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THREE PENCE

All London to—

THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

—says Mr. W. J. Pope
(Hon. General Secretary E.T.T.A.)

INTEREST in previous National Championships held in London has been centred on the Finals at Wembley. The earlier rounds, and some of the finals, having been played at the Paddington Baths, where there was little accommodation for spectators, this part of the Tournament has been neglected by the London "fans." In fact, our publicity activities have been devoted rather to keeping the crowds away, than inviting them.

This has been a source of continual regret to the Committee, especially as it has usually happened that some of the most superlative table tennis has been played at Paddington, in the quarter-finals of both singles, and the semi-finals of the other events.

With the invasion of the foreign players, which has been a feature of recent tournaments, it is inevitable that many of the stronger players clash in early rounds and sometimes the high-lights of the competition have been fights between the representatives of particular countries, and fights between particular players which have all the elements of drama and thrill to make the matches exciting.

THE Committee, on this occasion, have decided to take their courage in both hands and have booked the Royal Albert Hall for Thursday and Friday, January 26 and 27, 1939.

Our efforts to fill the Wembley Arena are going quite well, but we have to admit that



The Royal Albert Hall

the attendance at the Royal Albert Hall will depend largely upon the "fans" and the general public in London and district. Therefore, we appeal to our London followers to support us in this effort and ask them to invade the Kensington venue in their thousands.

WE realise that large numbers of players are not able continually to be putting their hands in their pockets for money for tickets to see the game.

We also appreciate that it is in the interests of English Table Tennis that all club players, especially the youngsters, should see the best players in action, and that to watch the players of world class is as good as coaching lessons. Tactics, strokes, and everything that goes to make up a first-class player can be learned by watching the "masters," and the opportunity being here we must do everything to encourage attendance.

The best way to do this is to charge prices within the reach of everyone; and this we have decided to do.

Most readers will remember the circle surrounding the tables, for which season tickets were sold at the World Championships last year. They are the best places, and tickets give spectators the opportunity to roam from table to table. The price laid down for these places is 2s. 6d., but for members belonging to clubs affiliated to the Association the price will be reduced 50 per cent., and the tickets will be sold at 1s. 3d.

In addition to this, the tickets sold at this price will be in three sections, covering three sessions of play, and if the purchaser cannot go to the morning and afternoon sessions on the day, then sections of the ticket are transferable and can be given to friends. So for 1s. 3d. admission will be available for three sessions—5d. per session.

This offer is open to club members only and will only be possible up to and including January 14, 1939. After this it will be withdrawn, so I hope all club officials and readers of this magazine will make the facts generally known.

THERE will be also a reduction to affiliated members of approximately 50 per cent. on the prices of all other places. The loggias (first row of boxes), which hold 8 persons, are priced at £1 to the general public, but will be sold at 10s. to club members. The second stage of boxes (holding 10 persons), which cost 25s. to the general public, can be obtained for 10s. by club members; and the third tier of boxes (holding 5 persons), at 7s. 6d. to the general public, can be obtained for 5s. The balcony seats are 1s., but 6d. to our members.

Thus a real effort is being made to cater for our clubs, and as the success of the proposals

HAVE YOU ENTERED?

WHEN you read this you will have just a few days left to make up your mind to enter the English Open Championships—and the peculiarity of this tournament is that it really is open; open to any player, whether good or not so good, as long as he or she is a member of a club belonging to an Association affiliated to the International Table Tennis Federation. Do not forget, also, your entry covers more than just the playing in one of the events as it also gives you free admission to watch the whole of the play, both at the Royal Albert Hall and at Wembley.

Only once every year is there this opportunity to gain the experience of playing against really top-class players. Such experience must be invaluable to the player, and, by reflection, to his club and his League. Some Leagues, realising this, make a practice of entering their champions each year, and reports show the considerable progress made by the players concerned after their added experience.

This practice might be adopted with benefit by all Leagues, and there is no doubt, if it was, it would have a beneficial effect on their standard of play, not only because their champions themselves play, but also because they are able to watch the world's topmost players under match conditions.

THE English Open Championships are considered almost the most important in the

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J. M. Rose
ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
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whole of table tennis, and the players who hold the titles "English Open Champion" holds one of the foremost world honours. Generally he or she has to win against the world's best, because more and more nations are sending their champions to compete. This year it is expected we shall have representatives from Czechoslovakia, France, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Scotland, and Wales, and it is also possible that there might be a contingent from the U.S.A. Besides these, there will be Bergmann and Liebster, formerly resident in Vienna. All these will be competing with our own players for our titles. Such a representative

"YOU SHOULD BE THERE THIS MONTH!"



A packed house watching at the Albert Hall last January.

All London to the Royal Albert Hall—continued from page 1 will depend upon an enthusiastic response we are looking forward to a big and early rush for these tickets before the offer closes down on January 14.

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THERE is hardly need to say that the programme will provide a feast of good table tennis. Vana, Barna, Bergmann, Bellak, Liebster, Ehrlich, Bedoc and three players from Sweden, Beregi, Delay, Depetkova and Votrubicova will provide the foreign challenge, and all our best English men and women players will be playing. There will be ten tables going during the day sessions, but it is possible that during the evening sessions only one table will be used on the floor, to concentrate interest on particularly spectacular matches. There will also be a 30-minute broadcast on the National wavelength, and the first Television transmission ever attempted from a Table Tennis Championship.

gathering has no comparison excepting, of course, the World Championships.

There are ten events in the Championships, eight of which carry the title "English Open Champion." Men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, mixed doubles, veteran, juniors (boys and girls). The first five of the above are open to all who care to enter; the veteran's is open to any player who has reached the age of 40 by January 1, 1939; and the junior events to any player who has not reached the age of 17 by that date.

The junior girls is new this season, and has been added by the National Executive in conformity with their present drive to help the women's side of table tennis.

The other two events are the consolation singles, open to players knocked out in the first two rounds of the men's and women's singles respectively.



J. M. Rose

CONDITIONS at the Royal Albert Hall will be perfect. Responsibility for this you can safely leave to Mr. G. W. Decker, who, with the help of the South London League, is already on the job preparing his plans, and, if we get a full quota of entries, will provide tables wherever there is space. There will be ten lights over each table, and run back will not be less than 14 feet. By the way, he has promised a surprise in a new method of indicating the matches in progress.

Mr. E. A. Vennell and his London League Committee are gathering their armies of stewards, and Mr. F. J. P. Hills and his London Business Houses Committee their regiment of umpires.

If any of you would like to volunteer for either of these jobs, please send your names immediately to the official concerned at the E.T.T.A. Office. Volunteers are specially required for the morning and afternoon sessions. Officers of Leagues are invited to apply for the official jobs of table stewards if they can give the whole two days at the Royal Albert Hall. Duties will be explained upon receipt of applications, which should be sent to me at 39, London Road, S.E.1.

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PLAYERS may be affected by the new condition which eliminates any exemption. In 1937, when the Championships were held at the Paddington Baths, exemption was allowed, on application, to entrants residing within 50 miles until 5 p.m. on Thursday, and to those residing above that distance until 9 a.m. on Friday. Owing to the luck of the draw, two international players were unable to play a single round in any of their events until the Friday morning, and this meant that, if they had got through to the finals, they would have had to play 15 matches, each of best of five, during one day. The strain became impossible, and they were beaten by players against whom they should have won.

Good sportsmen that they were, realising the conditions, they made no murmur of complaint, but it was felt to be an injustice to people who had travelled such a long way to compete. For this reason, the Championships sub-committee asks the co-operation of all intending competitors, and hopes that they will be able to secure the extra time.

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So let us have a bumper entry. Every effort is being made to put on the Championships in a style and magnificence worthy of their title, and it is up to you to enter.

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TOUR OF FOREIGN PLAYERS B.VANA



It is hoped that Vana will play in the National Championships and the Tour.

The English Open Championships

Entries

Entries close January 7, 1939. There will be another event this season, "Junior Girls." Players will appreciate that it is no longer possible to give exemption until the second day of the tournament. It is hoped all English players will make a special effort to obtain time so that they will be available from the word "go."

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Helpers

Voluntary help is required, as usual, for the running of the Championship. Players and officials who can assist are asked to write in to the secretary immediately, stating the times they will be available. Umpires and stewards particularly are required, and we shall be specially pleased to hear from members who can attend during the day sessions.

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Tickets

We are informed by the secretary of the Association that all the club tickets (5s. for 2s. 6d.) are disposed of. Over 4,000 had been applied for before the end of November.

AS soon as the announcement was made that another tour of the country was probable, applications began to pour in. Some Leagues have had to be disappointed, but the following programme has been arranged up to the time of going to press. Three of the players taking part will definitely be G. V. Barna, L. Bellak, and Richard Bergmann. The fourth place will be filled by B. Vana or A. Liebster.

January	12—Ilford.
"	13—Cheltenham.
"	14—Southend.
"	16—London (Thameside).
"	17—Burnley.
"	18—Cosby.
"	19—Sittingbourne.
"	21—Bournemouth (Hampshire Championships).
"	24—Coventry.
"	25—London (L.C.C.).
"	26-28—English Championships.
"	30—Hanley.
"	31—Bishop Auckland or West Hartlepool.
February	1—Newcastle.
"	2—Carlisle.
"	3—Barrow.
"	6—Leeds.
"	7—Bury.
"	8—Macclesfield.
"	9—Stockport.
"	10—Grimsby.
"	11—Nottingham.
"	13—Wolverhampton.
"	14—Bolton.
"	15—Liverpool.
"	16—Ellesmere Port.
"	18—Paignton and Torquay (West of England Championship).
"	20—Exmouth.
"	21—Plymouth.
"	23—London (East).
"	25—London (Hoovers).

Readers resident in these districts can obtain full information about this exhibition by writing to the Editor.

The Official Handbook

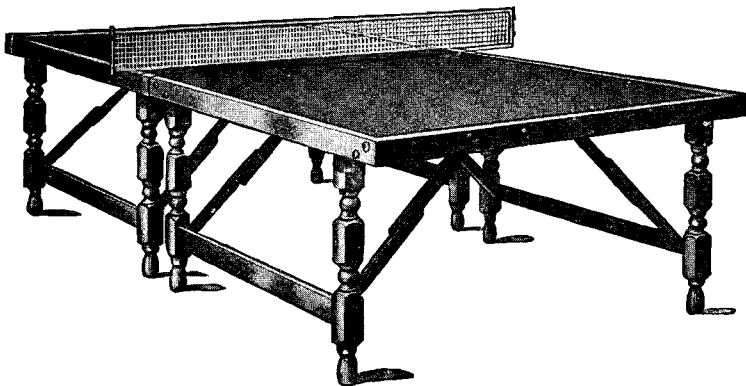
The official Handbook for 1938-39 has now been published and has been despatched to Club Secretaries, who are entitled to a free copy. If this has not been received a communication should be sent to Headquarters.

Already a number of congratulations have been received on the new format. Whilst the Club Secretaries' addresses have been omitted, there is a considerable amount of additional information valuable to local officials. Ideal lighting sets, information on Club management, fixture formulæ and how to adjust byes in tournaments, are amongst the matters dealt with. The history of the E.T.T.A. and the I.T.T.F., complete fixture list for the season, and records of past local and National Championships make up the rest of the book, which is a mine of information for the interested player and official.

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Merseyside Upholds Fine Reputation

Ronnie Rumjahn, aged 11, Provides Surprise

By J. D. Pattison ("Dunbar")

ANOTHER Open Merseyside tournament has come and gone with its train of surprises and features, its pleasures for player and spectator alike. For years the "Merseyside" has set up a high standard in quality, quantity, smooth-running, and in its finals night at the Colliseum-like Picton Hall; and for years I have wondered how the officials of the Liverpool League have managed it.

This year I wondered more than ever, for the tournament just ended has capped everything that went before it, and there was not a single hitch. True, its entry was slightly below that of last year, but an entry of 366 is a big one to handle, the more especially since the number of "foreign" entries from all parts of the country, exempted until the Saturday afternoon, was higher than it had ever been. To do it successfully, to the satisfaction of the player more so than the spectator, is something of which the Liverpool League can feel proud.

BUT Liverpool's satisfaction does not end there. There is also a great deal in the fact that a strong challenge from the South was successfully met. Except for Bergmann's winning of the men's singles (and he is not looked upon as a southerner), not a single title went that way, while two and a half remained in the city. In addition, there was the play of the Rumjahn family, especially that of eleven-year-old Ronnie. By winning his way to the final of the junior singles Ronnie took the place of his elder brother, Teddy, to meet Teddy's old rival and conqueror, Ken Stanley of Manchester. I shall never be quite sure in

my mind whether Ken took his young opponent too easily or not, but he certainly could not do so for long. Ronnie gave him a fine fight and had his defence been just a little more sound would have made it exceedingly awkward for Stanley.

MOST interesting of all is the line which can be drawn through their meeting and that of Stanley and Bergmann in the open singles. Stanley took a game out of

THE JANUARY ISSUE

Readers will note that the present issue of the Magazine consists of 20 pages, instead of the usual 16.

The increase was decided upon because of the tremendous activity of Leagues during the coming month, in addition to which there are the National Championships in London, the Tour of Foreign Players, the Area Trials, and the continuation of the Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl knock-outs.

All Leagues are asked to make efforts to increase the sale this month in order to justify the additional expense for Printing, Postage, etc., and attention is specially called to the fact that for the special occasions mentioned it is possible to send supplies, "On Sale or Return," at the 50 per cent. reduction in cost. Sale of the Magazine, therefore, is a means of increasing the revenue at these affairs. It will be noticed from the Fixture List that there are six Open Tournaments during January.

We regret that owing to lack of space we have been compelled to suspend for this month our regular series "Postbag," "London C. S. Clubs" and "George's Encyclopædia."

Bergmann and ran him to 19 in the third, and Ronnie took one out of Stanley. It makes the youngster look very good.

Ronnie was not the only one of his family to stand out. Recently I criticised the play of his elder brothers, Peter and Teddy. I have received my answer. Peter, handicapped with a hockey-injured wrist, showed form as fine as he has ever done, while Teddy went even better. Few expected him to account for Cohen and Brook, yet he did so in no uncertain manner, and by good table tennis. It put him in the semi-final, while the brothers also reached that stage of the men's doubles by disposing of Brook and Stennett.

In fact, the tournament has reborn in Liverpool hopes that had crashed badly following the inter-city game with Manchester.

OUTSTANDING of all the finals, of course, was the men's singles between Bergmann and Hyde. Never in its history has the Merseyside seen a more classic exhibition, and although there had been strong hopes among Liverpool people that Ken Hyde would pull it off, no one who

saw Bergmann win can grudge him one particle of his success. With an impregnable defence, made the more so by his exceptionally fine footwork, his clever anticipation of Hyde's judiciously used drop shots and his wonderful accuracy, he met Hyde's fiercest attacks and conquered them. Admittedly Hyde was at times slightly inaccurate with his drives, and unlucky to find the net-cord instead of the table, yet Bergmann was always the master, even while allowing Hyde to dictate the trend of the game.

It was a great show the two put up, and together they formed too strong a partnership for anything in the men's doubles, winning it without conceding a game to anybody, even to that well tried and often successful Manchester combination of Casofsky and Cromwell.

A NAME hitherto little known on Merseyside, but one which will be remembered for a long time, cropped up to win the women's singles, that of Mrs. D. Stead, of Bradford. Her passage to the final had been strewn with "rocky" opponents, but throughout all her games she showed those qualities which Miss G. Mace, of London, found too much for her in the final—a steady, sound defence, the ability to pick the right ball to hit, and a cool, calm head.

Miss N. Norrish and Miss E. Malley then raised Liverpool's Rose Bowl Competition hopes by winning the women's doubles. They, too, had to fight hard in every round, but they displayed good team work and fighting qualities. The mixed doubles gave Hyde and Miss Norrish considerably less trouble. Indeed, they should have beaten Baron and Miss Harding without losing a game, as they had Casofsky and Miss Steventon previously.

So ended a fine tournament, on which I would like to join with Mr. H. Oldroyd, the president of the E.T.T.A., who presented the prizes, in congratulating the Liverpool League.

RESULTS

Men's Singles.—Semi-final: J. K. Hyde beat E. J. Rumjahn 21-17, 21-16; R. Bergmann beat B. Casofsky 21-13, 21-13. Final: Bergmann beat Hyde 21-14, 21-13, 18-21, 21-15.

Women's Singles.—Semi-final: Miss G. Mace beat Miss E. Campbell 21-13, 21-17; Mrs. D. Stead beat Miss E. Steventon 20-22, 21-18, 21-16. Final: Mrs. Stead beat Miss Mace 21-19, 21-17.

Junior Singles.—Semi-final: R. M. Rumjahn beat C. Evans 21-11, 20-22, 21-13; K. Stanley beat M. Greenberg 15-21, 21-11, 21-13. Final: Stanley beat Rumjahn 21-18, 20-22, 21-10.

Men's Doubles.—Semi-final: J. K. Hyde and R. Bergmann beat F. B. Knott and H. Knibbs 21-8, 21-12; B. Casofsky and F. Cromwell beat P. U. and E. J. Rumjahn 21-18, 21-16. Final: Hyde and Bergmann beat Casofsky and Cromwell 21-13, 21-16.

Women's Doubles.—Semi-final: Miss N. East and Miss J. Harding beat Miss E. Steventon and Miss W. Stott 22-20, 16-21, 21-15; Miss N. Norrish and Miss E. Malley beat Miss L. Robinson and Miss A. Taylor 21-17, 19-21, 21-11. Final: Miss Norrish and Miss Malley beat Miss East and Miss Harding 20-22, 21-17, 21-19.

Mixed Doubles.—Semi-final: L. Baron and Miss J. Harding beat W. Stennett and Miss N. East 21-9, 18-21, 21-16; J. K. Hyde and Miss N. Norrish beat B. Casofsky and Miss E. Steventon 21-16, 21-14. Final: Hyde and Miss Norrish beat Baron and Miss Harding 21-8, 11-21, 21-9.

Men's Consolation Singles.—Final: K. Mitchell beat E. Offer 21-16, 21-15.

Women's Consolation Singles.—Final: Miss L. Barnes beat Miss N. East 17-21, 21-17, 21-13.

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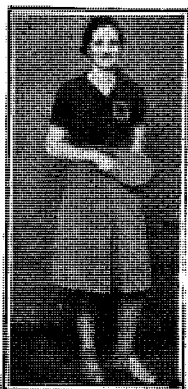
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G. W. Marshall.

a little trip back from Watford in a blinding snowstorm.

Those days are no longer with us, as, except in one or two isolated instances, the majority of tournaments now have "Final Nights," complete with one table in the middle of the hall, rows of chairs neatly arranged for spectators, who are asked to pay varying prices of admission. All very nice—for the organisers!

BUT how is it that the public can be asked to pay, and do pay, quite high admission charges? It is because table tennis nowadays is a thrilling spectacle calculated to draw the crowds, *when played by first-class players.*

Now, to enable the tournament authorities to reserve special nights for the Finals, players are asked to travel to the venues of the tournaments on no less than four occasions, i.e., one night for groups, one night for doubles, one night for singles "knock-out" rounds, and one night for finals. This is all very well, and from the point of view of a player who is a comparative novice may even be beneficial, as, with little hope of reaching the finals, he will only have to travel on three nights, and will have the Saturday free. But the internationals and other first-class players who are relied upon by the organisers to reach the finals and so draw a crowd, have to waste time and money on four journeys!

In the north, all tournaments are run on the knock-out principle. This has its drawbacks, the chief of which is that a tremendous amount of congestion is bound to occur on the Saturday, but players are saved time in travelling and money in fares.

In my view, and in the view of other first-class players, it is high time that some concession was made to us in the shape of excusal from groups, and, perhaps, excusal from entry fees.

IHAVE another grumble. To reach the semi-final of a singles tournament a player has to play through a group (say five matches) and through four rounds, making about nine matches in all. To reach the final of a doubles competition, players as a rule have to play through about four rounds only, and yet in many tournaments doubles finalists receive prizes but singles semi-finalists receive nothing, although they have probably paid as much in entry fees as both the doubles finalists.

If some move is necessary from the Association, I would suggest that tournament committees be authorised to carry out the proposals outlined above.



E. A. Vennell

MR. GILBERT MARSHALL thinks that the "first-class" player is not fairly dealt with. I disagree. After all, table tennis is a "sport" not a "racket" and compared with the few first-class players in this country there are many hundreds of the second class and many more hundreds in no class at all, who play in tournaments for just the love of the game, and with no hope of ever winning anything.

The present method of play gives everyone a chance and, if lucky in the draw, even the ordinary club player may get to the knock-out and even the quarter-finals. Why then exempt certain players from the preliminary rounds to meet the others after they have struggled through the ruck?

And who is to decide who will get this special treatment? There are many and varied ideas as to who are the first-class players in this country and there are very very few who can be *certain* of winning against even the best of our club players.

IAGREE it is a lot to expect players to journey four nights in a week, or a fortnight, to some of the London tournaments played on the group system. But why has this system grown up? Because of the complaints of the first-class players that conditions, when the knock-out was played right up to the finals on the last night, were not satisfactory. And, if it is inconvenient to players, why do they enter? They are not compelled to enter all events, and surely it is because they *want* to compete! They *need* not enter the doubles *and* the singles—if they do so then it is because they can spare the time and like it.

AND why this plea for the first-class player? Mr. Marshall talks about the "tournament authorities" as if they are some outside people "making money" on them. Is it not a fact that all tournament organisers are players, who give up their game to run a tournament? Speaking for London—and that is all I know much about—it is my experience that we all have months of hard work preparing for our

annual affairs. Take Whitfields—Frank Wilson and Bill Livy; Watford, the Roberts family and Basil Spratling; Middlesex, Mr. Ingram and Mr. Waldron; West Middlesex, Frank Milligan and Mr. Scarman; North London, Messrs. Steel and Dallow; Wembley, Jack Tebb and Eileen Finch; Surrey, Mr. Milton and his helpers; and the London—with the players themselves.

And making money! That's a good joke. I have no hesitation in saying that many Open Tournaments in London are run at a loss, in spite of the fact that there is usually no rental, lighting, etc., to pay. If a charge were made for labour there would never be another tournament run.

And the "first-class" players? Well, they do get all the fun, and all the prizes.

All Agreed Say Aye!

Gilbert Marshall sends us the following list, giving his opinion of the best English players ranked in their present order of merit.

1. E. BUBLEY.
2. A. A. HAYDON.
3. H. LURIE.
4. E. J. FILBY.
5. M. BERGL.
6. G. W. MARSHALL.
7. J. K. HYDE.
8. L. BARON.
9. S. COLES.
10. C. SEAMAN.
11. E. HARDMAN.
12. B. CASOFSKY.
13. H. ROSEN.

S. PROFFITT not ranked owing to insufficient data.

We await comments.

OVER THE NET



SOUTHERN England was just beginning to take its coat off and enter on a campaign of aggression against the North as we entered the E.T.T.A. offices this month. It seems that someone in the North has been indulging in some rather blatant caterwauling of the Central European kind; but after an eventful meeting at Featherstone Buildings, a Policy of Peaceful Penetration was at last agreed upon.

The incendiary passages which threatened momentarily to upset the table tennis peace of England were published in a newspaper of a town, perhaps unfairly notorious for its humidity, though London thinks this is just about the wettest thing even Manchester has produced. It reads:

"The Merseyside open championships resulted in a strong London entry meeting their usual fate. Players like Baron and Carrington, tipped as being the players of the year, did nothing of note, and Miss J. Harding and Miss G. Mace had a similar experience in the women's events.

"So it goes on, tournament after tournament, with the local stars on top. Yet when the English teams are chosen the Northern representatives are usually in the minority.

"Certain London stars who keep winning Southern tournaments will not come North to compete in our events, I am told, because they know they cannot win and would thus spoil their chances of international badges."

Another Manchester paper says:

"Richard Bergmann received the biggest shock of his career. He met Manchester's Ken Stanley in the quarter finals, and after reaching one game all Bergmann secured a 14-11 lead in the final game. Stanley crept to draw level at 19 all. Bergmann managed to pull off the title. The selectors will have the wrath of the North about their heads if Stanley is omitted from the next English team to play in the World Championships."

THIS has not unnaturally inspired a little personal concern by the London stars, who feel that action must be taken. It has also rather more seriously perturbed the Association, who read into writings of this nature a genuine feeling in the North that preference is given to Southern players.

Anything akin to serious friction, any sort of North v. South wrangle at all, would be one of the worst possible things for the game. It would be pleasant to hear from Manchester people that they themselves are not in agreement with what must at the most charitable be considered a piece of ill-informed writing.

It is interesting to consider the figures on this North and South business. This is what they show.

Since 1930 there has been 9 Swaythling Cup teams selected—45 places. Of these 19 have been filled by London and District

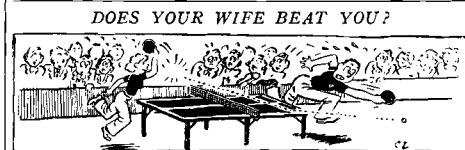
players, 20 by Manchester and District players, and Haydon has played 6 times.

In the Corbillon Cup, since its inception, there have been 20 places filled—13 London and District and 7 the North and the Midlands. No one who follows the game can claim that by selecting the majority of the women from London any injustice has been done.

Selections against Wales and Ireland are even more eloquent. Since the commencement of the series with Wales in 1923 40 places have been filled by London and 28 from the Midlands and the North, although the Manchester League wasn't formed until 1927 and certainly had no first-class players until 1930.

Against Ireland 25 places have been filled by Northern players against 10 by London and district.

AND now we come to these "frightened" London players who won't take their talents up North. Londoners have visited Northern tournaments, because the Association have asked them to. They have driven all through the night to do so. In fact a feature of Northern tournaments



in recent years has been the presence of at least some keen Londoners.

But when do these Northerners come South? We look in vain for Northern names in the record of the major tournaments of the South.

THINGS that might have been better expressed include this month, we feel, the delegate to the Women's Conference who said, about women's dress, "Some shorts are O.K., but can't we limit their length?" Here, surely, is the brevity of wit.

And there was something a little tactless about the three Grimsby delegates who arrived late and confessed that they had been "gonged" on the road. Putting these two together makes our table tennis girls seem a bit fast, don't you think?

THERE will be a lot of satisfaction, we think, at the Executive Council's efforts to inaugurate a League competition for Mixed Doubles teams. This is a branch of the game which is becoming increasingly popular, and the suggestion for a league contest, which emerged from the women's conference, coincides happily with the offer of a cup by the President.

FISHY by proximity, this story is vouched for. It comes from the

Sussex Tournament, held in a hall at the end of Hastings Pier. Along the pier were a line of anglers, when a man came up and asked the way to the "ping pong" tournament.

"Do you mean table tennis?" asked an enthusiast near by. "Well," commented one of the anglers, "I'm fishing, but when it's a competit'n they call it angling."

GILBERT'S luckless policeman has nothing on the table tennis coach when it comes to unhappy lots. This is a true tale of the well-known player coaching two most promising girls at the same time.

Noticing that Miss A was inclined to hit a little high, he put her through a course of "chop pushing," and kept her at it for hours. Then he noticed that Miss B was taking her hits too low, and put her through an exhaustive course of quick-hitting.

In the middle of these courses both entered for a tournament, and as luck would have it, they met. Miss B, with her new quick-hitting, simply hit through poor Miss A, whose "chop push" wasn't the least bit of good against it. And what Miss A told the coach is nobody's business.

Hyman Lurie and Eric Filby had quite an adventure in Sweden, thanks to travelling on a train which, they discovered too late, did not stop at their station.

Very much troubled, they were debating what to do when the train slowed down through the town, and Lurie decided to make a jump for it. Jump he did, and landing on soft earth, did himself no great harm. But imagine his chagrin when the vigilant guard pulled up the train to see what had happened, and Filby alighted with all the dignity of Royalty.

WE end with one more story. It is about Vana, sitting in a London hotel writing letters home.

When he had finished he gathered them up and took them some distance to the Post Office for stamps. Back he came, stuck the stamps on and—walked all the way back to the Post Office to post them! Sticky? But it's true.

STOP PRESS. How's this for enthusiasm? Mr. W. A. Peters, honorary secretary of the North-Eastern League, and the Ribblesdale chairman, is just about again after a serious operation. His first night out was at the Ribblesdale Championships; his second, three days later, at the North East Lancashire event.

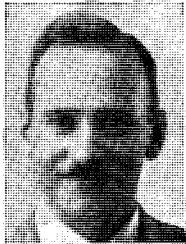
Congratulations, Mr. Peters. That's the spirit.

M. A. Symons talks to the BEGINNER

YOU should always bear in mind two maxims for attack. The first is to hit the ball *hard* when you do hit—with all your might when you get an easy one. You will thus get freedom of action with your stroke, for it is impossible to put all your weight into your stroke unless your arm goes through freely after you have hit the ball.

Correct footwork and poise follow automatically when you hit with all your force, and you will position yourself for your stroke unconsciously. That is the best way for you to start learning attack. You cannot be watching or thinking about your feet or stance while you play; attention to those points will do later on when you have "got the hang" of the stroke.

It is a perfectly *natural* thing for you to try to hit with all your might at the ball sometimes, so give play to this desire whenever you have got a really easy return. To learn to play every stroke in an easy, natural manner is a certain way to success in table tennis, so start off by learning to *hit* properly. Do not be satisfied with a "toy" shot—a fairly hard stroke which is good enough to get past players who have little or no defence. Learn to go all out for a winner,



M. A. Symons

No. 4—Attack and the uses of spin

hitting the ball so hard that it would beat almost anyone.

You will find you cannot do this if you take the ball too near your body or in front of your body. Keep your eye fixed on the ball as it is coming over to you, *step back a short pace with your right foot* (for a forehand hit), raise your right (racket) arm, swing back your arm, open your shoulders, and then hurl your arm forward with all your might, letting the body go with it. The ball should be hit about three-quarter arm's length, and if you are trying to hit a short ball you should lean over the table with your stroke, otherwise you will strike the ball after stretching forward your arm, which is always bad. As you take your right foot back you should take your weight on to it and then throw your weight on to your left foot as you make the stroke. (You will do this naturally if you concentrate upon hitting the ball *really hard*.)

Do not worry if you miss your stroke at first. Keep at it and don't (*please!*) allow yourself to be satisfied with a half-hit because you are afraid of hitting the ball off.

On attack you must be optimistic and think that your shot will go on. Stick at it until you succeed. It is almost as easy to hit a high ball very hard as it is to—well—just hit it. Now is the time for you to learn a good stroke. Persevere until you have a stroke worth having.

Successful repetition of stroke depends greatly upon quickness in recovery from your last hit. Good players always play on the assumption that *any* shot is return-

able, and they do not let up until they see the ball is out of play. Try to recover your balance after a hard hit, otherwise you will be left standing awkwardly, and if your shot is returned, perhaps more by good luck than judgment, you will have the mortification of losing a point which you will feel (quite rightly) that you ought to have won.

Now for the second maxim: it is that your attack must be consistent. You must be able to repeat your stroke—twice, thrice—as often as is necessary. Having learned to hit really hard you must learn also to hit often. Having got a shot you must learn to control it and make it into a stroke, *i.e.*, a shot you can repeat and vary at will. Otherwise you will fall into the error of nearly all moderate players: trying your hit against unsuitable returns. Learning your hit properly will teach you to swing your arm right through after you have actually struck the ball (which is known as "follow through"), and your next step is to cultivate a top-spin stroke, for use in attacking returns which bounce lower than the net.

Begin by stroking your racket against the back of the ball at the same time as you hit it forward, getting a forward stroke movement with an upward finish. This will impart the necessary "lift" to enable the ball to clear the net safely. Practise this forward and upward stroke movement and you will develop a steady top-spin drive. You must be satisfied with a slowish stroke until you gain some confidence in your drive; then speed up your shot by bringing your arm through more quickly.

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**Stennett holds
Civil Service Title
—but only just!**

THE sixteenth Civil Service Championships, and the second to be held at the Metropole, C.S. indoor sports headquarters, concluded with some magnificent play in the finals on December 2.

Chappell, last year's runner-up, this year lost to Heywood (beaten by Stennett in the semi-final last season) in the semi-final. Rose, after reaching the other semi-final, was ill on finals night, and Stennett, after an unwelcome walk-over, had to meet a player already warmed up in the last round.

Scarcely surprising, therefore, that Heywood, hitting well, took the first game easily and established a lead in the second. Here, however, Stennett steadied, cut out his "flick" which was not proving very successful, and, slightly rattling his opponent by a good pull-up, took the game after 20—all had been called. Stennett also won a close third game, but lost the fourth after two deuces.

In the fifth Heywood took an early lead, but Stennett pulled up and went away to win at 21-17 and retain his title.

The women's singles saw another fight between the Emdin sisters, and Dora won, as she usually does nowadays.

In the men's doubles Martin and Wearing, last year's winners, appeared against Heywood and Goodwin. Stennett and Archer, runners-up last season, had lost earlier on to Best and Thomas, and now it was Martin and Wearing's turn to lose—but only after five very closely fought games. And were the W.D.O. boys pleased to win their first title!

The women's doubles was a battle between the stalwart War Office team, the Misses Burton and Dakin, and Doris Emdin and Miss Hollebone. The W.O. showed much better team work.

Mixed doubles saw another pair of holders defeated, Wilmott and Doris Emdin going down after a close match with Archer and Dora Emdin.

The holder was more fortunate in the veterans' event, Glover—energetic Pooh-Bah of Service table tennis—managed to stave off the challenge of a newcomer to the veteran class in Harry Wearing.

Junior winners were Miss Purvis, of the Ministry of Labour, and Swane, of the Savings Bank, G.P.O.

Trophies were presented by Mrs. Ince at a well-attended dance on December 8.

The Service won their first round match in the Rose Bowl competition against London Banks, 5-0. Miss Burton and Miss French played in the singles, and Misses Burton and Dakin were the doubles pair.

The Service plays Birmingham at the Metropole, Whitehall Place, S.W.1, on January 11, and a big crowd is expected—last year over 600 saw a similar match. The event is advertised elsewhere in this issue.

A home match against the London League will be played at the Metropole on February 23.

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**Rosen's Best Performance Yet
WINS WEST LONDON TITLES**

THE West London championships, at the Bradix Club, Acton, produced by far and away the best table tennis of the season (writes J. W. A. Connolly). Particularly pleasing was the consistent hitting instead of the slow tactics of recent weeks.

In the men's singles semi-finals Gilbert Marshall and Harry Rosen played spectacular if not orthodox tennis. Surprising to find the hard hitting Marshall outthit by young Rosen. In the other tie Maurice Bergl repeated his Home Counties victory over L. Baron, in straight sets.

In a grand final Bergl had Rosen nervous with his clever positioning and quick through hit. He took the first set to 15, had to fight hard to get the next at deuce, and then seemed to have the

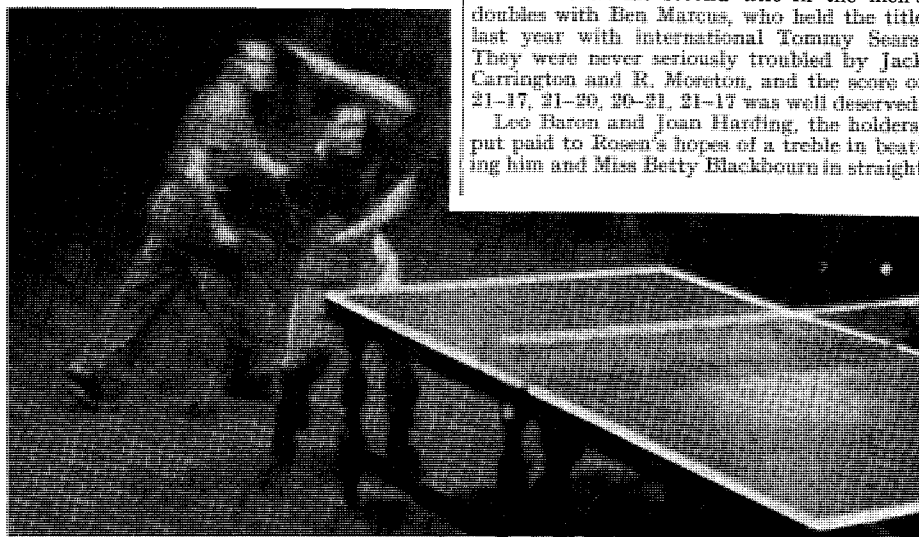
game in his pocket. But Rosen came back wonderfully and produced the best tennis he has given in London. He chopped heavily, drove ball after ball with beautiful length to the back lines and got in at the finish with his back-hand flick to outpace Bergl, and took the next three games in a string at 13, 14 and 7.

The women's final was a trifle disappointing because of the defensive tactics of Miss Hodgkinson and Mrs. Collier, and the pace was slow after the men's event.

There was some excuse for Mrs. Collier since she had dashed across London to come straight on the tables after playing in two finals in the East London event, where she won the women's singles. Miss Hodgkinson was just too steady and won 21-20, 21-16, but neither player gave her best performance.

Rosen took his second title in the men's doubles with Ben Marcus, who held the title last year with international Tommy Sears. They were never seriously troubled by Jack Carrington and R. Moreton, and the score of 21-17, 21-20, 20-21, 21-17 was well deserved.

Leo Baron and Joan Harding, the holders, put paid to Rosen's hopes of a treble in beating him and Miss Betty Blackburn in straight



Marcus and Rosen, West London doubles winners, in play.

World Championships

WE have now received an advance programme for the World Championships to be held in Egypt from March 6th to 11th. It is elaborately printed in French, German, English, and Arabic. On the front cover is the Sphinx; on the back Pyramids and the Nile. Inside, there are pictures of the Palace of the Royal Agricultural Society at Cairo, where the championships are to take place.

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sets at 21-20, 21-18. If the winners established themselves as one of the best of our London mixed pairings, the new partnership of Rosen and Miss Blackburn showed distinct promise, because both are stylists.

Joan Young, the West Ealing player, and Audrey Fowler, of Wembley, won their first big title in a keen match with Mrs. D. Ball and Mrs. I. Lentle. The match went to deuce in the first set and to 19 in the second, and the youngsters were rewarded for their consistency throughout the week's play.

RESULTS.

Singles.—(Men's): H. Rosen beat M. Bergl 15-21, 20-21, 21-14, 21-13, 21-7. (Women's): Miss P. Hodgkinson beat Mrs. H. Collier 21-20, 21-16. *Doubles.*—(Men's): B. Marcus and H. Rosen beat J. H. Carrington and R. Moreton 21-17, 21-20, 20-21, 21-17; (Women's): Miss J. Young and Miss A. Fowler beat Mrs. I. Lentle and Mrs. D. Ball 21-20, 21-19; (Mixed): L. Baron and Miss J. Harding beat H. Rosen and Miss E. Blackburn 21-20, 21-18.

THE MAGIC CARPET

FIRST JOURNEY

By Our Extra Special Correspondent

HAVING four days' holiday from the office over Christmas, I thought I would just enjoy myself having a good lounge, but the doctor said "No, what I needed was a change." He laughed as he said it—I suppose he must have remembered a good joke, but he wouldn't tell me what it was.

Well, I can't afford a trip abroad, so I went to see Mr. Pope, who is the only man I know who can solve problems like this.

"Bill," I said, "the doctor tells me I need a change."

"Well," said W.J.P., "you're always on the mat—why not spend Xmas on the carpet instead?"

"What carpet?" I asked.

"Why, the old Magic Carpet in the cupboard there; it'll take you where you like. You just say 'Top-spin' to start it off, and when you want to stop, you say 'Chop'."

I'm ready to try anything once, so I dusted the old carpet, sat carefully in the middle and chirruped "Top-spin!" Yes, it worked all right, and off we went.

It seemed to go at a good speed, and as I didn't know much about its direction, I thought I'd try the brakes out. "Chop," I called; sure enough we stopped—inside a table-tennis club.

A young man came up; "Mr. Pope said you were coming. I'm very glad to see an E.T.T.A. man up here."

"Where am I, then," I asked.

"Oh, this is **SCARBOROUGH Y.M.C.A.** club you know, things are looking pretty bright here. That's Nilsson playing now. Useful, eh? Of course, he leads our first team. Both Nilsson and the team are unbeaten, you know. Over there is young King, of our second division team—he hasn't been beaten either, although he has had some hard fights against the U.A.B. and Institute Casuals."

"I hope you fellows meet us in the 'Smith' Cup," remarked another boy, bearing the Liberal Club badge, "we've only dropped one point in the third division, although it's our first season."

"Well," I said, "one thing is clear to me, either Nilsson or King must get beaten in the 'Gardner' Cup next month. It's all a matter of top-spin"—but we were off again on the Carpet.

I now realised that Bill Pope had given me no instructions about guiding this blessed chariot of his, and it was quite obvious that it would only go where it wanted—and that

with preparations for the Yorkshire closed championships.

Over in **CHESTER** they were very pleased about the victory of W. Divine in the Junior Singles at Rhyl. First time a Chester lad has won an open title. The Chester men beat Warrington fairly comfortably in the Wilmott Cup, and have high hopes about the next round against Manchester Business Houses. Chester ladies went down, of course, to Liverpool in the Rose Bowl, but not without a struggle, in which Vera Woodfine beat Edie Malley, of Liverpool. This match was most encouraging to the local girls.

Miss Guest guessed wrong for once in her league match against Miss Stead—it's not a bad thing for the lesser lights when these unbeaten records go.

NEXT we dropped in on Mr. J. C. Baker, Hon. Sec. of the new and energetic **NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION**. They don't "potter" about here, you know. Two more leagues have joined up, making six since November.

Stafford, one of the newcomers, did things in style for their first home inter-league match, but sprung a Leek and lost 3-13. Never mind, Stafford, next year Leek may be in the soup!

Crewe, the other newcomers, lost by a short head at Uttoxeter, 7-9.

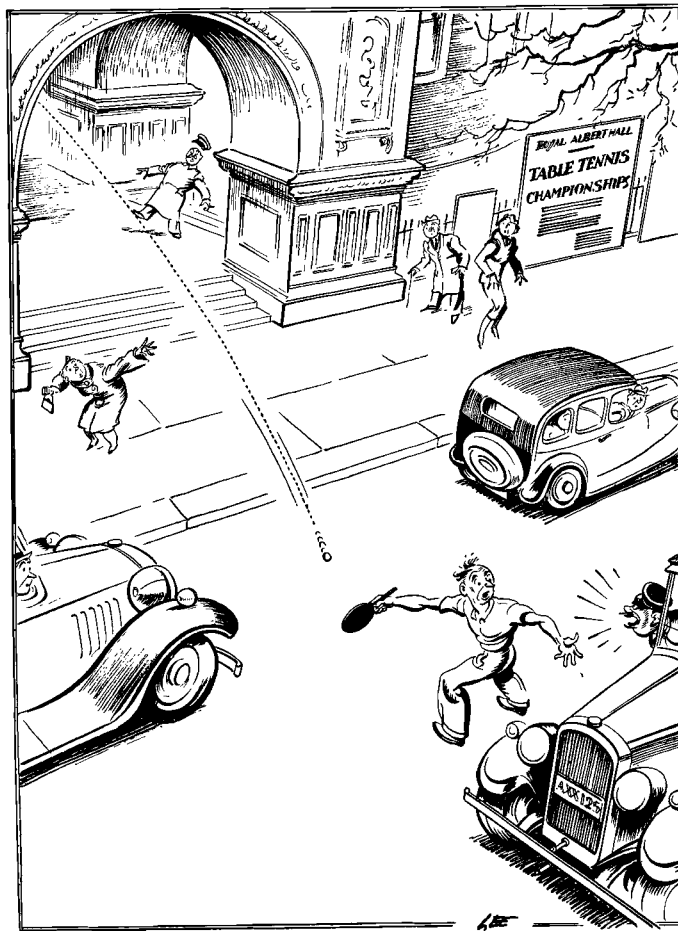
Leek ladies are strong, too. They beat West Bromwich 4-1 in the Rose Bowl, and challenge Birmingham next.

There is talk of combining with the South Staffs leagues to make a pukka County Association next year. This would be a powerful combination, taking in both Wolverhampton and West Bromwich. To set the ball rolling they are staging a North v. South Staffs match early in the New Year. Good for everybody, these meetings!

DOWN to Devon. **EXETER** are still top dogs there. Why, they beat the South Devon team 8-1 and Plymouth 8-3. The first match was in the Wilmott cup. They have a County Championship (team) competition, for the cup given by Sir Edgar Plummer, and Exeter seem to be a good thing for that, too. I think Ilfracombe will make them work though; they pipped Plymouth by 6-5.

I heard that F. G. Grigg won the Exeter Men's Singles Championship, and, playing with L. Suter, took the Doubles also.

LONDON LAUGHS: ALBERT HALL



"I'm sorry, but it's the only way I can take his service"

was where table tennis was played. So I just called "Top-spin" and "Chop" at random and found myself visiting the local headquarters all over the country.

IN BARNSELY, they told me how the town teams were making their mark in the Yorkshire County competitions. Their teams in the Grade A and B and ladies' inter-league sections are all doing well. In the knock-out both men and women's teams have reached the semi's, and their motto is now "From Hull, H—ll, and Halifax, good Lord deliver us!" They are busy now

Magic Carpet—Continued from page 10.

Little Miss Brock again provided the fireworks in the Ladies' singles—she is playing with Betty Blackburn in the Rose Bowl match against Bristol on January 4. A nice young team, this, but I'm not sure whether Betty will reap the benefit of her "experience" trip to London, just yet.

BY this time I was beginning to get a little bit dizzy, and in the end I got muddled with the password. Instead of calling "Chop," I sang out "Drop-shot," and landed with a bump in the E.T.T.A. office.

There was Bill Pope smoking his cigar and reading "Razzle" as usual. "Well, what do you think of our Magic Carpet," he said.

"Not so dusty," I replied.

"It's a good carpet," said he, "very good—in fact it's never been beaten."

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Attack Succeeds in N.E. Lancs

By W. A. PETERS

EIGHT Leagues sent 32 singles competitors to play in the third annual North-East Lancashire Championships at Burnley, where they thrilled an enthusiastic crowd. The arrangements by the Burnley League were ideal, and deserved the attention received in the local daily press.

For the third year in succession, Alan Matson of Nelson carried off the singles title, once again defeating his rival, Tom Alston of Burnley, in a hectic final, with scores 23-21, 18-21, 21-12, 21-13. The semi-finalists were E. V. Bush (Ribblesdale) and E. Procter (Burnley).

Matson also captured the doubles title, held last year by Alston and Holmes, his partner being E. Dinsdale (also of Nelson). In the final Matson and Dinsdale proved too hot for Whitehead and Warburton of Rossendale who, incidentally, had both startled the Burnley fans by their hitting in the singles section.

At the Ribblesdale championships played at Clitheroe, Kenneth Sherliker took the singles title from H. Greenwood, holder for the last two years, and two schoolboys, R. E. Copeland and J. E. Coates, deposed H. Greenwood and A. Briggs from the doubles championship. Forceful play on both backhand and forehand is coming into its own in this League, all the title holders being youngsters favouring aggression as a means to win matches.

J. Warburton and H. Whitehead lead the averages in Rossendale, these two also being "killers," while the Accrington Works giant-killers use similar styles.

BARNA & BELLAK

AFTER a very successful tour of India, where they played Madras, Lucknow, Delhi, Aqua, Lahore, Karachi, the two tourists arrived at Marseilles on December 23. They played in the French Championships on December 30th and, before coming to London, will probably pay a visit to Holland

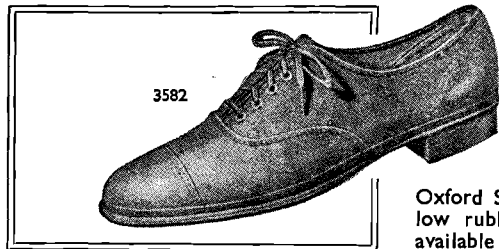
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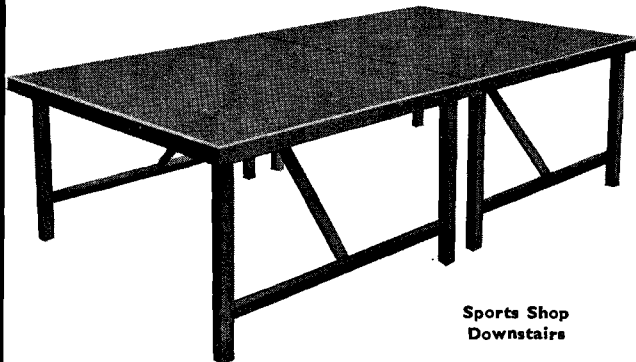
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EARLY SURPRISES AT WATFORD

Baron Defeats Filby, Cairns Beats Rosen

EARLY surprises in the Herts Table Tennis Championship at Watford were the second round defeat of Harry Rosen, the West London champion, by Douglas Cairns (Surrey), and the defeat of men's singles title holder Eric Filby by Leo Baron, in the third round. Baron played well to beat Bill Stennett in the semi-final, while Maurice Bergl disposed of Charlie Seaman.

by J. W. A. Connolly

Baron fought with pluck against Bergl, tried to tire the Herga man out, failed, and then came back with some grand hitting as a last resource. Bergl fell back only slightly on his topspin attack, hit well through Baron with his backhand, and, as usual, positioned himself all too cleverly.

Connie Wheaton retained her singles title in beating Dora Emdin. Miss Wheaton played her usual steady game and, though she dropped the first set 16-21, went on to

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take the next two at 19 and 10, by means of an odd forehand smash here and there, but at the right moment.

In the earlier rounds Betty Blackburn, scored a decisive win over Gwen Mace, but the triumph was short-lived, because Betty went out in the next round to Dora Emdin.

Eric Filby and Jack Rogers, men's doubles holders, showed themselves to be still one of the finest pairs we have, in retaining their title, while the mixed doubles between Marshall and Miss C. Wheaton and Filby and Dora Emdin was refreshing because of the interesting hitting throughout.

RESULTS

Men's Singles.—Semi-finals: L. Baron beat W. Stennett 20-22, 21-13, 21-18; M. Bergl beat C. Seaman 21-15, 6-21, 21-14. Final: M. Bergl beat L. Baron 21-20, 21-10, 19-21, 18-21, 21-18.

Women's Singles.—Semi-finals: Miss C. Wheaton (Holder) beat Mrs. Collier 21-16, 21-13; Miss Dora Emdin beat Miss Doris Emdin 21-15, 21-18. Final: Miss Wheaton beat Miss Dora Emdin 16-21, 21-19, 21-10.

Men's Doubles.—Semi-finals: L. M. Bromfield and L. J. Roberts beat E. J. J. Miller and J. Badham 21-16, 14-21, 28-26; E. Filby and J. Rogers beat G. W. Marshall and L. Baron 21-16, 21-15. Final: Filby and Rogers beat Roberts and Bromfield 21-10, 21-18, 21-17.

Women's Doubles.—Semi-finals: Miss N. Wood and Miss Doris Emdin beat Miss P. Fowler and Miss Spratt 21-19, 17-21, 21-16. Miss Dora Emdin and Miss P. Hodgkinson beat Miss Barnes and Miss Blackburn 20-22, 21-16, 21-16. Final: Miss Wood and Miss Doris Emdin beat Miss Dora Emdin and Miss Hodgkinson 21-15, 9-21, 21-19.

Mixed Doubles.—Semi-finals: Miss C. Wheaton and G. W. Marshall beat Miss B. Wright and S. Matthews 21-13, 21-12; Miss Dora Emdin and E. Filby beat Miss Doris Emdin and H. Jones 21-15, 21-16. Final: Miss Dora Emdin and Filby beat Miss Wheaton and Marshall 15-21, 21-17, 21-19.

West of Scotland Progress

PAISLEY Y.M.C.A. have more than justified their early promise. Following their narrow defeat by Western Y.M.C.A. they have scored a great victory over the Jewish Institute.

Another highlight was the meeting of the Institute & Western Y.M.C.A., which drew a crowd of over 400. The Western boys created history by inflicting the first defeat their rivals have ever suffered at South Portland Street, in League, Cup, or friendly match. The Western Y.M.C.A. now lead by 3 points from Jewish Institute and Paisley.

Glasgow played its first Inter-City match of the season against Kilmarnock and had an easy victory, 6-0. The Glasgow boys were a great attraction in Kilmarnock and a "full house" turned out to see a grand exhibition of table tennis. Although beaten so decisively the Kilmarnock players were not disgraced and their display augurs well for the future of the game in the district.

The West of Scotland League are sending a strong team to Barrhead on January 17th to give a series of exhibitions.

The West of Scotland Championships commence on January 23rd, and the finals will be played off on January 26th, in Kingston Halls, Glasgow. If the present rate of entries keeps up, then there is sure to be a record entry for the Men's Open Singles, Confined Singles and Women's Open Singles. The closing date for these competitions is January 16th.

From reports in the East, there is a possible chance of an International between Ireland and Scotland.

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Looking Around

I HAVE indeed done a fair amount of looking around at the tournaments this month, and the results, to say the very least of it, have been edifying to a degree. Come on now, boys; don't interfere with the prerogative of the fair sex. Perhaps I had better stress my point and say that I have always regarded the man's task in our sport to be strong desire to win, and not to play for pure effect instead.

I can assure the gentlemen who introduce to the tables the varied male fashions we are apt to see these days that it will certainly give them prominence, if that is what they desire most, but on the other hand it won't bring them bang in line with the international selectors. The general idea seems to be to wear something unusual, and sure enough they'll sit up and take notice.

Let me repeat the warning: leave all this to the girls. It is, after all, their own special joie de vivre. Because, candidly, I'm fed up of seeing berets, hair nets, shooting hats, and such like. After all, even the famous Baron rugby hat has been shelved. The women players were criticised for not being uniform in their equipment, but that was never intended as a signal that our men players should follow suit.

What I don't like to see either is a red kerchief protruding from just the right angle, and showing just sufficiently to be effective, from an absolutely sweet little navy blue sweater, to give the finishing touch to just the cutest little blue ensemble you ever saw. Boys, you just make me tired. If you want the kudos knock spots off players like Filby, Bergl or Rosen, or even the good-natured Benny Marcus. But just leave the fashions to the ladies.

BY way of a change I'd like to say something nice about someone else, namely, the Milligans of West Ealing. Every southern table tennis player knows Mr. and Mrs. Frank Milligan, and yet it is the first time I have ever come into close contact with their methods of running a tournament. The way they managed the West London affair at the Bradix Club, Acton, was a model to all officials.

The Milligans waded through an entry of close on 500 in six days as though it was quite a usual thing. They had as many as fifteen groups in the evening, made sure that everyone got there to time, and generally

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finished everything at soon after ten. The secret is that Frank keeps his eyes on the tables, and Mrs. Milligan looks after the sheets and score cards.

ALTHOUGH it is a bit late in the season, I extend my greetings for the festive seasons to all table tennis players at home and abroad, and a further

wish to our foreign friends that they will all be with us this month for our English championships. Just a footnote that my mail still keeps on going round the world before reaching me. My address is 1, Eversleigh Court, Grosvenor Road, Finchley, London, N.3, and the 'phone number is Finchley 4794.

As a matter of interest, I find that the majority of the clubs and officials holding the various major championships are leaning towards the two-day tournaments. I agree with them that this is the simplest and the best way of finishing them off. But then it is as well to remember that we have a limited number of week-ends to the season, and in two-day tournaments there must never be a clashing of dates.

Watford, who run the Hertfordshire Open, are seriously thinking of turning their event into a two-day meeting. Taking into consideration the distance people have to travel to get to Watford, I think they are wise. The South of England tournament has already been shortened in this way this season.

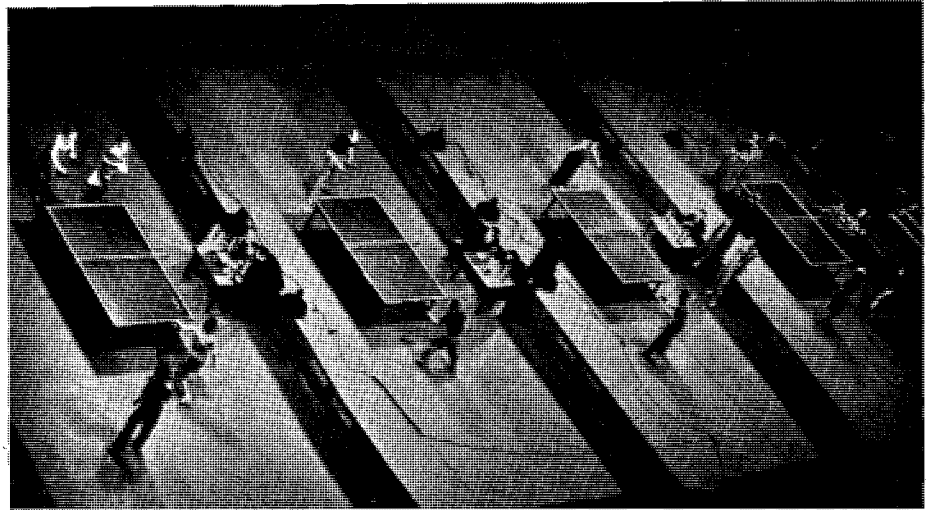


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 - Birmingham beat *Stourbridge 8-1.
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 - *Burnley beat Blackburn.
 - Chelmsford beat *Ipswich 6-3.
 - Chester beat *Warrington 7-2.
 - Coventry beat *W. Bromwich 8-1.
 - *Halifax beat Leeds 7-2.
 - Liverpool beat *Southport.
 - Loudon beat *Acton 5-0.
 - *London Banks beat London Prov. Houses 6-3.
 - Manchester beat *Bury 9-0.
 - *Manchester Bus. Houses beat Ashton-u.-Lyue 5-4.
 - N.A.L.G.O. beat *N. Middlesex 6-3.
 - *Nelson beat Ribblesdale 9-0.
 - Northumberland beat *Carlisle 9-0.
 - Reddish beat *Mid-Cheshire 8-1.
 - *Sheffield beat Chesterfield.
 - S. London beat *Thames Valley 6-3.
 - Surrey beat *Malden 8-1.
 - Thameside Industries beat *Ilford.
 - *Urmston beat Stockport.
 - Wembley beat *Film Renters 7-2.
 - Woolwich beat *H.S.A. 6-3.
- Second Round**
- *Birmingham beat Coventry 7-2.
 - Bournemouth beat *Salisbury 5-4.
 - Dartford beat *Gravesend 6-3.

- Exeter beat *S. Devon 8-1.
 - Folkestone beat *Sittingbourne 5-4.
 - Hull beat *Grimsby 5-3.
 - *Kings Lynn beat Norwich 7-2.
 - Lincoln beat *Boston 7-2.
 - Lowestoft beat *Gt. Yarmouth 8-1.
 - Luton beat *Cambridge 5-4.
 - Mansfield beat *Retford 6-3.
 - *Northants beat Bedford.
 - Peterborough beat *Spalding 5-4.
 - *Reading beat Woking 9-0.
- Asterisks denote teams having choice of venue.

WESTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

Results
 Men's Section.—Swindon 8, Bristol 5; Bath 0, Birmingham 13; Bristol 5, Birmingham 8.
 Women's Section.—Cardiff 11, Bristol 2; Bristol 4, Swindon 9.

TABLES

		Men's Section				
		P.	W.	L.	Pts.	
Swindon	..	3	3	0	..	6
Birmingham	..	2	2	0	..	4
Cardiff	..	2	1	1	..	2
Bristol	..	3	1	2	..	2
Bath	..	4	0	4	..	0
		Women's Section				
Cardiff	..	2	2	0	..	4
Swindon	..	2	1	1	..	2
Bristol	..	2	0	2	..	0

64-A FIRST VISIT



ON Saturday I went to the first conference of Women Players and Representatives of the E.T.T.A.

After a lovely drive through the country I arrived at High Holborn. Where was

By Miss M. MacDonald, Bournemouth

No. 64? Ah! there was the door with a modest little board above it, "English Table Tennis Association." I went in,

stairs led upwards, and upon each landing more modest little signs indicated that it was still further up.

I arrived, heart beating rather rapidly, not with exertion, but with excitement, for wasn't I going to meet lots of people who had been merely names to me before? **A** HASTY tilt at my hat, and I pushed open the door. Was this the home of Table Tennis, this not so very large office, which at first glance seemed too full to hold anyone else? Smiles of welcome from everyone, a discreet shuffle round, and chairs appeared from nowhere and I sat down.

Round a long table were seated between thirty and forty ladies, and at the head of them were sat three gentlemen very close together as if for protection. The centre one stood up, not a very tall man, but one who made up for lack of inches with personality and a very engaging smile. This was Mr. Pope, I learned, our hard working General Secretary. Not only did he have a smile, but an excellent memory as well, for he introduced these ladies from all over the country by name. Only a few newcomers like myself had to speak up when our names and towns were called.

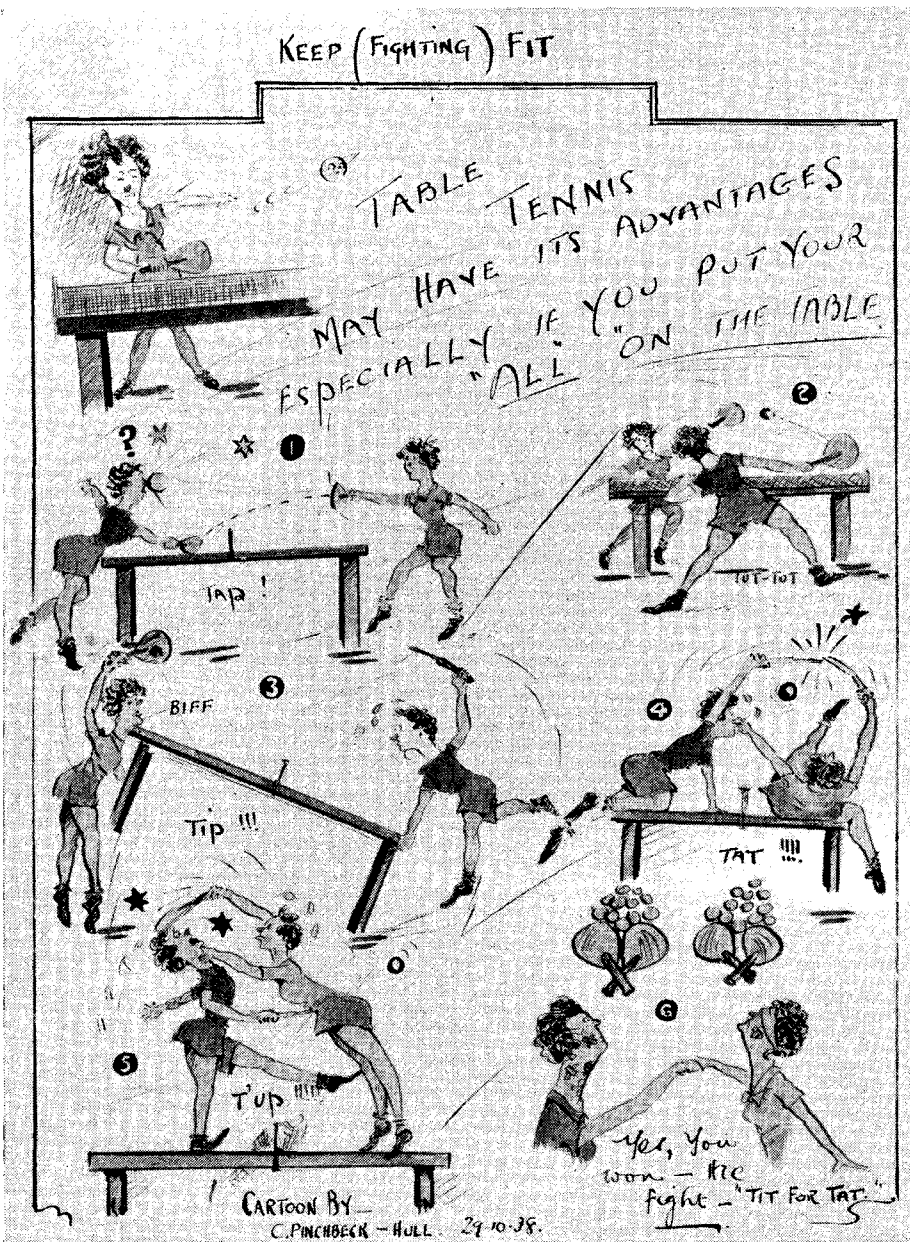
Then down to the business of the evening. Mr. Pope, whose mouth still turns up at the corners even when he is serious, opened the proceedings. For nearly four hours we discussed women's dress, area trials, fees, magazines, standard of play, World Championships, and everything concerning Table Tennis. I will not give details for they are probably being reported by a more able hand than mine, but the meeting was conducted with utmost decorum.

AS the evening went on I found time to look round. On the walls were notices and posters, and some most amusing prints of prehistoric pastimes, including table tennis played with rocks for balls and massive clubs for bats. Piles of magazines, circulars and—I guessed—handbooks were in one corner; posters, forms, papers and envelopes in another; a telephone, typewriter, and press at the far end, and above the chatter could be heard the roar of London's traffic outside.

A feeling of intense admiration stole over me as I realised that this was where voluntary helpers managed the affairs of E.T.T.A. How did they do it?

Has anyone really thought and appreciated what does go on in that office? There are 230 Leagues in England, with a membership of over 100,000. Magazines are edited and sent out from here, handbooks compiled, tournaments and world tours arranged, clubs affiliated and registered, circulars dispatched, and numerous other duties performed of which we players know nothing.

I don't think there can be another sports association which can boast such energy and devotion on the part of its officers, and it is up to all clubs and secretaries to co-operate and help to lessen the work of these willing organisers.



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NEW COMMITTEE STARTS WORK

Mixed Doubles: A New Contest?

By Miss R. SMITS

(Member of National Executive Committee)

ON Saturday, December 3, the first Women's Advisory Committee was held at the head offices of the E.T.T.A. There was a very good attendance, and it was pleasing to see such a good representation of the country. Miss Young,



Miss R. Smits

for instance, had travelled down especially from Newcastle.

Apart from the ladies, Mr. Pope, Mr. Vint and Mr. Rose were there to help us. Mr. Pope opened the meeting and first introduced us all to one another, as there were very few of us who had met previously.

The first question brought up for discussion was "Women's Dress," as it seemed a good opportunity to find out what the general feeling was. From discussion it was found that the players on the whole are perfectly satisfied with the present dress regulation, and that they like to have their different coloured jumpers or shirts with grey or navy blue skirts, shorts or slacks.

THE next point was very important for us all: "How to improve the Women's game." Naturally you can well imagine that we spent quite a good deal of time on this question. Miss Alcock said that she herself had started a women's Division in Liverpool, and the way she finds best to improve her players' game is for them to play in the men's teams of their League as well as in the women's.

Miss Margaret Osborne, who was also at the meeting, agreed with this and said that she felt sure that she would not be an English international if she had not been allowed to play in a men's team. Mrs. Goodwin of

St. Albans also pointed out that St. Albans have produced some very good players and their League also allow women to play in competition with the men. Miss Schofield of Grimsby said that they would like to do this very much in their League, but the men oppose it.

Another suggestion was made that ladies' teams played in league against the men. Mrs. Oddy of Surrey said that she felt this would cause dissatisfaction amongst the men and she would rather see us work in co-operation with them than in opposition.

A SUGGESTION was made that we have inter-League mixed doubles matches, or even League mixed doubles matches. This would enable the women to play in competition with the men and so gain the experience they require.

COACHING for the selected women players was brought up and the committee were asked for their views. Mrs. Blackburn of Exeter, who is the mother of one of our very young players who is showing great promise, says that she thinks it is ideal to have a man to coach for stroke production but a woman was necessary for court tactics. The meeting seemed to be in general agreement on this point.

Miss P. Anderton of Manchester spoke of the Ladies Manchester League, of which she is secretary, and asked why women did not form more Leagues of their own so that they could control their own affairs and finance. Mrs. Bunbury supported this and said they had been very happy and successful working on their own.

We also discussed popularising the Magazine and trying to obtain the interest of younger players, as the women do not seem to be able to get the girls so early as the men do the boys.

The meeting lasted for three hours and we found we had to close so that members

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 London Bus. Houses beat *Thameside Industries 4-0.
 London Civil Service beat *London Banks 5-0.
 *Macclesfield beat Manchester Bus. Houses 4-1.
 Manchester Women beat *Blackpool.
 *Nottingham beat Lincoln.
 *Southampton beat Salisbury 3-2.
 S. London beat *Woolwich 4-1.
 *Spalding beat Kings Lynn.
 Watford beat *Barnet 4-1.

* Denotes team having choice of venue.



Mrs. D. L. Bunbury

could rush off to catch their different trains home. But I am sure we all went home feeling that we had started something toward creating more interest and better play amongst the women of this country.

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AFFILIATION

Mr. G. RICHARDSON
Puts the Northampton View

IN the December TABLE TENNIS, I have read with a great deal of interest from the Secretary's Chair—"Affiliation Problems," and from the case stated it would appear that a great many of our clubs are not paying their reasonable share towards this great indoor sport.

I am amazed to learn that clubs with hundreds of members are only paying one 3s. 6d. as their affiliation fee. Reading this paragraph, I at once referred to our own League statistics to see what we have done, and I find that for the season 1936-37 we paid £3 14s., being 3s. 6d. each for 19 teams which comprised our two League sections, and one 7s. 6d. for an outside team.

This season we paid twenty-three 3s. 6d. fees, totalling £4 0s. 6d., for 23 teams. My own club, the Y.M.C.A., has teams "A," "B" and "C," and in this connection three 3s. 6d. fees have been paid.

Clearly, we are paying more than our share according to rules, but I feel sure that none of our executive committee would wish to pay anything less than 3s. 6d. per team. We are almost dumbfounded that large organisations have the audacity to pay one 3s. 6d. as their share.

ON strict constitutional lines I suppose that this League should ask for a rebate of the difference between its clubs and the teams for which they have paid an affiliation fee, but before making any such claim I should be glad to know how we stand in this matter and to hear more of the problems that this situation is undoubtedly causing.

I think the E.T.T.A. has a great case for demanding a reasonable subscription, say 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per team. As an executive officer of an Association which has in its programme all kinds of activities, we claim that table tennis is by far the cheapest game at which fellows play, and I do not think that it would be stretching a point to say that it is the most popular.

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AFFILIATION is a matter which is causing more dissatisfaction throughout English Table Tennis than any other subject, because there is no equality of treatment for the members and the sum collected does not fulfil its purpose.

We will all agree that Affiliation Fees are levied to provide funds for the Ruling Body to maintain and regularise the rules and conditions under which Table Tennis is organised and played. This is not accomplished under the present methods; the balance sheet of the E.T.T.A. speaks for itself and the Headquarters premises are scarcely adequate for the control of so vast an organisation.

Leagues and local associations pay 3s. 6d. for each club, individual clubs pay 7s. 6d., and individuals pay 2s. 6d. per annum. These figures do not bear inspection for their inequality.

There is always a difference of opinion as to what constitutes a club, owing to the varying conditions. Memberships vary from as low as five to 350 or even more. Each of these bodies, and all intermediately, pay the same, and in some cases where a club enters a team in more than one League they pay affiliation through each League. Therefore it is possible for a club of some 5 or 6 members to be paying as much as 7s. or even 10s. 6d., while a club of 350 members pay 3s. 6d.—an absurd position which should be corrected.

I VENTURE to suggest that there is no fundamental argument against individual affiliation, which is the only method that can be adopted with equality of treatment, and, which cannot be abused. The only adverse criticism that can be put forward is that individual affiliation will make a lot of work for the E.T.T.A. officials.

My proposal is that affiliation should be 6d. per individual, per annum, or 2s. 6d. for a life affiliation. These amounts to be paid through Leagues, etc., as at present, and affiliation cards to be issued by the E.T.T.A. through the same channels as received. I recommend most strongly the 2s. 6d. life affiliation. This would provide ample funds to meet present requirements.

Finally I suggest with all due consideration for poor or young players, that it is untrue to say that anybody who is in a position to play Table Tennis cannot afford 6d. per annum.

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- 13-14—North of England (Manchester).
- 20-21—North Midlands (Mansfield).
- 20-21—Hampshire (Bournemouth).
- 21—Welsh Championships (Newport).
- 26-27—English Championships (Royal Albert Hall, London).
- 28—English Championship FINALS (Wembley Arena).

FEBRUARY

- 4—Midlands (Birmingham).
- 4-5—S. of England (Croydon).
- 9-11—Cheshire (Liverpool).
- 11—Castleford.
- 11—Dorset (Dorchester).
- 17-18—West of England (Paignton).
- 18—Peterborough.
- 18—Cardiff.
- 20—March 4—Wembley.
- 25—Leeds.

The Gloucestershire Tournament will be played on March 13-16.

The Hampshire Open Championships

AS will be seen from an advertisement in this issue, the Hampshire Open is being played at the Town Hall this season. The Committee are to be congratulated on their enterprise in trying to make this tourney one of the most important in the country, and Bournemouth is such an ideal place to spend a week-end, even in winter, that there will be undoubtedly a mammoth entry. A number of the foreign players, here for the National, will be entering, and the committee appeal to players in London and the South to join, them in a week-end of grand table tennis. Eight tables will be in use, and all communications about accommodation, etc., will be welcomed by Mr. Cashell, 16, Victoria Avenue, Bournemouth.

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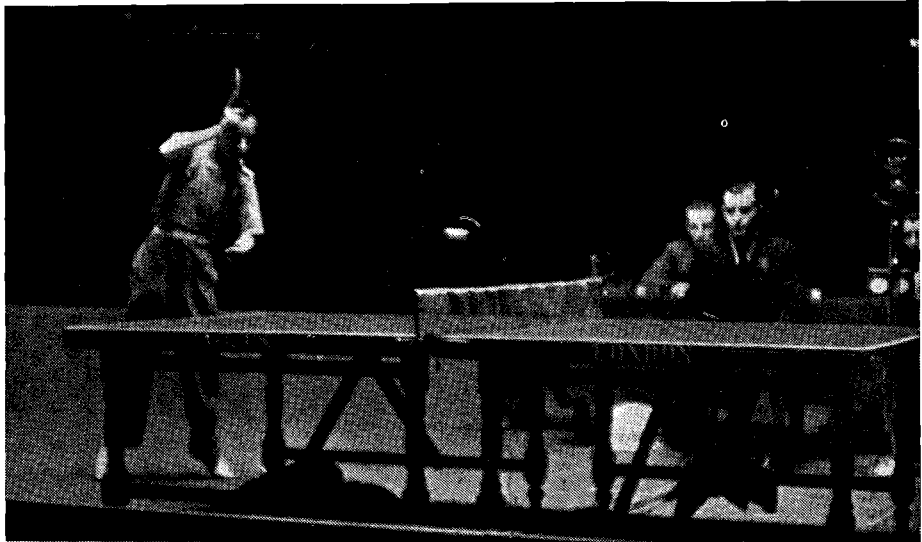
By W. Stamp

NOW that the Merseyside Open (a report of which appears on another page) is over we are once more able to settle down to League matches. Clubmoor, unbeaten for two years in Cup and League matches, have had to bow the knee twice already this season, although in fairness it must be stated that they were without Ken Hyde on each occasion—which made all the difference. For the first time for a number of years the championship of Division I is now a very open affair, and the fight is creating a lot of interest. Clubmoor are top with 14 points, followed by Oakhill with 11 points and a match in hand.

The Nelta Club is having a very successful season, their women's team being undefeated. They top the women's division with 18 points, followed by Breckside. In Division II Nelta also lead the way with 18 points, followed closely by Wembley with 14. Liverpool Y.M.C.A. are also in the happy position of having their 1st team at the top of Division III, and their 2nd team top of the South Region.

With the exception of the 1st Division East Region which is headed by St. Simons, the leading positions in the other regions are held by clubs in their first season with the League, and the older clubs are having to sit up and take notice.

An exhibition was given just prior to Christmas in aid of the Goodfellow Fund, which provides food and good cheer to the poor and needy on Merseyside. Thousands of people benefit, and although the £10 raised by the League last year was a record, we hope, when the accounts are available, to find we have beaten this figure. Exhibitions were given by Ken and Eric Hyde, Peter, Eddie and Ronnie Rumjahn, and the Misses Nora Norrish and Edie Malley.



Vana in play in the World Men's Singles Final last year.

L. B. H. Win Representative Games

THE first of the season's representative matches was played at Brighton, on Sunday, December 11, and resulted in a win for the L. B. H. by 10 sets to six.

Joyce, Dawson, Jones, and Straker all played well, but Joyce and Jones had to win three of their four sets each to give the majority to the visitors. Seaman, on the Brighton side, won his four sets, though three of these were only decided on the third game.

The following day Miss P. Hodgkinson and Miss Oustainge defeated Thameside League in the first round of the Rose Bowl.

Following the success of these two players in this competition the Wembley women were opposed in a representative game played at the Army and Navy Stores. Both Miss Hodgkinson and Miss Oustainge won their two sets and the final score was nine

sets to three in L. B. H. favour, others to add to the total being Misses D. Waters, R. Cabot, Edwards and Baker.

Tremendous keenness is being displayed in the League games, and already there have been the usual early season surprises. Almost every week sees a change in the leadership in the majority of the sections. Outstanding, perhaps, is the rise of Mount Pleasant, promoted from the Second Division, who now head the First Division on games average.

Mr. A. P. Fuller, the Hon. Tournament Secretary, is making good headway with the arrangements for the individual tournaments. Entries for the men's Junior Singles Championship have been closed, and are very satisfactory.

A men's representative match will be played against Southend on January 11, and women's match against North Middlesex on January 19.

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AROUND the COUNTRY

TYPICAL of many small Leagues scattered up and down the country is Lydney, secluded and isolated in a corner of Gloucestershire.

LYDNEY While the National papers present their glowing accounts of the doings of the stars of the table tennis world, Leagues like Lydney struggle on to keep the flag flying in the village halls and converted garages which constitute their headquarters.

Their struggle is for the most part unrecognized. Even in their own towns the residents take as a matter of course those "kids who muck around with ping-pong." If they were to watch a League match they would have the surprise of their lives!

Lydney in an unobtrusive way is doing a lot to popularise the game in Gloucestershire. The senior League, and incidentally the strongest, is Gloucester, but it was from quiet

The Bath Pavilion has been booked for February 25 for the finals of the Western Counties Championship, when entries from Bath, Bristol, Swindon, Cardiff, and Birmingham will be fighting out the final stage of the competition. The *Bath Chronicle and Herald* has presented a handsome silver cup for competition by players in Bath, North Somerset, and W. Wilts. This competition is open to players in the circulation area of the paper, and will start early in the New Year.

As an experiment a dance is being held on January 21. The tickets are going well and the venture is expected to be a great success.

AYLESBURY League positions are now extremely interesting in both divisions. In Division I the Junior Imps are the only undefeated team, followed closely by Young Liberals and Halton "A," who have lost one each. Division II is an even closer

Seadon, whilst Whitehouse failed to Jones on deuce in the third game.

RESULTS

T. Lisle (Lucadians) beat I. Jones 21-9, 21-14; beat H. Seadon 21-12, 19-21, 21-12; beat H. Sharpe 21-15, 21-14.

A. Sadler (Washwood Heath) beat H. Seadon 14-21, 21-13, 21-16; beat I. Jones 21-19, 21-6; lost to H. Sharpe 18-21, 19-21.

A. Whitehouse (Birmingham City) beat H. Sharpe 21-17, 21-19; beat H. Seadon 21-17, 21-19; lost to I. Jones 21-15, 13-21, 20-22.

Birmingham also beat Coventry in the first round of the "Rose Bowl" by 4 sets to 1, after Miss Steventon had suffered an unexpected reverse in the opening set, which she lost to Miss Finlay, 2 games to 1. Miss Egerton beat Miss Finlay 21-15, 21-15, and the Birmingham pair easily won the doubles set.

RESULTS

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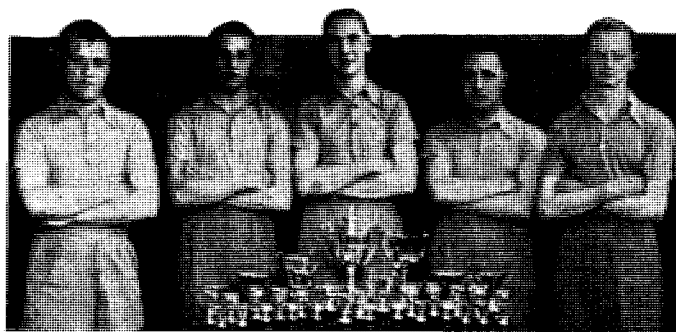
Miss Egerton beat Miss Peacham 21-11, 21-18.

Miss Steventon beat Miss Peacham 21-15, 21-10.

Miss Egerton beat Miss Finlay 21-15, 21-15.



Left: Central Mission, last season's champions of the Swindon League.



Above: First team of the Rovers Club, Chesterfield, who have played 72 matches in three seasons without defeat.

Miss Steventon and Miss Egerton beat Miss Finlay and Miss Peacham 21-9, 21-12.

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WITH the first half of the season's fixtures completed, Wembley players are enjoying one of their most popular tournaments—the "St. Joseph's" closed WEMBLEY divisional championships. This event, while contested with the greatest keenness, has a "happy family" atmosphere about it that is a little more intimate than in the big open tournament, and has the added attraction of giving the player in the lower division a chance of finding recognition.

There is no local closed competition for women corresponding to the "St. Joseph's." Here is an opportunity for an enterprising club to fill a gap in the Wembley fixtures. A tournament comprising women's singles and doubles, on a divisional basis; together with a closed mixed doubles for the League as a whole—would, with four women's divisions to support it, be assured of success, and would be backing the drive to improve women's play.

The only opportunity for women to compete against men is in the Elvin Cup team knockout event. Two women's teams were entered this year. The Institute team failed rather badly in the first round, but had a very experienced and "awkward" opponent in B.O.C. Wembley Hill has started off with a resounding victory against a second men's

Lydney that the suggestion of an inter-town League in the west section of the county was first broached.

Lydney never anticipated an outside chance of capturing the trophy which was offered. They made the move solely for the good of the game.

Gloucester have made all the running so far. Cheltenham are a poor second, while very close to Cheltenham are Lydney and Stroud.

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OLDFIELD BAPTISTS club-room was the scene of Bath's latest defeat in the Western Counties League. Although Bath lost by the maximum, some excellent BATH games were witnessed. L. Palmer, Bath's youngest inter-city player,

was the only player who took both his Birmingham opponents to three.

J. Offer (Bath) v. T. Lisle (Birmingham) was the star match of the evening. Although Lisle won by 21-14, 21-10, there was a lot of hard hitting and the rallies were long ones. Several times Offer forced Lisle back on the defensive, but the Birmingham player found the "holes" in the Bath player's game and took advantage of them.

fight; Y.M.C.A. "A," and N.A.L.G.O. "B" have won five out of six each, Halton "B" five out of eight, and Hazell's Boys are the only unbeaten team with four wins. Inter-League results are as follows:

November 18—Oxford 8, Aylesbury 17, at Oxford.

December 2—Aylesbury 18, Apsley 7, at Aylesbury.

December 10—Men: Aylesbury 5, Slough 6. Women: Aylesbury 2, Slough 9, at Aylesbury.

In the Slough match ten singles matches, best of three each, and one doubles match were played; this method was a great success. The Mayor of Aylesbury (Alderman J. J. Evett) welcomed the Slough teams.

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BIRMINGHAM beat Coventry by 7 sets to 2 in the second round Willmott Cup match at Headquarter's Club, Pershore Road.

Lisle won his three sets for Birmingham, beating Jones and Sharpe in two straight games each, but dropping the middle game to young Seadon. Sadler was unexpectedly beaten by Sharpe, 21-18, 21-19, and had to struggle to get home against

Lincs County Contest Successes

by Leslie Bennett

team entered by North Harrow, and may go a long way in this competition.

Whether the general admission of women into men's teams would be popular in Wembley is another matter, but nevertheless a problem that may have to be faced next season.

On Sunday, January 8, the day following the "St. Joseph's" finals, a large party will be travelling to Herne Bay for the Kent "Open."

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AFTER the most successful year in its history, Folkestone are still aiming at surpassing last year's record, and it will not be surprising if this is accomplished. There is a great increase in players and several newcomers, chiefly young players, who have great possibilities of raising the standard of the game locally.

As for the team championships, Seabrook Club, undefeated last season, will have to fight hard to maintain their record and championships. In the doubles League, several teams are fighting out a close struggle for supremacy, whilst in the minor divisions players are entering into the game with an enthusiasm which warms the hearts of all officials.

While Folkestone are having mixed luck in inter-town matches, Hythe section of the League is excelling itself; their second Kent League victory was over Faversham 6-3, and a Wilmott Cup victory away at Sittingbourne puts Hythe in the third round, eagerly waiting to be drawn against one of the "plums" of table tennis.

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SECOND round ties of the Willesden Cup did not produce the surprises of the first round, when three 1st Division clubs were beaten by clubs from lower divisions. Three 2nd Division teams, Dollis Hill, Quex Road, and Hendon Municipal Officers, join five 1st Division teams—Cricklewood "A," Cricklewood "B," Kemp's, Elmwood, and Hall Telephones—in the third round.

Hall Telephones now head the premier League, closely followed by Kemp's and Cricklewood. Guild of St. George, Roundwood, and Dollis Hill are grouped at the top of the 2nd Division, while Willesden Central are running away with the 3rd Division, with L.P.T.B. (Willesden) and Middlesex County Officers' (Willesden) fighting out the second position. In the ladies' division, Almora and Dollis Hill are bracketed together at the top.

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IN the South London League Championships Moreton won the men's singles, and with Jones retained the doubles. Miss Dace did not defend her singles title, which passed into the hands of her clubmate, Miss Weigand. The women's doubles was won by Miss Allardyce and Miss Williams.

South London were successful in the first round of the Wilmott Cup and the Rose Bowl. The Wilmott Cup team, Moreton, Jones, and Watson, beat Thames Valley 6-3. The Misses Dace, Weigand, and Moser were the representatives in the Rose Bowl, and proved much too good for Woolwich, winning 4-1.

WITH sixteen centres the Lincolnshire Association now comprises approximately 2,000 playing members, and in two seasons the standard of play has been transformed.

In the County Championships the teams are doing very well, particularly the men, who have defeated Derbyshire 6-3 at Sleaford and Cambridgeshire 6-3 at Cambridge, Hall of Grimsby taking his three at Sleaford. For the second match the side was strengthened by the inclusion of Ralph Dean, late of Huddersfield and Yorkshire, a most aggressive pen-grip hitter.

The women have improved considerably and at Grimsby ran the champions, Warwickshire, to a 4-5 defeat on the last rubber. At Newcastle-on-Tyne they beat Northumberland comfortably 9-0, Miss Ward, Miss Scott, and Miss Piercey each being responsible for three rubbers.

At the North and East Riding Open Championships, Miss Eileen Ward reached three semi-finals and followed up by getting to the final of the Women's Doubles at the Hull Open. A larger response on the whole has been made in the Lincolnshire Closed Championships, and for six events there are 367 entries. The Scunthorpe Association is running a tournament closed to members of the Lincolnshire Association on Saturday, February 4th, 1939.

In the Wilmott Cup Grimsby made rather a surprising exit to Hull 3-5 at home, the visiting youngsters being just too steady for the home side.

The inter-town competitions are more popular than ever, despite the existence of an unbeaten side in each, Grimsby and Louth being well away. Incidentally, in a friendly match, Spalding just clambering home 5-4 on the last rubber. In the corresponding match last season Grimsby won 16-0. The men's inter-town charts read:—

HAIGH CUP.							BUTCHER CUP.						
	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Grimsby	3	3	0	22	5	6	Louth	3	3	0	22	5	6
Lincoln	4	3	1	19	17	6	Woodhall Spa	6	3	3	33	21	6
Spalding	4	2	2	20	16	4	Sleaford	4	3	1	20	16	6
Skegness	2	1	1	11	7	2	Alford	4	1	3	9	27	2
Scunthorpe	2	1	1	9	9	2	Mablethorpe	3	0	3	6	21	0
Boston	5	0	5	9	36	0	Horncastle	0	0	0	0	0	0



L. Bennett

PRESTON PLANS for LANCS MINOR LEAGUES CONTEST

WITHIN this last month another town has joined up, which means that there are now thirteen towns in membership. We welcome Lancaster as a fine sporting League who will be an asset to the Association.

The Association's Individual Championships will be staged this season by the Preston League and will be held at the Guttridge Hall on January 28th. The Preston officials are very eager to surpass the successful event held at Blackpool last season, and hope to achieve perfection both from the players' and the spectators' angles. The present champions are Walsh (Bolton S.S.) and Windle and Ault (Nelson), who won the doubles. They will have to fight hard to retain their titles.

At the time of writing, Bolton S.S. head the League table and will probably continue to do so until the end of this month, after which they have some very stiff matches. Outstanding players are Fletcher (Bolton S.S.), Matson (Nelson), Owens (Bolton), Burras (Southport), Gibbon (Urmston) and Barlow (Bury).

The various Leagues seem very loth to introduce any promising youngsters into their teams, and one wonders if this is a wise policy. The same old faces appear time after time and we have a number of towns with an average age in the team of 30 years. Among the youngest teams are Bolton, one of the most successful, whose average age

is about 18, and the Bury League, with an average age of 17.

Think this over, you secretaries, and rebuild gradually.

RESULTS

Bolton 4, Ashton 5; Preston 6, Southport 3; Nelson 4, Blackpool 5; Bury 2, Stockport 7; Southport 6, Urmston 3; Urmston 1, Bolton S.S. 8; Reddish 3, Bolton 6; Wigan 5, Nelson 4; Bolton S.S. 7, Blackpool 2; Southport 5, Bury 4; Ashton 4, Nelson 5; Preston 3, Bolton 6; Stockport 7, Reddish 2; Wigan 2, Urmston 7; Southport 4, Bolton S.S. 5; Blackpool 6, Ashton 3; Urmston 2, Bolton 7; Ashton 6, Stockport 3; Blackpool 4, Preston 5.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Sets.		
				F.	A.	%
BOLTON S.S.	3	3	0	20	7	100
BOLTON	4	3	1	23	13	75
STOCKPORT	3	2	1	17	10	66.6
PRESTON	3	2	1	14	13	66.6
ASHTON	4	2	2	18	18	50
SOUTHPORT	4	2	2	18	18	50
BLACKPOOL	4	2	2	17	19	50
WIGAN	2	1	1	7	11	50
NELSON	3	1	2	13	14	33.3
URMSTON	4	1	3	13	23	25
BURY	2	0	2	6	12	—
REDDISH	2	0	2	5	13	—

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Half Season Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.		
					F.	A.	Pos.
Wembley	4	3	1	0	20	12	7
Surrey	4	3	0	1	22	10	6
N. Middlesex	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Woolwich	4	1	0	3	12	20	2
Bromley	4	0	1	3	10	22	1

TABLE TENNIS

Progress in Derbyshire — Matlock's Lead

DERBYSHIRE is no longer a backward county! Two years ago there would have been some justification for the uncomplimentary title, but now the Peak county is very definitely, as our American friends would say, "on the up and up."

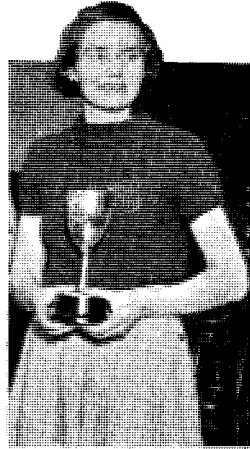
Much of the credit for the very rapid progress which has been made during the last two seasons must go to Matlock, where a number of enthusiasts, led by Messrs. E. Greaves and F. D. Ford, secured the backing of the Town's Attractions Committee, and decided to stage a whole week of table tennis at the Town Hall.

That decision had far-reaching results. Table Tennis Week is now a well-established and well-supported event, run on most attractive lines and under conditions second to none.

Competitions for county titles, under the kindly approval and guidance of the E.T.T.A., have drawn together the various sections in the county into a really enthusiastic and sporting organisation; a Derbyshire League (Secretary, Mr. F. B. Briggs of Chesterfield)

has been formed with teams from Buxton, Chesterfield, Derby, Littleover and Matlock taking part; Derbyshire has entered in the national team championship for the first time; and players from the "strong in th' arm and 'wick in t'yed" county are going to make themselves felt in other national competitions, too.

The titles, open to Derbyshire players only, have been won as follows: singles, Mr. S. E. Orme, Littleover; doubles, Messrs. R. E. and G. R. Hindle, Buxton; junior, Mr. G. H. Slater, Derby; ladies, Mrs. Parker, Ashbourne.



Mrs. Parker

Derbyshire have lost their first two matches in the team championship against Lincolnshire and Warwickshire, but valuable experience has been gained.

The general position in Derbyshire may be summed up as follows: Table tennis is now excellently organised and has every prospect of expanding, whilst every encouragement is being given to a large number of promising young players. But, whilst there are quite a number of keen lady players, the fair sex seem very shy about getting together and entering into competitions. Something will have to be done about that!

STOP PRESS

As we go to press we have received a telegram from America informing us that Vana is coming home on the S.S. Hausa, which sailed on December 22.

It is now certain that Vana will be taking part in the English National Championships and the tour.

We also hear that Jimmy McClure recently drove Vana off the table to win a best-of-three games match at Elthart during their tour in U.S.A. And it wasn't "just an exhibition!"

CLUES

ACROSS

1. It must be sombre but Annual Meetings spend much time over it.
6. His devotion is legendary.
10. Should allow progress but retards instead.
13. First name of pen-grip world champion.
14. Allowed neither in Palestine nor in tournaments.
17. The only court for service in doubles.
18. British but thousands in number.
19. To steal except when it comes to a point.
20. An abbreviated sport providing good training for table tennis.
21. Area productive of the first English Open Champion.
22. It means hard lines or it's getting serious.
23. Rare time for Hungarians to be seen.
24. Will again make up the draw for the National.
26. In England it is love or it is nothing.
28. Can lead to "shamateurism" but not in table tennis.
30. Describes the players after a strenuous rubber or the play during a tenuous rubber.
32. It does not matter whether it is Henry or Harry.
33. Describes appreciation or ambiguity of a point.
34. Evens out in the long run.
35. Found in food that stimulates strategy.
36. Very tough to face and rarely tanned since being raw.
40. Full of holes yet we often crawl over it.
42. Inform to reform but may deform.
46. A digit that should be employed in rubbers.
47. A star is allowed hardly to do this at an open tournament.
48. Comes before "Viktor" even when World Champion.
50. A shortened quantity.
51. Although not illegal, it is now rarely used in a racket.
52. A girl ahead of volatile.
55. Has a useful fist on the table and on paper.

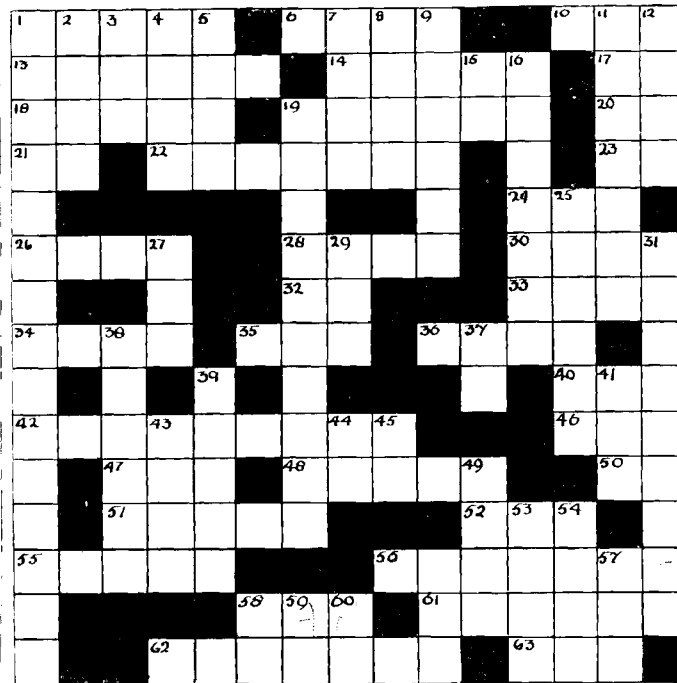
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56. An expert on equipment, has equipped the game nationally.
 58. An implement of sport with a blade longer than that used in table tennis.
 61. A branch of literature awaited by the Editor of this Magazine.
 62. A character in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"; a President; certainly a character.
 63. Retiring irrespective of age.
- DOWN
1. Lithuania's Number One.
 2. This referee has a bias for a bowl.
 3. Half as large again as the height of the table.
 4. Your officials do this to provide the fare.
 5. A type of cord but not when worn by players.
 7. Do this to uncertain strokes during a match.
 8. A kind of drive in cricket or table tennis.
 9. Imperturbability gives this to your play.
 11. Adjective often used to describe the brilliance of Bellak.
 12. Perfected the drop-shot first.
 15. The beginning and end of the board.
 16. Amalgamation produced this name in table tennis.
 19. Part of "make-up" permitted to masculine as well as feminine stars.
 25. Part of globe just visited by Barna and Bellak.
 27. King Charles II would have considered a board made of this as above board.
 29. Provincial agreement.
 31. Essential not only for executing drop-shots but also for retrieving them.
 37. A term for a small event growing more popular.
 38. Sets up a "hew and cry."
 39. This logical conclusion is never carried out to apparel wagered and worn.
 41. A term of infinity that could almost be applied to the famous point between Ehrlich and Vladone.
 43. Kept at each table at the last World Championships.
 44. Shortened, shortens the distance to Wembley.
 45. A degree which duplicated indicates mediocrity.
 49. A European capital yet to stage the World Championships.
 53. Plays for England in four gloves but not at table tennis.
 54. The addition of the aspirate makes 24 across reluctant.
 57. Do this and your patience will do this to your opponent's patience.
 58. When a hitter is consistent, he is this.
 59. Position is everything here.
 60. Encouragement to American footballers.



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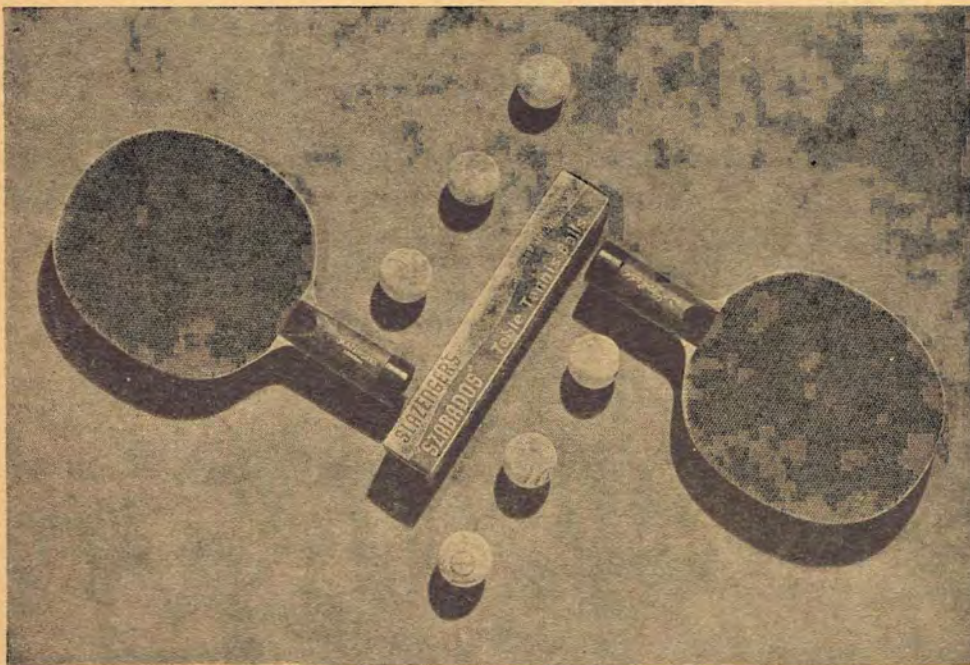
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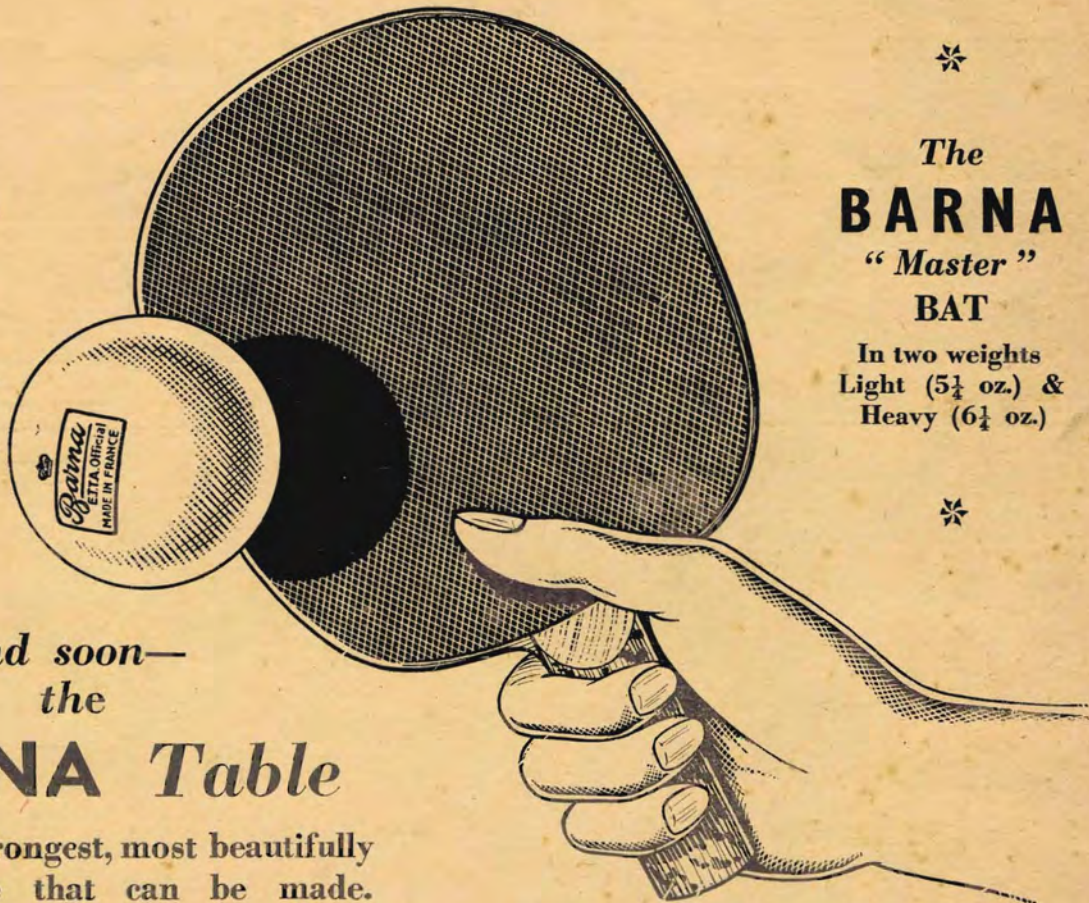


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