directly

court or the centre line on his side of the net, and then, passing directly over or round the net, touch the striker-out's right half-court or the centre line on his side of the net.

20. The Choice of Order of Play.—The pair who have the right to serve the first five services in any game shall decide which partner shall do so, and the opposing pair shall then decide similarly which shall first be striker-out shall first be striker-out.

21. The Order of Service.—The first five services shall be delivered by the selected partner of the pair who have the right to do so, and shall be received by the selected partner of the opposing pair. The second five services shall be delivered by the striker-out of the first five services and received by the partner of the server of the first five services. The third five services shall be delivered by the partner of the server of the first five services and received by the partner of the striker-out of the first five services. The fourth five services shall be delivered by the partner of the striker-out of the first five services and received by the server of the first five services. The fifth five services shall be delivered as the first five services. And so on, in sequence, until the end of the game or score of 20-all, when the sequence of serving and striking-out shall be uninterrupted, but each player shall serve only one service in turn until the end of the game.

In a one-game match, or in the deciding game of a match of more than one game, the pair that served the first five services has the right to alter their order of striking-out or that of their opponents at the

22. Out of Order of Striking-out.—If a player act as striker-out out of his turn, the player who ought to have acted as striker-out shall be striker-out as soon as the mistake is discovered, unless a group of five services shall have been completed before such discovery, when the sequence of serving and striking-out shall continue as originally established, the discontinuity being ignored. In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery shall be reckoned.

23. The Order of Play.—The server shall first make a good service, the striker-out shall then make a good return the partner of the server shall then make a good return, the partner of the striker-out shall then make a good return, the server shall then make a good return, and thereafter each player alternately in that sequence shall make a good return.

24. Further Amendments and Additions to Singles Laws for Doubles.

Law 6.—Alter "server," "striker-out," "winner," "he," to their respective plurals; alter "player" to "pair".

Law 7.—Delete first two sentences of first paragraph. In the third

sentence, first paragraph, and in the second paragraph, alter "player" to "pair"; "players" to "pairs"; "striker-out" to "strikers-out." Law 12 (b).—Insert "or his partner" after "striker-out"; "they" in place of the first "he"; "the striker-out" in place of the second "he".

Law 12 (c).—Insert "any" in place of "either".
Law 12 (d).—Insert "pair" in place of "player"; "their" in place of "his"

Law 12 (d).—Insert "pair" in place of "player"; "their" in place of "his".

Law 13.—Insert "pair" in place of "player".

Law 13 (a).—Insert "one of their opponents in proper sequence" in place of "his opponent"; "they" in place of "he".

Law 13 (c).—Insert "either partner" in place of the first "he".

Law 13 (d).—Insert "either partner" in place of the first "he".

Law 13 (e).—Insert "of either partner" after "hand" and "the" in place of "his".

Law 14.—Insert "pair" instead of "player".

Law 14 (a).—Insert "their" in place of the first "his"; "one of their opponents in proper sequence" instead of "his opponent"; "either partner" instead of "him".

Law 14 (b).—Insert "either partner" "place of "he".

Law 15 (c).—Insert "any" in place of "he".

Law 15 (d).—Insert "any" in place of "either"; add "or by any player out of proper sequence, except as provided in Law 22".

Law 15 (d).—Insert "any" in place of "either".

Add as Law 15 (g).—"In service it has touched the server's left half-court or the striker's left half-court".

APPENDIX TO LAWS: KNOTTY POINTS

Decisions of the Rules Committee of the International Table Tennis Federation

1. Edge Balls.—The phrase, "Table Surface" is to be interpreted as including the top edges and corners of the table-top, and a ball in play which strikes these latter is therefore good and still in play; though if it strikes evidently the side of the table-top below the edge, it has been added to the table-top below the edge,

nand at the moment of contact with the ball (see Law 11, "a ball... shall be struck"), and if it does not touch the net or move the table surface (Law 13 c, d) before the ball is out of play.

4. Missed Service.—If a player in attempting to serve miss the ball altogether, it is a lost point (Laws 10 and 15) because the ball was in play from the moment it left the server's hand, and a good service has not been made of the ball already in play.

not been made of the ball already in play.

5. Volleyed Net Service.—A net service is a let not only if otherwise good, but also if it be volleyed by the striker-out. (See Laws 12 (a) and 14 (b).)

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6. "Flat Hand" in Service: Interpretation.-Umpires will remember that Law 10 is not intended to impose on the server an exact geometrical pattern, but to prevent attempts to secure advantage by either evasion of the rule or general careless disregard. The free hand must not turn over or move sideways. Strict observation of the prescribed method of service may be waived where the Umpire is notified, before play begins, that compliance by the player in question is prevented by physical disability.

7. Ball Fractured in Play.—If the ball split or becomes otherwise

fractured in play, affecting a player's return, the rest is a let (Law 12c). It is the umpire's duty to stop play, recording a let, when he has reason to believe that the ball in play is fractured or imperfect; and to decide those cases in which the faulty ball is clearly fractured in actually going out of play, and in no way handicaps the player's return, when the point should be scored. In all cases of doubt, however, he should declare a let.

8. Fixtures.—A moving spectator, a neighbouring player, a sudden noise, i.e., any neighbouring object in movement (except a partner) should be regarded as an accident not under control (Law 12c), interference from which implies a let. A stationary spectator, fixed seating, the umpire, the light, a nearby table, a continuous sound of even volume, i.e., any relatively constant or motionless hazard, should not be so regarded, and complaint against interference from it during play should be regarded as void.



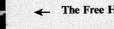


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The free hand, while in contact with the ball in service, shall be open flat and horizontal, with the fingers straight and together, thumb free, and the ball resting on the palm without being cupped or pinched in any way by the fingers.



Correct Position (for Backhand Service)



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This service law is in force throughout the table tennis world, and must be observed in all organised play by clubs and individuals affiliated to the E.T.T.A. Umpires will remember that Law 10 is not intended to impose

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