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## T.T. Would Welcome Russia

**R**EPORTS from Holland indicate that Russian players will make their debut in the World Table Tennis Championships at Utrecht from April 15 to 24. If this is correct, they will be assured of a warm welcome by all members of the International Federation.

Table Tennis after all boasts a wide understanding between the nations of the world, no matter their race, colour, creed or politics. Utrecht is the perfect example of this, for it has been reported that 45 countries have signified their intention to enter the championships.

How vastly different is this from the attitude indicated by Lord Templewood, President of the Lawn Tennis Association, who, commenting at their annual meeting on the possibility of Russians playing at Wimbledon, caused something of a sensation by saying: "The Soviet conception of sport is objectionable."

A former Foreign Secretary and Home Secretary, Lord Templewood apparently feels that the Russians must win at all costs as they evidently regard athletic victories as evidence of national superiority.

### Russia not alone

This could be said of many countries, for State-Aided sport in one guise or another is not restricted to those of the East. It is the undermining of those old ideals of amateurism that is the main crux of the trouble.

But this should not worry Table Tennis, for the words "Amateur" and "Professional" are not recognised. Everyone is a player, irrespective of whether they make their living at the game or not.

The old amateur ideals are outmoded, and a universal adoption of the Table Tennis outlook would probably cure a lot of the international sport controversies.

It is agreed that the Russians like to win, (who

doesn't!) but if they do play at Utrecht they seem hardly likely to walk off with the honours, for according to H. Roy Evans, Secretary of the I.T.T.F., who visited Moscow last summer, their standard is not up to world class.

The Russians have been building up the players under coach Dzindzilauskas, the former Lithuanian player of some 20 years ago. His influence can be seen in many of the players with their tendency to concentrate on the back-hand.

Roy Evans expresses the opinion that the Russian women have a better chance of making a quicker jump in their standard than the men and were more anxious to pick up tips.

Two of the foremost girls are Balaisjene, who hits with tremendous power, and Atakelyan, who has perhaps the more mature game.

Grouenberg, the No. 1 man, is solid and accurate, but has a weakness in attack.

### Out to learn

Any Russian entry will be more in the nature of seeking experience, to build up a team for the future.

Meanwhile, remember that the barriers are now dropping. The U.S.S.R. have been accepted by football, athletics, swimming and rowing, and they have accepted their defeats as well as their victories in all those spheres.

Sport can after all lead to a good fellowship between the performers of all countries, and in this respect Table Tennis is playing a worthy part.

### RUBBER BEATS SPONGE

According to reports, Hong Kong won both the men's and women's cups in the Asian Games. The important point of this is that the "Hong-Kongers" use rubber bats, and laugh at the idea of sponge being a dominating weapon.

All of which goes to support our own Johnny Leach, who on another page expresses the opinion that sponge is no longer a menace.

HARRISON EDWARDS.

**OFFICIAL**

# News

## World Championships — Utrecht.

A correction should be made to the paragraph in the December issue, in which the date of leaving London was given as Thursday, April 25. This should read Thursday, April 14. It is essential that the names of those wishing to travel with the party should be sent in immediately, as it is becoming very difficult to obtain hotel accommodation in Utrecht.

## English Open Championships, 1955.

The Entry Forms will be available very shortly, and applications should be made to the E.T.T.A. office if any player wishes to receive one.

The allocation of tickets for the Finals applied for by Leagues is being dealt with, and it is now open for clubs and individuals to make direct application to the E.T.T.A. if they failed to approach their League in time for the first allocation.

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**French Open Championships.** The French Open Championships are to take place in Paris from January 10—12, 1955. The E.T.T.A. party

left on Sunday, January 9, and the annual French Men's match is to take place at Rennes on Thursday, January 13, and the French Women's match in Paris on the same date.

**Belgian Open Championships.** The Belgian Open Championships will be held in Brussels on January 15 and 16, and an invitation has been sent by the Belgian Federation to the Rowe Twins to take part, and other English players will travel from Paris after the French Championships.

## English Table Tennis Association

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**Under Rule 11 it is the responsibility of a County Association, League or local Association to inform the Honorary General Secretary of the Association in writing not later than January 31 of the year in which the election takes place, the full name and address of the appointed Representative or Representatives.**

The majority of Associations and Leagues have informed the E.T.T.A. as to the names of their Representatives, but those which have failed to inform the Association should do so by the last day of this month.

### International Matches:

**v. Ireland.** The International Match v. Ireland has been fixed for Friday, February 18, 1955, at Southampton.

**v. Wales Junior Boys.** The Junior match v. Wales is to take place at Worthing on Friday, February 18, 1955. The Honorary Referee is Mr.

W. G. Goldfinch (Worthing) and the E.T.T.A. Representative is Miss L. Ferguson (Southampton).

**Television.** A reminder: no affiliated player may take part in a televised event in connection with Table Tennis unless sanction has first been obtained from one of the Officers of the Association or the event is one authorised by the Association.

**Daily Mirror Tournament.** The Area Finals of the Daily Mirror Tournament are to be staged on March 19 at the Central Hall, Birmingham, at the Sir James Knott Hall, North Shields, with the Finals at the Royal Albert Hall on April 27.

**Official Handbook.** Copies of the Official Handbook for the season 1954/5 are now on sale at a cost of 2/3d. per copy, post free, and can be obtained from the E.T.T.A. office.

**Registered Members.** In addition to the list of Registered Members published on page 2 of the November issue, the following members have now been registered:—

R. Allcock (Lancs.), R. J. Bush (Kent), W. Poole (Warwicks.), Miss J. Rook (Surrey), J. Tabbenor (Kent).

**Team Selections.** Team selections for January have been made as follows:—

**v. France (Men), at Rennes** on January 13, 1955 — K. Craigie (Surrey), B. Kennedy (Yorks.), J. Leach (Essex). Non-playing captain: A. Haydon (Warwicks.).

**v. France (Women), in Paris** on January 13, 1955—Miss C. K. Best (Yorks.), Miss A. Haydon (Warwicks.), Miss D. Rowe (Middx.). Non-playing captain: Miss R. Rowe (Middx.).

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## CUPID STRIKES AGAIN

Mr. "Cupid" appears to be going his round in the West Norwood Club. In October we announced the engagement of Joy Seaman and Dennis Faulkner. Now comes news that Pam Gall has become engaged to Fred Woodage, the club secretary.

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# A QUART INTO A PINT POT

by

BARBARA MILBANK

**SEASON** by season, the calendar for Table Tennis becomes increasingly congested. For the top players, if they have not a County fixture commitment, there is sure to be a tournament running in which they should be playing. This is especially so in the London area.

Admittedly, the T.T. diary is carefully thought out by the E.T.T.A. to prevent any major clashing of events, but even so, one County have found it impossible to fix their "Closed" Championships on a date which does not clash with an "Open." Their only alternative would have been to hold them at the end of the season, and this was turned down on the grounds that the season is already too long.

Apart from "Opens" and County fixtures, Rose Bowl and Wilmott Cup matches, time also has to be found for inter-League matches and the programme of events within the respective Counties and Leagues. It is impossible for the latter to be arranged on "free" days, and consequently the smaller fixtures lose the support of their best players, through no fault of either the organisers or the players.

## "Big Headedness"

Unfortunately, some League officials are apt to be blind to the reasons for this state of things, and think that their players are being disloyal to them by being unable to continue playing in the local games. This is often put down as "Big Headedness."

Maybe League officials are right; but maybe the season's programme should be cut; and if this is the case, "Open" Tournaments would have to be the first to be reviewed.

This would perhaps be a good thing. To begin with, the tournaments which do not come up to the high standard required by the E.T.T.A. and players, both as regards organisation and playing conditions, could be stopped.

*The cost of entry fees for tournaments, plus private expenses incurred (hotel, fares, meals, etc.) are very expensive as it is, and players will become more fussy about the standard of the tournament and its cost, before entering. Already the trend shows that less entries are being received, but at present it is the "rabbits" who are keeping away, more than the experienced players.*



Although expenses for the players are rising all the time, so is the cost of staging tournaments. In fact, organisers take a big gamble to stage a tournament, and they can have no idea on which side of the fence they will end up. Most are satisfied if costs are covered. Whether the tour-

naments make a loss or a gain, I feel that a statement of the situation should be published in the magazine or circulated to all players who participated.

The size of entries received makes a big difference to a tournament's financial success, but the size of the Finals Night audience is the main worry. On the whole, very few people seem to support Finals Night nowadays in comparison to the immediate post-war years.

## Investigation Needed

Is this because of the higher prices of tickets, or the present standard of play is not entertaining enough to keep folk away from their Television sets, or not enough publicity? Whatever the reason, this is a question that must be carefully investigated soon, for the sake of the game's future.

There are many points which need to be studied, but my question is, "Why is Table Tennis growing to such a size *within* the organisation, and yet not becoming any more popular with the public as a whole?"

Perhaps we should have an E.T.T.A. Executive Member whose sole job is that of PUBLICITY, for without obtaining the public's support (and money), our game may die instead of growing to the heights that the present position promises.



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# SPONGE MENACE REDUCED

says

## JOHNNY LEACH

World Champion, 1948-9, 1950-1

**S**PONGE as we know it from the last World Championships is a menace no longer to players who have had sufficient experience against it. I am convinced of this after experiences in the recent Scandinavian Championships and the series of international tournaments with Ogimura and Flisberg.

Of six matches against Flisberg I won four, and I beat Ogimura three times out of five.

All seasoned players such as Andreadis, Harangozo, Vogrinc and myself played with much more confidence than in the past, and found the spin no longer worried us.

Previously I had been on edge when called upon to face sponge.

**Sponge when you first meet it is a psychological weapon. Given practice against it, and it is reduced to the level of another bat, but to my mind inferior to orthodox rubber.**

Thus I am prepared to state that rubber will eventually get the better of sponge.

### Will die

My recent experiences more than emphasize the remarks I made a year ago.

*"Sponge bats will die a natural death. It only needs time for rubber bat players to adjust their timing and the 'sponger' will fade out."*

"How come, then," you may ask, "that Dolinar, a 'sponger' and your conqueror in the quarter-final, won the Scandinavian title?"

A fair question, and here in my opinion is the answer.

Dolinar uses a different type of sponge, a thicker type which is so heavy that it is attached to one side of the bat only. As such it is no good for the orthodox player, and there lies his secret for the present.

He imparts more spin, especially side spin, making it difficult to sustain a rally. However, his mastery will, I believe, be short-lived once the

rubber bat players get practice against him.

I base this assumption on the fact that Harangozo, who lives near Dolinar and meets him often, knows how to deal with him.

### On edge

In the Scandinavian championships Harangozo lost to Flisberg in the semi-final, but had he come up against his own countryman then the general opinion was that Dolinar would not have won so easily.

I must admit that when I lost 1-3 to Dolinar in the quarter-final I was once again on edge, not knowing what to expect.

**We have heard a lot of criticism about sponge taking the spectacle out of table tennis, but this need not be the case when it is opposed to rubber. But a match between two "spongers" is just hopeless.**

### New surface

While we may have got used to the first of these "silent weapons," another one is beginning to rear its head. Ogimura tells me that Tanaka, the present Japanese champion, is us-

ing a new type of surface called soft rubber.

*"I find it absolutely impossible to return Tanaka's service," the world champion said, and Ogimura left me with the opinion that he will be switching over to this new bat on his return home.*

The new bat consists of a thin layer of sponge over the top of ordinary pimped-rubber. So it looks as though there will soon be a new talking point to add fire to the "ban sponge" critics.

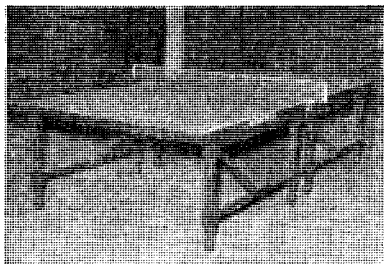
However, once again, the new material, which I have already seen, is too heavy to be of use to the orthodox player.

I regard this new weapon in the same light as ordinary sponge. Given practice, and the rubber bat players will eventually overcome it.

I feel that if there were more sponge bat players the menace would be conquered quicker. Meanwhile, in my opinion it is setting table tennis back some two or three years.

Youngsters who are now taking it up will probably find sponge of little use in a couple of years, and it will mean them having to start over again learning the control that can only come with rubber.

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# Girls Keep England's Record

By IVOR EYLES

ENGLAND have once again to thank the girls for keeping this season's unbeaten record with a 5-3 win over Germany in the mixed international at the Guildhall, Winchester, on December 9, Ann Haydon and Kathleen Best had a hand in four of England's wins, so without them we should have been in a poor way.

Each won their singles, together they won the women's doubles, and Miss Haydon partnered Ken Craigie to win the mixed doubles.

England's only other win provided by Craigie, who with his usual quick-fire methods routed Herbert Marx 12 and 12.

Derek Burridge, playing in his first international, should have given England a winning start for after taking the first game from Josef Seiz he held six match points in the second but failed to clinch them and lost the game at 23-25. He trailed throughout the decider. All credit to the German though for a great fighting recovery.

Miss Haydon levelled the match at one-all when she beat Annegret Thole at 14 in the third, but was not at all comfortable and made hard work of it, losing the second game at 19.

Conny Freundorfer and Seiz then took the doubles against Aubrey Simons and Burridge, but the Misses Best and Haydon squared matters at two-all.

Craigie with his win over Marx and Miss Best beating Ursula Fiedler 21-14, 22-20 then put England in the

position of being unable to lose.

With Germany fighting hard for at least a draw Freundorfer demonstrated his talents by disposing of Simons at 10 and 14.

One match to go and everything depending on the mixed doubles.



ANN HAYDON

The Craigie-Miss Haydon combination rose to the occasion in great style.

*Comment: First class organisation by the Winchester League, but Oh, why will organisers have new tables for these matches. Much better results would be obtained on a table that has been played on for six months or so.*

Results (English names first): D. Burridge lost to J. Seiz 21-18, 23-25, 15-21; K. Craigie beat H. Marx 21-12, 21-12; A. Simons lost to C. Freundorfer 10-21, 14-21; Miss C. Best beat Miss Y. Fiedler 21-19, 22-20; Miss A. Haydon beat Miss A. Thole 21-13, 19-21, 21-14; Simons and Burridge lost to Freundorfer and Seiz 20-22, 18-21; Miss C. Best and Miss A. Haydon beat Miss Y. Fiedler and Miss A. Thole 21-11, 17-21, 21-15; Craigie and Miss Haydon beat H. Marx and Miss Fiedler 21-15, 21-11.

## BROMWICH

ALTHOUGH West Bromwich seldom hit the headlines in Table Tennis, except through individual players such as Marjorie Cumberbatch, at one time England's No. 5 and often classified as Birmingham, it has been known throughout the Midlands for its juniors.

And those juniors are certainly going great guns at present, being unbeaten in the Midland League and including among their victims Derby, Birmingham, Leicester and Worcester. There is still a long way to go with opponents from Cheltenham, Wolverhampton and Nottingham, but they are all out for the championship.

Let us take a look at some of these boys. First and foremost there is Derek Backhouse, this season's junior international who recently toured Sweden with the England team. John Carter, member of the Junior town team played his first Men's town team recently, winning one, and Adrian Smith, who having moved still travels six or seven miles for his league matches every week.

Three members of the junior side are related: Kenneth, Stanley and John Ward.

All are promising and there are many others including Ron Hadley and Peter Bratt waiting to step up into their places.

Some four years ago, "Table Tennis" published a picture of four West Bromwich girls all under twelve throwing out an open challenge to the rest of the country. What has become of them?

Three are now in the Ladies town team: Dorothy Worrall (15), who reached the semi-finals of the Daily Mirror tournament last year, Barbara Wall (14) and Kathleen Barlow (15).

ENGLAND'S 8-1 defeat of Wales in the International at Newport on December 10 was quite the worst match between the two countries since the war.

In previous clashes the final score has often indicated a run-away victory for England, but the individual games have been keenly contested and the margin of English victory has actually been much narrower than the score suggested.

On this occasion, however, Wales were well and truly humbled and

## JUNIORS

Josie Scoltock, the fourth member has not quite made the town side, but like the other three, plays in the men's league.

Kathleen and Barbara, both trying hard to follow in Dorothy's footsteps, are due to meet in the third round of this season's Daily Mirror tournament. Barbara is also due to represent Birmingham area in London next March in the Girl national competition for under fifteens.

Table tennis in West Bromwich is however not restricted to youth, for at the other extreme there is the veteran side of Harry Spittle (48), Arthur Wall (45), John Charman (50) and Eric Cox (47). In addition to the veterans' side, all play in Division II of the men's league where they more than hold their own.

I have left the men's team to last. There have been so many changes that victories have been few and far between. Alan Deeley has been out of the side through illness, while county and international matches have limited appearances of young Backhouse. Colin Davies has also been absent on business for a couple of months.

As a long distance driver Stan Lane has been limited to certain evenings only, but Fred Morris and Keith Williams, who is showing a welcome return to form, have been playing regularly.

But win or lose, we thoroughly enjoy our games. Only one thing we all dislike—teams, local, inter-league or county who wish to postpone matches because all their best players are not available. We reckon we have 400 reserves and would be prepared to play No. 400 if the others were unable to appear. A. A. WALL

# Wales Humbled

even appeared to lack their characteristic fighting spirit.

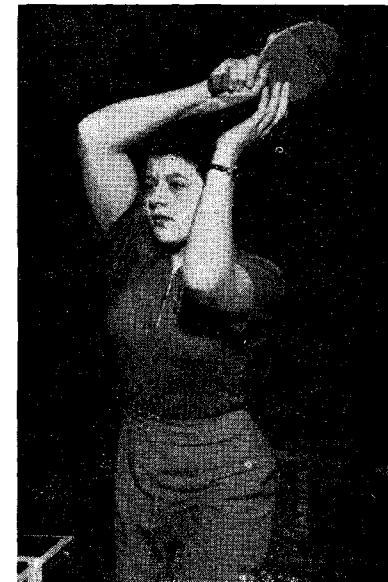
It has to be admitted that the floor of the Drill Hall was very slippery, but conditions were the same for both sides. Whereas the English players adapted themselves, the Welsh

The solitary Welsh victory came from John Davies and Walter Sweetland, who beat Aubrey Simons and Ray Hinchliffe in the doubles, Sweetland also put up a spirited struggle with Harry Venner in the singles, while Morgan and Jones took Burridge and Venner to three games in the doubles. Of the other matches, the least said the better.

One of the biggest disappointments for the Welsh was the poor form of Audrey Bates, who could take only seven points from Ann Haydon in two games. And to think that only two weeks previously she had beaten Kathie Best. She did not look the same player.

Derek Burridge making amends for his defeat in the German match the previous night, marked up his first international singles victory with a straight games win over Jones. He dominated the match through, taking the first game with the loss of only six points and dropped only 12 in the second.

Results (English names first): D. Burridge beat Jones 21-6, 21-12, H. Venner beat W. Sweetland 21-17, 22-20, R. Hinchliffe beat Morgan 21-10, 21-12, A. Simons beat Davies 21-8, 21-10, Miss A. Haydon beat Miss A. Bates 21-13, 21-4, Miss C. K. Best beat Miss S. Jones 21-14, 21-10, Simons and Hinchliffe lost to Davies and Sweetland 21-13, 9-21, 19-21, Burridge and Venner beat Morgan and Jones, 21-14, 13-21, 21-10, Miss Haydon and Miss Best beat Miss Gray and Miss Jones 21-19, 21-11. W.H.E.



KATHIE BEST

allowed themselves to be upset unduly and a small and strangely unenthusiastic crowd saw a very poor Welsh effort.

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## Letters to the Editor

### NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Would it be possible for more space to be devoted to the above Championships?

All counties would be interested to have playing details of all matches that have taken place during the previous month.

At the present time only a few matches are reported in the National Press in detail, and if we could have this information in the National magazine I think that it would not only be useful to County selectors but greatly appreciated by the players. After all, the competition is the most important in the country after the English Open Individual Championships.

I think also that from now onwards divisional tables should be given every month and as much information as possible.

Every effort is needed these days to stimulate interest in County matches, and more publicity would be of help.

**HARRY WALKER**

(Hon. Gen. Sec.,  
Essex County T.T.A.).

**Editor's Note:** Space, even with the use of smaller type, would not allow for full detailed results of all county matches. Twenty matches, for instance,

would take up at least a page and a half.

I should be interested to hear the opinion of other readers. If the demand is sufficient, I will see what can be done.

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### REPLY TO CARRINGTON

Intrigued, and flattered in some respects, as I was by Jack Carrington's Notebook comments concerning me, I feel his remarks were something of a back-handed compliment.

While neither confirming nor denying his summing-up of my playing methods, I must take issue with him on the question of training. Indeed, I suggest that my training schedule, be it Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter, is a good deal more rigorous than Jack's.

A well cultivated garden (over 5,000 square feet) means considerably harder labour all the year round than Jack's gymnastic exercises. Two days' cricket a week during the summer is better than any of your fancy cross-country runs—opposing batsmen see to that. Ask Harry Venner. As for the short sprints, my dog loves these.

May I have the pleasure of joining you, Jack, in kicking your brown bowler over Woolwich Arsenal? I think I can keep pace with you.

**RON ETHERIDGE**

(Bromley).

### DRESS PROPERLY

I wonder if Peter Madge's suggestion (November issue) that the English Junior Boys' Team should be equipped with a set of identical windcheaters, for the tour of Sweden, was carried out? I hope so. It is essential that foreign countries do not get the impression that we do everything "slap-dash."

I would like to suggest that in all Open Tournaments, regulation dress must be worn. This rule is broken far too often.

For example, at the South of England Open, a boy of about 16 passed me dressed in flannels, a cream shirt, a red short-sleeved pullover, and wearing blue shoes with half-inch crepes. I asked him if he had come to watch. He replied: "Not likely, I'm playing," and he did, too, dressed like that.

**JOHN GRANT**

(Croydon).

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### NEVER ASKED

With reference to Mr. Frank Bate-man's statement under "Talking Point," that many tournaments have experienced difficulty in finding sufficient umpires, I should like to make the following comments:—

I have been told by several County Umpires that they are never asked to officiate at Open Tournaments, which

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seems strange when a list of names and addresses can be obtained from County Umpire Secretaries, and I presume that the majority of County Umpires have qualified with the object of so assisting. I am, however, of the opinion that a large number of players take the umpire for granted and do not extend the common courtesy of a "Thank you" after a match. Bearing in mind that the umpire has given up an entire evening for the benefit of the players, this attitude is most disheartening and does not encourage further attendance.

A. V. MEYERN  
(Wembley).

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## COUNTY CHANGE

I understand Essex are to put forward a proposal that the plan of play in the County Championships be altered, to allow for two ladies' singles. This seems an excellent idea, for at present the men have too much of the cake. One ladies' singles against six for the men hardly seems gallant. It is high time the ladies had more of the limelight in County matches, and it is surprising that they have accepted the present position so meekly. An extra ladies' singles, at the expense of one men's singles, or of the mixed doubles, seems the obvious solution.

CONRAD JASCHKE  
(Kent).

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## OVERLOOKED

Worcestershire were apparently overlooked in Geoffrey Harrower's comments on the Midland Division of the County championship last month, but mark my words, we are a team to be reckoned with.

We were late starting our county programme, but with victories over Leicestershire and Staffordshire, both by a 7-3 margin, we are chasing the leaders.

Worcestershire have been runners-up for the past two seasons, and are determined to move up a place this time.

Mick Hawkins, Bobby Goode, Louis Devereux, Beryl Steed, and Molly Hough played in both matches and acquitted themselves well. A newcomer to the county side is John Smith, a Worcester City player, who is showing plenty of promise.

The Staffs. match brought us up against one of our ex-players, John Osborne.

MRS. B. P. MOSS.

## WHY TAKE OUT LUCK?

The new rule suggested by W. Duell in last month letters is ridiculous. Why penalise a net cord? It is a good shot and one we all like to achieve. If it comes off at 20—all, then that's the rub of the green.

W. BRENNAN,  
(Co. Durham)

# TOO MANY TEXT-BOOK PLAYERS

by

B. D. SCOVELL

I WAS at one of our big Open tournaments recently, and one particular feature struck me. Although there were twenty-four players on twelve different tables, it was impossible to differentiate between players. If I was watching No. 1 table I could cross the hall and watch exactly the same type of game on table No. 12.

The fact that nearly all of our players are using the same style, occurred to me to be chiefly the reason why the Japanese have superceded us as top-notchers.

Has this tendency to produce players of a same breed—like production units running off a conveyor belt in a factory—a bad effect on the nation's playing standards? I say it has.

*There is no defined, infallible way of playing table tennis. The person reaching 21 points first is the best player, irrespective of how he does it.*

I believe that the stereotyped ideas of top-spin and back-spin are outdated. The Japanese, who rely on angling the ball and hard hitting, have upset the whole table tennis world. To date, we have no effective answer to them.

### Chess-like

In our tournaments, and top-class play, we see two players playing a kind of chess. Because one of them has studied the official style he knows what his opponent will do next. But when they get up against the Japanese they are lost: there is no text book, or coach, to guide them.

*We know, from past records, that most of the world's champions have built their reputations on one aspect of the game: Barna on his backhand; Bergman on his defence, and so on. Yet we are producing all-rounders, the players who do a bit of everything; chisellers, defenders, and attackers all wrapped into one. As a result we have produced a whole host of second class internationals, and not one truly great English born champion, with the exception, of course, of Johnny Leach.*

We should aim for a little more

individualism, and a little more specialization. It is better to be a master of one trade than an apprentice at many.

Recently, I saw a player who has been coached by an international. Last season she did nothing else but forehand smash. Everything about her play was unorthodox, but she won a lot of games, and lost very few. Since her coaching she has gone right back.

### Big Mistake

When an opponent drives, she retreats and tries to use a defence she hasn't got, and probably won't have. She is playing according to the text-book, and losing more than she ever did in the past.

This, I think, is a prime mistake concerning coaching. The coach should have developed her talent at hitting, for example, her forehand smash.

The Japanese have shown that our style is antiquated. It is time we took heed from the lesson and submit ourselves to a minor revolution.

In football the red light has been shown and the F.A. are undergoing a few reforms. The E.T.T.A. should follow suit.

**There need not be a major upheaval; the way to win through to world supremacy again is to develop the best qualities of the play of our youngsters. If they backhand "kill" everything, let them — as long as they're winning.**

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# ALL-ROUNDER OR SPECIALIST?

By

LANCE TINGAY

of "The Daily Telegraph"

**T**HE remarkable success of Miss Ann Haydon poses a problem. I need say nothing of her talents at table tennis but I would stress that she is junior lawn tennis champion of Great Britain.

The basic question is, can she play both games?

Of Miss Haydon's personal problem in the matter I am in no wise concerned, for that is entirely her own affair. It might be better if I rephrased the question in more general terms, to what extent can one duplicate games playing effort?

Table tennis is a sport with a special interest in the matter, particularly in relation to lawn tennis. The example of Fred Perry, the first Englishman to become world champion at table tennis, will at once occur to everyone, for he went on to become uniquely great at lawn tennis.

Just before the war there was Miss Jean Nicoll, now Mrs. Bostock. In 1938 she was in much the same position as Miss Haydon is now. The English table tennis championship came her way and, even after the war, there can be no doubt she could have become a very great lawn tennis player if she had not decided to devote herself to her family.

## Chose Lawn Tennis

Eric Filby was (and is) first class at both games, Howard Walton also. Mrs. Vera Thomas was the same. There is Miss Jill Rook. William Knight was a junior international at table tennis but has now evidently made the decision to cast in his lot with lawn tennis. Many more examples could be cited.

Fifty years ago no games player would have been ready to admit that a problem existed at all. In the days of the all-rounders it was taken for granted it was possible to reach

supreme skill at more than one game. Need I mention C. B. Fry? I would mention the late J. C. Parke, who won the Davis Cup for the British Isles at lawn tennis and got thirty or more caps as a rugby international for Ireland.

The period before the first world war was a halcyon one in sport. I rarely tire of listening to elderly enthusiasts as they recount those wondrous tales of so-an-so, a blue at cricket, an international at soccer, champion at rackets, who, never before having heard of or seen the game, picked up a frying pan, stood on one leg, tied one arm behind his back and then soundly beat the then best player in Britain at ping-pong.

If the game were not ping-pong it was squash rackets, never lawn tennis or badminton. I have never understood why.

These elderly enthusiasts usually infer that such a state of affairs no longer exists because of sporting decadence. That, of course, is not so.

## A Good Eye

The all-rounder still exists, and always will exist, because if you have a good enough eye and physical skill to play, for example, table tennis well that same eye and physique will enable you to excel similarly at any other game you care to turn to. What about Miss Audrey Bates? Is she not Welsh international at table tennis, lawn tennis, squash rackets and either lacrosse or hockey—or, maybe, both?

The crux of the problem hinges on the fact that to be supremely good at any game, by which I mean to have reasonable aspiration to be world champion or its equivalent, demands a degree of specialisation unheard of in the old days of the all-rounders. Perry was table tennis champion before becoming champion at lawn tennis. He did not do both at the same time.

As it happens, table tennis and lawn tennis are two games with happy relationship. The skills do not conflict. Indeed, I would say they

are complementary and though I hold it an over-simplification when it is said that Perry adapted his table tennis technique to the lawn tennis court a parallel can be made between his attacking forehand at table tennis and his running forehand at lawn tennis.

## Nimble Footwork

How far lawn tennis technique may detract or add to the indoor game I do not feel confident to express views about, but I am not sure I agree with certain professional opinion that table tennis is of assistance to lawn tennis only up to a point when it becomes a handicap.

As I see it table tennis cannot but help lawn tennis. It builds up lightning reaction and nimble footwork. It is held there is a stage, an advanced stage, when table tennis leads to too much top spin on the lawn tennis forehand.

Since no-one can hit a lawn tennis ball like a table tennis ball by reasons of weight of the instrument alone—not even Perry—I do not see why this should be so. If it is so, then I would argue that it should equally lead to a development of top-spin on the backhand also, a factor that would be a great benefit to an immense number of lawn tennis players.

## No conflict

On the physical plane I see no conflict between the two games. It is, however, another matter on the mental side. To become a possible world champion at table tennis demands concentration of effort sublimating all else.

It is the same with lawn tennis. I feel it would take a rare genius who could do both at the same time, for the psychological specialisation must be all absorbing.

Which is why lesser lights undoubtedly have much more fun. We can play table tennis, lawn tennis, squash rackets and badminton and so on rather badly but enjoy every moment of it.

# Eddie Hodson Restores Prestige

PETER MADGE  
SPOTLIGHTS  
SWEDISH TOUR

**E**NGLAND suffered their first international defeat of the season when our juniors were beaten 1-5 in their recent tour of Sweden. The blow was, however, softened by diminutive 15-years-old Eddie Hodson, of Middlesex, carrying off the junior singles title in the Scandinavian "Open."

This was England's second defeat by Sweden since the series were inaugurated in 1948, the previous one being the away match in 1951.

In all matches prior to the international which was played at Vingaker, in central Sweden, our boys had played at the top of their form, but were assailed by nervousness in the big match, and all turned in performances well below par.

The sole victor on our side was Terry Densham, of Surrey, who beat Ljungstrom. Hasse Petterson, the Swedish No. 1, beat both Hodson and Derek Backhouse (Staffs.).

From Vingaker the team travelled direct to Stockholm for the Scandinavian "Open," and it was here that Hodson, winner of last year's "Daily Mirror" tournament, scored a great triumph for himself and England.

## Defeat avenged

On his way to the final from his unseeded position, he avenged his international defeat by Petterson, the top seed, winning their second round tie in straight games 21-19, 21-17. In the semi-final he disposed of Backhouse 11-21, 21-16, 21-17, then won the final against Nordblom.

Densham, England's other representative, who received a walk-over in both the first two rounds, unexpectedly lost to Nordblom in his opening match.

In contrast to the English "open," where the junior final is always relegated to an early session, the Scandinavian title was given equal showing with the other finals, thus young Hodson had to play before a capacity crowd at the superbly modernistic Erikdalshallen, the scene of Johnny Leach's first World singles victory in



JUNIOR TOURISTS TERRY DENSHAM, EDDIE HODSON  
AND DEREK BACKHOUSE

1949. Hodson stood up to the test magnificently.

*Out of a total of seven matches the English juniors won five, and drew one, their only defeat being in the international. The drawn match was the last one of the tour, against Tierp, a town some 80 miles from Stockholm, the score being five—all. Densham was undefeated in his three singles, but Hodson and Backhouse each lost two.*

Although Hodson gained the "plum," Densham was the most successful of the three juniors, winning 16 of his 18 matches. Hodson and

Backhouse each won 11 out of 16 matches played.

**International Results** (English names first): E. Hodson lost R. Ljungstrom 18-21, 10-21, lost H. Petterson 8-21, 21-19, 17-21; D. Backhouse lost Petterson 18-21, 9-21; lost J. Borgstrom 18-21, 14-21; T. Densham lost Borgstrom 19-21, 21-13, 14-21; bt Ljungstrom 9-21, 22-20, 21-16.

**Tour Results:** bt Gothenburg Youth 6-0; bt Vegby 6-0; beat Smalandsstenars 5-2; bt Vetland 6-0; bt Stockholm Youth 6-0; lost Sweden (international) 1-5; drew Tierp 5-5.

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# Area News:

## SCOTTISH NOTES

SCOTTISH activities have stepped up in recent weeks with the East of Scotland "Open", the international against Ireland and the Scottish "Open" following one another in quick succession.

It seems that upsets are usual in the East of Scotland event and we certainly had some shocks in the men's singles with Johnny Campbell, the Glasgow international, going out in the first round to A. Wassin, an Edinburgh second division player, Johnny Miller (Edinburgh), despite his sponge bat, losing to A. Metcalf, and Victor Garland (Aberdeen), Scotland No. 1, beaten by A. K. Laidlaw (Edinburgh).

Eddie Still (Glasgow) eventually took the title, beating Metcalfe in the semi-final and Laidlaw in the final.

Miss Betty Steventon, the former English Corbillon Cup player, now resident in Scotland, carried off the women's title.

Finals Results—Men's Singles: E. Still (Glasgow) beat A. K. Laidlaw (Edinburgh) 21-13, 21-17. Women's Singles: Miss E. Steventon (Edinburgh) beat Mrs. I. Cababe (Edinburgh) 21-13, 21-14. Men's Doubles: J. Campbell and A. Metcalfe (Glasgow) beat V. Garland (Aberdeen) and R. L. Forman (Dundee) 18-21, 21-17, 21-11. Women's Doubles: Miss Steventon and Mrs. Cababe beat Miss J. Segal and Miss Y. Shaw (Glasgow) 21-14, 21-12. Mixed Doubles: J. Miller and Mrs. Cababe beat T. McMichael and Miss H. Houliston (Edinburgh) 22-20, 21-15. Junior Singles: E. Letham (Glasgow) beat I. Barclay (Edinburgh) 17-21, 21-14, 21-19.

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## FIRST HOME WIN

Showing changes from the side that was defeated by England, Scotland introduced a new "cap" in T. Gilmour (Dundee) and brought in Miss Helen Houliston (Edinburgh) in place of Mrs. Cababe for the match with Ireland at Govan Town Hall, Glasgow, on December 3. It paid dividends in the shape of a 5-4 victory, our third success in ten encounters with Ireland and our first ever win in a home international.

Gilmour showed none of the expected "nerves", to mark up a winning debut and with Campbell also won the doubles. Miss Houliston was also unbeaten in singles and doubles.

Detailed results (Scottish names first): T. Gilmour beat W. Pappin 21-12, 21-16; J. Campbell beat T. Seacy 21-11, 21-18; E. Still lost to I. E. Martin 14-21, 21-19, 15-21; V. H. Garland lost to H. O'Prey 15-21, 17-21; Miss H. Elliot beat Miss J. Owens 21-16, 21-10; Miss H. M. Houliston beat Miss M. Lyons 21-16, 21-16; Garland and Still lost to O'Prey and Pappin 11-21, 12-21; Gilmour and Campbell beat Martin and Seacy 21-17, 13-21, 21-15; Miss Elliot and Miss Houliston beat Miss Owens and Miss Lyons 21-7, 21-15.

Several of the Irish players took part in the Scottish "Open" at Hamilton the following day and once again came a series of shocks with six of the seeds disappearing by the quarter-finals in the men's singles. It was much the same in the men's doubles, with the result that as far as actual play, the finals were the poorest since 1946.

Johnny Miller used his sponge bat to good purpose in winning the men's singles. He included among his victims



HELEN ELLIOT

O'Prey, the Irish favourite for the title.

Edinburgh players had a field day taking all seven titles. Miss Helen Elliot once again dominated the women's events, winning the singles for the fourth successive year, and completing the treble for the fifth time in six years.

To the juniors went the honour of producing the most exciting play of the finals, their clean and frequent hitting being an object lesson to some of the seniors.

Finals results: Men's Singles: J. Miller (Edinburgh) beat A. K. Laidlaw (Edinburgh) 21-11, 21-15; Women's Singles: Miss H. Elliot (Edinburgh) beat Miss E. D. Steventon (Edinburgh) 21-8, 21-12. Men's Doubles: G. Fraser and G. Bell (Edinburgh) beat J. Hillan (Glasgow) and H. C. Baxter (Hamilton) 21-19, 21-11. Women's Doubles: Miss Elliot and Miss Houliston beat Miss Steventon and Mrs. I. Cababe 22-24, 21-19, 21-10. Mixed Doubles: Miller and Miss Elliot beat I. E. Martin and Miss J. Owens (Ireland) 21-13, 21-13. Boys' Singles: J. Barclay (Edinburgh) beat E. Letham (Glasgow) 21-16, 21-19. Girls' Singles: Miss Houliston (Edinburgh) beat Miss D. Black 21-13, 21-17.

Bob Dykes.

## KENT NEWS

FOR the first time in three seasons Ray Syndercombe (Woolwich) is rested, when Kent meet Surrey in the Second Division (South) of the County championship at Canterbury on January 15. He has been disappointing so far this season, but it is hoped that his return to form will not be long delayed now that he has to fight for his county place.

Stepping up into the county team is 19-years-old Brian Hellberg (N.W. Kent), a wireless apprentice at Vidor (Erith).

Brian excelled himself in the Kent v. R.A.F. match, and convincingly partnered Joyce Fielder to victory over Ivor Jones and Miss Jean Page in his only County appearance.

Kent are very much in the promotion hunt and their chances have been increased now that Vic Atterano (Woolwich) is again available following an operation.

The Surrey match should give an indication of Kent prospects.

### Promotion Possible

Last season Kent finished third, but the ill-conceived rule, whereby promotion depends on the number of teams in the division, prevented them going up. This season with eight teams competing, third place behind Middlesex and Surrey would bring Premier Division status.

The position is that a team finishing third behind two counties who are already represented in the Premier Division, gain promotion providing there are more than six teams in the section.

The Kent League competition has got off to a slow start, and with half the season gone rather less than a third of the fixtures have been completed.

### LEAGUE TABLES

#### Men's Division I

|            | P. | W. | F. | A. | P. |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| N. W. Kent | 5  | 5  | 40 | 10 | 10 |
| Woolwich   | 4  | 4  | 31 | 9  | 8  |
| Bromley    | 3  | 3  | 23 | 7  | 6  |

#### Ladies

|              |   |   |    |    |   |
|--------------|---|---|----|----|---|
| Maidstone    | 4 | 4 | 35 | 5  | 8 |
| Medway Towns | 3 | 3 | 24 | 6  | 6 |
| Gravesend    | 5 | 3 | 28 | 22 | 6 |
| N.W. Kent    | 2 | 2 | 16 | 4  | 4 |

#### Juniors

|               |   |   |    |    |   |
|---------------|---|---|----|----|---|
| N.W. Kent     | 2 | 2 | 20 | 0  | 4 |
| Folkestone    | 2 | 2 | 19 | 1  | 4 |
| Sittingbourne | 2 | 1 | 6  | 14 | 2 |

In the northern section of Div. II (Men), Medway Towns and N.W. Kent, both unbeaten, share the lead, having drawn 5-all against each other. Last season's champions in the Men's and Ladies' divisions, Woolwich and Maidstone, both have a favourite's chance of retaining their titles.

The terrific form of Ron Etheridge gives Bromley a good chance of improving on last year's third position, while Joan Beadle's continued unbeaten run puts Medway Towns right into the picture in the Ladies division.

In the junior division a change of champions is certain. Woolwich, last season's winners, have fallen away, and the issue appears to rest between Folkestone and N.W. Kent.

Folkestone call on Alan Maddaford, Tony Piddock and Hart, while N.W. Kent have George Elliott, Mike Smith and Roy Heyman.

Conrad Jaschke

## MEMO FROM MERSEYSIDE

I WAS interested in the December Editorial regarding Tournament Problems, but the answer to the question is not so simple as Mr. Moorhead suggests.

He says his own task has been made easy by the generosity of Scarborough hotels and that his invitations to stars have carried heavy ammunition in the shape of travelling expenses and free accommodation, which of course cannot be done by all Tournament organisers. Nevertheless Mr. Moorhouse does not get the entries. Why?

I suggest the answer is that the particular stars he wants are out of the Country earning big money abroad, made possible by the reputations they built here, through entering these self-same Tournaments in their early days, when they were fighting for recognition. But don't worry Mr. Moorhouse, we haven't lost them for ever. They'll be back in this Country ready for the English and the World Championships—particularly the latter.

Caution. Don't judge all the stars alike, there are still some about who have consideration for others.

The Cheshire Open takes place on January 29, and here are some particulars as supplied to me by Bill Devine.

### Coming of age

This season the Cheshire Open Championships form part of the 21st Birthday Anniversary Celebrations of the Chester & District Table Tennis League which was formed in 1933 due, mainly, to the efforts of the present Chairman, Mr. R. C. Juler, a Chester Dentist.

The venue, which has been described by National Executive Committee member, Mr. Norman Cook, as eminently satisfactory in every way and certainly in his far from narrow experience the best available hall in the North West, is The Drill Hall, Volunteer Street, Chester, a mere stone's throw from the city centre and less than 10 minutes' walk from the Chester General Station.

Ten Dunlop Barna Tables have been made available for the tournament and Barna Balls will be used. While it has not been possible to arrange for hot meals to be provided at the Drill Hall, buffet arrangements will be in force in the hall throughout the tournament. Players desiring a proper meal should have no difficulty in satisfying their needs at one of the city's many cafés and hotels which are close at hand.

As to playing conditions, the hall has a wood block floor—the run back and space between tables will be more than adequate—and special lighting will be installed over each table.

It may be that many table tennis players may not have visited Chester, but I venture to suggest that few can have failed to have heard of the existence of this charming old world city with its many unusual characteristics which have led to it being a "must" on the list of places in England to be visited by visitors from overseas.

If any would-be entrants are wavering by reason of opposition from the fair sex

(wife or girl friend), they should need only to mention the word "Chester" and a joint outing will result.

The city has a unique two-tier shopping centre, often given credit for being the best shopping centre in the north-west outside Liverpool and Manchester, many fine examples of architecture of days gone by, a magnificent cathedral, and is the only city in the country to be completely encircled by Roman Walls.

For those who look for attractions in the lighter vein, Chester is well supplied with eating and drinking houses, cinemas and dance halls. In short, Chester provides an ideal setting for a day out.

Entry Forms are available from Mr. S. H. Dutton, 35, Carrick Road, Curzon Park, Chester. Closing date, January 15.

### Bill Stamp

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## WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

**B**OTH divisions of the Western Counties League have taken an interesting position following some exciting and surprising results since the last issue.

**Birmingham** met their first defeat in the First Division when they journeyed to **Cheltenham**, the home side winning 7—3. M. Leach, R. Griffin and P. Cruwys were on top form for Cheltenham winning their matches against R. Holt, R. Moseley and R. MacKay. Birmingham had to rely on the ladies for their successes, Pam Mortimer beating Mollie Jones, and Jean MacKay beating Miss J. Rattey, in an exceedingly close game 21—18, 28—26.

But no sooner had **Cheltenham** pulled off this great win than they crashed 4—6 at **Bristol**.

"Sponger" Basil Bucknell played brilliantly for Bristol beating both **Leach** and **Cruwys**. Miss E. Pomroy and Miss J. Collier added to the Bristol successes by winning their singles and doubles in convincing style.

Roger Haydon had a stern battle against **Cruwys** losing in the third, but played well to beat **Bob Griffin**, while **D. Jones** lost to both **Griffin** and **Leach**.

### Great Battle

In the Second Division **Weston** visited **West Wilts.**, and what a grand battle this was with a high standard of play, and both teams finishing level at 5—all. **Mick Bennett** forced the draw for **Weston** with a 2—1 win over **J. Pearce**.

**Weston** were involved in another grand-stand finish when they visited **Newport** and lost 4—6. **Bennett** was again faced with the responsibility of trying to force the draw but narrowly lost to **Frank Hybart** in the final set.

After losing their last two matches **Taunton** sprang a big surprise with a 6—4 win over **Bristol** "seconds", who up to that stage had been undefeated. **Taunton** quickly took a 4—1 lead and **Bristol** staged a brilliant rally to pull up to 4—5 but **G. Banfield** just failed to hold **A. Parsons** in the final match which went to three games. **D. Hebden** gained two clear cut victories for **Taunton**, while **Miss D. Jenkins**, of **Bristol** showed devastating form in beating **Mrs. Angell** 21—4, 21—10.

Results : First Division : **Bristol** 6, **Cheltenham** 4; **Cheltenham** 7, **Birmingham** 3.

Second Division : **West Wilts.** 5, **Weston** 5; **Bristol II** 4, **Taunton** 6; **Newport II** 6, **Weston** 4.

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## GLOUCESTER SNIPPETS

**P**RIDE of place this month goes to Brian Merrett for his great performance in eliminating Conny Freundorfer, of Germany, from the Welsh "Open". It was no mean feat for the young German, who has beaten both Johnny Leach and Aubrey Simons, is rapidly developing into one of the strongest players in Europe. Great stuff Brian. Keep it up.

It is pleasing to Gloucestershire to find Simons, who played against both Germany and Wales last month, still holding his place in the England team.

Congratulations to two new county umpires, W. E. Griffiths—"Griff" to his pals—the popular secretary of the Cheltenham Association, and Peter Cruwys, well known Cheltenham player. Both have passed their written and practical tests, to join that small but competent band of Gloucestershire umpires.

Only one match has been played in the county league, **Forest of Dean** beating **Dursley** 7—3. L. Bonsor and A. Davies were unbeaten for Forest.

**Cheltenham** had home advantage for their annual "blood" match with **Gloucester** for the "Ted Warner" Shield and for the fourth successive year won 5—4. Merrett won both his singles for Gloucester, but Cheltenham leading 4—3 found Maurice Smith winning the decisive game against M. Morgan. Bob Griffin fighting to regain his county place from Morley, trounced his young rival 21—9, 21—5.

Ivor Eyles

## PORTSMOUTH POINTERS

**W**ITH one week to go for the half-way stage only two teams and two players had hundred per cent. records in the Portsmouth and District League.

The clubs: Grosvenor Free League, leaders of the First Division and R.A.F. (Titchfield) in the Fifth Division.

The players: R. Coughlan (R.A.O.C. I. Hilsa) and D. Eneas (Copnor), the junior mentioned last month. Both have played and won 27 games.

G. R. Cooper, match secretary of the Grosvenor Club has generously presented the Association with a trophy for the women's singles in the Portsmouth "Special" Tournament.

Two of his club members fought out the final on December 19, Miss S. Ball beating Miss D. Wightman, the Hampshire No. 1, 21—10, 21—17.

The Grosvenor Club also provided the men's singles winner, when R. Henderson, local junior champion, surprisingly beat the holder, D. Foster (Copnor), 19—21, 21—9, 21—8.

Portsmouth and District executive committee are using the £10 received from the organisers of last year's "Daily Mirror" Tournament towards the purchase of two cups, to be allocated to Division V and Women's Division II.

The Hampshire "closed" takes place at the Grosvenor Club on March 20, and is followed by the Portsmouth "closed" from March 21 to 26. Grosvenor have 19 teams entered in the P and D League.

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# AROUND THE LEAGUES

Norman Sugerhood, just back from two years' service in the Far East with the R.A.F., has joined his father, Harry Sugerhood, former English veterans' champion, in the Romford United Services Club, in the **ROMFORD LEAGUE**. United's Premier Division prospects received a severe setback when they lost 1—9 to the powerful Red Triangle Club.

Rumours that **MAIDSTONE LEAGUE'S** women's team, Kent League champions, were doomed to disperse because of matrimony, now appear unfounded. Marriage has made no difference to Val Keeley (now Mrs. Fuller), who with Joyce Robeson, shortly to be married, has put Maidstone once again in the final rounds of the Rose Bowl. Third member of the team is June Clarkson.

Bernard Crouch, the international, has helped L.C.C. (Staff) "A" to an unbeaten record in the Premier Division of the **LONDON BUSINESS HOUSES** League. G.E.C., assisted by Betty Isaacs and Kath Burge, are at the top of the Ladies' Division.

**Edwasca** have started well in their first season in the **LONDON FEDERATION**, beating **Beckenham** and **Horological**. **Insurance Offices** have beaten **Horological** and **Walthamstow**, while **London Business Houses** have proved too strong for **Bromley** and **Woolwich**.

**London Provision Trades**, in their first season, have found the standard too high, losing to **London Breweries** and **London Banks**.

**London Civil Service** have beaten **Walthamstow**, while **London Banks** and **Woolwich** drew their match.

In representative fixtures, the Federation have beaten both **Oxfordshire** and **Cambridgeshire**.

Newly formed **SOUTH MOLTON AND DISTRICT** are now running 16 teams in two divisions. The two strongest clubs appear to be the "Comets" and North Molton Boys' Club.

North Molton "Atomics" became league leaders recently, thanks largely to young Mickey Priest securing a hat-trick against the "Comets." "Meteors," "Comets'" stable-mates, are still unbeaten, two points behind the leaders with two games in hand. Priest has twice played in inter-

league games, and is regarded locally as a fine prospect.

Between 97 and 98 per cent of members' teams enter the **SLOUGH AND DISTRICT** handicap competition. First Division players start at scratch, Second Division at five, Third Division at eight, Fourth Division at 10, Fifth Division at 11, and Sixth Division at 12. In addition, certain selected county representatives give a game start to all players in Divisions two to six.

Miss Peggy Northcott (St. Georgians) took three titles in the **SOUTH DEVON AND TORBAY** closed championships at Torquay: the singles, women's doubles with Mrs. M. Gilbert, and mixed doubles handicap with P. Worrall.

Former English junior champion Wilf Rowe, making a welcome return to the competitive scene, took the men's singles and doubles with G. Addison.

Hiltingbury "A" and Alresford "B," who shared the honours at 5-all when they met, are the present leaders of the **WINCHESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE**.

With maximum points from their first 10 matches, British Legion look like gaining promotion to the First Division in the **PRESTON LEAGUE**.

**PRESTON LEAGUE** are busy looking for new headquarters, since the loss of their Bairstow-street premises.

St. Luke's lost their unbeaten record in the **HARROGATE LEAGUE** when they came up against Apprentices' "B." St. Luke's are in their first season of competitive table tennis.

**AYLESBURY DISTRICT** won the Bucks. Education Committee's table tennis championship in the inter-district finals at Aylesbury on December 6.

Exmouth, Plymouth "A" and Exeter "A" are figuring in a three-cornered battle for the **DEVON LEAGUE** men's division.

Youngster showing good form in the **PLYMOUTH LEAGUE** is 14-years-old C. Hiscock, who plays for Keyham St. Thomas "B."

# NATIONAL CUP RESULTS AND DRAW

## WILMOTT CUP

### Third Round Results

**Huddersfield** 9, Halifax 0.  
 ZONE 1 (A)  
**Lincoln** 5, Scunthorpe 4.  
 ZONE 1 (B)  
 ZONE 2 (A)  
**Nelson** 4, Southport 5.  
 ZONE 2 (B)  
**Manchester** 7, Stockport 2.  
 ZONE 3(A)  
**Birmingham** 7, Northampton 2.  
 ZONE 3 (B)  
**Cambridge Univ.** 2, Cambridge 7.  
 ZONE 4 (A)  
**North Middx.** 8, Watford 1.  
 ZONE 4 (B)  
**Romford** 0, Ilford 5.  
 ZONE 5 (A)  
**South London** 5, London Civ. 4.  
 ZONE 5 (B)  
**Walthamstow** 3, East London 6.  
 ZONE 6 (A)  
**Croydon** 1, Staines 5.  
 ZONE 6 (B)  
**North West Kent** 1, Bromley 5.  
 ZONE 7 (B)  
**Bournemouth** 5, Southampton 4.  
 ZONE 8 (A)  
**Reading** 3, Slough 6.  
 ZONE 8 (B)  
**Gloucester** 5, Bristol 4.

## Zone Finals Draw

(on or before January 23, 1955)

**Lincoln** v Huddersfield  
 ZONE 1 (A) and 1 (B)  
**Manchester** v Southport  
 ZONE 2 (A) and 2 (B)  
**Birmingham** v Cambridge  
 ZONE 3 (A) and 3 (B)  
**North Middx.** v Ilford  
 ZONE 4 (A) and 4 (B)  
**East London** v South London  
 ZONE 5 (A) and 5 (B)  
**Bromley** v Staines  
 ZONE 6 (A) and 6 (B)  
**Brighton** v Bournemouth  
 ZONE 7 (A) and 7(B)  
**Slough** v Gloucester  
 ZONE 8 (A) and 8 (B)

ZONE 5 (A)  
**London Banks** 1, South London 8.  
 ZONE 5 (B)  
**East London** 6, Central 3.  
 ZONE 6 (A)  
**Croydon** 2, Staines 7.  
 ZONE 6 (B)  
**North West Kent** 3, Maidstone 6.  
 ZONE 8 (A)  
**Slough** 7, Maidenhead 2.

## Zone Finals Draw

(on or before January 23, 1955)

ZONE 1 (A) and 1 (B)  
**Barnsley** v Leeds  
 ZONE 2  
**Manchester** v Chester  
 ZONE 3 (A) and 3 (B)  
**Kings Lynn** v Birmingham  
 ZONE 4 (A) and 4 (B)  
**Ilford** v North Middx.  
 ZONE 5 (A) and 5 (B)  
**East London** v South London  
 ZONE 6 (A) and 6 (B)  
**Staines** v Maidstone  
 ZONE 7  
**Bournemouth** v Brighton  
 ZONE 8 (A) and 8 (B)  
**Slough** v Bristol

## ROSE BOWL

### Third Round Results

ZONE 3 (A)  
**Birmingham** w.o. Leicester scr.  
 ZONE 4 (A)  
**North Middx.** 5, Bedford 2.  
 ZONE 4 (B)  
**Southend** 1, Ilford 5.

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# COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS AND TABLES

**I**N the only Premier Division match played during the period under review, Yorkshire had a good win over Lancashire. Man of the match, however, was unquestionably Lancastrian Ron Allcock, who not only beat Brian Kennedy and Ray Dove, but shared with Cliff Booth Lancs. only other win, in the men's doubles.

The two draws in the Second Division North are encouraging for Warwickshire in their bid to regain Premier Division status, all their three possible challengers dropping one point each. Staffs. staged a terrific recovery after being 1—5 down to Northumberland, and saved a point. The last two matches must have given heart failure to the officials anxiously watching. Osborne beat Heslop 22—20, 23—25, 21—19, and Davis beat Hillyer 22—20, 25—23. As Davies had earlier beaten Heslop 23—21 in the third, and Bell for Northumberland had beaten Osborne 25—23 in the third, it will be seen that a good evening was had by all!

There was not the same closeness about individual matches, when Yorkshire drew their home match with Lincolnshire. Peter Skerratt was on top form for the visitors, being concerned in three of their victories. Wendy Blades also did well to beat Joan Bycroft.

Worcestershire played their first two matches in the Midland Division, and established themselves as firm favourites to win this division after twice being runners-up. Louis Devereux, the Worcestershire cricketer, won both his singles in easy style, whilst Hawkins also made a major contribution, being concerned in two doubles victories at the expense of Leicestershire, for whom Burraston did well to win both his singles.

Meanwhile, Warwickshire second team overwhelmed luckless Northants. Only Bond, who also plays tennis for Northants., extended his opponents to three games.

Hertfordshire seconds took the lead in the Southern Division after a desperate match with Hampshire. Supporters of brighter T.T. would have been heartened to see some non-stop all attacking play from Jackson and Wilding for Hants., and Barr, Moriarty and Edwards for the home side.

Sussex are now favourites to regain their Junior Division title. They were aided by Middlesex, who narrowly beat Suffolk 6—4. Laurie Landry was on his best form to beat both John Colline and Peter Cole in straight games, but the two brilliant Suffolk youngsters had partial revenge

by beating Lindsay and Dombey respectively, also in straight games. Unless I am very much mistaken, Cole, who was still young enough to win the under 15 singles at the Kent Junior, will give East Anglia in

general, and Suffolk in particular, the reward they deserve for their steadfast furthering of the game by gaining Junior International honours in due course.

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## PREMIER DIVISION

Yorkshire 7, Lancashire 3

## SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Northumberland 5, Staffordshire 5  
Yorkshire 5, Lincolnshire 5

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

Oxfordshire 7, Buckinghamshire 3  
Hertfordshire 6, Hampshire 4

## MIDLAND DIVISION

Leicestershire 3, Worcestershire 7  
Warwickshire 10, Northamptonshire 0  
Worcestershire 7, Staffordshire 3

## SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

Cornwall 4, Somerset 6  
Devon 6, Dorset 4

## JUNIOR DIVISION

Kent 4, Essex 6  
Middlesex 6, Suffolk 4  
Surrey 2, Sussex 8

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

|               | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Hertfordshire | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 12 | 5   |
| Hampshire     | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 13 | 4   |
| Oxfordshire   | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 17 | 2   |
| Bucks         | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 18 | 1   |

### EASTERN DIVISION

|                | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Bedfordshire   | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 9  | 6   |
| Cambridgeshire | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 14 | 4   |
| Suffolk        | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 16 | 2   |
| Norfolk        | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9  | 21 | 0   |

### JUNIOR DIVISION

|               | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Sussex        | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 9  | 6   |
| Middlesex     | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 15 | 6   |
| Suffolk       | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 14 | 5   |
| Essex         | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 12 | 4   |
| Kent          | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 21 | 3   |
| Surrey        | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 26 | 2   |
| Hertfordshire | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6  | 14 | 1   |
| Bedfordshire  | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 29 | 1   |

### MIDLAND DIVISION

|                | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Warwickshire   | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 9  | 5   |
| Worcestershire | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 6  | 4   |
| Derbyshire     | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 6  | 3   |
| Staffordshire  | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 2   |
| Leicestershire | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7  | 13 | 0   |
| Northants      | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1  | 19 | 0   |

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# FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

In the Open Tournaments below, events shown in the column are additional to M.S., W.S., M.D., W.D., and X.D. in every case. The closing date for entries is shown in brackets after the title. Suitable entries are inserted in this diary without charge but all organisers should send information to The Editor at the earliest date possible.

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Details and Venue</i>  | <i>Extra Events</i>          | <i>Organising Secretary</i>   |
|-------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| Jan. 15-16  | <b>Belgian Open</b>   |                              |   |
| 16-22       | <b>N. W. Kent Open (Dec. 13)</b><br>Barnehurst Residents' Club, Parkside Ave., Barnehurst, Bexleyheath, Kent. | B.S.<br>G.S.                 | Mr. C. Jaschke, 22, Sidcup Hill Gardens, Sidcup, Kent.                      |
| 21-22       | <b>South Yorks Open (Jan. 8)</b><br>Firth Browns Canteen, Saville Street, Sheffield, Yorks.                   | B.S.                         | Mr. R. D. Renshaw, 7, Luna Croft, Gleadless, Sheffield 12.                  |
| 23          | <b>Southampton Open (Jan 8)</b><br>Royal Pier Pavilion, Southampton.  | B.S.                         | Mr. K. H. Miles, 46, Bevois Valley Road, Southampton.                       |
| 25-28       | <b>Cambridgeshire Closed</b><br>Corn Exchange, Cambridge.   |                              | Mr. J. W. Baughan, 20, St. John's Street, Cambridge.                        |
| 27-29       | <b>Cheshire Open (Jan. 15)</b><br>Drill Hall, Volunteer Street, Chester.                                      | B.S.<br>G.S.<br>V.S.         | Mr. S. H. Dutton, 35, Carrick Road, Curzon Park, Chester.                   |
| 29          | <b>Swansea "Open" (Jan. 24)</b><br>Mond Nickel Works, Recreation Hall, Clydach, Swansea.                      | J.S.                         | Mr. John Guy, 20, Dovey Place, Llanllienwen, Morriston, Swansea.            |
| 29-30       | <b>Kent Open (Jan. 10)</b><br>Marine Gardens Pavilion, Folkestone.  | J.S.<br>(Mixed)              | Mr. F. Betts, "Elmsycdene," 88, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent.           |
| Feb. 2-12   | <b>Middlesex (Herga) Open (Jan. 10)</b><br>Herga L.T. Club, Courtfield-ave., Harrow.                          | B.S.                         | Mr. K. A. Martin, 55, King's Way, Wealdstone, Middlesex.                    |
| 6           | <b>Sussex Closed (Jan. 15)</b><br>Corn Exchange, Church Street, Brighton.                                     |                              | Mr. R. D. Weeks, 111b, Ditchling Road, Brighton, Sussex.                    |
| 12          | <b>Gwent Open (Jan. 29)</b><br>Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd.  | J.S.                         | Mr. G. Motlow, 29, Carisbrooke Road, Newport, Mon.                          |
| 12 & 19     | <b>Midland "Open" (Feb. 5)</b><br>Friends Institute, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.                             | B.S.<br>G.S.<br>B.D.<br>V.S. | Mr. M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.                         |
| 18          | <b>ENGLAND v IRELAND</b><br>Royal Pier Pavilion, Southampton.   |                              | Miss L. Ferguson, 20, Atherley Road, Southampton.                           |
| 18          | <b>England v. Wales (Jnr. Boys)</b><br>Assembly Hall, Worthing.   |                              | Miss L. E. Rymill, "Imatome," 192, Goring Way, Goring-by-Sea, Sussex.       |
| 21-25       | <b>Surrey "Open" (Feb. 5)</b><br>Municipal Baths Hall, East Street, Epsom, Surrey.                            | B.S.<br>G.S.                 | Mr. C. T. Dean, 67, Osmond Gardens, Wallington, Surrey.                     |
| Feb. 28/    | <b>West Middlesex Open (Feb. 22)</b>  | B.S.                         | Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Riddick, 29, Thorney-hedge Road, Chiswick, London, W.4.    |
| Mar. 12     | West Ealing Club, Mervyn Road, West Ealing, London, W.13.   |                              |   |
| Mar. 12     | <b>Yorkshire Junior Open (Mar. 2)</b><br>Messrs. Blakeborough's Canteen, Brighouse, Yorks.                    |                              | Mrs. B. Senescall, 64, Monkgate, York.                                      |
| 18-19       | <b>West of England Open (Mar. 9)</b><br>Bristol South Baths, Southville, Bedminster.                          | B.S.<br>G.S.                 | Mr. B. J. Bucknell, 29, Eastfield, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.               |
| 26          | <b>Grimsby Open (Mar. 19)</b><br>Pier Pavilion and Town Hall, Cleethorpes.                                    | B.S.                         | Mr. J. Browne, 245, Yarborough Road, Grimsby.                               |
| Mar. 29/    | <b>ENGLISH "OPEN"</b>   |                              | Secretary, E.T.T.A., 214, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2. |
| April 2     | Empire Pool, Wembley.   |                              |   |
| 9-11        | <b>North East England Open (Mar. 30)</b><br>Burniston Road Barracks, Scarborough, Yorks.                      | B.S.<br>V.S.<br>Y.S.         | Mr. E. Moorhouse, 26, Sherwood Avenue, Scarborough, Yorks.                  |
| 15-24       | <b>WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>  |                              | Utrecht, Holland.   |
| 25-30       | <b>Thameside Open (Apr. 12)</b><br>Hydro Hall, Y.M.C.A., Greengate Street, Plaistow, London, E.13.            | B.S.<br>G.S.                 | Mr. R. Markwell, 61, East Avenue, Manor Park, London, E.12                  |

## CENTRAL LONDON "OPEN"

**MISS ANN HAYDON**, of Birmingham, making her first London tournament appearance, carried off the women's singles and the mixed doubles in partnership with Michael Thornhill in the Central London "open" at Manor Place Baths, Walworth, on December 4.

Her brilliant defence and powerful left hand hitting accounted for three internationals in successive rounds of the singles, Betty Isaacs, Margaret Fry (semi-final), and Jean Winn (final). Miss Winn made a great effort in the second game of their final, but appeared over-anxious and lapsed into errors.

Thornhill took the men's singles after a keenly contested final with Bobby Stevens, whose reflexes must be among the quickest in the game. Thornhill looked to be sailing along nicely for a straight games win when he had a seven points lead in the second game, but with some splendid retrieving and forceful attacking, Stevens caught him at 20—all, then went on to take the game. However, Thornhill made little mistake in the final game and ran out winner 21—18, 21—23, 21—11.

There were several upsets in the earlier rounds. Ken Beamish accounted for the internationals Brian Brumwell and Jackie Head before falling to Stevens in the semi-final, and John Hunt displaying some nice touches disposed of Len Adams.

Biggest surprise, however, came in the final of the boys' singles where Alan Lindsay, after losing the first game recovered to beat Laurie Landry, the junior international. Landry appeared completely puzzled by Lindsay's persistent use of the half-volley.

That well balanced pair of Mrs. Elsie Carrington and Barbara Milbank accounted for two international partnerships in beating Miss Joy Seaman and Miss Jean Winn, then Miss Betty Isaacs and Miss Pam Mortimer to win the women's doubles, while Len Adams and Ron Craydon proved popular winners of the men's doubles, with a finals victory over Ken Craigie and Alan Rhodes.

### RESULTS

**Men's Singles: Semi-finals:** R. STEVENS bt K. Beamish 21—14, 22—20; M. THORNHILL bt J. Hunt 21—18, 21—12.

**Final:** THORNHILL bt Stevens 21—18, 21—23, 21—12.

**Women's Singles: Semi-final** Miss A. HAYDON bt Miss M. Fry 21—13, 21—16; Miss J. WINN bt Miss B. Milbank 21—18, 20—22, 21—8.

**Final:** Miss HAYDON bt Miss Winn 21—10, 21—18.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-final:** L. ADAMS and R. CRAYDON beat B. Brumwell and R. Markwell 14—21, 21—19, 21—4; K. CRAIGIE and A. RHODES beat I. Jones and Stevens 21—13, 21—19.

**Final:** ADAMS and CRAYDON bt Craigie and Rhodes 21—19, 21—19.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:** Miss B. ISAACS and Miss P. MORTIMER bt Miss Y. Baker and Miss B. Spooner 17—21, 21—17, 21—10; Mrs. E. CARRINGTON and Miss MILBANK bt Miss Y. Seaman and Miss Winn 21—14, 18—21, 21—15.

**Final:** Mrs. CARRINGTON and Miss MILBANK bt Miss Isaacs and Miss Mortimer 21—14, 20—22, 21—11.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:** J. LOWE and Miss ISAACS bt I. Jones and Miss Milbank 21—15, 19—21, 21—19; THORNHILL and Miss HAYDON bt Stevens and Miss Baker 16—21, 21—18, 21—15.

**Final:** THORNHILL and Miss HAYDON bt Lowe and Miss Isaacs 21—17, 21—13.

**Boys' Singles: Final:** A. LINDSAY bt L. Landry 12—21, 21—15, 21—10.

**Girls' Singles: Final:** Miss J. FIELDER bt Miss S. Pickard 21—17, 21—12.

## PETERBOROUGH "OPEN"

**KEN BEAMISH**, of London, the former junior international, who has now made a welcome return to competitive table tennis after a long break, landed a double in the Peterborough "open," revived after a break of 15 years, at the Westwood Works on November 27.

He won the men's singles and the doubles in partnership with Bobby Stevens.

Beamish revealed much of his old skill in beating P. Skerratt (Scunthorpe) in the singles final, where he fought back brilliantly after losing the first game to win 15—21, 21—16, 21—18.

Skerratt reached all three finals, being successful in the mixed doubles with Wendy Blades (Boston) when they beat Stevens and Mrs. V. M. Grubb after an extremely close match 19—21, 21—15, 24—22.

### RESULTS

**Men's Singles: Semi-finals:** P. SKERRATT (Scunthorpe) bt R. Dove (Sheffield) 21—14, 21—19; K. BEAMISH (London) bt J. W. Crookes (Sheffield) 21—13, 21—15.

**Final:** BEAMISH bt Skerratt 15—21, 21—16, 21—18.

**Ladies' Singles: Final:** Mrs. B. CASSELL (King's Lynn) bt Mrs. B. Carter (Bedford) 18—21, 22—20, 22—20.

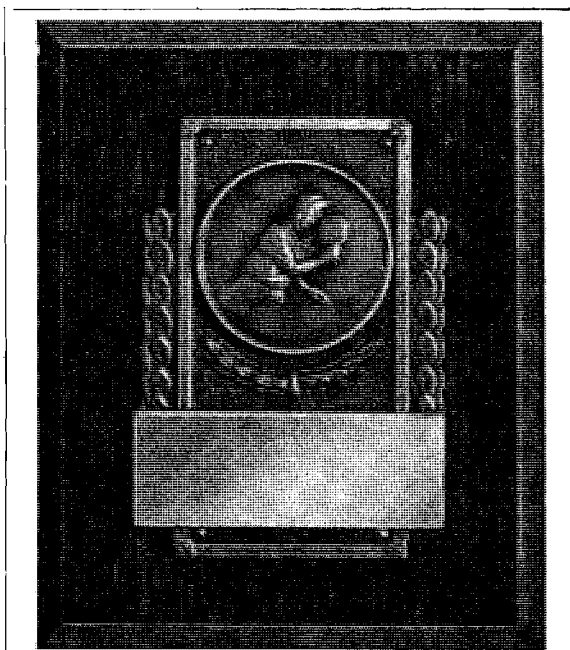
**Men's Doubles: Final:** R. J. STEVENS and BEAMISH bt Skerratt and A. Holmes 21—15, 21—18.

**Ladies' Doubles: Final:** Mrs. CASSELL and Miss J. WALKER bt Miss S. M. Evans and Mrs. L. M. Carlton 16—21, 21—18, 21—9.

**Mixed Doubles: Final:** Miss W. BLADES and SKERRATT bt Mrs. V. M. Grubb and Stevens 19—21, 21—15, 24—22.

**Boys' Singles: Final:** B. MAYFIELD (London) bt T. Cornell (London) 21—10, 15—21, 21—13.

**Girls' Singles: Final:** D. HUGHES (Bedford) bt G. Buffham (Peterborough) 21—5, 21—8.



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# THE WELSH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

**T**HIS event attracted its usual strong entry, and besides Freundorfer and the German team there were all the top-ranked men from England with the exception of Bergmann and Leach, and a good sprinkling of the best women, plus Helen Elliot from Scotland.

An early sensation was Freundorfer's defeat by Bryan Merrett, who has so often used the Welsh Open for a giant-killing performance. Bryan was in turn beaten by Brian Kennedy, who went on to win the Men's Singles, although Len Adams must still be kicking himself for his lost opportunities.

After brilliant play throughout the rounds, the finals themselves were patchy, the men in particular seeming to be ill at ease.

Aubrey Simons was only a shadow of his former self against Adams in the one semi-final, whilst Alan Rhodes might very easily have beaten Kennedy had he been more accurate. Ann Haydon beat Kathleen Best in the women's final, though the latter had probably the hardest half, including a decisive defeat of Helen Elliot.

The sole Welsh senior success went to Shirley Jones who partnered Ivor Jones in a storming finish over Simons and Helen Elliot. Shirley and Betty Gray, losing to Haydon and Best for the fourth time within a fortnight, were the only all-Welsh pair to do anything at all.

Interesting results were the defeats of Bobbie Stevens and Harry Venner by Alan Rhodes, and Len Adams' brilliant run over Griffin, Craigie, Dennis Miller and Aubrey Simons in his path in the Final.

The Junior titles stayed in Wales, Myra Thomas tak-

ing the girls, and Donald Norris beating off a strong challenge from K. Tarling, Ian Harrison and other West Country boys.

## RESULTS

**Men's Singles: Semi-finals:** L. ADAMS beat A. Simons 21-10, 21-15; B. KENNEDY beat A. Rhodes 21-12, 18-21, 21-15.  
**Final:** KENNEDY beat Adams 15-21, 21-18, 21-19, 16-21, 21-14.  
**Women's Singles: Final:** Miss A. HAYDON beat Miss C. K. Best 22-20, 21-13.  
**Men's Doubles: Final:** SIMONS and KENNEDY beat H. Venner and D. Miller 16-21, 21-16, 21-15.  
**Women's Doubles: Final:** Miss HAYDON and Miss BEST beat Miss B. Gray and Miss S. Jones 21-18, 23-21.  
**Mixed Doubles: Final:** I. JONES and Miss S. JONES beat Simons and Miss Elliot 21-18, 21-18.  
**Boys' Singles: Final:** D. NORRIS beat Simonson 21-19, 19-21, 21-8.  
**Girls' Singles: Final:** MYRNA THOMAS beat Ann Marcus 21-8, 21-12.

# SCANDINAVIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

**W**ORLD champions had a rough passage in the Scandinavian Championships last month, with Ogimura failing to reach the men's singles final, Dolinar and Harangozo losing in the men's doubles final to the Czechs Andreadis and Stipek, and to England's dismay, the Rowe twins finding Rozeanu and Zella of Rumania too strong for them in the women's doubles final.

Rozeanu, alone in the women's singles, was the only champion to emerge with flying colours. She beat Rosalind Rowe in the final 21-13, 21-18, 21-18, after having beaten Diane Rowe in the semi-final.

England's share from the meeting was the junior singles won by Eddie Hodson, of Middlesex, and the mixed doubles in which Rosalind Rowe partnered Andreadis to a 21-19, 21-19, 21-14 win over Johnny Leach and Diane Rowe.

In the men's singles Leach lost in the quarter final to Dolinar, who went on to take the title, beating Tage Flisberg, of Sweden in the final 21-18, 21-17, 21-12.

Leach and Flisberg lost in the doubles semi-final to Dolinar and Harangozo.

## RESULTS

**Men's Singles: Final:** Z. DOLINAR (Yugoslavia) bt T. Flisberg (Sweden) 21-18, 21-17, 21-12.  
**Women's Singles: Semi-finals:** A. ROZEANU (Rumania) bt D. Rowe (England); R. ROWE (England) bt E. Zella (Rumania).  
**Final:** ROZEANU bt R. Rowe 21-13, 21-18, 21-18.  
**Men's Doubles: Semi-final:** V. HARANGOZO and Z. DOLINAR (Yugo.) bt J. Leach and T. Flisberg 21-14, 21-17, 22-20.  
**Final:** I. ANDREADIS and L. STIPEK (Czech.) bt Harangozo and Dolinar 17-21, 21-18, 21-10, 21-19.  
**Women's Double: Final:** ROZEANU and ZELLA bt R. and D. Rowe 21-13, 21-18, 21-18.  
**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:** LEACH and D. ROWE bt Harangozo and Rozeanu 19-21, 21-11, 21-13, 21-16. ANDREADIS and R. ROWE bt I. Ogimura (Japan) and E. Thorsson (Sweden) 21-12, 21-16, 21-12.  
**Final:** ANDREADIS and R. ROWE bt Leach and D. Rowe 21-19, 21-19, 21-14.  
**Boys' Singles: Final:** E. HODSON (England) bt B. Nordblom (Sweden) 21-17, 21-12.

## APOLOGIES

It is regretted that in last month's report of the Kent Junior "Open," the Boys' Under 13's winner was given as A. Hammond. This should have been D. GRANT, of Ventnor, who beat Hammond two-straight in the final.



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