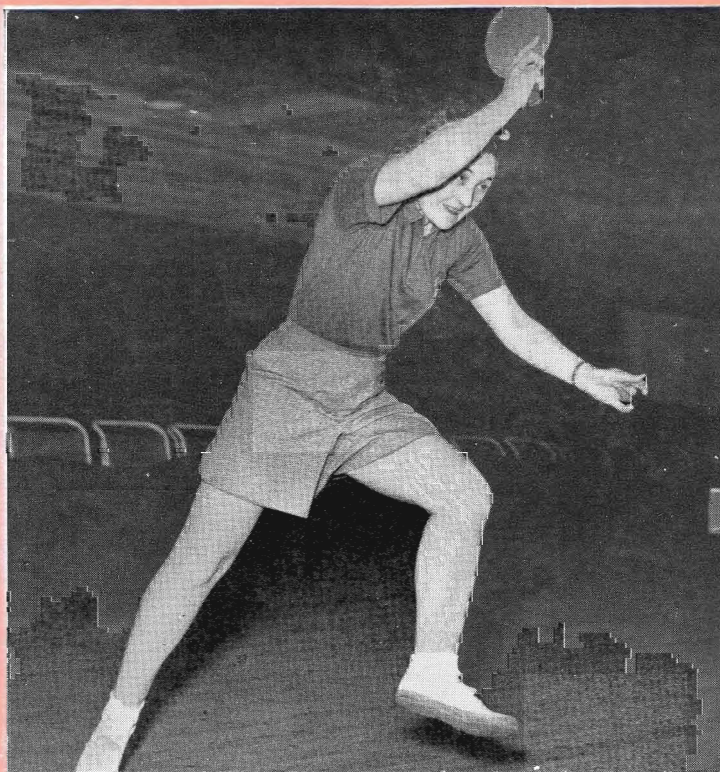


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From THE EDITOR



We Win Through

TABLE TENNIS was, and is, one of the victims of the Printing Trade Dispute. Only by weeks of worry and a "will to win" have we succeeded where others have surrendered. This issue is an emergency one produced under difficult circumstances. It has upset many plans and set us back a while, but we are now going "full steam ahead" to pick up lost ground. We are sure this is what fellow members would wish us to do. We are confident that no one will diminish the united effort to make a bigger, better "Table Tennis."

Correspondents need not be disappointed if their contribution has not yet been published. It probably will be soon. Meanwhile, do not stop sending. Everyone, everywhere is welcome here.

Thank you, and thank you for your encouraging letters. I'm only sorry it won't be possible to answer every one, but each is very carefully read, and often suggests something really worthwhile. It's grand to get them.

Next month, I hope to tell you how our circulation is rising to near the time when we can justify those four extra pages, and of those areas who are Champions in selling our Magazine. Some of them may have beaten the target! Remember our slogan: Buy a copy—don't borrow. We help ourselves and each other by every single extra copy sold.

Among many good things planned is a feature of special interest to the younger generation, which promises to be original and lively. Meanwhile, where are our T.T. wits, humorists, poets and raconteurs?

LESLIE S. WOOLLARD.

Promise of a Great 'English'

THRILLS, spectacle, dash, glamour, interest and excitement are promised by the entry for the English Championships. It should be so. It is our Silver Jubilee. The 25th of a glorious cavalcade in which every great world player has taken part. A record which has made Wembley the "Table Tennis Wimbledon."

WEMBLEY will be the battle ground of styles: the technique and tactics of older masters against the bulldozing challenge of the new age. An historic occasion which may well introduce a new era and new great world champions.

WHAT more vivid contrasts in top class players could there be than that represented by **MARTY REISMAN** (U.S.A.); **EHRlich**; **HAGUE-**

NAUER (France); **HARANGOZO** and **DOLINAR** (Yugoslavia); **JOHNNY LEACH** and **AUBREY SIMONS**? Then add the assembly of England's best with challengers from Austria, France, Sweden, Germany, etc., and the romantic entry of three New Zealanders now on their way. Only our Czech and Hungarian friends, to our very great regret, seem unlikely to participate.

DEMAND for tickets has been unprecedented and continues to come in daily. It is doubtful whether there will be any left for the **FINALS NIGHT** on **SATURDAY**, 2nd **DECEMBER**. Anyone needing a ticket should write **NOW**.

IT is now an almost accepted fact that **Semi-Finals Night** has pro-

vided some of the most intense, exciting and interesting matches of the whole tournament, and this year's **Semi-Finals Night**, **FRIDAY**, 1st **DECEMBER**, should certainly be no less, and could well provide the best value of the whole meeting. The **Reduced Club Tickets** (6/- for 2/6d.) for this night are particularly good ones, and some are still available as we go to **Press**. **PRICES** for both nights are 21/-, 10/6d., 7/6d., 6/- and 3/6d.

The W. J. Pope Memorial Championships

"Bill Pope," writes **Kathleen Pegg, E.T.T.A. Admin. Sec.**, "always tried to make this event a rally and re-union of all Table Tennis fans throughout the country, and I am appealing to you and your members to make this Tournament the most successful one in our history, and one of which he would indeed have been proud."

12 STAR INTERNATIONALS for MATCH of the YEAR

READERS are reminded that on **Monday**, 30th **October**, **Middlesex** play the **Rest of England** at the **Prince of Wales Baths**, **Prince of Wales Road**, **Kentish Town**, **N.W.5**, commencing at **7 p.m.** prompt. **Tickets** are still available at **7/6** and **5/-** (reserved) and **3/-** (unreserved), whilst members of **County Associations** can get the reserved seats for **6/-** and **4/-** respectively.

★ The teams are: ★
MIDDLESEX.—Victor Barna, Bernard Crouch, Dennis Miller, Joyce Roberts, Rosalind Rowe and Diane Rowe.
THE REST.—Johnny Leach, Aubrey Simons, Ken Stanley, Peggy Franks, Molly Jones and Pinkie Barnes.

ENGLAND'S 260 GRADED PLAYERS.

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J. Malget (Surrey)
 E. Mansell (Lancs.)
 V. Martin (Suffolk)
 B. May (Cheshire)
 K. Peake (Lincs.)
 M. Piper (Surrey)
 D. Plater (Surrey)
 B. Sadler (Norfolk)
 N. Senior (Yorks.)
 D. Smith (Northumb.)
 J. Smurthwaite (Yorks.)
 P. Swales (Beds.)
 D. Watkins (Lancs.)
 P. Wiles (Lincs.)

GROUP "D"

M. Allison (Camba.)
 Y. Baker (Essex)
 D. Banks (Cheshire)
 R. Bass (Sussex)
 K. Benson (Lancs.)
 A. Bray (Yorks.)
 P. Canham (Leics.)
 M. Chapman (Sussex)
 J. Clark (Essex)
 J. Collier (Glos.)
 M. Crust (Leics.)
 M. L. Cubitt (Herts.)
 M. Cumberbatch (Warw.)

J. Cuss (Kent)
 J. E. Dakin (Derby)
 E. Dodds (Durham)
 K. Egginton (Berks.)
 P. Fagnell (Sussex)
 D. Fox (Suffolk)
 E. Freeman (Derby)
 R. Hawkey (Camba.)
 — Hetherington (Cumbs.)
 B. Hogben (Beds.)
 A. Jones (Cheshire)
 P. Lammin (Lincs.)
 M. Leaman (Devon)
 S. Lord (Devon)
 — Lord (Berks.)
 M. D. Martin (Cumbs.)
 J. Matthews (Herts.)
 B. Milbank (Essex)
 D. Munnings (Lincs.)
 E. Parsons (Norfolk)
 J. Perry (Leics.)
 B. Robey
 E. Robson (Yorks.)
 E. Smith (Middx.)
 S. Smith (Middx.)
 C. Southgate (Suffolk)
 D. Spooner (Middx.)
 C. Thompson (Warw.)
 P. Veal (Middx.)
 E. White (Kent)

NOVEMBER TABLE TENNIS

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This time last year there were many complaints about Open Tournaments. The Official Umpires' Scheme (published last month) should obviate many of these and the Graded Players' Scheme (outlined below) is a further step forward.

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Official Grading Scheme

Compiled from data prepared by

GEOFF. HARROWER, Hon. Secretary, Open Tournaments Sub-Committee



THE National Executive has approved an Official Players' Grading Scheme as recommended by the Open Tournaments Committee, and this Scheme will become effective from the 1st November 1950. All results from the 23rd September will be included.

Purpose of the Scheme

This Scheme is an important step toward controlling and improving Open tournaments; and in this first season will be confined mainly in grading players for Open Tournaments, to ensure equitable priorities, be a guide for seeding, help where any limitation of entries becomes necessary, etc. *Inter alia* it will also provide a keener competitive group in which individual players can advance their ranking status even if they do not win.

For the longer term, the Scheme may have other uses. It could, for instance be of service if it was ever decided to grade tournaments.

Introduction

Considerable time and thought has been given to evolve a Grading Scheme that will operate fairly to all players. The method finally agreed ensures that any regular player has every chance of becoming a graded (or upgraded) player **AUTOMATICALLY**. It will depend entirely on results achieved by the player concerned, and **NOT** on opinions of persons or committees. No claims will be necessary.

Before this automatic procedure can operate, an initial grading list had, of course, to be prepared. Without the mechanical accuracy of all requisite records, it is possible that one or two names have been inadvertently omitted from this first list. Any player who considers he should be included in the initial list, in any Group, has the right to send in a claim for inclusion. This claim should give full details, and be addressed to the Grading Sub-Committee, E.P.T.A. to arrive before 1st November, 1950.

Scheduled Competitions

Under the Scheme (which operates on match results) only Singles results will count. Every singles result in the following events will be counted:

World Championships. English Open Championships. Open National Championships. Official International Trials and Trial Matches. English Open Tournaments. County Championship Matches. Willmott Cup and Rose Bowl Matches.

No other competitions or results will qualify unless specific notice has been given by the Open Tournament Committee.

The Groups

The initial grading list of English players (already published), has four grades or groups, from the highest category "A" to the lowest grade "D." Subject to any claims, all other players are ungraded.

Promotion

Promotions will be made three times a season: 1st December, 1st February, and End of Season. Players can only be promoted one group at a time, but

any balance of wins over higher group players will be credited. Not more than two wins or two losses shall count in any one season against the same player.

Starting from the bottom, any ungraded player who achieves three wins over Graded players, automatically becomes a Group "D" player on the first Promotion date after. The wins are quite irrespective of losses.

In the same way, Graded players can merit the automatic promotion by three nett wins over players of a higher Group.

Relegation

Relegations will be effected twice a season, the 1st January and End of Season. Players having a total of three nett losses are relegated to the next lower group, or in the case of Group "D" removed from the list.

At the end of each season, players who have not made five appearances in scheduled competitions will be removed from the list unless they satisfy the Open Tournaments Committee that non-appearance was caused by circumstances outside the player's control.

GROUP "A"

1. English Internationals who have played for their country in 1948/9/50 seasons.
2. Any player currently officially ranked in the first ten in this country.
3. Any player reaching the final of the World Championships (singles or doubles), in the past three years.

GROUP "B"

1. Premier Division County players who have made at least three appearances in the Premier Division with a 50% or better winning record.
2. Open Tournament winners during the past two seasons (or an Open National Title), providing at least two current English Internationals were competing.
3. English Internationals who played for their country during 1946 or 1947.



GEOFF. JAMES

Assist. Hon. Sec. Middx. T.T.A., has worked tremendously hard on the groundwork of both these schemes. Both Geoff. Harrower and George White have asked that an acknowledgement of his loyal and conscientious services should be made.

GRADED PLAYERS AND FIRST LIST

Continued from previous page.

GROUP "C"

1. Post-war Junior Internationals.
2. Any other Premier Division County players who have made at least three appearances in the last two seasons.
3. Other County players who have made at least three appearances during the last two seasons (except the Junior Division) and have a 50% or better winning record.
4. Any runner-up in an Open Tournament as described in Group 'B2.'

5. Any semi-finalist in an Open Tournament during the last two seasons where at least four current English Internationals competed.
6. Singles winners in any other English Open Tournament during the past two seasons.

GROUP "D"

1. Other Senior County players as 'C3' above, with at least 25% winning record.

2. Last season's Junior County players with at least 50% of wins, having made at least two appearances.
3. Runners-up in an Open Tournament as in Group 'C6' above.
4. Winners and runners-up in any Official County Closed Tournament singles held last season.
5. Any winner in a Junior (under 17 on the 1st July) Tournament held during the last two seasons.

ENGLAND'S 260 GRADED PLAYERS

MEN

GROUP "A"

R. Allcock (Lancs.)
G. V. Barna (Middx.)
F. B. Brumwell (Essex)
R. Bergmann (Middx.)
E. Bublely (Middx.)
J. Carrington (Surrey)
B. Casofsky (Lancs.)
K. R. Craigie (Surrey)
R. J. Crayden (Surrey)
B. E. Crouch (Middx.)
L. Devereux (Devon)
E. J. Filby (Norfolk)
G. R. Harrower (Middx.)
A. A. Haydon (Warw.)
B. Kennedy (Yorks.)
J. A. Leach (Essex)
R. F. Litten (Devon)
H. Lurie (Lancs.)
D. A. Miller (Middx.)
W. Poole (Warw.)
R. Sharman (Middx.)
A. Shepherd (Lancs.)
A. C. Simons (Glos.)
K. Stanley (Lancs.)
M. H. Thornhill (Middx.)
H. T. Venner (Surrey)

GROUP "B"

L. G. Adams (Middx.)
L. Cohen (Lancs.)
C. W. Davies (Lancs.)
W. C. Dawes (Glos.)
E. Goodman (Lancs.)
J. E. Head (Surrey)
K. Hurlock (Surrey)
M. Kr'sa (Warw.)
W. McCave (Essex)
K. Merritt (Surrey)
R. Rumiahn (Lancs.)
D. B. Shipton (Glos.)

GROUP "C"

A. Abrahamson (Yorks.)
E. G. Anderson (Notts.)
R. Baker (Lancs.)
K. Beamish (Essex)
G. L. Bebb (Herts.)
N. Bishop (Yorks.)
R. Bolton (Lincs.)
G. Bradley (Leics.)
S. Brocklebank (Kent)
D. C. Burridge (Middx.)
K. Collar (Essex)
J. D. Cornwell (Cambs.)
W. Devine (Cheshire)
D. Eagles (Kent)
D. G. Ellison (Lancs.)
S. Elsley (Middx.)
F. Forrest (Yorks.)
B. Fretwell (Sussex)
R. Griffin (Glos.)
F. Grigg (Devon)
W. Hall (Warw.)
D. S. Heaps (Cheshire)
R. Heslop (Northumb.)
J. Hewitt (Northumb.)
P. Holroyd (Beds.)
R. Hook (Essex)
W. Hinchliffe (Yorks.)
D. Ironmonger (Beds.)
T. Jeal (Durham)
L. Kertzman (Northumb.)
R. Langner (Essex)
J. Lowe (Middx.)
D. P. Lowen (Middx.)
R. J. Mackay (Warw.)
R. Markwell (Essex)
D. Merryweather (Lincs.)
A. R. Miller (Surrey)
S. Minter (Hants.)
G. Mitton (Yorks.)
R. Mole (Devon)
B. Moore (Northumb.)
S. Moore (Sussex)

F. Mohtadi (Warw.)
L. Muller (Hants.)
K. Park (Yorks.)
W. Pierce (Lancs.)
V. Piscikas (Durham)
M. Pitts (Yorks.)
A. Punshon (Northumb.)
D. Randall (Beds.)
C. H. Renshaw (Cheshire)
F. Richens (Bucks.)
N. Roberts (Durham)
N. Roberts (Lancs.)
L. Robey (Bucks.)
S. Rosenberg (Yorks.)
C. Seaman (Sussex)
M. Sheader (Yorks.)
P. Skerratt (Lincs.)
P. F. Smith (Essex)
A. Squire (Devon)
J. Suggitt (Hants.)
A. Thompson (Yorks.)
L. Thompson (Bucks.)
R. Thompson (Yorks.)
J. Thurston (Cambs.)
R. Tomlinson (Derby)
R. Turner (Surrey)
D. Walker (Derby)
P. Walton (Yorks.)
C. Whiteley (Yorks.)
C. Wilson (Bucks.)

GROUP "D"

C. Ayers (Berks.)
J. Baird (Cumberland)
I. Barnett (Beds.)
R. Barrett (Bucks.)
C. Bean (Suffolk)
E. Beedle (Yorks.)
R. Bernstein (Middx.)
J. C. Burraston (Leics.)
R. Bush (Kent)

B. Cartwright (Yorks.)
H. Child (Norfolk)
H. P. Comber (Middx.)
C. Crane (Notts.)
F. Daly (Lancs.)
A. England (Hants.)
R. Etheridge (Kent)
D. S. Fearn (Derby)
A. H. Foss (Herts.)
C. Frith (Leics.)
E. Gilbert (Hants.)
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D. Marco (Middx.)
E. Mills (Cambs.)
W. Minors (Norfolk)
B. G. Moore (Leics.)
P. Morecroft (Berks.)
W. A. Nichols (Cumb.)
J. H. Parrish (Essex)
C. A. Pickett (Glos.)
A. Poulter (Essex)
G. Pullar (Lancs.)
B. Robinson (Durham)
E. Rumiahn (Lancs.)
R. Sacki (Herts.)
F. Saunders (Hants.)
D. Shaw (Lancs.)
G. Stafford (Durham)
J. Stringer (Kent)
E. Strulavitch (Lancs.)
L. Swale (Derby)
S. D. Sugden (Leics.)
R. Svandercombe (Kent)
C. Waintroub (Suffolk)
G. Whittaker (Norfolk)
T. Williams (Suffolk)

WOMEN

GROUP "A"

L. R. Barnes (Surrey)
D. Beregi (Devon)
J. Crosby (Devon)
M. Hook (Essex)
M. Jones (Glos.)
I. Lentle (Middx.)
J. Roberts (Middx.)
D. Rowe (Middx.)
R. Rowe (Middx.)
E. Steventon (Notts.)
V. S. Thomas (Surrey)
A. Wood (Lancs.)

GROUP "B"

E. Adams (Essex.)
E. Blackburn (Devon)
M. Fry (Glos.)
D. Heading (Surrey)
C. Miles (Middx.)
V. Todd (Essex)

GROUP "C"

M. Allen (Lancs.)
E. Benstead (Middx.)
N. Bishop (Yorks.)
C. Bridgen (Herts.)
R. Bromfield (Sussex)
P. Cantor (Kent)
W. Dakin (Essex)
D. Evans (Kent)
S. Flax (Bucks.)
K. George (Surrey)
E. Grimstone (Cheshire)
J. Hewitt (Northumb.)
G. Horn (Hants.)
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G. Mace (Middx.)

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NEWS, NOTES and GOSSIP

The Waiting Game

THE tournament player—and that means nearly every one of us—has to play a good “waiting game” off the table, as well as on, in these days of mammoth entries.

During those hours when the 100-odd first round ties are being sorted out, the long lost art of conversation is being rediscovered, and usually those who listen most, have much of the fun.

Some of the things we heard at the East of England Open may put ideas into your head . . .

He was only a . . .

FROM two Oldham lasses: “Oh, look! There’s Geoff Puller . . . but who’s that he’s knocking up with?”

“He,” was only a Swaythling Cup player!! Such is fame!

At Kriss Purposes

FROM MAURICE KRISS (Birmingham): “These early tournaments are the only ones which a keen Midlands player can plan to enter. What with Wilmott Cup, Western Counties League, National County Championships, and so on, a prominent town player cannot forecast when he will have a free week-end to enter a big open tournament.

“So he becomes swamped in routine matches, misses the benefit of wider experience, etc.”

Fairly Put, Maurice. And how important that et cetera can be—it may mean becoming more known and respected by one’s rivals, it may mean striking a good patch when the selectors are looking, and tipping the scale for a badge? It has been known to happen.

My curiosity aroused, I looked again at the new E.T.T.A. ranking list and found that of sixteen players in the first two groups, only Kriss and LEN ADAMS have not represented England. (And in the group below seven men have played for England).

Now Len is a newcomer, but Maurice the faithful clubman, league man, city man, county man, has been notching up a continuous record of steady achievement ever since 1944, when as a young soldier he won the first Eastern Suburban singles title.

My Stars!

FROM a well-known international who shall—nay, MUST remain anonymous:

“Stratford-on-Avon? What did you want to stop there for?”

from

Jack Carrington



“Well,” said his companion, “a famous person was born there, you know.”

And the blow to the heart—“Who, Haydon?”

Ranking Made Easy

FROM a *Bullin’s* staff worker: “I played table tennis with Roy Mark well out in Nassau, Bahamas. He won that tournament easily. “Me? Oh, I came third.”

I was intrigued by this, because in some European countries they hold a definite match to decide third place in a tournament—it’s a play-off between the losing semi-finalists.

But not so in this case. My friend explained that he was third because he lost to the man who lost to Roy, the winner. A pleasantly diplomatic ranking system that!

Anyone Want to Go Cruwysing?

PETER CRUWYS (Cheltenham Town player) was asking Jimmy Lowe: “How’s the girl situation up in Town?”

Not that Jimmy is a specialist in this department, nor is Peter renowned as a particularly voracious “Wolf.” He’s coming Cruwysing down to London on a Sunday afternoon (26th November to be precise) for a special purpose—to enter the English Open, and with this in view he wants a Mixed Doubles partner.

I promised to speak for him. Peter, 21, is a dashing left-hander with an eye for an opening—in doubles. Makes interesting conversation, with that pleasant West Country burr, while waiting for matches. Plays the piano really well, modern style.

Any takers?

Micky Gets Waafed

MICKY THORNHILL’S absence this time was due to a fractured ankle. Mixed hockey always was a rough game.

Bad luck for a rising international?

I’m not sure about that. Since Micky was fifteen I’ve been telling him that he should have three months complete idleness every year, to enable his physique to catch up on the great nervous efforts he makes. Now the W.A.A.F.’s have fixed him for a few weeks!

The Swaythling team isn’t wanted until the New Year; stronger, fresher Thornhill could be just ripe for the fight.

Just Whisper . . . HOW?

FROM Mancunian EILEEN GRIMSTONE: “I can’t help it. When you get the balls sitting up there you’ve just got to hash them hard, haven’t you?”

You’re dead right there, Eileen, but—just whisper it to us . . . How d’ye get them sitting up there?

A “David” Called Peter

ANOTHER provincial Peter also coming to London that week is Scunthorpe’s SKERRATT. A real shock-headed Peter this 18-year-old; with partner GEORGE SIMPSON he punched holes in the Stanley-Simons doubles combination at the E. of E.

Doesn’t talk so much, doesn’t play the piano, but boy, does he love his table tennis! You’ll take him to your heart.

A Proper Yorker

AND before we leave the subject of A doubles shocks; Johnny Leach and I were surprised by the storming play of Brian Kennedy and Alan Thompson. We all know the brilliant stuff that Brian can bring out, but it was something new to find the usually ultra-careful Alan in such aggressive form. They fully deserved their win.

When the Stars Shone

AS for comment upon the SIMONS-LEACH final, there was plenty, and it was unanimous. Brilliant ball control, enterprising tactics, and splendid fighting.

More please!

SPECTACLE and SHOCKS at SKEGNESS

First Open Tournament draws Stars.

EAST OF ENGLAND OPEN

Butlin's Skegness, 23/24th Sept., 1950.

THIS, the first Open of the season, was an outstanding success in every way. The highlight was the final between Johnny Leach and Aubrey Simons, a scintillating display which delighted the audience. Simons, by sound defence and very quick hitting, eventually won in the third game.

Three of four seeded players reached the finals, last year's winner, Ronnie Allcock eliminating Venner, as well as W. Poole, A. R. Miller and R. J. Turner.

J. Pullar (Oldham) won the Youth's Singles by beating diminutive M. Barough of France in a three-game final. Pullar played splendidly throughout the tournament, and also reached the last sixteen of the M.S. He accounted for Keith Hurlock *en route*, and was eventually beaten by R. Sharman.

Both seeded couples in the M.D., A. Simons/K. Stanley and J. Leach/J. Carrington were beaten by brilliant partnerships of P. Skerratt/G. Simpson (Scunthorpe) and B. Kennedy/A. Thompson (Leeds) respectively. B. Crouch/R. J. Turner, the eventual winners were the only players to retain their titles.

F. A. MERRYWEATHER.

EAST OF ENGLAND RESULTS

M.S., S.F. A. Simons beat K. Stanley 9, 10.

J. Leach beat R. Allcock, 9, 21.

FINAL: A. SIMONS beat J. LEACH 16, —15, 17.

W.S., S.F. Miss A. Bates beat Miss A. Wood —17, 12, 16.

Miss P. Franks beat Miss E. Grimstone 12 13.

FINAL: MISS P. FRANKS beat MISS A. BATES 13, —15, 11.

M.D., S.F. L. Adams/H. Venner beat K. Craigie/R. Sharman 15, 12.

B. Crouch/R. Turner beat R. Allcock/A. Holland —18, 12, 16.

FINAL: CROUCH/TURNER beat ADAMS/VENNER 16, 18.

W.D., S.F. Miss P. Franks/Miss A. Wood beat Mrs. Atherton

/Miss Piper 18, —25, 14.

Mrs. V. Rowe/Miss A. Bates beat Miss M. Fry/Mrs. Cumberbatch 12, —20, 21.

FINAL: FRANKS/WOOD beat V. ROWE/BATES 16, —19, 14.

X.D. Fin. H. Venner/Miss M. Fry beat R. Allcock/Miss A. Wood 18, —18, 15.

Y.S. Fin. G. Pullar beat M. Barough 7, —14, 15.

Wins Title Again — After 24 Years

LIONEL KERSLAKE, 44-year-old Exeter youngster, first won the local championship in 1926—24 years ago. Now he's just won it again, for the sixth time, and thus lost his wish to 'recede' into the background of competitive T.T. Form of that standard cannot be spared from a town which has lost four internationals in three years: Ron Litten, C. W. Davies, Betty Blackburn and Dora Beregi.

Devon's No. 2, Bert Squire, will be the sheet anchor of Exeter's return to the Western Counties League, with Joan Crosby leading the ladies. Thirty-six new teams have been added in three seasons with more to come this year. With over twenty women's teams in the league, two in the Devon league, and one in the Western Counties, there will be plenty of scope for the many promising girls knocking on the door.

Youth has the training ground of a special league, and the two years' successful and intensive coaching activities will probably be further extended this year. Unfortunately, just when the coaching is likely to bear fruit, the lads are called to National Service. Ken James, a near miss for a Junior International last year, will still be available for a season or two. His inspired spell in defeating Ken Craigie in the W. of E. Open in March will long be remembered by his followers.

R. F. DUNSTAN.

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(Co-opted)

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Hon. Sec. Southampton T.T.L.

MISS LENA FERGUSON, only lady member of the N.E.C., brings a grace, quiet sincerity, and sound common-sense to the council table that has merited the warm respect of all her colleagues. Level-headed, and without prejudices, she has the happy knack of introducing the right note at the right time. Her position as Mayor's Secretary at Southampton has undoubtedly contributed to her competence, and some idea of how she has been appreciated in that office, is indicated in that a former Mayor presented two cups for the League Mixed Doubles Championships, and then, without a previous word to her, entitled them the "Lena Ferguson" Cups. That occasion was doubly memorable, because (with L. W. Muller) she won the title and the cups in the year of their presentation.

She has been a member of Southampton League for twenty years, yet despite her triumphs and representative appearances before the war, she is extremely modest about her play, and is proudest of her 'honours' in administrative fields. These are not confined to Table Tennis, for among other things, she is President of Southampton Women's Luncheon Club, Chairman of the S. & D. Aquatic Society, Hon. Secretary of various charitable appeals, etc.

She loves travelling, usually holidays abroad, and still finds time to be a specialist in Riding and Tropical Fish. If you ever see her reading, she will probably be knitting at the same time. Or *vice versa*. And those who know her think that her job is probably her greatest interest.

Table Tennis and the N.E.C. is all the better for the active support and company of such as Lena Ferguson.



EMILY FULLER

T. T. Champion, Author,
Artist and Social worker

THE WILL TO WIN

by *Emily Fuller*

ALMOST to the day to which this article refers, I, too, was involved in a similar affair at a big English hospital. It was a moving memorable and a humbling occasion for us all. These players are fighters with the will to win, and you feel better for seeing their spirit. They really are champions. You do not feel sorry for them, you feel humbled, and ashamed of your off-nights. In their tense eagerness with which they nearly throw themselves out of their chairs, you can sense that hidden battle, the urge, that will make them well again. L.S.W.

MISS EMILY FULLER has held numerous U.S.A. Open National Titles (including singles) etc., is author of the best-selling American book "Top Notch Table Tennis," and as well as being a talented artist, has the enviable reputation of being one of the most modest and charming personalities in the game.

IT is nine-thirty Wednesday morning, 22nd March, 1950.

The elevation room (game room) is a beehive of activity. The reason is the first Table Tennis Tournament ever held in the Rehabilitation Centre. Eighteen patients are participating. I am about to explain the draw sheet to some bewildered faces. During the matches there is such enthusiasm and laughter that a nurse closed the door into the hall so the switchboard next door could operate. The atmosphere is not one of a hospital this day, but rather a grand group of people rooting for his or her favourite to win.

For the past two years, as a volunteer for the New York Junior League, I have been teaching table tennis at Bellevue Hospital to the Rehabilitation Group under Dr. Rusk. The principal disabilities in my group are men and women who are paraplegics (paralysed from the waist down), hemiplegics (paralysed in one side of the body); arthritics; amputees; alcoholics and polio cases. Only by the application of prescribed exercises can these individuals once again become useful citizens.

I learned from experience that patients could play from stretchers and wheel chairs. To get away from the hospital atmosphere of a nurse's white uniform I wear dark slacks and a bright

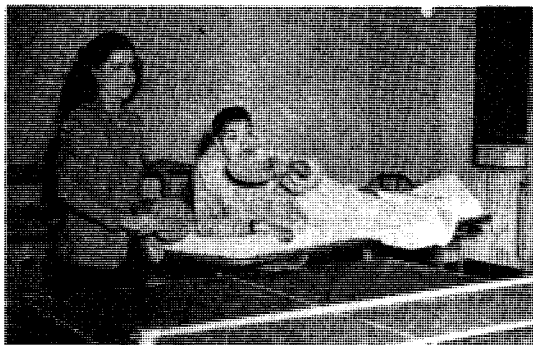
red blazer to lend colour and a touch of informality. A basket is used as a container for two dozen balls. One of the patients tosses out the balls to the players as they are needed and when the basket is empty I go round the room to collect them.

A coloured boy was sceptical about joining my class. He thought he would be ridiculed by the other patients because of his poor table tennis game and that everyone would be out to beat him. He soon learned that there were many other men and women who were also novices and were playing for the sheer enjoyment of the game itself. He is now most

enthusiastic and has made many new friends.

During noontime, I was persuaded to give a private lesson to a fifty-year-old patient. She said she had had a large breakfast and wished to forego her lunch period so I could teach her a forehand drive. "There is one man," she said, "who is so conceited about his game that I must beat him tonight. Please help me do it."

One young girl who has cerebral palsy, has very little control of her arms. I am trying to help her through the proper timing of her strokes to overcome this handicap. For weeks when I did



Below. — A happy "international" double. The hobbyist in this wheel chair with basket of balls on lap, is the back central. Emily Fuller is sitting on the special bar apparatus.

Above. — This is probably the most incredible picture ever taken of a Table Tennis match, and it's the real thing—no fake. Emily Fuller on left.



Acknowledgements for photos. Dos Pierson, New York.

THE WILL TO WIN

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not guide her hand, she would go under or over the ball and could not touch it. Today, I am happy to say, she can hit it without my help and in a few months should be able to play the game.

Rabbi Forst, an amputee, continuously smokes while playing. How he keeps his long beard from catching fire in his eagerness to return the ball, is something we cannot understand.

Last week, I took two of my best pupils to see their first table tennis exhibition held at the Midston House in New York City. Johnny Leach, World Champion and his partner Jack Carrington of England played some of the most exciting matches I have ever witnessed. It was nip and tuck as Ed Pinner of New York played an inspired game, and Cy Sussman flicked his back-hand drive. Louis Esposito, one of the patients said, "I like these players, they are such good sports. Gosh, the way they kid each other. They are the kind of people you would like to know. Even though one fellow loses a lot of points he keeps on trying and never gives up. What a game! I shall remember this night the rest of my life."

I have every hope that Table Tennis will remain a permanent feature of rehabilitation at the Bellevue Hospital and that news of its success in this unusual field will lead to its being incorporated into the systems already in use at other hospitals both in the United States and Europe.

UMPIRE'S CORNER

"May I congratulate you on the excellent work done by your Committee, which I am certain will lead to a general improvement in the standard of umpiring."

K. A. WILLIAMS.
Sec., Hampshire Umpires' Committee.

BOOK REVIEW

"You'll never be a Table Tennis Player," they said, but he

Became World Champion

TWENTY-ONE UP. By Richard Bergmann. Edited by Stephen Kirsten. Published by Sporting Handbooks Ltd., price 12/6d.

THIS is an absorbing book whether you know Table Tennis or not. Reading it you will get to know Richard Bergmann and the secret of his success. You will see him as few have seen him, an indomitable, cheerful little cock-sparrow of a man. It is the saga of a man who made himself.

Everything seemed against him. His widowed mother was left to look after six children. The larder was usually empty. There was no money spare for normal activities. By singing in a Turkish Mosque he earns a few coppers to buy his first equipment and forces his grandmother to play him on a table extended by ironing boards. In the Boy Scouts, a leader, "too tall to be contradicted, said: 'Bergmann, you are no good at all, you will never make a table tennis player'."

A fortnight's practice for five hours a day put things on a different footing, "the charges being defrayed by my friend who had been left money by his parents to pay the grocer's bill in their absence."

Leaving school at 13-odd, a succession of jobs followed "... the one place that could not get rid of me was the Table Tennis hall." He gets disqualified in his first big tournament by throwing his bat into the laughing face of a spectator. He has to learn everything the hardest of hard ways, and makes it sound amusing.

"Tedious, monotonous practice and singleness of purpose is the real clue to my success," he says. Every day, "six hours' practice, and often I kept to one particular shot for hours on end ... until perfect accuracy and ball control was achieved."

His biography is inextricably interwoven with the history of Table Tennis. You will have intimate glimpses of almost everyone, every person of T.T. consequence, amusing asides, of intrigues, the stories of great, and very little events as seen by Bergmann. At times, one senses a little envy of the natural gifts of Victor Barna; occasionally, there is a bitter tang in his self-defending attack against criticisms, but in a few pages this is past, and with that lovable puckishness which endears him to his friends, he rattles off a succession of gossip and sometimes racy yarns often against himself, such as when "I acquired a bigger reputation as a pontoon player than

as a Table Tennis player among the miners . . . My watch went in and out of pawn with the persistency of a swing door," or the time when the world champion's cup also had to visit 'Uncle's' to succour a gnawing inside!

War finds him in England. He gratefully acknowledges the help of the E.T.T.A. and then alternately condemns and praises their actions, but by this stage we have got the hang of this Continental thrust-and-parry. He washes dishes for 10/- a week and keep, and tours the country to help raise thousands for the Red Cross by exhibitions.

When he finally gets in the R.A.F. the fun really starts . . . "119 stock-still bodies and one dull-witted ass going through the whole rigmarole of presenting arms" or how "their pidgin-English burlblings worked like a charm upon the female of the species" . . . and finally resulted in his acquiring the name of Prschiesty Bohabit-scheck . . . or the occasion when a Danish lady journalist 'lands him two fourpenny ones' . . .

But there's Table Tennis all the way . . . twenty-six crowded, eventful years of non-stop activity packing the eleven chapters that make Part One. Colourful, human, readable adventures of this soldier of fortune. He then jumps straight into controversy by putting his yardstick over current rules and players, professionalism, ranking, etc., and follows this with twenty-six chapters on playing technique. These are brief, but provide excellent summaries and tips for all stages, and particularly, championship play. For good measure, there are also notes of the thirty-nine I.T.T.F. Associations, the Laws, and complete roll of World's honour records, and over 130 photographs and diagrams.

This is the kind of book that players and enthusiasts will recommend and you will start by borrowing and end by buying. It's the kind of book which—if you lend—you will never be sure of getting it back again.

I won't recommend it as an official chronicle, but I do honestly recommend it as really good fun, entertainment, and playing value. If you have an interest in Table Tennis my bet is that you'll have your moneysworth.

PETER WARGRAVE.

"Pinkie" Barnes

(England and Surrey)

"She hits so hard"

YEARS AGO, before Pinkie had any thoughts about Table Tennis, something happened which augured well for her T. T. future. When she was about nine years old she had a fight with a boy her own age. (He had made some rude comment about her chubby legs, incidentally!) A few strong words ensued, and the outcome was a tearful little boy running home to his mother, and a red-faced, sheepish Pinkie going home to hers. That evening a knock came on Pinkie's door—it was the boy's mother, demanding an apology. "Pinkie hits so hard," she said. Actually Pinkie and the little boy became good friends after that, but her ability to hit hard, and the chubby legs, have remained with her to this day, and she is now one of the strongest women hitters in Table Tennis!

She took up Table Tennis after leaving school, more to keep fit than anything else. Her three brothers were keen on all kinds of sport (one of them got an International Cap in Amateur Football) and first introduced her to T.T. She joined the Wimbledon Club and has been connected with Table Tennis in Surrey ever since, but it was only during the war years that she began to think seriously of international honours. About 1943 she met Peggy Franks (who was then a struggling tournament player) and the two of them decided to work together for international badges and doubles titles. And those girls certainly worked hard, frequently playing four or five nights a week besides giving exhibitions to the troops and doing war jobs! It was at that time, too, that Pinkie started playing in friendly matches among business houses which subsequently formed the basis of the now popular and ever-increasing Central London League. The persistence of these two girls should be a lesson to anyone who wants to get on in Table Tennis — they just kept at it until they were both chosen to play for England in 1946 against Wales. They achieved their ambition through sheer hard work, and won numerous doubles titles in the process! And they both admit there was something about those

early days which it is now impossible to recapture.

Of the Singles titles she has won, Pinkie is proudest of the South of England (because it is a coveted Surrey title) and the Dutch Open, because it was her first foreign title, won last year, and she beat Peggy Franks in the final.

She was very proud to win the English Ladies' Doubles with Gizi Farkas in 1947, though would have preferred the title to have been won by an all-English combination. Her best effort was, in her opinion, when she and Joan Crosby reached the finals of the Ladies' Doubles in the World Championships at Stockholm two years ago.

And now let's turn from Table Tennis to the private life of this hard-hitting Amazon. Her work? She is what is known as an "Advertising Copywriter," that is, she thinks up ideas and writes the words for advertisements. She says it's a fascinating, but often fiendish job, especially when newspapers are clamouring for copy by a certain date. She writes about all kinds of products from rubber tyres to Bond Street cosmetics, but advises anyone who likes a job with steady hours to keep away from copywriting, because she often sits up with pencil and pad well past midnight before she gets the right idea. Incidentally, the fact that our Corbillon Cup team last year (of which Pinkie was one) were so snappily turned out in beautiful grey worsted Jantzen shorts was due to Pinkie's advertising contacts. The Jantzen people supplied them free and the girls were extremely grateful.

As regards her future, Pinkie still expects to play Table Tennis when she is married. She became engaged recently to Sam Kydd, the film actor (you may have seen him in *Treasure Island*) in December but there is no fear of her sports activities interfering with their married bliss because he plays cricket and rugby—what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander! She still has a sneaking ambition to win a World Doubles before she gives up competitive T.T. Well, Dora Beregi, even with family responsibilities, did it last year, so good luck to Pinkie and her ambition.

Most Spectacular Player Tournament

By XAVIER VILA SUMOY

IT IS NOW almost impossible to play T.T. in Barcelona, where the temperature is about 84° in the shade, but nevertheless, table tennis exhibitions in the open air have become a feature of the night life in nearby villages, starring Spanish champion ALBERTO DUESO, AGUERRI, GIL and CAPDEVILA (who beat Tokar in 1944).

Comparing the Spanish and English games, I should say that we are generally harder and quicker hitters, but lack in consistency and concentration. Our tournament matches are more spectacular but technically less mature. In our Night Summer Tournament (in August) there is a special trophy for the most spectacular player.

It is a pity that lack of finances has so far kept us from participating in international competitions, for there would quickly be a big improvement. A month or so ago, a Spanish team played Portugal for the first time, winning 5-2; none of the Portugese who played in the English Open were in the team.

In both team and individual championships every player is ranked numerically, which varies through the season according to the wins and losses in official matches, so that one can advance from the 4th to the 1st degree. This system is very popular.

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Our correspondent would like to be remembered to friends in the West Ealing and Bishopgate Clubs.

Not Unknown Quantity Now!

WHEN, after a sensational defeat of Halifax in the Willmott Cup, Woolwich T.T. League emerged as semi-finalists, some folks began to ask about the 'unknown quantity' and how it achieved it. Especially since their ladies reached the quarter-finals of the Rose Bowl.

One suspects that the unusually large Committee of sixteen is really the most important team. Half way through the evening 'everything stops for tea' and some 'non-shop' gossip. Changes in administration have been very rare; they never let a good man get away. When the Hon. Treasurer, FREDDIE DERBYSHIRE, resigned this year after sixteen years of highly successful 'ends-meeting,' he was promptly co-opted.

Proudly flying the Kent County flag, Woolwich League covers fifty odd square miles of outer London. In 1947/48 they had 54 teams, 389 registered players; last year, 94 teams, 733 players. This year every record broken.

N. B. ADAMS.

The Road to Opatija

by
Ron Crayden

(England and Surrey)

THIS chronicle of England's first representative appearance in the Yugoslavian Open Championships illustrates one of the rewards of earning a "cap" and is of particular interest because of Yugo's increasing playing strength.

The author, and English Captain, RON CRAYDEN (Surrey) merits double congratulations. On the day he was notified of his T.T. honour, he also became father to LYNDA MARY, who, declares Ron, is already earmarked to represent the South London League in the Rose Bowl.

Both English players, Crayden and Venner, were members of the team which won the Willmott Cup last season.

Even in the reflective aftermath of "might-have-beens" we did not feel we had done too badly. Playing two team matches a day under strange conditions and in an atmosphere which would make even sleeping an exertion, we had only bent before the all-conquering Yugoslavs.

The Open Championships

Harangozo and Dolinar will be remembered for their great doubles win in last season's English Open. In Yugoslavia, these two are the idols of the T.T. fraternity, with youngsters eagerly following their lead. The play of the top twelve is of high standard, and the names of Gabric, Grujic

had all the potentialities of a world beater; his confidence complete, his agility catlike, poise perfect, control superb, defence imperturbable, hitting destructive. What is more, he played with purpose. Indeed a worthy champion.

Only Austrian, Trudi Pritzi and her partner prevented the finals being an all-Yugoslavian affair. Backed by experience, unruffled temperament and her heartbreak defence, she never even looked like losing the Women's Singles.

If we did not win their titles, however, we won their praise and approval. At the post-Tournament banquet, top rating was given to our keen sense of sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour on the table. We were vociferously acclaimed.

Yugoslavia has a countryside of vividly contrasted beauty. Wild and rugged, immense forests, and picturesque spots of infinite charm. In the main, the people seemed poorer than those of England but were wealthy in their unbounding friendliness and generosity. If we did not know the language, the magic of Table Tennis was strong enough to overcome any difficulty. We gave of our best at all times and made friends easily. We had our successes. We had our disappointments. The experience gained was considerable.

The hospitality afforded us was immeasurable, sometimes even embarrassing. Always we were warmly conscious of an international good-fellowship throughout that would have made a war-worried politician effervesce with delight.

R. CRAYDEN.

RESULTS

- M.S. V. Harangozo beat Z. Dolinar 3-0.
W.S. T. Pritzi beat L. Werthl 3-0.
M.D. V. Harangozo/Z. Dolinar beat J. Gabric/Bajic 3-0.
W.D. T. Pritzi/L. Werthl beat Covic/Temunovic 3-0.
X.D. V. Harangozo/Pecnik beat J. Vogrinic/Covic 3-0.



Travel Poster Tournament

PALM trees, ornamental buildings, a sun-kissed shore caressed by a limpid, sapphire sea; a graph of hills against a powder-blue sky. A travel poster come to life. That is Opatija in September 1950, and the setting for the Yugoslavian Open T.T. Championships.

It was at Opatija on the blue Adriatic, then, that the sun smiled a bright welcome recently at two travel-wearied Englishmen, Harry Venner and myself, proud to be the first two Englishmen ever invited to compete in these championships.

After a comfortable journey via Dover - Calais - Paris - Venice - Milan, we had a minor hitch on the Italian side of the border when our basic English, elementary French and wild gesticulations delayed the train for thirty minutes. At the Yugoslavian frontier town of Sezana, we were officially welcomed and driven to Opatija, by a driver having no regard for speed limits.

The Team Events

Prior to the Yugoslavian Open, an international team event was held for "The Adriatic Cup." This was run on the Davis Cup basis, i.e., 4 singles and 1 doubles, each best of 5. Teams were Yugoslavia (two teams), Austria, Sweden, West Germany, Holland and England.

England did best of all visiting countries, losing only to Yugoslavia. Our wins were: beat W. Germany 3-0; beat Sweden 3-0; and beat Austria 3-1. Harry Venner played at his peak in the latter match, defeating both Bednar and Just with his speed and spit-fire tactics. From this day on, after a chance remark I made, he was affectionately known as "BOOM-BOOM."



and Uzorinac will soon, I think, become familiar. Mostly, they play a heavy chop on both wings, with ferocious bursts of vicious forehand hitting patterned much on the style of the Hungarian star, Koczian.

All visiting internationals were knocked out in the M.S., Bednar, Just, Grive, Johansson, Cor du Buy, Van Zoelen, Braun, Vossebein, and ourselves. V. Harangozo won the triple crown, and in dealing with Dolinar's ferocious attack in the singles final,

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SHOTS

140 Miles by Taxi to play in Two Finals

IN DICK GUISE (Malvern) the Worcester League have as their captain a star many counties would like to see in their County Championship team. With an unbeaten home record, he has also notched wins over such players as Wally Poole, McKay, Kriss, Hall, and Stan Jones.

It is in Lawn Tennis, however, that Dick Guise has touched a new high-spot this season. He recently won the County Closed for the fourth successive year, and in the Cheltenham Open beat Davis Cup (and Warwicks T.T. player) Howard Walton, before winning the title from Paddy Roberts. The national Press acclaimed his Wimbledon fight against Drobny as 'brilliant.'

Last season, he was playing for Worcs. County in the Final of the All-England Hard-Courts Championship in Surrey. On the same day, he was due to play in three final events of the League Championships in Worcester—140 miles away.

Without hesitation the League sent a taxi, and 3½ hours after leaving the Tennis courts in Surrey, he was doing battle on the green table in Worcester.

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*Some wives regard our Table Tennis dealings
With mixed feelings;
They prefer to go to flicks and see two
features,
Silly creatures.*

WALTER STEINETZ.

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"When is an International Not?"

... Is one question we have been asked several times lately.

"A player gets capped," we are told, "perhaps only once, and forever after classifies himself as English International!" Isn't this rather misleading? If he (or she) is not a current international, surely an "Ex" should precede the qualification?

With innocent doubt that any table tennisist could ever be misleading, we asked three different members of the N.E.C. for their opinion. Each tended to agree with our correspondent. One suggested that the appropriate years should be noted after the word 'International' was the most satisfactory solution. Bouquet to Arthur Waite.

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Don't ask spectators for quiet — take their breath away.

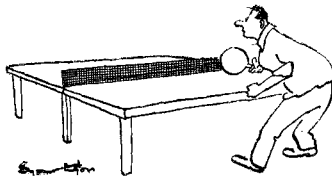
"Pot" Luck?

LAST September BERNARD CROUCH went to Skegness with a "temporary" partner, ROY TURNER of Croydon, because his regular buddy, Thornhill, could not get leave from the R.A.F.

They won the title, slightly to their own surprise, then parted, never to pair up again until this September when once again Crouch was without his regular partner.

In this year's much stronger field Crouch-Turner didn't have much hope. But again they surprised themselves, and incidentally Roy Turner looked likely to surprise many people this winter.

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"COPY TICH — SERVE!"

They Lost—So That They Might Win

LAST YEAR, Cambridgeshire were challengers to the Premier Division, a fine performance of a small county which is building up for a big future. These are first dividends of a common-sense policy. For three years, secretary LESLIE CONSTABLE has strongly advocated "Find a good youngster, and—win or lose—give him every chance you can."

Well, they started by losing all the way. Now, however, they are producing a strong-playing, virile and YOUNG county team. The policy has produced the strong spearhead of JOHN CORNWALL and JOHN THURSTON (both in the forces), and a strong junior bunch that promises to make Cambs. a power of the future. PAMELA BANKS and PAT INGLIS, at fifteen years old, are youngsters who will soon be strengthening the Ladies' part of the senior team, while dour fourteen year old JOSEPH ARNOLD heads many promising lads, who will get their chances in the Junior Counties this season.

Coteman's October victory over Brocklebank is an indication.

Current Czech Ranking

MEN: 1, Andreadis; 2, Vana; 3, Tereba; 4, Tokar; 5, Stipek; 6, Turnovsky; 7, Vyhnanovsky; 8, Moudry; 9/10, Koudelka and Raban.

WOMEN: 1/2, Kettnerova and Krejiova (Fuerstova); 3, Hruskova; 4, Kotatkova; 5/6, Wiesnesova and Zelenkova.

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CONGRATULATIONS to PETER HOLROYD (Beds.) County T.T. Player on winning the County Lawn Tennis Championship. He is already County Squash champion, and has come near to adding the T.T. singles for a unique triple crown.

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Mixed Chop

Served by A. R. (Tony) Miller

STYLE is over-rated. All too often it is mere affectation or an imposed style that encumbers rather than helps. Genuine style should be natural and easy, a legitimate expression of a player's rhythms and ideas. I believe that the quicker a point is won the better and that the way a player achieves this is entirely his own affair. If he uses a coal-hammer and sings *Ave Maria* at the same time, none should say him nay.

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THE engaging doctrines of psycho-analysis tells us that we very often state something when we mean the opposite, and when we say we admire something we really hate it. This is most encouraging, for now, when we hear a player say that he has lost through a cold or bad luck, etc., we will know that he also, doesn't believe it.

Unfortunately, when he clammers into heroics and says that he lost to a better player, we shall know that he doesn't believe that either.

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IT is no coincidence that the three greatest T.T. players, Barna, Bergmann and Vana are Slavs. There is something in their temperament, an extreme animosity towards defeat and a steely purposefulness in their play of an important match which is rarely equalled by the easy-going Briton.

A. R. MILLER.

E.T.T.A. Official News from Headquarters

Important matters will be summarised here monthly. Readers are invited to send any queries for official ruling or comment to the Editor.

COACHING.

A Week-end School

THE Ministry of Education is still unable to provide financial assistance for the E.T.T.A.'s original scheme for a full time National Coach. As an interim experiment, plans are now being worked out for a scheme which will bring together potential coaches for a week-end of training in the Principles and Practice of Coaching. County Associations have already been asked to suggest names of suitable people for this week-end school, which it is hoped to operate this season. It is proposed that the costs (travel, board, etc.) will be paid by the E.T.T.A. With the coaches' scheme it may also be possible to couple a week-end school for officials. In this case, those attending will be expected to contribute about £2 10s. for lodging and meals, etc., as well as their own travel expenses.

Selection Committee

The selection Committee for this season will consist of: I. Montagu, H. J. Amery, T. Sears, S. Proffitt, the Captains of the Swaythling and Corbillon Cup teams being co-opted later.

Equipment Panel

THE National Executive has been considering the setting up of an Equipment Panel to examine the various problems about tables, balls, lighting, etc.

One important task is precision testing of balls submitted for official approval. The late A. J. Wilmott devoted much skill, care, and patience to this work for many years, and his death leaves a gap which it will not be easy to fill, since the work calls for a close acquaintance with the principles of fine scientific measurements as well as an intimate knowledge of practical playing requirements.

The National Executive would be glad to hear from anyone who would be prepared to assist on this panel. Those volunteering should indicate their qualifications and should not, of course, be connected in any way with the trade in Table Tennis Equipment.

Victor Barna Testimonial

THE presentation to Victor Barna is to be made at the Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.2, at 6-30 p.m. on 8th November.

Honorary General Secretary

THE National Executive has decided for the time being, not to fill the

position of Hon. General Secretary, made vacant by the death of Mr. W. Pope.

Mrs. K. Pegg has been appointed Administrative Secretary, and the Chairman and Honorary Treasurer have undertaken to assist in the work normally falling to the General Secretary, as they have been doing since Mr. Pope's death.

Lagos and Accra

THE Lagos and the Accra table tennis organisations have asked to attach themselves to the E.T.T.A., which has accepted and agreed to help them in every way possible towards the development of National Associations in the areas of which they form parts.

Cheshire and Lancashire

CHESHIRE and Lancashire are closely linked in many ways and the boundary between them presents practical obstacles to operation on a strict county basis. Therefore, in order that Cheshire may play its full part as a County Association, the local players and officials have decided that separate Cheshire and Lancashire County bodies should be constituted. This is being done in such a way as to retain the close ties between the Cheshire and Lancashire Leagues which have in the past contributed so much to the success of the game in the two counties.

N.E.C. Visits the Provinces

FOR the first time since before the war, the National Executive Committee will be holding its next full meeting in the provinces. For this occasion, the venue will be in the Birmingham area.

French Tour (Ladies)

MRS. M. KNOTT (non-playing Captain), Miss D. Rowe and Miss R. Rowe have been selected as a representative team for a French tour 3rd to 11th October. There will be three matches, plus the representative international match on 7th October near Paris and the team will conclude the tour with a representative international match England v. Belgium at Brussels on 10th October.

Open London Clubs Forward Please

MANY enquiries are received for clubs in the London area who are open to receive outside members (i.e., where membership is not restricted to members of a particular organisation). Will secretaries or readers with any recommendations or information please send to the E.T.T.A.

Visitors to London often ask for clubs or playing facilities available during a visit, or where they can get a good knock with London players. Would readers please send any suggestions to E.T.T.A.

LOOKING BACK

Extracts from Vol. 1, No. 2, *Table Tennis*, Dec.-Jan. 1935-36. Price 1d.

The Great Hungarian All-England Tour ends, a triumphant success everywhere . . . At Birmingham, Hungary (Barna, Bellak, Szabados) beat England (Bergl, Haydon, R. D. Jones) 8-1 . . . C. Dawes (Bristol) beats international J. Silto (Swindon) . . . Haydon in triangular exhibition match at Lille, France with Haguener and Ehrlich . . . In Open Tournaments, Barna wins Merseyside (Casofsky taking Junior title); Lurie the Midlands; Stan Proffitt the North London, and Bergl the Herts. . . A new electric score-board used in an exhibition at Faircross Club, Barking, is said to be better than Wimbledon's . . . 8ft. by 4ft. table tops advertised for 15/6d. . . Mrs. H. M. Bunbury, Chairman of Women's Executive Committee 1933-35 . . . A. J. Wilmott, (donor of the Wilmott Cup), C. W. Davies (Manchester) and N. Litten (Exeter) newly 'capped' in match versus the I.F.S. . . . Ruth Aarons, Jimmy McClure and Sol Schiff U.S.A. tops. . . Birmingham initiate Midland Counties League . . . Mannooh helps Sittingbourne beat Chatham in a match won by 18 games to 17.

THE DRESDEN VASE New English Open Trophy

APART from the three cups mentioned in the last English Open Programme, Mr. Finney has presented a new one for Junior (Girls) Singles, which will be known as the "Dresden Vase."



Mr. A. T. Finney

Part of the engraved inscription reads: "Presented by A. T. Finney, 1950. A pioneer of Table Tennis amongst the Juniors of North Staffordshire for forty years, who first played in Dresden, Stoke-on-Trent in the year 1900, with hollow vellum bats with long handles."

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PERSONALITY PAR.



**KEN
CRAIGIE**
England and
Middlesex

IT should be "Keen" Craigie, for this 26-year-old Customs and Excise Officer always brings a keen zest to the many sports he plays, and, win or lose, a spirit of blithe, healthy enjoyment.

Although he started on the dining-room table, it was not till he read Ivor Montagu's book *Table Tennis* in late 1940 that the T.T. bug really bit him. At every opportunity he watched top players in action very, very closely, inspired particularly by the styles of Cyril Merrett and Bo Vana. With affection, he regards his wife (he's been married four years) as his most

valuable coach since his demob in 1948 after 6 years' service.

Ken goes right into all-out attack, covering most of the table with hard, angled hitting preferably with the forehand in the orthodox style. It is said his defence is not good but there are very few players strong enough to prove it. To counter a tendency to run round his forehand, he keeps an effective positioning backhand in reserve.

He is sometimes remembered as the player who got his National before his County "Cap" (A "scoop" for the Selection Committee?). He contributed materially in enabling England to beat Czechoslovakia for the first time for twenty-one years, when with D. Miller they pulled a desperate 4-all to a 5-4 victory! International engagements have taken him to Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Germany, but there's no place like home.

He holds nine current major tournament titles — three of each kind — a sure sign of all-round ability and teamwork. He has a sportsman's liking to see modest, meritorious players win, conceited ones lose and as far as we

can find, his only dislike is of players who show no appreciation of help given them.


Like many top players, he likes a good game of chess. Got school colours for Soccer and Hockey (and Cambridge). Plays good squash. Lawn Tennis is, however, the big "second string." He won the Junior L.T.C. Doubles Championship of Great Britain in 1942, Army L.T. Doubles, 1948, and has represented the Army, and now represents Cambs. County and Civil Service.

Oh, yes, he doesn't mind 'chisellers' and deprecates criticisms of this style of play.

NATIONAL Open Championships held between 11th Sept. and 7th Oct. include Australian; Yugoslav (Abbazia); Mexican (Chapultepec); Iran; New Zealand; South African (S.A.N.T.T.B.). Future Nationals are shown under Engagements.

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ENGAGEMENTS

In the Open Tournaments below, events shown in the column are *additional* to M.S., W.S., M.D., W.D., and X.D. in every case. Intending entrants are recommended to apply as early as possible.

<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Title and Venue</i>	<i>Extra Events</i>	<i>Name and address of Sec.</i>
Oct.			
28-29	Sussex Sea End, Pier Pavilion, Hastings. Referee: C. Corti-Woodcock.	B.S.	D. N. Tyler, 1, York Buildings, Hastings.
30	N.C.C. Champions v. Rest Prince of Wales Baths, Prince of Wales Rd., Kentish Town, N.W.5		G. R. Harrower, 68, Gloucester Road, New Barnet, Herts.
Nov.			
2-4	Birmingham Indoor Sports Stadium, Pershore Road, Birmingham, 5. Referee: A. A. Haydon.	V.S. B.S. G.S. J.D.	M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham, 12.
6-11	Eastern Suburban North Ilford L.T.C. & Baths Hall, Ilford.		T. Lawlor, 32, Ellesmere Gardens, Ilford, Essex.
9-11	North of England Drill Hall, 465 H.A.A. Regt. R.A., Stretford Rd., All Saints, Manchester.	B.S. G.S.	L. W. Jones, 261, Mauldeth Road, Burnage, Manchester, 19.
11	Hull & East Riding St. John's Ambulance Drill Hall, Anlaby Road, Hull. Referee: A. Abrahamson.	J.S.	Harry Flinton, 28, Albert Avenue, Anlaby Road, Hull.
11-12	Belgian Championships		
Nov.			
17-18	Pontefract Town Hall, Pontefract, Yorks. Referee: L. E. Forrest.	V.S. B.S. G.S. Y.S.	Stanley Hanson, 22, St. Bernards Avenue, Pontefract, Yorks.
18-19	South of England Welfare Hall, A. & T. Social Club, Aurelia Road, Croydon. Referee: K. C. Joyce.	B.S. G.S.	C. A. Bourne, 46, Elm Park Gardens, Selsdon, Surrey.
22-25	Merseyside (Finals) Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool. Referees: N. H. Holland & C. B. Miller.	J.S.	W. Stamp, Buena Ventura, Farmdale Close, Liverpool, 18.
Dec.			
8-9	Welsh Open		Mrs. H. R. Evans, The Rise, 16, Tymawr Rd., Rumney, Cardiff.
9	Bournemouth Open Town Hall, Bournemouth.	J.S.	N. N. Read, 21, Gainsborough Rd., Queens Park, Bournemouth.
11-16	Central London Open Prince of Wales Road Baths,, Kentish Town, N.W.1. Referee: E. A. B. Swayne.	B.S. G.S.	Mrs. E. G. Johnston, 141, Ingram Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.
	All-India Open		At Colombo.
Jan. 1951.			
1-6	Metropolitan Open Polytechnic Extension, Little, Titchfield Street, W.1. Referee: J. Kurzman.	B.S.	E. S. Lee, Polytechnic, 309, Regent Street, London, W.1.

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South American Notebook

From Sebastian Safianu

THE CHILEAN T.T. Federation were responsible for organising this year's South American Championships at Santiago de Chile and Mexico and the U.S.A. were included in the invitations, which made new records in both numbers and standards.

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The Argentine season finished with the national individual and team championships. In the final of the latter, the Independiente, Buenos Aires beat Aciba. JUAN ROMANICH beat the strong attack of SALOMON ROSOSCHIK to win the M.S., while in the W.S., OLGA CARREIRA, playing better than ever, easily beat IRENE WALDMAN to take the title for the fourth successive year. Isaak Ganc and Claudia Protopopof were each placed third.

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The Uruguyan T.T. Federation, with praiseworthy enterprise, have been developing a big campaign to popularise the sport, in which leading players participate in exhibitions and various weekly championships.

SEBASTIAN SAFIANU.

"Penholders have had it," says F. Olazarri

ALTHOUGH 90% of Chilean players are penholders, none of them has won a singles title for three years, and all the younger players are playing the orthodox grip. Our most famous penholder, RAUL RIVEROS (who played in the last U.S. Nationals) has declared in favour of the correct grip. All the leading Brazilian players are penholders, and I think Brazil will fall to the bottom of South American T.T. unless they realise that there is no future for penholders.

The Chilean Federation controls eighteen associations. The two largest and close rivals are Santiago and Valparaiso, the former having more than 6,000 registered players, with up to 1,000 spectators at big tournaments. "Slava" PASDIREK, (a former Czech-Moravian champion whom many readers will remember) is, alas, retired. I call him all the days and say to him: "What about a little practice Slava?" and I think I am going to get that Slava back, for in my opinion, he is the best player in South America, and worked tremendously hard to teach the right style.

F. OLAZARRI,
Chilean International and
Champion.