

# TABLE TENNIS



A DISCUSSION ON SPONGE between European hopes for the World Championships, Bohumil Vana, Ivan Andreadis, Richard Bergmann and Ludvik Vyhnanousky.

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## SPONGE NOT EVERYTHING

**C**AN Europe regain its Table Tennis prestige lost to Japan at Wembley last year, and will sponge again be all conquering? These are the dominating questions to be answered in the World Championships in Utrecht, Holland, from April 15 to 24.

Top European players have been seriously perturbed about the Asiatic supremacy, so much so that many, taking a line from the Japanese, have switched over to the sponge covered bat.

*But sponge in itself is not the sole reason for the Japanese successes. Their nimble footwork and uncanny eye play an equally large part. They have to be outwitted by sheer playing skill.*

As for the sponge menace it may well be that ordinary pimped rubber will come into its own again. It is no longer a "secret weapon." So many players are now using sponge that the others get the practice against this surface and have accustomed themselves to its varying reactions.

### New challenger

Japan are going to Utrecht in strength. They defend both the Swaythling and Corbillon Cups, and Ichiro Ogimura is hoping to take a further lease of the men's singles.

Japan introduce a new challenger in Toshiaki Tanaka, their reigning national champion, who uses a new type surface to his bat, called soft rubber. It is said to be most effective in the service.

Alan Rhodes is likely to be the first Englishman to face him for they are, in the same section of the draw.

Curiously enough while Tanaka is the Japanese champion, he is omitted from the seeding, yet Ogimura and Yoshio Tomita are included.

Europe have produced few new names and in the main depend on the old brigade, who have been going on for years.

*It seems then that Ivan Andreadis, of Czecho-*

*slovakia, carries the chief hopes of recapturing the men's singles from the Far East. He showed that he had the beating of the Japanese in the Swaythling Cup matches, and providing he keeps a cool head he could repeat that performance. There would be no more popular winner.*

### England's hope

Richard Bergmann, who first won the title 18 years ago, is still playing as well as ever, and carries England's chief hopes. On his day he can beat anyone.

Then we must not overlook "Sponger" Zarko Dolinar, who has raised his stock considerably by winning the English title.

England's main hopes of titles rest with the girls, mainly twins Rosalind and Diane Rowe, who defend the women's doubles. They could well win again and lay the foundations to England regaining the Corbillon Cup.

Moreover, Rosalind must be seriously considered in the women's singles, though Rumania's "Queen of the Table," Angelica Rozeanu, will take a lot of stopping in her bid to become the first player to win six successive singles titles.

### Coming to England

The English players will not lack for supporters in Utrecht for several leagues are sending over parties. But for those thousands of enthusiasts unable to make the trip there will still be an opportunity of seeing the Japanese. They are coming here direct from Utrecht to play an international at Leeds Town Hall on April 26, and the South of England at the Royal Albert Hall, London on April 27.

### Wrong way round

Apologies to Tony Cornell, the new Junior International, for our March cover picture which showed him as a left-hander. He is, of course, a right-handed player. Our photographer unfortunately slipped up in printing from the reverse side of the negative.

HARRISON EDWARDS.

**OFFICIAL**

## News

ON March 26, 1955, a meeting of the National Executive Committee was held in the King Charles II Room at the Charing Cross Hotel, Strand, London, W.C. Some of the matters dealt with were:—

**Sunday Freedom Association.** Mr. C. Corti Woodcock's offer to act as the representative of the English Table Tennis Association on the Sunday Freedom Association was gratefully accepted.

**Manchester Evening Chronicle.** It was noted that the Manchester Evening Chronicle Closed Tournament for this year had been cancelled owing to difficulties in making arrangements for star players.

**Metropolitan Open Tournament.** The organisers of the Metropolitan Open Tournament had indicated that they were unable to continue to hold the Tournament in future at the Polytechnic and in the circumstances offered the five Challenge Cups to the E.T.T.A. The Committee, whilst expressing regret at the decision with regard to the venue accepted the kind offer of the Cups.

**Open Tournaments.** The National Open Tournaments Committee were requested to arrange next season's Open Tournaments schedule and to include a number of Saturday dates for National County Championships fixtures. The Committee was authorised to permit the arranging of Tournaments on simultaneous dates in an endeavour to relieve the present congestion of the Table Tennis calendar.

**Wilmott Cup & J. M. Rose Bowl Competitions.** An application from

the Gloucestershire Table Tennis Association to organise as an experiment all the matches in the Bristol Zone of the Wilmott Cup and J. M. Rose Bowl competitions on one or two dates in the season 1955/6 was approved, subject to the arrangements being agreed upon by those who normally participate in the competitions in that particular Zone.

**Mr. A. C. PARKER.** It was with regret that the Committee learnt of the passing of Mr. Arnold C. Parker, known as "Ping-pong Parker," who in the early part of the century was a champion of England.

**Japanese Table Tennis Federation.** The Japanese Table Tennis Federation recently made a request to the English Table Tennis Association for

fordshire, Huntingdonshire, Kent, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire.

A review of the various table tennis events to which the public were invited was considered and some of the questions discussed included the following:—

- (i) Are there too many fixtures in the table tennis calendar?
- (ii) Should there be some restriction placed on the number of fixtures for which the public are asked to pay an admission charge?
- (iii) Has there been a decrease in public interest in the past two years?
- (iv) Is there any decline in entries to Open and Closed Tournaments during the past two years?
- (v) Can the presentation of matches to the public be improved?
- (vi) Are leading players expected to take part in too many fixtures or events?
- (vii) Can better interest be obtained from the public without resorting to the use of names of personalities?
- (viii) Does television and other entertainment affect public interest?
- (ix) Approximately how many players in each County are using sponge rackets?
- (x) Is the day of exhibitions by paid players over?
- (xi) Local and national publicity for the game.

During the day the Halex film of the World Table Tennis Championships 1954 was shown for the first time and the delegates were unanimously of the opinion that the film was an excellent record of the Championships and at the same time proved to be of great value as an instructional film in stroke play.

### English Table Tennis Association

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"good will matches" immediately following the World Championships in Utrecht. These have been arranged as follows:—

Tuesday, April 26.—England v Japan in the Leeds Town Hall.

Wednesday, April 27.—South of England v Japan in the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Applications for tickets should be made: for April 26, to Mr. N. Rushton, 461, Spen Lane, Leeds, 6; for April 27, to The Manager, The Royal Albert Hall, Kensington, London, S.W.7.

**Conference of County Secretaries.** A Conference of County Secretaries was held in the Thames Room at the Charing Cross Hotel, Strand, London, W.C.2, on Saturday, March 26. Representatives from the following Counties were present:—

Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Devon, Dorset, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hert-

### English Championship Results

Souvenir Programmes of the English Table Tennis Championships containing completed results can be obtained from the E.T.T.A. office (Price 2/3d. including postage).

**Held Over:** Due to pressure of space Peter Madge's Junior Spotlight, containing essays by boys of Briar Clyffe School, Lowestoft, has been held over to next month.

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# LIKE FATHER

Names of past internationals look like being revived in the future through their children. Already we have had Ann Haydon daughter of Adrian Haydon, England's Swaythling Cup captain reach the top class, and now comes Jean Harrower, 12-years-old daughter of Geoff Harrower, planting her feet firmly on the bottom rung of the ladder.

Jean has recently figured in a brilliant spell which started with winning the Barnets League girls' singles and consolation singles rounded off with the Middlesex girls' title. Then on her 12th birthday, by way of celebration, she beat triple Barnets champion Jean Fabian in a League match.

In the Middlesex final her victim was Beryl Spooner, the county's



JEAN HARROWER

junior No. 1, who is also one of England's leading girl players.

Ann Haydon was six months older than Jean when she was launched on her table tennis career, which last season saw her runner-up for the world doubles' title. Jean is therefore away to a good start and maybe next season we shall find her bidding strongly for junior international honours.

But fathers cannot claim all the credit for the skill of these two young girls. Mrs. Haydon was an international in her own right as Doris Jordan, while Mrs. "Bobbie" Harrower, has won Middlesex county titles.

# . . . . . UNLIKE SON

"LIKE father unlike son" is Michael Thornhill, the 24-year-old international from Ashford, who at the age of 15 resisted the cricketing influence in his family to take up table tennis. Two years later he won the English junior championship and then captained the England Junior team against Sweden.

Cricket was the game of Mr. Thornhill, Sr., and he hoped to see his sons Robin and Michael "follow him to the wicket." Robin, the elder did so and was soon playing for Surrey Colts alongside Fisher and Lock, but an unfortunate ankle injury cut his career short.

Practice on the dining room table had focused Michael's ambitions in a different direction however, and when he joined a local youth club it was the beginning of a meteoric rise to table tennis fame.

Michael was soon selected to play for the club in the Staines League and then for the League in the Middlesex championship. During one of these matches he was "spotted" by English international Geoffrey Harrower, one of the Middlesex selectors.

## Fresh Air

Michael has now been playing for his county for five years and has represented England against India, United States and Ireland. A curious fact is that he has yet to be "capped" against Wales although he has never been beaten by a Welshman.

"As much outdoor exercise as possible and plenty of fresh air," is a tip which Michael has for table tennis players.

Although he plays a little cricket he does not rely on this for his fresh air, but on golf which he declares he is "mad about." Between working at Dunlop's, where he has a job in the export department, and playing table tennis, Michael spends much of his time on the golf course, and since becoming a member of Ashford Manor club five months ago has reduced his handicap to 18.

*Table tennis gained a fine player when it wooed and won Michael Thornhill And Ashford golfers may soon have to look to their laurels with this slim young "natural" on the fairway!*



MICHAEL THORNHILL

JOY SEAMAN (Middlesex) intends to play under her married name of Mrs. FAULKNER in future, but SHEILA SMITH—now Mrs. Speilburg—will continue to play under her maiden name.

Congratulations to Harry Venner on the recent announcement of his engagement to Lynn Witham. Mr. Cupid certainly appears to have been busy in Surrey for this is the fourth engagement among the county players this season.

Winning of the world doubles, and the Dutch, Yugoslav and Scandinavian "Open" titles last year, has earned Zoltan Dolinar the title of Yugoslavia's "Sportsman of the Year." He was selected by a panel of national journalists and sports specialists.

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## CZECHS SWAMP SOUTH OF ENGLAND

AS a pipe-opener to the "English" Czechoslovakia handed out a 6-1 beating to the South of England at Barnehurst on March 29. They were in terrific form, completely outclassing the home side, who with the exception of the doubles pair Ivor Jones and Bobby Stevens, were all internationals.

The Czechs came near to making a clean sweep, for it was only the miraculous retrieving of Richard Bergmann, freshly returned from U.S.A., that enabled him to quell the tempestuous attack of Ludvik Vyhnanovsky, and provide the only home win.

In fact the Czech newcomer contributed to his own defeat through being over anxious and wasting points after pulling up from 9-15 down in the final game to lead 17-15.

The Czech showed great cunning with his placing and picked his winners well to put them away with a sizzling forehand drive.

Harry Venner was the only other home player to take a game, the second against V. Tereba in the opening match.

Bohmil Vana, here for the first time since 1948, showed that he is still a masterful player in disposing of Derrek Burridge, 21-11, 21-18.

Results (English names first): H. Venner lost to V. Tereba 13-21, 21-15, 12-21; A. Simons lost to I. Andreadis 8-21, 17-21; R. Bergmann bt L. Vyhnanovsky 15-21, 23-21, 21-19; K. Craigie lost to L. Stipek 16-21, 10-21; D. Burridge lost to B. Vana 11-21, 18-21; I. Jones and R. Stevens lost to Tereba and Vyhnanovsky 9-21, 19-21; Craigie and A. Rhodes lost to Andreadis and Stipek 14-21, 17-21.

## AUSTRALIANS IMPROVE

AUSTRALIAN table tennis has made considerable improvement, judging by their showing in their first official match against England at Waltham Abbey on March 16. They were beaten 8-1, but let's forget the score and look at their progress since Australians first worked their passage here two or three years ago to gain experience. Some of the matches against England were much tighter than scores would suggest.

Phil Anderson, their captain, revealed great potentialities in taking a game from all three members of the England team, Bryan Merrett, Brian Kennedy and Alan Rhodes. A little more luck and he would have won each of these matches.

The Australian's only success was

## "EAGLE" HERE TO STAY

by KENNETH WHEELER

"THE EAGLE Tournament has been a success all over the country. It will take place again next year, and it is hoped to establish it as an annual event," Marcus Morris, Editor of "EAGLE" and "GIRL," told an invited audience of over 1,000 at the conclusion of the Grand Finals of the "EAGLE" and "GIRL" Clubs' National Junior Tournament at the Friends' House, Euston Road, on March 19.

Mr. Morris thanked the officials of Table Tennis Associations all over Britain who had helped to secure the tournament on a firm foundation.

Big-match nerves did not prevent finalists, all of whom were under fifteen years of age, from playing up to their best form; and the children's games rivalled for thrills the world-class exhibition matches staged between Johnny Leach, Tage Flisberg and the Rowe Twins.

Scottish competitors triumphed in both the "Under Thirteen" events, Ronnie Brass of Glasgow (the Edinburgh regional champion) winning the Boys' trophy, and Jean Darling, of Edinburgh, beating "sponger" Susan Miron (South London) in the final of the Girls' event.

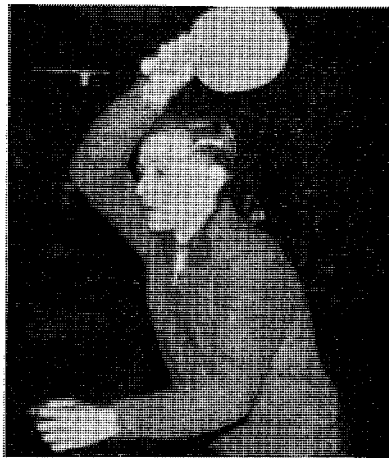
Outstanding amongst the Senior Girls (under 15) was Jacqueline Butcher, of Cricklewood, London, and in the final she gained a comfortable victory despite the gallant efforts of Jennifer Sharp, (Southampton).

Most exciting of the four children's events was the Senior Boys; the final of which saw a tremendous duel between hard hitters Donald Twigg, of Holloway, London, and Derek Grant, of Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

At 19-16 in the third, and deciding game, Grant looked to have a winning lead but, at this stage, Twigg courageously hit out to gain a 22-20 victory

which had the enthusiastic audience cheering madly.

There was so little to choose between these two. In the semi-finals both were called upon to use the full array of their attacking strokes, Twigg to pierce the steady, long-range defence of Douglas Bloy (South London champion), and



DONALD TWIGG

Grant to rattle at last the hitherto immaculate Clive Arkell (Cardiff).

Honorary Referee for the Finals was Mr. Geoff. James. The Middlesex T.T.A. provided umpires and officials.

Finalists and their parents stayed the week-end at a London hotel as the guests of Hulton Press Ltd.

### Results

Boys' Senior (under 15): Semi-finals: D. TWIGG (North London) bt D. Bloy (South London) 21-11, 21-15. D. GRANT (Southampton) bt C. Arkell (Cardiff) 21-18, 21-16.

Final: TWIGG bt Grant 15-21, 21-16, 22-20.

Boys' Junior (under 13): Semi-finals: R. BRASS (Edinburgh) bt G. Creed (Birmingham) 21-11, 21-16. P. RACEY (Bristol) bt T. Nelson (Manchester) 21-16, 19-21, 21-11.

Final: BRASS bt Racey 21-18, 21-16.

Girls' Senior (under 15): Semi-finals: J. BUTCHER (North London) bt S. Farrell (Manchester) 21-17, 21-19. J. SHARP (Southampton) bt W. Threlfall (South London) 21-14, 21-19.

Final: BUTCHER bt Sharp 21-12, 21-12.

Girls' Junior (under 13): Semi-finals: J. DARLING (Edinburgh) bt S. Sharp (Southampton) 21-10, 21-9. S. MIRON (South London) bt S. White (North London) 21-19, 21-16.

Final: DARLING bt Miron 21-15, 21-12.

Results (English names first): B. Merrett bt A. Robinson 21-2, 21-4; bt L. Laza 21-23, 21-16, 21-13; bt P. Anderson 12-21, 21-17, 21-10.

B. Kennedy bt Anderson 20-22, 21-19, 21-4; bt Robinson 21-11, 21-7; lost to Laza 15-21, 18-21.

A. Rhodes bt Laza 21-9, 21-15; bt Anderson 13-21, 21-16, 21-7; bt Robinson 21-13, 21-15.

# LOSERS WITH A SMILE

by PETER LAKER

OF "THE DAILY MIRROR"

ONE of the most delightful things about table tennis is, I find, the cheerful philosophy of those players who seem destined never to enjoy that lucky break which goes hand in hand with success. Never mind, for the moment, the big names of this flourishing indoor sport. It is the little people, the good humoured triers self-taught in the art of losing gracefully, who are the rigid backbone of table tennis.

I can tell you a lot about these fine sports . . . because the "Daily Mirror" National Tournament produces something like twelve thousand losers every year. Likewise, every year we find the same old faces turning up again, more than content if they can advance just one modest step further than in the previous year.

The same principle applies, of course, to the exalted sphere of the world championships, to the humblest club closed. Even so, I have yet to meet a finer "failure" than Brian Clark, a sunny-natured little cripple boy from Luton, whose astonishing pluck and acute sense of sportsmanship so nearly carried him through to

the Royal Albert Hall men's singles finals.

## Handicap Beaten

Brian had the misfortune to contract polio at the age of three. He was left with a permanent limp, a tremendous physical handicap to a youngster with a natural yearning to play ball games. Yet, four years ago, this gallant little fellow with a heart as big as his 4ft. 11in. frame took to table tennis.

**Against all manner of odds, he developed into an eager, explosive-hitting left-hander. His first big sporting venture was the "Mirror" tournament—and by sheer perseverance, Brian Clark reached the Birmingham area semi-finals, the last sixty-three in the competition.**

Birmingham is where Brian learned to lose in the same smiling manner he had learned to win. I went across to him after he had been eliminated from the men's event. His face crinkled into the broadest grin I have ever seen. He shook my hand warmly, piping cheerily, "No excuses. I lost to a better player." Then . . . "What a wonderful tournament it's been. I can't wait to have another go next year."

Here was a youngster who wanted to be a success at table tennis because he wanted to be like other boys. He conquered his physical disability, schooled himself in the talents of the game and then schooled himself to lose. What more could anyone ask?

## Colossal Entry

Now to the ambassadors of the Brian Clarks of table tennis, the stars of the current "Daily Mirror" tournament. These last sixteen, survivors of a colossal record entry of 12,133, will battle out the semi-finals of men's, women's, boys' and girls' events at the Albert Hall on April 27. And if the past three tournaments are any guide, then the usual crop of internationals will ultimately emerge.

Here are some of the former "Mirror" stars who already have achieved international status:

Diane Rowe, Ann Haydon, Kathie Best, Shirley Jones, Barbara Milbank, Jill Rook, Helen Houlston, Len Adams, Clifford Booth, Jimmy Lowe,



Gordon Lumsden, Eddie Still, Derek Backhouse and Eddie Hodson.

What an imposing array of talent! What a challenge to the lucky sixteen! Will they meet it? You bet they will—just as you could have bet that, sooner or later, sponge would have "invaded" the tournament.

Yes . . . sponge! In Trevor Jones, 48, of Newport, Mon., and George



GEORGE CARRIGILL

Carrigill, 27, of Dewsbury, Yorks., we have **Two** sponge-bat merchants through to the semi-finals! Both are Jap-style penholder players, both have developed a natty sponge technique in a comparatively short time.

And up pops the old question: Is sponge upsetting table tennis as a spectacle? Well, I must confess that I would prefer to watch the good, clean hitting of conventional pimped-rubber players. It is infinitely more exciting and, I think, more skilful.

**Yet I cannot believe that sponge is detrimental to the sport. Perhaps I am old-fashioned, but I believe there is an answer to it just as there was an answer to leg-theory in cricket, to the offside trap in football.**



A cheerful group, and no wonder! They are the "C" and "D" Area Women's and Girls' champions. Reading from left to right, they are Dorothy Worrall of West Bromwich, Barbara Wall, also of West Bromwich, Rhoda Robbins of Ealing and Joyce Fielder of Eltham.

I do admit, however, that the varying velocity and spin imparted by sponge necessitates a completely new approach by certain types of players. The answer is there all the same.

Geoffrey Stott, 27-year-old bundle of determination from Dyserth, Flintshire, morally conquered the sponge of Trevor Jones in the "Mirror" area finals at Birmingham last month. He stood well up to the table and angled his back and forehand shots so neatly that Jones, himself an attacker, was forced to move about more than he would have liked.

Jones eventually won, but it was at deuce in the fifth, a stage of the game where temperament and good fortune are the sole reasons for success or failure.

Jones's temperament and good fortune were functioning smoothly, so I say good luck to a forty-eight-year-old who can win through in such a grand manner . . . even if he did so with a sponge bat.

Good luck, indeed, to all 12,133 of them. The winners will earn their bouquets at the Albert Hall on April 27. The losers, well, they will just carry on as usual . . . the same as all the fine sportsmen and sportswomen of table tennis.

# FORCES CORNER

**Royal Air Force** teams have been busy so far this season with matches against the Civil Service, Kent County, London Business Houses, and London Banks. It is hoped to play a match against Acton and District League this month and a fixture against the 2nd Tactical Air Force (Germany) has been arranged for April 15.

On March 18 the R.A.F. Championships finals were held at Slough Community Centre, with zone winners from Cheltenham, Nottingham, Manchester, Slough and Northern Ireland meeting for the titles.

Senior Aircraftsman Hillyer (Seaton Snook) had outstanding success, winning the singles, the doubles with S.A.C. McCandlish of the same station, and the mixed doubles with W.R.A.F. Cpl. Clarke (Shinfield Park).

In the team competitions Fighter Command beat Coastal Command 8—1 to win the R.A.F. Inter-Command Cup, whereas the W.R.A.F. trophy was won by Coastal Command, who conquered Home Command 7—1.

## R.A.F. Championships R.A.F.

Singles: **S.A.C. HILLYER** (Seaton Snook) bt S.A.C. Wilding (Middle Wallop).

Doubles **S.A.C. HILLYER** and **S.A.C. McCANDLISH** (Seaton Snook) bt L.A.C. Knight (Hillingdon) and L.A.C. Davies (Ruislip).

Inter-Station: **MELKSHAM** bt Warton.

Inter-Command: **FIGHTER COMMAND** bt Coastal Command.

## W.R.A.F.

Singles Championship: **L.A.C.W. RODGER** (Mountbatten) bt S.A.C.W. Boyd (Innsworth).

Singles: Plate: **L.A.C.W. AINSCOUGH** (Innsworth) bt A.C.W. Elliott (Wilmslow).

Doubles: **Sqn. Off. PADDOCK** and **L.A.C.W. RODGER** (both Mountbatten) bt Fg. Off. Crowe (Nuneham Park) and Cpl. Clarke (Shinfield Park).

Inter-Station "A": **MOUNTBATTEN** bt Spitalgate. "B": **WELLESBOURNE MOUNTFORD** bt Boscombe Down.

Inter-Command: **COASTAL COMMAND** bt Home Command.

Mixed Doubles: **S.A.C. HILLYER** and **Cpl. CLARKE** bt S.A.C. McCandlish and S.A.C.W. Boyd.

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## Letters to the Editor

### NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Mr. Wall's letter (March issue) asking if the County Championship matches are necessary, suggests we are to breed a surplus of non-ambitious players whose horizons will extend no further than club level. Any player worth his salt will jump at the chance of improving his standard of play, and for this to be frowned upon by his Association is most unsatisfactory.

Facilities for suitable players to graduate into a properly organised sphere of higher class competition must be readily available if we are to build a good enough nucleus to back-up our top line stars.

It is nonsense to say that only individuals benefit from county fixtures. They profit from playing good table tennis and that is the game's best advertisement. The true perspective is a national one and not individual, club, town or county.

J. A. HAYWARD

(Staffordshire non-playing captain).

### PROUD OF COUNTY

For a man in Mr. Walls' position in Staffordshire Table Tennis, some of his statements seem to me to be absurd. He states that it is the privilege rather than the enjoyment of playing that draws players to these County teams. As a player, I feel that in addition to the undoubted privilege of playing there is far keener competition for places since one is representing a County team selected from all the leagues in the County and not merely from the confines of one town in that County. Furthermore, the general playing conditions are far better than those experienced in the Midland league.

Table Tennis in general thus benefits because more spectators attend County matches than town matches and the standard of play is higher.

As to the question of glory, Wolverhampton have this season no fewer than four men and their two leading girls representing Staffordshire, and I feel the Committee are proud of this achievement and prefer to play reserves in Midland league matches as they have had to do, rather than descend to Mr. Wall's depths of carping criticism.

J. N. OSBORNE,  
(Wolverhampton).

### TOO MANY TEXT BOOK PLAYERS

In his spirited defence of orthodox table tennis—replying to my "Too many text book players" (January issue)—Peter Madge has attached a misleading meaning to my original argument. To him, it appears that I was saying: "Our style is antiquated—O.K., let's switch to the Japanese way,"

What I actually said was that the Japanese had shown us a lot, but I did not say that theirs was the best way and that we should change over. I was trying to emphasise that too many English players were "mass-produced," which placed them at a disadvantage.

I don't think that Peter Madge can argue when I support this by pointing out the records of our English-born players against the new world conquerors.

Mr. Madge says that their success is due to their almost superhuman agility, reflexes and control. I think it is also because they have a new conception of the game which means that they don't necessarily have to defend when their opponent attacks, etc.

Mr. Madge gained a wrong impression from my remarks about top-spin. I did not emphatically state that it was outdated, but that the stereotyped ideas of both top-spin and back-spin were.

Anyway in support of my case is the unassailable fact that the Japanese are our superiors. I do not advocate that we should copy them. That would be foolhardy for, as Mr. Madge says, we aren't built for their style of play.

B. D. SCOVELL

### DOING THEIR BEST

In reply to my good friend Peter Madge. He is not alone in complaining about playing conditions at Open Tournaments, but I think he is a bit too dogmatic. It is, of course, the duty of tournament organisers to ensure the best possible conditions, but the accent is on the "possible."

For instance, it is hardly possible to lay a new floor for a table tennis tournament, and most organisers find it extremely difficult to find a venue which

has all the required attributes.

It is as well to remember that a large proportion, probably the majority, of Opens have been losing money these past two seasons (I am glad to say the N.W. Kent Open is not one of them), and while the player should receive every consideration in return for his participation, the organiser may be unable for a number of reasons to provide all that is desired.

As regards the "Bottle Men," I think they ought to ask the Referee's permission before commencing operations. In the meantime, there is a fortune to be made by any manufacturer who will produce a guaranteed non-slip table tennis shoe.

CONRAD JASCHKE,  
(Hon. Organising Secretary),  
N.W. Kent 'Open.'

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# Area News:

## WORCESTERSHIRE NEWS

Worcester, having won the Midland Division of the National County Championship next year when they hope to be promoted. Their success has been all the more merited as they were without Beryl Steed, who was in hospital, and Bobby Goode, who is abroad with H.M. Forces, for the match against Warwickshire.

The remaining match with Northampton can make no difference to Worcester's winning of the division.

A high standard of play marked the County "Closed" Championships and it was almost "all-change" for the titles, the exception being the women's doubles once again won by Molly Hough and Ann Inghit.

John Logan, of Kidderminster, who was runner-up last year made the men's singles title his own in a thrilling five-games final against G. Holden, of Malvern who is serving in the R.A.F. The holder, Mick Hawkins, was beaten by Holden in the semi-final.

For the third successive year finalists for the women's singles were Beryl Steed and Molly Hough with Miss Steed regaining the title which she lost to Mrs. Hough last season.

Holder of the junior singles, Roy Holland, went out in the first round to A. Jauncey. Winner of the final was A. Lloyd who beat A. Hughes in three close games.

With Bobby Goode, his partner, in Germany, Mick Hawkins was unable to defend his doubles title and thus the pair lost their chance to win this event for the third successive year. The championship was won by county players L. Devereux and J. E. Smith with the singles finalists J. Logan and G. Holden runners-up.

Favourites to retain the mixed doubles title having held it for the past two seasons M. Hawkins and Miss B. Steed were surprisingly beaten in the final by J. Smith and A. Greening, who accomplished the feat in straight games.

**Mrs. Pat Moss**

## PORTSMOUTH POINTERS

INTEREST was kept right to the end in all nine divisions of the Portsmouth and District Association, with each being keenly contested by two or three teams.

The Grosvenor Club carried off three trophies, Grosvenor Free Lance (Division I), Grosvenor Grey (Division II), and Grosvenor Black (Ladies' Division I).

Other teams to win their divisions were De Havilland II (Div. III (E)), Broderick "A" (Div. III (W)), R.A.O.C. I (Div. IV (E)), Copnor Central (Div. V), and Bridgmary "B" (Ladies' Div. II).

Red Co "D" and Portsmouth and Southsea Jewish Club having tied on points and games, a play-off is necessary in Division IV (W).

The most successful player has been

R. Coughlan (R.O.A.C. I), who went through a maximum number of 66 games without defeat.

It has been a most successful season all round for Portsmouth. They won the Women's and Junior Divisions in the Hampshire Area Inter-Towns matches, and also provided three area semi-finalists in the "Daily Mirror" Tournament—R. Lush (men's singles), Miss D. Wightman (Ladies' singles), and Roy Henderson (Junior Singles). Only Miss Wightman reached the final stage by beating Miss J. R. Bottrell, of Shepperton, but was in turn beaten by Miss J. Fielder (Kent).

Then they practically swept the board in the Hampshire "Closed" championships at the Grosvenor Club, Southsea, on March 20.

The highlight of the meeting was the brilliant play of George Stevens (Grosvenor), who emerged as a triple champion, winning the men's singles, and retaining the men's doubles with Brian James, and the mixed with Miss D. Wightman. Defending singles champion N. Wilding (Bournemouth) lost in the semi-final to S. Jackson (Portsmouth).

Miss S. Ball won the women's singles for the third successive year. R. Knight (Bournemouth) dethroned junior champion Roy Henderson in the final while C. Hoare (Winchester) won the veteran's title, after having accounted for last year's champion F. Moore in the first round.

With the exception of James (Copnor), all the Portsmouth winners are members of the Grosvenor Club.

Meanwhile, Portsmouth players, including Stuart Jackson, Miss S. Ball and Miss D. Wightman, played a big part in helping Hampshire win the Southern Division of the County championship.

**C. H. Staples**

## WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

UNLESS Newport, languishing at the bottom of the table, can pull off the upset of the season, Bristol are due to become new Western Counties First Division champions.

Bristol made virtually certain of the title with an away 6-4 win over Birmingham. These two teams are level on points, but Bristol still have the outstanding match with Newport.

The absence of Ann Haydon undoubtedly cost Birmingham a valuable point, for her deputy, Mrs. Bence, was beaten by Jean Collier. Bristol also won the other women's singles with Miss J. Douglas, deputising for Miss J. Pomroy.

R. Holt showed devastating form for Birmingham when beating R. Haydon 13 and 5, but narrowly lost his other match to Barry White at 20 in the third.

R. Wood marked up two wins for Bristol by beating both Bob Mackay and R. Moseley.

Defeating Newport 9-1, Cheltenham have finished their programme with the same number of points and same games aggregate as Birmingham.

Mrs. S. Saunders was Newport's only winner, snatching the decision over Joan Rattey in a grand-stand finish. Mollie Jones gained a fine win over Mrs. Vera Rowe, the Welsh international, but the

best match was the men's singles where P. Cruwys beat B. Everson in the third.

Incidentally Peter Cruwys and Joan Rattey are now husband and wife. They were married on March 19. Congratulations.

Bath gained a valuable point which may well save them from relegation by holding Cardiff to a draw. David House showed great form in winning both his singles against A. Thomas and S. Jones, and the doubles with R. House. At one stage Cardiff led 5-3.

Only three matches remain to complete the First Division programme, Newport against Cardiff and Bristol, and Cardiff against Gloucester, and in each instance it has a vital bearing on the top and bottom positions.

The Second Division is beginning to straighten itself out. Bristol are at the top, with West Wilts close on their tails, two points behind but with a game in hand.

Once again Taunton have proved a stumbling block to Bristol by holding them to a draw, a point Bristol could ill afford to drop.

D. Hebden, of Taunton, figured in two marathon ties, beating D. Lovell 22-24, 21-17, 25-23, and losing to G. Nafield 25-27, 25-23, 17-21.

Bristol seconds also had a near call before beating Weston 6-4. R. Philpott was in top form for Weston, beating both K. Clark and W. Bruton in the singles, then joining his brother G. Philpott to win the doubles against the same two players.

Weston avenged their away defeat earlier in the season when they beat Newport seconds 7-3. Weston's men were much too strong.

Results: First Division: Cheltenham 9, Newport 1; Birmingham 4, Bristol 6; Bath 5, Cardiff 5.

Second Division: Bristol II 6, Weston 4; Weston 7, Newport II 3; Taunton 5, Bristol II 5.

### First Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Bristol	5	4	1	0	30	20	8
Birmingham	6	4	2	0	39	21	8
Cheltenham	6	4	2	0	39	21	8
Gloucester	5	2	3	0	22	28	4
Cardiff	4	1	2	1	19	21	3
Bath	6	1	4	1	19	41	3
Newport	4	1	3	0	12	28	2

### Second Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Bristol Seconds	7	5	1	1	43	27	11
West Wilts	6	4	1	1	35	25	9
Weston	7	2	4	1	37	33	5
Taunton	6	2	3	1	23	37	5
Newport Seconds	6	1	5	0	22	38	2

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## IRISH SCENE

THE unavoidable cancellation of the international against England which was to have taken place at Southampton proved a big disappointment in Irish circles, and it is hoped that this most attractive and important fixture will be renewed next season.

Meanwhile the players selected to represent Ireland in the coming world competitions at Utrecht next month are practising hard, and Sean Clarkin, our number one, is showing great form at present. He has won most of the championships held in the country this season, and his displays against Wales and Germany show distinct prospects of greater things. "Hopper" O'Prey, who is number two on the team has still to produce his best form, but if he can play nearly as well as against Flisberg at Wembley last year he can be relied upon to cause quite a few upsets. Ivan Martin, the third member of the team can be devastating when at his best, and this year he is playing better than for some time.

On the Women's side we have Joy Owens, who gave Shirley Jones such a close run in the International against Wales, and Margaret Lyons who defeated the young Scottish star Helen Houlston in the Irish open. Taken all round it is a very well balanced selection, and can be relied upon to confirm, and perhaps, improve on the country's place at joint 13th on the World's ranking list.

The Ulster Championships had its usual large and representative entry and provided some first class surprises, the principal one being the fine win of I. Martin over H. O'Prey in the men's final—a feat that Martin has been attempting for some time without success. In the women's section we saw the Belfast girl Margaret Wilson defeat Irish international Margaret Lyons for the second time this season to take the women's title—a win that will give the Irish selectors something to think about.

The old and the new, with victory going to the new—that was the scheme of things in the East of Ireland championships held last month. The new was represented by Sean Clarkin and Miss Joy Owens and the old by Hubert Wine and Miss Catherine Egan. Miss Egan may be remembered as being one of the best Irish women players ever, and in 1950 won the Austrian doubles partnered by the English international Vera Dace.

She was attempting a come-back in the East, but just had no answer to the quick-fire play of Joy Owens. In the men's semi-final Wine was unfortunate enough to meet Clarkin at his best, and there is not a player in the country who could stand up to him when in that form. Clarkin went on to defeat fellow international Wesley Pappin in a close-fought final, and add yet another title to his already imposing list.

S. Dignam

## KENT NOTES

LAST year's Kent League champions have again been successful in the two main divisions of the Kent League. Woolwich have again won the Men's Division, having relied throughout the season on Ray Syndercombe and Dennis

Whittaker, while Alan Dodd was a capable deputy for Vic Atterano during the matches the latter had to miss through illness. The Ladies' title once again goes to Maidstone, who, although drawing 5—all with N.W. Kent, must win on games average. Joyce Robeson has been the most successful Maidstone lady, with good support from Val Fuller and Joan Gilbert. Joyce Fielder (N.W. Kent) is to date unbeaten in the Ladies' Division, as is Mrs. Joan Beadle (Medway). The Junior Division goes to N.W. Kent, who last won this title three years ago. George Elliott, Mike Smith and Roy Heyman have been the mainstays, with George the most successful. Joyce Fielder and Maureen McMeekin made "guest" appearances in the team. For the record: beat Canterbury 10—0, Sittingbourne 10—0, Woolwich 10—0, Folkestone 7—3, Medway 8—2.

The winners of the two sections of the Second Division are Canterbury "B" and N.W. Kent "B," who will fight it out for promotion.

Playing for Kent against Herts, Mrs. Joan Beadle had an unlucky fall and sustained injuries which are likely to keep her out of the game for the rest of the season. This great defensive player, for several years Kent No. 1, played in the Kent Closed in great pain, and after losing in the semi-final of the Ladies' Singles had to scratch from the doubles events.

Seventeen-year-old Joyce Fielder (N.W. Kent) retained the Ladies' title in the Kent Closed, though Joyce Robeson (Maidstone) gave her an extremely hard game in the final, which was one of the best ever seen at Herne Bay. Miss Fielder won 21—9, 11—21, 23—21.

Then Men's Singles changed hands for the first time in six seasons, Ron Etheridge (Bromley) going out in the second round to the eventual winner Stan Brocklebank (Canterbury) who beat Dennis Whittaker (Woolwich) 21—19, 17—21, 21—13, in the final.

Vic Atterano and Ray Syndercombe (Woolwich) retained the Men's Doubles, defeating George Harding and Len Plant (Folkestone) 14 and 12. The Ladies' Doubles was won by Joyce Fielder and Gladys Tandy (N.W. Kent), who beat the Woolwich pair B. Ludgater and P. Harris 19—21, 21—19, 21—12. In the Mixed Doubles, young Marina Kennell (Woolwich) in her first season in this class of table tennis, partnered Ray Syndercombe to victory over Plant and Linda Selway (Folkestone) 19 and 13.

In the N.W. Kent Closed, at the Barnehurst Residents' Club, the previous week, Joyce Fielder won the Ladies' Singles, Mixed Doubles (with Brian Hellberg) and Youth Doubles (with George Elliott). Elliott was also successful in the Youth Singles. Ray Syndercombe won the Men's Singles and Doubles with Hellberg, while the Ladies' Doubles went to Marina Kennell and Mrs. Butcher (Gravesend).

John Phillips, for many years Trophy Secretary of the N.W. Kent Association, was married at St. Paulinus Church, Crayford, on March 19. His bride, Violet, is not a table tennis player, but she is getting interested. Just as well, for the committee would hate to lose John's services.

Conrad Jaschke

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE SNIPPETS

CHELTENHAM have struck a powerful blow in the Junior County League by "slamming" both Bristol and the Forest of Dean 10—love and now look certain champions.

### Table to date

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cheltenham	3	3	0	0	29	1	6
Forest of Dean	3	2	0	1	14	16	4
Bristol	2	0	1	1	5	15	1
Gloucester	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Dursley	1	0	0	1	3	7	0

Welcome this month to two new County umpires who have completed all their tests. H. Hamilton of Gloucester and G. D. Bishop of Cheltenham, both young and keen, they are willing to travel to gain experience. Well done boys.

Another Wilmott and Rose Bowl series has ended and Gloucestershire Leagues again wonder when the E.T.T.A. will realise that the present method of playing the rounds is outdated. We want zones to play off in one day to eliminate congestion of the calendar; to help funds, and to have more attraction for the public. One finds that Slough were not able to attract any spectators, their excuse being that they only knew of the fixture four days before. I believe they are now unable to agree on the cash settlement.

Bristol were drawn against South London at such short notice that a Saturday afternoon was the only possible date. Can the game compete against all the other attractions on a Saturday afternoon?

The answer is "No," so come along E.T.T.A., away with Conservatism, let us have some Radical atmosphere, try changes, otherwise put your head in the sand and let the rest of the world go by!

The last Executive Committee to the County body agreed that the secretary should press for these changes in London and also to propose that the number of persons for whom expenses are liable should be reduced from four to three. It was felt that expenses for the team alone were sufficient.

Alterations to rules have been submitted to the E.T.T.A. and we hope that all members interested will give them careful consideration at the A.G.M. It was also agreed to bring pressure to bear against sponge because (a) sponge versus sponge is of little use in attracting spectators (the last world finals were an example) and (b) when sponge enables players who have never been anywhere near world class with the conventional bat to become top liners at very late stages in their table tennis lives it means very definitely that it is not brains but simply the sponge that is winning.

Thus we are not creating a sport in which the best man or woman wins but are encouraging a set of "jugglers," and instead of table tennis administrators we may in the future require agents for variety halls with internationals at the local Empire and so on.

Ivor Eyles

# AROUND THE LEAGUES

Big surprise in the **Southend and District League** recently was the defeat of Supporters by Old Southendian in Division IV. Supporters head the table whilst this win will probably save Old Southendian from relegation.

Grand-stand finish was made by Billericay British Legion to complete their fixtures in Division II of the **Laindon and District League**. The Legion beat bottom-of-the-table Park Avenue 10—0, all in straight games! The League's seventh annual finals night will be held at the Women's Institute, Billericay, on April 16 (7 p.m.).

Miss Pat Keeble, who has been a regular member of the **Huddersfield League's** women's team has flown to Canada where she is to be married. Miss Keeble hopes to settle down in Toronto.

"Sold out" was the report of stall holders only a quarter of an hour after the opening of a jumble sale in aid of the **Newton Abbot and District League** funds. In spite of a blizzard, buyers queued and went for the goods in a manner reminiscent of the January sales!

A close 6—4 win over St. Leonard's brought Wellworthy "A" the **Ringwood League** (Bournemouth) championship for the first time. In winning 11 of their 12 matches and drawing the other they were successful in 95 games and conceded 25.

Miss S. Sacker is to be presented with a replica cup in recognition of her fine performance in winning the women's singles for the sixth successive year in the **Eastbourne League's** closed championships. The championships proved to be an endurance test for the players and officials, the preliminary rounds ran for ten hours and then only two finals were decided.

Another table tennis marathon was the **Northampton** closed event. Starting at 1.30 p.m. in the Drill Hall, Kettering, the last championship was not decided until 11 hours later when the winner made the all important hit half an hour after midnight.

Les Wise, of **Reading and District**, completed a triple crown when he added the Reading "Closed" singles to the Berkshire and Maidenhead titles he had won earlier. It was his first Reading

success. He also won the mixed doubles with Miss H. Benham, but had to be content with losing finalist in the men's doubles where partnered by R. Forrest, they were beaten by R. Neale and D. Barley.

Miss M. Judges won the women's, while the women's doubles went to E. Lovegrove and R. Powell. W. Rogers was the first winner of the new veterans' singles, while P. Fane collected the junior title.

A remarkable record is that of Mrs. Madge Green who plays for the **British Legion** in the **Hull League**. In the town's closed championships recently Mrs. Green won three titles for the second consecutive year and won the women's singles for the sixth time, five of which have been in succession.

Trevor Jones retained the **Eastern Valley League's** singles title in the face of some stiff opposition last month, beating Welsh junior international Don Norris in an exciting final. Winner of the women's singles was Mary Russell, who beat the holder, M. Jones in the semi-final and Mrs. Davies in the final.

Brian Gordon gave the best performance of his career when he beat the Sussex player and coach, Bert Fretwell in the final of the **Worthing Closed**, 21—16, 23—21. Fretwell was odds-on favourite to wrest the title from Gordon, who also won it last season. Sparks will fly again when these two meet in a play-off for the Division I championship between Foresters A and Shoreham A, the holders, which will take place shortly. Mrs. Audrey Chapman had little difficulty in winning the women's singles from Miss Joyce Goldsmith. Mrs. Chapman won three titles. She and her husband Mark figured in five finals.

Winners were: Men's Singles, B. Gordon; Women's Singles, Mrs. A. Chapman; Men's Doubles, B. Fretwell and C. Hooper; Women's Doubles, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. M. Leigh; Mixed Doubles, Mr. and Mrs. M. Chapman; Boys' Singles, J. D. Symonds; Girls' Singles, Miss S. Isted.

While congratulating Roy Rosser on his marriage to Miss Barbara Smith, Gidea Park were hoping his honeymoon would be short so that he could help them get away from the foot of the **Romford League** First Division table.

Rosser, former Essex County secretary, is rather an exceptional sports-

man in that he has only one arm, yet despite the handicap he plays both lawn tennis and squash rackets.

Seniors were forced to take a back seat in the **Willesden League** closed championships on March 21, when Michael MacLaren and Laurie Landry met in the finals of both the men's and boys' singles. MacLaren brought off the double, winning first the boys' at 17—21, 21—17, 21—11, then after a short break the men's at 21—16, 21—18.

One "L" of a final was the men's doubles, K. S. Lipscomb and Landry beat D. Littlewort and D. Light 22—20, 19—21, 24—22, and for good measure the umpire was Pete Lowen.

Mary Stafford won the women's singles, but had to concede the women's doubles to Miss J. Williamson and Mrs. I. Howlett when forced to scratch owing to the illness of her partner Miss M. Rankin.

P. Anderson and Miss Williamson won the mixed doubles, while the girls' title went to Miss B. Kentish.

A visitor to the Willesden finals was former League player Derek Glazer, home on holiday from Canada. The Canadian Association have given him permission to represent them in both the English and World championships.

It appears that St. Mark's by losing two recent games have forfeited their chance of winning the Premier Division of the **London League**. Carlless beat them 6—3 with Summers, the ex-Polish player winning all his three games. Albion and Eton Manor now have a chance of taking the championship. In Division I, Old Boys are still unbeaten.

The League's "Closed" Championships are being held at St. Bride Institute on Tuesday, April 12, when matches up to and including the semi-finals will be played

How's this for enthusiasm? During the recent Medway Towns bus strike Peter Long, of Gillingham, walked an hour each way to the station to fulfill four fixtures for Thameside in the **N.W. Kent League**.

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## THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

### PREMIER DIVISION

MIDDLESEX, winning their last three matches by the same 8—2 margin, won the Championships for the eighth successive season. Especially meritorious was their success over Lancashire, as they played without Thornhill and the Rowe Twins. Best individual performance was by Michael Thornhill, who beat Johnny Leach by 21—16, 9—21, 21—18. Admittedly Middlesex were 7—2 ahead against Essex at the time, but that cannot detract from a splendid win. Hats off, also to Derrek Burridge for his 100% in the final two matches.

Yorkshire emerged worthy runners-up, for the first time in their history. I feel that the majority of supporters in this country would welcome a Yorkshire Championship. They have never complained during the years they finished bottom, and always command the biggest audiences. Against Surrey Brian Kennedy was in devastating form, but Raymond Hinchliff was nosed out by Tony Miller, and this prevented a win for the northern county.

At the foot of the table Glamorgan

are relegated for the first time in their history, notwithstanding the fact that they can call on all the leading Welsh Internationals. This is particularly a tragedy for Shirley Jones, who loses opportunities for playing the leading English players.

### SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

After at one time seeming certain to stay in this division, Hertfordshire are relegated by the narrow margin of one game. You could say it was even closer than that, for, losing 3—6 to Surrey in their final match, Glyn Bebb served off at match point in his favour, against Keith Hurlock! On such trifles are promotion and relegation decided.

Credit to Devon for escaping "the drop," with two meritorious draws, against Sussex and Kent. The recall of Lionel Kerslake to their team made just that difference. Against Kent he beat both Etheridge and Syndercombe. Equal credit to young Miss Winter for her splendid win over Joyce Fielder.

Hearty congratulations to Sussex on regaining premier division status. Needing both points to make sure,

against Berkshire, they turned in a convincing 8—2 win.

### SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Congratulations, also, to Warwickshire on their return to the highest status, after a couple of years in the lower division. They defeated Staffordshire in the deciding match, in no uncertain manner. After hearing tales of woe from some counties, after losing, it was nice to receive a letter from the Staffs secretary, Jay Hesford, saying "Warwickshire were too good for us."

### MIDLAND DIVISION

Worcestershire receive sincere congratulations on achieving their ambition of promotion to the Second Division. Good team work earned their success over Warwickshire, and, making no mistake against luckless Northants, they went on to finish with a 100% record.

Derbyshire, by defeating Leicestershire, earned the title of runners-up, and their continuing improvement in recent years may earn them a chance of playing in a higher division before too long.

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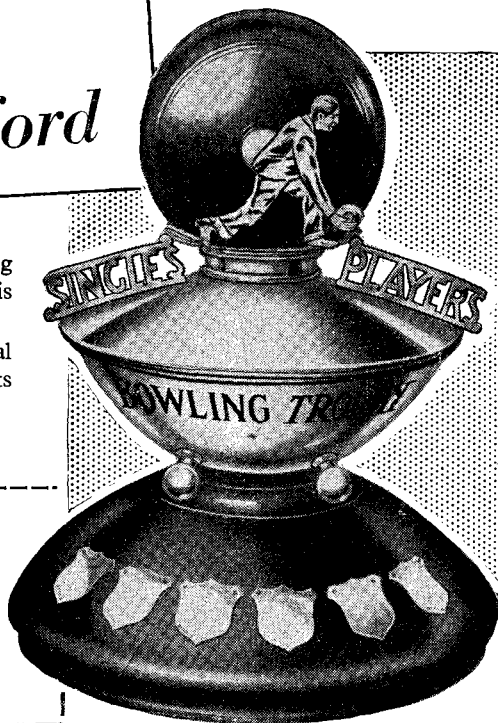
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### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

Devon held off the late Somerset challenge to win this section, but Somerset, as the highest non-second team, gain promotion to the Second Division, in their first season in the Championships. Again, congratulations! In David House they have a splendid young player who lacks the opportunities of playing often against better players, and this new status should help him particularly.

### JUNIOR DIVISION

Sussex regained the Championships which they lost last season to Surrey, and became the first county to win the Junior title for the second time. Their successes in the last three seasons have been achieved with virtually the same team, an outstanding record in junior ranks.

### COUNTY RESULTS

#### PREMIER DIVISION

Surrey 6, Gloucestershire 4  
Cheshire 0, Yorkshire 10  
Middlesex 8, Glamorgan 2  
Glamorgan 2, Surrey 8  
Gloucestershire 5, Essex 5  
Surrey 5, Yorkshire 5  
Essex 2, Middlesex 8  
Cheshire 3, Gloucestershire 7  
Lancashire 2, Middlesex 8

#### SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Sussex 2, Middlesex 8  
Essex 8, Devon 2  
Kent 9, Hertfordshire 1  
Sussex 5, Devon 5  
Berkshire 1, Middlesex 9  
Surrey 7, Hertfordshire 3  
Essex 9, Berkshire 1  
Sussex 8, Berkshire 2  
Devon 5, Kent 5

#### SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Northumberland 3, Warwickshire 7  
Warwickshire 8, Staffordshire 2

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

Buckinghamshire 3, Hampshire 7  
Oxfordshire 4, Hertfordshire 6

### EASTERN DIVISION

Cambridgeshire 7, Norfolk 3  
Bedfordshire 6, Suffolk 4  
Norfolk, w/o Bedfordshire

### MIDLAND DIVISION

Worcestershire 6, Warwickshire 4  
Staffordshire 3, Leicestershire 7  
Derbyshire 7, Leicestershire 3  
Northamptonshire 2, Staffordshire 8  
Worcestershire 6, Northamptonshire 4

### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

Somerset 9, Cornwall 1  
Dorset 4, Devon 6

### JUNIOR DIVISION

Kent 9, Hertfordshire 1  
Suffolk 4, Sussex 6  
Hertfordshire 0, Essex 10  
Middlesex 9, Hertfordshire 1  
Surrey 7, Hertfordshire 3

### FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES

(except Lincs v Durham in Div. 2 South)

#### PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesex	7	7	0	0	52	18	14
Yorkshire	7	5	1	1	48	22	11
Surrey	7	4	1	2	42	28	9
Essex	7	4	1	2	39	31	9
Gloucestershire	7	2	2	3	33	37	6
Lancashire	7	1	2	4	27	43	4
Glamorgan	7	1	1	5	25	45	3
Cheshire	7	0	0	7	14	56	0

#### SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesex	7	6	1	0	48	22	13
Surrey	7	5	1	1	47	23	11
Sussex	7	4	2	1	38	32	10
Essex	7	4	1	2	42	28	9
Kent	7	2	1	4	34	36	5
Devon	7	1	2	4	29	41	4
Hertfordshire	7	2	0	5	28	42	4
Berkshire	7	0	0	7	14	56	0

### SECOND DIVISION NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warwickshire	5	4	1	0	37	13	9
Staffordshire	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Yorkshire	5	2	2	1	28	22	6
Northumberland	5	1	2	2	23	27	4
Lincolnshire	4	0	2	2	16	24	2
Durham	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hampshire	6	5	0	1	43	17	10
Hertfordshire	6	3	2	1	30	30	8
Buckinghamshire	6	0	3	3	25	35	3
Oxfordshire	6	1	1	4	22	38	3

### EASTERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedfordshire	6	5	0	1	35	15	10
Cambridgeshire	6	3	1	2	30	30	7
Suffolk	6	2	1	3	29	31	5
Norfolk	6	1	0	5	16	34	2

### MIDLAND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worcestershire	5	5	0	0	33	17	10
Derbyshire	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Warwickshire	5	2	1	2	29	21	5
Leicestershire	5	2	0	3	25	25	4
Staffordshire	5	1	2	2	24	26	4
Northamptonshire	5	0	0	5	9	41	0

### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Devon	6	5	0	1	39	21	10
Somerset	6	4	1	1	37	23	9
Dorset	6	2	1	3	31	29	5
Cornwall	6	0	0	6	13	47	0

### JUNIOR DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sussex	6	6	0	0	44	16	12
Middlesex	6	5	0	1	40	20	10
Suffolk	6	3	1	2	36	24	7
Essex	6	3	0	3	34	26	6
Kent	6	2	1	3	29	31	5
Surrey	6	1	0	5	21	39	2
Hertfordshire	6	0	0	6	6	54	0

(Bedfordshire's record has been expunged from the Junior Division.)

## WILMOTT CUP CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UP



(Left to right) STAINES: Jimmy Lowe, Bernard Crouch, Reg. Spooner (Non playing Capt.) and Michael Thornhill  
HUDDERSFIELD: Ray Hincliff, G. Wadsworth and S. Dyson.

## WEST MIDDLESEX "OPEN"

**JIMMY LOWE**, former English junior champion, provided a major upset in the West Middlesex Open at West Ealing on March 12 when he beat Alan Rhodes, newcomer to England's Swaythling Cup team, in the semi-final of the men's singles.

Lowe, returning to West Ealing, where he was a member before moving to Harrow, made a handsome start against former club-mate Rhodes by taking the first game at 13. Rhodes made it even in the second at 21-17 to set the stage for a thrilling final game which Lowe eventually took at 23-21.

Derek Burridge, also a member of the host club, had little trouble in beating Lowe in the final however, taking the title in straight games at 12 and 15. Burridge also shared the doubles with Len Adams.

Miss Peggy Franks made further headway in her come-back bid, winning the women's singles with a 21-17, 21-16 final victory over Miss Jill Rook and successfully partnering Miss Doreen Spooner in the doubles against Miss Margaret Fry and Miss D. Ellis.

Fellow members of the England junior team, Terry Densham and Tony Cornell met in the final of the boys' singles with Densham coming off best at 22-30, 21-13. Miss R. Robbins beat Miss B. Spooner in the final of the girls' singles after disposing of Miss Joyce Fielder in the semi-final.

Len Adams and Miss Margaret Fry raced to a mixed doubles win over Miss Betty Isaacs and Jimmy Lowe, claiming the title in straight games at 21-14 and 21-9.

### RESULTS

**Men's Singles: Semi-finals:** J. LOWE bt A. Rhodes, 21-13, 17-21, 23-21. D. BURRIDGE bt B. Crouch 21-10, 21-17.

**Final:** BURRIDGE bt Lowe 21-12, 21-15.

**Women's Singles: Semi-finals:** Miss J. ROOK bt Miss B. Isaacs 22-20, 9-21, 21-17. Miss M. FRANKS bt Miss D. Ellis.

**Final:** Miss FRANKS bt Miss Rook 21-17, 21-16.

**Men's Doubles: Final:** ADAMS and BURRIDGE bt McLaren and Hurlock 21-16, 21-15.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:** Miss M. FRANKS and Miss D. SPOONER bt Miss M. Cherry and Miss Isaacs 21-7, 21-19. Miss M. FRY and Miss D. ELLIS bt Miss A. Ashford and Miss E. Stoker 21-13, 21-9.

**Final:** Miss FRANKS and Miss SPOONER bt Miss Fry and Miss Ellis 22-24, 21-19, 21-19.

**Mixed Doubles: Final:** ADAMS and Miss FRY bt Lowe and Miss Isaacs 21-14, 21-9.

**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:** T. DENSHAM bt A. Lindsay 15-21, 21-15, 21-13. A. CORNELL bt E. Hodson 21-17, 21-16.

**Final:** T. DENSHAM bt A. Cornell 22-20, 21-13.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:** Miss R. ROBINS bt Miss J. Fielder 21-4, 21-11. Miss B. SPOONER bt Miss J. Harrower 21-14, 21-19.

**Final:** Miss ROBBINS bt Miss Spooner 21-16, 21-15.

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### LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Men's Singles: R. J. CRAYDEN** bt B. E. Crouch 21-23, 21-19, 21-15, 21-17.

**Ladies' Singles:** Miss B. E. MILBANK bt Miss B. Isaacs 21-23, 21-15, 21-15.

**Men's Doubles:** B. E. CROUCH and J. R. KING bt J. Gregory and D. A. Taylor 21-18, 21-17, 21-14.

**Ladies' Doubles:** Miss J. LEWSEY and Miss L. MURRAY bt Miss B. Isaacs and Miss K. P. Burge 22-24, 21-16, 21-19.

**Mixed Doubles:** D. THROWER and Miss B. ISAACS bt P. Francis and Miss B. E. Milbank 21-14, 21-17.

**Men's Junior Singles:** D. COWLYN bt R. Langheim 21-23, 21-11, 21-19.

**Ladies' Junior Singles:** Miss H. GELFARB bt Miss C. Had-dock 22-24, 21-15, 21-17.

**Veterans' Singles:** S. G. THWAITES bt H. E. Pearce 21-14, 21-18.

### DERBYSHIRE "CLOSED"

**Men's Singles: A. HUNT** (Chesterfield) bt R. Hallworth (Derby) 21-18, 12-21, 16-21, 21-11, 21-11.

**Women's Singles:** Miss P. BANNISTER (Burton) bt Miss J. Walker (Burton) 18-21, 21-14, 21-16.

**Men's Doubles:** HUNT and K. PEERS (Chesterfield) bt J. Lockett and T. Howie (Derby) 15-21, 21-17, 21-14.

**Women's Doubles:** Miss BANNISTER and Miss WALKER bt Miss B. Hunt and Miss I. Roffey (Derby) 21-14, 16-21, 21-7.

**Mixed Doubles:** HUNT and Mrs. J. MOORE (Chesterfield) bt A. T. Bird (Burton) and Miss Walker 9-21, 21-18, 21-19.

**Junior Singles:** R. DOWDING (Derby) bt C. Deaton (Chesterfield) 21-11, 21-18.

**Veteran Singles:** F. MOODY bt A. McGrann Johnson 21-18, 21-12.

### WORCESTERSHIRE "CLOSED"

#### WINNERS:

Men's Singles: J. Logan; Women's Singles: Miss B. Steed; Men's Doubles: L. Devereux and J. E. Smith; Women's Doubles: Mrs. M. Hough and Miss Ann Inight; Mixed Doubles: J. Smith and Miss A. Greening; Junior Singles: A. Lloyd, Junior Doubles: J. Wiley and D. Phillips.

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## WEST OF ENGLAND

### "OPEN"

**BRIAN KENNEDY** achieved a much cherished ambition in the West of England Open at Bristol on March 18 and 19 when he took the men's singles title for the first time. The championships were an all-round triumph for Kennedy who also gained the men's doubles with Aubrey Simons, and the mixed with Miss Joan Crosby.

After disposing of Ken Craigie in the semi-final of the singles at 21-15 and 21-19, Kennedy had a comfortable final victory over Bryan Merrett who had previously beaten Alan Rhodes in straight games. Victims of Kennedy and Simons in the doubles were Len Adams and Derek Burridge, and in the mixed with Miss Crosby, Brian's opponents were Miss Yvonne Baker and Alan Rhodes.

#### FINALS RESULTS

**Men's Singles:** **B. KENNEDY** (Yorks) bt B. Merrett (Glos.) 21-15, 21-15.  
**Women's Singles:** Miss **P. FRANKS** (Essex) bt Miss Y. Baker (Essex) 19-21, 21-16, 21-18.  
**Men's Doubles:** **KENNEDY** and **A. SIMONS** (Glos.) bt L. Adams and D. Burridge (Middlesex) 21-18, 11-21, 21-6.  
**Women's Doubles:** Miss **M. FRY** (Middx.) and Miss **J. CROSBY** (Devon) bt Mrs. E. Carrington and Miss B. Milbank (Essex) 21-16, 23-21.  
**Mixed Doubles:** **KENNEDY** and Miss **CROSBY** bt A. Rhodes (Middx.) and Miss Baker 8-21, 21-14, 21-18.  
**Boys' Singles:** **D. BACKHOUSE** (West Bromwich) bt L. Landry (Middx.) 21-17, 17-21, 21-16.  
**Girls' Singles:** **Winner:** Miss **F. FRANCIS** (Weston). Runner-up Miss E. Jackson (Glos.) (played on group principle).

### BEDFORDSHIRE "CLOSED"

**Men's Singles:** **Semi-finals:** C. CROWE (Bedford) bt D. W. Ironmonger (Luton) 21-16, 21-19. P. HOLROYD (Bedford) bt B. Clarke (Luton) 21-14, 21-14.  
**Final:** C. CROWE bt P. Holroyd 21-15, 21-13, 21-12.  
**Women's Singles:** Mrs. **B. CARTER** (Bedford) bt Mrs. J. WHITING (Bedford) 21-15, 21-12.  
**Men's Doubles:** **I. BARNETT** and **B. COHEN** (Luton) bt D. Blatchford and R. Goodman (Leighton Buzzard) 21-19, 15-21, 21-19.  
**Women's Doubles:** Mrs. **B. CARTER** and Mrs. **J. COX** (Bedford) bt Mrs. H. Coles and Mrs. G. Dean (Bedford) 21-18, 22-20.  
**Mixed Doubles:** **P. HOLROYD** and Mrs. **B. CARTER** (Bedford) bt C. Crowe and Miss D. Hughes (Bedford) 20-22, 21-17, 21-12.  
**Junior Boys:** **R. GOODMAN** (Leighton Buzzard) bt G. Sharpe (Luton) 21-9, 21-7.  
**Junior Girls:** Miss **D. HUGHES** (Bedford) bt Miss A. Frewin (Leighton Buzzard) 21-6, 21-15.

### DORSET "CLOSED"

**Men's Singles:** **W. PRYER** bt J. Dale 21-19, 13-21, 21-16.  
**Women's Singles:** Miss **E. DAVIS** bt Miss S. Ward 21-8, 16-21, 21-12.  
**Men's Doubles:** **R. BASSETT** and **J. ROSE** bt W. Pryer and J. Dale 21-14, 17-21, 21-11.  
**Mixed Doubles:** **ROSE** and Miss **DAVIS** bt Pryer and Northcott 17-21, 21-11, 21-14.

### CORNWALL "CLOSED"

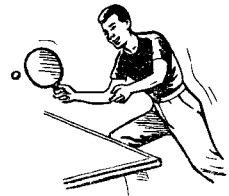
**Men's Singles:** **Final:** **R. CHARLESWORTH** (Penzance) bt D. Bray (St. Austell) 21-15, 21-10, 21-14.  
**Ladies' Singles:** Mrs. **B. HATTER** (St. Blazey) bt Mrs. D. Parker (Redruth) 21-14, 21-6.  
**Men's Doubles:** **W. PAPE** and **H. ANDREW** (Torpoint) bt W. Bryant and D. Williams (Torpoint) 12-21, 21-16, 21-15.  
**Ladies' Doubles:** Mrs. **HATTER** (St. Blazey) and Mrs. **A. CHARLESWORTH** (Penzance) bt Mrs. Parker (Redruth) and Miss E. Stephens (Camborne) 21-13, 21-14.  
**Mixed Doubles:** **G. CORNELIUS** and Mrs. **HATTER** bt Mr. and Mrs. Charlesworth 13-21, 21-15, 21-19.  
**Junior Singles:** **K. SONGHURST** (Helston) bt D. Roberts (Falmouth) 16-21, 21-12, 21-13.  
**Junior Doubles:** **K. SONGHURST** (Helston) and **M. HARRIS** (St. Ives) bt D. Roberts and T. Wilkes (Falmouth) 21-15, 21-19.

### HAMPSHIRE "CLOSED"

**Men's Singles:** **G. STEVENS** (Portsmouth) bt S. Jackson (Portsmouth) 27-25, 21-6.  
**Women's Singles:** Miss **S. BALL** (Portsmouth) bt Miss D. Wightman (Portsmouth) 21-13, 21-15.  
**Men's Doubles:** **STEVENS** and **B. JAMES** (Portsmouth) bt F. Bradley and S. Jackson (Portsmouth) 18-21, 21-9, 21-10.  
**Women's Doubles:** Miss **WIGHTMAN** and Miss **JOHNSTONE** (Southampton) bt Miss Ball and Miss R. Welch (Portsmouth) 21-17, 16-21, 21-14.  
**Mixed Doubles:** **STEVENS** and Miss **WIGHTMAN** bt Jackson and Miss Ball 21-18, 18-21, 22-20.  
**Junior Singles:** **R. KNIGHT** (Bournemouth) bt R. Henderson (Portsmouth) 21-16, 21-9.  
**Veteran Singles:** **C. HOARE** (Winchester) bt Mrs. C. Gunner (Bordon and Petersfield) 21-8, 21-17.

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## THE ENGLISH "OPEN" CHAMPIONSHIPS

YET another English "Open" has passed into history and once again the men's singles title has proved too elusive for the home-born players.

Burly **Zarko Dolinar**, of Yugoslavia, justified his top seeding to win the title before a ten-thousand crowd at Wembley's Empire Pool, and mark up another triumph for "sponge." His consistent play throughout made him a worthy winner and deserving of the big ovation he received.

Congratulations also to the other champions, **Rosalind Rowe** (Middx.) who brought home the women's singles, and with twin sister **Diane**, won the doubles for the sixth successive year; **Ivan Andreadis** and **Ladislav Stipek** (Czechoslovakia) winners of the Men's doubles; and the Anglo-Scottish partnership of **Aubrey Simons** (Glos.) and **Helen Elliot** (Scotland) winners of the mixed.

**Ann Haydon** (Warw.), who reached five finals, was successful only in the girls' singles and girls' doubles with **Joyce Fielder** (Kent). **B. Onnes** (Netherlands) took the boys' singles and doubles with **E. Klein** (U.S.), who also shared the junior mixed with **Wendy Bates** (Sussex).

The men's and women's veteran titles changed hands, the new champions being **Alec Brook** (Middx.) and Mrs. **I. Hunter** (Devon), respectively.

### MEN'S SINGLES

Seldom has the men's singles provided so many early round sensations. In the main they were provided by home players, and with three of them, Jimmy Lowe (Middlesex), Brian Kennedy (Yorks), and Johnny Leach (Essex) reaching the last eight it made their subsequent failure all the more disappointing.

Lowe, English junior champion of 1950, provided the first big shock with a third round straight games win over Richard Bergmann, the defending champion.

Playing almost an identical game to Bergmann, Lowe was inspired. He retrieved miraculously, offered a sound defence, yet was always ready to step in with sizzling forehand winners, and eventually won at 21-15, 21-11, 21-19.

There was terrific excitement in the third game when Bergmann after trailing throughout levelled at 19—all, but Lowe kept his head and snatched the next two points.

Lowe followed up by defeating Bob Griffin (Cheltenham), but eventually lost on the time-limit to Dick Miles (U.S.A.) in the quarter-final. This was a dour battle of wits, with some rallies going in the region of 200 strokes. Lowe lost the first two games, came back to win the third, but at 9—all in the fourth kept looking at the clock and in an effort to force the pace dropped four vital points, leaving Miles ahead when time was called.

Following Lowe's defeat of Bergmann came Kennedy's great fourth round win over Andreadis, who had been strong favourite to win the title. Kennedy came back after being one-two down, a tremendous performance. But he found the position reversed in the quarter final where after leading two—one he crashed to the greater defensive ability of Rene Roothoof (France).

The fourth round also saw the eclipse of Tage Flisberg, Swedish runner-up for the world title last year. He was beaten in a sponge v. sponge battle by Vaclav Tereba 21-18, 21-13, 21-11. Tereba was beaten in turn by Leach, who in his opening match had conquered another Czech, Bohumil Vana.

Leach eventually lost in the semi-final to Dolinar, who won what must go down as one of the best matches of the meeting 21-16, 23-21, 17-21, 12-21, 21-16.

The loss of two game points in the second game undoubtedly cost Leach his best chance yet of winning the title.

Had Leach only been able to maintain that aggressiveness

he showed in the third and fourth games it may well have been a different story. He refused to be overawed by Dolinar's sponge and was complete master. But Dolinar regained control by a most effective service, and Leach suffered a bad patch mid-way through the final game. But even when Dolinar reached match point Leach was still there with a chance, saving two match points until eventually beaten by a tremendous acutely-angled fore-hand drive.

The final in contrast was a tame affair, Dolinar being much too strong for Roothoof, who could offer little resistance to sponge.

For the record: Michel Haguenaer (France), champion 1953, was beaten by Bernard Bukiet (U.S.) in the second round, Alex Ehrlich (France), champion 1936 and 1951, lost to Andreadis in the third round, Bryan Merrett, suffering from an injured hand, lost to Lew Laza (Australia) in the second round, Alan Rhodes went out to Ludvik Vyhnanovsky (Czech) in the third, Aubrey Simons lost in the fourth round to Stipek and at the same stage Harry Venner fell to Dolinar.

### WOMEN'S SINGLES

Rosalind Rowe left no doubt as to her superiority among the women players in regaining the singles title she previously held in 1953. She was in tremendous form and went through without loss of a game.

The decisive way in which she dealt with Ann Haydon in the final was most revealing. She won 21-15, 21-10, 21-16. Miss Haydon was never there with a chance, and helped

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towards her own downfall by continually overhitting.

Obviously Rosalind was out to avenge the defeat of her twin sister Diane by the same player in the semi-final.

Previously Miss Haydon had been showing great form and thoroughly deserved her place in the final, for not only did she defeat Diane but also Elizabeth Thorsson (Sweden), and Mrs. Leah (Thall) Neuberger, the American champion.

The two remaining overseas players Peggy Robinson and Sally Prouty, of U.S.A., went out to Barbara Milbank and Pam Mortimer respectively, while new Corbillon cup player Jean Winn fell victim to Surrey colleague Betty Isaacs in the second round.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

Andreadis and Stipek made up for the singles failure of the Czechs by winning the men's doubles, easily beating Leach and Bergmann in the final. The British pair were disappointing, particularly after their fine semi-final win over Dolinar and Gabric.

Defending champions Simons and Kennedy lost their title in the quarter-finals, going down to the Americans Hirsch-kowitz and Gusikoff.

### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

In extending their record to six wins in the women's doubles, the Rowe twins found their opening match against Helen Elliot and Audrey Bates their toughest, being taken to five games, but for the remaining rounds they were decisive winners.

Miss Haydon and Miss Winn, who scored a fine semi-final win over the Welsh pair Betty Gray and Shirley Jones, seeded as likely finalists, were no match for the twins in the final.

### MIXED DOUBLES

Leach and Diane Rowe, after narrowly surviving at 23 in the fifth against the little known I. Crowe (Beds.) and Mrs. B. Cassell (Norfolk) in their second match, lost their title in the semi-final to Simons and Helen Elliot, who followed up with the easiest of final wins over Andreadis and Peggy Franks to become the new champions.

## FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

April

- 11 **North East England "Open"**  
Finals: Burniston Road Barracks,  
Scarborough, Yorks.
- 11 **Essex "Closed" Finals**  
Ekco Works Canteen, Southend-on-Sea.
- 12 **London League "Closed"**  
St. Bride's Institute, London, E.C.4.
- 15-24 **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Utrecht, Holland.
- 16 **Bristol "Closed"**  
Will's Gymnasium, Bedminster.
- 23-30 **Thameside "Open"**  
Hydro Hall, Y.M.C.A. Greengate Street,  
Plaistow, London, E.13.  
(Entries close April 12 to Mr. R. Markwell, 61,  
East Avenue, Manor Park, London, E.12).
- 26 **England v Japan**  
Leeds Town Hall, Leeds, Yorks.
- 27 **"Daily Mirror" Finals and  
South of England v Japan**  
Royal Albert Hall, London, S.W.7.

## RESULTS

**Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals:** R. ROTHHOFT (France) bt B. Kennedy (England) 21-19, 13-21, 16-21, 21-16, 21-17; R. MILES (U.S.) bt J. Lowe (Middx) 22-20, 21-14, 13-21, 13-9 (T.L.); J. LEACH (England) bt V. Tereba (Czecho.) 19-21, 22-20, 21-18, 16-21, 21-14; V. DOLINAR (Yugo.) bt L. Stipek (Czecho.) 14-21, 21-18, 21-14, 21-18. **Semi-Finals:** ROTHHOFT bt Miles 21-11, 21-18, 21-17; DOLINAR bt Leach 21-16, 23-21, 17-21, 12-21, 21-16.

**Final:** DOLINAR bt Roothoof 21-15, 21-12, 21-13.

**Women's Singles: Quarter-Finals:** Miss A. HAYDON (England) bt Mrs. L. (Thall) Neuberger 21-18, 21-14, 15-21, 21-13; Miss D. ROWE (England) bt Miss S. Jones (Wales) 21-15, 21-17, 21-14; Miss H. ELLIOT (Scotland) bt Miss B. Isaacs (Surrey) 21-15, 21-17, 17-21, 19-21, 21-13; Miss R. ROWE (England) bt Miss P. Mortimer (Warw.) 21-12, 21-9, 21-11. **Semi-Finals:** HAYDON bt D. Rowe 21-19, 15-21, 21-18, 10-21, 21-15; R. ROWE bt Elliot 21-13, 21-9, 21-11.

**Final:** R. ROWE bt Haydon 21-15, 21-10, 21-16.

**Men's Doubles: Quarter-Finals:** DOLINAR/J. GABRIC (Yugo.) bt R. Griffin (Glos.)/R. Hook (Essex) 21-16, 21-16, 17-21, 21-12; R. BERGMANN (England)/LEACH bt Tereba/L. Vyhnanovsky (Czecho.) 17-21, 21-9, 22-20, 11-21, 2-14; H. HIRSCHKOWITZ/N. GUSIKOFF (U.S.) bt Kennedy/A. Simons (Glos.) 21-18, 15-21, 22-20, 21-15; I. ANDREADIS/STIPEK (Czecho.) bt I. Jones/R. Stevens (Essex) 21-7, 21-12, 17-21, 21-10. **Semi-Finals:** BERGMANN/LEACH bt Dolinar/Gabric 21-15, 19-21, 16-21, 21-12, 21-17; ANDREADIS/STIPEK bt Hirsch-kowitz/Gusikoff 21-17, 21-11, 21-19.

**Final:** ANDREADIS/STIPEK bt Bergmann/Leach 21-9, 21-10, 20-22, 21-16.

**Women's Doubles: Quarter-Finals:** Misses R. and D. ROWE bt Mrs. E. Carrington/Miss B. Milbank (Essex) 21-10, 21-18, 21-16; Mrs. S. PROUTY/Mrs. NEUBERGER (U.S.) bt Miss D. Ellis/Miss M. Fry (Middx) 21-16, 21-17, 21-14; Miss HAYDON/Miss J. WINN (Surrey) bt Miss E. Thorsson (Sweden)/Miss W. Bates (Sx.) 21-11, 21-7, 21-19; Miss B. GRAY/Miss JONES (Wales) bt Miss Y. Baker (Essex)/Miss J. Rook (Surrey) 21-19, 18-21, 21-15, 21-14. **Semi-Finals:** ROWE/ROWE bt Prouty/Neuberger 21-13, 21-6, 21-13; HAYDON/WINN bt Gray/Jones 21-17, 22-20, 21-8.

**Final:** ROWE/ROWE (holders) bt Haydon/Winn 21-9, 21-11, 21-17.

**Mixed Doubles: Quarter-Finals:** KENNEDY/Miss R. ROWE bt Lowe/Miss Isaacs 21-12, 15-21, 21-14, 21-15; ANDREADIS/Miss M. FRANKS (Essex) bt J. Somae/Miss P. Robinson (U.S.) 21-6, 21-14, 21-17; SIMONS/Miss ELLIOT bt A. Rhodes (Middx)/Miss Winn 21-13, 21-8, 21-18; LEACH/Miss D. ROWE w.o. H. Venner (Surrey)/Miss Gray scr. **Semi-Finals:** ANDREADIS/FRANKS bt Kennedy/R. Rowe 19-21, 21-19, 21-16, 21-15; SIMONS/ELLIOT bt Leach/D. Rowe (holders) 21-17, 14-21, 21-8, 17-21, 21-16.

**Final:** SIMONS/ELLIOT bt Andreadis/Franks 21-8, 21-18, 21-12.

**Boy's Singles: Semi-Finals:** H. TERBECK (Germany) bt D. Backhouse (Staffs.) 17-21, 21-15, 21-14; B. ONNES (Netherlands) bt E. Klein (U.S.) 21-20, 21-20.

**Final:** ONNES bt Terbeck 13-21, 21-15, 21-18.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals:** Miss W. BATES (Sx) bt Miss E. Thorsson (Sweden) 21-17, 21-13; Miss A. HAYDON (Warw.) bt Miss J. Fielder (Kent) 21-11, 21-13.

**Final:** HAYDON bt Bates 21-9, 21-7.

**Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals:** T. DENSHAM (Surrey)/L. F. LANDRY (Middx.) bt R. Sussman/Terbeck (Germany) 12-21, 21-14, 21-18; KLEIN/ONNES bt P. Cole/J. Collins (Suffolk) 21-19, 21-17.

**Final:** KLEIN/ONNES bt Densham/Landry 21-12, 12-21, 24-22.

**Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals:** Miss BATES/Miss F. WRIGHT (Yorks) bt Miss Thorsson/Miss B. J. Spooner (Middx) 21-18, 21-17; Miss FIELDER/Miss HAYDON bt Miss L. Spilger (Germany)/Miss D. Hughes (Beds.) 21-13, 21-11.

**Final:** FIELDER/HAYDON bt Bates/Wright 21-14, 17-21, 21-19.

**Junior Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BACKHOUSE/Miss HAYDON bt Onnes/Miss Thorsson 15-21, 21-17, 21-9; KLEIN/Miss BATES bt Sussman/Miss O. Mielenhausen (Germany) 21-19, 21-17.

**Final:** KLEIN/BATES bt Backhouse/Haydon 21-16, 21-18.

**Men's Veteran Singles: Semi-Finals:** A. BROOK (Middx) bt S. Sugarhood (Essex) 17-21, 21-16, 21-13; L. KERSLAKE (Devon) bt L. Thompson (Bucks) 21-7, 21-10.

**Final:** BROOK bt Kerslake (holder) 21-16, 14-21, 21-17.

**Women's Veteran Singles: Semi-Finals:** Mrs. C. COOK (Yorks) bt Mrs. V. Cherriman (Middx) 21-16, 21-16; Mrs. I. HUNTER (Devon) bt Miss M. Robins (Middx) 21-8, 21-13.

**Final:** HUNTER bt Cook (holder) 21-19, 22-20.