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Transfer Fees for Table Tennis

TABLE TENNIS players, reading of the fantastic fee of £40,000 being asked in football for the transfer of Danny Blanchflower, Aston Villa's Irish international, have no doubt remarked: "Thank goodness such a thing could never happen in our sport."

It will, therefore, come as a big surprise to them to learn that a Transfer System with a cash tag, is in fact operating in Kent. It was introduced at a Special County A.G.M. in the summer.

No fortunes are involved as yet, merely the sum of £1. But who knows where this could lead.

Conrad Jaschke, the Kent Press Officer, after reading the letter from Harold Pearce on Multi-Registrations in last month's "Table Tennis," wrote to tell me of the Kent Transfer System, saying:

"The problem is a real one which can only be solved by the club secretaries. While officials are willing to field 'guest' players in key matches, and powerful clubs try to corner all the talent, players will be tempted to succumb to overtures. With many players competing in as many as three or four leagues, the start of each season sees a scramble for the services of the stars.

"In an effort to prevent this undignified scramble I put forward the Transfer system which was unanimously passed.

"This stipulates that where a player has represented a League in Kent League matches he remains with them the following season unless he obtains a transfer with their permission. The League gaining the player must then pay a fee of ten shillings to both the old League and the county.

"If any League adopts an unreasonable attitude in trying to hold on to a player who they cannot offer a place in their side, he may appeal to the County body.

"The payment of £1, although nominal, is intended to discourage Leagues signing players on the off-chance."

I have had several letters on this question of Multi-Registration, and officials as a whole want to stamp it out.

Ladies Only

Newport and District League, one of the largest in Wales, will not tolerate it, and their secretary Groul

Motlow, tells me they too have a Transfer System to cut out "Pot Hunting." He writes:

"We have never allowed a member to play for two clubs unless it is a lady who already plays for a ladies' club team and is also desirous of improving her game by playing in the men's section. If her club does not run a men's team she can seek permission to play for another club that does. We have found this most successful. Our Transfer System operates up to December 31, after which date none can be considered."

Giving a player's view, Ron Etheridge, Bromley League, writes: "Registrations restricted to one club is too drastic.

Unfair

"Intelligent practice is a necessity for both improvement and maintenance of one's playing standard, but good match practice is even more important. If Mr. Pearce's suggestion were adopted, players in the big TT centres would have a grossly unfair advantage over their less fortunate brethren in the more remote area. With the present arrangement it is possible for these players to compete in a stronger league while remaining faithful to their home towns.

"Surely the remedy is in the hands of the leagues. They could insist that all registered players should appear in at least fifty per cent of their league matches, subject of course to certain conditions which would safeguard the weaker players."

Multi-Registration is obviously a question of utmost importance to the game's well being and needs to be thoroughly thrashed out. In the main though the answer rests with the club members and officials. They have the power to stop it.

HAT-TRICK FOR THE TWINS

Vienna must hold happy memories for the Rowe Twins. It was here that they won the Women's Doubles title in the 1950/1 World Championships, and now they have succeeded in gaining the Women's Doubles title in the Austrian Championships for the third successive year. In addition, Rosalind also won the Women's Singles, defeating en route Trudi Pritzi (Austria), Gizi Farkas-Gervai (Hungary), and Ilona Kerekcs (Hungary).

HARRISON EDWARDS

The Registered members' regulations which authorise the setting up of Coaching and Exhibition Panels have been suspended for the time being on the instructions of the National Executive Committee, as the National Coaching Committee has instituted a Coaching Diploma which it is felt will ultimately supersede the Coaching Panel. Full details of the Coaching Diploma have been circulated to all Registered Members, but it should be clearly understood that it is not necessary to be a registered member to be awarded a Diploma. It has not been easy in the past to place all applicants in an appropriate coaching grade, and it is hoped by the National Executive Committee that by now creating a standard it will assist all concerned and so avoid misunderstandings which have occurred in the past.

Registered Members' Committee, 1954/5. Thirty-one candidates were nominated for the Registered Members' Committee for 1954/5. A postal ballot was held, and the following were elected:—

G. V. Barna, A. W. C. Simons, J. Carrington, K. Stanley, Mrs. P. Marsh, and R. Crayden.

Exhibitions. Occasionally difficulties arise with registered members taking part in exhibitions. It would be as well if organisers and players were to re-read Rule 22 of the E.T.T.A. (this will be Rule 21 in the 1954/5 Handbook) and the Registered Members' Regulation 3 (f) which cover the position, as follows:—

"Rule 22. No affiliated player or club may take part in competition with any player or club, or in exhibition at any club, or under any

auspices not registered or affiliated to the International Table Tennis Federation, without the sanction of the County Secretary concerned and a member of the National Executive Committee.

"Regulation 3 (f). Registered players may not appear in any competition or exhibition, other than one organised by a duly affiliated County Association, League, Club or other body of the English Table Tennis Association without the sanction of the County Secretary concerned and a member of the National Executive Committee. This sanction may be granted for a single event or for a series; it shall be withheld only if the promoter of the event, the location of the proposed premises, the details and the nature of the proposed exhibition or the fact of clashing with an event locally organised by an affiliated body or with a co-ordinated County programme so as to be injurious to the latter, are such that the event is liable to be injurious to the best interests of Table Tennis."

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21st Anniversary. Warm congratulations to the members of the Chester Table Tennis League, who celebrated

on the 20th October the 21st anniversary of the formation of their League. We also send many happy returns to the Southampton League, who celebrate their coming-of-age on the 25th November with a dinner and dance.

Scandinavian Championships. Permission has been given to Johnny Leach and Diane and Rosalind Rowe to take part in the Scandinavian Open Championships in Stockholm 5th/7th December.

India. Victor Barna has accepted, with permission of the National Executive Committee, an invitation from the Table Tennis Federation of India to undertake coaching for a period of four months.

National Selection Committee. Selections have been made as follows:

v. France (Juniors). 13th November, Dartford.

D. BACKHOUSE (Staffs.), T. DENSHAM (Surrey), MISS J. FIELDER (Kent), MISS W. BATES (Sussex). Non playing Capt. T. SEARS (Middx.).

v. Belgium (Juniors). 15th November, Broadstairs.

D. BACKHOUSE (Staffs.), T. DENSHAM (Surrey), MISS J. FIELDER (Kent), MISS F. WRIGHT (Yorks.). Non playing Capt. J. CARRINGTON (Essex).

Junior Tour of Sweden. 27th November—11th December.

D. BACKHOUSE (Staffs.), T. DENSHAM (Surrey), E. HODSON (Middx.). Non playing Capt. L. THOMPSON (Bucks.).

v. Scotland. 19th November, Eltham. J. LEACH (Essex), B. KENNEDY (Yorks.), B. MERRETT (Glos.), J. P. SHEAD (Sussex), MISS A. HAYDON (Warwicks.), MISS C. K. BEST (Yorks.). Non playing Capt. T. SEARS (Middx.).

Wilmott Cup and J. M. Rose Bowl competitions.—The draw for the Wilmott Cup and J. M. Rose Bowl competitions took place at the E.T.T.A. Office on 6th October. There were present — Mrs. K. Pegg, Messrs. G. James and C. Corti Woodcock. Entries totalled: Wilmott Cup, 101;

APPROVED REGISTERED MEMBERS

L. G. Adams (Middx)	B. Casofsky (Lanes)	J. Hitchcock (Yorks)	I. Montagu (Herts)	A. W. C. Simons (Glos)
G. J. Alderton (Warw)	K. Craigie (Middx)	A. Holland (Lanes)	Miss P. Mortimer (Warw)	K. Stanley (Lanes)
I. Alexander (Sussex)	R. J. Crayden (Surrey)	F. Holman (Kent)	N. Nicholson (Middx)	R. J. Stevens (Essex)
F. Bamford (Lanes)	B. E. Crouch (Middx)	Mrs. M. E. Hook (Essex)	K. Park (Yorks)	S. D. Sugden (Leics)
G. V. Barna (Middx)	P. F. Cruwys (Glos)	K. Hurlock (Surrey)	Miss M. Piper (Surrey)	H. W. Sweetman (Surrey)
S. R. Basden (Kent)	A. E. Day (Kent)	M. Jarecki (Hants)	N. Rae (Kent)	A. Thompson (Yorks)
R. Bergmann (Middx)	R. Etheridge (Kent)	S. Johnson (Essex)	A. Rhodes (Middx)	L. Thompson (Bucks)
Miss C. K. Best (Yorks)	E. G. Evans (Kent)	I. W. Jones (Essex)	J. Rogers (Kent)	M. H. Thornhill (Middx)
S. Boros (Middx)	E. J. Filby (Surrey)	L. W. Jones (Essex)	Miss D. Rowe (Middx)	H. T. Venner (Surrey)
* L. M. Bromfield (Sussex)	B. G. Fretwell (Sussex)	Miss M. Jones (Glos)	Miss R. Rowe (Middx)	G. Wadsworth (Yorks)
A. Brook (Middx)	Miss M. Fry (Glos)	B. W. Kennedy (Yorks)	E. J. Rumjahn (Lanes)	W. A. Webb (Middx)
B. Brumwell (Essex)	W. V. Hall (Essex)	M. Kriss (Warw)	P. U. Rumjahn (Lanes)	G. C. Wheeler (Essex)
D. C. Burridge (Middx)	W. J. Hamblin (Kent)	J. A. Leach (Essex)	Miss J. Seaman (Middx)	Miss J. Winn (Surrey)
J. E. Burton (Middx)	G. R. Harrower (Herts)	J. W. Lowe (Middx)	T. E. Sears (Middx)	Miss A. Wood (Lanes)
J. Carrington (Essex)	A. A. Haydon (Warw)	R. Maxwell (Essex)	R. Sharman (Middx)	C. Corti Woodcock (Essex)
Mrs. E. Carrington (Essex)	Miss A. Haydon (Warw)	Mrs. P. Marsh (Middx)	J. P. Shead (Sussex)	L. S. Woollard (Beds)
L. G. Carter (Kent)	J. E. Head (Surrey)	Miss B. Milbank (Essex)	K. Sheldon (Surrey)	
	R. Hinchliff (Yorks)	A. R. Miller (Surrey)		

J. M. Rose Bowl, 73. Full details of the draw have been sent to all concerned. Dates for the rounds are as follows:—

Second round, on or before 17th November, 1954.

Third round, on or before 11th December, 1954.

ZONE FINALS, on or before 23rd January, 1955.

QUARTER-FINALS, on or before 13th February, 1955.

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS, on or before 26th February, 1955.

Obituary. It is with regret we learn that Mr. S. F. Perry (father of Fred Perry) died on the 19th October, 1954. Mr. Perry had been a Vice-President of the E.T.T.A. since 1933.

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BARNA COACHES INDIANS

by K. ROYSTON

VICTOR BARNA, who might well be referred to as "Mr. Table Tennis"—he is the sport's most famous personality—has gone to India to coach their players for the world championships in Utrecht next April.

His trip has been sponsored by the Indian Government, who are determined that no stone shall be left unturned in an effort to build up teams capable of holding their own against the world's best.

Barna, who is accompanied by his wife Susie, was due to arrive in time for the All-Indian Championships at the beginning of this month, in order to get a general picture of India's available talent. During the championships he was to be the guest of the Gaekwar of Baroda, who is President of the Asiatic Table Tennis Association.

Once the championships were over Barna plans were to visit Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, spending three weeks at each centre, teaching

his tricks not only to players but also the Indian Coaches. He will be away four months altogether returning home in February.

Although Barna has been one of the world's greatest players for more than a quarter of a century, this is a new venture for him. Exhibition tours and business commitments—he holds an important post with Dunlops—have left him little time for specialised coaching.

Nevertheless, he is a great judge, and has helped many of our own players, including Rosalind and Diane Rowe, the world doubles champions.

"I am naturally delighted at this big compliment the Indians have paid me," he said, "and I shall do everything I can to help them make a rapid rise to the top."

India hosts to the world championships in 1952 have been building up a growing interest in the sport, and last season sent at least a dozen players here for the Wembley meeting, among them Miss Sayseed Sultana, Miss Meena Parande, Yatin Vyasa and T. Thiruvengadam.

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Focus on England's New Junior Internationals

by PETER MADGE

To the juniors falls the honour of opening this season's international campaign with matches against France at Dartford on November 13 and Belgium at Broadstairs on November 15. Then on November 27 the England boys leave for their biennial tour of Sweden.

Two of last season's young internationals Derek Backhouse (Staffs) and Terry Densham (Surrey) have been chosen for all three events, and there are four new "caps," Wendy Bates (Sussex) against France, Florence Wright (Yorkshire) against Belgium, Joyce Fielder (Kent) chosen for both these fixtures, and Eddie Hodson, picked for the Swedish tour.

Eddie Hodson, 15, has still another season to go as a junior. The "tournament types" around London can remember him from over three seasons ago as a microbe who could hardly see over the table, yet doggedly topspinned away and made all his opponents work for their wins. Now the microbe has become a higher form of life—about a foot higher, to be precise—and the topspin has become a really crackerjack attack that eliminated ex-Swathling Cup star Ron Sharman in the Bucks. "Open" senior singles last month, and all but accounted for Surrey man Tony Miller in the next round.

Eddie and sister June have both been encouraged by their father, a keen

For a change of scene he likes basketball and cricket. He also took up tennis this summer.

Wendy Bates, just 17 and just five feet tall, hails from Hove and plays for the Brighton and Hove Maccabi Club. She took up table tennis at 13 and within six months had won the Sussex



Junior title and a place in the county junior team. For the past two years she has been women's singles champion of Brighton. She has an all-round game with a preference for attack.

Although T.T. is her main sporting interest, Wendy is also a keen player of lawn tennis, hockey, golf and snooker!

Florence Wright, just 18, of Barnsley, started playing three years ago and has already made a name for herself in Yorkshire circles. Last season she became the youngest ever player to represent the County in senior matches, making four appearances in the Yorks. 2nd team.

This season she has won the junior girls' singles at the East and North of England tournaments, and the Birmingham Open.

A vigorous attacking player who never gives up, Florence is Yorkshire's first junior girl International and Barnsley's first International in any category. For

relaxation she takes singing lessons and I hear that her tutor has high hopes for her very good soprano voice.

Joyce Fielder, of Eltham, who has a local setting for her international debut, is only 16, yet already has four seasons of experience behind her. It was as a 12-year-old that she became one of the most discussed players in Kent, with outstanding performances in local events. Since then she has gone from strength to strength and in 1953 carried off the "Daily Mirror" girls' title. Last season she won several junior titles in major open tournaments, and it was only the brilliance of Ann Haydon and Jill Rook that prevented her getting an England badge.

Fielder is an outstanding name in Kent sport, for Joy's great uncle was the late Arthur Fielder, former England Test cricketer.

Team Dress

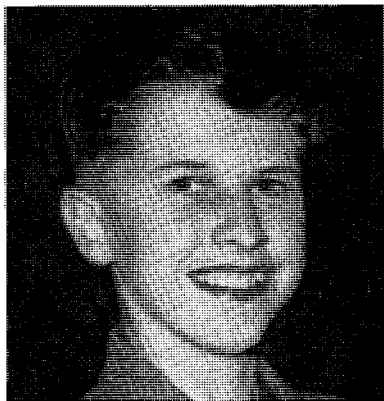
Our team leaves for Sweden at the end of this month and I want to voice a last minute plea that the powers—that be see fit to equip them with, at the very least, a set of windcheaters.

I will not easily forget the shabby spectacle our representatives presented when England played Sweden at Worthing last season.

The Swedes, at the pre-match introduction, were immaculately clad in similar shorts and windcheaters with "Sverige" (Sweden) emblazoned across the back. Out trooped our trio . . . two in shorts, one in slacks, and their respective cardigans could not have been more ill-assorted, varying in colour, material, style and fit.

The Scandinavians are keen on smartly turned out teams. So, when in Sweden—can we not do as the Swedish do?

The garment I have in mind is a replica of the top half of the Swathling Cup track-suit, a long sleeved, zip-front, royal blue windcheater with ENGLAND across the back in yellow letters.



player, and both won places in the Middx. junior team last season.

Biggest success, however, came when Eddie won the boy's event of the Daily Mirror tournament. This involved the playing of fifteen rounds before he found himself out on the table in the middle of the vast Albert Hall . . . it must have seemed an awful long way away from the dining-room table on which he first set bat to ball.

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RON WILLIS of the "EVENING NEWS"



"ATTACK is the best defence." How often in the past few years have those five short words, with their wealth of meaning, been forgotten by England's men and women in the field of international sport. And how costly those lapses have proved. The masterful attack of Pakistan's bowling in the last Test at the Oval shocking England's lukewarm batsmen to a draw; our dismal soccer failures against Hungary's streamlined attacking machine; our complete subjugation by the whirlwind-hitting Australians and Americans in the world of lawn tennis and, last but not least, our annihilation by those fleet-footed, slick-hitting Malaysians and Pakistanis in the lofty realms of badminton and squash rackets.

These are but a few instances where the old, old saying has, and will continue, to ring true. Equally true is it of another great international game, table tennis. Here again we encounter in Japan and Hungary brilliant opponents who turn those five words into reality immediately an umpire sets a game in motion.

Attack

Are we going to let these comparative newcomers to world play from the Land of the Rising Sun, assuming they compete, gain further sweeping honours at Utrecht next year at our expense? I say emphatically, "No." "Tell us, then," you will answer, "how to combat those dual menaces from the east." A tall order, but at least I'll attempt to give you some suggestions on which to ponder and, I hope, put into practice right NOW. And they all lead up to that one vital word, ATTACK.

Do not for one moment, think I am decrying everyone's need of a solid defence. That must always be

the first bulwark from which to work up an attack. But the very first aim of every player, whether of club, county or international standard must be complete fitness, both mental and physical. For no-one, however good, can maintain an all-out, intelligent and accurate attack for five long, gruelling sets against an opponent of equal determination unless he or she is 100 per cent fit—as the Japanese and Hungarians undoubtedly were at Wembley.

Before Breakfast

I know, from personal experience, that five minutes of deep breathing and gentle, loosening exercises on rising each morning, followed by a hot and then a cold sponge down and brisk towelling (less than 15 minutes in all), is one of the finest and easiest ways of ridding the



RON ETHERIDGE

body of unwanted poisons—poisons which seep into the blood, slowing the tempo of both brain and body.

Crawling from bed with eyes half shut, skipping breakfast and a thorough freshener to dash for a moving bus or train, is NOT the way to health and the split-second precision needed to become a tip-top player. Just those few extra minutes earlier each morning and everyone

can follow this elementary yet essential rule to health. It should, in turn, bring more zip from the eager desire to attack, to each player's game.

Suggested Training

From there we must embark on more specialised training for the few and I suggest that every player named on this season's national ranking list—all possible world players now or in the near future—be included. Here the E.T.T.A. officials and coaches could take a hand by working out a programme of gymnastic exercises, cross-country runs and short sprints. These would be passed on to officials of the county associations concerned who, in turn, would assemble their respective players on, say, one Sunday each month at a convenient-to-all open spot for training.

In bad weather, a restricted programme might be put on in a club's premises. True, tournaments may at times interfere, so Sundays would have to be selected to get as many players together each time as possible. Again, let us start NOW, with easy methods at first, speeding up to a rigorous routine as the World event approaches. I'm sure that players who have attained the national ranking list and officials (who already do so much for the game) would be willing to give up a part of one Sunday in four to help England bring back those coveted trophies.

Psychological Weapon

Similarly, with the I.T.T.F.'s decision last April not to ban sponge rubber bats, our leading players, whether or not they use sponge themselves, must become fully acquainted with the vagaries of this bat. I quote Mr. Ivor Montagu on sponge—"It is not so much a question of sponge but the reaction of the players themselves. As soon as many of them learn they are to be opposed by sponge, they become nervous and are unable to play their normal game." And an international, after reminiscing on the probable reaction of her game

against sponge opposition, ended with these lamentable words, "I shouldn't like to play against one myself."

In other words, sponge is a psychological weapon, becoming even more effective in the hands of a fleet-footed, attacking type of player (some of those Japanese for example).

Guinea Pigs

A few hours' practice is not enough, so once again I advocate regular training, starting NOW. Here, indeed, is a problem, for where are we to find experienced, hard-hitting sponge players willing to become regular guinea-pigs for our stars?

Australian Lew Laza and Bromley's Ron Etheridge are two hard-hitting players using sponge who might be approached to help in this plan. Again, supervision by the E.T.T.A. on a once-a-month county basis, in line with my previous suggestion, seems to me the only feasible way of adopting this idea. However, the Editor welcomes any other names and suggestions on this point.

What of the expense? Now that this country is in a much healthier state financially, I suggest the time is ripe to approach the Government again for help from State funds or, better still, attempt to get some relaxation in that crippling tax. For no sport does more for the establishment of cordial relationships between countries than table tennis.

Did not just on 40 nations meet—and meet amicably despite formidable language difficulties — under Wembley's giant roof last April?

Finally, I leave you with this match-winning thought — "Fitness leads to attack, and constructive, accurate attack must be our major weapon at Utrecht against the present World title holders."

CONTINENTAL EXPRESS

Table tennis players from the Austrian and German Railways are likely to play in London this season. This is the outcome of British Railways' successful visit to Vienna and Bonn in September.

The Continental visit followed an invitation from the Austrian Railways. Two matches were played in Vienna. The Austrians won the men's match 7—2, B. H. Griffiths, of Birmingham, scoring both successes. British Railways, however, proved much too strong in the women's match, which they won 6—nil.

Breaking the return journey at Bonn, British Railways beat the German Railways 6—3. R. A. Morgan, of Watford, showed excellent form, winning all his matches.

League History

LONDON TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

The inaugural meeting of the London Table Tennis Association was held on November 19th, 1949. The late Mr. W. J. Pope was elected President, Mr. E. G. White (London Civil Service) Chairman, Mr. A. H. Lewis (London Business Houses) Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. A. E. H. Clewer (N.A.L.G.O.) Hon. General Secretary. The following four Leagues were represented:—

London Breweries,
London Business Houses,
London Civil Service,
N.A.L.G.O. (Met. District).

In 1950/51 the Association's name was changed to the London Table Tennis Federation, twelve Leagues competed, and Mr. E. G. Sennitt (London Breweries) became Chairman. In 1952/53 and 1953/54 ten Leagues competed, and this season the membership has increased to twelve (nearly 500 clubs), comprising:—

Beckenham,
Bromley,
E.D.W.A.S.C.A.,
Horological S.A.,
Insurance Offices,
London Banks,
London Breweries,
London Business Houses,
London Civil Service,
London Provision Trades,
Walthamstow,
Woolwich.

In all, sixteen Leagues have been members at one time or another.

The objects are:

- (i) to conduct annual competitions between member Leagues, thereby giving many players in the Greater London area representative match experience which they might not otherwise obtain; and
- (ii) to organise inter-Town and inter-City matches, the dates and venues of such matches to be mutually agreed with the appropriate County Associations.

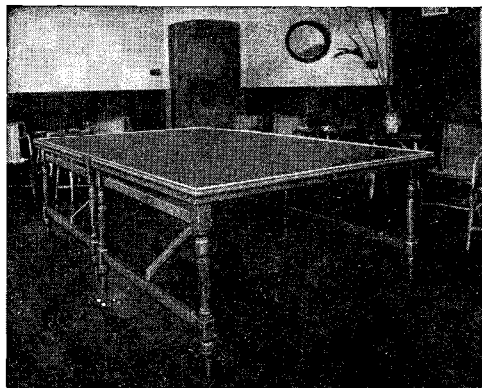
The constitution provides that the Federation shall be open to all Table Tennis Leagues, affiliated to the E.T.T.A. operating in the Greater London Area, the intention being to act at all times in harmony and not in competition with the County Associations.

Each inter-League match consists of 10 ties (six men's singles, two women's singles, one mixed doubles, and one women's doubles), and no League is called upon to play more than six matches in one season, three home and three away.

The Federation is looking forward to a very successful season. Representative matches have been arranged so far, with Oxfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

Mr. A. K. Vint has kindly consented to become President, Mr. E. P. Groom (Horological S.A.) is Chairman, Mr. A. H. Lewis (London Business Houses) is Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. L. C. T. Bulport (London Business Houses) is Hon. General Secretary.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS AND DIARY

Middlesex made a good start to their defence of the Premier Division title, although the match depended on the final tie between Michael Thornhill and Brian Kennedy—a 2 straight win for Michael saw Middlesex through. Hard luck, Ray Hinchliff, winning both singles, against Thornhill and Alan Rhodes, yet on the losing side.

In the Second Division Middlesex just beat Surrey, in a terrific struggle. Bernard Crouch and Derek Burridge were the stars, each winning both their singles, and also being successful in doubles.

Hampshire are all out to gain promotion to the Second Division, and they made a good start against Oxfordshire. The match was closer than the score indicates, and a 5 all draw appeared probable at one stage. In the other Southern Division match Bucks and Herts fought a level match. Last season's junior International, Brian Barr, won all his matches for Herts, his win over Leo Thompson being particularly impressive.

Dorset made a bright start in their first ever County Championships match, at the expense of Cornwall, also newcomers. Eve Davis, the former Hampshire player, was a tower of strength. In the other match in the South Western Division, Devon 2nds sent a powerful team to Bridgewater, and only just beat the third newcomers, Somerset. David House won all his games for the losers, as did R. A. Abrahams for the winners.

Geoff. Harrower

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Yorkshire 4, Middlesex 6

DIV. 2 (SOUTH)

Surrey 4, Middlesex 6

DIV 2 (NORTH)

Staffordshire 7, Yorkshire 3

SOUTHERN DIV.

Buckinghamshire 5, Hertfordshire 5
Oxfordshire 3, Hampshire 7

EASTERN DIV.

Cambridgeshire 6, Suffolk 4
Bedfordshire 8, Norfolk 2

SOUTH-WESTERN DIV.

Somerset 4, Devon 6
Dorset 9, Cornwall 1

JUNIOR DIVISION

Essex 9, Bedfordshire 1
Suffolk 9, Hertfordshire 1
Sussex 6, Middlesex 4
Bedfordshire 2, Kent 8

PREMIER DIVISION

November 20th. Middlesex v Cheshire, B.E.A. Skyline House, South Ruislip 7.00 p.m.
November 20th. Essex v Lancashire
November 20th. Glamorgan v Yorkshire, Town Hall Pontypool, Mon. 7.00 p.m.
December 7th. Yorkshire v Lancashire

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

November 13th. Berkshire v Devon
November 20th. Sussex v Hertfordshire, St. Mary's Hall, Shoreham by Sea 7.00 p.m.
November 27th. Essex v Kent

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

November 20th. Durham v Northumberland
November 20th. Lincolnshire v Warwickshire, British Legion Hall, Louth 7.15 p.m.
December 4th. Northumberland v Staffordshire, Rutherford Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne 7.00 p.m.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

November 20th. Hertfordshire v Oxfordshire, Girls' Club, Hitchin 7.15 p.m.
November 20th. Hampshire v Buckinghamshire

EASTERN DIVISION

November 18th. Norfolk v Suffolk
November 20th. Bedfordshire v Cambridgeshire

MIDLAND DIVISION

November 19th. Warwickshire v Leicestershire, Parish Hall, Nuneaton 7.15 p.m.
November 27th. Derbyshire v Staffordshire, Tube Works Canteen, Derby Rd., Chesterfield. 7.15 p.m.
December 4th. Leicestershire v Worcestershire
December 4th. Warwickshire v Northamptonshire, Coventry

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

December 4th. Cornwall v Somerset, St. John's Church House, Penzance 7.00 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION

November 20th. Kent v Suffolk, Christchurch Girls' School, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham
November 20th. Sussex v Essex, Y.M.C.A., Hartington Hall, Bolton Road, Eastbourne. 7.00 p.m.
November 20th. Bedfordshire v Surrey
November 24th. Middlesex v Surrey, British Railways Hostel, Old Oak Common Lane, N.W.10. 7.00 p.m.
November 25th. Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire, Rickmansworth Cricket Club, Park Road, Rickmansworth 7.30 p.m.
November 27th. Surrey v Suffolk
November 27th. Middlesex v Kent, Cowley Ex-Service-men's Club, High Street, Cowley. 3.00 p.m.

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KENT SPOTLIGHTS JUNIORS

by CONRAD JASCHKE

KENT put the emphasis on junior Table Tennis this month by cramming into three days (November 13-15) the biggest galaxy of junior events ever. And all will have an international atmosphere.

The N.W. Kent Association kick off on Saturday, with the England v. France Junior International, at the Works Canteen, Messrs. J. & E. Halls, Kingsfield Terrace, Dartford (7 p.m. start). The first international match ever staged in this area, it has aroused terrific local enthusiasm.

On the same day, the Folkestone Association are the hosts for the Kent v. Germany Junior match. This may be overshadowed by the England v. France showpiece, but County secretary F. G. Mannooch will be at Folkestone to cheer on the Kent Junior team, which he looks after throughout the season, even though it means missing the big show.

On Monday, November 15th, the Thanet Association stage the England v. Belgium Junior International, at The Pavilion Garden on Sands, Broadstairs. The Belgian team have been invited to attend as guests on Saturday.

Sandwiched in between these events are the annual Kent Junior Championships, combining Open and Closed events.

N.W. Kent players dominated the Closed events last season, with Roger Coverley defeating Mike Smith in the Boys' finals, and Joyce Fielder taking the Girls' title. There is no need to look further than Joyce to repeat her victory, but Roger is now over-age. Mike Smith, on the other hand, is still only 15, and he will be trying hard, particularly after losing his place in the County team owing to an indifferent show at the Kent Trials.

Favourite for the title must be 16-year-old George Elliott (N.W. Kent), who outclassed all comers at the Trials, and has matured from a nervous, highly strung boy into a confident and purposeful player.

There will also be a Closed Doubles for the first time, in which Folkestone pair Maddaford and Piddock must stand a chance against the all powerful N.W. Kent youngsters.

There are no less than 12 events on the Open programme, including five for the under 15's, and two for the under 13's. New winners are assured for the "senior" junior events, as the

current holders, Jill Rook, Michael MacLaren (Surrey), Ray Dorking (Essex) and Miss Spooner (Middlesex), are now over age. These events will have a real international flavour this time, for the French, German and Belgian teams will be competing, and will be trying hard to take home some of these famous Kent trophies. This provides a wonderful opportunity for the local juniors to compete against top class players from many countries on their own doorstep.

There are two new trophies up for competition, bought by the County out of the cheque received from the "Daily Mirror" in respect of Joyce Fielder's win in the Girls' event of their competition in 1952/53. These are the "Joyce Fielder Cup" for the under 15 girls' singles, and the "Joyce Fielder Shield" for the under 13 girls.

For a long time now, Kent seniors have been overshadowed by the juniors. Repeatedly the County have produced juniors of international or near-international class, such as David Eagles, Stan Brocklebank, and Ray Syndercombe in the past, and Joyce Fielder now. Somehow these players have not quite fulfilled, as seniors, the things that their ability promised as juniors. Eagles has left Kent, and Syndercombe and Brocklebank, fine players that they are, have not risen above Div. II standard — a far cry from the time when, as juniors, they could take on England's best.

One thing is certain. If today's Kent juniors fail to live up to their promise, it will not be the fault of the officials who run table tennis in the County.

Somehow, I feel they won't let Kent down.

Jack Carrington's Notebook

FINDING THE NEW PLAYERS

The National Selection Committee held Junior Trials on Sunday, 3rd October, at the Students' Union, London University.

All Counties were given the opportunity to nominate boys and girls whom they thought were approaching junior international standard, and the final line-up was:—

BOYS: DEREK BACKHOUSE (Staffs.), JOHN COLLINS (Suffolk) TERRY DENSHAM (Surrey), GEORGE GLADWISH (Sussex), LAURIE LANDRY (Midx.), ERNEST HODSON (Midx.), KEITH TARLING (Glos.), IAN HARRISON (Glos.), R. GOODMAN (Beds.), R. HENDERSON (Hants.), PATRICK TINDALE (Northumberland) A. TEAL (Yorks). GIRLS: JOYCE FIELDER (Kent), SHEILA BALL (Hants.), WENDY BATES (Sussex), DOROTHY WORRALL (Warwicks.), FLORENCE WRIGHT (Yorks).

Play was arranged on the "group" system so that each player could be seen in action against a variety of styles.

The "lion's share" of victories went to the more experienced players—who were not necessarily the oldest of those present. A very promising standard was also shown by a number of others who have a year or even two to spare in the junior class.

(Note: By E.T.T.A. rules a player

is a "Junior" for the present season if he was under 17 on 1st July, 1954).

It will be understood that whilst the Selection Committee welcomed this opportunity to see the juniors named, we are aware that others are practising hard all the time to "catch up" on the leaders in various counties. For this reason all results in Junior Open tournaments and County matches will be carefully watched.

We shall always be glad to receive details of improving performances by juniors as the season progresses.

Names of final selections are under OFFICIAL NEWS on Page 2.

Coaching courses:

There are still some vacancies on the Christmas/New Year Holiday Courses at Lilleshall National Recreation Centre, Shropshire.

The first course is from December 28 to January 1, and the second course from January 1 to January 5.

Both courses are open to players of any standard, or to potential coaches. Applications should be sent to:

The Central Council of Physical Recreation, 6, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

(Note: Jack Carrington, the E.T.T.A. Director of Coaching, will be Chief Instructor on both courses).



V. TEREBA

VISIT OF GERMAN PLAYERS IN DECEMBER

The German Federation are sending players to the Welsh Championships this season and their men's and women's teams will take the opportunity of playing an international against England at Winchester on December 9.

Czechoslovak Table Tennis Ranks High

Works Teams Lead the Way

CZECHOSLOVAK players failed to win either the Swaythling Cup or the Corbillon Cup in the World's Table Tennis Championships in London in April, but their form in both, together with Ivan Andreadis partnering the former women's world champion, Gizi Farkas-Gervai (Hungary), in winning the mixed doubles title, was sufficiently good to enable Czechoslovakia to retain its traditional place as one of the world's leading table tennis nations.

Fourth Most Popular

Apart from the fact that Czechoslovakia has had a reputation in table tennis, extending over a number of years, there are many other factors to

account for the high level of play. More than this, there is the healthy sign of many new players coming along to take the places of the outstanding players of the moment.

Table tennis actually ranks as the fourth most popular sport in Czechoslovakia, the first three being football, ice hockey and basketball. There are today over 30,000 registered competition table tennis players, with a wide variety of competitions and championships and a steadily developing system of coaching for players.

Basic Sports Unit

The basic sports unit, the equivalent of the sports club in the west, is the work's branch of the sports organisation of a particular trade union. These organise all sport on a place-of-work basis, so that the basic sports unit may cater for every possible kind of sport, according to the wishes of the workers.

Very few places of work today are without a table tennis club, most of them taking part in competitions. Some, of course, are much more powerful than others. Take the CKD Sokolovo engineering works in Prague. This factory actually has four international players among its workers. Then there is the Czechoslovak State Film studios. They have three international players. This makes these two works clubs very powerful in inter-club tournaments and matches.

Beyond the basic sports unit in the works there are district, town, city, regional and national championship tournaments, and each year a fairly extensive list of international events to spur the players on to reach new heights of playing skill and physical fitness.

200 Ranked

Each year, the table tennis department of the State Committee for Physical Training and Sport draws up a rankings list of the best 100 men and 100 women players in the country. They qualify for this list on the basis of the regional competitions,

the rankings list being drawn up on the basis of the first thirty on the previous list plus the finalists in the regional competitions. These hundred men and hundred women contest the national championships. This ensures that the best players of the country go forward to the national competition.

Best Players Teach

Coaching of rising young players is not done by professional instructors but by the top-ranking players of the moment. That means that the young players have the benefit of advice from players who are actually regularly meeting the best players of other countries in match play. At the same time, younger and less experienced players are frequently sent to table tennis training camps along with the international players to practice with them, while the senior players prepare for international events.

Veterans Lead

At the present time many of the leading players are veterans in both age and experience, particularly the men. Master of Sport Ivan Andreadis, who is a railway planning official in the CKD Sokolovo works in Prague, is 29 years of age, as is Frantisek Tokar, who is employed in the Slovak Institute of Physical Training in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Ladislav Stipek is an official in the Ninth of May Jawa motorcycle works. He is 31 years of age. Josef Turnovsky, who is a worker in the Stalin Works at Horni Litvinov, near Most, is 32. Adolf Slar, a Ministry of Foreign Trade official, Prague, is 35. And Václav Tereba, who works with Czechoslovak State Films in Prague, is 37.

Storekeeper and Cook

Two young players who impress at the moment are Josef Posejpal, a store-keeper with the Baraba Tunnel Construction national enterprise, and Milan Kaslec, a cook in the internationally known Alcron Hotel, Prague. Both are 20.

All of the leading women players are resident in Prague. Three of them

work for the CKD Sokolovo engineering plant, Eliská Krejcová 27, Hanka Vyhnanovská, 25, and Miluse Papezová, 19. Libuse Grafková, a Prague student is, at 18, the youngest of the leading women players.

Newcomers Indicated

It is obvious that with so many of the players, and particularly the men, getting on in years, a new flight of top-ranking players must come on the scene very soon. There are indications of their imminent arrival in the results of competitions held during the past winter, and it seems likely that a few of them will be challenging the stars before another year is out. To do this they will have had the fullest possible co-operation and tuition from the top-ranking players, whose places they are destined to take. That is one of the healthiest features of the mass sports movement here as in other people's democratic countries.



IVAN ANDREADIS,

currently ranked No. 2 in the world, is generally considered one of the game's greatest stylists, and one of the finest players never to have won the world title. In the Swathling Cup last season the burly Czech beat all three of the Japanese stars, world champion Ogimura, Tamusu and Tomita, but apparently nervous, lost in the singles semi-final to Ogimura. However, he had the satisfaction of winning the world mixed doubles with Gizi (Farkas) Gervai.

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Area News:

MEMO FROM MERSEYSIDE

IN an effort to make competition keener the Liverpool and District League have decided to reconstitute the Divisions and Regions, as it was becoming evident that three or four Clubs with multiple teams could dominate the 1st and 2nd Divisions and competition was being slowly strangled.

The Management Committee spent many hours discussing the problem and eventually called a special general meeting of the Clubs. The outcome is that only 1st and 'A' teams of any Club are eligible for the first 4 divisions, and Clubs with more than one team in the League must register their players in order of merit. Previously Clubs had been allowed to split their strength, thus enabling them to maintain teams in the higher sphere to the detriment of Clubs with one or two teams.

No Youngsters

Whilst there is no promotion for third or fourth teams from Divisions and Regions lower than Division 4, players with the ambition to play in a higher sphere will have an incentive to gain promotion through their teams.

What of the future? There are still no signs of any youngsters following in

the footsteps of the Hydes or Foulis. Fred Bamford, Peter, Ted and Ron Rumjahn and Don Foulis are still playing in League matches and can still more than hold their own with some of the youngsters who should be able to 'beat them up.'

There is a new scheme of coaching youngsters, with Don, Fred and Peter playing their part, and we await results with a great degree of interest.

New System

The Wirral League, formed out of the Liverpool League to serve the interests of Clubs on the Cheshire side of the Mersey, is now entering its third season. They have increased their League strength by a further division. For the coming season they have adopted a different system of League play, viz.: 8 singles and 2 doubles matches. The singles are limited to 4 players playing 2 sets each, and they may play one doubles set each, but the Club can play 2 fresh pairs if they wish, thus allowing the maximum of 8 players.

I am told that up to the time of going to press, this system has met with unqualified success, especially the Doubles games which appears to encourage a far more enjoyable spirit in the matches.

I have always been of the opinion that more doubles play should be encouraged in League programmes, to enable players to obtain the necessary practice for Tournaments. This all sounds very well on paper, but the plain

truth is that very many Clubs have not the room to make it practicable.

The Merseyside Open is being staged at the Drill Hall, Mather Avenue, November 24th—27th, entries closing first post on November 13th.

The Chester League are celebrating their coming of age this season and have made a special request to stage the Cheshire Open, which takes place January 27/29th, 1955. Particulars may be obtained from the Chester Secretary.

BILLY STAMP

WORCESTERSHIRE NEWS

RUNNERS-UP for the past two seasons Worcestershire will be making an all out bid to win the Midlands Division of the National County championship. Our first match is not until December 4—away to Leicestershire.

County trials are being held this month and among those taking part will be Louis Devereux, Mick Hawkins, Molly Hough, Beryl Steed and several players from the county leagues.

It is hoped that John Logan, of the Kidderminster League, shortly to be demobbed from the R.A.F. will be available throughout the season, and that the Army authorities will again be co-operative by granting Bobby Goode, at present stationed in Salisbury, leave for the important matches.

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Two notable absentees are Dick Guise and Johnny Osborne. Dick has retired, while Johnny, now living at Wolverhampton, has transferred his affections to the Staffordshire League, and will probably be playing against us.

B. P. MOSS

GLoucestershire Snippets

SEASON 1954-5 opens with no new leagues in the county, and no new stars. The big regret is the decision of Margaret Fry to make application to Middlesex, the county of her adoption for a place in their sides.

What of our old leagues? Bristol again increase and now field 16 divisions, 14 men and two women—220 teams in all.



MARGARET FRY

They have an extensive programme with two teams in the Western League and have also entered the Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl national team championships.

Cheltenham again play in both Midland and Western Leagues, and opened their programme by losing 6-4 to Cardiff in a delayed play-off for last season's championship of the Western League. Hard luck, Cheltenham.

Gloucester again play in the Western League and the National competitions, and I hear they have a wealth of junior talent.

Seniors as Juniors

An innovation is the County Junior League, with Bristol, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Cirencester, Forest of Dean and Dursley competing. Any league not being able to raise a fully competitive junior side may include senior players providing they have not represented the county or their own leagues in Western or Midland League matches. The idea is to give the younger players a chance and help the juniors.

Letters to the Editor

APPRECIATION

As the leader of the Dutch party that had the privilege to be the guest of the Wandsworth and District Table Tennis League and the Sutton and District Table Tennis League from August 15th until August 22nd, I want to express our deep feelings of gratitude on behalf of the 32 participants once more. We highly appreciate the splendid organization of the League officials and the wonderful hospitality of the hosts and hostesses. We thank the English Table Tennis Association for giving us the names of the excellent Leagues above mentioned, and everybody concerned for having done so much for our unforgettable stay.

After our hearty departure, we flatter ourselves with the pleasant feeling that this will not be a farewell for ever, because we shall have the honour to welcome our English table tennis friends in Amsterdam next year, for the organization of which we shall do our utmost.

In the name of the organizing committee,

D. KUNST,
Amsterdam.

IN REPLY TO SAM LEITCH

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Sam Leitch's article—and I suppose so did most table tennis officials.

However, I cannot help thinking that he is asking a "leading question" in the part dealing with Press publicity. What is better, he asks, for the game to be "mothered" by one section of the national Press, and ignored by the rest,

The County "closed" championships break fresh ground at Gloucester Baths on Saturday, 1st January, 1955, while to Bristol falls the honour of staging this season's West of England tournament.

A 5-all draw against Lancashire at Bolton does not speak too well of Gloucestershire's chances in the county championship. Brian Merrett must recapture his junior form to give the county a chance of the title, but I think his unaccountable falling away will soon be halted.

Experiments were made in our match against Glamorgan, with the replacement of Bob Griffin by the former junior international Bob Morley, and the pairing of Peter Cruwys with Aubrey Simons and Shirley Davis in the doubles events. Whether or not these were successful will be known by the time this is in print.

The form of our girls against Lancashire was a welcome change. Terry Pomroy easily beat Adele Wood, and with Shirley Davis took the doubles. Keep it up girls.

In the county programme we have home fixtures with Middlesex at Gloucester, Essex at Cheltenham, and are away to Yorkshire, Surrey (at Guildford) and newly promoted Cheshire.

IVOR EYLES

or to get a good coverage all round? Sam's answer, I gather, would be a good coverage by all papers, and no mothering.

I think the answer is obvious: the more space any particular paper devotes to Table Tennis, the better.

It should be our aim to get a "fair and adequate coverage" in all papers, but it is no part of any table tennis official's job to try and cut down the amount of table tennis in publications whose support has been greatly appreciated in the past.

No newspaper need feel neglected, seeing that table tennis news is freely available to all, from the ETTA, from Sports Agencies, and from the ever-willing publicity officials.

CONRAD JASCHKE,
Kent County T.T.A.

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Mr. Leitch is not the only person to get fed up with the diet of hokum about the players, as he so aptly puts it; we older people do too, you know. But isn't this really to be expected?

Table Tennis is essentially a youngsters game, the vast majority of players being in the 'teens and early twenties. Officials generally recognise this fact. They have to.

In these days when so much is done for the youngsters, one can hardly expect anything else. Another point which I think has a bearing on this, is that the game is so individualistic and the player is more in the limelight.

As for "the same old faces"; of course you see them. They are here, there and everywhere and get the publicity. Without detracting from their ability, their sportsmanship, their attraction and everything else, don't let us forget for one moment that most of these personalities are doing it for a living and have got to be good.

L. J. BLOXHAM,
Derby.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES PLEASE

Would it not be possible to increase general interest in our official magazine by running a special monthly feature giving details of local activities? At the present the magazine gives too little news of the smaller leagues and the ordinary club players tend to feel rather out of it all.

R. E. ETHERIDGE,
Bromley.

Editor's Note: Several other readers have made similar observations and this month we aim at a wider field with two new features, Area News and Around the Leagues. It is now up to the Areas and Leagues to keep us informed so that we can include their activities in future issues.

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AROUND THE LEAGUES

AN international atmosphere features the **Western Counties League** with Newport and Cardiff joining Birmingham, Bath, Gloucester, Cheltenham and Bristol, to form The First Division, matches being played home and away on alternative years.

The Second Division, composed of Newport II, Bristol II, Weston, West Wilts and Taunton, play home and away each season.

So far Birmingham have played Newport, steamrolling their way to a ten-nil win. Ann Haydon was in sparkling mood against Mrs. Vera Rowe, and Bob McKay was superb in a defensive role against sponge bat opponent Trevor Jones.

Weston gained a similar one-sided win over Taunton in the Second Division, where Bristol II beat Newport II 7—3.

Potteries and District are now running five divisions, plus a women's division to accommodate a record entry. The women's section however is poorly supported with only six teams following the withdrawal of Blurton C.A.

Roy Machin of Longton returns after a break of two years and is expected to be a power in the First Division.

A record entry of 30 teams—two up on last year is reported from the **Spalding League**, but **South London** team entries are ten down, while **Croydon's** registrations have dropped from 406 to 362.

Brighouse League formed only last season have now affiliated to the E.T.T.A. and will be working with 14 teams. **Leicester and District** have 65 teams while **Sunderland and District** have 55 teams in five divisions.

Huddersfield with eight divisions, two of them for women are expecting to build up a strong women's inter-league side. They are proud of the fact that five of their players are among the first ten in Yorkshire ranking R. Hinchliff (2), G. Wadsworth (3), S. Dyson (6), B. Pennington (7), and G. Brook (10).

With six Essex county players at their call—Bobby Stevens, Yvonne Baker, Ken Beamish, Ray Dorking, Bobby Raybould and Jean Page—**East London** have one of their strongest teams for years. They aim to repeat last season's senior and

junior double in the Essex League championship.

After serving for 19 of the **West Bromwich League's** 21 years of existence A. Wall hands over the office of General Secretary to H. W. Collett, of Y.M.C.A. Mr. Wall will act as Inter-League secretary.

Oxford have high hopes of their county junior champion left hander, 15 years old Richard Cole.

"Rabbits" get their chance to meet the champions in the novel handicap team knock-out tournament which has proved one of the most popular events in the **Romford League's** extensive programme, and has attracted 58 teams this season. First Division sides are off scratch, Second Division receive six points per game, 3rd Division 8 points, 4th Division 10 points and ladies' teams 15 points.

Matches are played on the same lines as normal league fixtures, senior side of the two always starting at scratch.

During each of the last two years each division has been represented in the quarter-finals.

The competition was the outcome of the presentation of the Norman Eastoe Cup.

Two **N. W. Kent** players Alf Davies (R.A.C.S.) and Brian Hellberg (Burn-dept-Vidor) made their county debut when they helped Kent defeat the R.A.F. 9—1.

Davies (4) and his wife Mayr (5) both figure in the Kent ranking list.

With the season only a few weeks old Kent have already revised their county ranking list. Ron Etheridge of **Bromley League**, newest convert to "sponge" has switched from a purely defensive player to an attacker and met with so much success that he has moved up to No. 1, with Vic Atterano, of **Woolwich**, slipping back to No. 2.

Atterano held top ranking all last season, while Etheridge has been Kent champion for the past two years.

Colchester, represented by President A. Last, Chairman N. Underwood, and G. Kellett provided a surprise in the Essex Veterans Division when they defeated Romford 5—4. Romford had been claiming to have one of the strongest veterans teams in the country.

Most impressive performance was Kellett's win over Ralph Dean, who the previous night had beaten teammate Harry Sugarhood, former English Veteran champion. Kellett is an orthodox player, unusual in the veteran's division.

Mr. Murray C. Gibbs has succeeded Mr. B. L. Virgo, who has resigned for domestic reasons, as the new President of **Staines and District**.

Staines also have a new Hon. Gen. Secretary in Mr. Dennis Rose, who has also taken over the post of Treasurer.

Staines plan to run a second team this season to play a series of friendly matches.

Jack Crookes will be running official **Sheffield League** coaching classes at the Burgoyne Arms, Langsett Road, every Wednesday. Clubs are asked to nominate suitable players.

The League Executive Committee under Vice-Chairman Mr. S. Shirt plan to visit as many clubs as possible during the season.

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Barnsley "closed" championships commence on March 21 with the finals on April 5. The singles champions are P. Kenyon (Woodmoor) and Mrs. M. Mosley (Barnsley North End).

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Details and Venue</i>	<i>Extra Events</i>	<i>Organising Secretary</i>
Nov. 8-13	South London Open (Oct. 23) Manor Place Baths, London, S.E.17.	B.S., G.S.	Mrs. E. G. Johnston, 141, Ingram Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.
13	Hartlepoons Open (Nov. 6) Hartlepoons Industrial Estate Canteen.	B.S.	Mr. J. T. Grocott, 2, Sheridan Grove, West Hartlepool.
13	England v. France (Jnrs.) J. E. Hall's Canteen, Dartford.		Mr. J. Phillips, 97, Heathwood Gardens, Charlton, London, S.E.7.
14	Kent Junior Open (Oct. 23) Pier Pavilion, Herne Bay.		F. G. Mannooch, 216, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
15	England v. Belgium (Jnrs.) The Pavilion Garden on Sands, Broadstairs, Kent.		Mr. C. M. Wyles, 34, York Street, Broadstairs, Kent.
19-21	South of England Open (Nov. 6) Powers Samas Welfare Hall, Aurelia Road Croydon.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. C. A. Bourne, 15a, Red Down Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.
19	England v. Scotland Eltham Baths, London, S.E.9.		Mr. H. E. Johnson, 14, Castlewood Drive, Eltham, London, S.E.9.
20	Bath Open (Nov. 8) Drill Hall, Upper Bristol Road, Bath.	B.S.	Mr. L. Le Cren, 4, Newark Street, Bath.
24-27	Merseyside Open (Nov. 12) Drill Hall, Mather Ave., Liverpool 18.	B.S., G.S. V.S.	Mr. W. Stamp, "Buena Ventura," Farmsale Close, Liverpool 18.
26	England v. Wales (Women) , The Gymnasium, Bolton Y.M.C.A., Deansgate, Bolton, Lancs.		Mr. A. Howcroft, 30, Thorne Street, Farnworth, Lancs.
27	Dorset Open (Nov. 17) Sidney and Trinity Halls, Weymouth.	B.S.	Mr. P. Northcott, 31, Hillcrest Road, Weymouth.
27	Peterborough Open (Nov. 15) Baker Perkins Canteen, Westwood Wks., & Lincoln Rd. Drill Hall, Peterborough.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. J. Wildman, St. Davids, 8, Eastgate, Deeping St. James, Nr. Peterborough.
Nov. 29/ Dec. 4	Central London Open (Nov. 9) Manor Place Baths, London, S.E.17.	B.S. G.S.	Mrs. E. Johnston, 141, Ingram Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.
9	England v. Germany Guild Hall, Winchester.		Mr. H. A. Richards, 18, St. Paul's Hill, Winchester.
10	Wales v. England Drill Hall, Newport.		
10-11	Welsh Open		
Jan. 3-8	Metropolitan "Open" (Nov. 24) Polytechnic Extension, Little Titchfield Street, London, W.1.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. E. S. Lee, The Polytechnic, 309, Regent Street, London, W.1.
7-8	Pontefract Open Town Hall and Assembly Rooms, Pontefract, Yorks	B.S. G.S. V.S.	Mr. T. Horrocks, "Rockland," Bondgate, Pontefract, Yorks
10-11	French Open		
15-16	Belgian Open		
16-22	N. W. Kent Open (Dec. 13) Barnehurst Residents' Club, Parkside Ave., Barnehurst, Bexleyheath, Kent.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. C. Jaschke, 22, Sidcup Hill Gardens, Sidcup, Kent.
21-22	South Yorks Open (Jan. 8) Firth Browns Canteen, Saville Street, Sheffield, Yorks.	B.S.	Mr. R. D. Renshaw, 7, Luna Croft, Gleadless, Sheffield 12.
23	Southampton Open (Jan. 8) Royal Pier Pavilion, Southampton.	B.S.	Mr. K. H. Miles, 46, Bevois Valley Road, Southampton.
27-29	Cheshire Open (Jan. 15) Drill Hall, Volunteer Street, Chester.	B.S. G.S. V.S.	Mr. S. H. Dutton, 35, Carrick Road, Curzon Park, Chester.
29-30	Kent Open (Jan. 10) Marine Gardens Pavilion, Folkestone.	J.S. (Mixed)	Mr. F. Betts, "Elsmycdene," 88, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent.

NATIONAL CUP RESULTS

WILMOTT CUP First Round Results

Zone 1 (A)
 Dewsbury 5, York 4.
 Halifax 7, Hartlepoons 2.
 Huddersfield 5, Leeds 3.
 Sunderland 1, Northumberland 8.
Zone 1 (B)
 Lincoln 5, Grimsby 4.
 Scunthorpe 5, Sheffield 4.
Zone 2 (A)
 Nelson 7, Blackpool 2.
 Burnley 9, Carlisle 0.
Zone 2 (B)
 Farnworth 1, Stockport 8.
 Warrington 0, Liverpool 9.
Zone 3 (A)
 Leamington 0, Birmingham 9.
 Shrewsbury 5, Burton Snr. 4.
 Leicester 4, Coventry 5.
 Northampton w.o. Dudley scr.
Zone 3 (B)
 Peterborough 0, Cambridge 9.
Zone 4 (A)
 Luton 5, Hitchin 4.
 North Middx. 6, Barnets 0.
 Bedford 7, Welwyn 2.
 St. Albans 2, Watford 7.
Zone 4 (B)
 Ilford 9, West Essex 0.
 Thameside Ind. 0, Romford 9.
Zone 5 (A)
 London Bus. Houses 3, Univ. of London 6.
 Wembley 0, London Civ. Ser. 9.
 Naigo 0, South London 9.
Zone 5 (B)
 Travel Trade 7, Ins. Off. 2.
 Central 0, East London 9.
 Wandsworth 9, London Prov. Trades 0.
Zone 6 (A)
 Thames Valley 0, Staines 9.
 Leatherhead 0, Croydon 9.
Zone 6 (B)
 Beckenham w.o. Woolwich scr.
 Bromley 5, Folkestone 4.
Zone 7 (A)
 Eastbourne 9, Crawley 0.
 Brighton 7, Bognor 2.
Zone 8 (A)
 Newbury 0, Slough 9.
 Poole 3, Bournemouth 6.
 Reading 7, Oxford 2.
Zone 8 (B)
 Gloucester 9, West Wilts 0.
 Devizes 1, Exeter 8.

Second Round Draw

(on or before November 17, 1954).

Zone 1 (A)
 Northumberland v Huddersfield
 Halifax v Dewsbury
Zone 1 (B)
 Chesterfield v Lincoln
 Scunthorpe v Barnsley
Zone 2 (A)
 Barrow v Southport
 Nelson v Burnley
Zone 2 (B)
 Chester v Stockport
 Manchester v Liverpool
Zone 3 (A)
 Shrewsbury v Northampton
 Birmingham v Coventry
Zone 3 (B)
 King's Lynn v Cambridge
 Norwich v Cambridge Univ.
Zone 4 (A)
 Bedford v Watford
 North Middx. v Luton
Zone 4 (B)
 Dagenham v Ilford
 Southend v Romford
Zone 5 (A)
 London Civ. v Univ. of London
 London Banks v South London

Zone 5 (B)
 East London v Wandsworth
 Walthamstow v Travel Trades
Zone 6 (A)
 Croydon v Sutton
 Byfleet v Staines
Zone 6 (B)
 Sittingbourne v Bromley
 North West Kent v Beckenham
Zone 7 (A)
 Brighton v Eastbourne
Zone 7 (B)
 Salisbury v Southampton
 Portsmouth v Bournemouth
Zone 8 (A)
 Reading v Maidenhead
 Slough v Oxford Univ.
Zone 8 (B)
 Exeter v Gloucester
 Bath v Bristol

ROSE BOWL

First Round Results

Zone 1 (A)
 Bradford 1, Leeds 7.
 Sunderland 1, Northumberland 5.
Zone 1 (B)
 Lincoln 5, Sheffield 4.
 Grimsby 3, Barnsley 6.
Zone 2
 Burnley 6, Barrow 3.
 Manchester 8, Blackpool 1.
Zone 3 (A)
 Burton Snr. 2, Coventry 7.
Zone 3 (B)
 Peterborough 9, Cambridge 0.
Zone 4 (A)
 Hitchin scr. Luton w.o.
 Watford 5, St. Albans 4.
 Bedford 6, Letchworth 3.
Zone 4 (B)
 North Middx. 7, Barnets 1.
 Dagenham 1, Ilford 8.
Zone 5 (A)
 London Bus. Houses 7, London Civ. Ser. 2.
 Wembley 0, South London 9.
Zone 5 (B)
 East London 9, London Prov. Trades 0.
Zone 6 (A)
 Thames Valley 5, Sutton 4.
Zone 6 (B)
 Sittingbourne 0, Maidstone 5.
 Beckenham 1, N.W. Kent 8.

Zone 7
 Brighton 6, Southampton 3.
Zone 8 (A)
 Slough 7, Reading 2.
 Oxford 6, Newbury 3.
Zone 8 (B)
 Bristol 9, West Wilts 0.
 Salisbury 7, Bath 1.

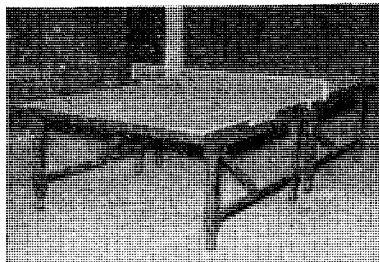
Second Round Draw

(on or before November 17, 1954)

Zone 1 (A)
 Leeds v Northampton
Zone 1 (B)
 Barnley v Lincoln
Zone 2
 Liverpool v Manchester
 Chester v Burnley
Zone 3 (A)
 Coventry v Birmingham
 Northampton v Leicester
Zone 3 (B)
 King's Lynn v Peterborough
Zone 4 (A)
 Bedford v Luton
 North Middx. v Watford
Zone 4 (B)
 Ilford v Thameside
 Romford v Southend
Zone 5 (A)
 South London v London Bus. Hses.
 London Banks v Ins. Off.
Zone 5 (B)
 Central v Travel Trade
 Walthamstow or Wandsworth v East London
Zone 6 (A)
 Thames Valley v Croydon
 Staines v Leatherhead
Zone 6 (B)
 Maidstone v Bromley
 Woolwich v North West Kent
Zone 7
 Eastbourne v Bournemouth
 Brighton v Portsmouth
Zone 8 (A)
 High Wycombe v Maidenhead
 Slough v Oxford
Zone 8 (B)
 Salisbury v Bristol

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YORKSHIRE "OPEN"

It was a case of third time lucky when Johnny Leach, newly returned from his Australian tour, won the Yorkshire "Open" at Fenton-street Barracks, Leeds, on October 9. He beat the local idol and holder of the title Brian Kennedy in the final 13—21, 21—15, 21—9.

When Leach lost the first game it looked as though he was going to meet with the same fate as his two previous attempts at the title, but recovering well he fought his way to the top in the second game then dashed through the final game with the loss of only nine points.

To celebrate the occasion Leach went on to make a clean sweep by winning the men's doubles with Kennedy and the mixed doubles with Helen Elliot, who like Leach completed the "hat-trick." She won the singles, beating Miss P. Heppell in straight games in the final, and the women's doubles in partnership with Mrs. J. Braddock.

Two of the "seeds" fell by the wayside in the men's singles, Ray Hinchliff losing to P. Skerratt (Scunthorpe) in the fifth round, and Ron Allcock going out to G. Wadsworth (Huddersfield) in the quarter-finals.

Miss Heppell (Northumberland) provided the upset of the women's singles when she beat Miss Adele Wood, the No. 2 seed in the semi-finals.

The tournament attracted over 200 competitors from as far apart as Bournemouth in the South and Edinburgh in the North.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles: semi-finals: J. LEACH beat P. Skerratt 21—11, 21—10; B. KENNEDY beat G. Wadsworth 21—15, 21—11.

Final: LEACH beat Kennedy 13—21, 21—15, 21—9.

Women's Singles: semi-finals: Miss H. ELLIOT beat Mrs. D. Wilkinson 21—19, 21—15. Miss P. HEPPELL beat Miss A. Wood 21—17, 21—19.

Final: MISS ELLIOT beat Miss Heppell 21—15, 21—19.

Men's Doubles: Final: LEACH and KENNEDY beat S. Dyson and Wadsworth 21—12, 21—10.

Women's Doubles: Final: MISS ELLIOT and MRS. J. BRADDOCK beat Mrs. Wilkinson and Miss Wood 19—21, 21—12, 21—18.

Mixed Doubles: Final: LEACH and MISS ELLIOT beat R. Allcock and Miss Wood 21—11, 21—16.

Veteran's Singles: Final: J. HITCHCOCK (holder) beat E. Reay 21—11, 22—20.

BUCKS "OPEN"

Ken Craigie, the Surrey Swaythling Cup international, and Miss Shirley Jones, of Wales, carried off the singles titles in the Bucks "Open" at Slough on October 9-10, where the entry although strong, was down on previous years.

After beating Jackie Head (Surrey) in the quarter-final, and Jimmy Lowe (Middlesex) in the semi-final, Craigie had a terrific battle with Harry Venner (Surrey) in the final, the result being in doubt until the last point. Twenty-all was reached in the final game before Craigie eventually clinched the last two points and won the match at 19—21, 21—15, 22—20.

Shirley Jones beat three English internationals in a row to win the women's title, Yvonne Baker (Essex) in the quarter-final, Joy Seaman (Middlesex) in the semi-final and Barbara Milbank (Essex) in the final. After losing the first game to Miss Milbank at 19, the young Welsh player took complete command to crash her way through the next two games at 21—15, 21—8.

Miss Jones completed a double when she partnered

Betty Gray to beat Margaret Fry and Doreen Spooner in the women's doubles final, and another double was achieved by Bobby Stevens (Essex), who won the men's doubles with Bobby Raybould, and the mixed doubles with Yvonne Baker.

A slight form upset occurred in the Boys' Singles when Terry Densham lost in the final to Laurie Landry (Middx.). Landry did not win a place in any of the new junior teams, but he already has his "cap" from last season when he toured Germany with Densham and Backhouse. The final was a really good one and held the crowd from start to finish . . . quite a feat when one considers that the event was well down the programme and followed the mens' singles semis.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals: H. T. VENNER beat A. R. Miller 21—14, 21—17; A. RHODES beat R. E. Etheridge 20—22, 21—14, 21—15; J. W. LOWE beat J. P. Shead 21—17, 21—18; K. CRAIGIE beat J. E. Head 21—10, 21—18.

Semi-finals: VENNER beat Rhodes 21—9, 21—10; CRAIGIE beat Lowe 19—21, 21—10, 21—14.

Final: CRAIGIE beat Venner 19—21, 21—15, 22—20.

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals: MISS S. JONES beat Miss Y. Baker 22—20, 21—12; MISS J. WINN beat Miss B. Isaacs 21—19, 21—16; MISS B. MILBANK beat Miss B. Gray 21—10, 21—18; MRS. B. CARTER beat Miss Y. Seaman 21—23, 21—11, 21—18.

Semi-finals: MISS JONES beat Miss Winn 19—21, 21—9, 21—9; MISS MILBANK beat Mrs. Carter 21—19, 17—21, 21—10.

Final: MISS JONES beat Miss Milbank 19—21, 21—15, 21—8.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals: L. ADAMS and D. C. BURRIDGE beat J. W. Lowe and H. T. Venner 21—15, 21—17; R. RAYBOULD and R. J. STEVENS beat I. Jones and A. Sherwood 17—21, 21—17, 22—20.

Final: RAYBOULD and STEVENS beat Adams and Burrige 21—15, 12—21, 21—13.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals: MISS B. GRAY and MISS S. JONES beat Miss J. Fielder and Miss J. White 21—18, 21—13; MISS M. FRY and MISS D. E. SPOONER beat Miss Y. Seaman and Miss J. Winn 14—21, 21—17, 23—21.

Final: MISS GRAY and MISS JONES beat Miss Fry and Miss Spooner 21—12, 21—18.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals: R. J. STEVENS and MISS Y. BAKER beat I. Jones and Miss S. Jones 15—21, 21—15, 21—13; A. RHODES and Miss J. WINN beat L. Adams and Mrs. E. Carrington 21—17, 15—21, 21—12.

Final: STEVENS and MISS BAKER beat Rhodes and Miss Winn 21—16, 22—20.

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals: T. DENSHAM beat E. Hodson 21—16, 21—18; L. F. LANDRY beat M. Hains 21—17, 21—14.

Final: LANDRY beat Densham 17—21, 21—17, 22—20.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals: MISS J. FIELDER beat Miss A. Frewin 21—4, 21—2; MISS W. BATES beat Miss B. Spooner 21—9, 21—5.

Final: MISS FIELDER beat Miss Bates 21—19, 21—18.

Tournament organisers are requested to send in their reports for inclusion in this column.

NORTH OF ENGLAND

"OPEN"

Twins Diane and Rosalind Rowe, the world's doubles champions, started their new season's campaign by dominating the women's singles and doubles in the North of England "Open" at Manchester, on October 15-16. Rosalind beat her sister easily in the singles final, after Diane had gained a brilliant semi-final win over Helen Elliot, and together the twins beat Kathie Best and Elsie Carrington in the doubles final.

But the twins tasted defeat in the mixed doubles. Diane partnering Michael Thornhill lost to Aubrey Simons and Helen Elliot, the ultimate winners, while Rosalind and Brian Kennedy were beaten by Ron Allcock and Adele Wood.

Thornhill, holder for the past two years, lost the men's singles, going out to Simons in the semi-final. Simons went on to win the title after a thrilling final with Ken Stanley. Thornhill gained some measure of revenge when he partnered Kennedy to beat Simons and Geoff Pullar in the men's doubles final.

Pullar, a Lancashire County cricketer, provided the upset of the tournament with a fourth round win over Kennedy, but found Stanley too steady for him in the quarter-final.

Florence Wright celebrated her selection for the England junior team by winning the girl's singles.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals: A. SIMONS beat C. Booth 21-14, 21-12; M. THORNHILL beat L. Laza (Australia) 21-9, 16-21, 21-17; R. HINCHLIFF beat B. Casofsky 21-19, 21-14; K. STANLEY beat G. Pullar 10-21, 21-15, 21-14.

Semi-finals: SIMONS beat Thornhill 21-18, 23-21; STANLEY beat Hinchliff 23-21, 21-18.

Final: SIMONS beat Stanley 16-21, 21-16, 23-21.

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals: R. ROWE beat M. Lecky 17-21, 21-11; 21-11; K. BEST beat A. Wood 21-14, 21-7; H. ELLIOT beat M. Fry 19-21, 21-9, 21-17; D. ROWE beat B. Waterson 21-7, 21-15.

Semi-finals: Miss D. ROWE beat Miss Elliot 21-18, 21-15; Miss R. ROWE beat Miss Best 21-17, 21-13.

Final: Miss R. ROWE beat Miss D. Rowe 21-12, 21-7.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals: M. THORNHILL and B. KENNEDY beat R. Allcock and A. Holland 21-17, 17-21, 21-15; A. SIMONS and G. PULLAR beat A. Shepherd and J. Worsley 21-23, 21-19, 23-21.

Final: THORNHILL and KENNEDY beat Simons and Pullar 21-19, 21-19.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals: D. and R. ROWE beat A. Wood and D. Wilkinson 21-13, 21-8; C. K. BEST and E. CARRINGTON beat H. Elliot and M. Fry 21-18, 21-19.

Final: D. and R. ROWE beat Miss Best and Mrs. Carrington 21-12, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals: A. SIMONS and Miss ELLIOT beat M. Thornhill and Miss D. Rowe 19-21, 21-17, 21-18. R. ALLCOCK and Miss WOOD beat B. Kennedy and Miss R. Rowe 18-21, 21-17, 21-19.

Final: SIMONS and Miss ELLIOT beat Allcock and Miss Wood 21-10, 21-16.

Boy's Singles: Final: J. E. GRIFFITHS beat B. A. Wells 19-21, 21-12, 21-16.

Girl's Singles: F. WRIGHT beat I. Haney 21-12, 21-7.

BIRMINGHAM "OPEN"

L. Kinsey, in the Veteran Singles, was the only champion to retain his title in the Birmingham "Open" at Moseley on October 23. All other title-holders were eliminated without reaching the finals.

Ray Hinchliff, of Huddersfield, marked up his first "open" of the season when he beat Derek Burridge (Middx) in the men's singles final, while Helen Elliot, of Scotland, took the women's title by defeating Barbara Milbank, of Essex, 21-13, 24-22.

Because of various delays time ran out before the men's doubles finals could be played.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles: R. HINCHLIFF (Yorks) beat D. Burridge (Middx) 21-19, 21-17.

Women's Singles: Miss H. ELLIOT (Scotland) beat Miss B. Milbank (Essex) 21-13, 24-22.

Women's Doubles: Miss ELLIOT and Miss M. FRY beat Miss A. Bates and Miss G. Holden 21-23, 21-13, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: A. RHODES and Miss J. WINN beat M. Merrett and Miss A. Haydon 21-14, 21-23, 21-19.

Boy's Singles: T. DENSHAM beat I. Harrison 20-22, 21-15, 21-15.

Girl's Singles: Miss F. WRIGHT beat Miss D. Worrall 21-15, 22-20.

Junior Doubles: D. BACKHOUSE and Miss A. HAYDON beat K. Griffiths and I. Harrison 13-21, 21-7, 21-11.

Veteran's Singles: L. KINSEY beat K. Starbuck 21-1, 21-9.



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AUSTRIAN "OPEN"

Men's Singles: Final: I. ANDREADIS (Czechoslovakia) bt. Z. Dolinar (Yugoslavia) 12—21, 21—18, 21—11, 21—11.

Women's Singles: Semi-final: Miss R. ROWE (England) bt. Mrs. G. Farkas-Gervai (Hungary) 21—18, 16—21, 21—16, 7—21, 21—19.

Final: Miss R. ROWE bt. Miss I. Kerekes (Hungary) 21—24, 22—24, 21—18, 21—19, 21—7.

Men's Doubles: Final: I. ANDREADIS and L. STIPEK bt. K. Freundorfer and H. Rockmeier 10—21, 21—19, 20—22, 21—10, 21—15.

Women's Doubles: Final: Miss D. ROWE and Miss R. ROWE (England) bt. Mrs. G. Farkas-Gervai and Miss I. Kerekes 21—16, 21—21, 22—20.

Mixed Doubles Final: Z. DOLINAR and Miss L. WERTL bt. J. Koczian and Mrs. G. Farkas-Gervai 21—13, 20—22, 21—16, 21—19.

PORTSMOUTH "OPEN"

History repeated itself when Les. Sawyer (London), the holder, defeated Peter Shead (Brighton) 21—9, 21—17 in the men's singles final of the Portsmouth "Open" at South Parade Pier, Southsea, on October 24. Shead and John Quilter (Bognor) in the junior singles, were the only champions to retain their titles against a new record entry of 235.

Joan Willcocks (Plymouth) lost her women's singles title in the semi-final when she was beaten by Wendy Bates (Brighton), who went on to become the new champion by defeating Joyce Fielder (Kent) 21—19, 12—21, 21—19 in a hard fought final between England's two new junior internationals.

Mrs. Willcocks, partnered by Margaret Cherry (London) had the satisfaction of defeating Miss Bates and Miss C. Rose in the women's doubles finals, and also captured the mixed doubles title with Jimmy Lowe (Middlesex).

An early surprise was the defeat of Ray Dorking (Essex), one of the "seeds," by B. Groves (Bristol). Sawyer also accounted for two "seeds," D. House (Bath) (sixth round) and Lowe (semi-final) on his way to the final. Shead met stiff opposition in the earlier rounds before overcoming Peter Pudney, R. McCree and C. Frecker.

All seeded pairs were eliminated before the semi-finals in the men's doubles, the final of which resulted in a win for the Essex pair Ken Beamish and Bobby Raybould over Pudney and Frecker.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles: Semi-finals: L. SAWYER (London) beat J. Lowe (Middx.) 12—21, 21—9, 21—14; P. J. SHEAD (Brighton) beat C. Frecker (London) 21—13, 21—11.

Final: SAWYER beat Shead 21—9, 21—17.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals: W. BATES (Brighton) beat J. Willcocks (Plymouth) 6—21, 21—15, 21—16; J. FIELDER (Kent) beat M. Cherry (London) 21—11, 21—17.

Finals: Miss BATES beat Miss Fielder 21—19, 12—21, 21—19.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals: K. BEAMISH and R. RAYBOULD beat N. Wilding and R. Bassett 21—14, 12—21, 21—16; P. PUDNEY and C. FRECKER beat R. Etheridge and V. Atterano 21—14, 18—21, 21—18.

Final: BEAMISH and RAYBOULD beat Pudney and Frecker 21—18, 21—15.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals: J. WILLCOCKS and M. CHERRY beat M. McMeekin and J. Fielder 21—8, 21—12; W. BATES and C. ROSE beat J. Latty and P. Collins 21—17, 20—22, 21—13.

Final: Mrs. WILLCOCKS and Miss CHERRY beat Miss Bates and Miss Rose 21—16, 21—17.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals: LOWE and Mrs. WILLCOCKS beat Frecker and Miss Cherry 20—22, 21—17, 21—18; SHEAD and Mrs. P. SHEAD beat I. Alexander and Miss Rose 21—17, 21—14.

Final: LOWE and Mrs. WILLCOCKS beat Shead and Mrs. Shead 21—14, 22—20.

Boy's Singles: Final: J. QUILTER (Bognor) beat M. Hains (London) 19—21, 21—13, 21—15.

SUSSEX "OPEN"

BURRIDGE TRIUMPHS AT HASTINGS

All else was overshadowed at this pleasant, well run Tournament by Derek Burridge's best ever Championship performance.

From a big International entry Derek not only won, but did so without conceding a single game. He did not have by any means the easiest quarter—it contained Len Adams, Tony Miller, Keith Hurlock (Adams beat Miller, Rhodes beat Hulock and Adams), as well as Roy Turner, John Hunt, and Alan Rhodes, all of whom were successively beaten by Burridge. 33—31 in the second against Turner!

Came the semi-final and a great triumph over Aubrey Simons, the holder. Tight, accurate defence coupled with an occasional quick hit won the day, and so to a convincing win over Harry Venner, twice previously winner of the title.

Other outstanding men's singles performances were: Round 1, Alan Sherwood beat Bobby Stevens. Round 2, D. Whitaker (Kent) beat Jackie Head, Glyn Bebb beat Jack Carrington. Round 4, David House took a game from Simons.

Highspot in many another tourney would have been the win of Barbara Milbank to retain her women's singles title. A tough draw, too—Betty Isaacs and Margaret Fry in the first two rounds, then the rapidly improving Wendy Bates — well done, Wendy, to take a game—before a great semi-final success against world ranking Ann Haydon, for the second time in successive weeks, and a smooth win over Winn in the final. Most spectacular game, second round, Pam Mortimer beat Jill Rook in three.

Ivor Jones and Bobby Stevens added another big tournament to their list, at the expense of Burridge and Adams—in the afternoon, by arrangement, the same two pairs played off the final of the Birmingham Open, unfinished the previous week, with Adams and Burridge successful!

RESULTS:

Men's Singles: Semi-finals: D. BURRIDGE beat A. Simons 21—13, 22—20; H. T. VENNOR beat J. P. Shead 21—9, 21—11.

Final: BURRIDGE beat Venner 21—19, 21—12.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals: B. MILBANK beat A. Haydon 14—21, 21—16, 21—19; J. WINN beat P. Mortimer 21—13, 21—18.

Final: MILBANK beat Winn 21—19, 18—21, 21—10.

Men's Doubles: I. W. JONES and R. J. STEVENS beat L. G. Adams and D. Burridge 13—21, 21—18, 21—18.

Women's Doubles: B. MILBANK and Mrs. E. CARRINGTON beat J. Rook and P. Gall 21—16, 21—16.

Mixed Doubles: H. VENNOR and A. HAYDON beat A. Rhodes and J. Winn 21—19, 21—8.

Boys' Singles: T. DENSHAM beat L. Landry 21—14, 14—21, 21—12.