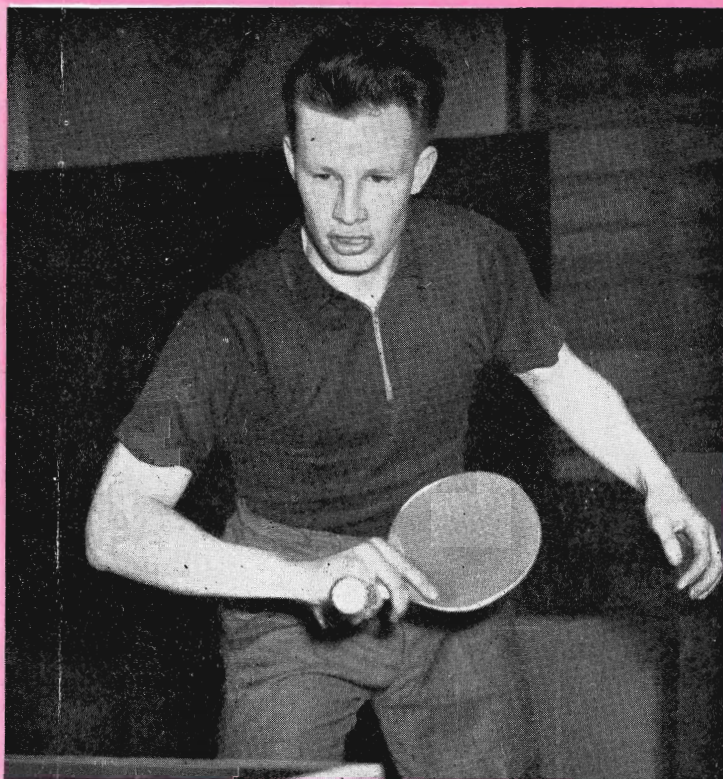


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Editorial OPINION

“Load Shedding”

“ADVERTISER, expiating past selfishness, offers his services gratis 2-3 weeks . . . no return sought, but hopes fill genuine need.”

THE above advertisement, which recently appeared in the most celebrated of “Agony” columns, started us thinking of Table Tennis. It is our great pride to regard the achievements of our Association as “the apotheosis of voluntary work” and a hallmark of amateur endeavour, and such it truly is. Yet so much—so very much—is owing to so few. Too few are doing too much and we must face the problem that players are increasing at a greater proportionate rate than administrators. It is high time for some “load-shedding.” As we have become conscious of coaching for players, we must also become conscious of a “coaching” of administrators at all levels of the game. League and other offices only become burdensome because too many players, with unthinking selfishness, tend to “leave it to George,” and then forget to give him a helping hand. Spread “the load” and the work becomes light enough to be enjoyable.

To add hurt to downright discouragement those who do least are often loudest in their criticisms, but this is because criticism is a study by which small men can inflate their importance by a small effort. Let it never be forgotten by anyone that the administrator—the official—is the “goose who lays the golden eggs”! Without him, the sport that we know ceases to exist; kill the goose and—NO eggs. Remember that the officer is also a player and if he becomes so burdened that he can no longer play then the future of the game in that area must become uncertain.

“Why are General Meetings so poorly attended?” Staines asks and echoes the question of most leagues. “We have had our A.G.M. but couldn’t get any nominations for Secretary,” several leagues have told us. “We had such a poor attendance,” said one very hard worker, “that our Committee resolved to resign *en bloc*, and not do another thing until the players became a little more conscious of their moral obligations to support their comrades on the committee.” Then from all over the country come reports that juniors are the worst offenders: they expect coaching and all kinds of services to be done for them, and in return will not do a single thing to help. Youngsters, in fact, bemoan their lack of opportunity, get fine conceits of themselves and suggest that the “greybeards” should get out and make room for the younger ones! Probably every generation is the same, but the problem—as a problem—remains unsolved. It will be solved only when more players are prepared to do a little to acknowledge and support their officers.

There are a few notable exceptions, and it is gratifying to hear that the ladies are taking an increasing and justified prominence in administrative activities. Two more county associations—Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire—have appointed lady secretaries (Mrs. Ethel Aldridge and Miss Joyce Keene respectively) for the new season, and some leagues also report that a lady has become an officer for the first time in the history of their league.

A democratic community is responsible for the government it gets, and the administration of a league will be good when the playing members of a league take an active and co-operative interest in their administration.

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The XXI World's and YOU

By Leslie S. Woollard

"Come the three corners of the world in arms
And we shall shock them. Naught shall make us rue
If England to itself doth remain but true."

LAST March the officers of the E.T.T.A. said to its members (in effect), "We have the chance of staging the 21st World Championships in England BUT if you tell us to accept, then you—the members—must also accept the responsibility of producing £4,000 in the next two years." Replies came steadily, enthusiastically, from leagues and clubs and from individuals all over the country. They were all positive: England MUST have the Championships. Responses are still coming in; they are still urgently wanted. If there were dissidents, they implied their consent by their silence.

Nowhere have I heard any doubts on the countless benefits that would invariably follow and infiltrate throughout the United Kingdom. Even the most remote and isolated of players appears to recognise the splendid advantages for all of England, apart from general interest, prestige and sentiment. There seems to be no question on that score. There comes the actual raising of the money. From written and spoken expressions in scores of leagues and clubs I declare my profound conviction that there should be no tardiness nor difficulty in raising that £4,000. It seems clear that any tardiness that may exist in responding to the Appeal can be nailed to the door of some officer who is letting his club or league down badly.

How can there be any misunderstanding? If a club or group has not sent a flat "NO" to the Hon. Treasurer, I consider it still has a moral obligation to raise its share of the money. £4,000 spread over our vast numbers should be very, very easy. Our Treasurer said that if 4,000 clubs (that's just over half the total number affiliated) would undertake to raise £1 each in the two years, there would be no problem. We asked for such a guarantee from each club, and promised that any amount not required would be returned proportionately. It seems incredible that not even half of our clubs have been able to do that little thing to date!

Expressed in another way the amount could be raised,



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Inaugural Ceremony, World Championships, Bombay, 1952. Front row, L. to R.: M. Jean Pruliere (President, French T.T.A.); Mr. A. K. Vint; the Hon. Ivor Montagu (standing before "mikes"); the Hon. Rajkumari Amrit Kuar (the lady Minister for Health); Mr. A. S. de Mello (Chairman, Indian T.T.F.); Mr. T. D. Ranga Ramanujan (Org. Sec. of Championships and Hon. Sec., Indian T.T.F.).



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The huge stadium and arena specially built for the Bombay World Championships at a cost of £4,500 in course of construction. A big problem for the host Association.

if every member affiliated through his league would donate a sixpence! It should be as easy as that. In fact a club "whip-round" would, in many cases, probably result in more being raised, as well as being the easiest and quickest solution.

It should be clearly understood that the E.T.T.A. is not just those "few down in London." It is you and I, the ordinary, everyday players that make the clubs and the leagues and the counties. Between us we tell those "blokes" what we want done, and if they, say, overspend, it means that we have to spread the loss between us and find the money. Wherever we are in England, it is you and I, all of us, WHO ARE the E.T.T.A., and if the E.T.T.A. is in trouble, then that trouble is partly ours also. Each one of us is a shareholder in the profit-sharing. You could say that we could all agree (at our A.G.M.) to raise the affiliation fees to cover the need, but the officers are rightly against this in principle. If we have the interests of England and the game at heart the whole problem is easy. How wonderful if only half our clubs would respond like the Highgate Church Army Social Centre who ". . . most willingly promise to guarantee £1 towards the Fund. . . . We would go further and state that, if necessary, we would be willing to contribute another £1, making £2 in all. . . ." Or from Graham J. Maly, of Gloucester, who, as a person "interested in table tennis," is ". . . very pleased in having this opportunity to help the Association, and I guarantee to send a minimum of £1 by January 1st, 1954, towards your Fighting Fund. . . ."

And surely the letter from schoolboy Anthony Wickens must move the most obdurate: ". . . I want to help raise the money for getting the World Championships to England. I have therefore sent a personal guarantee for £1. At present I am still at school . . . where T.T. is not recognised as a representative school game. . . . The other players of the school have also agreed to raise £1 and so I have enclosed their guarantee. . . ."

A letter comes from Trinidad from long-exiled Lancs T.T.A. player Mr. J. R. THOMPSON, who has read the appeal in the magazine and post haste writes: ". . . Please put my name on the list for a donation of £5. I—for old time's sake—would not like to see the E.T.T.A. have to forego the honour through lack of support. . . ."

F. G. Roberts writes promptly from Stone, Staffs: ". . . Our league is only just in process of formation . . ."

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The XXI World's and YOU

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we may have difficulty in raising such an amount but we may just as easily raise rather more."

Mrs. M. E. Evans, of Leamington T.T.A., wrote on *March 2nd* and had great pleasure in immediately guaranteeing 15 guineas, and saying this would possibly be increased. ". . . every effort," said Leamington, "should be made to hold them in England. To decline the option would surely be lowering the prestige not only of the E.T.T.A., but of English sportsmanship as a whole. . ." Manchester have guaranteed £50 and Huddersfield £40, while Mr. A. T. Finney has told Hanley that he will give 5s. for every pound their clubs raise. Some go-ahead leagues have sent a list bearing a guarantee signed by each of their clubs.

I am particularly proud that in my own Eastern Region almost every county and league is devising means to raise their share, including the isolated but active St. Agnes Club at Newmarket. I think I should feel a little ashamed if I found that the name of my club or league was missing from the final roll.

In my travels, I have not infrequently been asked why such a big loss must be anticipated for such a popular, well-supported event. All players do not appear to have the confidence of the Ericsson A.S.C. of Nottingham, who are ". . . unanimously in favour of the project and guarantee a minimum of £1 WITHOUT QUESTION. . ."

Financially, the World Championships are never profitable. The First (London) Championship cost the inheritance of one of its prime organisers. The loss on the next one in London was shared between a number of people. Yet the events were immensely successful! At Bombay last year it has been estimated that the loss was upwards of £8,000. The playing arena and hall was specially built at a cost of £4,500. India was fortunate in being nationally and civically subsidised. On the Continent state subsidies or national lotteries are made easily available. England must rely solely on the energies and efforts of her individuals or on the generosity of some public-spirited benefactors who can give substantially and without requiring any obligations.

The staged events of the Championship can, without question, cover themselves and in most cases make a profit which would be set off against the expenses. Do not forget, however, that a substantial proportion of the gate money must go to the stadium proprietors and in entertainment tax (now so much higher).

The big loss, however, is incurred under the ITTF Regulation 21 concerning Hospitality. This regulation requires that "The Association organising the Championships shall provide hospitality for not more than seven players. . ." and certain specified officers and delegates, "for the period of the Championships and

one meal and night preceding and succeeding. . ." The cost of transportation from the arrival point to residence and to playing premises is also involved. The regulation is detailed and specific for appropriate circumstances.

Now there are nearly 60 representative national associations in the ITTF and there is usually a special effort to participate when the Championships are held in England. Consider for yourself then, on current costs; you must collect several hundred players in small groups and from different places, and then provide them with decent accommodation and food, and then provide transport to and from their hotel and the playing venue, for nearly a fortnight. These are bare essentials and even a casual calculation will quickly show how great a loss can be incurred. It is to safeguard this elastic contingency that the ETTA Officers have asked each club to IMMEDIATELY send a written guarantee that it will raise £1 by January 1st, 1954. Donations or guarantees of any amount, large or small, are welcome from any group or individual, providing of course, that such gifts do not obligate the independence of the Association.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for every individual, and for every club, league and association to prove its worth, loyalty and confident belief in the sport and in the English union of sportsmen that is to represent us proudly to the World. The more that give the less that each one needs to give. If all the members of a club can together produce only 6d. a week between them for a year, they will have more than done their part. Open your hearts. Make certain that something is being done around you. Something definite. Do it yourself if you will, but do something so that you can always remember that you were not found wanting when the call came. Send your Guarantees flooding in their hundreds. Let the ETTA know your opinion and what you are doing. AND DO IT NOW. NOW.

Leslie S. Woollard

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JAPANESE CHAMPIONSHIPS,

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- M.S. N. FUJII bt. K. Naka 12, 11.
W.S. T. Nishimura bt. S. Okubo 15, 15.
M.D. IHARA/MIZOHATA bt. Fujii/Yamada —12, 16, 5.
W.D. ISHIHARA / NISHIMURA bt. Kawaguchi/Watanabe 8, 12.
X.D. MINEISHI/TANAKA bt. Mizohata/Ishihara 15, 9.
J.(M.) T. SEKIHARA bt. K. Yasuda 5, 14.
J.(W.) S. KAWAGUCHI bt. K. Ishihara —14, 16, 16.
SEN. K. TOTSUKA bt. N. Tadaichi 12, 15.
VET. M. SHIMUZU bt. Y. Nagase 18, —21, 22.

BAOR is Up-to-date

THE Army Sports Board marches traditionally a little behind the more progressive branches of H.M. Services and has, so far, unfortunately found itself unable to accept T.T. as a major sport. Despite the splendid lead given by the R.A.F. and leading educational and training authorities (and the combined services of other countries) T.T. has yet to prove itself to the A.S.B.

It is therefore most encouraging to hear that the B.A.O.R. has recognised T.T. as a major sport, and to our mind, this pre-supposes that the B.A.O.R. is a progressive army alive to the spirit and need of the times.

The 1952 T.T. Championship of the B.A.O.R. was won by Trooper Harrison (of Birmingham), who will be returning to civilian life shortly. In a triangular Services match toward the end of last season he beat both Derek Burrige and Matt Sheader in straight sets without any difficulty.

The triangular match was arranged by the enterprise of F/Lt. Butler (R.A.F.) and Major Clarke (B.A.O.R.), and was played in Germany last March. The R.A.F. (U.K.) team consisted of D. Burrige, P. Smith and J. Cornwell. The results were: B.A.O.R. bt. T.A.F. 4—3; lost to R.A.F. (U.K.) 2—5. R.A.F. (U.K.) bt. T.A.F. 5—2 and 9—0.

It is interesting to note that R. G. Anderson, who formerly played for Austria and was one of the few players to beat the then world champion Mechlovitz, is now serving with the B.A.O.R., and considers that Harrison has the potentials of an international.

Table Tennis is always pleased to head news of T.T. activities in H.M. Services.

SOUTH AMERICAN OPEN

Asuncion, Paraguay, 4-14 Aug., 1952.

M.S.—Hugo Severo bt. Wilson Severo 14, 12, 8; Hugo Gonzalez bt. Boderone 20, 15, 22; H. SEVERO (Brazil) bt. Gonzalez (Chile) 14, 16, 22.

W.S.—MARTA ZAMORA (Chila) bt. Silvia Toledo (Chile) 17, 18.

M.D.—P. PRADO/A. ROSOSCHIK bt. Rozmanich/Tarufu 19, 8, 21, 16, 21.

W.D.—TOLEDO/ZAMORA bt. Evalina/Lourdes 14, 17.

X.D.—GONZALEZ/TOLEDO bt. Boderone/Lourdes 14, 16.

J.S.—ROMAN (Chile) bt. Teixeira (Brazil) 13, 20/19, 14.

Team Championships

MEN (Final): CHILE bt. Brazil 5—4.
WOMEN (Final): CHILE bt. Brazil 3—0.

STOP PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Great News for London Players

AT LONG last, *Table Tennis* is delighted to announce that it has found an "open" T.T. Club in Central London, and one which—miraculously—has every facility AND can accept new members. From the numbers of enquiries we have had in recent years we think that the membership roll will be filled very promptly. It certainly deserves to be.

The Club is the Gainsford in Drury Lane. It has 2 teams in the First Division of the famous Central League, so can obviously provide first class match practice. It is open on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and has 2 tables in really splendid conditions in a gymnasium (under the aegis of the Inns of Court Mission). The subscription is only 2/6 per month, which includes other benefits such as access to the Club's canteen, etc.

There is, perhaps, just one little snag and that is (under its present constitution) membership of the Club is open to Men Only. The Chairman, by the way, is GEOFF JAMES, the well-known Referee, popular officer of Middlesex County T.T.A. and a member of the National Umpires' Committee.

There would appear to be a very urgent need for "open" T.T. Clubs in the Central London area and it is extremely difficult to find particulars of any, particularly those who are prepared to take new members. We feel that the encouragement of such clubs would be of great benefit to the game and are always pleased to hear particulars of any such.

We suggest intending members should without delay get in touch with Mr. G. James, 19 St. Ann's Villas, Kensington, W.11 (Telephone BAYswater 1154).

Joyce Beats the Men

JOYCE WILLIAMSON while still a junior, the present W.S. Champion of New Zealand, the J.G.S. Champion of Australia and the losing Finalist of the W.S. event of the Australian Open. She also holds the W.S. title in the Canterbury, N.Z. league, where brother Brian holds the M.S. title. Their achievements are not accidental but the result of countless hours of conscientious practice that are so essential to the champion. Both started at a young age and not being satisfied with normal club practice somehow gained a home table and (while they were attending school) used to get up at 6 a.m. in the morning and play before breakfast! That is the spirit which makes world champions.

It is also interesting to hear that the Canterbury T.T.A. organised a Summer League for the off-season which was completed by the holding of a Summer T.T. Championships. Joyce Williamson competed in these championships on level terms with the men and beat previous local champions on her way to the final. Unfortunately, she had to withdraw from the actual final through illness, and it is interesting to note that her finals opponent, Pat Spillane (and local champion in 1950), was a player she had beaten in club games. Some folks think that with good practice, Joyce could reach world class.

COVER NOTE

JIMMY LOWE (of Middlesex) emerged as a junior hope about 3 years ago and (after being a junior international) has, ever since, skated close at the just-below international class (seniors). He is no comet but a "fixed" star with a complete all-round game that frequently suggests that his best is yet to come. His neighbour - friend - partner - coach Leo Thompson is convinced of this, and thinks that Jimmy has now got over his worst trouble of worrying too much, and with his now much faster game, is really capable of going places. Jimmy is a grand young sportsman who will probably one day become a sports master and we wish him the best of luck.

The cover pic is, in a way, also an acknowledgment to LEO THOMPSON, who interested, coached and encouraged Jimmy from the very beginning, as he has done so many young players. Few people give as much as Leo has to the game, and we are sorry to hear that he may be giving up competitive T.T. after this season. He is a businessman, father, county secretary, captain, player (county No. 1), committee-man, organiser, and yet still finds time to coach for Middlesex, Bucks, Staines and the weekend classes at Slough Social Centre, and is now planning to build his own house. Leo's particular efforts in Bucks look like bearing fruit this season, and the extra county team should give them a good chance. Jimmy Unsworth (1st team) and A. Catchpole (2nd team) are two of the best proteges.

Peter Madge on

RIGHT - DRESS

TOM BLUNN hit quite a number of nails on the head last month, but I do think that recommendations instead of rules are useless. How would it be for police authority if laws were only recommendations? I believe that dress reform can only be obtained if the officials of the game are given a whip to crack, and this means a hard-and-fast rule. I suggest a triple regulation.

First, I would rule (repeat rule) that a shirt of officially approved pattern be worn. (Their price is within the reach of all and there is no excuse for not wearing one.) Secondly, all shorts, slacks, skirts or trousers to be grey. Thirdly, that footwear must be clean and tidy—this means socks, too. These rules would apply at each and every event organised by an affiliated body where there is provision for spectators. In other words, wherever table tennis voluntarily puts itself on show to the public.

Tom Blunn thinks it bad manners to remove a cardigan between games. Not at all. In every racket game that this writer has played or seen (i.e. T.T., tennis, squash, badminton, rackets, etc.) it is the accepted custom to "warm-up" in an over-garment and remove it at will. This is neither bad manners nor an affectation. To remove a cardigan or pullover before going to the table or on court causes a temporary contraction of the muscles, if the atmosphere is cold, and this might well result in the loss of some of those so valuable points at the beginning of any game. Whilst on the subject of cardigans I will add my fourth rule: if worn during play, the cardigan must be of the same colour as the shirt when the shirt is visible too. Personally, I like to see a few splashes of colour around a hall of play, so let's leave the door open for the owners of canary, sky-blue and other creations . . . provided they don't inflict them upon their opponents!

These suggestions are well within the bounds of reason, but my own thoughts go to: The banning of . . . socks of any colour except white, the Khaki Peril (shorts to you), sleeveless pullovers, hair-nets and chewing-gum!

Get pen to paper, some of you, and let's know if you approve or have anything to add to my suggestions.

Junior County Reviews will be appearing again this season and I hope to have the first one in time for next month. Meanwhile, here are some notes on two new "hopes" from the West Country. Information by courtesy of Brian Merrett, so brickbats at

Spotlight on YOUTH

FOCUSSED BY PETER MADGE

Billie Knight's Victory Wimbledon



No. 764

Photo by Peter Madge

Our picture shows new Junior Wimbledon champion Billy Knight (right) with his predecessor Bob Wilson, whom he defeated in the final last month. Billy and Bob retained their doubles title and Billy also shared the mixed with Valerie Pitt. Bob Wilson, incidentally, is the writer of "Junior Point of View" . . . the equivalent of "Spotlight" in British Lawn Tennis & Squash.

him, please, Westerners, if anything is wrong.

RAY MORLEY is 16½ and started playing last year. Lives in Gloucester and has played for the city in friendly matches. A keen tennis and soccer player, but hopes to go places in T.T. Plays a powerful attacking game with little or no defence. Beat Bryan Merrett in the final of the Gloucestershire J.S. last season. Has not been coached!

MARY GIBBINS, 17, has been playing for two years and just misses the junior grade this season. An all-round sporting type, she has represented Glos. at hockey and has had county tennis trials. At present holds the Glos. J.S. title, the Glos. senior singles, and also shares the county doubles title with Margaret Fry. Plays an all-round game with a leaning to defence and sudden forehand assaults.

FROM THE NORTH . . .

Jeff Ingber writes to say that all has been quiet on the Lancashire front this summer. Since leaving school in July he has been playing tennis and is only just thinking about getting into T.T. practice again, there is also the little matter of a career to attend to. Jeff Ingber, Cliff Booth and Geoff Pullar

will form the nucleus of junior talent yet again this season, but this will be their last. Ray Newton is awaiting call-up to the Army. Luck never came Ray's way last season—he figured in two junior finals and two semis but had to wait for the North Wales Open before lifting a title; here he also reached the final of the men's singles, losing narrowly to Ray Hinchcliffe.

SPANISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 23rd-25th, 1952

- M.S. C. GADEA bt. J. Capdevila 19, —15, 19, 10.
- W.S. SOLSONA bt. Lacort 12, —9, 12, 17.
- M.D. CAPDEVILA/GADEA bt. Castillo/Ezquerria 3-0.
- W.D. BASS/SOLSONA bt. Gimeno/Marzal 22, 23.
- X.D. CAPDEVILA/SOLSONA bt. Tarruella/Bass 14, —5, 15, 10.

NETHERLANDS (Dutch) OPEN

May, 1952

- M.S. R. BERGMANN bt. R. Roothoft —17, 16, —17, 11, 10.
- W.S. D. ROWE bt. R. Rowe —18, 19, 19, 16.
- M.D. V. BARNAM/M. HAGUENAUER bt. Dolinar/Harangozo 15, —17, 18, 20.
- W.D. D. & R. ROWE bt. H. Beolet/Girard 14, 12, 20.
- X.D. R. ROOTHOFT/D. ROWE bt. V. Barna/R. Rowe 10, 16, 19.

This Man Wants to fix International Tour for You

"The E.T.T.A. Office has had a letter from a German sportsman who is keen to drive a West German Table Tennis team around England playing matches, or an English team around West Germany. He has a small van fitted comfortably to take a small team—say up to 6 players—and would like to hear from a county, league, town or even a strong club which might care to fix a tour of a week or fortnight, during or at the end of the season.

He would try to fix up the engagements against teams of equal strength during the period. The visitors would pay the cost of going to Germany and back (or if the reverse arrangement were fixed up, coming to England), the hosts would be expected to bear expenses in the host country. The English team travelled some hundreds of miles with him last year, and can recommend him as an efficient and pleasant person for fixing such tours. If anyone is interested, they should

write to the E.T.T.A. Office, 214 Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2, and they will be put in touch.

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our old friend, Fernando Olazarri, tells us that the South American Championships at Paraguay in August were very successful, particularly for Chile who won 6 out of the 8 titles. Hugo Severo (Brazil) beat Hugo Gonzalez (Chile) to retain his M.S. title, while Marta Zamorra (Chile) played superbly to win the W.S. title for the third year running. In the team events, Chile beat Brazil 5—4 in a dramatic final bout in the men's event and beat Argentine 3—0 in the women's event.

— INVICTA —

Kent County Association was formed 16 years ago, and one only needs to know a little of the county secretary's ever youthful outlook, shrewdness, his quiet and impartial thoroughness, and unflagging zeal, etc., to know why Mr. F. G. MANNOOCH ("Jimmy" to a few old friends) has been in office for ALL of those 16 years, or why Kent so deservedly won the Junior County championships last year. . . . It will not be easy to find a comparable junior team but some very good players emerged at the Junior trials, and there are also secret hopes that the Senior team will pip a county title. . . . A new League has been formed in Whitstable, leaving very few "absent" spots in the county network. Sevenoaks is "prominent among the missing" but there are hopes and sufficient interest there to indicate that they only need a sound lead from an interested person. For the first time in years, Kent starts the season with a small "something" in the "kitty."

South African T.T. Board Championships

by A. S. K. Joommal

DURBAN, 4th July, 1952

THE Table Tennis Week organised by the South African T.T. Board, came to a successful end on Friday evening, when the finals were decided at the Bantu Social Club.

Natal retained the E.H. Ismail Shield in the Inter-Provincial team competition, and C. M. Peer became the new South African T.T.B. Singles Champion when he convincingly beat the title-holder, L. Koopman.

Judging by the large crowds present during the week, table tennis appears to have captured the imagination of the public. The standard of play was high, and certainly better than that seen at the first Championships held at Cape Town two years ago.

An outstanding feature was the fact that most of the players taking part were comparatively young in age. The Championships served as an excellent fillip for the sport in Durban, particularly among the women. In comparison with the recent Natal Championships, the standard of play among women appears to have improved and more and more of them are taking to this game. Keen competition was evinced throughout the tournament.

Only three teams competed for the E.H. Ismail Shield for the Inter-Provincial competition. Transvaal was not able to participate because some of the players were away on business and others were engaged in writing their mid-year exams.

The finals, as anticipated, resolved itself into a duel between Cassim Peer and L. Koopman. In the 1950 Tournament at Cape Town, Koopman (Western Province), after being two games down rallied to eliminate C. Peer (Natal) in the semi-finals. Thus Koopman was quite confident and Peer a wee bit nervous. The crowd had expected a most drab and dull game seeing that both players are essentially defensive players. Signs of shakiness were evident in Peer at the beginning when he



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The Natal team which won the Inter-Provincial competition for the E. H. Ismail Shield in the S.A.T.T. Board administration.

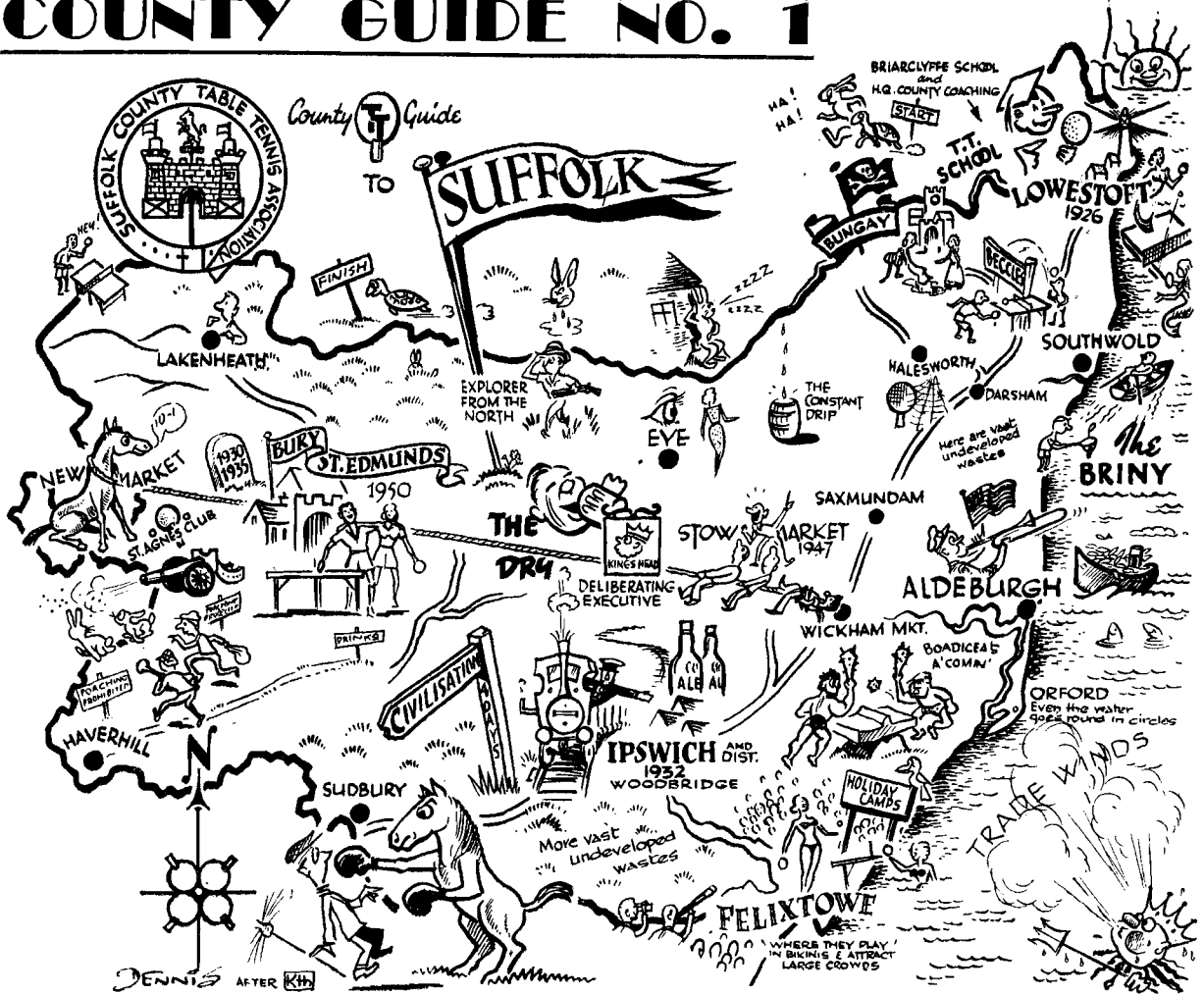
returned some of Koopman's drives away from the table and made a couple of mistakes. But he soon settled down to his usual cast-iron defence and played a brilliant game.

Koopman is a very dangerous player. He keeps his balls very low and while the rally is on, he unexpectedly unleashes a bullet-like shot which is a certain winner.

DETAILS

- M.S. L. Koopman bt. M. Moola 21, 19, 18. C. M. Peer bt. C. Ellman 13, —16, 18, 17. C. M. PEER bt. L. Koopman 15, 9, 10.
- W.S. I. Coetzee bt. S. Singh 13, 20. E. Young bt. J. Ellman —19, 7, 13. I. COETZEE bt. E. Young 10, 15, 17.
- M.D. M. MOOLA/I. TIMOL bt. C. M. Peer/E. Randaree —16, 11, 15, 19.
- W.D. I. COETZEE/E. YOUNG bt. P. and K. Singh 20, 17.
- X.D. W. ELLMAN/I. COETZEE bt. C. Ellman/E. Young 17, —19, 19.
- TEAMS (Inter-Province): Western Province bt. Eastern Province 12—2. NATAL bt. W. Province 10—4; bt. E. Province 14—0.

COUNTY GUIDE NO. 1



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Acknowledgments to the many who contributed—particularly K. T. H., P. D. W., A. D., and Dennis.

Suffolk became No. 1 of our new County Guides feature because she acted smarter than anywhere else. Maybe that signpost does say "4 days to Civilisation," but Suffolk never forgets that "Tortoise-beats-Hare" yarn. It's not kid-stuff either—they use a streamline Tortoise. If you're just visiting don't be dismayed at death-defying, primitive coaches that hurtle with hearse-like rapidity through tortuous ways and increase the thickness of the Sound Barrier. Don't even be surprised to see Boadicea's chariot taking a T.T. table for a match. These Suffolk people are full of surprises, innovations, and progressive ideas. "The only failure in table tennis," they say, "is the chap who stops trying." Their badge proclaims their confident outlook: a bastion of East Anglia, a rampant animal with its tail up, and two (not one) flags nailed to the mast.

In 1947, there was but the lonely league of Lowestoft to celebrate its coming of age by founding a County, to be joined by Ipswich, Stowmarket, Bury St. Edmunds and loyal and lively clubs like St. Agnes (Newmarket) and Beccles. In every one you can see progressive forces are at work. They are surely going upward. Suffolk are first in a good many good things, whether it's a printed league mag. (like the "Bat Chat" of Lowestoft), a Boy Scout League, a school where T.T. is a major representative sport, a practical county coaching scheme (under Terry Williams) that is getting somewhere, or even T.T. in bikinis. See their 64-page Handbook with its mass of helpful info., cartoons, and "all the trimmings"; it provides the example of a leader for others to follow. Particularly is this so in the constant stress on good table manners, appearance and sportsmanship.

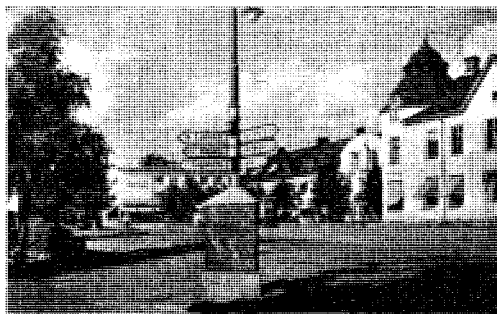
The truth is there are two county teams. One that plays on the green tables of County Championships (Eastern Division) and then there is an inspired administrative TEAM that works over desk and committee tables. Secretary Arthur Durrant is a main-spring here, with his fertile mind, his wit, and non-stop activity and enthusiasm. Sometimes he shocks verbal purists to the core by calling players "Table Tennisists" and young players "Table Teenists." Yes, Suffolk is very much alive, and their active and interested President, that great sportswoman Mrs. (Jean Nicolls) Bostock can be as proud of them as they are of her. Ipswich, incidentally, has the Chief Constable for President, and an Inspector for its Chairman.

There is, alas and however, one serious illness in Suffolk which it ill

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★ IT MAY BE YOUR COUNTY NEXT MONTH ★

my swedish diary



by elsie carrington

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Norberg, near the Swedish Sports School.*

Editorial Note

Many readers wanted to hear about the experiences of Jack and Elsie Carrington in their Summer Coaching for the Swedish and Scandinavian Associations. Elsie, true to her promise, came off the boat with a sheaf of notes hastily jotted down during car journeys and snatched moments, etc. We took the notes just as they were without giving her even a chance of glancing through or typing them, and we publish them here as a collection of the spontaneous reactions of a most observant person, and think they will be of more interest and value on that account.

The Editor

August 11th.—Arrived in Denmark. Drove from Esberg to Vjele and the National Sports Centre. Warden was Sven Aage Thomson, Danish Decathlon and Hurdles Champion for many years, and a former road technical engineer. Now he is full-time Warden of Danish Sports School and his hobby is taking most wonderful moving pictures. He made a film of Jack and I doing demonstration work and also playing. Hope to see it on way back.

Three courses in progress at the School: Boxing and Cricket (with an English instructor) and a Table Tennis Course for prospective coaches, with two boys of 14 and 15 who are to have special coaching from J.C. Play took place in a tent of the large marquee type—very white. All players in white—terrible effect! Wooden floor laid down inside but no lights. Theory classes taken in little groups in the woods. All Danes, coaches and pupils, have greatly improved since our visit two years ago. All are trying very hard. While at the School we lived in the place of honour, a little cottage in the woods, pretty but without water or sanitation. The Danes are a grand lot, always laughing. Sorry to leave them.

August 15th.—Left Vjele for Fredrikshaven for the boat to Gothenburg. Had car trouble and missed the boat. Got there just as they cast-off and threw the ropes down in

* Norberg is a typical Swedish small town 200 kms. N.W. of Stockholm and 2 kms. from the National Sports School. Note the copper relief map on the base of the signpost. The white lines are roads, the patches lakes and everything else is forest.

front of us. A 24-hour wait for the next one.

August 16th.—Arrived in Gothenburg about 10.30 p.m. Up at 6 a.m. next morning for 300 mile journey to Norberg (picture above) which we reached by 5.30, stopping for breakfast and lunch on the way. Beautiful ride through gorgeous country. Norberg is about 150 miles N.W. of Stockholm and is on the fringe of the big forests (which spread northwards for about 900 miles). It also marks the first of the famous Swedish iron mines. There are several of these in the neighbourhood but they are so well hidden by the pine trees that they do not disfigure the countryside. There is a disused mine a few hundred yards from where we are living.

The house in which we are living used to belong to the mineowner, and has not been occupied for many years. It is being repaired now and will be quite good when it is finished. It is called *Klackbergsgården* (ie., Klackberg's Sports School), and is about 2 miles from Norberg. The staff are living in a sort of barn which I should imagine was once the servants' quarters. Our room is nice; bare, but clean and bright. All water has to be pumped and carried upstairs and dirty water carried down again, and it was like living in olden times when I did a little washing! The toilet is in a barn behind the cowsheds.

August 17th.—The first contingent arrives. Twelve beautiful Swedish girls from various parts of the country and one 17-year-old all the way from Bergen in Norway. Play takes place in the excellent gymnasium of the local school, a very fine modern building. Breakfast at 8, start work at 9 a.m.

Swedish girls have improved tremendously and should be very strong in a couple of years. Fourteen-year-old ELIZABETH THORSSON is very good. SIGNHILD TEGNER has also much improved since her visit to England. Very good food, well-cooked, is prepared for our breakfast and dinner by the local schoolmaster's wife, whose son has been to England.

Her daughter is taking her matric next year, and was a little worried about her English. Lunch is taken in a very good milk bar in the village.

August 22nd.—Girls' Course finished today, and we all went to wave good-bye to those who went home that evening. Then had a game of miniature golf, playing in teams. The Carringtons came in last!

August 23rd and 24th.—Our free days and we went touring through the Dalakalia countryside. The most beautiful country I have ever seen. It is impossible to describe the mountainous forests with blue, blue lakes dotted among them, or the brand of sunshine and clear air which seems to make all colours richer and brighter. The great wood flows must be seen to be believed. Rivers, some two to three hundred yards wide are choc-a-bloc with logs floating down to various mills. You could walk across the river using the wood as a "bridge!" Stayed Saturday night at Falun (famous for its Sausage!) and luxuriated in a hotel with hot running water. On Sunday we reached Leksand, a very lovely little town where the national costume is very much in evidence. Orange aprons, black dresses, and white caps and shoulder capes for the girls, and black tails, bow ties, white waistcoats and occasionally top hats for the men. It was Children's Day in Leksand,* and the local festivities included a colourful procession preceded by fiddlers in national costume and a huge tree trunk with numerous children sitting astride.

The week-end change had completely refreshed us for another hard training session, and we found that most of the boys had arrived by the time we got back to Norberg on Monday.

* Every town in Sweden sets aside one Sunday in August for Children's Day, and all the city flag-poles are decorated with wreaths, bunting, and many kinds of greenery.

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Something about Top American Players

by *Pauline Robinson* *

Pictured on Right

HI everybody, greetings from the U.S.A. I expect you would like to know what's happened to the Americans that you know. Well, Peggy McLean, Tibie Thall and Patty McLinn are all retired, due to marriage and children. Leah Thall Neuberger is still going strong, winning most tournaments, and so is Peg Ichkoff. Among the men, Pagliaro is champ again, and Miles No. 2. Reisman and Cartland have just returned from the East. Holzrichter and McClure are not too active.

The top men here now (after Nos. 1 and 2) are Schiff, Somael and Hazi, all familiar to English readers. The top women after Leah are Lona Flam, Peggy Ichkoff and Pauline Robinson, not perhaps so well-known to you yet.

Our Juniors are pretty wonderful, many of them can beat all but the top few. Chief among them are, Carl Dentice, our Junior champion, Erwin Klein, only 14 years old, who has to come all the way from California to play, and Bob Gusikoff, Eastern Junior champion. These boys are only three of about 50 good Juniors, many more than the last few years.

The Junior Miss champion is Carolee Liechty, sister of Ron Liechty, last year's Junior champ. She has a very promising, smooth game.

Bernard Bukiet, formerly of Munich, has settled in New York.

Last weekend, the Canadian National Championships for 1952 were held in Toronto, won by Schiff over Somael and Neuberger over Robinson. The Canadians are playing better all the time, as witness both Cloutier, who won the Closed this year, and Belanger, who was Closed champ the past two years, and defeated Schiff in the U.S.A. v. Canada Team matches. Our American glamour girl Sharon Koehnke had a tough five game battle in the first round with pretty Joan Jessop, up and coming Canadian girl.

Pat Pulsford from Manchester showed up in New York for a few days and gave us some interesting stories of the English Open.

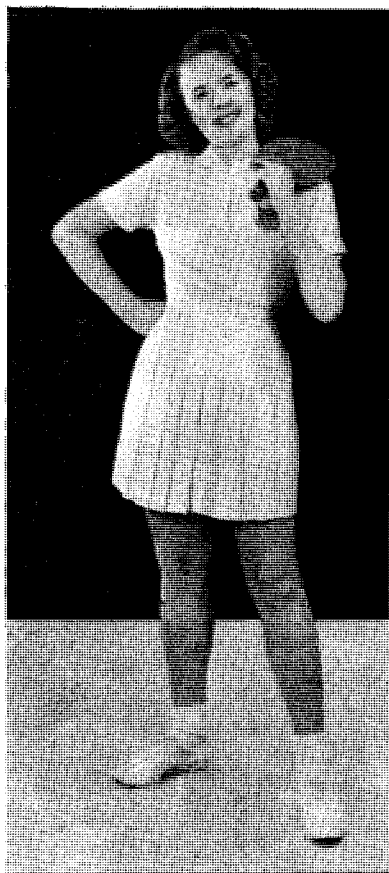
We will have team try-outs again this year and hope that it will be possible to attend the World's. If not, you will surely see some of us at Wembley, in 1954.

Some other American players who are becoming well-known here and will probably make it overseas some day are, Bob Wilkenfeld, of N.Y., a powerhouse lefty who reached the semis in Canada and won the Men's Doubles with Ornstein, also of N.Y., from Schiff and Somael, Jean Gere of New Jersey, with wins over both Robinson and Ruthe Crist this past year, Joanne Kaylor Wilcox of Ohio with a short fast game faintly reminiscent of Mae Clouter, and Richard Weissman of Philadelphia, who pulled several upsets this season. Incidentally, neither Clouter nor Monness have played for the past two seasons.

I think that's about all that is new here now, and by way of ending, I think I shall ask a few questions myself! "What has happened to Adele Wood?" "How do you choose *your* Cup teams?" "When will Bergman, Simons, Franks, the Rowe twins (*et al*), come to America?" We'd love to play all of them!

Bye now,

Pauline Robinson



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* PAULINE ROBINSON

Pauline's family lived in Wembley until the early '40's. Grandfather was Manager and Secretary of Wrexham Football team; Father was a Bisley crack. Now the lovely Pauline carves her own niche. She inaugurated the U.S.A. Junior Girls' event, since when her talent, charm and tenacity has been an elevator button which has already carried her to a No. 4 U.S.A. National Ranking . . . going up! In the New York Open last year she twice beat the "invincible" Leah Neuberger. In the semis of the National she lost to the same player after five hard games (and previously beating M. Shahian 3-straight). . . . Oh yes, she's played exhibition stuff with the astonishing Bellak ("the greatest player who never won a World's Championship"). . . . Lucky

Laszlo!



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Mrs. EVELYN CHIAT
W.S. Champion, South African
T.T. Union

South African T.T. Union Championships

In the South African T.T. Union Championships at Cape Town in early September all ladies ranked for 1951 were eliminated in the first two rounds, and new stars began to twinkle. In the final, Mrs. EVELYN CHIAT (pictured on left) beat club mate FAY KANE to win the title last held by Elizabeth Blackburn (and she has by merit also succeeded to the 3 West Province titles). Good going for a second representative season. REX EDWARDS won his 3 titles, the singles for the 4th successive year! RON LITTEN, with improved form, reached the semi only to be beaten by Rex after a wonderful game.

B. D. George

IVOR EYLES, heavyweight but able organising veteran and stormy petrel of many an A.G.M. of the E.T.T.A., looks out from his Bristol citadel, his steel blue eyes agleam like a hungry lion. . . . (His all-time record gate for last year's French International match inclines one to wonder whether there might be a venue for the 1953/54 English in the West!) . . . His Glos. County team of Aubrey Simons, Molly Jones, Brian Merrett and Bob Griffin are all fighting fit for the Premier team challenge, and a Glos. Open for 1953/54 is planned. What is Gloucester's secret for producing young stars? Two new twinkles are R. MORLEY and MARY GUBBINS.* Glos. juniors will get their chances in a newly-formed Junior County League. Aubrey Simons further encourages the youngsters by presenting a cup for the junior county boys' championship. A friendly inter-county match is to be played against Cornwall at Redruth which, it is hoped, will help to form a S.W. Division which can also include Somerset.

SPEAKING of Cornwall, the county association made a splendid start in their inaugural year, and are ambitious for the future. Lack of good feminine players at present handicaps their entry into the County Championships, but several representative friendlies have been arranged, including those with Devon and Glos. County. A try-out match is to be played against Plymouth at St. Austell on the 25th of this month.

MMARGARET FRY, 24-year-old (International and Glos. County star), has moved to Ealing and joined the same famous club as the Rowe Twins. . . . She will still be available to play for Glos. County. Jack Carrington has returned "home" to Essex and both he and Elsie will be available for the county team. Essex, incidentally, have 3 new leagues: Brentwood, Ilford Youth and Forest Youth and nearly 60 teams have already entered for a new team K-O competition run on J. M. Rose Bowl lines. **J**OHNNY LEACH, due back in England late September, is almost certain to play in the East Suburban Open which is to be held in his present home town of Ilford. Southend has trouble in finding enough club accommodation. Their keen Secretary, K. S. KAYE hopes that Southend's 16-year-old RAY DAVIS will make the county juniors.

DERYCK HEAPS, Cheshire's keen former Match Secretary and Captain, has taken up a business appointment in Reading. Meanwhile Mr. W. G. GOLDFINCH (formerly of Kent and the N.E.C. who went to Norfolk) is now living in Worthing, and will be

the N.P.C. for Sussex Juniors, a position he once held for Kent. At Hastings, great-hearted and versatile **K**EITH WATTS is now thoroughly fit again and we sincerely hope he will stay that way. He frequently writes some of those amusing verses you read in such journals as *London Opinion*, and will, we hope, be a frequent contributor to *Table Tennis*. Hastings have again won their bi-annual match with Dordrecht (Holland). Haywards Heath have reformed their league which has been inactive since before the war. Brighton's Councillor (and League President) Mr. A. V. NICHOLLS is now President of Sussex County. It was Mr. Nicholls who presented the Trophy for the W.S. event of the English Open. From farther along the southern coast, we hear that Bournemouth have reached their largest size ever with just on 100 teams entered.

In the North N.E.C. man **N**ORMAN COOK (who broadcast T.T. news occasionally in the N. Region last season) occupies the

the Rowe Twins, Hurlock and Hunt. This year Ken Craigie, Vicente Gutierrez, Colin Crowe (Beds.) and John Thurston (Cambs.) provided excellent entertainment. Gutierrez vastly amused civic dignitaries with his amazing repertoire and Crowe delighted the home audience by beating the popular and redoubtable Ken Craigie in a grandstand finish.

In neighbouring Bedfordshire, the hard-working Bedford Secretary and County No. 3, Mrs. **E**THEL ALDRIDGE has taken on the job of County Secretary. County and Luton have suffered the loss of their formidable M.D. combination, Ironmonger/Randall, owing to popular **D**OUG RANDALL'S damaged Achilles tendon. In the County Junior Open L.T.A. Tournament, at Bedford, junior county T.T. players **H**EATHER COLLINGS and **M**AUREEN HOWELL distinguished themselves both in play, and in their handling of the jobs of Hon. Tournament Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively. Congratulations. Harry Walker's Essex Junior T.T. protégé, **C**OLIN ANTHONY reached the final of all open events entered. In **B**LETCHLEY, secretary **B**ILL WOODING lost the use of his former 3-table clubroom at St. Mary's, so with the help of a few colleagues, he spent the summer building a new clubroom in his garden.

Under the paternal patience of **L**ESLIE CONSTABLE, Cambs. County continues boldly with its development of younger players, and by again entering 3 teams in County Championships illustrates what miraculous achievements can be done even when there is really only one town area in the county. Miss **J**OYCE KEENE is the new County Sec., and Mrs. M. REEVE was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer. Junior **C**HRS REEVE spent part of his summer holiday in Essex having some coaching and practice play with John Hunt, Yvonne Baker, Pam Mortimer, etc.

STAFFS. COUNTY (in year 2) introduces a county league, and the northern part of the county is making a strong challenge and is beginning to even up former differences. Efforts are made to stage county matches in each league. Staffs. (in co-operation with Warwick. T.T.A.) have their own Coaching Week-end at Lilleshall on November 21st-23rd, and a senior coaching scheme started in Wolverhampton on September 1st. Chairman **M**ALCOLM SCOTT is a very keen advocate of coaching. Leek's livewire T.T. journalist, **R**OY RUTTER, is shortly to join the Forces, and will be much missed. *Table Tennis* hopes to hear from him occasionally.

Lincs. County players **G**EORGE SIMPSON and **K**ATHLEEN PEAKE were married during the

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unique position of being Hon. Sec., for two different county associations at the same time. **O**NE county is usually quite enough for most men, but Lancs. and Cheshire are as inseparable as Tweedles Dee and Dum. Just shows how problems can be surmounted. Lancs. have 650 clubs in 27 leagues and Cheshire has 250 clubs in 12 leagues. Wirral (formerly part of the Liverpool League) is a new group which has joined Cheshire, while Barrow has transferred from Cumberland to Lancs. One new project planned for the "Twin" county is a monthly news-sheet. We sincerely hope that it may be possible for *Table Tennis* to publish a **L**ANCS. & **C**HESHIRE EDITION because there are such great advantages to all parties and players concerned.

Small but enterprising **S**T. NEOTS League (Hunts.) daringly ventured a mid-August T.T. Exhibition as a highlight to their celebrated Carnival Week sponsored by the local council for the third year running. Last year it was

* see page 7.

Beregi Wins Triple

Australian Titles Again

A RECENT letter from DORA BEREGI and the news that she has just won the three Australian titles for the third year running makes it hard to realise that it is so long since this immensely popular champion left us, so firmly did she establish herself in our memories. The Championships were staged at Hobart, Tasmania. The M.S. title was won by Miklos Szabados¹ over P. Anderson and the Doubles by G. Laza and Klesmaine, who beat Summers and Szabados in the semi-final.

The standard of play in Australia (writes Dora) has improved considerably, and there are always terrific crowds for the exhibitions. "The New Zealand girl Joyce Williamson,² whom I beat in the final of the W.S., played really well and is a very promising player indeed."

¹ Szabados won the World Championship title in 1930-1 over his partner and rival Victor Barna. Won the English M.S. title the same and the following year. A picture of him in play with Victor Barna appeared in our issue of last month.

² Joyce Williamson, of Canterbury, New Zealand, is the present N.Z. Champion. In the Australian Open she won the Junior title and was finalist against Dora Beregi in the W.S. event.

Eric Filby Leaves Norfolk

AFTER six years' residence in Norfolk, ERIC FILBY, former international at both lawn and table tennis, will shortly be moving to Croydon. He has done much good work for Norfolk, where there has been rapid expansion. Leagues have been founded at Wymondham and Fakenham this year, and another possible one at Diss. Exhibitions have helped considerably and the Rowe twins (four visits in twelve months) have been very popular. R. W. Giles and W. Minors have been appointed County Coaches, and have just completed a third Junior Course, and general delight at talent emerging in the young young-ladies.

Salute to Co. Durham

T PORTER, Sec. of the Murton, Co. Durham, League recently received a letter from a German who, after playing with them for the past three seasons, has now returned to his own country. It reads, in part: ". . . I joined a very good club here with ten tables, but up till now isn't like the thing at Murton. I would rather play with you in the old hall at Murton with only one table. The comradeship is much nicer and, believe me, I enjoyed every minute of it. Please give my kindest regards to everyone in the club and tell them I miss you all

very much. It may seem stupid to you when I say that I am homesick but, believe me, I am. I have been around the world, but I can honestly say that the English people are the nicest ones . . . thank you for the kindness and friendliness in which you made me welcome in a foreign country. You can be proud to have such a club in Murton. . . ."

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summer and in mid-September joined the Rowe Twins, Derek Merryweather and Mrs. Hardy for an exhibition at Spalding. On September 18th (for the Battle of Britain Week), an exhibition was staged at Boston with Victor Barna, Jack and Elsie Carrington, Vicente Gujierrez, Derek Merryweather and Wendy Blades. Entries for the East of England Open at Skegness were the highest number ever received. Following the tournament, this enterprising association has made arrangements with the Carringtons for a special coaching week.

Last season, the maroon shirts of Lowestoft were justifiably filled with pride for they won both the East Anglian and the Suffolk inter-town leagues without losing one set even to the strong Norwich team led by international Eric Filby. They played

and won 10 matches, with games results of 77 for and 23 against. STOWMARKET is another enterprising Suffolk league. This year they have new shirts of royal blue and are to award badges, but the really important innovation is a Junior Division comprising 7 teams mostly from Boy Scouts and Boys' Brigades. BERT ROBINSON, the League's Coach and former League Secretary, is the man primarily responsible. An increase is only to be expected and there are now 27 teams from 17 clubs.

On September 16th the Dereham branch of the R.A.F. Association staged a Battle of Britain Exhibition with the Rowe Twins, Alec Brook, Eric Filby and others.

Last June, HARRY WALKER (Essex) took East London juniors, Ray Dorking, Ronnie Gundry and Charlie Carroll, to the Briarclyffe School at Lowestoft. (Remember last year's challenge?) In the afternoon they beat the School and lost 4—5 to Suffolk county players Nicholls, Pearson and Williams, in the evening.

THE YORKSHIRE EDITION of "Table Tennis" starts next issue.

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NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME

Hon. Director of Coaching: Jack Carrington

N.C.S. NOTICE BOARD

WEEK-END TRAINING COURSES FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS AND POTENTIAL COACHES

Dec. 19—21 at The National Recreation Centre, Bisham Abbey, near Maidenhead, Berks. Approx. Cost 35s. 0d. per person (including board residence).

Dec. 17—19 as above **For School Children only** (up to 16 years). Approx. Cost 30s. 0d. per person (including board residence).

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Jan. 23—25 (probable date) at Harrogate. Approx. Cost 35s. 0d. per person, including hotel accommodation and food.

For Application Forms apply to:—E.T.T.A. Office, 214, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, W.C.2.

Dec. 29—Jan. 2 at The National Recreation Centre, Lilleshall, Shropshire.

Cost per person £3 15s. 0d. all-in.

For Application Forms apply to:—C.C.P.R., 6, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

The Official Grading Scheme—

by
Geoff. Harrower

Just Three amendments

- (a) In future Group A players will not be credited with one point if they beat a Group B player.
- (b) Players will not be credited with more than one win and/or one loss in any one playing period (instead of two wins and two losses over the whole season).
- (c) Points, either minus or plus, will now be carried forward for a limited

period only. At the beginning of each season, only the points scored during the previous season will be carried forward. However, a player who is "plus" will not be made "minus" by taking away an old carry forward, he will be scratch; and, similarly, a player who was "minus" will not be made "plus" by deducting an old minus carry forward.

NEXT SEASON'S PLAYING PERIODS

- 1st Period—From the beginning of the season until November 16th (to include all second round Wilmott Cup and J. M. Rose Bowl matches).
- 2nd Period—From November 17th until December 13th (all third round cup matches).
- 3rd Period—From December 14th until January 25th (all zone final cup matches).
- 4th Period—From January 26th until March 14th.
- 5th (and final) Period—From March 16th until the end of the season.

NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION

Fri.,	10th Oct. ...	Devon v. Essex, South Raglan Gym., Devonport.
Sat.,	11th Oct. ...	Middlesex v. Glamorgan, McClaren's, Staines.
Sat.,	11th Oct. ...	Lincolnshire v. Surrey, Central Market, Lincoln.
Fri.,	17th Oct. ...	Yorkshire v. Middlesex, Madeley Street Baths, Hull.
Sat.,	25th Oct. ...	Gloucestershire v. Yorkshire, Lister Hall, Dursley.
Thurs.,	30th Oct. ...	Surrey v. Gloucestershire, Coronation Hall, Kingston-on-Thames.
Sat.,	1st Nov. ...	Middlesex v. Devon, Rotax, Willesden Junction.

SECOND SOUTH

Sat.,	4th Oct. ...	Cambridgeshire v. Buckinghamshire, Y.M.C.A., Cambridge.
Sat.,	11th Oct. ...	Glamorgan v. Sussex, Cardiff.
Tues.,	14th Oct. ...	Surrey v. Middlesex, Kennards Canteen, Croydon.
Sat.,	18th Oct. ...	Buckinghamshire v. Essex, Slough Social Centre.
Fri.,	31st Oct. ...	Warwickshire v. Surrey, Lockhead Ballrooms, Leamington.
Sat.,	1st Nov. ...	Sussex v. Cambridge, Worthing.

SECOND NORTH

Sat.,	25th Oct. ...	Cheshire v. Yorkshire, Macclesfield.
Sat.,	25th Oct. ...	Lancashire v. Warwickshire, Lads' Club, Lark Street, Bolton.
Sat.,	25th Oct. ...	Durham v. Northumberland, Ediswan's, Sunderland.
Sat.,	1st Nov. ...	Yorkshire v. Durham, Wesley Hall, Atercliffe, Sheffield 9.

EASTERN

Thurs.,	16th Oct. ...	Cambridgeshire v. Bedfordshire, Y.M.C.A., Cambridge.
Sat.,	25th Oct. ...	Hertfordshire v. Suffolk, Ministry of Labour, Reeds Orphanage, Watford.
Sat.,	25th Oct. ...	Norfolk v. Bedfordshire, Y.M.C.A., St. Giles Street, Norwich.

MIDLAND

Thurs.,	23rd Oct. ...	Warwickshire v. Leicestershire, Parish Hall, Church Street, Nuneaton.
Sat.,	25th Oct. ...	Northamptonshire v. Worcestershire, College of Technology, Northampton.
Sat.,	25th Oct. ...	Staffordshire v. Derbyshire, Town Hall, West Bromwich.

NORTHERN

Sat.,	11th Oct. ...	Yorkshire v. Durham, St. Aidan's Hall, Bradford.
Sat.,	18th Oct. ...	Northumberland v. Cumberland, Rutherford College, Bath Rd., Newcastle.
Sat.,	1st Nov. ...	Northumberland v. Yorkshire, Newcastle.

SOUTHERN

Sat.,	18th Oct. ...	Kent v. Berkshire, St. John's Hall, Bromley.
Sat.,	25th Oct. ...	Buckinghamshire v. Hampshire, Slough Social Centre.
Sat.,	1st Nov. ...	Kent v. Buckinghamshire, Barnehurst Residents' Club.

JUNIOR "A"

Sat.,	11th Oct. ...	Surrey v. Sussex, Castlenau Youth Club, Barnes (4 p.m.).
Thurs.,	16th Oct. ...	Essex v. Kent, Liberal Club, Barking.
Sat.,	1st Nov. ...	Surrey v. Kent, Castlenau Youth Club, Barnes.

JUNIOR "B"

Fri.,	3rd Oct. ...	Hertfordshire v. Middlesex, Lawrence Hall, Welwyn Garden City.
Sat.,	11th Oct. ...	Cambridgeshire v. Nottinghamshire, Y.M.C.A., Cambridge.

APOLOGIES TO RON CRAYDEN

I much regret that in our May issue Ron Crayden was credited with 7 wins and 5 losses last season, whereas this should have read 8 wins and 4 losses.

COUNTY GUIDE

(from page 9)

deserves. The County launched "Operation Black Spot" to combat it. It results in spots before the eyes exactly like the rash of black spots in the map above. Those towns marked could so easily be formed into a league. Surely in each of these towns there is at least one person—man, woman, youngster—with sufficient interest to ask the county for guidance, etc.

Meanwhile, our salutations to Suffolk, and our congratulations be also yours. May all your operations be successful. You deserve it.

VICENTE GUTIERREZ, the Chilean international with the most fantastic repertoire of Exhibition Tricks in the world, has been persuaded to extend his stay in England for a few months and is proving an immensely popular attraction for Exhibitions. Next month, Vicente writes on "The Challenge of South America."

Handbooks and News Sheets

ALL counties and leagues are invited to send copies of their Annual Handbooks to the Editor. Not only does this enable us to give prompt replies to some enquiries, but it gives valuable contact and information which can benefit all concerned. Furthermore, it will enable us to compile our long-planned review of handbooks in a feature which should be helpful to many.

The first to reach the Editor this season were: 1, Watford, and 2, Willesden.

Counties and Leagues are cordially invited to send copies of their News Sheets to the Editor regularly. This will be done, we are sure, by most enterprising associations.

Jackie Head in Top Form

at EAST OF ENGLAND OPEN

SKEGNESS, 22nd Sept., 1952

By Peggy Allen

EXCELLENT playing conditions (thanks to Godfrey Decker), tip-top organisation (bouquets to Freda Merryweather) and a consistently high standard of play (cheers for Jackie Head), made this East of England tournament a really enjoyable affair.

It could have been that "raring to go" beginning of the season feeling, or perhaps the fresh sea air had something to do with it. Whatever the reason, this tournament has an atmosphere of its own and this year was no exception.

JACKIE HEAD, of Surrey, and BETTY GRAY, of Swansea, both distinguished themselves, Jackie appearing in all three finals and Betty in two.

Most outstanding of the newcomers was 16-year-old SHIRLEY JONES, Welsh Junior Champion. This petite, whirlwind hitter with the jaunty air, certainly made her presence felt and it says much for young WENDY BLADES, of Lincolnshire, that there was only two points difference in the third and final game for the Junior Girls' title.

Once again Bernard Crouch (Middlesex) and Roy Turner (Surrey) pulled off the men's doubles event. They have held this trophy for four consecutive years and it is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that these two never play together in any other tournament! Derek Burrige (Middlesex) and Paul Brook (Roy Turner's usual partner) almost spoil their record, losing only 22—20 in the third game of a semi-final, but the older pair's tenacity and experience won the day.

In the women's singles three of the four seeded players fell by the way-side, including the holder, Marjorie Cumberbatch (War), who lost 21—13 in the third game to Elsie Carrington. The most exciting women's match proved to be between the No. 3 seed Pam Mortimer (War) and Peggy Piper (Surrey) in the quarter-finals. Peggy survived this battle (26—24 in the third!), but in the final she was obviously perplexed by Betty Gray, who achieves such good results with so little apparent effort.

Best of all was JACKIE HEAD'S consistently brilliant form. It was heartening to see him defeat, one after the other, players of such calibre as Eric Marsh, Raymond Hinchcliffe (Yorks)—his closest scrape—Burrige, Bernard Crouch and finally, in devastating manner, Yorkshire's Swaythling Cup player, Brian Kennedy, who just couldn't find any answer to his relentless stream of back and forehand drives.

Last year, Jackie was a regular semi-finalist and finalist in numerous open tournaments. He has started off this season with a "bang" if one can use such a phrase in connection with this slim, quiet, unassuming Surrey player.

FINAL DETAILS

M.S.	J. Head bt. B. Crouch 17, —19, 16; B. Kennedy bt. R. Griffin 17, 18. J. HEAD bt. B. Kennedy 18, 11.
W.S.	M. Piper bt. E. Carrington 5, 17. B. Gray bt. M. Lightfoot 14, 20. B. GRAY bt. M. Piper 11, 16.
M.D.	B. CROUCH/R. J. TURNER bt. J. Head/K. Hurlock 16, 20.
W.D.	B. GRAY/S. JONES bt. Y. Baker/B. Millbank 13, 19.
X.D.	J. HEAD/D. SPOONER bt. D. Burrige/M. Piper 18, 20.
B.S.	R. DORKING bt. F. True 8, 7.
G.S.	S. JONES bt. W. Blades —18, 9, 19.

T.T. ETIQUETTE

BREACHES of table etiquette have played an important part in the awarding of points to representative teams of associations competing in the *Barna-Dunlop Cup* Competition in New Zealand. As a guide for its members, the National Executive of the N.Z.T.T.A. have compiled a list of the most common breaches (reprinted below) and have circulated a copy to each association.

1. Chewing gum during play or while at the table.
2. Chasing balls after rallies to cause a hindrance to players playing on nearby tables.
3. Umpires smoking.
4. Placing feet on table when "fixing" laces of shoes.
5. Failing to see that the ball is placed on the table after the completion of a match.
6. Passing in front of the umpire when changing ends.
7. Throwing balls to a distant table in such a way as to upset players on an adjacent table.
8. Leaving cigarette butts on the playing floor.
9. Shaking hands at the conclusion of a match right up against the umpire.
10. Using unoccupied tables without the permission of the tournament manager.
11. Failing to wait until the rally ends on an adjacent table before walking behind to go to or from a table.

MIDDLESEX OFFICERS

The new Hon. Gen. Secretary of Middlesex T.T.A. is Mr. C. DAVIDSON, of 5a, West View, Hendon, N.W.4, and NOT Mr. D. P. Lowen as mentioned in the September *Table Tennis*. Mr. Lowen is the Hon. Treasurer and Publicity Sec.; Mr. E. R. Connell continues as Chairman.

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Reviewed by *CORTI WOODCOCK**

THE latest addition to this well-known series spotlights Table Tennis, with the English Table Tennis Association's blessing which, having regard for the reputation enjoyed by the author, Jack Carrington, could hardly be withheld. In preparing this thumbnail sketch of the A.B.C. of the game, Jack has obviously and naturally drawn on his specialised experience as a coach. Moreover, his journalistic talents have enabled him to clothe the instructional parts of the neat little essay in the simplest and most conversational terms. From cover to cover takes barely 10 minutes, and the reader who starts on the first page as an ignorant beginner will finish at the last by becoming well primed with the knowledge of how to make an intelligent start. He'll itch to get to the table!

The lay-out is well done, illustrations and captions happily chosen, and the type so clean and clear that the little book is as easy on the eye as its contents are easy on the intelligence. Only one small slip mars it, when the score "20—20" is referred to as "deuce." There's no such word as "deuce" in the table tennis vocabulary—the correct call is "20 all." But this will prove a most useful little work and I warmly commend it.

CORTI WOODCOCK

* With acknowledgments to the C.C.P.R.

BOUQUET of the MONTH

ALMOST every county association who enters a Junior team in the County Championships does so at a loss. Sometimes a very heavy one. Audience support for junior matches is often almost negligible. Indeed, one of the most discouraging reactions for organisers is to find that juniors themselves are frequently not interested enough in their own advancement and education to support junior county matches. Juniors should realise that the junior county level is a definite rung toward a junior international badge, etc., and that they can best learn by studying the ways of the players just above their own level.

In such circumstances, it is wonderfully stimulating news to hear of a letter sent from the Nyetimber Youth Club (near Bognor Regis) to Mr. W. L. George (Sussex County Secretary).

"On behalf of the Nyetimber Youth Club, it gives me great pleasure to enclose a small but, I hope, useful donation to the County T.T.A. funds as a gesture of our appreciation of the County's decision to enter a Junior County Team in the coming season's competition.

"The first-ever Sussex Junior match against Kent, at Lewes, two years ago, included a girl from our own club, and perhaps this is the reason that our members, few and hard up as they are, responded so gallantly to the suggestion made at their last club night before the summer break, that they should have a collection there and then and give what money they had with them.

"I think I have good reason to feel proud of these boys and girls tucked away in this small village, and I sincerely hope it may inspire an effort from some of the other Sussex clubs that are so much more favourably placed than we are."—Signed by Miss M. QUERTIER.

FRENCH CLOSED

CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1951-2

- M.S. R. ROTHHOFT bt. G. Amouretti 10, 19, 6.
- W.S. C. WATEL bt. S. Girard 19, 16, 13.
- M.D. DUBOILLE/HAGUENAUER bt. Lanskoy/Roothoft —19, —10, 18, 12, 19.
- W.D. H. BEOLET/BETTLING bt. S. Girard, C. Watel 18, 18, —20, 18.
- X.D. AMOURETTI/WATEL bt. Demulder/Delay 16, 18, —20, —12, 11.
- J.B.S. J. C. SALA bt. Ross 19, 16, 15.
- J.G.S. ALBER bt. Strigliani —16, 21, 19, 18. (Acks. to Aloisjy Ehrlich.)

SCOTTISH OPEN, 1951-2

- M.S. MERCER bt. Martin 13, 10, —17, 19.
- W.S. H. ELLIOT bt. J. Mackay 12, 13.
- M.D. MARTIN/MERCER bt. R. Griffin/Metcalfe 16, 17, 13.
- W.D. H. ELLIOT/M. PITHIE bt. Grunstone/Wilkinson 6, 13.
- X.D. J. KERR/H. ELLIOT bt. Meßer/Mercer 18, 19.
- J.B.S. PURSELL bt. Park 15, 17.

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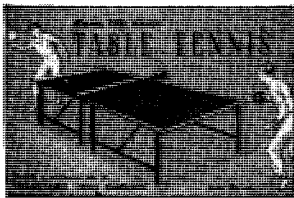


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SIR,—Lest Mr. Cooklin's humour be inadvertently taken seriously, we should like to point out that the University of London T.T.C. was not responsible for the views expressed in his letter (September issue). We share your hope, Sir, that the Athletic Unions of Oxford and Cambridge will one day deem table tennis a sport worthy of full colours, but whether that day arrives or not, we shall continue to look forward to our fixtures with them, however low Mr. Cooklin's opinion of such matches.

J. Rufford Harrison,

Hon. League Sec., 1951-52.

B. Dale,

Hon. League Sec., 1952-53.

C. Gregory,

Hon. Gen. Sec., 1952/53.

MANCHESTER'S SISTER TRIO



No. 763

MANCHESTER LEAGUE NOTES FROM FRANK GEE

ONE of the most unique events of last season's league programme was the winning of the Women's Division 3 cup by a team composed entirely of 3 sisters. L. to R.: Violet, Muriel and Joyce Lackman, aged 17, 20 and 19 respectively who comprise the Maccabi Ladies' team. They completed their programme without loss, earning promotion to Division 2 at their first attempt. There is no doubt that if they maintain this form throughout the forthcoming season, they will earn promotion to Division 1 for next season. Should these three young ladies earn their representative honours simultaneously Manchester will have to consider a new appellation i.e., Lackmanville. Joking apart, congratulations and keep up the good work.

Frank Gee

FIXTURE BOOK

In the Open Tournaments below, the Events shown are ADDITIONAL to M.S., W.S., M.D., W.D., and X.D., in every case. Where known the CLOSING DATE for Entries is shown in brackets after the Title. Organisers should check information and advise The Editor of any additions or amendments. All available information at the time of going to press has been included.

Date(s)	Details and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
1952			
Oct. 4	YORKSHIRE OPEN		Mr. J. B. Leyden, "Cliffoney," Hartley Park View, Pontefract, Yorks.
11	DEVON OPEN (Sept. 26) Priory and R.A.M.C. Drill Halls, Exeter.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. W. E. H. Davey, 14, Kennerley Avenue, Exeter.
1/15	PARAGUAY CLOSED		
5/12	INDIAN OPEN		Indore City, Madhya Bharat State.
16/18	NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN (Oct. 4) Drill Hall, 606 H.A.A., R.A., Rusholme, Manchester 14.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. L. W. Jones, 261, Mauldeth Road, Burnage, Manchester 19.
25/26	SUSSEX OPEN (Oct. 8) Sea End and White Rock Pavilions, Hastings.	B.S.	Mr. K. R. Hayward, Top Flat, 10, Wellington Place, Hastings.
Nov.	YUGOSLAV OPEN		Belgrade.
1	BIRMINGHAM OPEN Indoor Sports Stadium (Oct. 18) or Friends Hall.	B.S. G.S. J.D. Vet.S.	Mr. M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.
4	AUSTRIAN OPEN		Vienna.
3/8	EAST SUBURBAN OPEN (Oct. 13) Y.M.C.A., Plaistow and Baths Hall, Ilford.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. H. D. Olley, 67, Hastings Avenue, Ilford.
8	HARTLEPOOLS OPEN Cerebos Ltd., Greatham, (Nov. 1) West Hartlepool.	B.S.	Mr. B. Ingram, 76, Chatham Road, West Hartlepool, Durham.
8/9	BELGIAN OPEN		Brussels.
9	PORTSMOUTH OPEN (Oct. 25) South Parade Pier, Southsea.		Mr. A. W. Williams, 85, Lyndhurst Road, North-end, Portsmouth.
14/16	SOUTH OF ENGLAND OPEN (Oct. 31) Powers Samas, Aurelia Road, Croydon.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. C. A. Bourne, 15a, Red-down Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.
15	HULL AND EAST RIDING OPEN (Nov. 6) Madeley St. Baths, Hessle Rd., Hull.	J.S.	Mr. H. Flinton, 28, Albert Avenue, Anlaby Road, Hull.
19/22	MERSEYSIDE OPEN (Nov. 8) Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. W. Stamp, Buena Ventura, Farmdale Close, Liverpool 18.
22	BATH OPEN (Oct. 29) Drill Hall, Upper Bristol Rd., Bath.		Mr. L. Le Cren, 4, Neward Street, Bath.

A Summary of all the Season's Open Tournaments appeared in the September issue.

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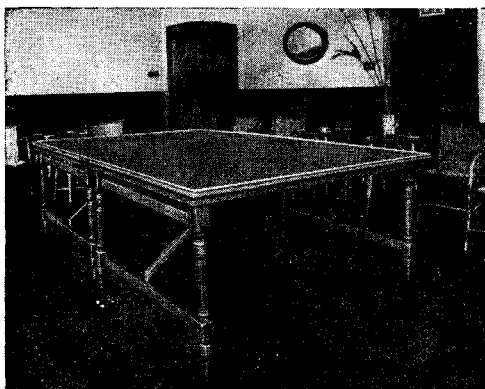
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VET. W. PRICE bt. T. Hazi —3, 15, 19, 18.