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Champion Runner-up

IS Ann Haydon destined to be a Champion Runner-Up? This is the big talking point in table and lawn tennis following the Birmingham star's latest disappointment in the European Championships.

After sweeping through to the women's singles final with the loss of only one game, Miss Haydon was beaten by an old rival Eva Koczian, of Hungary.

Miss Haydon has all the ingredients of a prospective champion, but she repeatedly falters at the last hurdle. It happened in three world finals as well as the English singles last year, and indeed she has now appeared in five world finals but has still to be champion.

What is missing? She appears to be without a weakness both mentally and physically yet there must be some explanation of this failure to win.

STRAIN TOO GREAT

Could it be that too much is asked of our girls with team as well as individual events? It is a tremendous strain, growing with intensity the further a player gets.

Sam Leitch, Sports Editor of *The Daily Herald*, who has closely followed Miss Haydon's career, searches for the explanation on Page 16.

Meanwhile, congratulations to Miss Haydon and Diane Collins, on winning the team title. This was a tremendous performance which now makes them serious challengers for the Corbillon Cup next season.

Miss Haydon gets a chance to avenge her European defeat in the English "Open" this month, being seeded as the prospective finalist with Miss Koczian.

We need look little further than these two,

whose chief opposition is likely to come from Diane Collins, in the same half as Miss Koczian, and Helen Elliot who should meet Miss Haydon.

EUROPEAN REPEAT

The "export only" tag is almost certain to be attached to the men's singles once again. In fact it looks like a repeat of the European final between Zoltan Berczik and Elemer Gyetvai, providing of course that Gyetvai is the mysterious Hungarian "B" player in the draw.

Berczik won the title last year in the face of Japanese opposition. Gyetvai, was the champion the year before, but did not defend.

Brian Kennedy, England's No. 1, may well meet Berczik in the quarter-finals and in the same half of the draw are Alan Rhodes and Ian Harrison.

Johnny Leach would appear to be most favoured and could go right through to the final with a little luck, but it depends on whether or not Gyetvai is taking part.

But if any titles are to come home we must pin our hopes on the girls, though the Haydon-Collins partnership has been broken up for the doubles.

It is with deep regret that I learned of the death of Bill Parker, of Ilford. He died on February 24.

Parker, who edited the programme for the 1948 World Championships, was my first contact in table tennis, and it was partly due to his persuasion that I started to write about the game.

Manchester play their part in helping towards the Manchester United Disaster Fund, with a match against an all-star team raised by Victor Barna at Manchester Y.M.C.A. on April 8.

Manchester bring in Adele (Wood) Pettifer and Lorna Bown to join their Wilmott Cup winning team.

Barna, who will make one of his rare competitive appearances, is joined by Johnny Leach, Brian Kennedy and Diane Collins.

Any followers who would like to show their appreciation may send donations to Leslie W. Jones, 261, Mauldeth Road, Burnage, Manchester 19.

HARRISON EDWARDS.

Official News:

The National Executive Committee held a meeting in the Council Chamber of the Royal Empire Society, London, on Saturday, March 1, 1958, which lasted over eight hours. There was a full agenda for discussion including a number of items brought forward from the previous meeting and some of the matters discussed were:

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on April 26th, 1958, in the Lecture Hall, Kingsway Hall, London, W.C.2. The Committee agreed that the Press be invited to make application to attend. **Election of Officers and National**

Executive Committee 1958/59

The Committee agreed to extend the date of nominations regarding the Chairman and Hon. Treasurer of the Association in view of the fact that although Mr. Montagu (Chairman) and Mr. Vint (Hon. Treasurer) had indicated at the last Annual General Meeting that they did not intend to seek re-election for the post of Chairman and Hon. Treasurer respectively for the 1958/59 season, no intimation of the fact was given on the notice sent out with the nomination papers. In view of this fact the agreed dates for the annual election of officers and members of the National Executive Committee were changed and agreed as follows:-

Nomination papers to be returned

by 11th March, 1958. Voting papers to be despatched on or before the 25th March, 1958.

Voting papers to be returned on

or before the 9th April, 1958. The Proportional Representation Society will as before be conducting the Elections and any E.T.T.A. representative not receiving his papers by the new dates quoted above should notify the Administrative Secretary of the Association immediately.

Central Council of Physical Recreation — Wolfenden Committee — Focus on Sport.

A communication had been received from the Wolfenden Committee and this was discussed at length. The Committee agreed to set up a sub-committee to deal with this matter. The members of the sub-committee are Messrs. Montagu, Vint, Lowen, Clemett, James and Jaschke. Manchester United Air Crash

It was reported that letters of sympathy had been sent from the Association to the Football League, the Football Association, the Institute of Journalists, the Lancashire County Table Tennis Association and the Manchester Table Tennis League regarding the terrible air disaster at

Munich. A Memorial Service was held at St. Martins in the Fields, London on the 10th February and the Secretary (Mr. D. P. Lowen) attended on behalf of the Association.

In view of an appeal made by the Lord Mayor of Manchester in his setting up of a Disaster Fund, a match has been arranged between Manchester (this season's Wilmott Cup winners) and Victor Barna's team which is to be held at the Manchester Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium, Peter Street, Manchester, 2, on the 8th

English Table Tennis Association

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April, 1958. Manchester will be represented by A. Allcock, G. Pullar, J. Ingber, Mrs. A. (Wood) Pettifer and Miss L. Bown and Victor Barna's team will be G. V. Barna, J. A. Leach, B. Kennedy and Mrs. D. Collins. All the proceeds from this match will be donated to the Disaster Fund. Further details can be obtained from Mr. L. W. Jones, 261, Mauldeth Road, Burnage, Manchester, 19.

National Umpires Examinations

Two Examinations have now been held, one in Bristol and the other in London and the Committee endorsed the National Umpires Committee recommendation that the following members be known as National Umpires:-

- K. A. Low (Essex) C. R. Mayne (Mddx) A. V. Meyern (Mddx)

A. V. Meyern (Modx) S. E. A. Morton (Surrey) F. C. Newell (Glos.) L. H. Nicholson (Mddx.) T. S. Rendall (Hants.) D. N. Tyler (Sussex) This now makes the total of National Umpires 27.

Coaching Committee

The Committee endorsed the recommendation of the Coaching Com-mittee that Mr. J. C. Burraston (Leics.) and Mr. C. Jacques (Leics.) be awarded their Basic Coaching Diplomas.

Suspension of Paul Lancaster (Kent) A communication had been received from the Kent County Association notifying the E.T.T.A. that Paul Lancaster, a member of the Kent County Association, had been sus-pended. The Committee agreed that this suspension should be made National in accordance with Rule 21 (g).

Table Tennis Libraries

Mr. L. S. Woollard reported that three books had been donated to the E.T.T.A. library to date. He is still desirous of receiving any further books of interest and any member wishing to donate a book should get into touch with him at 12, Campbell Road, Bedford.

English "Open" Championships Dates and venues for the Championships are:---

March 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th: Manor Place Baths, Walworth, S.E.17. March 28th and 29th: Empire Pool & Sports Arena, Wembley.

For the final stages of the Championships at Wembley there are special rates for orders of 12 or more tickets (made up of any price) as under:-

Sufurday, 29th March, 1958 : 21/- for 17/6d.; 15/- for 12/6d.; 10/6d. for 8/6d.; 8/6d. for 6/6d.
Friday, 28th March, 1958: 15/- for 12/6d.; 12/6d. for 10/6d.; 10/6d. for 8/6d.; 7/6d. for 5/-.

Registered Members

Applications from the following members were approved.

- B. Bergmann (Mddx.)
 Miss C. K. Best (Yorks.)
 D. F. Burton (Northants.)
 B. Kennedy (Yorks.)
 K. S. Lipscomb (Mddx.)
 G. R. Newman (Essex)
 D. A. Thrower (Mddx.)
 J. Unsworth (Bucks.)

- **Team Selections**
- v France (Women), La Loup, March 20. 1958. Miss J. Fielder (Kent), Miss A. S. (Warwicks.), Miss P. non-playing
- Miss J. Fielder (Kent), Miss A. S. Haydon (Warwicks.), Miss P. Mortimer (Warwicks.), non-playing captain Mrs. E. Carrington (Essex). France (Men), Folkestone, March 31,
- TANDO (MACH, J. 1958. I. Harrison (Glos.), A. Rhodes (Mddx.), M. Thornhill (Mddx), non-playing captain R. J. Crayden
- (Surrey). Hungary (Mixed), Birmingham, March 25, 1958. B. Kennedy (Yorks.), J. A. Leach (Essex), Mrs. D. Collins (Mddx.), Miss A. S. Haydon (Warwicks.), non-playing captain A, A. Haydon (Warwicke.)
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 v Hungary (Mixed), Leeds, April 1, 1958.
 B. Kennedy (Yorks.), M. Thornhill (Mddx.), Miss K. Best (Yorks.), Miss P. Mortimer (Warwicks.), non-playing captain A. Thompson.
 v Hungary (Mixed), Leicester, April 2, 100
- 1958. I Harrison Miss (Glos.), Rhodes (Mddx.), Miss J. Fielder (Kent), Miss J. Rook (Surrey), non-playing captain A. A. Haydon (Warwicks.).
- v Hungary (Mlxed), Cheltenham, April 3, 1958.
- 1958.
 I. Harrison (Glos.), B. Merrett (Glos.), Mrs. D. Collins (Mddx.), Miss J. Fielder (Kent), non-playing captain A. W. C. Simons (Glos.).
 v Yugoslavia (Men), Norwich, March 31, 1055

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- v Yugoslavia (Men), Tottenham, April 1, (Mddx.), J. A. Leach (Essex), L. F. Landry (Mddx.), non-playing captain R. J. Crayden (Surrey).
- Yugoslavia (Men), Redruth, April 2, Augostavia (Men), Redrutt, April 2, 1958. D. C. Burridge (Mddx.), D. House (Somerset), J. A. Leach (Essex), R. J. Stevens (Essex), non-playing captain G. V. Barna (Mddx.).
- Yugoslavia (Men), Exeter, April 3, Augostavia (Men), Exetter, April 3, 1958. D. C. Burridge (Mddx.), D. House (Somerset), J. A. Leach (Essex), R. J. Stevens (Essex), non-playing captain G. V. Barna (Mddx.).
- South of England v France, Acton, March

30th, 1558. D. C. Burridge (Mddx.), R. Raybould (Essex), R. J. Stevens (Essex), non-playing captain R. J. Crayden (Surrey).

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EAGLE/GIRL TOURNAMENT

WITH the 86 Qualifying rounds and tour Regional Finais completed, the original entry of 5,500 competitors for the EAGLE/GIRL Championship of Great Britain has at last been reduced to sixteen finalists.

On three successive Saturdays in February at St. Bride's Institute, London, nearly 1,000 boys and girls from all over the South of England battled first for qualitying medals, then for places in the Championship Finals. The ultimate winners-Paul Racey and Richard Broad, Hilde Brautigam and winners-Paul Racey Susan Thomas—came through this tough test with flying colours. All four should be around when Marcus Morris presents the prizes on April 10.

Paul Racey, runner-up to Chris. Gosling after a tremendously close and exciting Championship Final last year, appears to be on better form than ever.

Broad, a left hander from Chard, Somerset, surprised everyone with his good all-round style, when winning the under-13's event, while Hilde Brantigam showed a big improvement in temperament to ward off a strong challenge for the "Girl" senior title.

Tall, 13-year-old Susan Thomas of Eltham, already earmarked as a promising Kent junior, outclassed all opposition in the Junior event.

The Northern rounds on February 22 produced a standard of play just as high

By KENNETH WHEELER NOW FOR THE GRAND FINALS as in London. Young David, Ken

Stanley's 12-year-old son, wielded his bat like a scythe to cut through one club champion after another, and if he goes on progressing at this rate England has

on progressing at this rate England has another world champion in the making, "Southpaw" Gerald Cohen, the Manchester "Closed" Junior champion the Senior event, at the expense of another exciting young "prospect" in tall, stylish Colin Archbold from barthwakada rd Northumberland.

Lynda Gordon beat old rival Carol Reeves, of Derby, to qualify once again for the Championship Final—she has reached every one for the last four years —while the Junior title went to left-handed Ann Brown of Ainthorpe High School, Hull.

RESULTS

RESULTS SOUTH REGIONAL FINALS Boys' Senior: FAUL RACEY (Letchworth T.T.C.) bt David Creamer 14, 16. Boys' Junior: RICHARD BROAD (Efford Youth) bt Graham Blankley 14, 12. Girls' Senior: HILDE BRAUTIGAM bt Anthea Sutton --11, 16, 14. Girls' Junior: SUSAN THOMAS (Kins-park L.C.C.) bt Carol Drinkwater (Willes-den Schools) 9, 5. NORTH REGIONAL FINALS Boys' Senior: GERALD COHEN bt Colin Archbold (Grainger Park) 18, 16. Boys' Junior: DAVID STANLEY (Stan-ley Academy) bt David Banks (Liverpool Blueroat School) 3, 3. GIrls' Senior: LYNDA GORDON bt Carol Reeves 14, 0.

Giver's Janior: ANN BROWN (Ainthorpe High School) bt Sandra Pilton 15, 7.

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SAM KIRKWOOD'S World Round Up

AUSTRALIA'S UNIQUE H.Q.

ALBERT PARK HALL, the Australian Association's new building in Melbourne, must be the most unique and up-to-date T.T. headquarters in the world. It has 28 tables, with room for more if necessary. There is a rest room, well-equipped showerbath and dressing room facilities, and other elsentials to the wellbeing and comfort of players, additional to the administrative offices. Nothing, apparently, has been forgotten.

The hall is shortly to be officially opened by a high-ranking government minister.

Resident coaches, already installed, are Hungarians Mr. and Mrs. Karoly Javor. Mrs. Javor is perhaps better known as Suzie Fantusz, who has returned to the game following the birth of her baby.

Two leading United States players are to be invited to tour Australia in the coming months. Names are being discussed and will soon be announced.

Another "down-under" tit-bit is that Jeff Jennings and Arden Robinson, who made many friends when over here, recently played a stage engagement in Brisbane. It is reported that the exhibition, basically similar to that used by Victor Barna and his partners, was much appreciated.

The New Zealand "Player of the Year" title, and award have been voted to Miss M. M. Hoar for winning both the New Zealand and Australian titles and not losing a match throughout the year.

Miss Hoar tops the national ranking list, being followed by another Auckland girl, Miss B. C. Packwood, Mrs. P. M. Purdon (Canterbury) and Miss J. Brown (Hutt Valley). Top four men are R. V. Jackson, A. R. Tomlinson, G. A. J. Frew and W. O. Jaine. All, with the exception of Northlander Frew, hail from Auckland.

BERCZIK'S HOODOO

Many top Continental titles fall the way of Zoltan Berczik, but he just can't win that Hungarian crown. Again he has failed in his home championships, and again his conqueror in the final, as last year, was Elemer Gyetvai, who thus became Hungarian Kingpin for the third successive year. Gyetvai won the





ELEMER GYETVAI

English title in 1956 but was unable to defend it last year, Berczik stepping in to do the honours for his friend and rival. Winner of the Hungarian Women's Singles was little Eva Koczian, said to be running into terrific form.

Hungarians competing in the English "Open" leave for a threeweek tour of China almost immediately after the meeting. There is a possibility that an English team may go to China at the beginning of next season.

Josef Koczian, 1952 World Singles finalist who left Hungary during the Budapest uprising and stayed in Germany, where he played for various clubs and in tournaments, has now taken up residence in Sweden.

Notable absentee from the European Championships was Ivan Andreadis who is, as he has been for some time, under suspension. That is why he will not be on view at the "English." The Czechs, in fact, will have no representatives in London.

Not long back I commented on what I described as "the sad decline" of French table tennis, which I opined was due to the replacement of star veterans by youngsters who were not living up to the faith placed in them. A section of the French press has taken me up on my remarks and say I overstated the case. The record of the French males since the eclipse of Haguenauer, Amouretti, etc., has been a very unbrilliant one, to say the least of it. Recently, they lost 3-2 in an international against Holland. Does this indicate that I was so very wrong? I wish our French friends a speedy return to the power and prestige they enjoyed not so long ago.

Heinz Schneider, of East Germany, a surprise semi-finalist in last year's Stockholm World Series, affirmed his home superiority by winning three titles in the East German Champion-ships. A n o t h e r "triple-crowner" emerged at the Bavarian Championships. He was Sepp Seiz, well-known German Swaythling Cup star. Sepp beat Konrad Freundorfer in the Singles Final.

A major international junior tournament, regarded as the unofficial Eurogirls, is being played in Falkenberg, Sweden, on June 26-29. Last year a similar meeting which was staged in Germany, attracted many countries, and rated high prestige. The big entry, however, did not include England. It is to be hoped that we will be represented at Sweden. The team? Send our present best juniors. It will be an excellent experience for them and build up their confidence as players.

That illustrious lady, Angelica Rozeanu, doesn't think much of the "Rocket Bat" being tried and tested in her native Rumania. The ex-world champion has passed the personal opinion that the weapon has no future. If she's proved right not many of us will be heart-broken!

The U.S. National Championships -the 28th-take place at Asbury Park, New Jersey, on April 11-13. Among the challengers for honours are likely to be the Hungarian players now resident in the States. These Hungarians, some of them of ripe years, have been winning tournaments and generally earning respect for their ability. Defending cham-pions are Bernard Bukiet (Cleveland) and Leah (Thall) Neuberger (New York City), who since 1947 has won the title eight times.

A PEN PAL

FIFTEEN years old Sam Quaye, from Ghana, is never happier than when he is discussing table tennis. It has become his big interest in life.

Perhaps, that is not surprising. His elder brother has been the Ghana National champion for the past three years, while Sam and a younger brother are the Accra Inter Clubs youth champions.

Sam is anxious to increase his knowledge of table tennis on a wider scale and would like to find a pen-pal with

Anyone interest in this country. Anyone interested in making the acquaintance of this young enthusiast should write: Sam A. Quaye, c/o Y.M.C.A., P.O. Box 738, Accra, Ghana.

MISS PUBLICITY

By Bryan Cutress

REMEMBER Sharen Koehnke who came to this country in 1952 with a came to this country in 1952 with a great deal of publicity before her and a string of titles behind her to challenge for the English "Open" championships? Her younger sister, 16 years-old Jackie Lynn, equally endowed with advanced publicity and also holding numerous



JACKIE LYNN KOEHNKE

titles, has decided to enter this year's championships.

Jackie Lynn, I am told, is a star of

Jackie Lynn, I am told, is a star of American T.V. and stage and has made a big hit on network radio following appearances with Pat Boone, Bob Hope, and Sophie Tucker. As well as show business and being U.S.A. and Canadian junior girls' national table tennis champion, this versatile young lady from Chicago, also captains her high school ba ketball team and holds medals for swimming and and holds medals for swimming and athletics.

So far Jackie Lynn has followed almost So jar jackie Lynn has followed almost to the letter, the career of her sister. While over here she plans to sport her Western "cowgirl" outfit of ten-gallon hat and embroidered shirt. Her sister was content with elaborate frills and "fancy pante" pants.

Just for the Record: Sharon reached the girls' singles final in 1952 where she was beaten in 12 minutes by Jill Rook 21-16, 22-20.

More Important Date

Eileen Grimstone, Stockport official, missed the National Executive Committee meeting on March 1. She had a much more important date . . . her wedding. She is now Mrs. R. Fletcher.

Another recent wedding . . . Jean Brooks and F.E. Clay, of North London.

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Letters to the Editor

N.E.C. SHOULD COME INTO THE OPEN

THE Batley Youth League is to be commended on being the first affiliated body to come forward with boldly-expressed feelings on the idea of running a national pools scheme in order to establish table tennis head-quarters in London for offices, coaching, etc. The Bailey letter came without reference to the Yorkshire T.T. Association, and thus reveals an independent spirit and cogency of thought. For my spin and cogency of thought. For my part, I support their views, and I hope other Yorkshire leagues will be as definite in their opinions. The York-shire executive has discussed the idea, and can foresee similar opposition from church clubs.

The originators of this pools scheme possibly hoped for a flood of corres-pondence, most of it in their favour.

Why was there only one letter? The answer is not difficult to seek. The idea of a pools promotion was contained in a letter to the editor, and as such it did not bear the touch of authority, more so as the signature was not that of any known official.

Why couldn't the N.E.C. be honest about the idea? It has been discussed by them and it is an important one; by them and it is an important one; why, therefore, was it not included in official news? It is also a controversial proposal; why didn't the Editor offer us some constructive thoughts for and against it? And it is, I understand, the brain child (and is actively backed by) some members of the N.E.C. and a spe-cial other members have been and they and cial sub-committee; who are they, and why don't they publicly append their names to the letter?

MORE POOLS

NO ONE, I think, would disagree with Mr. Ashley that a Table Tennis Headquarters in London is most desirable. It would undoubtedly make a big difference to the game. It may, however, be necessary to consider the strength of opposition on the grounds of principle as opposition on the grounds of principle as opposed to impracticability. At present Table Tennis is well supported by religious organisations, youth clubs, etc. It would be unwise to upset these good relations.

The above consideration, backed by the letter from Mr. Hayes, published in the February edition, has caused me to change from my original opinion that any such scheme should be run by the E.T.T.A. itself—I now agree that it must be run by an organisation which is at least nominally independent, but any such organisation must, however, be under the control of the E.T.T.A. There is nothing worse than a body like a Supporters' Club being in a position to dictate policy to a Sports Club because of the latter's dependence in the matter of finance.

A simple solution would be for the Club to be governed by a Management Committee instead of by its Annual General Meeting—a minority of the Committee to be elected by the Club and a majority appointed by the E.T.T.A.

Before giving any opinion on the scheme or its practicability, I should like to know what Mr. Ashley has in mind. Does he mean a pool proper; or sealed tickets with match scores in, prize to holder of ticket with correct scores (more in the nature of a Draw-a very popular means of fund raising); or what has he in mind?

The type of scheme would affect the regulations to be complied with in run-ning it; it would not be wise to step outside the law in any way. For instance, if the scheme were run under the Small Lotteries and Gaming Act 1956, the amount of money appropriated on account of expenses is limited to not more than 10% of the gross takings, and no expenses may be paid out of any money not the proceeds of the lottery (e.g. the general funds of the Club). Once you have paid for printing and postage there will not be much left of the 10% for use as "incentive bonus" to sellers.

I have no doubt that many people would be willing to make a loan free of interest, provided that it was guaranteed by the E.T.T.A.

I am sorry that Mr. Ashley lives so far from me—I should have welcomed a verbal discussion with him. I hope, perhaps, that he may spare time to communicate with me concerning the type of scheme he envisages. There are certainly very great possibilities. A. J. H. WICKENS.

Buckingham.

To treat such a momentous matter so lightly is shameful practice—especially if this method of introducing the scheme

this method of introducing the scheme is approved by the N.E.C. There is an important reason why we should say "NO" to pools. To the man-in-the-street, table tennis is the one game will writewarked by the allocations of still untouched by the allegations of illegal payment rackets—as in soccer; by difficulties of being able to distinguish professional from an amateur-as in a cricket and the Olympics; and so one could go on. We have all seen the newspaper headlines about this business. Let us keep our sport clean, not start

Let us keep our sport clean, not start on the path where inevitably we have to consider a "clean-up" campaign. If the E.T.T.A. is prepared to raise money in this way, what code of conduct has it any right to expect from the counties, leagues and clubs? Like marriage, this proposal is not to be taken in hand lightly, unadvisedly or wantonly—if at all. COULIN S SLATER.

COLIN S. SLATER, (Magazine Editor, Yorkshire T.T.A.)

AN OFFER

As we are a rather small league and our financial state of affairs is just sufficient to look after league expenses such as travelling expenses, cups, etc., we regret we are not in a position to make a donation towards this scheme but we are willing to make a loan of £1 towards in-augurating the scheme on hearing from you (or the organiser) that sufficient sup-port is forthcoming from other leagues. At the moment we are unable to assist as sellers of tickets although we would like to be kept informed of the progress of the scheme so that in the event of our financial position improving in the near future we may be able to give further assistance. As we are a rather small league and our assistance.

DONALD HILLIER, Hon. Sec. Devizes T.T.A.

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MANCHESTER RECORD

MANCHESTER established a new record when they won the Wilmott Cup competition for the seventh time at Acton on February 25. Spurred on by their thrashing in last

Spurred on by their thrashing in last year's final by the London Civil Service, the Manchester trio of Ron Allcock, Geoff Pullar and Jeff Ingber fought their way out of many tight corners to regain the title they last held in 1956.

Although a team competition the later stages proved to be a personal triumph for Allcock went through the semi-final against Huddersfield and the final against Bristol without defeat.

Manchester had to recover early deficits in both matches before setting their sights on victory.

Against Huddersfield they lost both opening singles before Pullar went to the table to beat George Cartigill and Ray Hinchliff and inspire his colleagues to a 5-3 victory.

Manchester were also off on the wrong foot against Bristol when Pullar was beaten by Hungarian, Peter Parthos. However they lost only one further match and with Allcock accounting for Roger Hayden, Parthos and Aubrey Simons, and Ingber also scoring a brace of wins, Manchester ran out winners by 5-2.

QUARTER-FINALS Portsmouth 3, Bristol 5. Letchworth 1, Huddersfield 8, London University 5, Leicester 3. Manchester 5, East London 3. SEMI-FINALS Bristol 6, London University 3. Manchester 5, Huddersfield 3. FINAL Manchester 5, Bristol 2.

Manchester 5, Bristol 2. Details (Manchester first): R. Allcock bt A. S'mons 20-22, 21-11, 28-26; bt P. Partos 25-23, 21-17; bt R. Haydon 21-13, 20-22, 21-19. G. Pullar lost to Simons 21-17, 14-21, 13-21; lost to Partos 14-21, 19-21. J. Ingber bt Simons 21-14, 21-15; bt Haydon 21-8, 21-13.

NEAR THING FOR BIRMINGHAM

By MARGARET FRY

"SO near and yet so far." That just about sums up the story of the final rounds.

London Business Houses represented by Miss S. Jones, Miss M. Fry and Miss P. Piper, had beaten Northumberland (Mrs. P. Clarke, Miss L. Hamilton and Mrs. Baston) 5-0 in the semi-finals and Birmingham (Miss A. Haydon, Miss P. Mortimer and Mrs. D. Griffth, got the upper hand of Portsmouth (Mrs. D. Collins, Mrs. D. Wightman and Miss R. Welch) 6-2 in the other half, so the scene was all set for the final.

London Business Houses got off to a good start in their quest to wrest the coveted Rose Bowl from the holders, Birmingham, by winning the first doubles between Shirley Jones/Peggy Piper and Pam Mortimer/Doreen Griffiths. Ann Haydon levelled the match with a win over Margaret Fry and then things really began to happen.

Peggy Piper repeated her South London Tournament win over Pam Mortimer, then Margaret Frv increased the lead to 3-1 in London Business Houses' favour by beating Doreen Griffiths.

Ann Haydon came back into the picture with a victory over Shirley Jones, thus avenging her defeat at the Sussex "Open" earlier in the season, and so with the match standing at 3-2 for London Business Houses there was a ten minute interval to give everyone (both players and spectators) a few minutes breathing space from what had been such a good game up to that moment, but there was even more excitement to come.

The match resumed with the top doubles between Ann Haydon/Pam Mortimer and Shirley Jones/Margaret Fry. This resulted in a win for the latter, being the first defeat suffered by the

London Women Students...

LONDON University Women's Team, who have been competing in Inter-Varsity matches since 1944, are having another successful season and have won all four matches played so far. They beat Birmingham (away) 10-0, Oxford (home) 6-4, Oxford (away) 2-8, and Cambridge (home) 9-1.

At the W.I.V.A.B. Reading University Individual Championships, London were represented by four members who accounted very well for themselves. In beating Anne Waller (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), Gillian Adams (University College) reached the finals of the Singles, but was defeated by Daphne Hughes (Leicester)—who also plays for Leicester University Men's Team and Leicester City Ladies.

In the Doubles, University Captain Janet Watson (King's College) and Anne Waller reached the finals, but fell to Daphne Hughes and partner. All four By BERYL LEACH

members of the team reached the quarter-finals in at least one event.

Beginning in March, two members of the team combine with three members of the Men's team to play County Matches. The first two arranged are against Buckinghamshire and Surrey. Such matches are valuable experience in playing outside University circles.

A fourth sphere of the activities of the Women's team is the Central London League. A team was first entered in Division II for the 1955/56 Season, and gained promotion to Division I where they have since been holding their own.

From the list of individual honours gained outside University circles, mention should be made of Sonia Beckett (King's College), who in the 1953/54 season reached the quarter-finals of the Rose Bowl, playing for Lynn. The following year she was selected for the Norfolk County Team. In 1956/57 the Bedfordshire Mixed Doubles title was won by Maureen Howell (University College). Birmingham pair in Rose Bowl competitions.

With a lead of 4-2 the London Business Houses contingent, who had come by hired coach from London, were rather optimistic about the outcome of the match, but the Birmingham girls had other ideas and were not finished yet.

Doreen Griffiths fought back from 13-19 down in her first game with Peggy Piper to take it at 21-19 and went on to lead 20-13 in the 2nd. Then it was Peggy's turn to pull up and level the scores at 20-20. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite good enough and the game went to 24-22 in the Birmingham girl's favour.

Now the fight was really on, and Pam Mortimer showed us she knew that a big responsibility rested on her shoulders to save the match as Doreen Griffiths had done before her. She gave Shirley Jones very little scope and won 21-16, 21-14 to level the match at 4-4.

The winning or losing of this Rose Bowl now hinged on the last game (Margaret Fry/Peggy Piper for London Business Houses and Ann Haydon/ Doreen Griffiths for Birmingham). This is rather tricky for me to comment upon, as I was concerned myself, and about the only think I can say is that on that day the better pair won.

Congratulations to Birmingham for a wonderful game and to my two London Business Houses colleagues for a spirited effort; to Stuart Dane who has been our non-playing captain; and to all the supporters who have been keen and enthusiastic throughout the earlier rounds and who made the trip on FINALS DAY.

Watch out Birmingham—we shall be after you again next year, and naturally hope the tables may be turned.

QUARTER-FINALS

Portsmouth 5, Manchester 4. Birmingham 8, Watford 1. Bristol 3, Northumberland 5. N.W. Kent 3, London Business Houses 5.

SEMI-FINALS

Birmingham 6, Portsmouth 2. London B. H. 5, Northumberland 0.

FINAL

Birmingham 5, London B. H. 4. Details (Birmingham first): A. Haydon bt M. Fry 21-13, 21-9; bt S. Jones 21-11, 21-13, F. Mortimer lost to M. Piper 21-15, 14-21, 12-21; bt Jones 21-16, 21-14. D. Griffiths lost to Fry 7-21, 17-22; bt Piper 21-19, 24-22.

Haydon/Mortimer lost to Fry/Jones 15-21, 20-22. Haydon/Griffiths bt Fry/ Piper 21-13, 21-18. Griffiths/Mortimer lost to Jones/Piper 19-21, 13-21.



ARE UMPIRES NECESSARY?

asks A. SCORER

YET another "Umpire's Association" is being formed. I would suggest this is a waste of time, effort, talent and organisation. It is about as futile as forming a "Racing Drivers" section at an "Over Sixties" Club".

At a recent "open" tournament, two well known county players were ready to start an earlier round, but despite frantic signals to the "Table" they were still unable to start as no umpire seemed to want the job.

At length a chubby-faced schoolboy clambered into the chair. Officialdom was appeased, protocol upheld, and the game proceeded. The scoring was done clearly and without hesitation.

Now if this efficient schoolboy was capable of handling an early round match he was equally capable of handling the final. Indeed, "Mr. Ivor Badge" who solemnly proceeded to the chair for the final had nothing on this schoolboy.

It is unnecessary to pass a fandango of tests to become an umpire. All one has to do is to lose a round in the competition and whether one likes it or not, one becomes the official umpire for the next round. This is often made a condition of entry.

DOES NOT MATTER

I have helped out at many such tournaments, but although having made it clear that I am not a County Umpire, I have always received a heart-warming smile with the words "That does not matter a bit." The official view is that it is of no consequence.

For those who like this sort of thing, it is a harmless and inoffensive pastime, but for goodness sake, do not let us lose our sense of proportion and take it too seriously.



There is also another side to the question : Do they really umpire anything? Of course not-for one very good reason. If they insisted on a meticulous observance of the rules they would be very unpopular with (a) the players, (b) the public, and (c) the organisers, who would take good care not to ask them to officiate again. No one knows this better than the umpires themselves.

Hungarian Wins U.A.U. Title

GEORGE MURANYI (London GEORGE MURANYI (London University), a Hungarian refugee, won the singles title in the U.A.U. Championships at Nottingham without conceding a game, writes P. Chaplin. His vic-tory over Derek Backhouse in the final provided one of the best games of the day. of the day.

In the semi-final he overcame Laslo Valentiyk, a fellow Hun-garian. This was a match notable for some fine table tennis inter-spersed with appropriate Hungarian comments.

Backhouse had an eventful time reaching the final, just scraping home in the quarters against M. Wong, and catching R. Hunter after being well down in the first game.

Snaith and Wong, members ondon University's success Snaith and Wong, members of London University's successful Wilmott Cup team, retained their doubles title, being extended only by Hunter and J. Oughton (Dur-ham). The biggest surprise was caused by the defeat of Muranyi and Mistry by the Bristol pair, Eneas and Mehew, who were in turn narrowly beaten by Backhouse and Cleal in the semi-final. The playing conditions showed a notable improvement over those of past championships, and much praise is due to the Nottingham officials.

officials.

officials, Singles. Semi-Finals: G. MURANYI (London) bt L. Valen-tiyk (Nottingham) 21-13, 21-17, D. BACKHOUSE (Birmingham) bt R. Hunter (Durham) 26-24, 21-14, Final: MURANYI bt Backhouse 21-17, 21-17, Doubles. Semi-Finals: SNAITH/ WONG (London) bt Korlsna/Grace

WONG (London) bt Morland/Green (Manchester) 21-17, 21-16, BACK-HOUSE/CLEAL (Birmingham) bt Eneas/Mehew (Bristol) 14-21, 22-20, 22-20.

Final: SNAITH/WONG bt Backhouse/Cleal 21-17, 22-20.

The only time an umpire's decision is necessary, is when he is in no position to give one anyway, such as an edge or side ball on the far side of the table. Only a player right on top of the ball can say whether it was a "toucher" or not and, bless their sporting hearts, I have yet to see a player fail to signify that the point should rightly go to his opponent. All that the umpire does is to agree with a decision already reached by the players.

The public only need to be told the score. The players know it anyway. Evidence of this is very apparent when the umpire makes a mistake--the two players do not resume play until the umpire corrects the score to their satisfaction.

The score is signalled to the public by the "Number Twiddlers," and they therefore are the only officials necessary because they can also give decisions for their respective halves.

The only other solution, and the only one in which a game could be effectively umpired, would be to have an umpire at each corner, thus covering all the end and side lines. This is not practical. People experienced in presenting contests to the public always insist on "as few officials as possible." Two efficient "number twiddlers" fill the bill completely.

BETTER OUTLET

Destructive criticism is no use to anyone, so here is something constructive. I feel that the gentlemen concerned are keen, able, efficient and enthusiastic. If they were to put the same energy, time, and organising ability into passing the Coaching test and forming "Coaching squads" up and forming "Coaching squads" up and down the country under the guidance of the existing machinery they would be doing work of great benefit to all the young players who aspire to be the stars of tomorrow.

Far better do this, than to waste time, ability and notepaper in trying to invest with a false show of importance, what is, after all, a somewhat pedestrian and simple chore.

Why not leave it to the teenagers? They make an excellent job of it.

Women's Inter-Varsity Championships

Leicester won both titles in the newly instituted Women's Inter-Varsity Athlet-ics Board Championships at Reading University on February 7 and 8.

Daphne Hughes, a Leicester county player, beat Gillian Adams (University College) in the Singles final and partnered colleague, Margaret Nevison to defeat Janet Watson and Anne Waller (London) in the Doubles final.

Semi-finals: G. ADAMS (London) bt A. Waller (London) 21-9, 23-21; D. HUGHES (Leicester) bt P. Cornford (Hull) 21-14, 21-11. Final: HUGHES bt Adams 21-11, 20-22, 21-13.

Doubles: Semi-finals: J. WATSON/ WALLER (London) bt B. Barnes/S. Marston (Reading) 21-13, 21-15; HUGHES/M. NEVISON (Leicester) bt Cornford/A. Dyment (Huil) 21-15, 21-17, Final: HUGHES/NEVISON bt Watson/ Waller 21-11, 21-18.

Helen Elliot Takes Honours BUT ENGLAND WIN

ENGLAND once again proved too strong for Scotland in the international at Govan Town Hall, Glasgow on February 15, winning 6-2, but the main honours for the match go to Scotland's Helen Elliot.

She provided the upset of the meeting by defeating Ann Haydon over three games then helping Bert Kerr to beat Miss Haydon and Brian Kennedy for the other Scottish victory.

Miss Elliot's singles win came after she had been massacred in the first game where she collected only seven points. It looked a foregone conclusion for Miss Haydon but the Scottish girl showed what a great tactical player she can be with a brilliant come-back.

She bluffed her way through the second game, standing close to the table and hitting out. Luck was with

Irish Spirit - English Skill By Ron Crayden

BEFORE an enthusiastic crowd of over 800, at Wellington Hall, Belfast on February 13, England romped home with a convincing 7-1 win against the spirited but less skilful Irish team. This was the youngest English side to have opposed Ireland since the war and they acquitted themselves in great style.

At the presentation line-up Ireland were eight strong and indeed looked formidable. I can remember thinking, "Thank goodness this isn't a tugof war!" However, once under way the result was never in doubt.

The opener was between teenager lan Harrison and the more experienced Colin Senior. Harrison with the lightning reflexes and sorrowful expression proved yet again what a fine prospect he is and quickly disposed of his cautious opponent.

The Ladies' Doubles followed and it was England all the way, our girls winning in straight games.

Gloucestershire's imperturbable Bryan Merrett then took the arena against Ernie Allen and was never headed. Try as he may, Allen had no answer to the controlled chop and the sudden penetrative hit of his youthful opponent.

Diane Collins (Rowe) then made it 4-nil with an immaculate display against Margaret Dowd.

Event No. 5 was a Men's Doubles between Rhodes and Harrison, and those two Irish stalwarts, Martin and Mercer, who were recalled to International duty after a lapse of two or three years. The English pair did not blend at all well but somehow managed to take a very scrappy first game.

Combined experience then paid dividends and to thunderous applause Martin and Mercer ran out winners over the best of three. Although they have played better, full marks must be given to the "old brigade" for notching up a creditable victory. Their win fired the imagination of the crowd and brought about that air of expectancy so essential for big-time Table Tennis.

The next event, a Ladies' Singles between Jill Rook and Ireland's new star Jean Lynn produced the best Table Tennis of the evening. It was a cut and thrust affair with Jean attacking from the word go and Jill responding to the call with much skill and great fighting spirit.

At 18-all in the first, two splendid rallies ensued and Jill was just nosed out. The second game followed the same pattern until the half-way mark, when the Irish girl faltered in her stride.

Congratulations to Jill and a round of applause for Jean Lynn, who, with a little more experience and control will be a top-flight star.

The penultimate event featured Alan Rhodes and the battle-experi-enced Harry O'Prey, but he was mastered and tamed by a confident and forceful Rhodes.

To finish the programme a fine Mixed Doubles was played which went to three games but ended on a high note for the English pair Bryan Merrett and Jill Rook.

Detailed scores (English names first): I. Harrison bt C. Senior 21-15, 21-11; B. Merrett bt E. Allen 21-13, 21-15; A. Rhodes bt H. O'Prey 21-16, 21-13, Mrs. D. Collins bt Mrs. M. Dowd 21-8, 21-10; Miss J. Rook bt Miss J. Lynn 21-18, 21-11, Miss Book/Mrs. Colling bt Mrs. Lindow/

Miss Rook/Mrs. Collins bt Mrs. Lindsay/ Miss Lynn 21-10, 21-18. Rhodes/Harrison lost to I. Martin/V. Mercer 21-18, 17-21, 19-21. Merrett/Miss Rook bt Mercer/Miss Lynn 21-17, 20-22, 21-10. her, a few counter hits, which could easily have gone the other way, succeeded and the Scottish girl became super inspired.



HELEN ELLIOT

Miss Haydon, completely taken back at this sudden change, never recovered her earlier control and lacked her usual steadiness.

Bobby Stevens, making his international debut, won his singles against Tommy Gilmour 22-20, 21-15, and was also successful in the doubles with Michael Thornhill against Gilmour and Tommy McMichael.

Thornhill and Miss Fielder both showed up well, while Kennedy always looked to have something in reserve in his singles.

England 6, Scotland 2 (England names first): B. Kennedy bt T. McMichael 21-11, 21-72. M. Thornhill bt R. Kerr 21-18, 21-73. K. J. Stevens bt T. Gilmour 22-20, 21-15.

21-15. Miss A. Haydon lost to Miss H. Elliot 21-7, 15-21, 15-21. Miss J. Fielder bt Miss H. Houliston 21-11, 21-18. Thornhill/Stevens bt McMichael/Gülmour 21-16, 24-22. Misses Haydon/Fielder bt Misses Elliot/Houliston 12-21, 21-11, 21-18. Kennedy/Miss Haydon lost to Kerr/Miss Elliot 21-16, 12-21, 18-21.

TWO WINS FOR JUNIORS

ENGLAND juniors showed good form in their away matches, beating France 6-3 and Wales 7-2. But it was a question of the girls carrying the boys in France.

Jean Harrower and little Mary Shan-non, from Worcester Park, making her first international appearance, carried all before them, each winning two singles then the girls' doubles.

The boys on the other hand had a lean time, their only success being when Chris Gosling beat Helaine, who had previously beaten Brian Taylor. Gosling and Miss Harrower

also played in the match against Wales, where Brian Hamill and George Livesey made their junior debut, with mixed fortunes. England 6, France 3 (England names

England 6, France 3 (England names first): C. Gosling lost to Treinen 20-22, 22-20, 15-21; bt Helaine 12-21, 22-20, 21-13. B. Taylor lost to Helaine 14-21, 11-21. Miss J. Harrower bt Miss Celleres 21-5, 21-13; bt Miss Blanchet 21-8, 21-10, Miss M. Shannon bt Miss Blanchet 21-10, 21-11; bt Miss Celleres 21-12, 21-18, Gosling/Taylor lost to Treinen/Helaine 13-21, 16-21. Misses Harrower/Shannon bt Misses Celleres/Blanchet 23-21, 18-21, 21-9.

England 7, Wales 2 (England names first):

first): C. Gosling bt D. Parry 21-9, 21-14; bt C. Thomas 21-12, 21-18. B. Hamili lost to Parry 21-19, 10-21, 17-21; bt R. Harries 21-13, 21-9. G. Livesey bt Thomas 22-20, 21-15; bt Harries 21-5, 21-13. Miss J. Harrower bt Miss S. Morgan 21-15, 21-7. Hamill/Livesey lost to Parry/Thomas 10-21, 12-21. Gosling/Miss Harrower ht Parry/Miss Morgan 21-13, 21-15.

PERSONALITY PARADE

ENGLAND OR BUST

IF initiative, dogged courage and sheer hard work make a table tennis world beater, then attractive 23-year-old Joyce Williamson from Christchurch, New Zealand has the recipe to reach the top.

Not for Joyce a rest on her laurels when at the tender age of 16, she became singles and doubles champion of New Zealand. As the trophies piled up so ever-stronger burned that ambition to join battle with the greats of the Mother country and Europe.

A frantic saving campaign followed and by working round the clock Joyce saved the incredible sum of £380 in twelve months.

At long last dawned the great day in March last year to herald the start of a fabulous trip half way across the world—but let's start at the beginning and turn the clock back ten years.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Joyce, a healthy, sun-tanned girl of 13 has still to make the acquaintance of that mysterious game called table tennis. Until then her life had been filled with school, lots of swimming, netball and hockey.

Then one rainy evening Harry Williams, a taxi-driver friend of the family invited Joyce and big brother Brian (16) to his home. There they pondered the rules of table tennis and made their first tentative strokes.

The youngsters learned quickly and it was not long before Harry's table moved into the Williamson home as a gift. After a few months, Joyce and Brian were regular visitors at Harry's local club and in no time at all Joyce swept the floor with the leading man—and she was still 13!

Then began the long but rapid ladder climb. From the club's lowest mixed team, Joyce progressed to the premier side. Brian rose to become the club's top player—Joyce dogged his heels into third place.

FAMILY INTEREST

Unbeknown to Joyce, Harry entered her in the Canterbury "Open" Junior Championships—she won all three titles.

Obviously success breeds interest for now Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, bitten by the table tennis bug, entered their two lively children in the South Island Championships junior event.

Again it was the same story—Joyce

won the Under 16 Singles and with Brian, the Mixed for Under 18s. Next year (now 14) Joyce claimed the Canterbury "Open" Senior Singles title, then suffered her first set-back defeat by champion Margaret Hall in the national event.

Two years later, the young Williamson girl gained her revenge. Miss Hall was beaten-Joyce was champion of New Zealand.

"My biggest thrill came in 1954," said Joyce. "I learned those wonderful Rowe twins were coming on a tour—and I had been picked to play against them. My great memories were a win over Di, 19 and 19, in Auckland and a terrific but losing fight with Ros in Christchurch. How our people loved those girls of yours!"

Margaret Hall and Joyce continued to fight for the New Zealand title; one year it would go to Margaret, the next to Joyce with every other woman player in the country well out of the running.

But Joyce could not forget the twins and that tiny spot on the map some 14,000 miles away. By March 1956 the plot was hatched—a trip to England, but what to use for money? Earn it, and so she did.

By day she was a secretary in a firm of textile agents, each evening she typed at home and at week-ends donned a waitress's apron in a local Christchurch restaurant. For twelve months she hardly touched a table tennis bat—but funds mounted, and by March last year she set out with £380, a girl travelling companion, Vivienne Fleming, and high hopes.

Joyce landed here one day, the next



JOYCE WILLIAMSON

she caught a train and boat en route for Stockholm and the 1957 World Championships. In that first baptism of fire she fell to whirlwind San Sook, a Korean lass and with Australian Norma Buckland lost, after a hard fight to a class French pair. Our own Johnny Leach and Di Rowe ended her mixed hopes with Prager, an American boy.

Came the English "Open" third round at Manor Place Baths, Walworth—and Joyce gave Ann Haydon a tough time before shaking the Warwickshire star's hand in defeat.

TOURNAMENT REGULAR

Since coaching at Butlin's Clacton camp last summer, Joyce kas been a regular competitor in "Open" tournaments. She has shone in both Singles and Doubles events and in the recent Belgium "Open" in Brussels was narrowly beaten by Agnes Simone of Hungary.

Latest plans: To compete in the French and English "Opens," coach at Butlin's Filey camp during the summer and is currently waiting for permission from home to extend her stay in England to March 1959.

If you can stay, Joyce, we love having you.





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Daily Herald Picture ANN HAYDON AND DIANE COLLINS

MISS RUNNER-UP

By Sam Leitch

ANN HAYDON is a sports girl born to be boss. She is blonde and buxom and nineteen . . . a Wightman Cup girl and the world's No. 2 table tennis girl. Few can rival her intensity in sport. Few can rival her intensity in sport. She is shrewd, dogged, audacious. A thinker with a sergeant-major stride. A tom-boy of sport. But—and I say this as a friend of six years—she is in danger of becoming sport's MISS RUNNER-UP.

With the very able assistance of Diane Collins she won the team title for England at the European Championships but lost the singles final to Eva Koczian, an old rival from Hungary. Runner-up is not an unfamiliar role for Ann, as these vital statistics show:

1954-LOST world doubles final.

1956-LOST world mixed doubles final.

• 1957—LOST all three world finals. • 1957—LOST singles final Eng English " Open."

● 1958—LOST singles final Rumanian Championships. 1958—LOST singles

final EuropeanChampionships.

Championships. I have watched Ann play all over Britain . . . in Stockholm . . . Paris . . . Utrecht . . . and Rouen. Why can she get so near yet fail to clinch these world and European honours? For the people she has lost to in this role of Miss Runner-up, have all been beaten, at sometime or other, by Ann. She has the GAME. THE TEMPERAMENT,

THE SKILL, THE SPEED, AND THE POISE TO WIN A WORLD TITLE, BUT SHE LOSES POINTS AT CRITICAL PERIODS, USUALLY IN THE SECOND OR THIRD SETS.

Against Fujie Eguchi in the Stockholm world final she led 20-15 in the fourth game then lost six points in a row before squeezing through to win the set. After her European defeat she said,

"My mistake was in the third game when I missed five game points in a row. 1 was a bit upset by two unlucky net balls. Could it be that a left-hander in sport can get so far but seldom to the top? Drohny was the first left-hander to win Wimbledon for over 30 years. Could it be that for as long as she pursues playing both lawn and table

tennis--and, after all she is top-class Could

tennis—and, after all she is top-class in both—she will never be the true champion in either? yould it be that Ann is TOO intelligent. She sees the moves too far ahead. She doesn't have the carefree attack a less intelligent girl would have. She worries about the

Whatever it is, Ann must go out Wembley and WIN that English title. Her chief opponent will be little Eva, her conqueror in the Europeans. Reprinted from 'The Daily Herald,

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the new European Table Tennis Championships in Budapest. But we were quickly brought back to earth with the debacle of our men, then crushed by the disappointment of Miss Haydon's failure in the women's singles When our two-girl team swept

through to win the team title with the loss of only one game from their eight matches, there

The capture of the first title—

the women's team by Ann Hay-

don and Diane Collins — sent

English hopes soaring high in

final.

Ann Haydon again falls at last hurdle

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was every reason for optimism. They had been so supreme that all it needed was a repeat performance for them to take the women's doubles, while Miss Haydon had undoubtedly strengthened her position as the singles favourite.

The stumbling block in each case was Eva Koczian, the 21-year-old Hungarian champion. She took advantage of Miss Haydon's lapse to win the singles final 21-15, 14-21, 24-22, 17-21, 21-16, then partnered reigning world doubles champion Livia Mossoczy, to beat Miss Haydon and Mrs. Collins in the doubles semifinal

As Sam Leitch, the Daily Herald Sports Editor writes, Ann Haydon appears fated to be a champion loser. It has happened so often that it almost looks as though there is a hoodoo over her playing in a final. Remember, she has appeared in five world finals only to finish runner-up.

Five missed game points provided the key to this latest edition of Miss Haydon's finals saga. They were all in the third game when Ann, the girl with too big a burden to carry, led 20-15!



England Take First Title Then, C-R-A-S-H!

Eva Koczian, spurred on by the cheers of her home crowd, pulled these points back one by one to salvage the game from an almost impossible position.

The chubby, but tiny Hungarian counter-hit in brilliant style to take Miss Haydon's hardest smashes and return them as winners. But it was her tactical mastery that tipped the scales.

With superb positional play she slowed the game to her pace and played a waiting game, leaving Miss Haydon to fall into the traps and make the mistakes, which she did.

CRUCIAL GAME

There was tremendous tension in that crucial third game as the Hungarian made it six points in a row to take the lead at 21-20.

Back came Ann to level at 21-all, then 22-all was called. The fight was well and truly on but doubts were already creeping into the English camp, doing their best to encourage their own star. Eventually Miss Koczian snatched the next two points to go ahead two games to one.

Ann Haydon is built of sterner stuff than to give up the ghost when things look black. She turned on the heat to take the fourth game and make it 2-all.

It was now all on the fifth game. But it was the Hungarian who went ahead 20-13. She had seven match points. Three of those went by the board. It was like a repeat of that vital third game only with the tables, reversed.

But, while the Hungarian supporters began to show signs of nervousness, not so their champion,

Miss Koczian calmly faced up to her task and eventually took the game at 21-16 to become the first champion of Europe.

She is indeed a true champion, who gained her crown by dint of consistent play, toppling the stars on the way.

She beat Diane Collins in the quarter-finals in straight games, then Angelica Rozeanu, of Rumania, six times former world champion, in the semi-final.

Diane Collins showed some grand form prior to her defeat by Miss Koczian and had, in fact, beaten the new champion in straight games in the team event, where England slammed Hungary 3-0.

What a pity she was unable to repeat that performance in the individual events, especially as in her preceding match she had scored a fine win over Scotland's Helen Elliot.

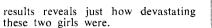
VITAL QUESTION

The question is long going to be posed: Did the strain of playing the team championship prove too much for Miss Haydon and Mrs. Collins?

After all, there was their reverse in the doubles semi-final by a pair they had already beaten convincingly in the team event. Moreover, Miss Koczian and Miss Mossoczy went down in the final to the Rumanians Angelica Rozeanu and Ella Zeller, who had also fallen to the English pair in the team. Thus it can be easily seen that our

two top girls had the ability to become individual champions, but faltered at the last hurdles.

A glance at the appended team



Rumania came through with almost as convincing a record in the other group though the Welsh girls Shirley Jones and Betty Gray beat Mrs. Rozeanu and Miss Zeller in the doubles

There was plenty of excitement for the final before the English lefthanders smashed through Rumania 3-1.

First blood to England when Miss Haydon beat Miss Zeller, but Mrs. Rozeanu immediately put Rumania back in the picture by accounting for Mrs. Collins. Both matches went the full distance of three games.

The English girls' superiority was most marked in the doubles, and with

> **Our men trounced** Hungary Supreme

. A TARAN KALAMATAN ANA KANA MANANA MANANA

Miss Havdon facing the ex-world champion came the vital test. Ann did not disappoint and with strong vocal encouragement from the British contingent won in two closely fought games to take the first title

What of the other British girls in the championships? Jill Rook ran up against Mrs. Rozeanu in the second round of the singles and lost in straight games, while Yvonne Baker, after two wins, went down to Livia Mossoczy.

Shirley Jones went out at the same stage to Ella Zeller, while Betty Grav was beaten in the first round by Erzsi Polgari, of Hungary, who was in turn beaten by Scotland's Helen Elliot in the next round.

While the British girls generally had a good meeting, the men flopped. It must be a long time since they put up such a poor showing in an international championship.

Brian Kennedy and Jan Harrison, both beaten by Russians, A. Szaunorisz and R. Paskivitsius respectively. failed to survive the first round as did Brian Merrett, who went down to the Hungarian, L. Pigniczki.

Johnny Leach won his opening match then went out to the Swede T. Larsson.



TABLE TENNIS

Daily Herald Picture ZOLTAN BERCZIK

With wins over H. Urchetti (Switzerland) and E. Czerwinski (Poland), Alan Rhodes made most progress but he found the East German H. Hauschmann too strong in the third round.

They were even worse in the doubles, all failing in the first round. Kennedv's dismal tale of first round dismissals was completed in the mixed

doubles where he paired up with Misa Baker. Harrison and Betty Grav, Rhodes and Jill Rook and Merrett and Shir-

lev lones all failed in the next round, while Johnny Leach and Diane Collins went only one stage further. Ann Haydon, with Zhelko Hrbud (Yugoslavia) and Helen Elliot paired with Josip Vogrinc (Yugoslavia), both reached the quarter-finals.

LOST TO RUSSIA

The men finished equal third with Russia and France in their group of the team championship. They should have finished above both, but after beating France they lost to the Russian, who had earlier tumbled to the French.

"Boom boom" Berczik swept all aside to claim the men's singles. He left no doubt as to his superiority among the European men, though he did receive a set back in the team event when he lost to the Russian Paskivitsius.

In the singles semi-final he had two time limit games with Harangozo. Yugoslavia, then in the final avenged his recent defeat in the Hungarian championship by beating his fellow countryman Elemer Gyetvai in straight games.

Berczik claimed a second title by winning the mixed doubles with Gizi Farkus. The Czechs Vyhnanovsky and Stipek took the men's doubles.

Men's Singles. Quarter-final Round: Z. Berczik (Hungary) bt T. Reiter (Rumania) 21-12, 21-13, 21-5; V. Harangozo (Yugoslavia) bt L. Stipek (Czechoslovakia) 21-14, 21-11, 18-21, 21-19; E. Gyetvai (Hungary) bt J. Halasz (Hungary) 21-19, 21-16, 21-17; I. Vyhnanovsky (Czechoslovakia) bt B. Mellstroem (Sweden) 16-21, 16-21, 21-12, 21-4, 21-17. Semi-final Round: BERCZIK bt Harangozo 21-13, 13-7, time ber Wind & How the CVENT AL VIEW Sector 12, 21-21, 2

limit, 20-16, time limit; GYETVAI bt Vyhnanovsky 16-21, 21-16, 13-21, 21-11, 23-21.

Final: BERCZIK bt Gyetvai bt 21-19, 21-16, 23-21

Final: BERCZIK bt Gyetvai bt 21-19, 21-16, 23-21, Women's Singles. Quarter-final Round: A. S. Haydon (England) bt I. Kerekes (Hungary) 21-11, 17-21, 21-15, 21-9; E. Koczia' (Hungary) bt Mrs. D. Collins (England) 21-11, 21-17, 21-18; L. Mossoczy (Hungary) bt E. Zeller (Rumania) 21-14, 21-11, 14-21, 19-18 time limit; A. Rozeanu (Rumania) bt G. Farkas (Hungary) 21-17, 18-21, 21-17, 21-16, Semi-final Round: KOCZIAN bt Rozeanu 21-15, 21-14, 16-21, 21-15; HAYDON bt Mossoczy 21-17, 21-15, 23-21. Final: Miss KOCZIAN bt Miss Haydon 21-15, 14-21, 24-22, 17 21 21-16

17-21, 21-16.

Men's Doubles. Semi-final Round: STIPEK/VYHNANOVSKV bt Gantner/Harasztosi 21-14, 21-12, 21-19; REITER/BOTTNER bt Hauschmann/Haupt 21-12, 21-18, 21-15. Final: STIPEK/VYHNANOVSKY bt Reiter/Bottner 21-11,

21-13, 21-17. Women's Doubles. Quarter-final Round: E. Koczian/L. Mossoczy (Hungary) bt J. Rook (England)/H. Elliot (Scotland) 21-12, 21-18, 21-19; A. Rozeanu/E. Zeiler (Rumania) bt M. Terecik/M. Plut (Yugoslavia) 21-16, 21-13, 12-21, 21-8; A. S. Haydon/D. Collins (England) beat G. Pitica/C. Folia (Rumania) 21-9, 16-21, 21-11, 21-16; G. Farkas/I. Kerekes (Hungary) bt M. Haranova (Czechoslovakia)/Y. Baker (England) 21-14, 21-12, 21-10.

21-10. Semi-final Round: KOCZIAN/MOSSOCZY bt Haydon/Collins 21-17, 21-14, 21-17; ROZEANU/ZELLER bt Farkas/Kerekes 21-19, 21-17, 16-21, 21-16. Final: A. ROZEANU/ZELLER bt Koczian/Mossoczy 18-21, 21-15, 21-17, 21-19. Mixed Doubles. Semi-final Round: SIDO/KOCZIAN bt

21-10, 21-17, 21-19, Mixed Doubles, Semi-final Round: SIDO/KOCZIAN bt Harasztosi/Rozeanu 21-19, 21-13, 21-18; BERCZIK/FARKAS bt Gyetvai/Mossoczy 21-16, 21-9, Final: BERCZIK/FARKAS bt Sido/Koczian 21-14, 21-13, 11-21, 21-12.

WOMEN

GROUP "A"									
	Rum.	Cz,	Wls.	Rus.	Sw.	Bul.	W.Ger	Yug.	Pts.
Rumania		30	3 - 1	30	3 - 0	30	3-1	3—0	7
Czech.						30			
Wales	1 - 3	1 3		3 - 1	3 1	3 - 1	3 1	3 - 0	5
Russia	03	0 - 3	1 - 3		3 - 1	3 - 2	3 - 1	3 - 2	4
Sweden	0 - 3	0 - 3	1 - 3	1 - 3		3 - 2	3-2	3 - 1	3
Bulgaria	0 - 3	0 - 3	1 - 3	2~3	2 - 3		31	23	1
W. Germany	1 - 3	0 - 3	1 - 3	1 3	2-3	1 - 3		30	1
Yugoslavia	03	03	0 - 3	2 - 3	1 - 3	3 - 2	03		1

GROUP "B"

	Eng.	Hun.	Bel.	Pol.	Fr.	E.Ger	.Swz.	Aus.	Pts.
England		3-0	30	3 - 0	30	30	3 - 0	30	7
Hungary	03		3 —0	3 - 0		30	3-0	3 - 0	5
Belgium	03	03		1 - 3	30	3 - 1	3 - 1	30	4
Poland	0 - 3	03	3 - 1		3-2	31	3 - 0	1 - 3	4
France	0-3		0 - 3	2 - 3		30	3 - 0	30	3
E. Germany	0 - 3	0 - 3	13	1 3	03		32	30	2
Switzerland	0 - 3	0 - 3	13	0 - 3	03	2 - 3		3 - 1	1
Austria	03	0 - 3	03	3 - 1	03	0 - 3	1 - 3	-	1

FINAL

England bt Rumania 3-1. A. Haydon bt E. Zeller 21-17, 19-21, 21-10 bt A. Rozeanu 21-19, 22-20. D. Collins lost to Rozeanu 19-21, 21-19, 14-21. Haydon/Collins bt Rozeanu/ Zeller 21-15, 21-10.

MEN									
			GROU	'P ''A	,,				
		Cz,	Sw.	Yug.	W.Ger	. Aus.	Pol.	Bul,	Pts.
Czechoslovakia	ι		5 - 4	5 - 3	1 - 5	5 1	5 - 0	5 - 0	5
Sweden		45		5 - 4	3-5	5 - 1	5 - 2	5 - 1	4
Yugoslavia		3 —5	45	-	53	5 - 4	5 - 0	5 - 1	4
West German	ıy	5 - 1	5 - 3	35		35	5 - 3	5-1	4
Austria		1 - 5	1 - 5	4 - 5	5-3		3—5	50	2
Poland		0-5	2 - 5	05	35	5 - 3		5-2	2
Bulgaria		05	1 - 5	1 - 5	1 - 5	0 - 5	2 - 5	-	0
			GROU	Γ Ρ ''B	,,				
	Hun.	Rum.	Eng.	Rus.	Fr.	E.Ger.	Swz.	Gr.	Pts.
Hungary		5 - 4	51	5 - 1	51	50	50	50	7
Rumania	4 - 5		5 - 1	50	51	5 - 4	5 0	5 - 0	6
	45	54							

Hungary		D4	9T	9 1	9—-T	ə 0	0U	o0	7	
Rumania	4 - 5		5 - 1	50	51	5 - 4	5 0	5 - 0	6	
England	1 - 5	1 - 5		2-5	51	5 - 0	50	50	4	
Russia	15	0 - 5	5 - 2		35	5-2	5 - 0	5-0	4	
France			15							
E. Germany			0-5							
Switzerland			0 - 5							
Greece	0—5	0-5	0 - 5	0 - 5	05	05	05		0	

BRITISH RESULTS

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP -- WOMEN Beat Austria. 3-0. Haydon bt Hintner 21-9, 21-11. Collins bt Huebl 21-14, 21-18. Haydon/Collins bt Hintner/ Huebl 21--10, 21--13.

Beai France 3-0. Haydon bt Rougagnou 21-6, 21-6. Collins bt Alber 21-12, 22-20. Haydon/Collins bt Rougagnou/ Alber 21-12, 21-16.

Beat East Germany 3-1. Haydon bt U. Mittelstaedt 21-14, 21-11; bt I. Woshee 21-14, 21-9. Haydon/Collins bt L. L. Roedel/Mittelstaedt 21-19, 21-14.

Beat Poland 3-0. Haydon bt B. Ratzko 21-7, 21-11. Collins bt M. Skuratowicz 21-15, 21-16. Haydon/Collins bt D. Szmidt/Ratzko 21-8, 21-19.

Beat Belgium 3-0. Haydon bt C. Roland 21--11, Collins bt Mrs. K. Van Kempen 21--5, 21--17, 1 Collins bt Roland/Mrs. Van Kempen 21--18, 21--9. 21-Haydon/

Beat Hungary. 3-0. Haydon bt L. Mossoczy 18-21, 21-10, 21-15. Collins bt E. Koczian 21-18, 21-18. Haydon/Collins bt Mossoczy/Koczian 21-13, 21-13.

Beat Switzerland 3-0. Haydon bt C. Barbey 21-2, 21-4. Collins bt M. Jaquet 21-13, 21-14. Haydon/Collins bt Barbey/Jaquet 21-9, 21-13. Haydon/Collins bt

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - MEN

Beat East Germany 5-0. B. Kennedy bt Hanschmann 21-14, 16-21, 21--9; bt Pleuser 21--18, 21--18. B. Merrett bt Pleuser 21--10, 21--6; bt Schneider 21--11, 16-21, 21--17. A. Rhodes bt Schneider 21-16, 21--23, 21--13.

Beat Switzerland 5—0. Merrett bt W. Spiegelberg 21—6, 21-12. 1. Harrison bt H. Urchetti 21--6, 21--9. Rhodes bt M. Mayer de Stadelhoffen 21--9, 21--16. Merrett bt Urchetti 21-14, 21-11. Rhodes bt Spiegelberg 21--11, 21--11.

Beat Greece 5-0. Kennedy bt S. Iannakopoulos 21-13, 21-13; bt H. Haropoulos 16-21, 21-15, 21-17. Harrison bt C. Ekonomou 21-9, 21-16; bt Jannakopoulos 21-16, 21-11. Rhodes bt H. Haropoulos 21-19, 21-14.

Lost to Hungary 1-5. Merrett lost E. Gyetvai 23-21, 18-21, 15-21; lost Z. Berczik 11-21, 18-21. Harrison bt L. Foeldi 22-24, 21-19 21-19; lost to Gyetvai 14-21, 16-21. Rhodes lost Berczik 13-21, 14-21; lost Foeldi 12-21, 13-21.

Losi to Rumania 1-5. Merrett lost Reiter 15-21, 17-18 (t.l.). Lost to Kumana 1–5. Merrett lost Reiter 15–21, 17–18 (t.1.). Harrison bit T. Harasztosi 21–13, 22–20. Kennedy lost to Gantner 13–21, 21–39, 17–21. Merrett lost Harasztosi 21–15, 10–12, 7–11 (t.1.). Kennedy lost Reiter 18–21, 19–21. Harrison lost Gantner 17–21, 22–20, 17–21.

Beat France 5—1. Merrett lost R. Roothooft 16—21, 21—19, 19—20 (t.l.). Kennedy bt G. Amouretti 21—23, 21—12, 21—18. Harrison bt M. Barough 21—15, 16—21, 21—17. Merrett bt Amouretti 21—19, 21—15. Harrison bt Roothooft 21—7, 21—13. Kennedy bt Barough 21—14, 22—20.

Lost to Russia 2–5. Kennedy lost R. Paskivitsius 17–21, 21-23; lost A. Sauronis 13–21, 15–21. Harrison bt A. Zablotskis 21-6, 21-5; lost Paskivitsius 14–21, 21-5, 11-21; lost to Saunoris 5–21, 13–21. Rhodes bt Zablotskis 21-14, 21-10; lost Saunoris 18–21, 22-20, 16-21.

WELSH RESULTS

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP — WOMEN Beat Russia 3—1. Gray lost Ramanaskaya 15—21, 21—17, 8—21. Jones bt Kunsina 21—9, 21—12; bt Ramanaskaya 21—7, 21—13. Gray/Jones bt Zaharian/Ramanaskaya 21—15, 21—17.

Lost to Rumania 1-3, Jones lost Zeller 18-21, 14-21; lost Rozeanu 6-21, 19-21. Gray lost Rozeanu 8-21, 12-21. Jones/Gray bt Rozeanu/Zeller 12-21, 21-9, 21-18.

Lost to Czechoslovakia 1—3. Jones bt Grafkova 21—15, 13—21, 22—20; lost to E. Kroupova 16—21, 22—20, 17—21, Gray lost Kroupova 16—21, 13—21. Jones/Gray lost Krafkova/Kroupova 11—21, 13—21.

Beat Sweden 3-1. Jones bt S. Petersson 21-10, 21-18; bt B. Tegner 21-16, 21-12. Gray lost Tegner 14-21, 12-21. Gray/Jones bt Tegner/Petersson 21-16, 21-14.

Beat West Germany 3—1. Jones bt U. Fielder 21—15, 23—21; bt H. Schlaf 21—14, 21—17. Gray lost Schlaf 12—21, 14—21, Jones/Gray bt Fielder/Schlaf 22—20, 20—22, 21—12.

Beat Bavaria 3-1. Gray lost N. Ivanova 13-21, 13-21, Jones bt T. Peeva 21-10, 21-18; bt Ivanova 21-5, 22-24, 21-14. Gray/Jones bt Ivanova/Peeva 21-10, 21-16.

Beat Yugoslavia 3-0. Gray bt Covic 18-21, 21-19, 21-19, Jones bt Plut 21-6, 21-8. Gray/Jones bt Plut/Terecik 21-17, 17-21, 21-16.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

Triple Helping for Margaret Fry in Middx. "Closed"

CONVINCING victories in February, over Yorkshire and Essex have brightened still further the Middlesex hopes for a tenth championship.

The stage is now set for a grandstand finale in the match against Gloucester which is scheduled for March 22 at Messrs. Ascot Water Heaters, North Circular Road, but which may have to be re-arranged due to the late completion of arrangements of the international touring team.

The "closed" Tournament was once again held at Ultra Electric to whom the county is highly indebted for the pro-vision of facilities. Margaret Fry repeated her feat of winning three titles and of looking after the catering.

In the singles she beat Miss Cherry and partnered by Jean Harrower defeated Miss Ellis and Mrs. Barnes in the doubles. She then paired up with county partner, Len Adams, to score an easy victory over Ken Whetlor and Paddy Barnes to win the mixed doubles title.

Durham Juniors Well Placed

DURHAM JUNIORS placed themselves in an outstanding position in the Junior Division North by beating Yorkshire 5-3 and so avenging their only defeat this season, their first in the competition.

The first four games went as in the previous match, but at 2-2 Eddie Taylor beat McGhee 11 and 12; Wilf Barker conquered Lynch 15 and 12; and then Barker and Alma Johnson brought vic-tory to Durham by defeating McGhee and Betty Kinsley—17; 14; 19.

Star of the contest was 14-year-old Wilf Barker, who won all his four sets and proved beyond doubt that he has greatly improved this season, particularly in the matter of strategy. His display against Lynch was most impressive.

The County Seniors, however, were not so successful, losing 2-8 to Yorkshire II. Grace Brown and Keith Holland each won a single but the side as a whole was not at its best and the result was rather disappointing.

Nevertheless, Durham prestige was restored when Eddie Taylor won the Pontefract Youths' Singles, beating Colin beaton in an extremely interesting and exciting final, 22-20 in the third. Eddie had no trouble in reaching the final and showed fine form throughout, dominating all his games with intelligent forehand hitting mingled with the occasional dropshot.

Arnold Warentz.

ESSEX NOTES

How much Essex rely on Johnny Leach was fully exemplified during their 1-9 defeat by Middlesex at Tottenham. Only Bobby Raybould and Yvonne Baker proved themselves worthy oppon-

Earlier Whetlor had provided the shocks of the tournament by beating county players Micky Thornhill and Len Adams before finally losing to Alan Rhodes in the final.

In the men's doubles the old firm of Adams and Burridge beat Lindsay and Redfearn. The finals of the junior events were won by Brian Hamill who beat Nigel Ive and Jean Harrower who defeated Mark Urake defeated Mary Hicks.

The inter-league championships have reached an interesting stage with four of the seven teams in the Premier Division level on points. Central II seem to have the Second Division well in hand, while the Third Division is still wide open.

If you have not received your entry form for the Middlesex "Open" at Hanwell Community Centre on April 19 and 20, give Geoff James a reminder. It is advisable to enter early in case it becomes necessary later to restrict the numbers which can be accepted.

Norman Reeve.

ents for the all-international Middlesex team.

On the other hand the county's juniors, who two nights earlier had defeated Kent 6-4, showed little respect for the star Middlesex juniors before going down 3-7. Attacking the whole time Jim Nicholls beat Brian Hamill and Trevor Leverno beat John Martin, while Mark Sweeting had two match points against Hamill in the second game before losing the third. Nicholls and Leverno continued their 100 per cent. doubles record.

Winnie Dakin won the Women's Singles in the Southend Championships for the seventh successive time and 10th in eleven seasons, bringing her total of Southend titles up to 25. Newcomer to the league, Peter Pudney, beat David Wiggins to win the Men's Singles title.

Both Joe Lemington and Brenda Bell retained their Singles titles in the Dagenham Championships, but Ilford have two new Singles champions, Reg. McKenna and Betty Bassett.

Frank Bateman.

CAMBRIDGE NOTES

CAMBRIDGE appear destined to fill the same unenviable position at the bottom of the Southern Division table as they did last season.

From their three matches played so far they have failed to glean a single point and cannot hold out much hope of doing so in their last match of the season against top-of-the-league Kent.

Although John Thurston and John Cornwell won both their singles matches, Cambridgeshire could not muster another success in their county match with Hertfordshire, who completely dominated the women's section.

Leicester beat Cambridge 8-1 in the

KENT NOTES

BUIST MOVES UP

THE new Kent ranking list, announced at the end of February, means another step up for 23-year-old Henry Buist, of Welling. This stylish all-round player has steadily improved during the season, and after moving up from No. 5 to No. 4 a couple of months ago, he has now established his claim to a permanent first team place.

Betty Landimore and young Julie Johnson move up a place in the Women's List, where a newcomer is Betty Izzard.

List, where a newcomer is Betty Izzard. Revised list: MEN: 1, Tony Piddock (Folkestone); 2. Ron Etheridge (Bromley); 3, Henry Buist (N.W. Kent); 4, Dennis Whittaker (N.W. Kent); 5, Barry Meisel (Woolwich); 6, Roy Coussens (Medway Towns); 7, Ming Wong (Woolwich); John Nixon (Beckenham); 9, Alan Payne (Woolwich); 10, Len Cooper (Bromley). WOMEN: 1, Joyce Fielder (N.W. Kent); 2, Mrs. Joan Beadle (Medway Towns); 3, Betty Landimore (N.W. Kent); 4, Mrs. Marina Dodd (Woolwich); 5, Mrs. Joyce Reeves (Maidstone); 6, Audrey Hallett (N.W. Kent); 7, Julie Johnson (Thanet); 8, Mrs. Betty Izzard (Bromley). Wong makes his first county appearance when Kent "seconds" receive bottom-of-league Cambridgeshire on March 22.

of-league Cambridgeshire on March 22. A draw will assure Kent of the Southern Division title. The first team, who have already won Division II (South), are

away to Bucks, also on March 22. Tony Piddock scored a hat-trick in the Canterbury Invitation Tournament winning the Men's Singles, the Mixed Doubles with Mrs. Reeves and the Men's Doubles with veteran Charles Wyles, vice-chairman of the K.C.T.T.A. Julie Johnson won the Women's Singles. The tournament was restricted to players in non-metropolitan Kent.

Although they still have one match to play Maidstone's men have already won Division II (South) of the Kent league, averaging 53-7 for their six matches so far. Meanwhile in the Ladies' Division, Maidstone are the only serious chal-lengers for N.W. Kent who are trying to win the championship for the third successive time.

Woolwich are seeking their fifth succeswoolwich are seeking their neural accessive title in the Men's First Division, while Woolwich "B" are hot favourites in Division II (North). Nothing is likely to stop Folkestone retaining the Junior Division Championship.

Wilmott Cup Zone final, but it was not such a runaway win as the score suggests. Reg Dean scored the only Cambridge success, but several events went the full distance of three games.

New Chesterton Institute look all set for top honours in the First Division of the Cambridgeshire League having recently beaten their strongest rivals, Wesley.

Where will the future Cambridgeshire teams come from. I should say from among the few clubs in the county which are composed entirely of "Junior" juniors players between the ages of 8 and 15.

These clubs are really working hard on their youngsters many of whom are already showing great promise.

Leslie Constable.

WILTS LEAGUE SURPRISES 🖁

((**SALISBURY**, leaders of the Premier Division of the Wilts League with ten points from five matches, took 'a count' at Swindon to the tune of 8-2. Ernie Howell and newcomer A. Wolfe scored hat-tricks for the 'town' while John Candy and the latest Wilts men's doubles pair of Perry Cash and A. Ward renlied for Terry Cash and A. Ward replied for

Terry Cash and A, Ward replied for Salisbury. Calne Y.M.C.A. featured in two surprise victories in the space of a week, beating a 'half strength' West Wilts side at Trow-bridge by 7-3, then bringing home the points from Devizes with a 6-4 win. McGarry and Cornell, two locally stationed airmen, did the damage for Calne in both matches matches

matches. Although beaten 6-4 by Salisbury in the Second Division Swindon took over leader-ship from West Wilts as the result of a double over Devizes by 7-3 and 10-0. Devizes Juniors lead their Swindon counterparts 5-4 in the singles of their Third Division encounter but the visitors snatched a point with a doubles win. League Positions: League Positions:

 DIVISION ONE
 P. W. D. L. F. A. P.

 Salisbury
 8 7 0 1 60 20 14

 Swindon
 6 5 1 0 49 11 11

 West Wilts
 7 4 1 2 44 26 9

 Calne Y.M.C.A.
 8 3 0 5 24 56 6

 Devizes
 6 1 0 5 18 42 2

 Chippenham C.C.
 7 0 0 7 15 55 0
 DIVISION TWO P. W. D. L. F. A. P. $\begin{array}{c} P. W. D. L. F. A. \\ Swindon 6 4 0 2 45 15 \\ West Wilts 5 3 1 1 31 19 \\ Salisbury 3 3 0 0 22 8 \\ Devizes 5 1 1 316 34 \\ Kennet Vale 5 0 0 5 6 44 \\ \end{array}$ $\tilde{3} \ \tilde{16} \ 34$ ň DIVISION THREE P. W. D. L. F. A. P.
 West Wilts
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 Salisbury
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Croydon District League

Men's Singles: M. MACLAREN bt D. Castler 21-14, 21-14. Women's Singles: M. SHANNON bt C. Rose 16-21, 23-21, 21-18.

21-18. Men's Doubles: MACLAREN/Z. SCHRAMM bt P. Brook/E. Filby 21-10, 12-21, 21-16. Women's Doubles: ROSE/S. PRIOR bt P. Brighton/M. Cuthert 21-14, 21-16. Mixed Doubles: L. PRIOR/C. ROSE bt Filby/M. Cuthert 21-7, 21-15. Junior Singles: MARY SHANNON bt Jim Bysh 21-18, 21-19. Veterans' Singles: FILBY bt Prior 21-19, 18-21, 21-12.

Hertfordshire "Closed"

Mer's Singles: B. BARR bt J. Hunt 21-17, 21-17. Women's Singles: Mrs. D. MAGOR bt S. Boarder 21-15, 21-18. Men's Doubles: T. DENSHAM/HUNT bt D. Eagles/G. King 21-16, 21-12. Women's Doubles: Mrs. MAGOR/J. WHITE bt Mrs. D. Baines/G. Robinson 21-17, 21-18. Mixed Doubles: BARR/Miss WHITE bt R. Wilson/Miss Robinson 21-15, 21-18.

Devizes

Men's Singles: A. ALEXANDER b M. Hunt 21-17, 21-14, 21-10. Women's Singles: Mrs. J. HUNT bt C. Austin 21-10,

Singles: Mrs. J. HUNT bt C. Alistin 21-10, 21-14. Men's Doubles: A L E X A N D E R.J. REVELL bt A. Smith/D.Yates 21-14, 21-11, 21-8. Mixed Doubles: ALEX-ANDER/Mrs. J. HILLIER bt Revell/Mrs. A. Revell 21-14, 21-11. Junior Singles: K. WELSH bt K. Merrett 21-11, 22-24, 21-10, 21-14. Veterans' Singles: A. WOLLEY bt V. Larkman 21-18, 21-15.

DANGLING TITLE

THE County can be justly proud of their team this season for with only two more matches to play they are sitting on top of the Second Division (West) and have an excellent chance of taking the title.

After accounting for Wiltshire to the tune of 9-1 they made the long journey to Weston-Super-Mare to put up a great performance in holding their close rivals Somerset to a draw. This match was crammed full of first class play which would have done credit to a higher sphere. With Staffordshire leading 5-4 everything depended on Derek Backhouse who took on David House in the final match of the evening. He raised Staffordshire hopes by taking the first game 21-10, but House recovered to take the next two 21-13, 21-18 and save his side a precious point.

Although the whole team played well a special mention must be given to Geoff Robbins (W'ton) who came through undefeated. Geoff always seems to save up something special for these needle county matches, his coolness under pressure and a dour defence being worth their weight in gold.

The two remaining matches both involve long trips to the west country where Cornwall and Devon have to be tackled.

As is usual at this time of the year the local associations are holding their "closed" tournaments. Walsall and the Potteries having already brought their ones to successful conclusions.

In the Walsall competition, last year's runner-up, B. Martin, took the Men's Singles title and the Mixed Doubles in partnership with Mrs. Wedge, who also

retained her Women's Singles title. R. D. Peach and P. J. Butler kept their hold on the Men's Doubles, Miss E. Lester and Miss D. Stephens won the Women's Doubles, F. H. Dixon the Veterans' and in an all Chasetown Junior Final T. Garbett came out on top.

For the Potteries it was their first venture of this kind but nevertheless proved a great success attracting over 150 entries.

The Men's Singles for the Finney Cup went to R. Lowe who defeated V. Dereza, while the Baker Cup for the Women was won by Mrs. M. Brookes. County No. 1, Beryl Broad, did not enter the singles but partnered by R. G. Ward in the Mixed Doubles and Mrs. Capey in the Ladies Doubles was on the winning eide on both occasions. In the winning side on both occasions. In the Men's Doubles victory went to **R**. Machin and G. Gatenbury.

It is difficult to keep the name of Derek Backhouse out of the news these days with his tournament wins and days with his tournament wins and sterling county performances. Derek's latest effort was to be runner-up for the second time in three years in the University Athletic Union Individual Championship. He is a student at Birmingham University.

The untimely death of Pat Harness in a car accident at the early age of 25 will come as a terrible shock to the many players who knew her. Paddy had represented Wolverhampton on many occasions and only recently won the Women's title in the Staffordshire "restricted" tournament.

She will be sadly missed in table tennis circles throughout the county.

Alec Backhouse.



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YORKSHIRE NOTES

A RACING CERTAINTY

UNACCUSTOMED as I am to public forecasting, I recklessly predict that the Leeds Jaques Shield will go to either Victoria or G.P.O. A bold prophet? Not when you know

that the semi-finalists are Victoria No. 1, Victoria No. 2, G.P.O. No. 1 and G.P.O. No. 2!

All are first division teams. Last year G.P.O. No. 1 beat Victoria's first team 6-4 in the final.

Leeds Ladies have made sure of their tenth inter-league title in 13 post-war seasons before they even start their final match against Hull.

In the last three seasons they have been unbeaten and have dropped only 25 of 190 sets. Kathy Best and Mar-jorie Lightfoot have not lost this season. Leeds beat Bradford-last team to interrupt their success sequence-by 7-3.

Victoria have lost three-quarters their team-Ken Park (cartilage trouble), John Spencer (National Service) and Peter Simpson (foot injury). Hudders-field Y.M.C.A. tore away their grip on the county club championship with a 5-3 win.

Huddersfield reached the Wilmott semi-finals by beating Letchworth 8-1 without cavalier Stuart Dyson and onform Brian Pennington. Johnny Beau-mont won two sets in his first Wilmott Cup match.

Ray Hinchliff returned to form at



RAY HINCHLIFF

STUART DYSON

Singles. Maurice Pitts and Dyson reversed the result of the Yorkshire "Open" Doubles final by Bolton to retain the Lancashire " Open " "Open" Doubles final by be Stockport's Schofield and Johnson.

Mavis Dyson (Huddersfield) repeated last year's Yorkshire "Closed" verdict by beating Betty Clough (Bradford) in the Pontefract "Open" Women's the Singles final. Jean Preston had been among Betty's victims.

Bradford men trounced a Leeds side without Kennedy 8-2. Pitts and "Sonny" Forrest were unbeaten.

Bradford's second team beat Dewsbury II 7-3 and vie with Sheffield II for the title. Both have dropped one point in five matches.

Hull Y.P.I.'s strong youth side—Dave McGee, Graham Maw and Colin Gray —beat Shipley Youth Centre to qualify for the club championship final against Doncaster Y.M.C.A.

Malcolm Hartley.

WESTERN BULLETIN

BRISTOL, unable to call on their strongest side, were trounced 1-7 in the Western League by powerful Cardiff, whose team included several Welsh internationals.

Bristol's only win was registered when Jim Evans in a very close match beat Stan Jones by 22-20, 17-21, 23-21.

Weston, after building up a substantial 3-0 lead through brilliant wins by R. Philpott, D. Shipton and G. Brown collapsed in their match against Bath and failed to secure another success. Weston's under-21 team also got off

to a good start against their Bath counterparts. J. Limna, J. Fredericks and G. Mallet, who had not been beaten this season, maintained their record to this season, maintained their record to put Weston 3-0 up. Bath then fought back to gain a 4-3 lead but Weston managed to snatch a point when their mixed doubles pair, Limna and Miss Yeates narrowly defeated Trixon and Miss Curtis 15-21, 21-18, 22-20.

Grove Motlow.

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GLOS. JUNIOR "OPEN" A BIG SUCCESS

GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S first ever Junior "Open" was a huge success. A large entry of 185 from 94 keen junior A large entry of 185 from 94 keen junior players, including junior internationals and county players from all over England and Wales, kept the organisers very busy from 10 a.m. until the last final ended just after 10 p.m. Conditions and organisation at Gloucester Baths were excellent and the County Associa-tion's thanks are due to Les. Davis, Alan Haines, Brian Willis and their willing band of helpers from the Gloucester league who "put on" the tourney.

Gloucestershire's only appearance in the finals was by Paul Raymond and county player, Adrienne Cox, both of Cheltenham, who reached the last stage of the mixed doubles after a meritous quarter-final victory over Lynda Gordon (Lancs.) and David White (Beds.).

Another "first ever" event in the Another "hrst ever" event in the county was an examination at Bristol on January 26th for would-be National Umpires. This was arranged with the E.T.T.A. by Ron Bacon, Gloucester-shire's active umpire's secretary, and was ably "staged" by Messrs. E. G. White and G. James from Headquarters. After the test undertken by five Gloucesterthe test, undertaken by five Gloucester-shire and one Worcestershire county umpires, there was an interesting "get together" to discuss many umpiring problems and laws.

Congratulations to Bristol on their performances in the Rose Bowl and on their Wilmott Cup. The women reached the guarter-finals, where Northumberland, quarter-finals, where Northumberland, despite an exhausting journey through snow and blizzards proved too strong, winning 5-3.

In the Wilmott Cup, Bristol failed at the last hurdle, losing 5-2 to Manchester in the final, after having beaten London University 6-3 in the semi-final.

Bristol Juniors are also doing well in the Gloucestershire County League where they handed out a surprising beating to Cheltenham, mainly due to great per-formances by Bob Nichols and David Lockwood. Sata

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Stroud	3	0	0	3	7	23	0	
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D. N. Andrews.

LONDON BUSINESS HOUSES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Singles: K. WHETLOR (Hoovers) bt R. J. Gregory (Lensbury) 18-21, 14-21, 21-17, 21-17, 21-19. Women's Singles: M. PIPER (English Electric) (Holder) bt Mrs. P. Harris (Iraq Petroleum) 21-11, 21-9.

Men's Doubles: D. C. F. CRISP/ GREGORY (Lensbury) (Holders) bt J. Griffiths/A. Payne (Stones Athletic) 21-11, 21-12, 21-14. Women's Doubles: Grundas, A. 1 after (Stolles Attletter) 21-11,
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 HOULDSWORTH/Mrs. B. 1Z Z A R D
 (G.E.A.A.A.) bt J. L. Coleman/Piper
 (English Electric) (Holders) 2-21, 21-19, J. L. SLADE (Lensbury) bt Crisp/Miss S. Bonner (Lensbury) 21-16, 19-21, 21-19.

SUFFOLK NEWSREEL

A long-awaited victory by Suffolk Juniors at Worthing was the highlight of February in the Suffolk Camp. The young "Greenshirts" off the foot of the Junior Division (South) and gives Sussex the "Wooden Spoon."

Lowestoft, with unbeaten records in both competitions, look certain winners of the Suffolk Inter Towns and the East Anglian League of Leagues-a competition between Norfolk and Suffolk leagues. Ipswich, newcomers to the East Anglian league, recently beat Norwich by 7-3, to register their first win.

Briar Clyffe "A" appear likely to retain the First Division title in the Lowestoft league, while only a surprise result can prevent Britannia from taking the Ipswich First Division title from Y.M.C.A. "A" who have been champions for several seasons.

Mention must be made of the Suffolk team's visit to Maidstone in the N.C.C. Second Division (South) where the visitors lost 2-8 to Kent. Despite the score Suffolk played hard against the leaders and provided the Kent team with enough good play to enable them to show the crowd why they are at the top of the table.

This match was the best piece of organisation I have seen in these matches for a long time which made the long journey very well worth while.

THE IRISH SCENE

EAST OF IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS SAVED

AS was generally expected England had no difficulty in defeating Ireland in Belfast, the 7-1 winning margin being a true reflection on their all-round superiority.

Before commenting on the games that the visitors won, I feel that pride of place must go to the veteran Irish pair Victor Mercer and Ivan Martin. Combining beautifully they scored a thrilling win over Alan Rhodes and Ian Harrison in the men's doubles.

Having won the first set the Englishmen seemed set for victory, but Mercer and Martin really got down to it in the second, and were not flattered in taking it at 21-17. The stage was thus set for a really thrilling decider. The Irish pair jumped into the lead, and kept it until England forced equality for the first time at 19-all. At this point Rhodes hit a couple of loose shots and Ireland scored the two vital points to give them victory.

Little can be said about the other

WELSH CORNER

GLAMORGAN FIND BETTER FORM

Wales, but the first event to give real pleasure was in England—the National County Championship match with Surrey at Sutton. Coming after our disappointing display against England at Aylesbury, this was like a breath of fresh air, and although we went down 7.3 we are a the Surrey players a coord 7-3, we gave the Surrey players a good run for their money.

Glyn Morgan at last hit the ball hard ! He had an exciting game with Venner, losing 23-25 in the second, and later beat Tony Miller most convincingly. Bernard Dimascio, returning to the side, also played well, losing 20-22 to Miller in the first, and 15-21 in the second. But he was no match for Ken Cragie, who was easily the best Surrey player, as Norman Parker also found out. Norman gave Venner a hard fight in the last game of the evening.

Shirley Jones, at last showing good form after too long in the doldrums, beat Jean Head comfortably, and with Betty Gray had a good three-game win over Jean Head and Jill Rook. There was an exciting men's doubles in which Morgan and Dimascio had a great fight with Cragie and Venner, just failing in the third.

Next item on the month's programme was the Gwent "Open," which attracted the usual good entry from the West of England. London was also represented by Landry and Raybould.

VETERAN SHINES

Games in the actual rounds were good, but the finals themselves were a bit disappointing. Veteran Stan Jones, with thoughts of the Cardiff "Open" in his mind still, created another sensation by getting into the final, beating Ray-

games; they resulted in easy wins for the visitors, except perhaps the mixed. Here Visitors, except pernaps the mixed. Here once again Mercer proved what a mag-nificent player he is when partnering Jean Lynn. They lost the first set to 17, levelled, after a stern struggle, by taking the second at 22-20, but then unfor-tunately hit a bad patch in the third and eventually lost is at 21-10. eventually lost it at 21-10.

Taken in all it was an enjoyable night's table-tennis, and one that was fully appreciated by the large number of spectators.

It was announced several weeks ago that due to shortage of entries and general lack of enthusiasm and interest amongst followers of the game, the East of Ireland championships would not be held this season.

Now the go-ahead Leinster League club, Castleforbes, has stepped into the breach and the tourney will be held at their premises in Dublin.

Great credit is due to Castleforbes for their initiative and courage in taking on

he was no match for Laury Landry. Shirley Jones at last accomplished her

same tournament.

and Shirley Jones.

the men's event!

ambition, beating both Audrey Bates (semi-final) and Betty Gray (final) in the

the men's doubles, in which Bernard Dimascio and Pat Crowley, pairing up

for the first time, got through to the final, only to fail to Landry and Ray-bould. Shirley Jones and Betty Gray

beat Audrey Bates and Gretta Dimascio,

two straight in a rather dull women's

double final, but there was plenty of

excitement in the Mixed, where the scratch pair, Glyn Morgan and Gretta

Dimascio beat Norman Parker and Audrey Bates in the semi, only to fail narrowly 20-22 in the third to Raybould

BOYS DISAPPOINT The boys' event was a disappointment,

Colin Thomas, from Llandudno, making

his first appearance in South Wales,

being too nervous to extend David Parry

in the final. Ironically, Colin had pre-viously beaten Bobbie Harries in this

event, and knocked David Parry out of

In the meantime plans were afoot to send our women's team to the European Championships in Budapest. It is with gratitude that we record that the efforts of our clubs in Wales resulted in a team

being sent to the European Champion-

ships in Budapest. Unfortunately we are

not represented by our Three Musketeers this time, for Audrey Bates, our No. 2

could not get time off, so that Shirley Jones and Betty Gray, travelled under the management of Welsh Secretary,

There were some excellent games in

such a difficult task, and I am sure that they will receive the support they deserve. They have spacious premises capable of housing four tables comfortably and certainly nobody will have grounds for complaint about the conditions-they are perfect.

Joy Owens who emigrated to Canada during the summer has made her pre-

sence felt out Recently there. she won the women's singles title in the Wes-tern "Open" Championships, played in Portland, and followed this up by taking the women's title at a tournament in Seattle.

I believe she is playing as well as ever and is

likely to collect a few more trophies before the season ends. In fact I would not be surprised to see her making a very strong bid for the National "Open" S. Dignam.

Mrs. Roy Evans, who is a member of the European Championships Board. On February 22 we played England in

a Junior International at the Newport Y.M.C.A. Ernie Bakewell, Y.M. Secretary, kindly provided the hall, and Grove Motlow and his Newport officials saw that there was a good crowd in attendance.

MORE MATURE

We lost 2-7, but there was some fine table tennis, and some good promise in our players. David Parry's game is a lot more mature now, and he had an excellent win over Brian Hamill.

Colin Thomas made an impressive debut. True he lost to Gosling and Livesay, but he showed that he had the right ideas, and an improvement in his forehand attack will work wonders.

Bobbie Harries was good in patches. The ability is there but his game needs more control, and just when we thought he was going well against Livesay and Hamill, he went to pieces.

Yet he combined beautifully with Thomas in doubles, where with both hitting well from the backhand they literally blasted Livesay and Hamill off the table.

Sandra Morgan was up against a tough proposition in Jean Harrower, who is frankly a much better player. But Sandra has also improved. She tried hard enough, but lack of a backhand was a big weakness which Jean was quick to exploit.

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MITCHAM, SURREY.



FEBRUARY was a busy month in bould and Norman Parker en route. But Stan felt his years in the final, where

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP - - - By CONRAD JASCHKE Kent and Middlesex Head for Doubles

RUNAWAY wins over Yorkshire and Essex in the Premier Division and still unbeaten in the Junior Division (South) indicate a double for Middlesex in the County Championships. And it also looks like a brace for Kent with unbeaten records in the Second Division (South) and Southern Division.

Surrey are chasing hard on Middlesex's heels in both divisions, just one point behind in each. As far as the Premier Division is concerned Surrey have to put their fate in the hands of Gloucestershire who meet Middlesex on April 12. Middlesex must take both points to be certain of the title.

UP TO THEMSELVES

But Surrey stand on their own feet in the Junior Division meeting the star-studded Middlesex side at Waterloo Bridge House, London, S.E.1, on March 18. A draw makes Middlesex champions, and I cannot see them failing.

Meanwhile, Kent have already secured the Second Division title, and need only one point from their home tie with Cambridgeshire on March 22 to become Southern Division champions.

Essex lifted themselves away from the relegation zone in the Premier Division with an away win over Lancashire, who are still precariously near the bottom. Perhaps it is fortunate for Lancashire that their two remaining matches are against the teams immediately below them, Sussex at Oldham on March 15, and away to Glamorgan on March 22.

Lancashire's match with Essex has been described as one of the best ever seen in the county, which was particularly gratifying for Blackpool, whose two previous county presentations were not impressive. There is no doubt that this Lancashire team, despite their lowly position, play an attractive game now that pimpled rubber is obligatory.

Jeff Ingber and Ron Allcock, both gained wins over Bobby Stevens, England's newest international. Geoff Pullar marked up the only other Lancashire win at the expense of Bobby Raybould.

Cheshire need two points from their last two matches to regain the Second Division (North) title, which they previously won in 1956. By contrast, the Second Division (West) is delicately poised between Staffordshire and Somerset, and may well be decided on games average.

With Dorset and Wiltshire still to play, Somerset appear to have the easier programme. Staffordshire have to face Cornwall and Devon.

Devon, whose own title aspirations were destroyed in a crushing defeat by Somerset, could well hold the ultimate key. The 5-all draw between Somerset and Staffordshire has certainly left things in the air in this division.

Northamptonshire who have not scored a point this season in either

PREMIER	DI	/ISION	
March	22	Yorkshire v Surrey, Mechanics Institute, Bridge Street,	
		Bradford	7 p.m.
		Essex v Sussex, North Thames Gas Board, Products Works,	
		Beckton Road, East Ham, London, E.6	7 p.m.
		Glamorgan v Lancashire	
		SION NORTH	
March	22	Durham v Lincolnshire, Grangetown Methodist Church Hall,	
		Middlesbrough	7 p.m.
		SION SOUTH	
March	22	Suffolk v Hampshire, Corn Hall, Market Place, Stowmarket	7 p.m.
		Buckinghamshire v Kent, Stoke Mandeville Hospital,	
		Avlesbury	6 p.m.
		SION WEST	
March	22	Wiltshire v Somerset, Sanford Street Schools, Sanford Street,	
16	~	Swindon	7.15 p.m.
March	23	Worcestershire v Devon, Brintons Factory Canteen, Kidder-	
SOUTHING		minster	2.30 p.m.
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March		Kent v Cambridgeshire	
		DR DIVISION	
March	22	Durham v Lancashire, Co-operative Sports Club, West	
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March	18		÷
		London, S.E.1	7 p.m.

COUNTY DIARY

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the Midland or Midland Juniors Divisions, now hold the key to both these sections. And both depend on the outcome of matches with Staffordshire.

In the senior event Staffordshire win if they can beat Northamptonshire by at least 9-1. Shou'd the margin be 8-2 it means a triple tie with Warwickshire and Derbyshire, but if the margin is 7-3 then Staffordshire drop out of the hunt leaving Warwickshire and Derbyshire, who are already level on points and games average, to sort it out between them.

The position in the Northern Junior Division looks like having to wait until the last match of the season, the clash between Durham and Lancashire. This of course all depends on Yorkshire and Durham gaining expected victories in their respective matches with Cheshire.

DIVISIONAL TABLES

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Cheshire	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Warwickshire	4	2	1	1	24	16	5
Northumberland	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Lincolnshire	4	1	2	1	19	21	4
Yorkshire II	4	1	1	2	21	19	3
Durham	4	0	0	4	6	34	0
2nd DIVISION SOUTH	I						
Kent	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Hertfordshire	5	3	i	1	31	19	7
Berkshire	5	2	1	2	28	22	5
Hampshire	4	1	2	1	21	19	4
Suffolk	4	1	ō	3	16	24	2
Buckinghamshire	4	0	Ò	4	3	37	0
2nd DIVISION WEST							
Staffordshire	4	3	1	0	29	11	7
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Staffordshire	3	2	0	1	15	9	4
Northamptonshire	3	0	0	3	2	22	0

NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Lancashire	 Э	o	L.	н.	20	14	
Durham	 4	3	0	1	20	12	6
Yorkshire	 5	2	1	2	2υ	20	5
Cheshire	 4	0	0	4	6	26	0
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SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Middlesex	5	5	0	0	46	4	10
Surrey	5	4	1	0	35	15	9
Essex	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Kent	5	1	2	2	22	28	4
Hertfordshire	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Suffolk	6	1	1	4	17	43	3
Sussex	6	0	1	5	16	44	1

RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

PREMIER DIVISION Yorkshire 2, Middlesex 8 S. Dyson lost D. Burridge --11, --13, lost M. Thornhill 13, --7. --16, B. Kennedy bt Thornhill 13, --14, 15, lost A. Rhodes 15, --17, --19, R. Hinchliff lost Rhodes --20, 13, --15, lost Burridge --20, 12, --14. Dyson/J. Pitts lost Rhodes/Thornhill --12, --10. Miss K. Best lost Mrs. D. Collins 22, --13, --13. Misses J. Preston/M. Phodea lost A.

13, -13,
 Misses J. Preston/M. Rhodes lost Mrs.
 Collins/Miss M. Fry -13, -15.
 Kennedy/Miss Best of Burridge/Miss Fry

15, 16,

Lancashire 3, Essex 7

J. Ingber lost R. Raybould -12, -20, bt R. Stevens 5, -17, 22. R. Allcock bt Stevens -16, 12, 14, lost J. Leach -10, 13, -19, G. Pullar lost Leach -16, -5, bt Raybould 18, -16, 19. Ingber/P. Strulovitch lost Raybould/ Stevens -14, -19. Miss I, Haney lost Miss Y. Baker -11, 17, -10.

Surrey 7, Glamorgan 3

A. Miller bt B. Dimascio 20, 15, lost to G. Morgan 21, --15, --11, H. Venner bt Morgan 15, 23, bt N. Parker 18, 16, K. Craigie bt Parker 11, 14, bt Dimascio 11,

, 19. Craigie/Venner bt Dimascio/Morgan -17, 19, 18. Mrs. J. Head lost Miss S. Jones —19,

---12.

Mrs. Head/Miss J. Rook lost Miss Jones/ Miss B. Gray ----13, 13, ---12. J. Head/Miss Rook bt Parker/Miss Gray

18, 19.

Middlesex 9, Essex 1

D. Burridge bt I. Jones 12, 15, bt R. Raybould 14, 18, A. Rhodes lost to Raybould --15, --20, bt R. Stevens --15, 9, 16, M. Thornhill bt Stevens 21, 14, bt Jones 6, 13. Rhodes/Thornhill bt Raybould/Stevens

Rhodes/Thornhill of Rayoould/Stevens —19, 7, 12.
Mrs. D. Collins bt Miss Y. Baker 16, 19.
Mrs. Collins/Miss M. Fry bt Mrs. E.
Carrington/Miss B. Milbank 11, 10.
I. Adams/Miss Fry bt Jones/Miss Baker

23, 16,

), 10. DIVISION II (NORTH) Durham 2, Yorkshire II 8. Lincolnshire 3, Cheshire 7.

DIVISION II (SOUTH) Hertfordshire 9, Buckinghamshire 1. Kent 8, Suffolk 2.

DIVISION II (WEST) Devon 8, Wiltshire 2. Somerset 5, Staffordshire 5. Cornwall 1, Worcestershire 9.

MIDLAND DIVISION Northamptonshire 0, Warwick. I Derbyshire 7, Warwickshire II 3. II 10.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SOUTHERN DIVISION Norfolk 1, Hertfordshire II 9, Bedfordshire 2, Kent II 8, Bedfordshire 7, Norfolk 3, MIDLAND JUNIOR DIVISION Northamptonshire 0, Warwickshire 8, Northamptonshire 1, Staffordshire 7.

NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Durham 5, Yorkshire 3.

CAMBRIDGE WIN

In the inter-varsity table tennis match, played at Cambridge on March 1, before over 100 spectators, Cambridge gained a convincing 8-2 victory over Oxford. At first it seemed that the match would be much closer, when the score after the first four singles stood at 2-2. However success in both doubles gave Cambridge renewed confidence, and they ran out easy winners. In the opening singles H. Weunerberg (Cam.), refusing to take any risks, built up a seemingly commanding six-point lead (Cam.), refusing to take any risks, built up a seemingly commanding six-point lead in the first game, but with N. Dombey fighting back well, faltered and was beaten 19-21. Dombey's attack however was not quite consistent enough to overcome his opponent's stubborn defence, and Wenner-berg took the next two games. The next match followed roughly the same pattern when S. L. Geoghegan, the Oxford captain, although attacking very steadily, could find no way through Hussain's defence, and eventually lost fairly easily after two long games. games

This lead, all-important at the beginning This lead, all-important at the beginning of any match, was lost by Cambridge in the following two singles, when their Nos. 3-4, D. J. Bell, the captain, and, to a lesser extent, D. W. Mahen seemed affected by the occasion and played well below their normal form. For Oxford, J. M. Hope played steadily to gain a comfortable victory, and B. Bush did very well to prevent the left-handed Mahen from making full use of his powerful forehand attack.

The doubles therefore came at a crucial stage. In the first Wennerberg and

Results—continued SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION SUTH JUNCH Sussex 4, Suffolk 6. Kent 5, Surrey 5. Suffolk 5, Kent 5. Essex 6, Kent 4. Middlesex 7, Essex 3.

Hussain proved just too stendy for Geoghegan and Hope, although they caused Cambridge supporters some anxiety when they trailed 2-12 in the second game. Then Bell and J. K. Ferguson combined effectively to beat Dombey and Bush comfortably. Wennerberg made the score 5-2 for Cambridge when, after a close first game with Geoghegan, he at last began to use his backhand flick, and had less trouble in winning the second. The issue was settled when Dombey, who had obviously decided to stake everything on all-out attack, although producing some brilliant shots, made little Impression on Hussain, who made many apparently impossible returns.

impossible returns, The Cambridge superiority was emphasised by victory in the last two singles. First Bell, much more relaxed, defended and counter-hit well to beat Bush in three games, and then Mahen, in the most exciting match of the evening from the spectators' point of view, indulged in some spectacular hitting against Hope's equally spectacular long-range defence, and emerged the winner after three very close games. games.

In the 2nd team match, played in the afternoon, Oxford gained a close victory, by 6-4.

Results (Cambridge first):

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Cambridge 8, Oxford 2.





JOHNNY LEACH

BRITISH players had a field day in the Belgium "Open" Championships in Brussels on February 8-9. Johnny Leach retained the Men's Singles, Ann Haydon took the Women's Singles, Leach and Diane Collins won the Mixed Doubles and Scotland's Helen Elliot shared the Women's Doubles title with Agnes Simon, the Hungarian refugee.

Preventing an all-England line up for the Men's Singles semi-finals was Zelyko Hrbud, the 18-year-old Yugoslavian champion, but Leach accounted for him to avenge his defeat by the same player in the Rumanian Championships.

Leach won in straight games, then went on to beat Brian Kennedy in the final 21-3, 22-24, 21-18, 14-21, 21-10. These were the first games that Leach dropped in the Singles.

Kennedy scored yet another win over Richard Bergmann in the other semi-final. This was one of the outstanding matches of the tournament with Kennedy coming back from two

WE GRAB BELGIAN TITLES Three All-England Finals Double for Leach



ANN HAYDON

games down to win 11-21, 9-21, 21-14, 21-19, 21-19.

Kennedy had attempted to hit Bergmann off the table in the first two games only to be out-generalled. Completely changing his tactics and making full use of slow top-spin and push strokes, Kennedy gained control of the match and hit only when he could be confident of putting the ball away. It meant long games but it took him into the final.

Ann's Singles

There was also an all-England final to the Women's Singles with Miss Haydon beating Mrs. Collins 19-21, 21-16, 21-16, 21-16, Mrs. Collins, who gained a great win over Helen Elliot in the semi-final, started well against Miss Haydon but lost her early initiative after winning the first game. Miss Haydon's semi-final victim was Agnes Simon.

Miss Elliot and Mrs. Simon had their revenge in the Women's Doubles final when they beat Miss Haydon and Mrs. Collins after losing the first two games.

Meanwhile, there was yet another all-England final for the Mixed Doubles with Leach, who won the title with Miss Haydon last year, partnering Mrs. Collins to beat Miss Haydon and Kennedy in straight games.

BELGIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

 $\begin{array}{c} \mbox{Mem's Singles: Semt-finals: J. LEACH bt} \\ \mbox{Hrbud} & (Yugo.) & 21-15, & 21-17, & 21-16. \\ \mbox{B. KENNEDY bt} & R. Bergmann & 11-21, \\ \mbox{9-21, } & 21-14, & 21-19, & 21-19. \\ \mbox{Jinal: LEACH bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-24, & 21-18, \\ \mbox{14-21, } & 21-10. \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-24, & 21-18, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-24, & 21-18, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-24, & 21-18, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-24, & 21-18, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-24, & 21-18, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-24, & 21-18, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-34, & 21-18, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-34, & 21-38, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-34, & 21-38, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-34, & 21-38, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-34, & 21-38, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-34, & 21-38, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-34, & 21-38, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-34, & 21-38, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-34, & 21-38, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 22-34, & 21-38, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 21-34, & 21-38, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 21-34, & 21-38, \\ \mbox{Jinal: Leach bt Kennedy } & 21-3, & 21-34, & 21$

Women's Singles: Semi-finals: A. HAYDON bt A. Simon (Hun.) 21-13, 21-2, 21-8. D. COLLINS bt H. Elliot 21-11, 21-17, 21-14. Final: HAYDON bt Collins 19-21, 21-16, 21-16, 21-16, 21-16, Men's Doubles: Final: K. WEGRATH

Men's Doubles: Final: K. WEGRATH (Aus.)/G. ROLAND (Bel.) bt Mackovic/ Hrbud (Yugo.) 21-17, 21-14, 15-21, 15-21, 21-18,

Women's Doubles: Final: ELLIOT/ SIMON bt Haydon/Collins 17-21, 20-22, 21-19, 21-18, 21-16.

Mixed Doubles: Final: LEACH/ Mrs. COLLINS bt Kennedy/Miss Haydon 21-12, 21-19, 21-19.

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. Tournaments not marked with an "R" are unrestricted. 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.

Date	Details and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
Mar. 18-20	Irish "Open" (Mar. 8) Abbey Lecture Hall, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin.	J.S.B. G.S.B.	Mrs. G. Doyle, 55, Highfield Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin.
22-23	French "Open"		
25-29 31	English "Open" England v France Marine Gardens Pavilion, Folkestone.		Mr. F. Betts, 88, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent.
April 5&7	North East England Open (Mar. 26) Burniston Barracks, Scarborough.	J.S.B. J.S.G. Y.S. V.S.	Mr. W. Mitton, 16, The Whins, Newby, Scarborough.
13	Sussex Junior "Open" Littlehampton Badminton and Squash Off High Street, Littlehampton.	Under 15 S. Club,	Mr. J. Joyes, Flat 5, 7, Park Crescent, Worthing.
19-20	Middlesex "Open" Hanwell Community Centre, Westcott Crescent, Hanwell, Middlesex.		

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Record Entry for Revived Cheshire "Open" Shepherd Retains Title

THE Cheshire "Open", revived again this season by the Wirral League and held at the Birkenhead Y.M.C.A. on February 20-22, was a huge success with a record entry of 250 players taking part. The facilities of the Y.M.C.A. were used to the fullest extent and the players and officials were well cared for.

The main rounds were completed without delay and by 7.30 p.m. everything was set for an exciting evening's play which was watched by an almost capacity crowd. The holder, A. L. Shepherd passed into the final with a good win over his Cheshire companion E. T. Johnson. Although this was the only event of the night that did not go the full distance it produced some of the best rallies and put the crowd in the right mood. In the other semi, D. J. Schofield, also of Cheshire, disposed of the ex-Staffordshire player, F. Kershaw, now of Burnley, to make it an all Cheshire final.

Although the final went to three games Shepherd seemed to be in control for most of the time but almost lost the initiative at the last minute when Schofield got to within two points of levelling the game at 20-all.

The most popular win of the evening was in the mixed doubles when V. Chesham and Mrs. Moya Jones of Liverpool had a narrow win over the Welsh Internationals Alan Thomas and Miss Audrey Bates. The local pair were not in the first game at all and their victory in the second was not too convincing. But in the third they fought all the way and after trailing 16-19 took complete command. Encouraged by the crowd and a few tired shots by Miss Bates they drew level and

SHEADER LOSES LINCS. TITLE

Peter Sherratt dethroned Matthew Sheader as men's singles champion in the Lincolnshire Championships at Skegness on February 23. Playing at the top of his form throughout the tournament went on to complete a "hat trick," by winning the men's doubles with W. V. Moran, and the mixed with Mrs. C. Moran.

In the singles semi-finals Sherratt accounted for Brian Edlington, while Sheader beat Dick Merryweather. These four players were seeded, so there were no major upsets.

Wendy Eanor retained the women's singles, playing excep-tionally well to ward off the challenge of Mrs. P. Lammin in the semi-final and Mrs. M. Hardy in a three games final.

The new boys' singles champion is R. Norton, who although living at Louth, plays in the Lincoln League. He beat G. H. Stanley of Boston in a good hard hitting final.

Men's Singles: Semi-finals: P. SKERATT (Scunthorpe) bt B. Eddington (Gainsborough) 21-14, 21-10; M. SHEADER (Grimsby) bt D. Merryweather (Lincoln) 21-18, 21-19. Final: SKERRATT bt Sheader 21-11, 21-19.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals: Mrs. W. EANOR (Boston) bt Mrs. P. Lammin (Grimsby) 21-16, 21-19; Mrs. M. HARDY (Spalding) bt Mrs. C. Moran (Grimsby) 21-12, 19-21, 21-21, Final: Mrs. EANOR bt Mrs. Hardy 11-21, 21-9, 21-12.

Boys' Singles: Final: R. NORTON bt G. H. Stanley 21-19, 21-18.

Men's Doubles: Final: SKERRATT/W, V. MORAN bt B. Edlington/A. Fear 21-23, 21-15, 21-19, Women's Doubles: Final: Mrs. MORAN/Mrs. LAMMIN bt Mrs. Eanor/Mrs. Hardy 21-15, 21-18 Mixed Doubles: Final: SKERRATT/Mrs. MORAN bt M. Sheader/Mrs. Chadwick 21-18, 21-14.

BUCKS. "CLOSED"

BRIAN BARNES (Slough Community Centre) won all three titles in the Bucks "Closed" Championships. In the men's singles final he had a surprisingly easy 21-18, 21-9

it was only justice that they went on to win the next two points. It was a good day for Mrs. Jones who had beaten Miss Bates in the Women's Singles earlier in the dav.

Miss Ivey Haney justified her No. 1 ranking for Lancashire when she beat Miss Winifred Swift in the final of the Women's Singles. She had disposed of another rival, Miss Sybil Threlfall in the earlier rounds. Miss Haney was on the losing side in the Women's Doubles when, with her Lancashire partner Connie Moore, they were beaten by the Staffordshire pair, Mrs. M. Warner and Miss C. Charman.

The Men's Doubles brought another title to the Cheshire pair Schofield and Johnson who had a good but narrow win over J. N. Osborne and D. Backhouse from Staffordshire.

In the Veterans the holder. N. Sumner of Ellesmere Port retained his title after overcoming a strong challenge from Liverpool's J. C. Coveney.

Men's Singles: Final: A. SHEPHERD bt. D. Schofield 21-16, 21-17.

Women's Singles: Final: I. HANEY bt W. Swift 21-17, 14-21, 21-9.

Men's Doubles: Final: E. JOHNSON/SCHOFIELD bt D. Backhouse/J. Osbourne 17-21, 21-11, 21-19.

Women's Doubles: Final: C. CHARMAN/MRS. B. WARNER bt Haney/Mrs. C. Spencer 21-16, 12-21, 21-12. В.

Mixed Doubles: Final: V. CHESHAM/MRS. M. JONES bt A. Thomas/ Miss A. Bates 14-21, 21-17, 22-20.

victory over K. Jarvis, who in the past two seasons has met only one defeat in the High Wycombe League.

Men's Singles: B. BARNES bt K. Jarvis 21-18, 21-9. Women's Singles: J. WILLIAMS bt Mrs. P. Sanders 21--19, 21-17.

Men's Doubles: BARNES/J. VENABLES bt Sewell/K. Jarvis Mired Doubles: BARNES/M. VENABLISS of Severif A. Jarvis 14-21, 21-10, 21-15. Women's Doubles: Mrs. SANDERS/ Mrs. K. WARD bt Mrs. G. Veneer/E. Devoy 21-18, 21-18. Mixed Doubles: BARNES/Mrs. VENEER bt G. Husbands/Mrs. Woodley 17-21, 21-15, 21-8.

WEST OF SCOTLAND

INTERNATIONAL, Helen Elliot, won all three titles open to her in the West of Scotland championships at Glasgow.

Men's Singles: T. GILMOUR (Dundee) bt B. Kerr (Edinburgh) 22-20, 21-14.

Women's Singles: H. ELLIOT (Edinburgh) bt H. Houliston (Edinburgh) 21-9, 21-14,

Men's Doubles: I. BARCLAY/KERR (Edinburgh) bt G. Fraser/J. Miller (Edinburgh) 21-12, 19-21, 21-16. Women's Doubles: ELLIOT/HOULISTON bt D. Black/E,Dunbar (Dundee) 24-22, 21-15. Mixed Doubles: KERR/ELLIOT bt H. Baxter/A. Cruickshank (Glasgow) 21-9, 21-12.

Junior Singles: I. BARCLAY (Edinburgh) bt G. Kelly (Glasgow) 21-16, 21-13.

IAN BARCLAY, 17-year-old Edinburgh international, won his first "Open" title when he beat team-mate, Bertie Kerr, in the men's singles final in the Murrayfield "Open" Tournament.

Men's Singles: I. BARCLAY (Edinburgh) bt B. Kerr (Edin-

Men's Singles: I. BARCLAY (Edinburgh) bt B. Kerr (Edinburgh) 18-21, 23-21, 21-19,
Women's Singles: H. HOULISTON bt D. Black 21-10, 21-18.
Men's Doubles: T. GILMOUR/T. McMICHAEL bt Kerr/ Barclay 22-20, 22-24, 21-19. Mixed Doubles: L. KEREKES/ Miss HOULISTON bt Barclay/Miss Black,
Boys' Singles: BARCLAY bt K. Farrar 21-16, 21-7. Girls' Singles: P. MCKENZIE bt I. Baikie 21-7, 21-16.

FIFTH TIME LUCKY

Pam Mortimer Wins Midland Final

PAM MORTIMER, 25-year-old Birmingham hitter, smashed her way to a smart hat-trick when she grabbed three titles—the Women's Singles, Women's and Mixed Doubles — in the Midland "Open" on February 8.

Miss Mortimer, the title-holder, after reaching four "Open" singles finals and losing the lot, was determined to win this one-but she had a great battle with Elsie Carrington in the "semi."

Mrs. Carrington, playing a beautiful defensive game, put up a tremendous fight, but was unable to stop the Birmingham girl.

Miss Mortimer met Audrey Bates, who had knocked out both Barbara Milbank and Lynn Whithams, in the final, but it came as an anti-climax after the thrills in the earlier games-in fact the same could be said for all the finals.

Miss Mortimer and Miss Bates won the Women's Doubles, and then Miss Mortimer paired up with Bobby Raybould to take the Mixed event and complete her treble.

Ian Harrison, the 18-year-old apprentice draughtsman from Cheltenham, proved too strong all round for Bobby Stevens in the Men's Singles final, despite the closeness of the scores.

Probably the best match in the men's section was the one between Harrison and Bobby Raybould. "I decided to do everything that Ian did—and the plan nearly worked," said the young Essex player after the battle.

It did, too! In the first game, Raybould stuck to his plan rigidly. When Harrison defended, Raybould defended. When Harrison hit, Raybould counter-hit.

Raybould won the first game easily 21-12, but, in his anxiety to press home his advantage, forgot his scheme for part of the second and lost it 21-16.

Back to the plan in the third . . . and Raybould was 20-19 down when Harrison popped up a sitter. Ray-

Skerratt Treble at Pontefract

Peter Skerratt (Scunthorpe) enjoyed a most successful day at the Pontefract "Open" on February 15 being on the winning side in three finals.

With a straight games win over county colleague, Matt Sheader, in the final, Skerratt finished with the impressive record of completing the event without loss of a game.

He then partnered Sheader to win the Men's Doubles and later, with Mrs. C. Moran, finished his "hat-trick' with the Mixed Doubles title.

Mrs. Moran also won the Singles title with an easy 21-13, 21-11 win over Betty Clough who in an earlier round had caused the surprise downfall of Lorna Bown.

In one of the best finals of the evening Eddie Taylor had a very close win over Colin Deaton to become Youths' champion.

Deaton, although on the defensive throughout, put up a great show and was somewhat unlucky to be on the loosing end.

Finally Harry Greaves, of Oldham, who has made the trek to Pontefract on innumerable occasions, pulled off his ambition by winning the Veteran's Singles.

Cliff Darley.

Men's Singles: Semi-finals: M. SHEADER bt D. Schofield 8-21, 21-16, 22-20; P. SKERRATT bt R. Ridge 21-17, 21-18,

bould took a swipe at it, the ball hit the top of the net and bounced back. "Operation Harrison" had failed!

The young Cheltenham pair, Harrison and Keith Edwards, galloped through to the final of the Men's Doubles, but their clash with Stevens and Raybould proved too one-sided. The Essex boys hit everything and coasted to an easy 21-12, 21-12 victory. Men's Singles; Semi-finals: I. HARRISON (Cheltenham) bt R. Griffin (Cheltenham) 21-14, 21-11; R. STEVENS (Essex)

R. Griffin (Cheltenham) 21-14, 21-11; R. STEVENS (Essex) bt M. McLaren (Surrey) 21-16, 21-16. Final: HARRISON bt Stevens 22-20, 21-16. Women's Singles: Semi-finals: P. MORTIMER (Birming-ham) bt Mrs. E. Carrington (Essex) 18-21, 21-16, 21-13; A. BATES (Wales) bt L. Whithams (Surrey) 21-17, 22-20. Final: MORTIMER bt Bates 22-20, 19-21, 21-13. Men's Doubles: Semi-finals: STEVENS/R. RAYBOULD (Essex) bt K. Griffiths (Cheltenham)/E. McLeish (Leicester) 21-15, 21-15; HARRISON/K. EDWARDS (Cheltenham) bt T. Densham/I. Westoby (London) 21-18, 21-11. Final: STEVENS/RAYBOULD bt Harrison/Edwards 21-12, 21-13.

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- Women's Doubles: Semi-finals: MORTIMER/BATES bt D. Griffiths (Birmingham)/B. Cassell (King's Lynn) 21-16, 22-20; Mrs. CARRINGTON/B. MILBANK (Essex) bt Whithams/S. O'Brien (Gloucester) 21-19, 21-9. Final: MORTIMER/BATES bt Mrs. Carrington/Milbank 21-6, 21-19, 21-12.
- 21-6, 21-19, 21-12.
 Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals: RAYBOULD/Miss MORTI-MER bt Griffiths/Miss D. Worrall (West Bromwich) 21-14, 11-21, 21-18; STEVENS/Miss WHITHAMS bt J. Carring-ton/Mrs. Carrington (Essex) 21-13, 21-18.
 Final: RAYBOULD/Miss MORTIMER bt Stevens/Miss Whithams 21-14, 23-21.
 Boys' Singles: Final: A. CORNISH (Woolwich) bt M. White (Cheltenham) 21-17, 21-19.
 Girls' Singles: Final: S. MORGAN (Abergavenny) bt A. A. Charman (West Bromwich) 21-17, 21-14.
 Junior Doubles: Final: D. PARRY (Abergavenny)/P. RACEY (Bedford) bt A. Brown (Bristol)/P. Raymond (Cheltenham) 21-15, 21-17.
 Veteran Singles: Final: H. SPIERS (Birmingham) bt F.

Veteran Singles: Final: H. SPIERS (Birmingham) bt F. Smith (Birmingham) 18-21, 21-13, 21-4.

Final: SKERRATT bt Sheader 21-13, 21-13, Women's Singles: Semi-finals: B. CLOUGH bt J. Preston 26-24, 21-16; Mrs. M. DYSON bt Mrs. B. Cassell 21-19, 16-21, 21-13.

Final: Mrs. DYSON bt Clough 21-13, 21-11,

Men's Doubles: Final: SKERRATT/SHEADER bt Schofield/ Orme 21---16, 21---11.

Women's Doubles: Final: Mrs. CASSELL/PRESTON bt Mrs. M. Haley/Mrs. J. Farnsworth 21-17, 20-22, 23-21.

Mixed Doubles: Final: SKERRATT/Mrs. MORAN bt Schofield/ Miss L. Bown 21-9, 11-21, 21-8. Youths' Singles: Final: E. TAYLOR bt C. Deaton 21-19, 14-21, 22-20.

Veterans' Singles: Final: H. GREAVES bt E. Turton 21-16, 18-21, 21-17.

DEVON "CLOSED"

BILL WAKLEY and Mrs. J. Crosbie both eliminated the holders when winning the singles titles in the Devon

D holders when winning the singles titles in the Devon "Closed" Championships. Men's Singles: W. WAKLEY (Plymouth) bt P. Ofield (Exmouth) 18-21, 21-16, 21-9. Women's Singles: Mrs. J. CROSBIE (Exeter) bt D. Spooner (Torquay) 21-16, 22-20. Men's Doubles: J. BULLEY/P. INGERSON (Plymouth) bt T. Anson/Bradshaw (Plymouth) 21-7, 21-18. Women's Doubles: Mrs. CROSBEE/Mrs. I. HUNTER (Exeter) bt Mrs. C. Le Milliere/Mrs. V. Adicott (Exeter) 21-14 21-15. Mixed Doubles: B. FREDMAN (Paignton)/M'ss SPOONER bt J. Addison/Miss P. Northcott (Paignton) 17-21, 21-15. Boys' Singles: A. HANCOCK (South Molton) bt L. Farrant (Exmouth) 21--10, 18-21, 21-17. Girls' Singles: C. AMERY bt A. Crosby (Exeter) 21-12, 21-15. Veterans' Singles: R. PEARSE (Torquay) bt L. Kerslake (Exeter) 16-21, 21-13, 21-8.

Gloucestershire Junior "Open"

HAT-TRICK FOR JEAN

TWO 14-year-olds, George Livesey, a new international, and Jean Harrower won five titles between them in the first ever Gloucestershire Junior "Open" championships at Gloucester Baths on February 1.

Livesey, a 4ft. 11in. bundle of skill from Burnley, gave a remarkable display of brilliant volleying and retrieving to win the boys' under 15 and under 17 singles championships.

In the under 15 event he proved too strong for B. Midgeley, winning 21-15, 21-13, but found it tougher in the other singles final before beating Derek Grant (Hampshire) 13-21, 21-13, 23-21. Grant looked set for success when he took the first game, but Livesey reached top form to level at one set all then lead 19-11 in the decider. Then came the thrills. Grant staged a remark-able recovery to go ahead to 21-20. The effort however, proved just that little too much and Livesey took the next three points for the match.

Jean Harrower's successes were more easily accomplished.

She defeated A. Brautigan, a Middlesex colleague, 21-15, 21-17 in the under 15's final, then had an even more conclusive victory over junior international, Shelagh Hession, of Essex, for the under 17's crown.

Miss Hession, ranked second behind Miss Harrower in the National junior list, was given little chance to settle down under the constant barrage of powerful shots which flowed off the bat of the younger Middlesex girl.

Miss Harrower won her third title in the doubles partnering Miss Hession to beat "Jackie" Butcher and Mary Hicks, of Middlesex by 21-10, 21-9.

One of the most entertaining matches of the evening was the boys' doubles final in which the Welsh pair David Parry and Bob Harries beat Paul Racey and David White 20-22, 21-11, 22-20, after a match in which both sides attacked ferociously throughout.

Gloucestershire's only representatives to reach a final were Paul Raymond, Adrienne Cox, of Cheltenham, who put up a good fight before going down 16-21, 13-21 to internationals Derek Grant and Shelagh Hession in the mixed doubles.

Boys' Singles (Under 17): G. LIVESEY bt D. Grant 13-21, 21-13. 23-21.

Boys' Singles (Under 15): LIVESEY bt B. Midgeley 21-15, 21-13

Girls' Singles (Under 17): J. HARROWER bt S. Hession 21-8, 21-10.

Girls' Singles (Under 15): J. HARROWER bt A. Brautigan 21-15, 21-17.

Boys' Doubles: D. PARRY/R. HARRIES bt P. Racey/D. White 20-22, 21-11, 22-20. Girls' Doubles: HARROWER/HESSION bt J. Butcher/M.

Hicks 21-10, 21-9. Mixed Doubles: GRANT/HESSION bt P. Raymond/A. Scott 21-16, 21-13.

Gwent "Open"

AND THREE FOR SHIRLEY

SHIRLEY JONES, the Welsh No. 1 gave a fine display

Open" championships at Newport on February 15. She had a hectic passage in the Women's Singles, being taken the full distance in both semi-final and final before beating internationals, Audrey Bates (Cardiff) and Betty Gray (Swansea) respectively. Miss Jones then partnered Miss Gray to win the Women's

Doubles final, beating Miss Bates and Mrs. Dimascio in straight games.

Her mixed doubles title came with much more effort.

Paired with Bobby Raybould they were fully extended before arrowly defeating the Welsh partnership of Glyn Morgan and Mrs. Dimascio by 21-14, 19-21, 22-20. Laurie Landry (Middlesex), playing at his brilliant best,

Laurie Laurie Landry (Pilduesex), playing at his orman occu, dominated the men's events. In the singles semi-final he beat the holder, Bob Griffin (Cheltenham) by 21-12, 21-16, and in the final had an even more convincing win over former Welsh star Stan Jones (Newport) whom he beat 21-8, 21-12.

Landry partnered Raybould to beat Bernard Dimascio and

P. Crowley for the men's doubles. David Parry, the Welsh junior "open" champion, won the boys' singles with a 21-15, 21-10 victory over C. Thomas, of Llandudno.

of Llandudno. Men's Singles: Semi-finals: L. LANDRY (Middlesex) bt R. Griffin (Cheltenham) 21-12, 21-16; S. JONES (Newport) bt N. Parker (Glos.) 21-7, 21-9. Final: LANDRY bt Jones 21-8, 21-12. Women's Singles: Semi-finals: B. GRAY (Swansea) bt J. Collier (Bristol) 21-6, 21-14; S. JONES (London) bt A. Bates (Cardiff), 21-10, 14-21, 21-14. Final: JONES bt Gray 21-15, 17-21, 21-13. Men's Doubles: Final: LANDRY/RAYBOULD bt A. Crowley/ B. Dimascio 21-14, 21-14. Women's Doubles: Final: GRAY/JONES bt Bates/Mrs. Dimascio 21-14, 21-14. Mixed Doubles: Final: RAYBOULD/Miss JONES bt Morgan/ Mrs. Dimascio, 21-14, 19-21, 22-20. Junior Singles: Semi-finals: D. PARRY (Abergavenny) bt M. Mordicai (Bristol) 21-12, 21-11; C. THOMAS (Llandudno) bt R. Harries (Newport) 20-22, 21-16, 21-11. Final: PARRY bt Thomas 21-15, 21-10.

NORTHUMBERLAND "CLOSED"

ALL but one title changed hands in the Northumberland A championships which this year were transferred from North Shields to Newcastle.

Mrs. P. Clark retained the women's singles title after easily eliminating her only serious rival, L. Hamilton, in the first round in an "unseeded" draw.

In the men's singles final, Ron Hunter beat Durham University colleague, Jack Oughton by 21-7, 21-10 to regain the title he lost last year.

John Hillyer, last year's winner lost in the quarter-finals to R. Heslop. However, he had the consolation of winning the men's doubles with London's K. Earl.

Men's Singles: Semi-finals: R. HUNTER bt R. Heslop 21-12, 21-14; J. OUGHTON bt K. Earl 21-16, 21-18. Final: HUNTER bt Oughton 21--7, 21--10. Women's Singles: Final: Mrs. P. CLARK bt D. Baston 21--16,

-11.

Men's Doubles: Final: J. HILLYER/EARL bt T. Howie/ Chaplin 21-11, 21-13. Mixed Doubles: Final: HUNTER/Miss HAMILTON bt Norton Р.

Mrs. Clark 21-10, 21-19.

LEICESTERSHIRE "CLOSED"

CHARLIE JACQUES maintained a high degree of accuracy to retain his men's singles title without loss of a game in the Leicestershire "closed" championships at Whetstone on February 15.

In the final he scored a convincing 21-9, 21-18 win over Jim Phillips, who found his opponent's sound defence almost unshakable.

Jacques also kept his mixed doubles title with Pauline Goldberg but surrendered the men's doubles when partnered by Johnny Burraston, they were narrowly defeated by the continually attacking pair of Ernest McLeish and Thompson.

Pauline Davis, rated number six in Leicestershire, caused some shock results in the women's singles. Before accounting for Marjorie Purser in the final, she had beaten the county's top two players, Rita Stimpson and Pat Tebb.

The most exciting matches of the championships all featured young John Blackburn, who after some thrillingly close matches eventually took the junior singles title.

Men's Singles: C. A. JACQUES bt J. Phillips 21-9, 21-18.
Women's Singles: P. DAVIS bt M. Purser 21-16, 22-20.
Men's Doubles: E. McLEISH/THOMPSON bt J. Burraston/ Jacques 24-22, 20-22, 21-14.
Women's Doubles: P. TEBB/P. GOLDBERG bt E. Hubbard/ Mrs. A. Watson 21-19, 21-19.
Mixed Doubles: JACQUES/Miss GOLDBERG bt B. Whipp/ Mrs. Frith 21-15, 21-13.
Junior Singles: J. BLACKBURN bt T. White 23-21, 15-21, 21-11.

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PEGGY PIPER COME-BACK Wins South London Title

TT was a very jubilant Peggy Piper who went up to collect the women's singles trophy in the South London "Open" at Bermondsey Baths on February 15 (writes Harrison Edwards). And no wonder. It was her first "open" singles success since 1954.

There was no question of a fluke about her success. Keeping up that steady form which has brought her back into national ranking (at No. 11), Miss Piper brushed all opposition aside, and accounted for higher



ranked players beating Jean Head in the semi-final then Pam Mortimer in the final at 21 - 18, 14 - 21, 21-13.

In the final she dictated the first game with bold attacking play, only to concentrate more on defence in the second and lose it. At this stage it looked as though Miss Piper had let her chance slip, but her opponent could do little right in the deciding game and was at one time trailing 1-9. Miss Mortimer

PEGGY PIPER

tried to get back but appeared over anxious, and was just missing her shots.

It was a most unlucky tournament for Miss Mortimer for she was also on the losing side in both the women's and mixed doubles . . . and after winning the first game. Partnered by Miss Piper she lost to Yvonne Baker and

Mrs. Head 21-18, 20-22, 16-21, then with Derek Burridge went down to Ken Craigie and Mrs. Head 21-9, 13-21, 14-21.

CHAMPION RUNNER-UP

Miss Mortimer looked somewhat disappointed at the close and told me that it was the sixth time this season she has been a losing singles finalist.

"I cannot understand what happens when I get into a final. I don't appear to be able to produce form of the earlier rounds," the Birmingham player told me.

The answer could well be she gets too tense.

Derek Burridge came near to sharing a similar fate to Miss Mortimer, for he too reached three finals, and only managed to win in the men's doubles with Len Adams. But it was a close thing, for Craigie and Harry Venner winning the second game to level, made a most determined fight of the decider hanging on till 18-all.

Ian Harrison, surely England's best prospect among the men, gave a good solid display in winning the men's

singles, where he dethroned last year's winner Josef Somogyi in the semi-final and went on for a straight games win (21-9, 21-16) over Burridge in a disappointingly one-sided final.

Harrison mixed his game well, offering a solid backhand defence, with penetrating attack, while his varied pace and length forced Burridge into repeated errors.

Somogyi gave Harrison his hardest match before going down 10-21, 21-15, 15-21.

Burridge had the most impressive run on the way to the final beating veteran Ernie Bubley, making a welcome re-appearance, Michael McLaren, Jackie Head, Harry Venner, and Eddie Hodson (semi-final).

Results

Men's Singles: Semi-finals: D. C. BURRIDGE (Middx.) bt E. Hodson (Middx.) 22-20, 21-18; I. HARRISON (Glos.) bt J. Somogyi (Surrey) 21-10, 16-21, 21-15.

Final: HARRISON bt Burridge 21-9, 21-16.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals: P. PIPER bt Mrs. J. Head 18-21, 21-14, 21-16; P. MORTIMER bt M. Austin 21-16, 21-16.

Final: PIPER bt Mortimer 21-18, 14-21, 21-13.

Men's Doubles: Final: BURRIDGE/L. ADAMS bt K. Craigie/H. Venner 21-11, 15-21, 21-18.

Women's Doubles: Final: Y. BAKER/J. HEAD bt Mortimer /Piper 18-21, 22-20, 21-16.

Mixed Doubles: Final: CRAIGIE/Mrs. HEAD bt Burridge/ Miss Mortimer 9-21, 21-13, 21-14.

Girls' Singles: Final: J. HARROWER (Middx.) bt S. Hession (Essex) 21-9, 17-21, 21-17.

Boys' Singles: Final: C. WARREN (Surrey) bt J. Martin (Middx.) 21-14, 21-17.

YORKSHIRE JUNIOR "OPEN"

FORMER junior internationals, Lorna Bown and Colin Deaton won the Girls' and Youths' (under 19) singles titles respectively in the Yorkshire Junior "Open" champion-ships at Hull in January.

England's two top boys, Eddie Taylor and Chris Gosling were beaten in the semi-finals of the Youths' singles. Taylor met defeat at the hands of David Poole while Gosling was beaten by Deaton.

Taylor again failed in the Junior Mixed singles, losing to the Welsh international David Parry in the semi-final, but Gosling saved his face by taking the title.

Youths' Singles: Semi-finals: D. C. POOLE (York) bt E. Taylor (Sunderland) 18-21, 21-18, 21-13; C. T. DEATON (Chesterfield) bt C. Gosling (New Barnett) 21-18, 15-21, 21-13.

Final: DEATON bt Poole 21-14, 21-17.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals: K. WHINHAM (Hull) bt L. Hamilton (Chester-le-Street) 21-19, 21-19; L. BOWN (Stock-port) bt I. M. Allsopp (Hull) 21-10, 21-10.

Final: BOWN bt Whinham 21-16, 21-14.

Junior (Mixed) Singles: Semi-finals: C. GOSLING bt B. Hamill (London) 21-17, 21-15; D. PARRY (Abergavenny) bt E. Taylor 21-16, 9-21, 22-20.

Final: GOSLING bt Parry 21-16, 21-15.

Under 15 (Mixed Singles: Semi-finals: R. RATCLIFFE (St. Albans) bt J. Keogh (Burnley) 21-10, 14-21, 23-21; G. LIVESEY (Burnley) bt N. C. Ive (London) 21-13, 21-17.

Final: LIVESEY bt Ratcliffe 21-16, 21-14.

Youth Doubles: Semi-finals: J. MOORHOUSE (Scarborough)/ J. STODDART (Wirrall) bt D. Parry/C. Arkell (Abergavenny) 21-13, 21-13; J. W. LYON/D. C. POOLE (York) bt Miss L. Hamilton/Miss L. Bown 21--8, 21--13.

Final: MOORHOUSE/STODDART bt Lyon/Poole 21-15, 21-12.

Mixed Doubles: Semifinals: MOORHOUSE/Miss HAMILTON bt C. T. Deaton/Miss Bown 15-21, 21-16, 21-19; F. G. LYNCH (Sheffield)/Miss D. WRIGHT (Stockport) bt D. Mein/Miss Whinham (Hull) 21-14, 21-12,

Final: MOORHOUSE/HAMILTON bt Lynch/Wright 21-12, 10-21, 21-18.

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