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THE KING

WE mourn a noble KING, a beloved PATRON. From the deepest well of heavy hearts our sympathy reaches out to share, humbly and keenly, the profound sorrow of every member of the Royal Family.

We revere his memory with an indefinable sense of personal pride and affection. We honour his greatness, his goodness, his courage and nobility, his high-minded, unwavering precept and example, his devotion to his family and his unflinching dedication to his peoples.

We draw strength for the future from his bearing and fortitude.

Some part of his inspiring philosophy reflected in his Christmas broadcast, words which should illuminate the ideals of our Association:

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It is difficult to measure the universal goodwill that has been fostered throughout the world because of that Royal Patronage.

The Accession of QUEEN ELIZABETH II is "a sunrise lightening the darkness of the present hour." We render homage to our new and gracious Sovereign. We pledge our loyalty and support in her great tasks which lie ahead. May these coming years bring us to a new sense of greatness, dignity and peace worthy of so gracious a Queen of England.

May God save and bless **QUEEN ELIZABETH II.**

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1951-2

England's Bad Luck in Swaythling Cup Final — Sensational Japanese Debut —
Hiroji Satoh new World Champion — Successful Indian organisation

ENGLAND CUP RESULTS (Swaythling Cup—Men's Teams)

ENGLAND 5—GERMANY 0
J. LEACH bt. D. Mauritz 14, 7. R. BERGMANN bt. H. Schneider 14, 11; bt. K. Braun 13, 10. H. VENNERS bt. D. Mauritz 7, 16; bt. K. Braun 21, 18.

ENGLAND 5—CAMBODIA 0
J. LEACH bt. Thai Vy Phang 11, 7; bt. Keoh My 9, 7. A. SIMONS bt. Thai Vy Phang 15, 14; bt. Lim Tam Var 11, 17. R. BERGMANN bt. Keoh My 9, 8.

ENGLAND 5—FRANCE 3
J. LEACH bt. M. Haguenauer 15, 16; lost to R. Roothoft —16, —18; lost to G. Amouretti —18, 10, —21. R. BERGMANN bt. R. Roothoft —19, 14, 8; bt. M. Haguenauer 16, 15; bt. G. Amouretti 8, 7. A. SIMONS bt. M. Haguenauer 19, —9, 19; lost to G. Amouretti —11, —9.

ENGLAND 5—JAPAN 2
J. LEACH bt. N. Fujii 13, —16, 13; lost to H. Satoh 18, —10, —13. R. BERGMANN bt. T. Hayashi 18, 13; bt. N. Fujii —16, 18, 21; lost to H. Satoh 10, —13, —15. A. SIMONS bt. T. Hayashi —21, 18, 12; bt. N. Fujii 18, 14.

ENGLAND 5—PORTUGAL 0
J. LEACH bt. R. Duque 7, 12; bt. A. Gonsalves 20, 17. R. BERGMANN bt. A. Gonsalves —16, 12, 9. H. VENNERS bt. O. Ramos 12, 13; bt. R. Duque 17, 17.

ENGLAND 5—INDIA 1
J. LEACH bt. V. Sivaraman 6, 15; lost to T. Thiruvengadam —17, —7. R. BERGMANN bt. V. Sivaraman 10, 12; bt. K. Jayant 11, 19. A. SIMONS bt. K. Jayant 12, 19; bt. T. Thiruvengadam 8, 11.

ENGLAND 5—PAKISTAN 0
J. LEACH bt. I. Awan 6, 5. R. BERGMANN bt. A. Shareef 4, 7; bt. Majboor 14, 11. H. VENNERS bt. I. Awan 12, 7; bt. Majboor 14, 14.

ENGLAND 4—HUNGARY 5 (Final)
J. LEACH bt. K. Szepesi —8, 14, 15; lost to J. Koczian —18, 15; lost to F. Sido —19, —17. R. BERGMANN bt. J. Koczian 12, 19; bt. F. Sido 16, 17; bt. K. Szepesi 13, 6. A. SIMONS lost to J. Koczian —7, —16; lost to F. Sido w-o; lost to K. Szepesi —21, 8, —16.

Corbillon Cup (Women's Teams)

ENGLAND 3—RUMANIA 2
D. ROWE lost to A. Roseanu 21, —12, —18; bt. S. Szasz 20, —7, 13. R. ROWE lost to A. Roseanu —17, 18, —9; bt. S. Szasz 18, 10. D. & R. ROWE bt. A. Roseanu/S. Szasz 20, 18.

ENGLAND 3—HONG KONG 1
R. ROWE lost to Yeung Wai-Bun 21, —11, —16; bt. W. Bik Yui 4, 10. M. FRANKS bt. Wong Bik Yui —17, 17, 11. R. & D. ROWE bt. Y. Waibun/Wong Oi-Lau 15, 11.

ENGLAND 3—INDIA 0
R. ROWE bt. G. Nasikwalia 17, 13. K. BEST bt. S. Sultana 20, —21, 16. R. & D. ROWE bt. V. Rajagopalan/S. Sultana 12, 26.

ENGLAND 0—JAPAN 3
R. ROWE lost to S. Narahara —19, —17. D. & R. ROWE lost to T. Nishimura —14, —17. D. & R. ROWE lost to S. Narahara/T. Nishimura 14, 9.

ENGLAND 1—AUSTRIA 3
R. ROWE lost to T. Pritzi —19, —10. D. ROWE lost to T. Pritzi 13, —22, —13; lost to L. Werth —18, —18. D. & R. ROWE bt. T. Pritzi/L. Werth 6, —19, 10.

ENGLAND 3—HUNGARY 0
R. ROWE bt. G. Farkas 17, —13, 15. D. ROWE bt. E. Sagi 10, —12, 13. D. & R. ROWE bt. G. Farkas/E. Sagi 21, 14.

FINALS (INDIVIDUAL EVENTS)

M.S. HIROJI SATOH (Japan) bt. Josef Koczian (Hungary) 19, 17, 14.
W.S. ANGELICA ROSEANU (R.) bt. Gizi Farkas (H.) 17, —11, 18, #
—17, 14.
M.D. N. FUJII/T. HAYASHI (J.) bt. R. Bergmann/J. Leach (E.) —12, —9, 18, 17, 12.
W.D. S. NARAHARA/T. NISHIMURA (J.) bt. D. & R. Rowe (E.) 11, 7, 20.
X.D. F. SIDO/A. ROSEANU (R.) bt. J. Leach/D. Rowe (E.) 19, 13, 18.
JUBILEE S. V. BARNA (E.) bt. A. A. Haydon (E.) 17, 19.

THE SWAYTHLING CUP

GROUP A	Eng.	Jap.	Fra.	Ind.	Ger.	Por.	Cam.	Pak.	Matches		Ties	
									W.	L.	F	A.
England	●	5-2	5-3	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	7	0	35	6
Japan	2-5	●	5-1	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	6	1	32	7
France	3-5	1-5	●	5-1	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5	2	29	12
India	1-5	1-5	1-5	●	5-4	5-0	5-3	5-1	4	3	23	23
Germany	0-5	0-5	1-5	4-5	●	5-2	5-0	5-2	3	4	20	24
Portugal	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	●	5-0	5-1	2	5	12	26
Cambodia	0-5	0-5	0-5	3-5	0-5	0-5	●	5-2	1	6	8	32
Pakistan	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	2-5	1-5	2-5	●	0	7	6	35

GROUP B	Hun.	H.K.	Vie.	Bra.	Sin.	Chi.	Afg.	Matches		Ties	
								W.	L.	F	A.
Hungary	●	5-2	5-0	5-1	5-1	5-0	5-0	6	0	30	4
Hong Kong	2-5	●	5-2	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5	1	27	7
Vietnam	0-5	2-5	●	5-2	5-0	5-0	5-0	4	2	22	12
Brazil	1-5	0-5	2-5	●	5-1	5-1	5-0	3	3	18	17
Singapore	1-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	●	5-1	5-0	2	4	12	21
Chile	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	1-5	●	5-0	1	5	7	26
Afghanistan	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	●	0	6	1	30

The Final :

HUNGARY beat England 5-4

(J. Koczian, F. Sido, K. Szepesi) (J. Leach, R. Bergmann, A. Simons)

THE MARCEL CORBILLON CUP

	Jap.	Eng.	Rum.	Aus.	Hun.	H.K.	Ind.	Matches		Ties	
								W.	L.	F	A.
Japan	●	3-0	3-2	3-1	3-2	3-0	3-0	6	0	18	5
England	0-3	●	3-2	1-3	3-0	3-1	3-0	4	2	13	9
Rumania	2-3	2-3	●	3-1	3-1	3-1	3-0	4	2	16	9
Austria	1-3	3-1	1-3	●	1-3	3-0	3-0	3	3	12	10
Hungary	2-3	0-3	1-3	3-1	●	3-0	3-0	3	3	12	10
Hong Kong	0-3	1-3	1-3	0-3	0-3	●	3-2	1	5	5	17
India	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	2-3	●	0	6	2	18

Won by JAPAN

(Sizuki Narahara, Tomie Nishimura)

Geoff. Harrower's WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

SWAYTHLING CUP

THE Jinx which has dogged England's efforts to win the Swaythling Cup re-appeared when it seemed that nothing could stop us; Aubrey Simons, who moves less than any other class player in the game "loses" his Achilles Tendon, and England lose once again.

Few will deny that we had the best team. Even allowing for Johnny Leach's loss of confidence and form, Bergmann was playing at his best (dispelling once and for all that he is not a good team man), and Simons was back to his form of two seasons ago. It was Simons who held his side together against the Japanese. In the opening tie he defeated Hayashi, the reigning Japanese Champion, and at a later stage in the match accounted for Fujii, the Japanese No. 1. Satoh (the man with the bat), took both matches for Japan, beating world champions Leach and Bergmann. More of Satoh, anon.

We had a tough job to beat France. Johnny had lost his touch, but fortunately for us, so had Michel Haguenauer. Bergmann won his three, and with the score at 4-3 Leach overcame Haguenauer and we breathed again.

There were no other tough matches in our group, but it was significant that although we only beat France 5-3, the Frenchmen were licked 5-1 by the Japs. My view is that Japan would have beaten Hungary; Satoh was good for three and I do not think Szepesi would have scored a win, whilst neither Sido or Koczian could be certain of beating Fujii. I am convinced that our win over the Japanese was the best of the competition.

Hungary emerged in the other Group. Their toughest match was against Hong Kong. An upset seemed probable when Hong Kong led 2-0 (Sih Sui-Cho beat Szepesi 13, 17 and Cheng Chin-Sing beat Sido 20, —14, 18), but the little men tired. Hong Kong, however, demonstrated their superiority over other nations in their area. They beat Vietnam 5-2 (Mai Van Hoa scored both wins for Vietnam) and beat Singapore 5-0. The only other point of note in this group concerned an announcement to the Press of the result of the match Hungary v. Afghanistan. Hungary won 5-0, but an Indian official read the Hungarian names a little quickly, and they came out like this . . . Liolo Fercurs, Cyalooi Elemer and Koifian Joisef! I thought we had enough difficult names to contend with without this!

So to the final. I think that the English party were convinced they would win, and when Johnny Leach beat Szepesi in the opening encounter, then even if Johnny did not score again, we should win 5-4 at least. But triumph turned quickly to disaster when, in the second game against Koczian, Aubrey Simons was seen to be limping. Examination by many doctors, and it was thought unlikely that he would be able to play any further that evening. In the meantime, Richard Bergmann had made short work of both Sido and Szepesi. Leach could not master Koczian, and with the score at 3-2 in our favour, Adrian Haydon asked for a rest for Simons. He was refused by the Hungarians—and rightly so—so he conceded the next tie (against Sido), on the grounds that, if Aubrey had to play at all, he stood far more chance against Szepesi. That made the score 3-1, but Bergmann put us in the lead again with another straight games win against Koczian. Let it be long remembered that, with the tide of fortune against us, Bergmann won all his three matches in straight games, knowing full well that a great effort was needed by him, Simons having hurt himself before Richard ever went on the table.

The vital match was Leach/Sido. Both players were nervous and below form, but Sido was always in front, and won in straight games. Plucky Aubrey Simons came out for the last tie; for the only time in the Championships the audience were with us, and Aubrey played brilliantly standing on one leg. Spare a thought for young Szepesi. He was very upset. He is a great sportsman, and appeared genuinely sorry at the close. Aubrey nearly won in straight games. He led 19-14 in the first, only to instinctively move for a wide ball, and hurt himself again. I am convinced that had he been able to leave that shot alone, he would have won. In the second he was always the master, but in the decider, although several times drawing level, one had the feeling that all was lost, and so it proved, for after 16-all Szepesi played really well for the last five points.

CORBILLON CUP

DUE to wholesale withdrawals there was only one group, of seven countries, but what a group it was, with the five strongest nations in the world, as far as women's T.T. goes. The Japanese had informed us that, although strong in men's play, their ladies were not so good, but hoped to improve! Actually, I think they were right. No, it's not a case

of sour grapes, but just facing facts. The slowish, high topspin of Narahara (the right-handed one) and Nishimura needed more than just ability to overcome. It also needed experience and tactics. In support of this theory, just look at these Corbillon Cup scores:—Farkas beat Narahara 16, 19, and Nishimura 10, 14. Pritzi beat Narahara 14, 11. Roseanu beat Narahara 12, 10; Roseanu beat Nishimura 9, 14. The scores speak for themselves. The old stagers had the answer, but the brilliant 18-year-olds, Diane and Rosalind Rowe and Linde Wertl, have yet to find the answer to accurate top spin on the last four inches of the table.

The Japanese learn fast. 19-year-old left-handed Tomie Nishimura put points on to her game by the end of the Championships, and I was not alone in considering her better than the acknowledged No. 1, Shizuka Narahara. Consolation in that our girls are learning too. Rosalind Rowe, in particular, had a brilliant tournament, evidence her wins over Farkas and Pritzi, two girls she could not touch last season. Ros is now the world's No. 3 singles player. Di has also improved, and when her defence is steadier we shall win this Corbillon Cup for years, as far as European nations are concerned. But what about the Japs! Who will improve the most. Only a fool would prophesy.

Austria again proved our bogey. Diane could not overcome Linde Wertl, but consolation in the fact that Trudi Pritzi gets no younger, and I think we have lost to the Austrians for the last time in this decade.

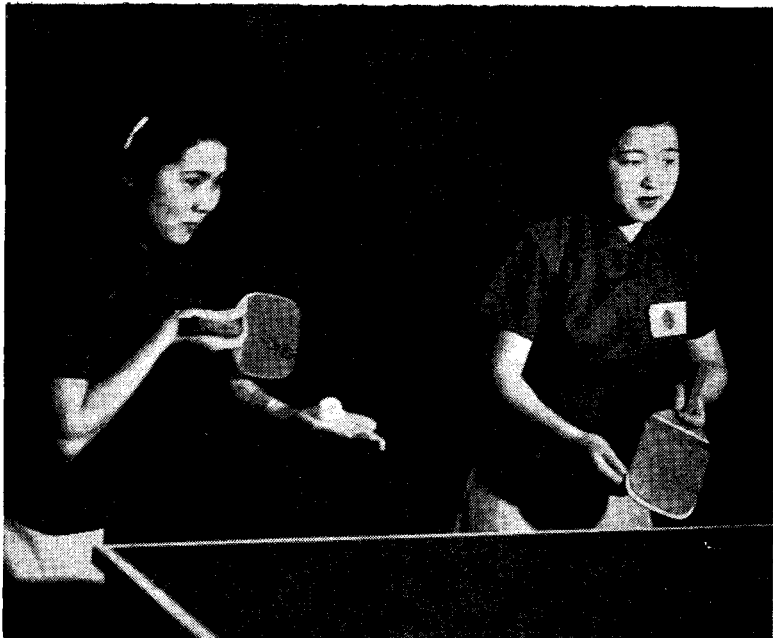
MEN'S SINGLES

EVERYBODY wants to know about 28-year-old Hiroji Satoh, ranked No. 5 in Japan and now No. 1 in the world, a fantastic success story which a writer of fiction would dismiss as too improbable to be swallowed. Satoh has only used his famous "sponzer rubber bat" for a little over six months. What do you need to beat him? His teammate Norikazu Fujii has the answer—he always wins, perhaps because of his "penholder" style. Incidentally, all the Japanese team at Bombay, men and women, were "penholders."

On their way to the World's, the Japanese stopped over in Hong Kong for a couple of days, and Satoh was easily beaten by Sih Sui-Cho. So perhaps there will be a revival in Europe of the penholders. Certainly they seem to have the answer to Satoh. Personally I feel that any player with a class backhand has the answer as well.

All else in the singles was overshadowed by the modest, bespectacled Satoh, who softly won point after point with an apologetic air. Player after player came off the table bewitched, bothered and bewildered, without a clue as to how they lost. Some attributed it to not being able to hear the ball, others to the exceptional side-spin. I noticed that, whenever Satoh returned a hard hit on his forehand side, the other player invariably put his next shot well off the table—no matter whether he hit or pushed. It was like playing a ball for chop only to find that it had

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SHIZUKA NARAHARA (left) and TOMIE NISHIMURA (right), the new Women's Doubles Champions of the World and winners of The Corbillon Cup for 1952. They defeated England's famous Rowe Twins in the Final, but were decisively beaten in singles by Farkas, Pritzi and Roseanu. Like the Rowe Twins, it will be noted that the Japanese combination has one right-handed and one left-handed player.

The World's—Main Results

ABBREVIATIONS.—The following abbreviations are used to indicate a player's country for the first time only in which that player's name occurs:—

A—Austria. AU—Australia. AF—Afghanistan. B—Brazil. C—Cambodia. CH—Chile. E—England. F—France. G—Germany. H—Hungary. HK—Hong Kong. I—India. J—Japan. P—Portugal. PK—Pakistan. R—Rumania. S—Scotland. ST—Singapore. U—United States of America. V—Vietnam.

* signifies a Time Limit match.

In the M.S. and W.S. events, the names of English players are printed in capitals.

MEN'S SINGLES

1st Round—J. LEACH (E) bt. L. Var-konyi (H) 9, 12, 13. J. Koczian (F) bt. F. Campas (P) 19, 17. —22, 12. R. BERGMANN (E) bt. W. P. Duarte (B) 12, 16, 6. G. R. HARROWER (E) bt. M. H. Mehkri (I) 18, —19, —17, 7, 15. A. Ehrlich (F) bt. D. Mauritz (G) * 21-18, 18-16, 11-8.

2nd Round—J. LEACH bt. A. Ghosh (I) 10, 11, 10. Sih Sui-Cho (HK) bt. T. Hayashi (J) 14, 18, 17. Nguyen Lan-Hop (V) bt. I. MONTAGU (E) 10, 16, 20. A. A. HAYDON (E) bt. J. Godrej (I) 16, 13, 9. R. BERGMANN bt. R. Bhandari (I) 14, 4, 7. H. Satoh (J) bt. M. Reisman (U) —18, 12, 15, 12. E. Gyetvai (H) bt. G. R. HARROWER 14, 16, 18. Keung Wing-Ning (HK) bt. A. Ehrlich —20, —15, 19, 17, 20.

3rd Round—M. Lansky (F) bt. H. VENNEN (E) —17, 12, 19, 23. Sih Sui-Cho (HK) bt. M. Hagenauer (F) —16, 14, 19, 19. J. LEACH bt. H. Severo (B) 21, 11, 8. H. Satoh bt. S. Caffero (F) 10, 14, 9. J. Koczian bt. A. A. HAYDON 16, —18, —18, 17, 17. R. Roothoft (F) bt. K. Szepesi (H) 21, —16, 13, 13. N. Fujii (J) bt. R. BERGMANN —14, 18, 18, 16, 17. Keung Wing-Ning (HK) bt. E. Gyetvai (H) 15, 19, —19, —12, 11.

4th Round—G. Amouretti (F) bt. J. LEACH 13, —10, 9, 15. J. Koczian bt. Sih Sui-Cho —13, 18, —13, 5, 15. M. Lansky bt. T. Thiruvengadam (I) 15, 9, —17, 16. F. Sido (H) bt. Foo Ki-Fong (HK) 19, 16, 14. H. Satoh bt. Tran Van Lieu (V) 8, 5, 12. D. Cartland (U) bt. Mai Van Hoa (V) —18, —13, 13, 16, 14. R. Roothoft bt. N. Fujii —18, 17, 20, 17. R. Duque (P) bt. Keung Wing-Ning 18, —20, 18, 16.

Quarter-Finals—H. Satoh bt. F. Sido —19, 20, 4, 13. R. Roothoft bt. R. Duque 16, 12, 9. J. Koczian bt. M. Lansky 18, 18, 12. G. Amouretti bt. D. Cartland 19, 9, 13.

Semi-Finals—J. Koczian bt. G. Amouretti 19, 14, 18. H. Satoh bt. R. Roothoft 19, 15, 19.

FINAL—H. SATOH bt. J. Koczian 19, 17, 14.

Consolation Singles—Vyas (I) bt. I. Montagu (E) 8, 19. H. Vennen (E) bt. Tran Canh Duc (V) 14, 14; bt. E. Loch (CH) 9, 7; bt. S. K. Thackersey (I) 12, 15. M. Reisman (U) bt. Vennen —13, 12, 16; bt. Vyas 12, —15, 17.

FINAL—M. REISMAN bt. Vyas 12, —15, 17.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1st and 2nd Rounds—T. Nishimura (J) bt. M. Stafford (AU) 12, 3, 8. H. ELLIOTT (S) bt. S. Narahara (J) 20, —9, 20, 6. C. K. BEST (E) bt. R. Satarawala (I) 18, 17, 18. M. FRANKS (E) bt. E. Boccato (I) 19, 10, 14.

3rd Round—A. Roseanu (R) bt. C. K. BEST 9, 16, 14. R. ROWE (E) bt. S. Nasikwala (I) 15, 16, 12. T. Nishimura bt. D. ROWE (E) 13, 16, —22, —9, 16. I. WERTL (A) bt. M. FRANKS —17, 21, 11, 10. S. Szasz (R) bt. S. Sultana (T) * —16, 17, 17, —13, 20-16.

Quarter-Finals—I. WERTL bt. S. Szasz 13, 15, —16, 17. A. Roseanu bt. H. ELLIOTT 15, 17, 18. G. Farkas (H) bt. T. Nishimura —19, 14, 16, 18. R. ROWE bt. T. Pritzi (A) —20, 19, 18, 17.

Semi-Finals—A. Roseanu bt. R. ROWE 14, 18, 5. G. Farkas bt. I. WERTL 4, 9, 10.

FINAL—A. ROSEANU bt. G. Farkas 17, —11, 18, —17, 14.

Consolation Singles—S. Sultana (I) bt. Wong Bik Yiu (HK) 11, 11. No English entrants.

MEN'S DOUBLES

1st Round—Barna/Haydon (E) bt. Lim Tam-Var/Thai Vyphang (C) 9, 5, 15. Cheng Kwok-Wing (HK)/G. Harrower (E) bt. Campas/Ramos (P) 19, —8, —18, 20, 1. Sampat (I)/Vennen (E) bt. Hamid/Kabir (AF) 19, 14, —16, 12.

2nd Round—Barna/Haydon bt. Cheng Kwok-Wing/Harrower 18, 13, 19. Bergmann/Leach (E) bt. Severo/Severo (B) 9, 11, 12. Cartland/Reisman (U) bt. Nguyen Lan-Hop/Tran Canh-Duc (V) 22, —16, 17, 15. Fujii/Hayashi (J) bt. Sampat/Vennen 16, 15, 11.

3rd Round—Barna/Haydon bt. Loh Kim Soon/Wong Tong Goon (SI) 12, 19, 11. Bergmann/Leach bt. Foo Ki-Fang/Sih Sui-Cho (HK) —17, —13, 18, 18, 15. Chung Chin-Sing/Keung Wing-Ning (HK) bt. Amouretti/Hagenauer (F) 17, 18, 22.

Quarter-Finals—Fujii/Hayashi bt. Koczian/Sido (H) 15, 19, 12. Barna/Haydon bt. Lansky/Roothoft (F) 19, 16, —8, 15. Bergmann/Leach bt. Piffel/Schneider (G) 12, 11, 16. Cartland/Reisman bt. Chung Chin-Sing/Keung Wing-Ning 17, 20, 16.

Semi-Finals—Fujii/Hayashi bt. Cartland/Reisman 8, 14, 19. Bergmann/Leach bt. Barna/Haydon 5, 13, —14, 22.

FINAL—FUJII/HAYASHI bt. Bergmann/Leach —12, —9, 18, 17, 12.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

1st Round—Best/Franks (E) bt. Mok Woon-King/Woon Oi-Lan (HK) 17, 9, 19.

Quarter-Finals—Rowe/Rowe (E) bt. Wong Bik-Yiu/Yeung Wai-Bun (HK) 18, 9, 15. Narahara/Nishimura (J) bt. Roseanu/Szasz (R) —17, —19, 16, 14, 9. Elliott (S)/WERTL (A) bt. Best/Franks 18, 16, —18, 8. Farkas/Sagi (H) bt. Pritzi (A)/Zeller (R) —19, —22, 18, 15, 13.

Semi-Finals—D. & R. Rowe bt. Farkas/Sagi —16, 18, 14, 15. Narahara/Nishimura bt. Elliott/WERTL 16, 16, —20, 19.

FINAL—NARAHARA/NISHIMURA bt. D. and R. Rowe 11, 7, 20.

MIXED DOUBLES

Leach/D. Rowe bt. Satoh/Nishimura 20, —17, 17, —17; bt. Chandarana/Mrs. Rajagopalan (I) 16, 12, 15; bt. Hagenauer/WERTL 6, 17, 20; bt. Koczian/Farkas 21, —20, 16, 13. Barna/R. Rowe bt. Garcia/Midosi 9, 14, 20; bt. Fujii/Narahara 17, —17, 18, 18; bt. Bhandari/Sultana 15, 19, 9. Vennen/Best bt. Thiruvengadam/Nasikwala 18, —18, —17, 14, 14. Hagenauer/WERTL bt. Sih Sui-Cho/Wong Bik-Yiu —16, 12, 12, —11, 16. Roothoft/Pritzi bt. Reisman/Elliott —19, 12, 13, 19. Koczian/Farkas bt. Vennen/Best 14, 15, 11; bt. Roothoft/Pritzi —20, 12, 18, 20. Bergmann/Franks bt. Sivaraman/Rukmini 16, 7, 16. Sido/Roseanu bt. Bergmann/Franks 15, 17, 19; bt. Barna/R. Rowe 17, —20, 15, 14.

FINAL—F. SIDO/A. ROSEANU bt. J. Leach/D. Rowe 19, 17, 14.

JUBILEE CUP

Restricted to players appearing in World Championships at least 21 years ago.

V. Barna (E) bt. Barafwala (I) 7, 9; bt. Kirloskar (I) 10, 10. Thum (A) bt. Shivdasani (I) 16, 10. A. A. Haydon bt. I. Montagu 10, 10.

FINAL—V. BARNA bt. A. A. Haydon 17, 19.



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His late Majesty The King

TELEGRAM

"The Private Secretary,
Her Majesty The Queen.

In humble duty the Officers and the entire Membership of the English Table Tennis Association mourn the loss of their King and Patron, and extend to Her Majesty and the Royal Family an expression of their profound grief and sympathy.

Harold Oldroyd, President."

6th Feb., 1952

Clarence House, St. James's.

"The Private Secretary is commended by The Queen to thank the President, Officers and Members of the English Table Tennis Association for their kind message of sympathy, which Her Majesty much appreciates."
12th Feb., 1952

TELEGRAM

Bombay, India.

"E.T.T.A. Officers and Teams at World Championships in Bombay send sympathy, grievous loss heartfelt by all here.

Ivor Montagu,
Chairman, E.T.T.A."

CABLE

"The Chairman, English Table Tennis Association, Championships, Bombay. Her Majesty has deeply appreciated your telegram of sympathy.

Private Secretary."

English Open Championships

25th—29th March, 1952

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FRIDAY, 28th MARCH

Main Programme

4 Quarter Finals Men's Singles
Final of Women's Singles
Final of Men's Doubles

Tickets:

12/6, 10/6, 8/6, 6/- and 3/6

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SATURDAY, 29th MARCH

AFTERNOON

All Junior Finals
(5 events)
Some Senior Semi-Finals

Tickets:

2/6 (Block booking 2/- for Youth Clubs, etc.)

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EVENING

Main Programme

2 Semi-Finals of Men's Singles
Final of Men's Singles
Final of Women's Doubles
Final of Mixed Doubles

Tickets:

21/-, 12/6, 8/6 and 5/-

At the EMPIRE POOL and SPORTS ARENA, WEMBLEY

TICKETS from Mrs. K. PEGG (Administrative Secretary),

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W. J. POPE MEMORIAL FUND

ALL those who wish to subscribe toward the Memorial Chair that is to commemorate the late Hon. Secretary of the E.T.T.A. in the offices of the Association, should do so without delay. Donations of any amount, however small (but not exceeding a guinea from one individual or organisation) should be sent direct to Mrs. K. Pegg.

SILVER JUBILEE

IT is proposed to arrange a Dinner Party in London on the date of, and prior to, the A.G.M. to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the E.T.T.A. It is hoped that a number of the Vice-Presidents and other notable persons and members of the Press will be present. Tickets will probably be about 17/6d. and be available to affiliated members if ordered in advance from Mrs. K. Pegg.

Mrs. NANCY ROY EVANS

WE know that the good wishes of all T.T. enthusiasts will go to Mrs. Nancy Roy Evans, Hon. Secretary of the Welsh T.T.A. for a rapid recovery in her protracted illness. She was taken ill and had to be rushed to hospital on Christmas Eve. She is now at home, but under strict medical attention and having to take things very carefully.

Mrs. Evans has a post-war renown for her immense capabilities in administrative work, and is, we think, the only feminine Hon. Secretary of any national association. In recognising her high worth in this field, we are inclined to overlook her prowess in the playing sphere, for in 1938 she was ranked No. 7 in World Ranking.

Owing to her most unfortunate illness, her husband (Mr. Roy Evans), who is the Secretary of the International T.T. Federation, had to cancel his booking to India.

THE T.T. CUPS

Zone Finals Results

WILLMOTT CUP

STAINES bt. North Middlesex 5-1.
SOUTH LONDON bt. Romford 7-2.
BROMLEY bt. Woolwich 5-4.
LUTON bt. Oxford University 6-3.
NEW LINDUM bt. Norwich 7-2.
HUDDERSFIELD bt. Northum. 7-2.
MANCHESTER bt. Birmingham 5-1.
BRIGHTON bt. Bristol 9-0.

J. M. ROSE BOWL

WEST LONDON bt. Willesden 7-0.
ILFORD bt. London Bus. Houses 8-1.
Grimsby v. Peterborough—not known.
CROYDON bt. Woolwich 6-3.
BIRMINGHAM bt. Northumberland 5-0.
BEDFORD bt. St. Albans 5-4.
BRIGHTON bt. Guildford 6-3.
BRISTOL bt. Bournemouth 7-2.

Table Tennis by Film

YOUTH clubs, schools, and table tennis clubs are queuing up for the film of table tennis tips made by Victor Barna and Michael Szabados, thirteen and eleven times world champions, recently seen by members of the English Table Tennis Association at its London pre-view. Aided by a commentary from Raymond Glendenning, the film shows the correct hold, stance, and balance for all types of shots; and it has its amusing interludes, as when Szabados, taking time for tea and a cigarette, keeps on playing as he drinks and smokes. Applications for the film, which runs for ten minutes can be made to Dunlop Sports Co., 10-12, King Street, S.W.1.

Surrey Open

Epsom, 22nd Feb., 1952

by GEOFF COULTHREAD

SEVERAL shock results gave lesser lights some valuable points in the grading scheme. Jim Pollard, after 16-19 down in third game, had a fine victory over Ivor Jones. Derek Burridge beat Harry Venner and Jean Winn had some good wins over Misses J. Roberts, D. Spooner, and Y. Baker, while Pinkie Barnes disposed of, amongst other notable ladies, Peggy Piper and Elsie Carrington. Dutru beat Jack Carrington and Eddie Spielberg had a good run until he met Craigie.

When Craigie and Leach met in the final, Ken Craigie showed that though

he has not had such a good season, he is still a powerful force.

RESULTS

M.S. K. CRAIGIE bt. J. Leach —13, 18, 18, 16.
W.S. Miss J. WINN bt. Miss L. R. Barnes 14, 17.
M.D. J. CARRINGTON/J. LEACH bt. J. Head/K. Hurlock 18, 15, 15.
W.D. J. ROBERTS/Y. SEAMAN bt. L. R. Barnes/J. Winn 22, 22.
X.D. K. CRAIGIE/J. ROBERTS bt. H. Venner/M. Piper —11, 15, 15.
B.S. R. RAYBOULD bt. R. Dawkins - 15, 16, 19.
G.S. J. ROOK bt. D. Spooner —16, 16, 11.

Query: Why was Craigie/Venner in the same half as Carrington/Leach (while Head/Hurlock were in the other half)? Surely Craigie/Venner—with 3 open titles to Head/Hurlock's one this season—should be the No. 2 seed to Carrington/Leach's No. 1.

PART 1
OF A NEW T.T. COURSE
 BY
Peggy Franks

Peggy Franks has the proud distinction of being the only player to have represented England in every post-war Corbillon Cup competition, and is one of the most stylish and versatile players in the country. Sharing a former World Championship and many other titles, Peggy now shows you How to Play Table Tennis from the time you first take a bat in your hand

Acknowledgments

This instructional series was successfully featured in recent issues of "GIRL," and we gratefully acknowledge the courtesy and co-operation of The Editor and The Hulton Press Ltd., and their kind permission to re-publish



ANYONE can play ping-pong on the dining room table, but to progress from that stage to playing modern table tennis on a full-size table, against a trained opponent, is quite a jump. To make it you must learn the correct grip, the rules, the basic strokes and corresponding footwork, and some elementary tactics.

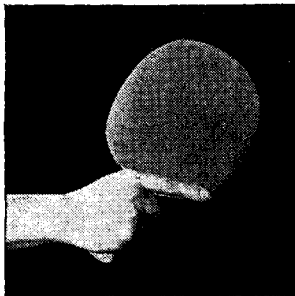
Within the narrow confines of a table, 9 feet by 5 feet, and using a celluloid ball and quite ordinary rubber bat, you can play a game that is as enjoyable and exciting as any on the tennis court, and much faster. Bad weather is no handicap, there is no expensive equipment to buy, and regular play not only keeps you fit, but helps you improve your standard at other games at the same time.

If you cannot play at all it is just as easy to learn the right way from the beginning, and if you are already a player, the sooner you overcome any bad habits you have acquired the better. As soon as you feel that you have developed a sound knowledge of the game join a good club—that's the best way to improve.

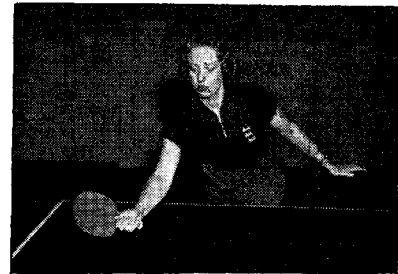
POSITIONING. In the picture above you can see how I stand ready to receive the ball. I am about eighteen inches from the edge of the table. My whole body is crouched, with stomach tucked in and knees bent; my feet are apart, with left leg slightly in front. Weight is mainly on the right; eyes on the ball. I don't know from which direction and height, and at what speed the ball will come to me, but from this position I can conveniently move backwards, forwards or to either side.

CORRECT GRIP.

This is simple to learn — just shake hands with your bat. The picture on the left shows you how. You will find this grip is both natural and comfortable.



CORRECT FOOTWORK. In the first picture I am standing to make the forehand push stroke. My opponent returns to my left. A backhand stroke now without moving my feet would lose my balance, so I jump into the position shown in the second picture, my right foot slightly forward and my left back.



THE BASIC "PUSH SHOT". Now you are ready to play. Concentrate on getting the ball over the net with the simple backhand and forehand "push" strokes. The first two pictures show the backhand, the third shows the

forehand. Notice how my bat is angled to push the ball over the net. Hardly any force is necessary. With practice you will learn how steeply to angle your bat in order to return each ball at the minimum height over the net.

PART 2 IN APRIL, TABLE TENNIS

The T.T. Cups — Quarter Finals

WILMOTT CUP

SOUTH LONDON	7	MANCHESTER	2
HUDDERSFIELD	5	NEW LINDUM	4
LUTON	0	BRIGHTON	9

Bromley v. Staines postponed. Result on page 17, if available.

J. M. ROSE BOWL

CROYDON	0	WEST LONDON	9
BRISTOL	7	ILFORD	2
BEDFORD	5	GRIMSBY	4
BIRMINGHAM	8	BRIGHTON	1

Middlesex (Herga) Open

- M.S.** A. Rhodes bt. A. R. Miller —19, 10, 23. K. Craigie bt. L. Adams 17, 8.
A. RHODES bt. K. Craigie 15, 17, 7.
W.S. Miss J. WINN bt. Miss M. Cherry 10, 19.
M.D. K. CRAIGIE/M. THORNHILL bt. L. Adams/R. Sharman —11, 13, 19.
W.D. E. CARRINGTON/D. SPOONER bt. M. Cherry/Mrs. Irish 17, 15.
X.D. A. R. MILLER/D. SPOONER bt. D. Burridge/E. Carrington 15, —16, 16.
B.S. I. JONES bt. R. Carpenter 11, 8.
NOTE: ALAN RHODES bt. R. Sharman, M. Thornhill, A. R. Miller and K. Craigie.

East India Championships

Calcutta, 18th Feb., 1952

- M.S.** T. HAYASHI (Japan) bt. R. Bergmann 19, 18, 17.
M.D. R. BERGMANN/T. THIRUVENGADAM bt. P. Bhandari/K. Jayant —18, 15, —12, 15, 18.



HIROJI SATOH, the new World Champion, receives the jubilant congratulations of his Japanese colleagues who are (left to right): Tadaaki Hayashi (back to camera), Norikazu Fujii, Tomie Nishimura, and Shizuka Narahara. Mr. Daimon, the Japanese coach, is visible in the background. Satoh has played T.T. for 14 years and had his 28th birthday during the Championships.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS—continued from page 4

heavy top spin on it. To succeed you would have to forget all you learnt about watching the other man's bat and concentrate on what the ball does after it is returned on to your side of the table. Sounds easy, but just try it sometime.

The outstanding performance in the singles, to me, was the great effort by 40-year-old Adrian Haydon, who so nearly beat Koczian. Haydon led 2-1, and many of us felt that it was a pity he did not play himself in the tough tennis games. The leading Hong-Kong player, Sih Sui-Cho, performed exceptionally well to beat first Hayashi (in straight games) and then Haguenauer, before falling in five games to Koczian. Another Hong-Kong player, Keung Wing-Ning, distinguished himself by beating Ehrlich after being 2 games in arrears, and then Gyetvai in another 5-game marathon. The effort proved too much for him, and later that day he fell to the Portuguese Duke. I would back him against Duke any day when he is fresh.

Tiredness was also supposed to have been the downfall of Fujii, beaten by Roothoft, after conquering Bergmann. I'm not taking sides here, but any first-class player must expect to be able to play two five setters in one evening, with 90 minutes' rest in between. Johnny Leach made an inglorious exit in the fourth round to Amouretti. He was but a shadow of the man who had twice won the singles, and no one knew it more than Johnny. In Vienna his team-mates let him down; in Bombay, by an ironical twist of fate, they were on form. How true is the saying that it is far, far easier to win the world title than to retain it.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Appropriately enough, the star match in this event was the final (the only really good final of the Championships), in which Gizi Farkas, appearing in the final for the sixth successive year, played brilliantly in spells and quite overshadowed Angelica Roseanu.

Like so many others, however, she found that the consistent Roseanu always had a trick up her sleeve, and it was too much to expect such sustained brilliance. It may be her last appearance in the final, and if it be so, it was a glorious finale.

Notwithstanding this, I think we were unlucky not to have a representative in the final, for I feel that both Rosalind Rowe and Helen Elliot would have beaten Farkas, although neither girl was able to do as well against Roseanu. Rosalind did very well to reach the semi-final, her win over Pritzi being a new landmark. Helen Elliot, however, did best of the British girls. Her first obstacle was Narahara, and she was wise enough to listen to advice as to how to win, and clever enough to be able to carry it out. Another good win, against the Hungarian Sagi, put her in the quarter-final, and although losing at this stage in straight games to Roseanu she nevertheless contested each game very well, and was ahead until 14 or 15 in each one.

Diane did better against Nishimura than before, but could not sustain her effort in the final game. Peggy Franks once more lost to Linde Werlt, the match taking a similar course to the one in the Belgian Open, whilst Kath Best put up a respectable show against Roseanu, and when Roseanu let her hit she looked first-class, but I am afraid that Kathleen must learn what to do with her feet before she can reach the top.

DOUBLES

Shortage of space precludes much comment on the doubles events. It is history now that Fujii and Hayashi, after an easy passage to the final, played like novices, and lost the first two games to Leach and Bergmann, and all of a sudden transformed their game to top level and were too good. It's easy to say now, but a little enterprise by the British pair in the third game and history could have been changed. Actually Leach

and Bergmann were rather fortunate to be in the final at all. In the third round they were all but beaten by the Hong-Kong pair, Sih Sui-Cho and Foo Ki-Fang, and can count themselves lucky that the Eastern boys, when leading 2 games to love and 18-16, lost their heads and overbit.

I had said before we left England that I considered that the pairing of Helen Elliot and Linde Werlt constituted a big threat to the Twins, and, after comfortably beating Franks and Best they put up a fine show in the semi-final against the Japanese pair, and had they taken the fourth game, I fancy they would have gone on to win. Roseanu and Szasz earlier took the first two games from Narahara and Nishimura, but Szasz could not last the pace. Unfortunately the final was a walk-over; perhaps our girls were upset at the attitude of the crowd, who cheered every time they put the ball off the table, perhaps they were overstrung, but whatever the reason, they played a match they would wish to forget.

Johnny Leach and Diane Rowe figured in the Mixed Final. Their biggest obstacle was to overcome Satoh and Nishimura in the first round. Satoh is not such a force in doubles, but nevertheless it was a good win. They had little difficulty in the quarter-final in beating the unsuited pair of Haguenauer and Linde Werlt. The French/Austrian pair should have lost in the second round to Sih Sui-Cho and Wong Bik-Yiu, but the Hong-Kong girl had strained her arm and could not hit.

Our top seeded pair, Victor Barna and Rosalind Rowe, had a fine win in the second round over Fujii and Narahara, and then an easy passage to the semi-final, where they put up a good show against Sido and Roseanu, clear winners of the event. Leach and Di Rowe did well in the semi-final to beat Koczian and Farkas, but found the other Hungarian pair a little too good in the final.

Geoff Harrower

A Few Drives and Drops

by Jack Carrington

FOR ONCE I find myself disagreeing with my old friend Corti Woodcock, whose articles on Umpiring have been hitting many useful nails on the head.

Corti denounces the umpire who dares to say for example, "7-13, service, 13-7."

I refer to the change-of-service announcements. The Essex Chairman, while no doubt academically correct as always, displays on this point a surprising naïvete about "folks," i.e., paying public.

Corti! as a first rate public speaker, you must know the importance of making sure that your audience has grasped one phase of your message before leading their minds over to a new phase. Expert speakers often repeat their words to establish the position already reached before going gently and logically on to the next phase.

In umpiring, this is especially necessary when a sequence of numbers is being reversed at frequent intervals. Agreed, the hall is never full of half-wits, but some may creep in at the door, their half-crowns tinkling just as cheerfully as the rest. Others, in possession of all their wits, may be relative newcomers to public table tennis. Still others may have stolen a moment to read their programme or blow their nose—why should they be denied a clear and logical statement of the situation as the new service starts?

Perhaps Corti, everywhere in demand as an M.C., Chairman, etc., has not sat in the 4th row back for some years? I tried it recently on a level floor, and feel strongly that any aural help we can give to these visually hampered spectators is justified. Nobody will suffer from the repetition, and some will gain.

Even the players appreciate a double check at the service points, particularly the close calls like 13-12 and 17-18, and during noisy tournament sessions.

¶ In a recent doubles match, we changed at 4-1, took the score to 8-1 when the umpire announced "5-all." Faced with an assurance by all four players that 8-1 was correct, he said, "Well, shall we start again?"

Then Corti, you undermine your own policy by telling the Umpire to announce "Game to X, 21-16, Y

leads by 2 games to 1," etc. Why? Has the hall at last become full of half-wits? Have they not all grasped the sequence of games in 5 minutes, as you suppose they have grasped the points?

Can't have it both ways, can we?

Lastly, Corti, after playing at the Schoolboys' Exhibition, I can assure you that it is unfair to judge your adult spectators by the standards of 3rd form schoolboys. Why, those little perishers would steal the honours in the County Umpires test!

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HABITS creep up on us more stealthily even than Puddy Tats. And the habits of the prominent stars, the original models, are mass-produced by the younger generation.

What was amusing as a star's private mannerism can be a menace as a public fashion—as it usually becomes. So it behoves the successful player to keep a constant check on his mannerisms, which to be frank, are part of his "manners."

Two examples, well left alone :

1. THE HAND-WIPE ON THE TABLE. It does not take many greasy palms to ruin an expensive matt surface. If you must remove that perspiration (real or imaginary), keep a towel handy, it's washable.

2. And then THE SQUAWK. We all know it is hard to maintain a monastic calm when a well-fought point is lost. But spare the public, please, that unmanly infliction, beginning to be known as the "Surrey Squeal," but sure to spread like a pestilence if we don't put a sock in it soon.

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JUST arrived is a postcard view of the Cricket Club of India, franked with a special "World Championship" postage stamp, bearing greetings from ADRIAN HAYDON and all members of his 2 teams—Swaythling and Corbillon.

A pleasant thought, this being my first "miss" since 1947.

One of them has scrawled a P.S. on the card, "CAN YOU DO WITH A COUPLE OF 'PENHOLDERS' OVER THERE — COMPLETE WITH SPONGE RUBBER BAT?"

Yes, certainly, we all want to see SATOH and his colleagues here. What a wonderful performance if figures tell a true tale!

As to whether their triumphs owe anything to their penholder style and sponge rubber, we must await the full reports of our players. Champions generally beat other champions by the age-old gifts of Speed, Stamina, Touch, Brains and FIGHT.

RALPH DEAN, the old Yorkshire pen-grip champion may have been moving with the times when he told me last year, "I have a little girl now and I'm going to coach her in the penholder style."

SALLY GREEN, 5 times U.S.A. Champion, uses the dropped bat style and is easily the most deceptive hitter I have seen in the girls' game.

Let's hope our STOP-PRESS carries the official news that the new Champions will compete in the English Open.

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(Johnny Leach tells me)

AT THE French Open MARGARET FRY, our new international, handed her autograph book to MARTY RESIMAN, the U.S.A. playboy genius.

Marty had just previously heard that Johnny Leach, Junior, was about to start his first autograph book and got the impression that he was writing in Johnny Junior's book. Hence the bewildered Margaret received her book neatly inscribed, "Still hoping to beat your Dad one day. Marty Reisman"!!!

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ALADY brought her youngster into Johnny's sports store, requesting a "real Table Tennis shirt."

After inspecting an official E.T.T.A. pattern, royal blue shirt, the customer announced, "Yes, this is the kind, but I want one with the embroidery on."

"Embroidery?" queries Leach. "Yes, like those YOU wear," says Mother, pointing to a portrait of Johnny, resplendent in his Swaythling Cup outfit!

BRYAN MERRETT, 17-year-old grammar schoolboy, has emerged as one of England's brightest post-war hopes. There are certainly not many players who have merited both a Junior AND Senior International "cap" in the SAME month as he did in January.

Bryan, an only son, happened to see a league Finals about 3 years ago, and T.T. has been the only sport for him ever since. Willing to learn from the best local players and inspired by the good sportsmanship and play of Aubrey Simons, Bryan has

—with the determined concentration of a champion—gained his honours really and truly by "merrett."

He plays for Glos. County in Premier Division and in the First Division of the Gloucester League (of which he holds all possible Senior and Junior titles). In Open Tourna-

ments his titles include the Welsh, Birmingham, Metropolitan, Glos. County Juniors. He has victories over all top juniors and senior victims include Internationals Michel Lansky (France), Ron Crayden, Ernie Bubbly and such good players as Griffin, Mackay and Spychalski.

He is quiet and likeable, almost shy, and likes to retire with a comic and some "tuck." He loves the friendly spirit of the players in the game, but has a profound contempt for bad losers. He will never surrender; with a dour, close, Simons-type

defence, he possesses a quicksilver forehand counterhit and a "pet" forehand kill to the bankhand. Unusual for a junior, he would like to see the net raised. With his present rate of progress, it should not be long before he realises his ambition of winning the English Championship.

COVER MAN

Bryan Merrett

(England & Gloucestershire and England Juniors)

Sweet 17 Senorita from Paraguay



INTRODUCING Senorita MARIA NIDIA REDES CACERES, attractive 17-year-old T.T. star of Paraguay. She only started playing in 1948, but showed such a natural ability that she was soon the champion of the Orion Club, and was No. 6 in National Ranking in 1949. In 1950 she won all open titles, including the National. In 1951, she was placed No. 2 in the nationals but won two doubles titles. Plays regularly in the nationally famous Orion Club team, and—for good measure—has been a Match Secretary for two years, and Treasurer for the third, and is a prominent member of the Social Committee.

The Republic of Paraguay is bang in the middle of South America. Roughly the same size as the United Kingdom, its entire population is less than Surrey. It is surrounded by Brazil, Argentine and Bolivia, which, like Paraguay, are all affiliated to the S. American T.T. Confederation (and to the I.T.T.F.)

Paraguay is, however, very keen on T.T. One of the outstanding events is the Inter-Club Championships for the Roberto Redes Caceres Cup, now entering its fourth year. In this event, each club has to play all other clubs; teams are mixed, requiring a minimum of 2 men and 2 women. There are 5 events in each match: W.S., M.D., X.D., W.D. and M.S., played in that order.

One interesting innovation on the score and programme card is that both the starting and the finishing time of the match must be entered. Most matches seem to last 1½ to 1¾ hours.

The Redes Caceres family is well-known in Paraguay, Sr. Aristobulo being on the National Executive, Sr. Roberto for his Cup, and Ofelia and Doris Nidia following Maria Nidia in administrative work.

Other leading players are: MEN—Jorge Torvath, Harold Ronnebeck and Roberto Amizo; WOMEN—Nelly Median, Lola Montenegro, Rosa Melian de Canese and Rosa Maria Bergonzi. Jorge Matés has won the Junior title for 3 consecutive years.

Coaching Benefits Sierra Leone Game

SIERRA LEONE is a British Colony on the West coast of Africa and slightly smaller than Scotland in area. Its national Table Tennis Association is attached as a special affiliate to the E.T.T.A. The Chairman of the S.L.T.T.A., Mr. C. E. WIGGINS (whom many of our southern readers may remember) recently gave an interesting radio talk on the development of Table Tennis in Sierra Leone and we have pleasure in presenting an abridged script of the broadcast

IT WAS just over two years ago that a few enthusiasts got together to put Table Tennis "on the map" in Sierra Leone. They thought it would be a good thing to encourage young people to take part in a leisure time activity which would be both beneficial and pleasurable, and preclude them from indulging in activities of a less desirable nature by providing an outlet for their energies... and also of producing players of a high standard who would represent their country in international competitions.

Great players in any game are not born, they are made, and there is a much greater chance of producing champions when a large number take part seriously in sport... A young country like Sierra Leone could well be in the forefront. The present-day game of Table Tennis is fast and exciting, calling for much skill in footwork, stroke play, and speed of hand and eye.

Before I came to Sierra Leone, I was organising exhibitions of Physical Recreation... the demonstration that "brought the house down" was that of Table Tennis given by Jack Carrington and Johnny Leach. Very few people have any idea of what a skilful and fascinating game T.T. is.

Johnny Leach, twice World Champion, is the first to say that he owes a great deal to Jack Carrington's intensive coaching and constant practice with him. Coaching is necessary in

any activity and one of the first things arranged here in 1949 was a demonstration of modern T.T. at the British Council, followed by a course in coaching for coaches, who went to various clubs to pass on the knowledge gained. As a result players have changed from the out-dated "penholder" to the modern game, and are using more thought in their tactics. The standard of play is very much higher.

14 clubs were registered by August, 1950, and were all visited by the Development Committee before admission to ensure they conformed to a minimum standard. The first club tournament was held at the British Council in July, 1950, 12 clubs entering. The Halifax T.T. Club won the J. P. Birch Cup, the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. G. E. Mercer, making the presentation. The Prince of Wales Club won in July, 1951.

Witnesses will agree that we have some good players in our midst, who, with intensive practice and good coaching, might earn international honours. The Sierra Leone T.T.A. is well established, and has been admitted as an Associate Member of the E.T.T.A. and, through them, is affiliated to the I.T.T.F. We have created the avenue to enable a player to get to the top.

The way has not been smooth but we have achieved what we set out to do, and shall continue our efforts in the true spirit of amateur sport. Outstanding workers have been Messrs. D. G. Saunders, E. C. Palmer, F. C. Jones, A. T. Hamid, L. A. Hamberg, R. E. Cole and J. C. Solomon.

Facilities and assistance was offered to all interested listeners, clubs, etc., and an Umpire Scheme was announced.



The Japs Teach the MODERN Style

(see Editor's Note)

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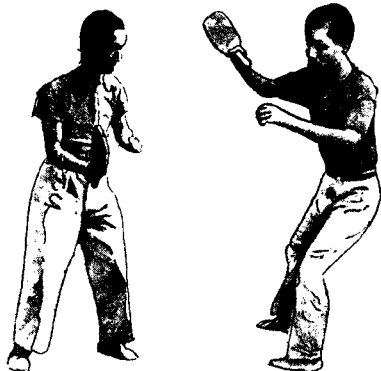
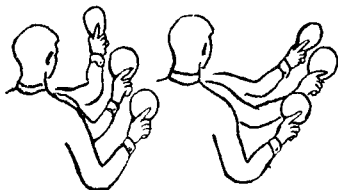


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渡辺重五

奥不長

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に固定し又ラケットと腕の角度が



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Scottish Open

will be staged at Murrayfield Indoor Sports Club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh on the 12th and 13th April, 1952. Particulars : Mr. R. D. Dykes, 99, Henderson Row, Edinburgh 3.

India, Japan and Wembley

WE salute India for their magnificent presentation of the first World Championships of any sport ever held in Asia. More must and will be told of this.

England, though disappointed, knows that all players gave the utmost that was in them. Never has the Swaythling Cup been so nearly ours. It could almost be said that England won it by play and lost it by an uncontrollable accident. Only Victor Barna saved England returning empty handed of titles for the first time since 1947. Make no mistake, however, England was not at her best but nevertheless marked 5 second places and 3 thirds. The lesson of the difference, I suggest, lies in perfect physical and nervous fitness.

It is a curious coincidence that Japan's success comes exactly 50 years after the signing of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance in 1902, and the year when Prof. Tsuboi took T.T. from England to Japan. The British Minister at that time was Satow; the Japanese—Baron Hayashi, names so strangely like Satoh and Hayashi of current T.T. fame!

It is the first time a bespectacled player has won the World Title and the first time (in the modern era) for a "penholder." A brief warning: do not be panicked into a change of style. One swallow doesn't make a summer. There are about 300,000 players in Japan and they are not all "penholders." In fact, you will see from the 3 cuttings in column one (published this season) evidence that Japan is teaching the orthodox style.

A last note for Wembley. Order your Finals tickets now if you have not already done so. Also tell your Youth Club or Association of the special Youth Finals on Saturday afternoon. Youths 2/6d. and block of 12 (for Youth Clubs) at 2/- per person. This should be one of the brightest sessions of Wembley, with Junior players of several countries (including Sherry Koehnke of the U.S.A.) taking part. We do want to make this the hit it deserves to be.

LESLIE S. WOOLLARD, Editor

"If only—IF"

(with the necessary apologies)

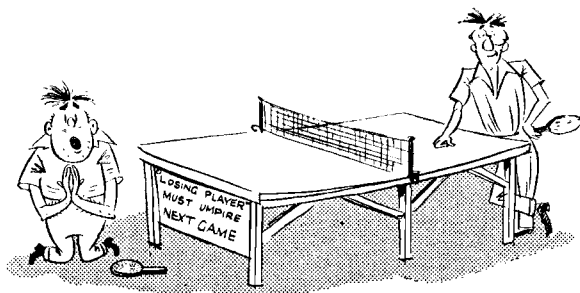
If you can play when all the crowd is moving
And sudden noises emanate behind,
And still defend when an attack is proving
Too accurate for your peace of mind.
If you can flick, yet not make flick your master,
But spare some time to make a forehand drive
And smash your way through every fresh disaster
That cunning opposition can contrive.

If you can bear to see the serve you fancy
Twisted by scoring knaves into a fault,
And keep on smiling through, although you can see
The umpire is simply asking for assault.
If you once relied upon a service "acing"
But now can serve and not make spin your aim,
But, by cunning chop and careful placing,
Outwit your opponent just the same.

If you can wait until your opponent's ready,
Fastening his shoes or pulling up his slacks,
Nor be impatient when he's playing steady
Returning all your favourite hearty "smacks."
If you can move your feet just like a ballet dancer
And be "there" for every quick return,
And to every shot can find a ready answer
—Yet realise that you have much to learn.

If you can fight, when "edge" and "nets" continue
To go the other way, and force another deuce
And WIN—though there is nothing in you
Except a voice repeating, "What's the use!"
If meeting Bergmann does not over-awe you,
Nor beating Barna prompt self praises lyrical,
You are a player with all the world before you,
—And, what is more—YOU'LL BE A BLOOMING
MIRACLE!!!

DAVID A. KETHERO (Chairman, Swindon & D.T.T.L.)



“IN THE OPEN”

by DOREEN and BERYL SPOONER

RISING at 6 a.m. we arrived at the tournament hall at 11 a.m. where our cheerfully tripping entry was greeted by “No mixed doubles—too many entries!!!” I don’t believe they had a Committee otherwise they might have heard that well-worn phrase “Entries will be limited at the discretion of the Committee.” We didn’t let a little thing like that damp our spirits, of course. At 4 p.m. we had no spirits left—and that’s when we played our FIRST round!

After waiting for what seemed an eternity but was really only 5 hours, I heard my name called for the W.S. Imagine the thrill. I hurried my frozen body to the Referee (yes, there really was one) only to find they hadn’t woken my opponent.

The announcer’s voice droned for half-an-hour, appealing for Miss X, while I stood shivering and getting deaf in my left ear. Half-an-hour later, Miss X was found sitting near the announcer! Despite minor frostbite and partial paralysis we were ready to play—all we wanted was a table and an umpire. We vainly told the Referee

Rabbie Burns once wrote “Oh, wad some power the guid Lord gie us, To see airselves as ithers see us!” Least some organisers or officials become too readily satisfied with their efforts, we print the reactions to an Open Tournament as seen by sisters DOREEN and BERYL SPOONER, the two well-known and inveterate travellers to Open Tournaments.

Apart from its cautionary value we publish the article in the same spirit as in which, we feel, it was written—a helpfully constructive criticism as seen by the players (and not, therefore, usually heard).

that they were only knocking up on Table 14, but he, poor man, seemed to be deaf in both ears, so we took the law into our hands, turned the offenders off, and started our match.

Never have we seen an umpiring system fail so dismally as this one. The idea was that the losing player should umpire the next game, but in the FIRST round (before there were any losers) there was not ONE official umpire present! Even as the tournament dragged on, umpire trouble persisted. Perhaps losing players did not like to show their faces!

Imagine our amazement, however, when we heard the announcement, “Miss Ping and Miss Pong on Table 14 —GET YOUR OWN UMPIRES!”

Nevertheless, that Open Tournament (and it most certainly was “open”) was an experience, and after spending a couple of days in bed, we can begin to think quite light-heartedly about it.

D. & B. Spooner

WORCESTER WANT COUNTY, BUT—

by I. R. Crickmer

WORCESTER League, largest league in the county, are in favour of a county association. Bromsgrove, Evesham, Kidderminster and Malvern cannot see the advantages to their leagues. Oldbury, Halesowen and Dudley are more naturally linked to the Black Country, while Honeybourne (only league with a player for a future county team) is already affiliated to Glos. County.

Worcester feel that in the circumstances they would have to finance a county association and supply most of the administrators, and most of those suitable are already fully engaged on league affairs.

We entered a team in the Willmott Cup last year, knowing that with the zoning system we should inevitably come up against Birmingham (who always go down before Manchester). We DID lose to Birmingham, plus a financial loss of £3 expenses; in the same season we made a PROFIT of £6 8s. on the Midland Counties League.

With a programme of 16 matches in the Midland and Western Leagues, Worcester can hardly be criticised for not entering the Willmott Cup for the “glory” of losing to Birmingham. I fully realise the honour of taking part, but—as with a county association—a more down-to-earth policy must take precedence. Rest assured, however, that a Worcestershire Association will be formed as soon as practicable.

I. R. Crickmer

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL ENGLAND v. GERMANY

to be staged on Monday, 31st March at 7 p.m., at Clapham Baths, Manor Street, Clapham (3 minutes from Clapham Common Tube). Tickets, 4/—, 2/6d. and 1/6d. (latter unreserved) from Mr. M. G. A. Brown, 34, Clonmore Street, Southfields, London, S.W.18, OR Wakelings Sports House, 15, Clapham Park Road, Clapham, London.

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Ernest Moorhouse,
Hon. Sec.,
Scarboro' & D.T.T.A.

BODY-LINE ?



Nothing like friendlies for fostering good feeling between the clubs

Staffs Championships

Stoke, 9th Feb., 1952

by R. RUTTER

PHIL BURCHALL, 32-year-old Potteries "penholder" smashed through county players Hiscock and Slim to win the Staffs. singles championship. On the attack from the opening service he did not hesitate to leap several feet into the air for a "kill." Burchall, last year's runner-up, demonstrated that you can hit harder with a pen-grip than with the orthodox style.

The W.S. was won by M. Warner over L. Blair (both South Staffs. players) by 14, —22, 18. For the third successive year, J. Gwilliam, Dudley boy with the streamlined smashes, got to the final of the B.S., only to lose to a "southerner," this time, Wolverhampton's bespectacled A. Goodwin.

Brevities

THE Hungarian T.T. team arrived in Bombay on Jan. 24th and found the Rumanians already there. Training began the day after the team arrived under the Hungarian coach Laszlo Varkonyi (Johnny Leach's first victim in the M.S.). Gizi Farkas is now married and known as Mrs. Gervai... Congratulations on his 21st birthday to Jim Perry, Match Secretary of Staines League who say "the youngest (and certainly one of the best) Officers the League has ever had."... Belated congrats. also to International Micky Thornhill (also Staines) who was 21 on the 26th January... Wedding bells have been ringing in Yorkshire for Mr. Maurice D. Shaffner, President of the Yorkshire T.T.A., who married Miss Pat Casey in Bradford recently... Norman Rae from Yorkshire has moved to Sidcup in Kent and has formed his own T.T. club named—of course—"White Rose T.T.C."

Champion Leagues Clash

IN the 9 years the Willmott Cup competition has been played, Manchester has won it 5 times and South London 4 times. The quarter-final, all-international clash between the two champion leagues on the 16th February, ended in a clear victory for the southerners 7-2.

DETAILS (Surrey names first):

H. VENNOR lost R. Allcock —13, —17; lost R. Baker —22, —13; bt. B. Casofsky 11, —23, 11. R. CRAYDEN bt. Allcock 12, 11; bt. Baker 17, 18; bt. Casofsky —17, 18, 22. J. HEAD bt. Allcock —19, 18, 15; bt. Baker 11, 16; bt. Casofsky 12, 8.

The Kent Open

Folkestone, 27th Jan., 1952

by GEOFF COULTHREAD

THE finals confirmed two things, one that ALAN RHODES is "going places" and the other that JOYCE ROBERTS is still candidate for top honours.

Derek Burridge beat his West Ealing clubmate Ken Craigie in the semi-final but flattered to deceive as he only provided sporadic resistance in the final.

The strength of the tournament may be judged from the fact that the Women's CONSOLATION final was between Jean Winn and Elsie Carrington.

RESULTS

M.S. D. Burridge bt. K. Craigie —12, 12, 21.
A. Rhodes bt. J. Carrington 18, —19, 11.
A. RHODES bt. D. Burridge 17, —17, 5, 16.
W.S. Miss J. ROBERTS bt. Mrs. P. Allen —21, 14, 10.

M.D. K. CRAIGIE/A. RHODES bt. D. Burridge/A. R. Miller 22, 22.
W.D. D. ATHERTON/M. PIPER bt. E. Carrington/D. Spooner 13, 17.
X.D. R. GRIFFIN/Y. BAKER bt. K. Craigie/J. Roberts 21, 15.
J.S. A. DANTON bt. R. Dorking 19, —13, 19.

Official Notice

THE Annual General Meeting of the E.T.T.A. will be held at the Caxton Hall, London, S.W.1 at 3 p.m., 26th April, 1952. About 8 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. there will be an informal get-together DANCE at the Caxton Hall, to which delegates attending the A.G.M. will be admitted free. Otherwise tickets will be about 3/6d.

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"Kentish Fire"

by F. G. MANNOOCH
(County Secretary)

THAT GLAMOUR QUESTION

ALTHOUGH the writer of the letter on this subject in the December issue hails from Kent, and, to boot, from my own town, I trust that readers of "Table Tennis" have not jumped to the conclusion that he is expressing the voice of Kent! I cannot speak for all our members but, judging from my travels with some of the younger members, I think the consensus of opinion is, "Give us more Glamour."

I am going to suggest that you, Mr. Editor, introduce a little more "glamour" on the cover of the magazine. Why must all your cover girls be taken in action? I am sure that such photographs do not present them at their best—the camera so often portrays them with some horrible grimace, such as most of us make when playing a strenuous game. Why not make a change and show us how they look when at their best, even if that best is achieved in a "bikini"? Might this not help to increase the circulation of the Magazine?

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WE GO TO PRISON FOR T.T.

I HAVE seen table tennis played in all sorts of strange places, but I think my strangest up-to-date was when I led a team into Maidstone Prison recently. It was with a certain amount of misgiving that we knocked on the massive doors, and more so when we heard the bolts being shot behind us! It had sounded too ominous when the Governor had assured me that we could be sure of an "enthusiastic welcome"! However, we had a grand evening, our team having accepted a challenge to a match with the inmates and playing the match in the presence of about 150 prisoners. Our lads won, without a single loss, but this did not upset the enthusiasm of the audience, who applauded loudly when Messrs. Holman and Tabbener gave a brilliant exhibition at half-time. Prior to the match, Holman had said one consolation was that the audience could not run away, even if the exhibition was rotten!

So well was the play received, that, when we were finally "discharged," it was with vivid recollections of the very enthusiastic requests to come back again soon!

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EXPLANATION

I FEEL that maybe an apology is due from Kent to the rest of the country for having "gate-crashed" with their Junior Open Championships. A favourable opportunity presented itself to extend our normal "Closed" Championships into an "Open," and, in view of the scarcity of such Junior Championships, we felt we were justified in seeking the sanction of the Open Tournaments Committee. They, to my mind, wisely decided to give sanction and seek approval of their action at the next Executive Meeting. Whether the venture will prove to be a success remains to be seen, but, if so, it is very probable that this event will be continued annually. At the present time it will be the only junior tournament to include all five events, with the sole exception of the National Championships.

Next month Mr. Mannooch makes proposals for Junior Development.

A "Staggering" Suggestion

by GEOFF COULTHREAD

IT has been said that the road to hell is paved with good intentions, but whether or not this is true, it can certainly be said that the road to the top in table tennis is paved with good players who have earned, but not received international badges.

An examination of the dates on which "home internationals" are played will show the reason for this state of affairs. The matches against the three other countries of the British Isles are all played in the first half of the season and, as new badges are normally given for such games only, and rightly so as the Swaythling Cup is not the place for unseasoned campaigners, there is no chance for the player who reaches his form late in the season to gain a badge.

Whilst consistency is the keynote for selection, it is also possible for a player to reach his best form of the season in the first three months and be awarded his badge, then lose form, but it is not, under the existing method of allocating dates, possible for a player to obtain gradually improved

results during the season and win a badge at the time when he is playing at his best.

The remedy would seem to be a re-allocation of the dates of these three international matches. If the first was played in November, the second in mid-January and the third in late March, players who reach their peak at different times of the season would stand equal chances of gaining their badges and the English team would consist of players who were on good form at the time of the match.

Such a policy would not in any way cheapen the value of the International badge, whilst at the same time ensuring selection by merit in a county which has many players worthy of international recognition. By an accident of birth, players, who would be automatic choices in other lands for the Swaythling Cup, are not able to receive even the "minor" international badge as this country is fortunate in being rich in players of the near-international standard.

Geoff Coulthread

MIDLAND CLOSED

Worcester, 19th Jan., 1952

THE WORCESTER League made a very successful debut in staging a major event. There were few surprises, though Roy Moseley knocked seeded player Bobbie Mackay out in the 5th round. Birmingham won 3 titles (though represented in all 7 finals), Nottingham also won 3, with the M.D. title going to Cheltenham.

RESULTS

- M.S. M. Kriss bt. R. Guise 7, 22. R. Griffin bt. P. Cruwys 11, —24, 17.
M. KRISS bt. R. Griffin —16, 19, 18.
W.S. E. M. Stoventon bt. P. Mortimer 13, 10. M. Cumberbatch bt. J. Mackay 8, 15.
E. M. STEVENTON bt. M. Cumberbatch 11, —10, 10.
M.D. P. CRUWYS/R. GRIFFIN bt. R. J. Mackay/P. Moltadi 16, —14, 11.
W.D. P. MORTIMER/H. EGERTON bt. M. Warner/J. Hayward 21, 17.
X.D. R. J. MACKAY/J. MACKAY bt. A. G. Smith/P. Mortimer 9, —18, 18.
J.S. W. ENGLAND bt. L. Goodenough 16, —17, 9.
J.D. F. BADDER/W. ENGLAND bt. L. Goodenough/A. Saunders 19, 14.

I.R.M.

EAST LONDON CLOSED

Plaistow, 19th Jan., 1952

AVERAGE age of senior finalists was around 21 with teen-agers taking both singles titles. Bobby Stevens and Ivor Jones (NOT the Middx. junior) produced a spectacular 5-game hitting duel ending in a Stevens victory by —20, 9, 7, —20, 18. Jones won the 4th game from 4-17 down. Yvonne Baker took the W.S. from Eileen King at 13, 11.

Other results: M.D.—I. Jones/R. Stevens bt. Grantham/Payne. W.D.—Y. Baker/E. King bt. P. Edwards/T. Morgan. X.D.—Sawyer/King bt. Payne/Baker. J.S.—Darts bt. Raybould. J.G.S.—J. Page bt. P. Edwards. V.S.—E. Keller bt. A. Melnick.

P.M.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE OPEN

Sheffield, 12th Jan., 1952

- M.S. R. HINCILLIFF bt. P. Skerratt 11, 13, 16.
W.S. Miss E. POMROY bt. Miss J. Collier —17, 16, 17.
M.D. G. BROOK/S. DYSON bt. R. Hinchliff/A. G. Smith —19, 20, 21.
W.D. J. COLLIER/E. POMROY bt. P. Baird/P. Mortimer 10, 15.
X.D. P. SKERRATT/D. MUNNINGS bt. R. HINCILLIFF/M. Jameson 15, —19, 15.
J.S. D. N. SMITH bt. B. Milner 19, 22.

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER :

- Monday, 10th March :
Middlesex v. Essex, Prince of Wales Baths, Kentish
Town, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, 11th March :
Gloucestershire v. Surrey, Cheltenham Town Hall.
- Saturday, 15th March :
Gloucestershire v. Warwickshire.
Lancashire v. Yorkshire, Greenfield Paper Mills, near
Oldham.
- Thursday, 20th March :
Middlesex v. Gloucestershire, Prince of Wales Baths.

SECOND SOUTH :

- Saturday, 8th March :
Devon v. Cambridgeshire, Plymouth.

JUNIOR :

- Monday, 3rd March :
Cambridgeshire v. Middlesex, Cambridge Y.M.C.A.
- Tuesday, 4th March :
Hertfordshire v. Bedfordshire, Letchworth.
- Saturday, 8th March :
Middlesex v. Surrey, Gainsford Club, Drury Lane.
- Saturday, 15th March :
Kent v. Nottinghamshire, Dartford.

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PREMIER DIVISION

With only five matches left to be played, four counties can still win the Premier Division, and four counties are concerned in the struggle to avoid relegation. As I mentioned a couple of months ago, Warwickshire, having played most of their tough matches, are making a fight to retain their status, and with two successive wins need only one point from their last match to be safe.

Lancashire, challengers for the title earlier in the season, must take one point from their last match, with Yorkshire, to avoid relegation, whilst nothing less than an outright win can save Yorkshire. Glamorgan, who have picked up three very useful points during the month, have finished their programme and anxiously await the other results. To save them, Warwickshire must lose their last match.

Warwickshire	6,	Yorkshire	4
Glamorgan	5,	Essex	5
Yorkshire	3,	Surrey	7
Glamorgan	6,	Lancashire	4
Warwickshire	7,	Glamorgan	3

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Essex	6	4	1	1	40	20	9
Surrey	6	4	1	1	35	25	9
Middlesex	5	3	0	2	30	20	6
Gloucestershire	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Glamorgan	7	2	1	4	28	42	5
Warwickshire	6	2	1	3	24	36	5
Lancashire	6	1	2	3	28	32	4
Yorkshire	6	1	1	4	24	36	3

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Middlesex have won the championship of this section by means of a thrilling finish in which they took their last two matches each by 10—nil, whereas Surrey, as I forecast last month, slipped up against Essex. A farcical situation has been created by the four second teams, Middlesex, Surrey, Essex and Gloucestershire, finishing in the leading four positions, which means that the county to finish fifth out of seven will be promoted to the Premier Division!

Surrey	9,	Gloucestershire	1
Essex	6,	Surrey	4
Devon	6,	Gloucestershire	4
Middlesex	10,	Bedfordshire	0
Cambridgeshire	4,	Gloucestershire	6
Middlesex	10,	Devon	0

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Middlesex	6	5	0	1	47	13	10
Surrey	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Essex	5	3	0	2	25	25	6
Gloucestershire	6	3	0	3	27	33	6
Devon	5	1	1	3	16	34	3
Bedfordshire	4	0	2	2	14	26	2
Cambridgeshire	5	0	1	4	15	35	1

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

It has been decided to replay the match between Lancashire and Cheshire, so Lincolnshire still stand a chance of carrying off the title.

Lancashire	6,	Yorkshire	4
Durham	2,	Cheshire	8
Northumberland	2,	Lincolnshire	8

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Lincolnshire	5	4	1	0	35	15	9
Lancashire	4	3	1	0	29	11	7
Cheshire	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Yorkshire	5	2	0	3	28	22	4
Northumberland	5	1	0	4	19	31	2
Durham	5	0	0	5	5	45	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Hampshire	5,	Sussex	5
Berkshire	2,	Kent	8

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Sussex	6	4	2	0	44	16	10
Kent	6	4	1	3	25	25	9
Hampshire	6	1	2	3	37	33	4
Berkshire	6	0	1	5	14	46	1

NORTHERN DIVISION

As expected, Yorkshire took this title, but, of course, they are not eligible for promotion as they already have a team in the Second Division North.

Northumberland	7,	Cumberland	3
Yorkshire	8,	Durham	2

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Yorkshire	6	4	2	0	41	19	10
Northumberland	6	3	2	1	35	25	8
Durham	6	1	3	2	27	33	5
Cumberland	6	0	1	5	17	43	1

MIDLAND DIVISION

A late spurt by Leicestershire and Derbyshire took them both above Staffordshire, which meant that the two new entrants to the Championships occupy the bottom positions. They both consider, however, that they have benefited from their experiences, and a letter from Northamptonshire tells of their pleasure in the season's competition and their opinion that they will improve their position next season. In young Knight they have a player who could go far.

Northampton's re	4,	Derbyshire	6
Staffordshire	1,	Nottinghamshire	9
Leicestershire	7,	Northampton's re	3
Derbyshire	5,	Leicestershire	5

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Warwickshire	5	5	0	0	43	7	10
Nottinghamshire	5	3	0	2	28	22	6
Leicestershire	5	2	1	2	24	26	5
Derbyshire	5	2	1	2	23	27	5
Staffordshire	5	2	0	3	19	31	4
Northampton's re	5	0	0	5	13	37	0

EASTERN DIVISION

Interest in this division centres round whether Buckinghamshire can win their last two matches by a sufficient score to wrest the championship from Norfolk, who have already finished their programme.

Buckinghamshire	7,	Suffolk	3
Norfolk	7,	Bedfordshire	3
Hertfordshire	4,	Norfolk	6

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Norfolk	5	4	1	0	32	18	9
Buckinghamshire	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Suffolk	4	2	0	2	24	16	4
Bedfordshire	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Hertfordshire	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Cambridgeshire	3	0	0	3	4	26	0

JUNIOR DIVISION

Kent can now be considered champions, unless one can conceive them losing 0—10 to Nottinghamshire and Middlesex winning their last two matches 10—0. They have a good all-round side and are worthy winners. It would not surprise me to see Hertfordshire amongst the leaders next season, as they have most of their side available again.

Essex	6,	Surrey	4
Bedfordshire	0,	Kent	10
Nottinghamshire	6,	Hertfordshire	4
Essex	4,	Middlesex	6
Surrey	6,	Bedfordshire	4
Kent	9,	Cambridgeshire	1

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Kent	6	6	0	0	50	10	12
Nottinghamshire	6	4	1	1	36	24	9
Middlesex	5	4	0	1	31	19	8
Essex	6	3	1	2	36	24	7
Surrey	6	3	0	3	31	29	6
Hertfordshire	5	1	0	4	15	35	2
Bedfordshire	6	1	0	5	13	47	2
Cambridgeshire	6	0	0	6	18	42	0

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Spotlight on YOUTH

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JUNIOR ENGLAND

WORCESTER LEAGUE is showing a progressive policy and an eye to the future. Three members of the junior side (last season runners-up to Nottingham in the Midland Counties League) have this year gained places in the city's senior teams in both Midland and Western Counties Leagues. They are: **MICK HAWKINS** (holder of the Midland Junior Closed), **JOHN SMITH** and **MALCOLM WAIN-WRIGHT**. Fourth member of the teams is John Phillips, another under-20 player. Worcester also has a team in the Intermediate Division of the Midland Counties League, restricted to players aged between 17 and 21, which is making a strong bid to win the Division in this its first season.

DEPARTURES . . .

The hungry jaws of the Armed Forces recently swallowed two more of our up-and-comers—**John Hunt** and **Bobby Stevens**. Both were lucky to be claimed by the R.A.F. Best of luck to you both.

Kent Junior Review



L. to R.: **H. Buist, L. Selwood, D. Eagles, J. White, A. Danton**

HENRY BUIST, 17, is a defensively inclined all-rounder. Has been playing for 2 years and has a 66% record in this his first season for Kent. Poker faced and imperturbable at the table. Favourite star is Bergmann "for his concentration." Would like to see County teams play all the other teams in their division twice, home and away, each season. (Expense is the problem there. Henry.—P.M.)

LINDA SELWOOD, 15-year-old schoolgirl started playing seriously 2 years ago, but before that she can remember standing on a stool to play across the kitchen table. Figures in the doubles for Kent, she and Henry Buist have an unbeaten record to date this season. Ambition is to play for Kent seniors. Linda hits mostly, but has a secret desire for a long-range defence!

DAVID EAGLES, 17, has been playing for 5 years, now in his last season as a junior and third in the Kent team. In 1950 he was awarded a Junior International badge for playing a junior tie at the England v. France match in Paris. Also held the Sussex Open junior title in 1950. Plays a mainly forehand attacking game and has improved all-round strength since adopting a more orthodox grip last season. Plays tennis and a good brand of chess.

JANET WHITE, 16, played for Kent last season and has still one more to go. Started playing two years ago, has developed a mainly defensive game. Her ambition is to become an all-out attacker. Favourite star is Ros. Rowe. Plays tennis for her school.

ALAN DANTON, 16, is another "junior veteran"—he too has been playing for 5 years and represented Kent for the last three of them. Notched his first junior Open this year by appropriately winning the Kent title. Plays an intelligent all-round game, stronger backhand attack than forehand and a well-placed defence. To date has won 9 of his 10 games for the County, only loss being to Colin Campbell. Roothoft is his favourite star. Also swims and plays representative football.

Right—Three more Junior Internationals of 1952



JILL ROOK (Surrey)

OPEN TOURNAMENTS

SIGMUND WICKELHOLZ (Middx.) beat Charlie Darts 2-1 and Alan Smith (Herts.) 14, 16 to win the South London—his first Open title. Alan's victims included Colin Campbell and Henry Buist, both 2-1. **NORMAN WILDING** gained his second title at Southampton, first was the Bournemouth.

At the Kent Open an unseeded draw resulted in almost every junior of note appearing in one half. At the end of the day Alan Danton was able to claim that he had defeated the Essex team single-handed . . . victims included Campbell, Darts, Raybould (all in one half) and Ray Dorking in the final. Narrowest squeak in any event was the Danton win over Darts; at 21-22 down in the third, Alan levelled matters with a net, then gained a point and got home 24-22 with an edge ball! The final produced attractive table tennis all the way, scores 19, —14, 19.



DOREEN SPOONER (Middx.)



BRYAN MERRETT (Glos.)

ENTENTE CORDIALE . . .

CROYDON League is this year arranging for a party of its members to visit Arnhem, in Holland, on an exchange system. Here is an extract from the information circular:—

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At the end of the circular is an address for further information. Who wants any further information?

The ART of Umpiring

PART 3: Vocal and Timing

CARDINAL 4.—VOCAL

THIS section relates to the accompanist's piano—the instrument he uses. Which of the two is the more infuriating, I wonder—the umpire who is inaudible, or the one who bellows? Perhaps the whisperer—but only just! But the one pest is as inexcusable as the other. The wise umpire will get to the hall while it is still empty and do a little preliminary experimenting for volume and pitch. If a mike is to be used, the resident engineer will readily advise how to get the best out of it—or rather into it! Mikes vary considerably. For some, little more than a whisper a couple of inches away, reproduces perfectly, others require more volume from perhaps 8 or more inches. Some have to be spoken at “head on,” as it were, but most do better slightly from one side or the other. But if there is no mike, then it's just a question of trying out the acoustics of the hall: and with two or three colleagues listening from various points, you can soon determine the most effective volume and the correct vocal pitch. It has to be borne in mind, though, that there is a difference between an empty hall and a full one. There is a blanketing of the resonance and this must be allowed for.

What the announcer must try to achieve is audibility and clarity, on minimum volume. That is to say his voice should reach, but only just reach, the most distant corners—and still be heard clearly, and without strain. Some voices—by no means necessarily the high-pitched ones—“carry” better than others. I don't intend to embark on a discourse on the dynamics of vibrations and pitch, but I am going to say that the real secret of audibility lies in clear-cut speaking, even in a low voice. The articulation must be clean and incisive, without being staccato or in any way unnatural: and full value must be given to vowels and consonants, again, without affectation.

In calling the score, the voice should steer a middle course between the flat monotone on one side, and a play of inflexions on the other. Though suggesting strict impartiality by non-emphasis on the score of either player, yet it should convey also a sense of warmth—an impression that though he is actually officiating, the umpire is after all only human, and is finding it a bit of a struggle to refrain from joining in the applause himself!

I have said before that a Golden Rule for umpires is to say not one word more than is necessary. So, after the introduction of the players, best of so-many games, so-and-so serving, it's “love-all” and on with the job, including, of course, announcement of the score and the state of the match at the end of each game, and the final result, in games. Don't call the scores twice, reversed, at the end of each service group: and, above all, never let the accursed words “deuce” or “each” pass your lips.

One thing more on this: I believe recommendations will be issued shortly, encouraging umpires to use such terms (in explanation of their rulings) as “Double Bounce,” “Volley,” “Wrong Player” and so on. I dislike the notion very much, on the grounds that an umpire should not be expected to give a reason for his decisions. Only because of the necessity of the umpire to signal the end of a rest if a Law is broken, do I agree that perhaps an interruption by word of mouth is preferable to, say, a raised arm or a blast on a whistle. In my humble view, any such occurrence could well be covered by the umpire, saying either “Fault” or “Not-up,” as the case may be. Either term is brief, sharp enough to halt play, and is sufficiently self-explanatory.

Still, that's just my personal opinion which will, no doubt, be well and truly overborne by Higher Authority in due course!

CARDINAL 5.—TIMING

THERE are two aspects of timing, one rather trivial, the other of the utmost importance. The trivial one is the tiny interval between the calling of the two figures. On no account must they run on—there must be a perceptible pause, thereby giving both dignity and clarity to the call. Personally, I aim at a tempo roughly equal to the beat of the National Anthem when played a little faster than usual. But as long as the umpire neither drags, nor rushes, there'll be no complaints.

The other aspect of timing, the major one, relates to the exact moment to choose to call the score: and this is a matter about which the umpire must take the greatest care. He must be neither early nor late. By “early,” I mean that he must remain silent while the ball is being retrieved: by “late,” that his call must be **completed** just before the server is ready to put the ball into play. On no account whatever should the umpire be so slow with his call as to oblige the server to have to “wait for it,” even, as often happens, to have to turn and look reproachfully at him. One of many good reasons for regarding this as a cardinal umpiring sin is that it is unfair to the players. In a big match, they are undergoing a severe strain, mental, physical and nervous: and it is wholly to be deplored if matters are to be made worse for them by dilatory calls from the chair breaking their concentration. To happen even occasionally is exasperating but to keep on happening is sheer “murder.”

Only a few weeks ago I “vetted” an umpire taking a County match. In many ways his work was first-class and, but for one thing, he'd pass any practical test with flying colours. That one thing was that he was late with his call **every time**. To begin



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with, the server just waited. Then he waited, and looked. Finally, both players gave it up and got on with the game even with the umpire's voice chiming in with the rally. Until that umpire cures that fault, he ought to leave his badge at home.

All this is another way of saying that the umpire must never forget that his first duty is to the players—they are his chief consideration. It's all very well to be told that an umpire should check a player who serves before he (the umpire) is ready, call a “let,” and make him serve again. The answer is that he must make it his business to be ready and to have called the score at the correct moment, namely, immediately before the ball reaches the server's hand if his opponent is tossing it to him; alternatively, when the server, having retrieved from the deep, is within a couple of feet of the table on returning. Sometimes, the umpire will have to be mighty quick about it, and will have to make the call itself a bit snappier: but the man who is on his toes, knows his job and is genuinely anxious to help the players give of their best, should never fail.

AND LASTLY

IN concluding these random reflections on the art of umpiring I would add that I have tried to lay down certain general axioms, at the same time giving particular emphasis to those details which seem to me to be of basic importance. To attempt a really comprehensive review of the subject would need a book and *Table Tennis*, spacious, progressive and informative as it is, is after all limited to its magazine format. If, however, my remarks be found, here and there, to add to the abilities of umpires, actual or potential, and to stimulate interest in this rewarding (though unpaid) occupation, I shall be well content.

A final word of advice to probationers? Yes, Mr. Editor, tell them to see all the table tennis they can, not just for the sake of the play, but that by appraising the gulf which yawns between the good, the bad, and the indifferent in umpiring performance, they may themselves become proficient all the more quickly.

CORTI WOODCOCK

Open Tournament Notes

SCARBOROUGH are again running their popular Easter Holiday North-East England Open, this time with 2 extra events, viz., J.G.S. and Veterans' (40 years or over on Jan. 1st, 1952). All the Junior, Youths and Veteran events will be held on the Easter Monday.

WEST of ENGLAND is this year, as noted in the Fixture Book, to be played at Bristol. The Entry Form contains a Free Admission form for the Finals.

KENT JUNIOR OPEN claim to be the only Open Junior championships in the country which include ALL five junior events, and it is to be hoped that so worthy an endeavour will find a permanent niche in our calendar. There will, we know, be many regrets that the event had to be staged at such short notice.

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Date(s)	Details and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
1952			
Mar. 8	YORKS. JUNIOR OPEN Holdsworths Welfare Hall, Drighlington, Yorks.	B.S. (Feb. 17) B.S. J.D. Y.S.	J. B. Leyden, "Cliffoney," Hartley Park View, Ponte- fract.
7-8	IRISH OPEN. Sligo.		
8	OGMORE OPEN (Apx. Feb. 25) Nantymoel, Glamorgan.		R. Morris, 6, Dynam Street, Nantymoel, Glam.
8	FINALS: Wilmott Cup and J. M. Rose Bowl, Birmingham and Worthing.		E.T.T.A. Office, London.
3-15	WEST MIDDLESEX OPEN West Ealing Club, West Ealing, W.7.	B.S. (Feb. 9) G.S.	J. Joyce, 7, Croft Gardens, Hanwell, W.7.
14-15	FLINTSHIRE OPEN The Pavilion, Rhyl.	J.S.	H. G. Needles, 18, Weston Road, Rhyl.
16	KENT JUNIOR OPEN (Mar. 1) Gordon Barracks, Gillingham, Kent.	B.S. G.S. J.D.(B.) J.D.(G.) J.X.D.	G. C. Thornton, 17, Elm- field, Gillingham, Kent.
10-24	Swedish Juniors Tour of England.		
18	ENGLAND v. SWEDEN (Juniors)		Madeley Street, Hessle Road, Hull.
21-22	WEST OF ENGLAND OPEN Bristol South Baths, (Mar. 14) Bristol.	B.S. G.S.	A. L. Robinson, 141a, Beau- fort Road, St. George, Bristol 5.
22	GRIMSBY OPEN (Mar. 15) Cleethorpes Pavilion and Town Hall.	B.S.	J. Browne, 48, Roberts Street, Grimsby.
25-29	ENGLISH OPEN (Feb. 26) Empire Pool and Sports Arena, Wembley.	10 events	E.T.T.A., 214, Grand Build- ings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.
April 5-6	BUCKS OPEN (Mar. 20) Slough Community Centre, Farnham Road, Slough.	B.S. G.S.	L. Thompson, "Auchmead," The Avenue, Sunnymeads, Wraysbury, Bucks.
12-14	NORTH-EAST ENGLAND Burniston Road Barracks, (Apr. 2) Scarborough, Yorks.	B.S. G.S. Y.S. V.S.	E. Moorhouse, 26, Sherwood Street, Scarborough. (See Note in Col. 1, this page).
17-19	LANCASHIRE OPEN (Apr. 5) Squire's Gate (Blackpool) Holiday Camp, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancs.	B.S. G.S. Y.S.	W. E. Wood, 44, Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester 9.
20-26	NORTH-WEST KENT OPEN Barnehurst Residents' Club, (Mar. 17) 152a, Parkside Avenue, Barnehurst, Kent.		F. T. Burvill, 2, Lime Avenue, Northfleet, Kent.
Apr. 28- May 3	THAMESIDE OPEN (Apr. 7) Hydro Hall, Y.M.C.A., Plaistow, London, E.13.	B.S. G.S.	L. R. Norminton, 12, Der- ham Gardens, Upminster, Essex.
May 6	FRANCE v. ENGLAND.		Paris.