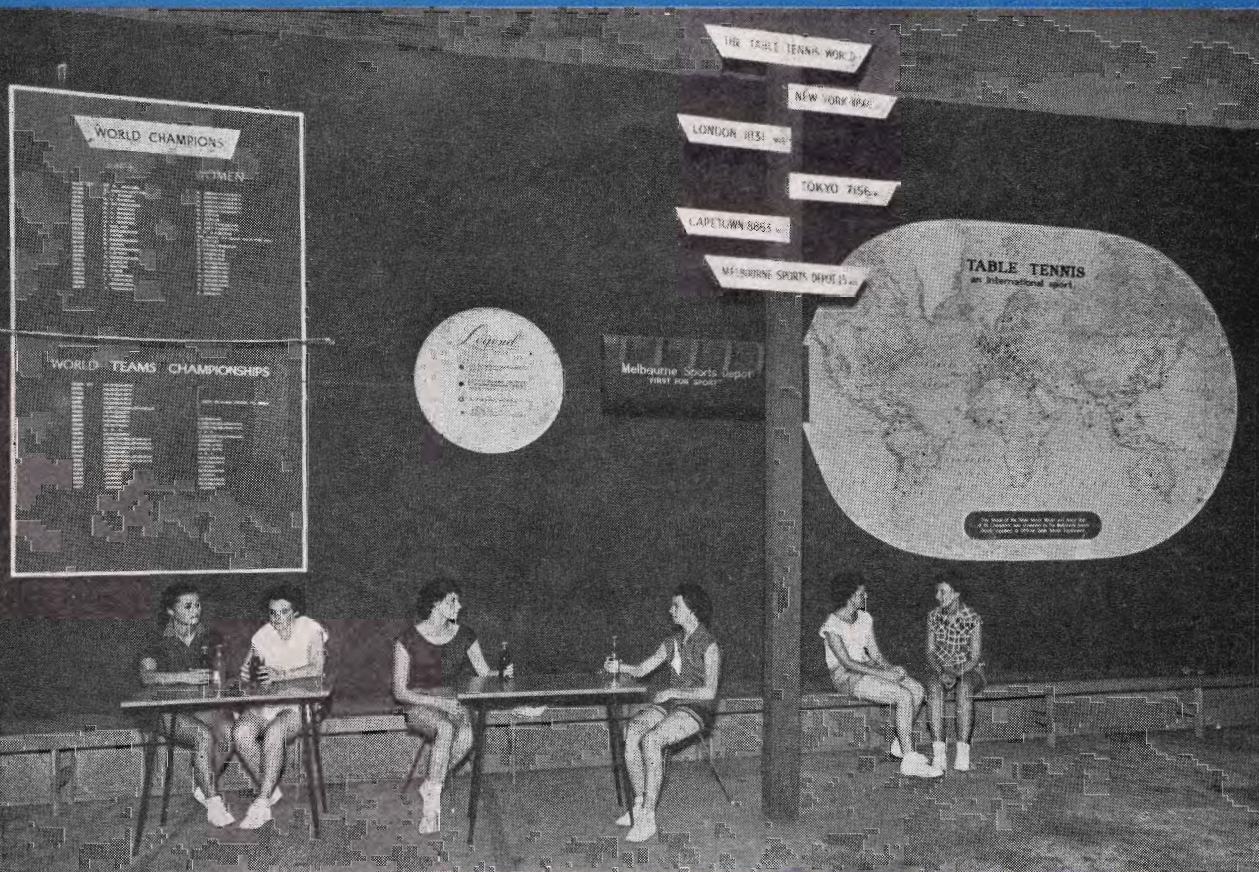


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"The Table Tennis World." One of the murals at the Melbourne Table Tennis Centre. (See page 5)

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VOLUNTARY LABOUR

TABLE TENNIS is essentially an amateur sport.

We do not differentiate between amateur and professional players, but let us not lose sight of the fact that Table Tennis has risen to its present high standing as an international sport chiefly through the efforts of dedicated men, who have not sought any kind of earnings from the game. Their reward has been to see Table Tennis prosper.

It is said to be a sign of the times that nothing can be had for nothing. Well, it may be true that voluntary helpers are not as readily forthcoming as in the post-war years, but all give their services on a voluntary basis, many of them sacrificing part of their annual leave in order to help.

Do we give enough thought to the work done by our national and county umpires? Without them the staging of many events would become impossible, yet with a few exceptions top-class players, while rightly insisting on competent umpiring refuse to do any of it themselves.

The work of the E.T.T.A.'s National Umpires Committee has largely been responsible for formulating international umpiring standards... and all the people connected with this committee are volunteers.

ESSENTIAL

Voluntary work is an essential ingredient to English Table Tennis. Without it, it would be impossible to administer the game nationally. The Officers and members of the N.E.C. are all unpaid. Do those few players who criticise non-attendance of Officers, or England selectors at tournaments, realise that these people attend such events at their own expense?

The E.T.T.A. cater for 170,000 affiliated members, and yet employ only two people on a permanent basis, the Professional Secretary, and a full-time shorthand-typist.

There is plenty of room for voluntary help

during the season, and indeed much routine work is carried out by volunteers. The E.T.T.A. are always glad to hear from anyone able to help.

RISING COSTS

Since the War, costs of everything have risen steeply. Increased travelling costs, telephone charges, postages, are just a few items which come to mind. At the same time, income from staged events has declined with the advent of television.

Our experience in this is shared by many other sports. Even such an old established national sport as cricket has to resort to income from football pools in order to keep county associations solvent. Only the betting element off-sets the general trend, hence football and racing take more and more of the limelight.

So a situation could arise where a reduction of expenditure becomes a necessity. De-centralisation of some of the Association's activities could be the answer, if this happens. Of course, in the long run, extra funds are the only answer to the problems confronting the E.T.T.A. In the immediate future, some contribution can be expected from the E.T.T. Supporters' Club, who happily have found a scheme which, though less ambitious than the original idea, will bring tangible benefit to the Association next season. And need we add it: the people running the Supporters' Club are volunteers.

In the long run, if we are ever to compete on equal terms with the state-subsidised players of other countries, Government action is needed. A full-time paid national coach, and funds to enable the Association to help promising young players devote more time to training than they can at present, would quickly pay dividends.

Sporting achievements play an important part in Britain's prestige abroad. Here is a field where a Government grant would pay rich dividends.

Official News:

Annual General Meeting. Mr. Norman Cook, long-time hon. secretary of the Cheshire and Lancashire Table Tennis Associations, has been entrusted with the arrangements for the Annual General Meeting of the E.T.T.A. This takes place at Onward Hall, 207, Deansgate, Manchester, 3, on Saturday, April 25, 1959, 3.30 p.m. start. Four important items on the agenda will be:

- (a) Finance.
- (b) Proposed rule changes affecting the election of Officers and members of the N.E.C.
- (c) Standardisation of the Racket.
- (d) Announcement of election results for season 1959/60.

The E.T.T.A. delegates to the International Congress, Jack Carrington and Ivor Eyles, will be submitting a full report to the A.G.M. bearing on the standardisation problem.

As regards item (d), Mr. A. K. Vint, O.B.E. has been returned unopposed as Chairman of the E.T.T.A., and Mr. Tom Blunn as Treasurer.

The current National Executive Committee will meet for a short time before the A.G.M., and the new Executive will meet after the A.G.M. finishes.

Bill Lewis presentation. At the Draw and Press Reception prior to the English "Open," Bill Lewis was presented with a table lighter, in appreciation of 25 years' uninterrupted service as a member of the English "Open" Referees' Committee. George White, Referee of the "Open" for many years, made the presentation on behalf of the Association.

Manufacturers' generosity

As usual, manufacturers of sports goods came forward with some very

generous gifts to ensure that once again the English team were among the smartest at the world championships. Thanks are due to:

DUNLOP SPORTS COMPANY for supplying Dunlop Green Flash Shoes.

HUMPHREYS BROS. LTD. for supplying UMBRO official shirts.

FRED PERRY SPORTSWEAR LTD. for supplying Zip jackets for all players, plus skirts for the girls.

SIMPSON (PICCADILLY) LTD. for supplying men's shorts.

Charter journey: Members may be interested to know some of the efforts made to keep costs to a minimum in connection with England's commitments over the world championships.

English Table Tennis Association

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The England teams were flown from Gatwick Airport to Dusseldorf by charter plane, and conveyed from Dusseldorf to Dortmund by coach. The party, including players, officials and supporters, was 27 strong. Arrangements were put in hand to use a larger aircraft for the return journey, to accommodate the various foreign players due to compete in the English "Open" Championships.

International Matches and Team Selections

The following England Junior team has been chosen for the match against Germany (West) at Hastings, on April 17: CHRIS GOSLING (Middlesex), PAUL RACEY (Bedfordshire), JEAN HARROWER (Middlesex), and MARY SHANNON (Surrey). TOMMY SEARS (Middlesex) is non-playing captain.

On Monday, April 13, England play U.S.A. at Messrs. Gestetner Ltd. Canteen, Fawley Road, Tottenham. Other Internationals are scheduled for Birmingham and Leeds.

Books and Publications. The following publications are available from the E.T.T.A. office:

Tackle Table Tennis This Way by Ann Haydon 10/6d. each

<i>The Twins on Table Tennis</i> by D. & R. Rowe	8/6d. each
<i>Handy Pocket Edition of the Laws</i> ...	4½d. each
<i>How to Win at Table Tennis</i> by Victor Barna	6/0d. each
<i>Know the Game Table Tennis</i> ...	2/6d. each
<i>Modern Table Tennis</i> by Jack Carrington	7/6d. each
<i>Table Tennis My Way</i> by Johnny Leach	2/6d. each
<i>Table Tennis Quiz</i> by Alec Brook	1/6d. each
<i>Table Tennis Tips</i> by Jack Carrington	1/3d. each

EXTRACTS FROM I.T.T.F. BULLETIN

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men's Singles: BIRIBA bt Bethinho 21-16, 21-23, 21-13, 21-17. Women's Singles: NAKMA bt Edith 21-16, 21-16, 18-21, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: BIRIBA/ROTH bt Boderne/Bethinho 21-15, 21-12, 17-21, 21-19. Women's Doubles: NAKMA/EDITH bt Lecaro/Crasta 13-21, 21-14, 21-13. Mixed Doubles: BIRIBA/NAKMA bt Roth/Edith 21-17, 21-13, 21-17.

INDIA CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men's Singles: DIVAN bt Thackersay 19-21, 21-19, 21-8, 11-21, 21-13. Women's Singles: PARANDE bt D'Souza 25-23, 21-6, 25-23.

Men's Doubles: DIVAN/THACKERSAY bt Vyas/Jaag 21-19, 21-17, 16-21, 15-21, 21-14. Women's Doubles: ROSARIO/D'SOUZA bt Khanna/longer 21-12, 21-14, 11-21, 21-15. Mixed Doubles: NAGAAJ/SUNDERRA bt Thackersay/Parande 14-21, 21-4, 21-17, 21-14.

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC CHAMPIONS

Men's Singles: ABRASHI. Men's Doubles: ABRASHI/GAAFAR. Women's Singles: DARWISH. Women's Doubles: DARWISH/BAKRY. Mixed Doubles: TAHA/BAKRY.

GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Singles: FREUNDORFER bt Haarst 21-12, 21-18, 21-16. Women's Singles: SCHLAF bt Matthais 19-21, 21-14, 27-25, 21-6. Men's Doubles: GEBRUEDER/GOMOLLA bt Freundorfer/Seiz 17-21, 21-17, 22-20, 8-21, 22-20. Women's Doubles: KRUSE/MUSU bt Klonisch/Muller 21-15, 21-19, 21-13. Mixed Doubles: BERGER/SCHLAF bt Gob/Wiskandt 18-21, 21-18, 21-19, 21-12.

SWEDISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Men's Singles: MELLSTROM. Women's Singles: TEGNER. Men's Doubles: BORG/LARSSON. Women's Doubles: B. TEGNER/S. TEGNER. Mixed Doubles: MELLSTROM/E. THORSSON.

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

Netherlands bt Denmark (Men) 5-4. China bt German Democratic Republic (Men) 5-3. China bt German Democratic Republic (Women) 3-1.

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COVER PICTURE

FORTY tables each with a playing area of 40 feet by 20 feet. That is the proud boast of the Melbourne Table Tennis Centre, which must surely be the finest of its kind in the world. It would certainly be the envy of players in this country.

One of the features of the Centre is the murals, and our cover picture this month shows one entitled "The Table Tennis World."

The background is painted blue, and the Championship Roll is a full sized table tennis table with gold lettering on the green surface with an actual net and posts dividing individual events from the team championships.

The racquet is a "cut out" with shaped handle, and a coloured map of the world covers the blade. The ball indicates the legend of coloured buttons on the map and the following details are shown—countries affiliated with the I.T.T.F., cities where World Championships have been played, cities of the World Championships in which Australia has competed. A flag indicates the venue of the next World meeting.

EMIGRATING

Somerset have lost two of their best players, husband and wife Jack and Margaret Lindsay, who have decided to emigrate to Australia.

Their last tournament appearance was in the Bath "Open" where Mrs. Lindsay reached all three finals but was successful only in the women's doubles with Bath colleague Rasma Maggs.

PUTNEY PUTS UP SHUTTERS

By BRYAN CUTRESS

TABLE TENNIS players do not seem to know when they are "well off." The latest support for this assumption comes with the enforced closure of the Putney Club which has, during its eight years of existence, supplied a meeting place for thousands of players from ages between 13 and 78 and from thirty different countries.

Lack of finance, brought about by a few members with a tendency for playing without paying, coupled with a large drop in attendance, has left the instigators of the club, husband and wife Bob and Doris Atherton, no option but to reluctantly close up.

"The final straw came when the Committee of the Putney Working Men's club, which house our club, became unco-operative and demanded greatly increased rents," said disheartened Bob Atherton.

An offer of £150 to put the club on its feet has already been made but Bob and Doris turned it down because they knew that without the necessary support it would soon be in the red again.

So it was that on March 26 this universally famed club closed up. Ended by the lack of interest shown by players for whom it was originally intended.

ALSO IN DANGER

This indifferent attitude has not only affected the Putney Club. It has also spread to the North West Kent Club which is in grave danger of closing its doors.

The subscription to this club is £1 per year and this allows a member the use of its five tables without any extra charge. Yet last year the subscriptions totalled just enough to pay for a quarter's rent.

Non-members can also use the tables for 2s. per evening (as against 1s. 6d. per hour at most places) but there are too many "column dodgers."

This mean attitude can, and is very likely to, finish the N.W. Kent club. This prevalent desire to get something for nothing, can ruin table tennis.

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A Veteran Looks Back

By MALCOLM HARTLEY

A PLAYER who first handled a table tennis bat 60 years ago has retired from the Hull and East Riding League of which he was a founder. This splendid and sprightly veteran, Mr. J. L. Wilkinson, was presented with a watch by Mr. Harry Flinton (league chairman) at the Hull "Closed" as a farewell gift.

At the age of 65, Mr. Wilkinson has maintained his place in the First Division team of Hull British Legion and although he has not been so successful lately no player could ever take him lightly.

In reminiscent mood Mr. Wilkinson told me: "At the age of six I played ping pong with my sister on the dining room table with a velum racket. When I joined Hull Young People's Institute at 18 we played either ping pong or bagatelle.



J. L. WILKINSON

"The service in those days was like lawn tennis—straight over the net, underhand. One could get a very fast service indeed.

"It was not until after the 1914-18 war that table tennis was taken up at Y.P.I.

"In 1921 I took over the chairman-

ship of the club and we travelled quite a lot for our matches. They consisted of 25 sets. A team had five players who played all five of the other side. In matches with Beverley against the C.L.B. we always played ten-a-side—ten sets each and we thought nothing of it."

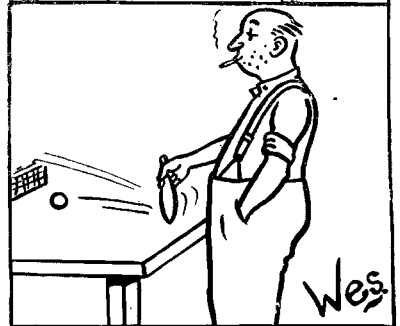
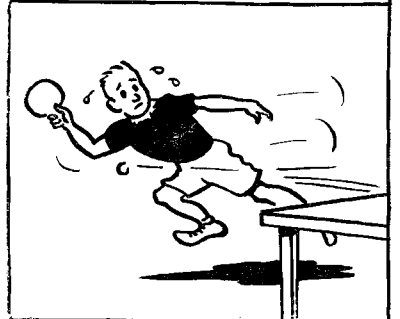
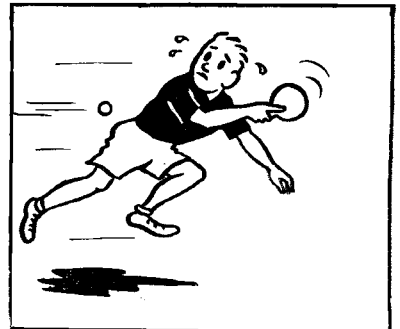
In 1925 Mr. Wilkinson formed a club at the British Oil & Cake Mills where he was a staff member and two years later he was a founder of the Hull and East Riding Association which started with eight clubs and now has nearly 70. As a player he was twice a Hull "Open" finalist.

In 1929 he captained Hull against the touring England team and one of his proudest possessions is a bat bearing the signatures of the national team—C. H. Bull (English champion), F. J. Perry (world champion that year), A. A. Haydon (father of Ann), R. O. Jones, C. W. Allwright, C. G. Mase and W. J. Pope (first secretary of the E.T.T.A.)

After the 1939-45 war Mr. Wilkinson was made a vice-president of the association. In addition to playing for the British Legion he has been number one and captain of the British Oil & Cake Mills team in the Hull Works League.

In the 1956-57 Hull "Closed" he was beaten in the veterans' final by a "youngster" of 45 and last year he was knocked out by the eventual winner—aged 40—in the third game of the semi-final.

The remarkable "J.L." says he does not feel 65. He has retired to Filey and is going to play lawn tennis there. "And I certainly don't want to give up table tennis yet," he declared... so he will be on the look-out for a new club next season!



STEVENAGE LOSS

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE'S loss is Ken's gain with the departure this month of Tony Rogers, star performer of the Stevenage League, to Orpington for business reasons.

This unassuming exponent of effortless defence has reigned supreme in North Hertfordshire from the inception of the organised game in the area and leaves behind him a string of successes in the Leagues of Stevenage, Hitchin, and Letchworth.

For many years a league match defeat was a rare event for Rogers, whose singles record in "closed" championships is unique, with four titles at Stevenage (including the last two years), one at Hitchin, and the Letchworth title for the last five years.

In addition to countless Inter-league appearances, Rogers represented Hertfordshire more than a dozen times and captured the county singles title in 1954.

The North Hertfordshire champion's crown has rested on a worthy head, for Rogers' exemplary table behaviour has been an example to all and an object lesson to the many youngsters he helped to coach.

and A Veteran of Veterans

By D. N. ANDREWS

SHORTLY after helping his team, Bristol Club "F" to inflict the first defeat of the season on a local Youth Club side, Cedric Moon reflected back to his first days in the game, 56 years ago. Mr. Moon is now approaching his 70th birthday, and is still capable of beating players young enough to be his grandsons.



Cedric Moon

He first played for Horfield Baptist Institute in 1903 and later moved to the Y.M.C.A. Youths' Dept., St. James's Square, Bristol.

It was here that Mr. Moon was forced into using the pen-holder grip which needed less space and was an asset in the extremely small rooms used in those days.

From then on he became very keen and has missed few chances of playing,

which he thinks is the reason for his great fitness.

Moon's record has now led some Bristol officials into wondering whether he is the champion veteran of veterans.

After all, how many other players of his age can boast of a post-war record of playing in every season and a present year's performance of having played 25 singles and won 19; 13 doubles and won 8.

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JUNG IS CHAMPION

BREAKS JAP MONOPOLY FOR CHINA'S FIRST TITLE

CHINA (first world championship appearance Bucharest, 1953) claimed the highly-prized men's singles title and Japan (first appearance Bombay, 1952) claimed the remaining four individual titles.

That is my speedy summing up from the 25th world championships which ended this week in the vast Westfalenhalle — Asia had the technique and the temperament to take all the titles.

The new world champion is a quiet, ten-stone Physical Culture student from Canton, champion of China in 1958, a pen-holder playing with a "sandwich" bat and 21 years of age.

He is **Jung Kuo-tuan** — and you only need to know him as the world championship crowd knows him . . . as plain **JUNG**.

In the final he beat Ferenc Sido, the 16½-stone Hungarian whose backhand flick felled all opponents to the final and then it mysteriously failed him.

Impressive List

Sido's sudden loss of form in the final came as a great disappointment to all who had seen him display world class throughout the championships. I was quite certain after seeing him beat top-form Harangozo of Yugoslavia 21-19, 17-21, 16-21, 21-14, 21-14, then Japan's Murakami 19-21, 21-15, 19-21, 21-7, 21-15, then the other redoubtable Chinaman Wang 19-21, 21-5, 21-13, 26-28, 22-20, then the semi-final master of the wildest Japanese of all, Ichiro Ogimura, 21-16, 21-13, 11-21, 12-21, 21-18 that it was to be Sido's year to add another world title to the nine he already has.

But no. Jung was slow to start in the final and this was the only reason for Sido taking the first set. After that the forehand speed and accuracy plus the delicate yet devastating drop shot of the Chinaman broke up Sido's game, winning 19-21, 21-12, 21-15, 21-14.

Jung thus becomes the first Chinese world champion—and what could be

by SAM LEITCH

of the "Daily Herald"

better for him to defend his title at home in 1961 when Peking will stage the world championships.

Surprise was the almost cheeky nonchalance of American Dick Miles, who for the first time reached the last four. He was eventually knocked out by Jung when at one

same in this ever-changing event, beat the Chinaman Yang very surely 21-19, 21-18, 21-15.

The concentration of Miles in this clash was really masterful. Considering he has been considered in the veteran class of late years the performance of Miles deserves every possible credit.

Ogimura, the other beaten semi-finalist, met his old bogey man in Sido and failed to tame the fast flick. Sido is the constant thorn in the flesh of the intelligent little Japanese who has now won eleven world titles.

What of England's boys?

It was not an impressive England display. First man out was Ian Harrison—21-17, 23-21, 14-21, 24-22—and he had the toughest possible opposition in the first round. He had Lazslo Foldi of Hungary, a renowned European, but despite leading at one stage in every game Harrison could not clinch victory.

I agree with team captain Victor Barna, however, that Harrison played his best table tennis yet which takes in his famous Roothoft clash in the French "Open."

Destroyed Rhythm

Brian Kennedy met American Marty Reismann in a quick, good-to-watch clash. Reismann is a chap who can, in the mood, destroy the rhythm of many top class players. He did just this with Kennedy who crumbled before the accuracy of the dapper New Yorker and lost 21-17, 22-20, 27-25.

Johnny Leach made an untidy exit, beaten by the East German Lothar Pleuse 8-21, 21-12, 15-21, 21-13, 21-15.

Poland's Kusinsky beat Jeff Ingber, who had a bad cold throughout the singles events, 21-13, 21-17, 21-18 and the young sponge-playing Swede Alser accounted for Micky Thornhill 21-16, 21-15, 17-21, 21-9.

In the women's singles our chief hope Ann Haydon was well and truly beaten in the quarter-finals by the little, intelligent Chinese No. 2 Chiu. I have never seen Ann so worried, so completely incapable of doing anything to halt the inevitable victory of the Chinese.

Men's Singles :
JUNG KUO-TUAN (China)

Women's Singles :
KIMIYO MATSUZAKI (Japan)

Men's Doubles :
ICHIRO OGIMURA and TERUO MURAKAMI (Japan)

Women's Doubles :
TAEKO NAMBA and KAZUKO YAMAIZUMI (Japan)

Mixed Doubles :
ICHIRO OGIMURA and FUJIE EGUCHI (Japan)

Swaythling Cup :
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Corbillon Cup :
JAPAN

time his chop seemed to have the new world champion in trouble.

Miles, whose previous best performance in a world event was in the Stockholm world championships of 1949 when Johnny Leach beat him 27-25 in the fifth set in the quarter-final and went on to win the title, had a comfortable draw. He disposed of the conqueror of Johnny Leach, East German Lothar Pleuse 21-14, 21-10, 21-14.

In his quarter-final Miles, whose game and appearance remain the

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL

The score was 21-13, 21-16, 21-17 and Ann was trailing all the way. Rarely did she attempt a hit, so penned in was she by the little Chinese girl who had beaten Ann in the Corbillon Cup.

Diane Rowe had little hope of beating the world champion Fujie Eguchie who is, despite failing to retain her title in an all-Jap final, the most intelligent of the Japanese players.

Diane lost in three straight sets while Kathleen Best of Leeds had the misfortune to meet Eva Koczian, easily Europe's finest player. Kathleen warmed up nicely the round before this with a fine win over Gomulla of Germany—a five-setter which Kathleen finally clinched after losing the first two sets and being 20-17 down in the third.

Sponged Off

I felt sorry for Pam Mortimer. The way this Birmingham girl tried hard one day to practise against sponge—"It's really impossible for us to do anything after two years in the wilderness with no sponge," she said—and then had to meet the girl with one of the thickest sponge bats in Dortmund, pretty Maria Biro of Rumania.

Let's face it Pam had no chance. She succumbed 19-21, 21-13, 22-20, 21-7.

The title stays in Japan. Eguchie in my opinion was not completely fit for the championships and lost her title to the Japanese No. 1 Matsuzaki in a final which had spasms of uncanny rallies. Matsuzaki won 21-13, 21-7, 18-21, 21-18.

All three doubles titles went to Japan, although a little more confidence from Vyhanovsky would have meant Czechoslovakia retaining the men's crown.

Ogimura exchanged his singles title for the doubles, partnering Murakami to beat Stipek and Vyhanovsky 17-21, 19-21, 21-19, 21-19, 21-14.

The English pairs all disappeared by the end of the third round, Ingber and Landry being the last to go when they lost 16-21, 15-21, 18-21 to the Japs Narita and Hoshino.

Leach and Thornhill had the misfortune to run up against the Chinese Wang Chaun-yao and Yang Jui-hua in their first match and lost three straight. Kennedy and Harrison after accounting for the French pair Haguenaer and Duboille crashed to the combined wiles of Sido and Jung Kuo-tuan.

Ann Haydon and Diane Rowe did

however get England on to the victory rostrum at the end for their semi-final place in the women's doubles. After a promising run which included a quarter-final win over the Koreans Cho Kyung Cha and Choe Kyong Ja by 25-23, 21-9, 21-12, they went down to the eventual champions T. Nama and K. Yamai-zumi 15-21, 22-24, 21-16, 21-11.

Kathie Best and Pam Mortimer went out to the Dutch-American partnership of Agnes Simon and Leah Neuberger in the previous round. Elsie Carrington also got to this stage with the Czech Emile Rabasova, finding the Japs Eguchi and Matsuzaki much too strong.

Just Pipped

Ann Haydon, partnered by Hrbud, of Yugoslavia came near to making the semi-final on the mixed doubles, but the Chinese Wang Chuan-yao and Sun Mei-ying just pipped them 20-22, 21-17, 25-27, 21-14, 23-21. The same pair had accounted for Leach and Diane Rowe three straight in the second round.

The second round also saw the defeats of Kennedy and Kathie Best by Granier and Tarlet of France, and Thornhill and Pam Mortimer by Kusinsky and Szmidi of Poland.

Best all-English pair were Ingber and Mrs. Carrington who reached the fourth round and then lost to Hoshino and Namba of Japan.

**RESULTS
MEN'S SINGLES**

Second Round: M. Reisman (US) bt Kennedy (E) 21-17, 22-20, 27-25; Thornhill (E) bt P. Bertrand (B) 21-10, 21-17, 21-11; Leach bt W. Haupt (WG) 13-21, 21-7, 21-17, 21-10; Z. Berezik (H) bt T. Borg (S) 18-21, 21-13, 17-5 (time limit), 21-13; J. Kusinski (P) bt J. Ingber (E) 21-13, 21-17, 21-18; H. Harst (WG) bt G. Muranyi (E) 26-28, 21-13, 23-21, 21-13; C. McBride (I) bt L. Davis (Jamaica) 21-14, 21-14, 19-21, 21-15; Hsu Yin-Sheng (Ch) bt M. Creamer (E) 21-8, 21-12, 21-13.

Teran (Y) bt Karloo (Iran) 12-21, 21-18, 16-21, 21-13, 21-19; Sladkarov (Bu) bt Tran Canh Duoc (V) 21-16, 18-21, 21-19, 21-17; Kovaci (Rm) bt Stoiber (Au) 21-9, 21-18, 21-15; Hansen (D) bt Robinson (Aust) 21-16, 21-10, 16-21, 13-21, 21-16; Felten (Lux) bt Bergesen (Nor) 21-17, 17-21, 21-15, 21-13; Raetsch (G) bt Duvernay (Swz) 21-15, 21-14, 22-20; Li Jen Su (Ch) bt Kohler (G) 16-21, 21-10, 21-14, 8-21, 21-16.

Schneider (EG) bt Albiol (Sp) 21-14, 18-21, 21-14, 21-11; Hoshino (J) bt Kurdoglian (BZ) 20-22, 21-13, 21-18, 21-14; Granier (Fr) bt Belanger (Can) 22-20, 21-23, 21-8, 21-11; Posepal (Cz) bt Shlrzai (Iran) 22-20, 21-8, 21-15; Markovic (Y) bt Pignitzky (Hun) 21-18, 21-15, 21-18; Jung Kuo-tuan (Ch) bt Langer (G) 21-12, 21-15, 20-22, 21-13; Stipek (Cz) bt Calinski (Pol) 21-9, 21-14, 21-15; Cooperman (US) bt Hernaes (Nor) 21-17, 21-18, 21-14; Fromm (G) bt Landry (E) 21-19, 21-15, 21-16.

Yang Jui-hua (Ch) bt Freundorfer (G) 21-15, 21-19, 21-23, 21-10; Tran van Lieu (V) bt Gembel (Hol) 21-5, 21-11, 21-19; Severo (Bz) bt Jell (Au) 21-13, 21-9,

21-13; Amouretti (Fr) bt Maier (G) 23-21, 21-11, 21-17; Mellstrom (Sw) bt Djordjevic (Bel) 21-19, 21-8, 21-16; Hoy (Den) bt Mobarak (Leb) 21-10, 21-10, 21-12; Miles (US) bt Bozergzadeh (Iran) 22-20, 21-14, 16-21, 20-22, 21-14; Pleuse (EG) bt Leach (Eng) 18-21, 21-7, 21-17, 21-10; McBride (I) bt Davis (Jam) 21-14, 21-14, 19-21, 21-15.

Hsu Yin-sheng (Ch) bt Narita (J) 21-13, 21-17 18-21, 22-24, 22-20; Davies (W) bt Rauchmann (Ven) 21-12, 21-10, 18-21, 21-12; Sedlmayer (Au) bt Aobers (Hol) 21-14, 21-15, 21-15; Arndt (G) bt Galli (It) 21-16, 21-12, 21-13; Nagaraj (Ind) bt Coelho (Port) 21-18, 20-22, 21-14, 21-11; Delabarre (Bel) bt Johnsson (Sw) 21-14, 23-21, 21-17; Bubonyi (Hun) bt Vossebein (G) 21-12, 21-12, 21-14; Mariotti (Swz) bt Fahmy (EG) 21-18, 21-16, 18-21, 21-14; Murakami (J) bt Stanek (Cz) 21-18, 21-9, 21-10.

Alser (Sw) bt Hold (Au) 21-10, 21-11, 21-10; Rety (Rm) bt Petersen (Den) 21-9, 21-9, 21-13; Harangozo (Y) bt Le Van Thiet (V) 21-19, 21-19, 21-17; Pales (Sp) bt Wolf (G) 12-21, 21-18, 13-21, 21-13, 21-17; Sido (Hn) bt Sussmann (G) 21-6, 21-13, 21-12; Mai Van Hoa (V) bt Winaard (Den) 21-9, 21-11, 21-17; Negulescu (Rm) bt Bukiet (US) 21-8, 21-17, 21-16; Barouh (Fr) bt Zankl (Au) 21-17, 21-19, 15-21, 21-14; Roland (Bel) bt Pak (K) 23-21, 21-18, 14-21, 16-21, 21-12.

Chuung Chia-fu (Ch) bt Parker (W) 21-10, 21-11, 21-5; Grossmann (G) bt O'Prey (I) 21-14, 22-24, 21-12, 11-21, 21-13; Reimann (EG) bt Mitchell (Jam) 21-15, 21-16, 21-13; Gab (G) bt Beitkhoda (Iran) 18-21, 10-21, 21-18, 21-18, 21-14; Larsson (Sw) bt Lyttik (Den) 21-11, 21-12, 21-7; Onnes (Hol) bt Chiang Yung-n'ng (Ch) 15-21, 21-17, 21-11, 21-18; Foldi (Hun) bt Antel (Swz) 21-19, 21-17, 7-21, 21-17.

Gomolla (G) bt Jackson (US) 21-14, 21-10, 21-5; Vyhanovsky (Cz) bt Bengtsson (Sw) 18-21, 21-11, 19-21, 21-9, 21-19; Popov (Bu) bt Olivier (Sp) 16-21, 9-21, 23-21, 21-9, 21-18; Ogimura (J) bt Costa (Br) 22-20, 21-17, 21-17.

Third Round: Wang Chuan-yao (Ch) bt R. Davies (W) 21-12, 21-11, 21-7; Z. Berezik (Hu) bt J. Teran (Y) 21-12, 21-14, 21-15; L. Cooperman (US) bt L. Stipek (Cz) 17-16, 21-21, 23-21, 21-18; L. Pleuse (BG) bt J. Leach (E) 8-21, 21-12, 15-21, 21-23, 21-15; H. Alser (S) bt M. Thornhill (E) 21-16, 21-15, 17-21, 21-9; Hsu Yin-sheng (Ch) bt S. Narita (J) 21-13, 21-17, 18-21, 22-24, 22-20; C. McBride (I) bt M. Gadanyi (C) 21-15, 21-19, 16-21, 21-17.

Kovaci (Rm) bt Sladkarov (Bu) 21-17, 21-16, 21-16; Felten (Lux) bt Hansen (Den) 19-21, 21-16, 16-21, 21-12, 21-16; Li Jen Su (Ch) bt Raetsch (G) 21-13, 21-16, 16-21, 21-15; Schneider (EG) bt Reisman (US) 21-12, 21-14, 24-22; Hoshino (J) bt Granier (Fr) 21-12, 21-15, 21-13; Eriksson (Sw) bt Posepal (Cz) 15-21, 21-23, 21-19, 21-9, 21-19; Jung Kuo-tuan (Ch) bt Markovic (Y) 21-9, 21-16, 21-7.

Yang Jui-hua (Ch) bt Fromm (EG) 21-8, 21-12, 21-11; Tran Van Lieu (V) bt Severo (Bz) 21-15, 21-13, 21-16; Mellstrom (Sw) bt Amouretti (Fr) 19-21, 6-21, 21-15, 21-12, 21-17; Miles (US) bt Hoy (Den) 21-12, 21-7, 21-14; Arndt (G) bt Sedlmayer (Au) 21-18, 15-21, 21-16, 25-23; Nagaraj (Ind) bt Kusinski (Pol) 13-21, 15-21, 21-19, 21-17, 19-18 (t.i.).

Bubonyi (Hun) bt Delabarre (Bel) 21-8, 21-12, 21-14; Murakami (J) bt Mariotti (Swz) 21-16, 21-13, 21-11; Harangozo (Y) bt Rety (Rm) 21-6, 21-13, 21-8; Sido (Hn) bt Pales (Sp) 21-16, 21-16, 21-16; Mai van Hoa (V) bt Megulescu (Rm) 23-21, 21-13, 15-21, 21-13; Barouh (Fr) bt Roland (Bel) 16-21, 21-15, 21-16, 21-14.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL**MEN'S SINGLES—Third Round—cont.**

Chuang Chia-fu (Ch) bt Harst (G) 21-17, 21-17, 21-11; Reimann (EG) bt Grossmann (G) 21-16, 21-12, 21-8; Larsson (Sw) gt Gab (G) 21-6, 21-14, 21-7; Foldi (Hun) bt Onnes (Hol) 21-15, 22-20, 16-21, 21-18; Vyhnanovsky (Cz) bt Gomolla (G) 21-14, 21-7, 21-16; Ogimura (J) bt Papov (Bu) 21-13, 21-7, 21-9.

Fourth Round: Hsu Yin-sheng (Ch) bt C. McBride (I) 21-8, 21-10, 21-10. Z. Berczik (Hu) bt T. Kovachi (R) 15-21, 21-11, 21-19, 22-20; I. Ogimura (J) bt L. Vyhnanovsky (Cz) 21-13, 21-11, 19-21, 21-17.

L. Jen-su (Ch) bt Felten (Lux) 21-9, 21-10, 21-16; Hoshino (J) bt Schneider (EG) 21-19, 21-18, 21-17; Jung Kuo-tuan (Ch) bt Eriksson (Sw) 21-13, 21-17, 21-17; Yang Jui-hua (Ch) bt Cooperman (US) 21-11, 21-17, 21-12; Tran Van Lieu (V) bt Mellstrom (Sw) 21-11, 12-21, 21-17, 12-21, 21-16.

Miles (US) bt Pleuse (EG) 21-14, 21-10, 21-14; Wang Chuan-yao bt Arndt (G) 21-10, 21-13, 21-11; Bubonyi (Hun) bt Nagaraj (Ind) 21-15, 20-22, 21-12, 21-12; Murakami (J) bt Alser (Sw) 21-16, 21-15, 18-21, 21-17.

Sido (Hun) bt Harangozo (Y) 21-19, 17-21, 16-21, 21-14, 21-14; Mai van Hoa (V) bt Barouh (Fr) 21-15, 11-21, 21-15, 21-18; Chuang Chia-fu (Ch) bt Reimann (EG) 12-21, 18-21, 21-17, 21-19, 21-14; Larsson (Sw) bt Foldi (Hun) 21-15, 21-14, 19-21, 21-19.

Fifth Round: Z. Berczik (Hu) bt Li Jen-su (C) 21-5, 21-12, 21-12; O. Ogimura (J) bt T. Larsson (Sw) 21-17, 21-11, 16-21, 21-16.

Jung Kuo-tuan (Ch) bt Hoshino (J) 21-18, 17-21, 21-16, 21-14; Yang Jui-hua (Ch) bt Tran Van Lieu (V) 21-17, 21-19, 21-8; Miles (US) bt Hsu (Ch) 11-21, 26-24, 21-13, 21-13; Wang Chuan-yao (Ch) bt Bubonyi (Hun) 19-21, 21-5, 21-13, 26-28, 22-20; Sido (Hn) bt Murakami (J) 19-21, 21-15, 19-21, 21-7, 21-15.

Quarter-Finals: R. Miles (US) bt Yang Jui-hua (C) 21-19, 21-18, 21-16; Jung Kuo-tuan (C) bt Z. Berczik (Hun) 17-21, 21-15, 21-19, 18-21, 21-5; F. Sido (Hun) bt Wang Chuan-yao (C) 21-13, 23-21, 21-16; I. Ogimura (J) bt Chuang Chia-fu (Ch) 21-19, 21-18, 22-20.

Semi-Finals: JUNG KUO-TUAN bt Miles 22-20, 23-25, 12-21, 21-18, 21-8; SIDO bt Ogimura 21-16, 21-13, 11-21, 12-21, 21-18.

Final: JUNG KUO-TUAN bt F. Sido 19-21, 21-12, 21-15, 21-14.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Second Round: D. Rowe (E) bt A. Bates (W) 21-12, 21-18, 21-8; K. Best (E) bt E. Kroupova (Cz) 21-10, 21-17, 21-17; Chiu Chung-hui (Ch) bt E. Carrington (E) 21-14, 21-16, 21-6; A. Haydon (E) bt G. Piteca (R) 21-9, 21-13, 21-11.

Yamaizumi (J) bt Grober (G) 21-12, 21-12, 21-10; Grafkova (Cz) bt Alber (Fr) 21-15, 21-13, 21-10; Choe Kyong Ja (K) bt Woshee (EG) 21-6, 21-5, 21-11; Skrivanou (Gr) bt Kriegelstein (G) 16-21, 14-21, 21-18, 22-20, 27-25; Lida (Pol) bt Schandorph (Den) 21-13, 21-10, 20-22, 21-18; Mossoczy (Hun) bt Hassler (Swz) 21-10, 21-8, 21-14.

Simon (Hol) bt Covic (Y) 21-11, 21-17, 21-11; Hwang Yool Ja (K) bt Hausleitner (Au) 21-18, 21-16, 21-9; Kruse (G) bt Schan (Bel) 21-13, 21-12, 21-23, 21-11; Mathe (Hun) bt Heidel (G) 13-21, 18-21, 21-17, 21-17, 21-18; Biro (Rm) bt Christiansen (Den) 21-16, 21-10, 21-19; Yei Pei-chun (Ch) bt Kawietz (EG) 21-13, 21-16, 21-11; Rabasova (Cz) bt Kwiatkowska (Pol) 21-15, 12-21, 21-9, 21-15; Matsuzaki (J) bt Rougagnou (Fr) 21-13, 21-10, 21-9.

Koczian (Hun) bt Bannach (EG) 21-17, 21-17, 21-9; Tegner (Sw) bt Steinke (G) 21-16, 21-19, 18-21, 21-19; Gomolla (G) bt

Lee Ghong Hi (K) 21-17, 21-16, 21-17; Szmidt (Pol) bt Trap (G) 21-12, 21-8, 21-14; Buchholz (G) bt Weber (Au) 19-21, 21-10, 21-8, 21-13; Matthias (G) bt Acton (US) 21-16, 21-17, 21-15; Namba (J) bt Krom Perton (Hol) 21-10, 21-11, 21-6.

Sun Mei-ying (Ch) bt Klonisch (G) 21-6, 21-14, 21-8; Lantos (Hun) bt Juniel (G) 22-20, 21-10, 21-17; Kunz (EG) bt Janquet (Swz) 13-21, 21-18, 21-16, 8-21, 21-8; Gier (G) bt Bessinger (US) 22-24, 21-9, 16-21, 21-9, 21-11; Cho Kyong Ja (K) bt Tarlet (Fr) 21-12, 21-15, 21-19.

Third Round: G. Lantos (Hu) bt Sun Mei-ying (Ch) 21-12, 21-19, 21-14; A. Haydon (E) bt K. Yamaizumi (J) 21-17, 18-21, 22-20, 22-20; F. Eguchi (J) bt D. Rofe (E) 21-12, 21-16, 21-11; K. Best (E) bt R. Gomolla (WG) 14-21, 13-21, 22-20, 21-12, 21-10.

Choe Kyong Ja (K) bt Grafkova (Cz) 21-17, 21-19, 21-17; Lida (Pol) bt Skrivanou (Gr) 21-14, 21-14, 21-19; Chui Chung-hui (Ch) bt Mossoczy (Hun) 22-20, 21-19, 21-15; Simon (Hol) bt Hwang Yool Ja (K) 21-12, 21-12, 21-6; Mathe (Hun) bt Kruse (G) 21-13, 19-21, 19-21, 21-15, 21-15; Biro (Rm) bt Yei Pei-chun (Ch) 15-21, 21-12, 9-8 (t.l.), 2-8 (t.l.); Matsuzaki (J) bt Rabasova (Cz) 21-6, 21-4, 21-12.

Koczian (Hun) bt Tegner (Sw) 21-16, 21-19, 21-11; Szmidt (Pol) bt Buchholz (G) 21-17, 21-18, 21-12; Namba (J) bt Matthias (G) 21-14, 21-17, 21-11; Kunz (EG) bt Gier (G) 21-14, 21-14; Cho Kyong Ja (K) bt Tarlet (Fr) 21-12, 21-15, 21-19.

Fourth Round: A. Haydon (E) bt Choe Kyong Ja (K) 18-21, 21-8, 16-21, 21-17, 21-10; E. Koczian (H) b K. Best (E) 21-16, 15-21, 21-11, 21-16.

Chui Chung-hui (Ch) bt Lida (Pol) 21-12, 21-10, 21-6; Simgn (Hol) bt Mathe (Hun) 21-19, 21-11, 21-11; Matsuzaki (J) bt Biro (Rm) 21-12, 21-18, 21-9.

Namba (J) bt Szmidt (Pol) 21-5, 21-14, 21-18; Lantos (Hun) bt Kunz (EG) 21-5, 21-11, 21-16; Eguchi (J) bt Cho Kyong Ja (K) 21-15, 23-21, 21-16.

Quarter-Finals: K. Matsuzaki (J) bt A. Simon (H) 21-14, 21-11, 22-20; Chui Chung-hui (C) bt A. Haydon (E) 21-16, 21-13, 21-17; E. Koczian (Hun) bt T. Namba (J) 21-17, 21-18, 15-21, 21-12; F. Eguchi (J) bt G. Lantos (Hun) 21-8, 22-20, 21-15.

Semi-Finals: MATSUZAKI bt Chui Chung-hui 21-17, 21-14, 21-14; EGUCHI bt Koczian 21-17, 21-11, 8-21, 22-20.

Final: MATSUZAKI bt Eguchi 21-13, 21-7, 18-21, 21-18.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter-Finals: L. Stipek and L. Vyhnanovsky (Cz) bt S. Narita and N. Hoshino (J) 18-21, 16-21, 21-12, 21-16, 22-20; Z. Berczik and L. Foldi (Hun) bt Hu Fing-chuan and Hsu Yin-sheng (C) 21-18, 20-22, 21-11, 10-21, 21-19; H. Alser and A. Rakell (Sweden) bt Wang Chuan-yao and Yung Jui-hua (C) 9-21, 14-21, 21-17, 22-20, 21-12; I. Ogimura and T. Murakami (J) bt F. Sido (Hun) and Jung Kuo-tuan (C) 21-11, 21-12, 22-24, 21-18.

Semi-Finals: STIPEK and VYHNANOVSKY bt Alser and Rakell 21-10, 22-20, 19-21, 21-13; OGIMURA and MURAKAMI

bt Berczik and Foldi 21-13, 13-21, 21-15, 21-12.

Final: OGIMURA and MURAKAMI bt Stipek and Vyhnanovsky 17-21, 19-21, 21-19, 21-19, 21-14.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter-Finals: A. Haydon and D. Rowe (E) bt Cho Kyong Cha and Choe Kyong Ja (K) 23-21, 21-9, 21-12; T. Namba and K. Yamaizumi (J) b E. Kroupova and L. Grafkova (Cz) 21-11, 21-13, 21-15; Sun Mei-ying and Chiu Chung-hui (C) bt Lee Chong Hi and Hwang Jool Ja (K) 21-11, 15-21, 21-9, 22-20; F. Eguchi and K. Matsuzaki (J) bt A. Simon (H) and L. Neuberger (US) 21-6, 21-7, 21-11.

Semi-Finals: NANBA and YAMAIZUMI bt Haydon and Rowe 21-15, 24-22, 16-21, 21-11; EGUCHI and MATSUZAKI bt Sun Mei-ying and Chiu Chung-hui 21-13, 21-18, 21-12.

Final: NANBA and YAMAIZUMI bt Eguchi and Matsuzaki 21-19, 21-15, 21-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

Quarter-Finals: Wang Chuan-yao and Sun Mei-ying (C) bt Z. Hrbud (Yu) and A. Haydon (E) 20-22, 21-17, 25-27, 21-14, 23-21; I. Ogimura and F. Eguchi (J) bt Sung In Pak and Choe Kyong Ja (K) 17-21, 21-11, 22-20, 21-19; T. Murakami and K. Masuzaki (J) bt E. Rabasov and J. Posejpal (Cz) 21-14, 21-14, 21-11; Z. Berczik and G. Lantos (Hun) bt N. Hoshino and T. Namba (J) 18-21, 21-15, 21-11, 21-19.

Semi-Finals: MURAKAMI and MATSUZAKI bt Berczik and Lantos 21-19, 21-13, 21-15; OGIMURA and EGUCHI bt Wang Chuan-yao and Sun Mei-ying 21-18, 21-18, 18-21, 21-17.

Final: OGIMURA and EGUCHI bt Murakami and Matsuzaki 21-14, 21-17, 21-14.

WORCESTERSHIRE "CLOSED" CHAMPIONSHIPS

R. LUSH retained his men's singles title in the Worcestershire "Closed" Championships by beating R. M. Goode 21-5, 21-13, 21-9 in the final at Worcester on March 7.

Mrs. J. Lloyd, runner-up last year, gained her revenge when she defeated the holder Mrs. B. E. Shammon in the semi-finals and went on to win the title with a 21-12, 21-14, victory over Mrs. A. Hawkins in the final.

RESULTS

Men's Singles : Final : R. LUSH bt R. M. Goode 21-5, 21-13, 21-9. Women's Singles : Final : Mrs. J. LLOYD bt Mrs. A. Hawkins 21-12, 1-14.

Men's Doubles : Final : M. HAWKINS/GOODE bt Lush/ W. Smith 22-24, 21-17, 21-18. Women's Doubles : Final : Mrs. LLOYD/Mrs. B. E. SHAMMON bt Mrs. Hawkins/Mrs. H. Hough 21-14, 15-21, 21-17. Mixed Doubles : Final : LUSH/Mrs. HAWKINS bt Hawkins/Mrs. Shammon 21-17, 21-19.

Junior Singles : Final : T. R. SENTER bt C. J. Mapp 21-15, 21-19. Junior Doubles : Final : SENTER/MAPP bt M. Bailey/J. Richardson 21-8, 21-12.

Compromise Racket Standardisation

At the recent World Congress at Dortmund, it was decided that the Table Tennis Bat should be either of pimped rubber or a sandwich which must not be more than 4mm. thickness each side. The top layer of the sandwich is to be pimped rubber and can be reversed.

The attitude of most of the leading players is in general appreciative to this change of law and the top English players, though they would have preferred standardisation to pimped rubber, are not too disappointed at the decision. For none of the thick sponge bats will be allowed.

A guide to thickness is that two new pennies are about 4mm.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL

HOW THE BRITISH PLAYERS FARED

MEN'S SINGLES—ENGLISH RESULTS

Kennedy bt Schoofs (Hol) 21-16, 18-21, 17-21, 21-23, 21-7; lost to Reisman (USA) 17-21, 20-22, 25-27.
Thornhill bt Sheffer (Hol) 21-19, 21-12, 21-5; bt Bertrand (Bel) 21-10, 21-17, 21-11; lost to Alser (Sdn) 16-21, 15-21, 21-17, 9-21.

Leach w.o. Aubain (Fr); bt Haupt (WG) 13-21, 21-7, 21-17, 21-10; lost to Preuse (EG) 21-8, 12-21, 21-15, 13-21, 15-21.

Harrison lost to Foldi (Hun) 17-21, 21-23, 21-14, 22-24.
Davis lost to Roland (Bel) 7-21, 9-21, 11-21.

Chapman lost to Hansen (Den) 14-21, 18-21, 21-18, 16-21.

Muranyi bt Koczian (Sw) 21-13, 21-15, 21-10; lost to Harst (WG) 28-26, 13-21, 21-23, 18-21.

Ingber bt Vella (Mal) 21-8, 21-8, 21-16; lost to Kusinski (Pol) 13-21, 17-21, 18-21.

Taylor lost to Li Jen-Su (Ch) 11-21, 14-21, 12-21.

Landry bt Bruchert (Can) 21-10, 21-8, 21-4; lost to Fromm (EG) 19-21, 15-21, 15-21.

Creamer lost to Hsu Yin-sheng (Ch) 8-21, 12-21, 13-21.

WOMEN'S SINGLES—ENGLISH RESULTS

Mortimer lost to Biro (Rum) 21-19, 13-21, 20-22, 7-21.

Best bt Navarro (Sp) 21-15, 21-6, 21-8; bt Kroupova (Cz) 21-10, 21-17, 21-17; bt Gomolla (WG) 14-21, 13-21, 22-20, 21-12, 21-10; lost to Koczian (Hun) 16-21, 21-15, 11-21, 16-21.

Rowe bt Mielenhansen (WG) 21-9, 21-14, 21-13; bt Bates (W) 21-12, 21-18, 21-8; lost to Eguchi (J) 12-21, 16-21, 11-21.

Haydon bt Patica (Rum) 21-9, 21-13, 21-11; bt Yamazumi (J) 21-17, 18-21, 22-20, 22-20; bt Choe Kyong Ja (K) 18-21, 21-8, 16-21, 21-17, 21-10; lost to Chui Chung-hui (Ch) 16-21, 13-21, 17-21.

MEN'S DOUBLES—ENGLISH RESULTS

Davis and **Law** lost to Kaloyannis and Georgiou (Gr) 12-21, 15-21, 22-20, 14-21.

Muranyi and **Guslkoff** (USA) lost to Gaeb and Langer (WG) 19-21, 21-17, 15-21, 13-21.

Ingber and **Landry** bt Duvernay and Xariotti (Sz) 21-12, 19-21, 21-13, 21-15; bt Vossebein and Breumair (WG) 14-21, 21-16, 21-14, 10-21, 21-9; lost to Narita and Hoshino (J) 16-21, 15-21, 18-21.

Leach and **Thornhill** lost to Wang Chuan-yao and Yang Jui-hua (Ch) 13-21, 13-21, 13-21.

Kennedy and **Harrison** bt Haguenauer and Dubouille (Fr) 21-13, 21-17, 22-20; lost to Jung Kuo-tuan (Ch) and Sido (Hun) 18-21, 17-21, 11-21.

Chapman and **Taylor** bt Pellegrini and Sciberras (Mal) 21-19, 19-21, 21-7, 10-21, 21-14; lost to Bubonyi and Pignitzky (Hun) 16-21, 21-11, 19-21, 17-21.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES—ENGLISH RESULTS

Carrington and **Rabasova** (Cz) bt Lynn and Dowds (I) 21-12, 21-16, 21-13; bt van Gelder and Collignon (Bel) 21-17, 17-21, 21-13, 21-15; lost to Eguchi and Matsuzaki (J) 9-21, 18-21, 13-21.

Haydon and **Rowe** bt Steinke and Mann (G) 21-10, 21-14, 21-16; bt Biro and Patica (Rm) 21-19, 21-12, 21-14; bt Cho Kyung Cha and Choe Kyong Ja 25-23, 21-9, 21-12; lost to Namba and Yamazumi (J) 15-21, 22-24, 21-16, 11-21.

Best and **Mortimer** bt Heidel and Katerbau (G) 21-13, 21-10, 19-21, 22-20; lost to Simon (Hol) and Neuberger (US) 11-21, 8-21, 10-21.

Whithams and **Kwaiton** (WG) lost to Namba and Yamazumi (J) 11-21, 9-21, 3-21.

MIXED DOUBLES—ENGLISH RESULTS

Hrbud (Y) and **Haydon** bt Bozorgzadeh (Iran) and Cho Kyung Cha (K) 21-16, 21-19, 21-18; bt Schneider and Kalweit (EG) 21-18, 21-17, 21-11; bt Hirsch and Wanek (Au) 21-14, 21-11; bt Narita and Yamazumi (J) 20-22, 21-17, 15-21, 21-18, 21-11; lost to Wang Chuan-yao and Sun Mei-ying (Ch) 22-20, 17-21, 27-25, 14-21, 21-23.

Ingber and **Carrington** bt O'Prey and Dowds (I) 21-10, 21-14, 21-10; bt Miles and Neuberger (US) 21-10, 22-20, 24-22; bt Zank and Hausleitner (Au) 9-21, 21-12, 12-21, 21-18; lost to Hoshino and Namba (J) 12-21, 16-21, 19-21.

Harrison and **Whithams** bt Snessman and Maler (G) 12-21, 21-11, 21-18, 21-15; bt Wingaard and Kahns (Den) 22-20, 21-13, 19-21, 21-14; lost to Wegrath and Hintner (Au) 15-21, 19-21, 21-15, 18-21.

Kennedy and **Best** bt Czichowski and Geier (Ger) 21-14, 21-17, 21-16; lost to Granier and Tarlet (Fr) 17-21, 21-19, 21-15, 21-13.

Leach and **Rowe** bt Matthias and Eteinke (Ger) 21-17, 20-22, 21-18, 21-19; lost to Wang Chuan-yao and Sun Mei-ying (Ch) 15-21, 16-21, 14-21.

MEN'S SINGLES—WELSH RESULTS

Parker bt Taha (Eg) 21-18, 21-12, 22-20; lost to Chuang Chia-fu (Ch) 10-21, 11-21, 5-21.

Dimascio lost to Tran van Lieu (Viet) 12-21, 15-21, 16-21.

Davies bt Hauag (N) 21-17, 18-21, 21-15, 12-21, 25-23; lost to Wang Chuan-yao 12-21, 11-21, 7-21.

Evans lost to Belanger (C) 19-21, 16-21, 21-18, 15-21.

WOMEN'S SINGLES—WELSH RESULTS

Gray lost to Szmídt (Pol) 21-18, 17-21, 12-21, 17-21.

Dimascio lost to Alber (Fr) 21-17, 22-20, 12-21, 18-21, 13-21.

Parker lost to Chuang Chia-fu (Ch) 10-21, 11-21, 5-21.

Bates lost to Rowe (Eng) 12-21, 18-21, 8-21.

MEN'S DOUBLES—WELSH RESULTS

Davies and **Dimascio** lost to Baft and Mobarak (Leb) 17-21, 20-22, 21-13, 15-21.

Evans and **Parker** lost to Tran Van Lieu and Le Va Tiet (V) 21-17, 19-21, 21-14, 19-21, 17-21.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES—WELSH RESULTS

Bates and **Dimascio** lost to Kruse and Mueser (WG) 21-18, 20-22, 14-21, 20-22.

MIXED DOUBLES—WELSH RESULTS

Davies and **Dimascio** bt Wilmet and Schaan (Bel) 23-21, 21-14, 21-19; lost to Sido and Mossoczy (Hun) 14-21, 17-21, 17-21.

Evans and **Gray** lost to Roeshner and Weigert (Ger) 22-24, 10-21, 15-21.

Parker and **Bates** lost to Van de Walle and Chalmson (USA) 18-21, 21-18, 17-21, 21-14, 10-21.

MEN'S SINGLES—IRISH RESULTS

O'Prey bt Kaloyannis (Gr) 21-17, 21-11, 21-14; lost to Grossmann (G) 14-21, 22-20, 12-21, 21-11, 13-21.

Pappin lost to Petersen (Den) 16-21, 19-21, 16-21.

McBride bt Rincones (Vel) 21-16, 21-18, 21-13; bt Davis (Jam) 21-14, 21-14, 19-21, 21-15; bt Gadanyi (C) 21-15, 21-19, 16-21, 21-17; lost to Hsu Yin-sheng 8-21, 10-21, 10-21.

Caffrey lost to Robinson (Aust) 17-21, 8-21, 22-20, 16-21.

O'Prey bt Kaloyannis (G) 21-17, 21-11, 21-14.

WOMEN'S SINGLES—IRISH RESULTS

Lynn lost to Kunz 12-21, 20-22, 21-10, 16-21.

Dowds lost to Yei Pei-chun 10-21, 12-21, 13-21.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES—IRISH RESULTS

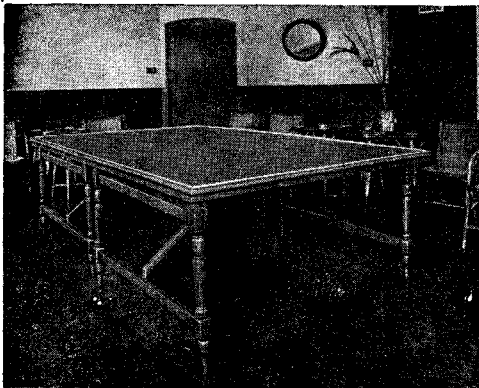
Lynn and **Dowds** lost to Carrington (E) and Rabasova (Cz) 12-21, 16-21, 13-21.

MIXED DOUBLES—IRISH RESULTS

O'Prey and **Dowds** lost to Ingber and Carrington (E) 10-21, 14-21, 10-21.

McBride and **Lynn** lost to Gimbel and Artz (Hol) 21-15, 22-24, 14-21, 16-21.

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INTERNATIONAL Eddie Hodson wasted little time in getting back into the table tennis swing following his call-up for national service and on March 13 won the R.A.F. singles championship at the Slough Community Centre.

In the final he proved too steady for Cpl. Mayfield who put up some strong resistance before being beaten 21-16, 22-24, 21-8, 21-15.

Men's Singles: **HODSON** bt Mayfield 21-16, 22-24, 21-8, 21-15. **Men's Doubles:** **CORNELL/CROWLEY** bt Hodson/Elliott 21-13, 18-21, 21-19, 12-21, 21-17. **Mixed Doubles:** **PADDOCK / MAYFIELD** bt Elliott/Piper 21-11, 21-17.

Women's Singles: **PADDOCK** bt Piper 21-16, 21-9. **Women's Doubles:** **PADDOCK/CLARKE** bt King/Swanston 21-15, 21-18.

Inter-Station: R.A.F. Northolt bt R.A.F. Stafford 5-3; W.R.A.F. White Waltham bt W.R.A.F. Stanmore Park 5-0.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIALLAURIE LANDRY Reports from DORTMUND**JAP TEAMS AGAIN SUPREME****● MURAKAMI UNBEATEN ● KOREAN SCHOOLGIRLS COME NEAR**

JAPAN confirm their world superiority by once again taking both the Swaythling Cup and Corbillon Cup here at Dortmund. And they did so with only one man (Ogimura) and two women (Eguchi and Namba) having previous world championship experience.

In winning the men's title for the fifth successive time they beat Hungary 5-1 in the final, while in the final pool of the Corbillon Cup their girls beat China 3-0 and Korea 3-2.

Terno Murakami had the distinction of being the only unbeaten player in the Swaythling Cup.

In the men's final burly Ferenc Sido, playing as well as ever, beat twice world champion Ichiro Ogimura, to record Hungary's only win. Nobuya Hoshino was the main cause of Japan's victory, for he beat both Bubonyi and Berczik 2-0.

All in all England were fairly successful. They had no trouble against Malta, Greece, Wales, Spain or Lebanon, scored a good win over Iran and a close one over France, but lost to Vietnam and Czechoslovakia.

Against France it was all on the last match when Kennedy, who had lost his two previous games, got the better of Barouh to give England third place in the group.

Wonderful Recovery

It was against Vietnam that England endeavoured to show that she is still a power in table tennis. After Thornhill had gone down to Mai Van Hoa in a keen time limit struggle, Leach beat Tran Van Lieu and Ian Harrison made a wonderful recovery from a game and 17-20 down to beat the Vietnam champion Le Van Tiet.

Leach then played better than he has done for a number of years and overcame Mai Van Hoa, easily winning the third game. England were 3-1 up and there was great optimism.

But somehow Leach lost his touch, went down to Le Van Tiet and this was the beginning of the end, with Vietnam going on to win 5-3.

We were up against it from the start in the encounter with Czechoslovakia. Leach and Harrison each played exceptionally well to beat Posejpal and Vyhnanovsky respectively, but the obvious lack of practice against sponge took its toll and the Czech's were easy winners at 5-2.

Vietnam completely baffled the Czech's to win the group.

Japan came through their group dropping just one solitary match. Narita, the defensive champion, lost to the greatly improved young Indian, Divan.

Japan whipped Yugoslavia 5-0, bringing the comment from Vos Markovic, the brilliant young Yugoslav, "These Japs played better than Tanaka or Tsunoda." That is praise indeed.

China won their group dropping three games—two by Wang, their No. 1, whose weakness against a tight defence and a quick hit was revealed by both Dieter

Köhler, that fantastically improved German, and Toni Larsson.

Hungary won their group, dropping six games to three to Rumania, where Negulescu, playing with amazing patience, beat Berczik, Sido and Foldi.

Gusikoff hit fantastically to beat Sido in the U.S.A.—Hungary clash.

Brazil did remarkably well with "Biriba" attracting considerable attention. **This 13-year-old could be a world champion as soon as he can control his amazing hitting.** He beat all three Rumanians but was out-classed against the defensive Hungarians.

The semi-finals were both wonderful matches.

Hungary beat China 5-3 with "Zolly" Berczik winning all three in amazing style. It was left to "old man" Sido to notch the other two, which he did with his superb first time hit very much apparent.

Japan beat Vietnam, also 5-3. Mai Van Hoa thrashed Ogimura but lost to Murakami, who won all his games.

With the score at 3-3, Ogimura was 20-17 up on Le van Tiet when he killed a ball and apparently moved the table with his foot. The umpire gave the point to Vietnam to spark off an uproar. Arguing continued for 40 minutes before play resumed from 20-18.

Ogimura eventually won after the umpire had been removed at Japanese request.

Now on to the Corbillon Cup where Japan became champions and Korea's schoolgirl team nearly took the honours.

Japan won their group, the only trouble coming from Hungary 3-2 where Eguchi beat Koczian in a very good match.

South Korea won their group, beating defensive sponge players of Czechoslovakia and Rumania both 3-2.

We all thought that they would lose easily to Japan and China, but they not only beat China 3-0 with some really good half-volley play, but also took Japan the full distance.

Japan also beat China 3-0, leaving Eguchi out of the singles, for evidently she is not good against eastern players.

And how about England. A clean sheet with just one match dropped until we met China.

Here Ann Haydon reversed her Stockholm defeat by Sun Mei-ying and just beat Chiu Chung-hui. Ann played very well, mainly defensively.

Doubles Failure

Di Rowe could not manage either of her singles though she was not lacking in effort.

So the match hinged on the doubles which proved that Ann and Di are not a doubles pair.

Both left-handers, they find difficulty in moving, and against the Chinese were forced on the defence.

So England went out, but I feel that if we had beaten China we would have stood a better chance than them against Japan and Korea.

Ann played right through the group without losing.

It was a good World's for England in the team events, but it was painfully apparent that the game is getting too fast for us at the top level. So speed up England, the next World Championships are only two years' away!

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL

SWAYTHLING CUP

	Hun.	Brz.	Rum.	Pol.	U.S.	Swz.	Nor.	Ven.	Pts.
Hungary	—	5-0	5-3	5-1	5-2	5-0	5-0	5-0	7
Brazil	0-5	—	5-4	5-3	5-3	5-0	5-1	5-0	6
Rumania	3-5	4-5	—	5-2	5-1	5-1	5-0	5-0	5
Poland	1-5	3-5	2-5	—	5-2	5-1	5-1	5-0	4
U.S.A.	2-5	3-5	1-5	2-5	—	5-0	5-0	5-0	3
Switzerland	0-5	0-5	1-5	1-5	0-5	—	5-1	5-0	2
Norway	0-5	1-5	0-5	1-5	0-5	1-5	—	5-0	1
Venezuela	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	—	0

	Ch.	W.G.	Sw.	Eg.	Bel.	Port.	Aust.	Ire.	Jam.	Pts.
China	—	5-2	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	8
W. Germany	2-5	—	5-0	5-1	5-1	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	7
Sweden	0-5	0-5	—	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	6
Egypt	0-5	1-5	0-5	—	5-4	5-3	5-2	5-2	5-2	5
Belgium	0-5	1-5	0-5	4-5	—	5-3	2-5	5-0	5-0	3
Portugal	0-5	1-5	0-5	3-5	3-5	—	5-2	5-0	5-1	3
Australia	0-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	5-2	2-5	—	4-5	5-3	2
Ireland	0-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	0-5	0-5	5-4	—	4-5	1
Jamaica	0-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	0-5	1-5	3-5	5-4	—	1

	Jap.	Yug.	Ind.	Aus.	E.G.	Hol.	Den.	Lux.	Can.	It.	Pts.
Japan	—	5-0	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	9
Yugoslavia	0-5	—	5-1	5-1	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	8
India	1-5	1-5	—	5-2	5-1	4-5	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	6
Austria	0-5	1-5	2-5	—	5-4	5-0	5-3	5-0	5-0	5-1	6
E. Germany	0-5	1-5	1-5	4-5	—	5-4	5-1	5-0	5-1	5-1	5
Holland	0-5	0-5	5-4	0-5	4-5	—	5-2	5-1	5-1	5-0	5
Denmark	0-5	0-5	5-0	5-3	5-4	5-2	—	5-1	5-1	5-2	3
Luxembourg	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	—	3-5	5-3	1
Canada	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	1-5	5-3	—	0-5	1
Italy	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	1-5	0-5	2-5	3-5	5-0	—	1

	Viet.	Cz.	Eng.	Fr.	Iran	Sp.	Leb.	Wis.	Gr.	Mal.	Pts.
Vietnam	—	5-1	5-3	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	9
Czechoslov.	1-5	—	5-2	5-0	5-2	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	8
England	3-5	2-5	—	5-4	5-2	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	7
France	0-5	0-5	4-5	—	5-4	5-0	5-0	5-1	5-0	5-0	6
Iran	0-5	2-5	2-5	4-5	—	5-4	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5
Spain	0-5	0-5	5-4	5-4	5-4	—	5-1	5-0	5-1	5-0	4
Lebanon	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	1-5	—	5-4	5-1	5-2	3
Wales	0-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	0-5	0-5	4-5	—	6-0	5-0	2
Greece	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	0-5	1-5	1-5	0-5	—	5-3	1
Malta	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	0-5	3-5	—	0

SEMI-FINALS

Japan bt Vietnam 5-3. Murakami bt Mai Van Hoa 21-14, 21-17, bt Le Van Tiet 21-18, 21-19, bt Tran Van Duoc 21-8, 21-6. Ogimura bt Tran Van Duoc 21-15, 21-18, lost to Mai Van Hoa 15-21, 6-21, bt Le Van Tiet 22-20, 21-19. Hoshino lost to Le Van Tiet 18-21, 21-11, 12-21, lost to Tran Van Duoc 14-21, 20-22.

Hungary bt China 5-3. Sido lost to Yang Jui Hua 21-19, 16-21, 18-21, bt Wang Chuan Yao 21-16, 21-17, bt Jung Kua Tuan 21-19, 21-18. Foldi lost to Wang 17-21, 11-21, lost to Jung 7-21, 9-21. Berczik bt Jung 21-17, 11-21, 21-19, bt Yang 21-12, 16-21, 21-12, bt Wang 21-16, 23-21.

FINAL

Japan bt Hungary 5-1. Murakami bt Sido 14-21, 21-19, 21-17, bt Berczik 21-23, 21-18, 21-17. Ogimura bt Bubonyi 21-18, 17-21, 21-13, lost to Sido 17-21, 21-10, 14-21. Hoshino bt Berczik 21-17, 21-12, bt Bubonyi 21-13, 21-11.

World Champions: JAPAN.
Runners-up: HUNGARY.

SWAYTHLING CUP — ENGLISH RESULTS

Beat Greece 5-0. J. Leach bt D. Fotiadis 21-13, 21-12; bt Haropoulos 21-16, 21-11. M. Thornhill bt I. Kaloyannis 21-9, 21-15; bt Fotiadis 21-12, 21-9. J. Ingber bt Haropoulos 21-14, 21-15.

Beat Malta 5-0. I. Harrison bt A. Sciberras 21-14, 21-17; bt A. Lentini 21-10, 21-10. Leach bt Lentini 21-2, 21-2. B. Kennedy bt A. Pellegrini 21-18, 21-12; bt Sciberras 21-11, 21-11.

Beat Lebanon 5-0. Thornhill bt B. Mobarak 21-8, 21-7; bt V. Ohanessia 21-4, 21-13. Leach bt M. Barsoumian 21-12, 21-3; bt Mobarak 21-13, 21-2. Harrison bt Ohanessian 21-17, 21-14.

Lost to Vietnam 3-5. Thornhill lost to Mai Van Hoa 16-21, 15-12 (time limit), 3-10 (time limit); lost to Le Van Teit 19-21, 6-21. Leach bt Tran Van Lieu 24-22, 21-15; bt Mai

Van Hoa 21-15, 20-22, 21-7; lost to Le Van Teit 9-21, 19-21, Harrison bt Le Van Teit 17-21, 23-21, 21-19; lost to Tran Van Lieu 17-21, 17-21; lost to Mai Van Hoa 16-21, 10-21.

Beat Spain 5-0. Ingber bt J. Pales 26-24, 21-7; bt J. Castillo 21-14, 21-18. Kennedy bt Castillo 21-10, 21-8. Leach bt A. Albiol 21-13 21-11; bt Pales 21-13, 21-13.

Lost to Czechoslovakia 2-5. Thornhill lost to L. Vyhnovsky 14-21, 6-21; lost to L. Stipek 13-21, 13-21. Leach lost to J. Posejpal 15-21, 20-22; bt Vyhnovsky 21-13, 7-21, 21-10; lost to Stipek 8-21, 21-13, 12-21. Harrison lost to Stipek 16-21, 18-21; bt Posejpal 16-21, 23-21, 21-19.

Beat Wales 5-0. Ingber bt R. Davies 21-9, 21-11; bt B. Dimascio 21-11, 21-8. Kennedy bt G. Evans 21-14, 21-13; bt Davies 21-16, 21-17. Harrison bt Dimascio 21-11, 21-14.

Beat Iran 5-2. Ingber lost to H. Korloo 21-19, 19-21, 20-22; lost to H. Bozorgzadeh 14-21, 17-21. Harrison bt E. Beitkhoda 21-12, 21-14; bt Korloo 25-23, 21-16; bt Bozorgzadeh 10-21, 21-14, 21-14. Leach bt Bozorgzadeh 16-21, 21-19, 21-16; bt Beitkhoda 21-14, 21-9.

Beat France 5-4. Leach bt G. Amouretti 21-14, 21-14; bt M. Granier 21-9, 21-18; lost to M. Barouh 19-21, 18-21. Harrison bt Amouretti 21-13, 21-13; bt Barouh 21-16, 21-13; lost to Granier 16-21, 23-25. Kennedy lost to Amouretti 19-21, 21-23; bt Barouh 16-21, 21-11, 21-13; lost to Granier 16-21, 17-21.

CORBILLON CUP

GROUP A

	Ch.	Eng.	Sw.	E.G.	Hol.	Den.	Swz.	Sp.	U.S.	Pts.
China	—	3-2	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	8
England	2-3	—	3-1	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	7
Sweden	0-3	1-3	—	3-0	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-0	3-0	6
E. Germany	0-3	0-3	0-3	—	3-0	3-2	1-3	3-1	3-0	4
Holland	0-3	0-3	2-3	0-3	—	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-0	4
Denmark	0-3	0-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	—	3-0	3-1	0-3	2
Switzerland	0-3	0-3	2-3	3-1	2-3	0-3	—	1-3	3-1	2
Spain	0-3	0-3	0-3	1-3	2-3	1-3	3-1	—	3-2	2
U.S.A.	0-3	0-3	2-3	0-3	2-3	0-3	1-3	2-3	—	1

GROUP B

	Kor.	Cz.	Rum.	Pol.	Ire.	Wis.	Gr.	Nor.	Pts.
Korea	—	3-2	3-2	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	7
Czechoslovakia	2-3	—	3-2	3-2	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	6
Rumania	2-3	2-3	—	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	5
Poland	0-3	2-3	0-3	—	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	4
Ireland	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	—	3-2	3-0	3-0	3
Wales	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	2-3	—	3-0	3-0	2
Greece	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	—	3-1	1
Norway	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	1-3	—	0

GROUP C

	Jap.	Hun.	Fr.	W.G.	Bel.	N.Z.	Au.	It.	Can.	Pts.
Japan	—	3-2	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	8
Hungary	2-3	—	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	7
France	0-3	0-3	—	3-2	3-0	3-2	3-0	3-0	3-0	6
W. Germany	0-3	0-3	2-3	—	3-1	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	5
Belgium	0-3	0-3	0-3	1-3	—	3-1	3-1	3-0	3-0	4
New Zealand	0-3	0-3	2-3	0-3	1-3	—	3-1	3-0	3-0	3
Austria	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	1-3	1-3	—	3-1	3-0	2
Italy	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	1-3	—	3-1	1
Canada	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	1-3	—	0

FINAL POOL

Japan bt China 3-0. Namba bt Yei Pei-Chun 21-9, 21-18. Matsuzaki bt Sun Mei-ying 21-13, 21-13. Eguchi/Matsuzaki bt Sun Mei-ying/Chiu Chung-Hui 21-11, 21-8.

Korea bt China 3-0. Choe Kyong Ja bt Yei Pei-Chun 13-21, 21-18, 22-20; Cho Kyung Cha bt Chiu Chung-Hui 21-13, 21-14; Choe Kyong Ja/Cho Kyung Cha bt Chiu Chung-Hui/Sun Mei-ying 21-23, 21-10, 21-16.

Japan bt Korea 3-2. T. Nanba lost to Cho Kyung Cha 18-21, 16-21; bt Choe Kyong Ja 19-21, 21-16, 21-15. K. Matsuzaki bt Choe Kyong Ja 21-9, 21-11, lost to Cho Kyung Cha 21-18, 19-21, 16-21. Matsuzaki/F. Eguchi bt Cho Kyung Cha/Choe Kyong Ja 21-10, 21-17.

World Champions: JAPAN.
Runners-up: KOREA.

CORBILLON CUP — ENGLISH RESULTS

Beat East Germany 3-0. D. Rowe bt U. Mittelstadt 21-14, 21-11. A. Haydon bt I. Woschke 21-8, 21-11. Rowe and Haydon bt S. Kunz and C. Bannach 18-21, 21-15, 21-17.

Beat U.S.A. 3-0. Haydon bt S. Acton 21-15, 21-14. Rowe bt B. Chalmson 21-12, 21-16. Haydon and Rowe bt J. Koehnke and Acton 21-10, 21-13.

Beat Spain 3-0. Haydon bt A. Guri 21-14, 21-5. Rowe bt M. Hospital 22-20, 21-12. K. Best and P. Mortimer bt Guri and Hospital 23-21, 21-23, 21-16.

(Continued overleaf)

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL**CORBILLON CUP — ENGLISH RESULTS—cont.**

Beat Sweden 3—1. Rowe lost to B. Tegner 19—21, 18—21. Haydon bt L. Guntisch 21—16, 21—16; bt B. Tegner 21—11, 21—18. Haydon and Rowe bt L. Guntisch and A. Guntisch 21—11, 21—16.

Beat Denmark 3—0. Haydon bt G. Kahns 21—2, 21—4. Best bt E. Schandorph 21—16, 11—21, 21—18. Best and Mortimer bt Kahns and Schandorph 25—27, 21—23, 21—18.

Beat Switzerland 3—0. Rowe bt V. Kaszdorf 21—13, 21—19. Haydon bt F. Hassler 21—7, 21—9. Haydon and Rowe bt Kaszdorf and Hassler 21—8, 21—9.

Beat Holland 3—0. Haydon bt M. Krom Perton 21—10, 21—11. Rowe bt U. Arts 21—14, 21—15. Haydon and Rowe bt Krom Perton and Arts 21—9, 22—20.

Lost to China 2—3. Haydon bt Chui Chung Hui 21—15, 18—21, 22—20; bt Sun Mei Ying 18—21, 21—13, 21—10. Rowe lost to Sun Mei King 15—21, 20—22; lost to Chui Chung Hui 21—23, 12—21. Haydon and Rowe lost to Sun Mei Ying and Chui Chung Hui 15—21, 21—23.

SWAYTHLING CUP — WELSH RESULTS

Beat Malta 5—0. G. Evans bt A. Vella 21—9, 21—13; bt A. Pelligrini 21—10, 21—14. N. Parker bt A. Sciberras 19—21, 21—16, 21—14; bt Vella 21—19, 21—15. B. Dimascio bt Pelligrini 21—12, 17—21, 21—13.

Lost to France 2—5. H. Davies bt M. Granier 22—20, 22—20; bt J. Treinen 21—11, 21—13. Dimascio lost to Granier 21—14, 16—21, 5—21; lost to M. Barough 18—21, 18—21; lost to Treinen 14—21, 23—21, 17—21. Parker lost to Barough 17—21, 18—21; lost to Treinen 15—21, 12—21.

Lost to Iran 0—5. Davies lost to Hooshang Bozorgzada 19—21, 12—21; lost to A. Ehteshamzadeh 8—21, 10—21. Dimascio lost to Bozorgzada 10—21, 9—21; lost to H. Karloo 16—21, 16—21. Evans lost to Ehteshamzadeh 13—21, 6—21.

Lost to England 0—5. Davies lost to J. Ingber 9—21, 11—21; lost to B. Kennedy 16—21, 17—21. Dimascio lost to Ingber 11—21, 8—21; lost to I. Harrison 11—21, 14—21. Evans lost to Kennedy 14—21, 13—21.

*(Continued overleaf)***IRELAND AND WALES IN THE CUP MATCHES**

IRELAND and Wales both had teams in the Swaythling and Corbillon Cups but on the whole were less successful than usual.

In the Swaythling Cup Wales finished eighth out of 10, losing to Spain and Lebanon, both of whom were beaten at the last World's in Stockholm.

It was against France that Wales put up their best show. They lost 2-5 with Ron Davies winning both his. In this match Ron showed that he is capable of really good play.

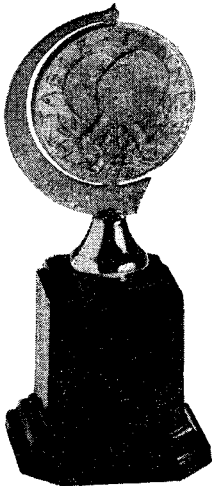
There were also some good moments against Vietnam, but in the end the only redeeming features were the 5-0 wins over both Malta and Greece.

The Welsh women, having lost Shirley Jones, were understandably weaker than usual, but were still disappointing, particularly in the loss against Ireland.

The Irish women started the tournament with the win over Wales and then won their next two matches against Norway and Greece. After that no further success was forthcoming, but on the whole the girls put up a good performance.

The men on the other hand cannot be satisfied, for their only win was over Australia by the narrow margin of 5-4 and this was enough to make them equal last instead of bottom.

On the whole the Welsh and Irish teams were rather disappointing when one considers the performances of previous teams (particularly the Welsh women), but I have no doubt that the players will come back improved.

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SWAYTHLING CUP—WELSH RESULTS.—cont.

Lost to Lebanon 4-5. Davies lost to Ohanesson 12-21, 14-21; lost to G. Baft 17-21, 23-21, 13-21; bt Mobarak 17-21, 21-13, 21-18. Parker lost to Baft 21-16, 19-21, 20-22; lost to Ohanesson 21-17, 15-21, 18-19; bt Mobarak 20-22, 21-17, 21-19. Evans bt Mobarak 21-18, 21-15 (time limit); bt Ohanesson 21-19, 21-12; lost to Baft 21-23, 19-21.

Lost to Vietnam 0-5. Evans lost to Tran van Duoc 19-21, 17-21; lost to Tran van Lieu 11-21, 6-21. Parker lost to Tran van Lieu 3-21, 22-20, 6-21. Dimascio lost to Mai van Hoa 15-21, 13-21; lost to Tran van Duoc 21-18, 18-21, 20-22.

Beat Greece 5-0. Davies bt H. Harapoulos 21-13, 21-16, 21-17; bt I. Kaloyannis 22-20, 19-21, 21-19. Dimascio bt Kaloyannis 21-17, 21-15. Evans bt D. Fofiadis 21-12, 24-22; bt Harapoulos 21-16, 21-17.

Lost to Czechoslovakia 0-5. Davies lost to L. Vyhnanovsky 12-21, 15-21; lost to J. Posejpal 18-21, 17-21. Dimascio lost to L. Stipek 15-21, 12-21; lost to Vyhnanovsky 6-21, 12-21. Parker lost to Posejpal 13-21, 12-21.

Lost to Spain 0-5. Evans lost to J. Castillo 12-21, 15-21. Parker lost to J. M. Pales 11-21, 16-21, 17-21; lost to A. Albiol 12-21, 21-15, 16-21. Dimascio lost to Pales 16-21, 19-21; lost to Castillo 21-15, 12-21, 10-21.

CORBILION CUP—WELSH RESULTS

Lost to Ireland 2-3. A. Bates bt J. Lynn 18-21, 21-17, 21-14; bt M. Dowds 21-13, 21-18. B. Gray lost to Dowds 25-27, 19-21; lost to Lynn 16-21, 12-21. Bates and Dimascio lost to Lynn and Dowd 19-21, 14-21.

Lost to S. Korea 0-3. A. Bates lost to Kyong Ja Choe 9-21, 6-21. G. Dimascio lost to Kyong Cha Cho 3-21, 8-21. B. Gray and Dimascio lost to Choe and Cho 7-21, 10-21.

Beat Norway 3-0. B. Gray bt S. Erstad 21-8, 21-12. B. Dimascio bt B. Ommedal 21-8, 20-22, 21-15. A. Bates and B. Dimascio bt S. Erstad and B. Ommedal 21-14, 21-13.

Lost to Poland 0-3. Bates lost to E. Lida 14-21, 4-21. Gray lost to D. Szmidt 15-21, 14-21. Bates and Dimascio lost to Lida and Szmidt 19-21, 21-18, 13-21.

Lost to Rumania 0-3. Bates lost to Pitica 16-21, 12-21. Dimascio lost to Biro 17-21, 10-21. Bates and Gray lost to M. Biro and G. Pitica 15-21, 15-21.

Beat Greece 3-0. Bates bt L. Skrivanon 21-10, 23-25, 21-18. Dimascio bt M. Eframmidou 21-11, 21-17. Bates and Gray bt Skrivanon and Eframmidou 21-18, 22-24, 21-13.

Lost to Czechoslovakia 0-3. Gray lost to Grafkova 5-21, 8-21. Dimascio lost to Knoupova 17-21, 14-21. Bates and Dimascio lost to L. Grafkova and E. Knoupova 13-21, 10-21.

SWAYTHLING CUP—IRISH RESULTS

Lost to Sweden 0-5. H. O'Prey lost to T. Larsson 3-21, 13-21; lost to B. Mellström 6-21, 13-21. T. Caffrey lost to H. Alser 9-21, 8-21; lost to Larsson 8-21, 6-21. C. McBride lost to Mellström 13-21, 16-21.

Lost to Germany 0-5. O'Prey lost to D. Köhler 17-21, 16-21; lost to C. Freundorfer 11-21, 11-21. W. Pappin lost to H. Gäb 14-21, 10-21; lost to Köhler 18-21, 10-21.

Lost to China 0-5. Caffrey lost to Hsu Yin-Sheng 7-21, 4-21; lost to Yang Jui-Lua 4-21, 6-21. McBride lost to Hsu 5-21, 8-21; lost to Jung Kuo Tuan 9-21, 8-21. Pappin lost to Jung 8-21, 13-21.

Lost to Portugal 0-5. Caffrey lost to A. Lo 14-21, 15-21. McBride lost to A. Osorio 17-21, 8-21; lost to S. Coelho 17-21, 21-17, 16-21. O'Prey lost to Lo 9-21, 18-21; lost to Coelho 8-21, 13-21.

Beat Australia 5-4. Caffrey bt A. Robinson 22-20, 21-14; lost to M. Wilcox 21-19, 15-21, 10-21; lost to C. McDonald 12-21, 12-21. O'Prey lost to Wilcox 17-21, 21-18, 16-21; bt McDonald 21-16, 21-14; bt Robinson 21-17, 23-21. McBride bt McDonald 21-14, 21-16; lost to Robinson 16-21, 16-21; bt Wilcox 16-21, 21-10, 24-22.

Lost to United Arab Republic 2-5. O'Prey bt Nasr 21-7, 21-10; lost to Alabrashy 13-21, 10-21; lost to Safaa 11-21, 21-16, 19-21. McBride lost to Alabrashy 10-21, 10-21; lost to Safaa 12-21, 22-24. Pappin bt Nasr 21-15, 16-21, 23-21; lost to Safaa 18-21, 18-21.

Lost to Belgium 0-5. O'Prey lost to G. Delabarne 8-21, 5-21; lost to P. Bertrand 20-22, 21-14, 15-21. Caffrey lost to G. Roland 10-21, 21-16, 16-21. McBride lost to Bertrand 19-21, 19-21; lost to Roland 11-21, 22-20, 18-21.

Lost to Jamaica 4-5. O'Prey lost to L. Davis 19-21, 21-19, 17-21; lost to F. Roberts 15-21, 22-20, 18-21; bt G. Mitchell 21-15, 24-22. Caffrey bt Mitchell 21-18, 21-11; bt Davis 21-18, 8-21, 21-19; lost to Roberts 12-21, 14-21. McBride bt Mitchell 21-7, 21-17; lost to Davis 18-21, 14-21; lost to Roberts 19-21, 13-21.

CORBILION CUP—IRISH RESULTS

Beat Wales 3-2. J. Lynn lost to A. Bates 21-18, 17-21, 14-21; bt B. Gray 21-16, 21-12. M. Dowds lost to Bates 13-21, 18-21; bt Gray 27-25, 21-19. Lynn and Dowds bt Bates and G. Dimascio 21-19, 21-14.

Beat Norway 3-0. Lynn bt B. Ommedal 21-5, 21-13. Dowds bt S. Erstad 21-11, 21-18. Lynn and Dowds bt Ommedal and Erstad 21-11, 21-12.

Beat Greece 3-0. Lynn bt M. Eframmidou 21-12, 21-15. Dowds bt L. Skrivanon 21-12, 21-11. Lynn and Dowds bt Eframmidou and Skrivanon 19-21, 24-22, 21-13.

Lost to Rumania 0-3. Lynn lost to M. Biro 9-21, 10-21. Dowds lost to G. Pitica 4-21, 3-21. Lynn and Dowds lost to Biro and Pitica 8-21, 18-21.

Lost to Czechoslovakia 0-3. Lynn lost to L. Grafkova 9-21, 16-21. Dowds lost to E. Knoupova 10-21, 18-21. Lynn and Dowds lost to Grafkova and Knoupova 19-21, 12-21.

Lost to Korea 0-3. Lynn lost to Cho Kyong Cha 9-21, 8-21. Dowds lost to Choe Kyong Ja 9-21, 6-21. Lynn and Dowds lost to Cho and Choe 11-21, 7-21.

Lost to Poland 0-3. Lynn lost to D. Szmidt 18-21, 21-18, 14-21. Dowds lost to E. Lida 16-21, 5-21. Lynn and Dowds lost to Lida and I. Kwiatkowska 21-23, 20-22.

INGBER GREAT, BUT SOUTH WIN

JEFF INGBER'S form for the North when they narrowly lost 3-5 in the challenge match against the South at the Mechanics' Institute, Bradford, was a revelation (writes Malcolm Hartley). He showed that though he was the selectors' surprise for Dortmund he is a splendid choice.

Raymond Hinchliff—the only player on view not going to Dortmund—gave Thornhill a worrying time in the opening set. He led 12-8 in the decider until the Middlesex man made him attack—a tactical change that swayed the set.

The second event was the evening's best. Both Ingber and Harrison reached heights of technical accomplishment to which they added fighting spirit. Ingber took this tense thriller 21-18 in the third.

Brian Kennedy held Leach to 15-all in the third but slipped behind and lost 19-21. Ann Haydon beat Kathie Best without looking particularly impressive, then Ingber outclassed Thornhill in two straight.

The Kennedy/Best partnership had a praiseworthy win over Leach/Haydon in

the only doubles event to pull the scores level at 3-3.

Hinchliff could not reproduce the tremendous fight he gave Leach in the county match earlier in the season and the former world champion played with great poise and all-round ability to win in two straight.

A majority of the capacity crowd probably anticipated a Kennedy victory over Ian Harrison in the final set. But the young Gloucestershire star got ahead and stayed there to pull off a commendable win and give South a 5-3 verdict.

The match was presented by Yorkshire on behalf of the E.T.T.A. Mr. Tom Blunn (E.T.T.A. treasurer) in a short speech said there was obviously scope for such a match in the table tennis calendar and it was hoped to have another next year, this time in the south.

He added: "I am only sorry that the hall is not even bigger and then more could have seen the match."

Detailed scores (North names first): R. Hinchliff lost to M. Thornhill 15-21, 21-13,

16-21; lost to J. Leach 10-21, 17-21. J. Ingber bt I. Harrison 21-15, 11-21, 21-18; bt Thornhill 21-12, 21-9. B. Kennedy lost to Leach 17-21, 21-15, 19-21; lost to Harrison 12-21, 17-21. Miss C. K. Best lost to Miss A. Haydon 13-21, 20-22. Kennedy/Best bt Leach/Haydon 21-14, 21-16.

HUNGARIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1959

Men's Singles: **BERCZIK** bt Gyetvai.
Women's Singles: **KOCZIAN** bt Giza Farkas.

Women's Doubles: **KOCZIAN/MOSSOCZY** bt G. Farkas/Maté.

Men's Doubles: **BERCZIK/FOLDI** bt Pigniczky/Halpert.

Mixed Doubles: **FOLDI/KOCZIAN** bt Berczik/Farkas.

Veterans' Singles: **SOOS** bt Varkonyi.

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TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Geoff. Owen, a National Umpire and Hon. Referee of the Kent "Open" championships, writes :

I WOULD like to reply to some of the points made by Laurie Landry last month. The long waits he mentions no doubt occurred but, with the same player tending to reach the final stages in three of the five main events, this is not unusual in week-end tournaments that have no "slack" to allow for breaks between the events.

The players who commented on the 4-6.30 groups cannot know much of the mechanics of a tournament for the singles groups inevitably comprise more matches than the rest of the singles. Where we have enough group matches to occupy all the tables for at least five hours, they must be taken in "early" and "late"

doses with the early winners having a break.

I dislike as much as anybody the late playing of a junior final but, in this instance, the absence of an interval meant that this match had to be used as a "natural break" in the doubles events so that no player took part in successive matches. And the doubles came last because I must try not to let one singles finalist "see" the table in doubles without his or her opponent being able to do so.

There is also one point I would like to clarify about the report of the Thornhill-Harrison final. The decision to give emergency repose is the responsibility of the referee alone although, of course, Ian Harrison had a perfect right to protest against such a decision if he considered that it was unfairly to his disadvantage. This, as you know, he sportingly did not wish to do.

EAGLE GIRL TOURNAMENT

A DOUBLE SUCCESS

NIGEL IVE, the young North Middlesex boy gained a double success in the National finals of the *Eagle/Girl* Championships at Artillery House, Handel-street, London, on March 23. He not only carried off the Boys' Senior title with an impressive win over David Stanley, but made it possible for the Ellenborough

GARRY BRASS of Scotland, succeeded to the junior (under 13) title, previously won by his elder brother Ronnie in 1955. Young Brass first accounted for Brian Marsden (North) 19-21, 21-14, 22-20, then John Mansfield, of Wales, by 22-24, 21-13, 21-10 in the final.

JUDY WILLIAMS, the brilliant young Hertfordshire player, won the girls' senior title beating first Sheila Griffiths (Midlands) 21-12, 21-7, then, in the final Diana Fitzgerald (North) 21-8, 21-10.

The remaining title went to **KAY STOKES** (South) who beat Lydia Plotnicikoff (Scotland) 21-7, 21-4, then Janet Stanley (North) 21-10, 21-19.

It was certainly an unlucky day for the Stanley brother and sister.

THE SENIOR CHAMPIONS



NIGEL IVE

JUDY WILLIAMS

Club to win the special Jaques match table for the club or school with the best playing result in the tournament.

By collecting 40 points at the finals he gave Ellenborough a grand total of 310.

Ive, showing some splendid form, beat David Thomas, the Midlands champion in the semi-final 21-10, 21-12, then Stanley in the final by 22-20, 11-21, 21-19.

LONDON BREWERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Singles: C. COLLINGS (Whitbread) bt L. Lawlor (Whitbread) 21-18, 17-21, 21-17, 18-21, 22-20.

Women's Singles: Mrs. J. ACAMPORA (Whitbread) bt Miss D. Head (Whitbread) 21-14, 21-15.

Men's Doubles: COLLINGS/E. WILLIAMS (Whitbread) bt Lawlor/E. J. Bryan (Whitbread) 18-21, 21-15, 21-17, 21-13.

Mixed Doubles: COLLINGS/Miss HEAD (Whitbread) bt Lawlor/Mrs. Acampora (Whitbread) 16-21, 21-16, 22-20.

Veterans' Singles: W. CROCKER (Guinness) bt E. Burrage (Watneys) 21-13, 21-14.

SURREY NOTES

ONCE again Surrey have broken the Middlesex near monopoly of the Premier title in the County Championships. The last match, against Yorkshire, was so tense that the week before the result of the Middlesex-Gloucestershire match seemed almost an anticlimax.

The inter-county competition has almost finished with Thames Valley leading Guildford and Croydon for an almost certain win. This revised competition has been very popular, the only fault being that, like all competitive efforts, though the rules were changed to preclude county players it is too often well known names that dominate. Michael MacLaren and Jimmy Moore head the men's individuals and Marion Marston and Mary Shannon the ladies. A strong ladies pairing has proved to be Marion Marston/Margaret Whitehouse.

The closing of the Putney Club, mourned in a far wider area than the Wandsworth League, shows the difficulty table tennis faces when all the work of Bob, Doris and the players who so warmly backed them has to end like this.

Jim Forrest.

MIDDLESEX MATTERS

A DRAW with Gloucestershire when we needed a 9-1 victory, gave Surrey the County Championship for the second time ever. Congratulations Surrey on a consistently good performances but be warned, Middlesex will take a lot of beating next year.

WILLESDEN won the Middlesex inter-league championship for the second year running when they won the decisive match against North Acton. Willesden had Lynne Whithams, Mary Stafford, Landry and O'Hara all unbeaten whilst Schramm of North Acton was also unbeaten.

North Acton spurred to a 3-0 lead and Schramm took O'Hara's record from him. It was then 3-3 and Schramm, in turn, lost his second to Jacobson. When Whetlor beat O'Hara the score became 4-3 to North Acton but Lynne Whithams and Landry scored wins over Margaret Fry and Lindsay to clinch the title for Willesden.

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Willesden	5	5	0	37	8	10
North Acton	6	5	1	33	21	10
Acton	5	3	2	26	19	6
Central	5	2	3	17	28	4
Wembley	4	1	3	14	22	2
Barnets	4	1	5	13	32	0
North Middlesex	5	0	5	13	32	0

Junior Champions of Middlesex are Barnets who can call on three junior internationals.

The Middlesex Borough Youth Competition has been started. The final will be on April 23rd.

First Round Results: Twickenham 0, Willesden 9; Wembley 3, Southall 6; Tottenham 9, Poplar 0; Hendon 9, Potters Bar 0. Byes: Ealing, Harrow, Bethnal Green and Hornsey.

The Bernard Crouch Trophy is still wide open and it is pleasing to note that no less than seven men and five women have been tried in this team this season.

WILTSHIRE WANDERINGS

FOR the second successive year Mrs. Gladys Horn (Salisbury) collected a "hat-trick" in the Wiltshire "Closed" Championships at The Drill Hall, Trowbridge.

FINAL RESULTS: Men's Singles: **A. WOLFE** bt D. Waters 21-19, 20-22, 21-13. Women's Singles: **MRS. G. HORN** bt Mrs. N. Ridge 21-17, 21-11. Junior Singles: **J. FORD** bt A. Nicholas 21-19, 21-15. Men's Doubles: **A. WARD/T. CASH** bt M. Perkins/F. Jennings 21-17, 13-21, 21-15. Women's Doubles: **Mrs. HORN/Miss K. WATERS** bt Mrs. B. Moody/Mrs. N. Thompson 21-11, 21-12. Mixed Doubles: **J. CANDY/Mrs. HORN** bt D. Waters/Miss K. Waters 21-15, 21-17.

Salisbury suffered their first defeat in the Second Division of the County League Championship since its inception six years ago, when beaten 6-4 by West Wiltshire.

However, despite this surprise setback, Salisbury are still in a strong position to win the Second Division title once again.

DIVISION ONE.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Salisbury	5	4	1	0	32	18	9
Swindon	3	2	1	0	24	6	5
West Wiltshire	5	2	0	3	22	28	4
Devizes	5	0	0	5	12	38	0

DIVISION TWO.

Salisbury	6	5	0	1	41	19	10
Warminster	5	3	1	1	34	16	7
West Wiltshire	6	3	1	2	30	30	7
Swindon	6	2	0	4	24	36	4
Devizes	7	1	0	6	21	49	2

DIVISION THREE.

West Wiltshire	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
Devizes	6	4	0	2	30	30	8
Salisbury	5	1	0	4	17	33	2
Swindon	4	0	0	4	12	28	0

Donald Hillier.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

LEICESTERSHIRE concluded a very successful return to the Midland Division of the National County Championship when they beat Warwickshire 6-4 to win the title. Once again it was the men who did well, winning all six singles. This season Charlie Jacques and Philip Reid have won all their games and Johnny Burraston has lost only one.

The women wound up their programme by taking all ten sets from Cheltenham, and have moved well up the table. Joyce Knight has been the star player. In her first season in representative table tennis she has lost only two matches—a splendid performance.

The intermediates have won their division with the loss of only one point. Their best players have been Rodney Pickering (one defeat) and Gordon Murray (three defeats).

The juniors looked to be in with a chance of the Championship but lost their last two matches 9-1 to Cheltenham and Birmingham.

In the Leicester and District League, the first division is still undecided, but this will be settled when the first and second teams of Leicester Y.M.C.A. meet in what should produce a top-class match. Melton II have already topped 2A, Hopkins and Corbett having played consistently well all the season. Leicester Y.M.C.A. IV have won 4A with two matches still to play. Colin Truman has

still a 100 per cent. record and Barrie Clarke has not been beaten since September.

The Rose Johnson Cup has been won by Leicester Y.M.C.A. who beat Hinckley Y.M.C.A. 7-2 in the final. The winners had an unchanged team throughout the competition—Gordon Murray, Paul Newby and Philip Reid. In the Rose Johnson Bowl, a competition for teams of five, Post Office with Harry Ball, Ken Zanker, Colin Burbage, Brian Vines and Ken Manning have already reached the final and play the winners of Leicester Y.M.C.A. and Jones & Shipman.

The competition for the lower division teams, the Saracen Cup, also involves Leicester Y.M.C.A. and Jones & Shipman.

The final of the Rose Johnson Memorial Trophy, for women's teams, will be between Leicester Y.M.C.A. and the winners of the English Electric-Imperial Typewriters clash.

Although Leicester have good reason to be satisfied with the progress made by their juniors this season, they are not letting things stand still. An intensive coaching scheme is to be held during the Summer months and every junior in the county who is interested will be invited to participate.

Philip Reid.

DURHAM DIARY

THE county senior team ended their programme in the Second Division North with defeats by the top two teams, Warwickshire and Lincolnshire.

In both matches, however, the men acquitted themselves well particularly Eddie Taylor and Wilf Barker.

Barker also hit top form for the juniors claiming all their successes in a four-all draw with Yorkshire.

Sunderland won the Women's Division of the Durham Senior League when, helped by a trio of wins by Grace Brown, they beat Hartlepoons by 5-4.

Arnold Warentz.

LANCASHIRE and

CHESHIRE NOTES

MANCHESTER have had another successful season winning both the Division One and Women's Division titles in the Lancashire and Cheshire League without dropping a point.

Bolton, who failed to record a singles win, conceded their place in Division One to Aston-under-Lyne.

Stockport "A," from Division 3A, and Mid Cheshire, from Division 3B, have been promoted.

The Stockport and District "Closed" championships proved an unparalleled success for the Raven Club. Eric Johnson won the men's singles and partnered Diane Wright to take the mixed doubles. Diane also won the junior girls' singles and the women's doubles with Doreen Ridgeway, the new women's singles champion.

Only "outsider" to take a share in a title was Derek Schofield who joined Johnson to win the men's doubles.

The Mid Cheshire "Closed" produced new champions in all events

except the veteran singles, retained by John Kennerley.

K. Brown won a thrilling men's singles final beating K. Cox, who later gained some consolation by winning the men's doubles with D. Whitlow.

Brown also won the mixed doubles title partnered by Mrs. Paton, who enjoyed further success by defeating Mrs. Johnson in the women's singles final.

Tony Stubbs took the junior singles and doubles, partnered by L. Garner.

John K. Kennerley.

ESSEX NOTES

PETTY BASSETT and Doreen Lock caused the biggest shock of the Essex "Closed" championships at Chigwell by defeating Elsie Carrington and Barbara Milbank, winners since 1954, in the final of the women's doubles.

Miss Milbank has actually held the title since 1951, twice partnered by Miss Bassett and once by Yvonne Baker.

Men's Singles: **R. STEVENS** bt R. McCree 21-13, 18-21, 21-17.

Women's Singles: **Mrs. E. CARRINGTON** bt Mrs. J. McCree 21-13, 21-13.

Men's Doubles: **R. RAYBOULD / R. STEVENS** bt K. Beamish/R. McCree 21-19, 22-20.

Women's Doubles: **B. BASSETT / D. LOCK** bt Mrs. Carrington/B. Milbank 21-14, 21-18.

Mixed Doubles: **R. STEVENS/Miss Y. BAKER** bt P. Pudney/Miss S. Pickard 23-21, 15-21, 21-18.

Congratulations to George Wenham on passing his county umpires' test. He will be a most useful addition to the county umpires ranks.

Frank Bateman.

KENT NOTES

WITH the Kent first team fighting to stay in the Premier Division and so many young players to be considered when choosing the second team, the county selectors' task this season has been difficult.

Although the first team, having failed to gain a single point, are now due for relegation, the players have surprised many of their opponents including Gloucestershire's Bryan Merrett who was defeated by both Dennis Whittaker and Henry Buist.

The biggest disappointment for the selectors has been the form shown by Tony Piddock, for although he has taken the Kent "Closed" and Folkestone "Invitation" singles titles again this season he has not had a win in county matches.

Nevertheless officials and players alike feel confident that by continuing the policy of encouraging the younger players they will be back in the premier division in the 1960/61 season.

Latest player to show that this policy will pay dividends is former county junior and Woolwich player, Ken Jarvis. Playing in the last two second team matches against Suffolk and Sussex Jarvis won three out of his four singles and partnered Joyce Reeves to gain two mixed doubles successes.

Of the other players who are on the fringe of the county teams, the most outstanding are Doug Loveridge (N.W. Kent) and Reg Tutt (Woolwich).

Len Pilfold.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

SHEFFIELD WIN AT LAST

SHEFFIELD are Yorkshire champions for the first time since the war. Runners-up for the last three seasons, they consolidated their victory at Huddersfield with an 8-2 triumph over Hull in the vital last match.

Hull went unbeaten to the steel stronghold but although they put up a stout fight and Pete Smith had a commendable win over Colin Deaton, Sheffield made sure of the title.

Hull's penultimate match was a draw with Huddersfield, champions for the last seven years. Clive Pollard, brought in at number four, won both his singles and shared a doubles success.

Huddersfield missed Ray Hinchliff but

Carrigill and Dyson won two each, though Stuart only just pipped Dave Bartlett, winning 25-23 after being 16-19 down.

Bartlett has bounced along to his best season yet, and unbeaten in league play, has helped Y.P.I. "A" to the Hull championship. He reached the semi-final of the Pontefract "Open," completed a hat-trick of Hull "Closed" crowns and made his county debut.

Maurice Pitts is another with an unbeaten league record and he and his Metal Box colleagues are almost certain of their fourth consecutive Bradford championship. They also became the first Bradford club to reach the final of the inter-club championship.

The women's competition was won by Barnsley North End. For the third time in four years they met Hull Y.P.I. in the final and helped by two wins from Eileen Starkie gained a 5-4 victory.

Janet Pears had a happy birthday when she won two titles at the York "Closed." She celebrated a hat-trick of final victories over Betty Senescall and won the doubles with Mrs. B. Hudson.

Mrs. Senescall and husband Jack won the mixed for the sixth year running. Other winners: Men's: Senescall beat R. Lowe; doubles: Senescall and John Lyon; juniors: Keith Dunn.

In her last season as a junior Irene Allsopp ended Betty Kinsley's hopes of a fourth successive girls' singles success at the Hull "Closed." Irene won in the final 21-19, 21-18. Mixed holders, Bartlett and Kath Whinham, were beaten by Ron Jackson and Margaret Bradnum in the third round.

Winners: Men's Singles: **BARTLETT**; Doubles: **BARTLETT** and **CLIVE POLLARD**; Mixed: **SMITH** and **KINSLEY**; Women's Singles: **WHINHAM**; doubles: **WHINHAM** and **ALLSOPP**; boys': **ROY HINCHCLIFFE**; Veterans': **John ROBINSON**.

Pam Morton, the young Dewsbury star, Dave Bartlett and Brian Starkey (Barnsley) made their debut for Yorkshire in a thrilling Second Division draw with Derbyshire in which nine games went to deuce.

Malcolm Hartley.

WARWICKSHIRE DIARY

THERE is great disappointment in the county at our failure to get back to the Premier Division particularly as at one time the prize seemed within our grasp, but Lincolnshire's 8-2 victory over Durham put paid to our hopes.

Looking at things from the financial angle this is a big loss to the county. However, it is no use evading the issue that, in spite of our successes in the 2nd Division this season, we are sadly in need of a new No. 1 player. Bill Gallagher has rendered good service to his side, but it would be wishful thinking to expect him to cope with his opposite numbers in the Premier Division.

Coventry ended their programme in the Midland League by gaining their

first point from a draw against West Bromwich. But this was not enough to avoid relegation. Leamington have clinched the 2nd Division with an unbeaten record.

The Coventry *Evening Telegraph* Singles was won by W. Bevins (Coventry) who beat M. Leach (Leamington). Dunlop and Vales have to play off for the Coventry Premier Division in which they tied with equal points. Latest Warwickshire League results are: Coventry 3, Leamington 7; Birmingham 6, Rugby 4; Birmingham 9, Tamworth 1; Birmingham 8, Leamington 2.

M. E. Evans.

WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

FORMER champions, Cheltenham, who returned to the Western Counties League at the beginning of the season, remained in the running for top honours following their 8-1 victory over Cardiff.

Although having played only two matches, Cheltenham are now fourth in the table behind Bristol, who are unbeaten, Bath and Birmingham.

Newport, languishing without points at the foot of the table, suffered another defeat when they visited Birmingham.

Newport, without their leading player, Everson, fought strongly but although the individual matches were close Birmingham won by 7-2.

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Bristol	4	4	0	30	6	8
Bath	5	4	1	27	18	8
Birmingham	5	3	2	22	23	6
Cheltenham	2	2	0	14	4	4
Bristol "2nds"	3	1	2	14	13	2
Cardiff	4	1	3	14	22	2
Weston	5	1	4	12	33	2
Newport	4	0	4	11	25	0

Ladies' Section.

Newport	3	2	1	18	9	4
Bristol	3	2	1	15	12	4
Weston	4	1	3	8	28	2

Intermediate.

Cheltenham	1	1	0	7	3	2
Bristol	1	1	0	15	5	1
Newport	1	0	0	15	5	1

Grove Motlow.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

CAMBRIDGESHIRE, now out of the running for the Southern Division title, took on Ipswich in a friendly match and although fielding a depleted team managed to secure a draw.

New Cambridgeshire "Closed" champion, Bren Thompson was hampered by a shoulder injury and lost both his singles matches, but Keith Chapman and Chris Reeve showed excellent form to survive, unbeaten.

Heather Collings was also in top trim, but after leading 20-15 in the first game against Mrs. Rogers, a former Suffolk champion, was finally beaten 23-21, 21-14.

New Chesterton Institute have won the Cambridgeshire League title once again with their second team runners-up. Wesley took third place for although having beaten every team in the Division they lost four vital matches. R.A.F. Oakington I and Telephones II conceded their places in Division One to Great Ouse River Board I and St. George's I who won promotion.

Leslie Constable.

SUFFOLK NEWSREEL

FEBRUARY and March has been a hectic couple of months in Suffolk with N.C.C. senior and junior matches, East Anglian League and Suffolk Inter-Town League matches and finals of League Championships.

In the 2nd Division (South) of the N.C.C. the visit to Maidenhead to play Berkshire in a bottom-of-the-table battle to avoid relegation, proved one of the most exciting matches in years. The result was a 4-6 defeat for Suffolk, but it could have gone easily the other way.

Against Kent II the "Greenshirts" stood at 3-all then collapsed without winning another tie.

The Juniors have fared no better but their future looks a little more promising with such youngsters as Halliday, Osborne and Earle of Ipswich and Lowestoft's Peter Reddish.

In the East Anglian League, Lowestoft have won the title for the eighth consecutive season but in the Suffolk Inter-Town League Ipswich have gained the title for the first time with an unbeaten record.

From the leagues, news of local championships gives Lowestoft's new champions as Peter Rudd in the men's singles and men's doubles (with Clarke) and Val Martin in the women's singles and mixed doubles (with Cooper)

From Ipswich the information gives Hans Fleck as men's singles champion. He beat Purnell 7-3 on time limit in the final game. The ex-Norfolk player also won the men's doubles (with Perry) while Pam Rogers took the women's singles and mixed doubles (with Peter Morley).

But these events and results were rather overshadowed by the success of Betty Cassell (Norfolk) and Pam Rogers (Lynn) who in the Dorset "Open" at Bournemouth became the first East Anglian players to meet in the final of any "open" event.

Betty Cassell won the title and then partnered Pam Rogers to take the women's doubles event.

The playing season is almost over but for the officials there is never a closed season and arrangements are now in hand for the A.G.M. to be held at Lowestoft on April 26.

A.E.D.

WELSH CORNER

A SPLENDID win over Devon at Plymouth in the last Second Division County match of the season, brought Glamorgan the Championship. Now they have to wait to see the outcome of the match between Hertfordshire and Lincolnshire, the other divisional winners. Glamorgan then play the losers, away, and a win will give them a place in the Premier Division.

It will be recalled that last time Glamorgan won promotion it was as the result of a play off against Lincolnshire. Let's hope they can repeat the performance.

Following their slip against Somerset, Glamorgan were a bit nervous when they met Devon, but the men, particularly Donald Norris and Bernard Dimascio were in good form, and Gretta Dimascio, after some weeks of poor form, came right back to beat Mrs. Willcocks. Margaret Jones confirmed her earlier form in doubles, and in partnership with Bernard she reached her best.

Our fund raising scheme to send teams to the World Championships brought most encouraging support, and although our players had to pay something themselves, the Association was able to send both men's and women's sides.

This is the place in which to say a grateful "thank you" to all players and officials who helped.

The teams picked were: Men: **RON DAVIES** (Pontypridd), **BERNARD DIMASCIO** (Cardiff), **GEORGE EVANS** (Barry), and **NORMAN PARKER** (Gloucester). Women: **AUDREY BATES** (Cardiff), **GRETTA DIMASCIO** (Cardiff) and **BETTY GRAY** (Swansea). **MRS. ROY EVANS** was captain and manager.

The party were accompanied by Mr. Eddie Thomas, Treasurer of the Association, and Mrs. Elsie Davenport, member of the Selection Committee. Mr. H. Roy Evans, Secretary of the International Federation also went with the Welsh party.

Welsh "Closed"

As a pipe opener to the Welsh "Closed" Championships at the Llandaff North Drill Hall, South Wales (Bernard Dimascio, George Evans, Alan Thomas, Stan Jones and Ray Green) crushed North Wales (Don Mattison, Ernie Fryer, John Messenger and Emil Emezz), winning all events.

The North Wales team were joined by Colin Thomas and stayed over for the championships.

Ron Davies, playing his best since his operation, dethroned George Evans as Welsh singles champion when he won a hard fought final 21-12, 15-21, 21-11.

Walter Sweetland showed some excellent form with a quarter-final win over Dimascio, which produced fine rallies but eventually went down to Davies in the semi-final.

Evans had good wins over John Simonson, who had previously won a long match with Donald Norris, and Norman Parker, who ran him close.

Davies and Evans combined forces to win the men's doubles, in which a big upset was provided by the North Walian Emezz and Thomas when they beat Glyn

Morgan and Simonson. Norris and Jack Price the losing finalists upset calculation by overcoming Stan Jones and Dimascio.

Audrey Bates won the women's singles beating Gretta Dimascio 21-5, 24-22 in the final. An unfit Betty Gray lost to Margaret Phillips, who gave Miss Bates a hard fight in the semi-final.

Mrs. Dimascio had a lot of trouble with Sandra Morgan, who played well to take the issue to three games.

Margaret Jones landed two titles when she took the women's doubles with Margaret Phillips and the mixed with Stan Jones, while Sandra Morgan won the girls' title for the third successive time.

Colin Thomas, with wins over the improved Graham Taylor, in the semi-final, and Kerry Cutler in the final, became the boys' champion.

Men's Singles: R. DAVIES bt G. Evans 21-12, 15-21, 21-11. **Women's Singles:** A. BATES bt Mrs. G. Dimascio 21-15, 24-22. **Men's Doubles:** DAVIES/EVANS bt D. Norris/J. Price 20-22, 21-14, 21-13. **Women's Doubles:** M. JONES / M. PHILLIPS bt P. Adams/E. Bale 21-13, 17-21, 21-18. **Mixed Doubles:** S. JONES/M. JONES bt N. Parker/A. Bates 21-18, 21-17.

Boys' Singles: C. THOMAS bt K. Cutler 21-15, 21-16. **Girls' Singles:** S. MORGAN bt F. Norris 21-12, 21-18.

The North Wales inter-league club section is going well and results to date are: Wrexham "seconds" bt U.C.N.W. 6-2, bt Crosville 5-4, bt Kinnel 8-1. Lansdowne bt Wrexham "firsts" 7-2, Wrexham "firsts" bt Clwyd 7-2.

Lansdowne lead Group "A" with 10 points followed by Methodists 6 points, Wrexham 4 points, M.O.W. 2 points, Clwyd 2 points, Anglesey 0.

In Group "B" Vale are out in front with 6 points, followed by Crosville 4 points, U.C.N.W. 2 points, Kinnel 2 points.

UMPIRES CORNER

By Colin Clemett

NOW that we have established a regular umpire's section of the magazine we should be very glad to hear of any comments or suggestions. Umpiring problems, unusual or interesting experiences, useful tricks of technique, that would be worth sharing with others will be welcomed.

Two such topics have been mentioned to me during the past month, and are worth discussing.

The first concerns the question of timing, which I have already mentioned as one of the cardinal virtues of an umpire. There is, as you probably know, a difference between the I.T.T.F. Regulations and the E.T.T.A. Recommendations about the correct time for calling the score.

We consider that the calling of the score by the umpire should be the signal for the players to begin the next rest. With a little practice this call can be timed so that there is no chance of a player not hearing the score because he is fetching the ball, or being kept waiting while the umpire finishes his announcement.

The argument usually put forward in favour of the I.T.T.F. system is that calling the score puts an end to the rest and immediately indicates a fault; our contention is that the end of a rest is either so obvious as to need no indication or is sufficiently obscure to need an explanatory call such as "Fault" or "Not up" which would of course be made at the moment the fault or infringement occurs.

The most common and often one of the most difficult to time of these "special" calls is a "Let," either for a net-cord service or for an interruption. It is so easy to call as the ball hits the net in service, only to find that it then clears the end of the table by a foot (AND is not volleyed by the striker-out!) It takes great self-discipline to delay the call and make sure that the service is "otherwise good," as the Law says, yet make it soon enough to end the rest before the striker-out can hit a winner.

Another temptation is not to call when you have just a faint suspicion that the ball touched the net, but it does not seem to have affected the flight at all, and neither player appears to have noticed it. Appearances may be deceptive and if you have a sneaking feeling that it might have been a netcord service there is a good chance that you are right and that one or both of the players feel the same.

A good rule for net-cord services is "When in doubt, call 'em out!"

The second topic is the difficulty of remembering service order, especially in doubles matches. In singles it is necessary only to mark the name of the first server with a tick or similar mark on the score-card, and the correct server at any time during the match can readily be determined but a more complicated procedure is needed for doubles. Most umpires have evolved some system of recording the order, and one of the simplest I have seen was shown me recently.

His scheme is based on the fact that there are only two possible orders of serving for a doubles match. For example, if Smith and Jones are playing Black and White, the serving order is either Smith to Black, Black to Jones, Jones to White, and White to Smith, or Smith to White, White to Jones, Jones to Black, and Black to Smith.

In addition to the six-inch rule, pencil, string, chalk, etc., carried by all umpires he carries a small note-pad and while the players are knocking-up he writes down their names in the two possible orders, one on the right of the page and one on the left.

After the toss has been made and the players have decided their starting order he ticks the first server's name in the appropriate list and covers the other list with his score-card for the rest of that game. This may seem over-elaborate but in a tense game between two foreign pairs unknown to you, with feelings running high, it can be very comforting to have documentary evidence to back up your judgment.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP - - - By CONRAD JASCHKE

IT'S SURREY ALL THE WAY

WHEN Surrey defeated Yorkshire by 6-4 at Guildford they knew that they were sitting pretty, though having to wait a week until the the Gloucestershire—Middlesex clash decided the premier championship.

Middlesex had to win 9-1 to retain their title, but they could do no better than draw 5-5. Thus Surrey won the championship for the second time, their previous success having been in 1956.

Ten times Middlesex and twice Surrey reads the record, with nobody else getting a look-in, but Essex certainly went very close this season, and can still finish runners-up if they defeat Gloucestershire on April 18.

A few days before the match with Yorkshire, Surrey captain Ron Craydon told me that he thought Brian Kennedy and Kathleen Best were capable of taking three singles and the mixed doubles, and that Surrey therefore faced a very formidable task. And that is how it worked out. Kennedy defeated Harry Venner and Josef Somogyi, Miss Best scored an easy win over Betty Bird, and Kennedy/Best accounted for Somogyi/Bird.

NARROW SQUEAK

Ken Craigie had a very narrow squeak against Stuart Dyson when Surrey were leading 4-2, and Harry Venner had some difficulty against Maurice Simpson at 5-3, but both pulled through, and Surrey were home.

When Middlesex made the journey to Stonehouse they realised their task was a hard one—particularly without Laurie Landry—but they hardly expected to be 0-3 down against Gloucestershire. Bob Morley started by blasting off Alan Rhodes, Bryan Merrett got the better of Derek Burridge, and then Ian Harrison once again showed his worth by outclassing Michael Thornhill.

After that, however, Middlesex took the three doubles, women's singles, and Burridge confidently dealt with Morley, to make it 15-3.

This left Harrison and Merrett to account for Rhodes and Thornhill respectively, which they did in straight games.

The previous week, Gloucestershire had made rather heavy weather of their task against bottom-of-the-table Kent, whom they defeated by 6-4 at Gloucester. Joyce Fielder's singles and doubles wins were expected, but a big surprise were Merrett's defeats at the hands of Kent's Henry Buist and Dennis Whittaker.

Kent had another close fight against Lancashire at Liverpool. Again they took the women's singles and doubles, and this time also the men's doubles, plus a win for George Elliott over Ron Allcock. With Jeff Ingber and Peter Strulovitch unbeaten in singles, Lancashire won 6-4.

Not until after the Cheshire v Lancashire match shall we know who

Staffordshire had three runaway wins in March, but could not catch Glamorgan.

Leicestershire took the Midland Division title at the first time of asking, by defeating Warwickshire II 6-4 at Tamworth. Leicestershire's trio of P. Reid, J. Burraston and C. Jacques took the six men's singles to achieve this.

BEDFORDSHIRE CHAMPIONS

Bedfordshire won the Southern Division by convincing 8-2 victories over Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire II, following their narrow victories over Norfolk and Cambridgeshire earlier on. Bedfordshire thus regain Div. II status after an interval of some years.

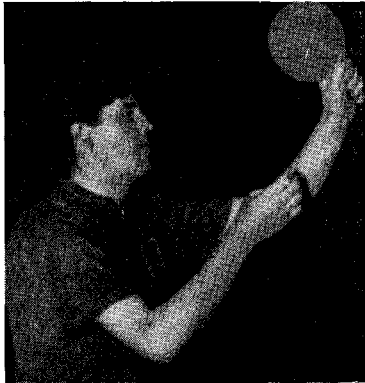
Though Cambridgeshire failed to get top honours, they made considerable progress this season. Having lost their chance of winning the division by their 4-6 defeat against Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire fielded two youngsters, Chris Reeve and Keith Chapman against Buckinghamshire, and though they did not pull it off on this occasion, I understand these two could be an asset next season.

Cambridgeshire supporters have seen some spirited play from their team this season, particularly from John Cornwell and John Thurston, the latter being unbeaten. Heather Collings, the Cambridge "Closed" women's champion, is another young player who is making rapid progress.

Lancashire and Middlesex retained their respective junior division titles, and will now play off for the junior team championship of England. The N.C.C. have decided to bear the travelling and other expenses connected with this match, as the best tangible way of fostering interest in the junior divisions. Too often in the past has the play-off been omitted because the counties concerned were unable to foot the bill.

Incidentally, I wonder if Durham Juniors have set up an all-time record for the County Championships by drawing four of their six matches? Compare this with the Junior South Division, where none of the 21 matches resulted in a draw!

With the season all but over, Frank Bateman is swatting over the county match averages, and in the May issue we will bring you the results of his labours.



BRIAN KENNEDY

accompanies Kent in relegation. Cheshire again put up a strong fight when they lost by 3-7 to Essex at Northwick, and on this occasion Derek Schofield was the Cheshire hero, winning his singles against Bobbie Raybould and Bobby Stevens, and the men's doubles partnered by E. Johnson against the same two players.

Lincolnshire clinched the Div. II North championship on games average by defeating Durham 8-2 at Grimsby. They now go into the promotion play-off with Hertfordshire (Div. II South winners) and Glamorgan, who made certain of winning Division II West by defeating Devon by 7-3 at Plymouth.

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION

April 18 Gloucestershire v Essex, M.P.N.I. Social Club, Flowers Hill, Bristol, Bristol 4
Cheshire v Lancashire.

7.15 p.m.

DETAILED RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Surrey 6, Yorkshire 4

K. Craigie bt M. Simpson 21, 19; bt S. Dyson —12, 15, 23. J. Somogyi bt Dyson 12, 19; lost to B. Kennedy 18, —16, —14. H. Venner lost to Kennedy —21, —18; bt Simpson 19, —17, 17.

Venner/Craigie beat Dyson/Simpson 14, 12.

Mrs. B. Bird lost to Miss K. Best —10, —11.

Miss P. Piper/Miss L. Whithams bt Mrs. M. Harrison/Miss J. Preston 19, 12. Somogyi/Mrs. Bird lost to Kennedy/Miss Best 16, —17, —13.

Gloucestershire 6, Kent 4

R. Morley bt A. Pidcock 17, —16, 13; bt H. Buist 17, 19. B. Merrett lost to Buist 17, —19, —14; lost to D. Whittaker 15, —16, —19. I. Harrison bt Whittaker 15, 9; bt Pidcock 10, 14.

Harrison/Merrett bt Buist/Pidcock 14, —11, 12.

Mrs. E. Morley lost to Miss J. Fielder —12, —12.

Mrs. Morley/Mrs. T. Spokes lost to Miss Fielder/Miss B. Landimore —7, —14.

Morley/Mrs. Spokes bt Whittaker/Miss Landimore —15, 12, 16.

Gloucestershire 5, Middlesex 5

R. Morley bt A. Rhodes 13, 15; lost to D. Burrige —12, —18. B. Merrett bt Burrige —13, 18, 16; bt M. Thornhill 19, 10. I. Harrison bt Thornhill 9, 17; bt Rhodes 17, 16.

Harrison/Merrett lost to Thornhill/Rhodes —22, 11, —9.

Mrs. E. Morley lost to Miss D. Rowe —9, —9.

Miss P. Taylor/Miss S. Griffiths lost to Miss Rowe/Miss J. Harrower —15, —16. Morley/Mrs. Morley lost to Burrige/Miss Harrower —12, 15, —16.

Lancashire 6, Kent 4

P. Strulovitch bt G. Elliott 7, 16; bt H. Buist 10, —18, 19. J. Ingber bt Buist 19, 19; bt D. Whittaker 4, 14. R. Alcock bt Whittaker —18, 6, 12; lost to Elliott 11, —11, —9.

Ingber/Strulovitch lost to Buist/Elliott 14, —19, —20.

Miss W. Swift lost to Miss Miss J. Fielder —16, —19.

Miss Swift/Mrs. C. Spencer lost to Miss Fielder/Miss B. Landimore —11, —18. Alcock/Mrs. Spencer bt Whittaker/Miss Landimore 21, —19, 12.

Cheshire 3, Essex 7

V. Hankey lost to B. Brumwell —5, —10; lost to R. Raybould 18, —21, —17. D. Schofield bt Raybould 18, —11, 17; bt R. Stevens —14, 19, 18. E. Johnson lost to Stevens —13, —16; lost to Brumwell 20, —11, —14.

Schofield/Johnson bt Raybould/Stevens —19, 18, 16.

Miss L. Bown lost to Mrs. J. McCree —11, —21.

Miss Bown/Mrs. D. Wilkinson lost to Mrs. McCree/Mrs. E. Carrington —17, —12. Hankey/Mrs. Wilkinson lost to Brumwell/Mrs. Carrington —10, —16.

DIVISION II (NORTH)

Lincolnshire 8, Durham 2.

DIVISION II (SOUTH)

Suffolk 3, Kent 7.

Hampshire 7, Suffolk 3.

Kent 7, Sussex 3.

DIVISION II (WEST)

Somerset 8, Dorset 2.

Devon 3, Glamorganshire 7.

Devon 2, Staffordshire 8.

Dorset 2, Staffordshire 8.

Worcestershire 7, Cornwall 3.

Staffordshire 9, Cornwall 1.

MIDLAND DIVISION

Oxfordshire 4, Staffordshire II 6.

Warwickshire II 4, Leicestershire 6.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Buckinghamshire 2, Bedfordshire 8.

Bedfordshire 8, Hertfordshire II 2.

Cambridgeshire 4, Buckinghamshire 6.

Norfolk 7, Buckinghamshire 3.

NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Lancashire 4, Durham 4.

Cheshire 1, Durham 7.

SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Hertfordshire 7, Essex 3.

Surrey 4, Kent 6.

Surrey 1, Middlesex 9.

Kent 9, Suffolk 1.

FINAL DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

(Excluding two matches to be played on April 18, 1959: Gloucestershire v Essex, and Cheshire v Lancashire.)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Surrey	7	6	0	1	51	19	12
Middlesex	7	5	1	1	48	22	11
Essex	6	5	0	1	36	24	10
Yorkshire	7	4	0	3	35	35	8
Gloucestershire	6	2	2	2	31	29	6
Lancashire	6	1	1	4	21	39	3
Cheshire	6	1	0	5	17	43	2
Kent	7	0	0	7	21	49	0

DIVISION II SOUTH

Hertfordshire	5	4	1	0	35	15	9
Kent II	5	4	0	1	32	18	8
Hampshire	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Sussex	5	2	1	2	28	22	5
Berkshire	5	1	0	4	17	33	2
Suffolk	5	0	0	5	11	39	0

DIVISION II NORTH

Lincolnshire	5	3	2	0	32	18	8
Warwickshire	5	3	2	0	31	19	8
Yorkshire II	5	2	3	0	30	20	7
Derbyshire	5	2	1	2	23	27	5
Durham	5	1	0	4	20	30	2
Northumberland	5	0	0	5	14	36	0

DIVISION II WEST

Glamorganshire	7	6	1	0	56	14	13
Staffordshire	7	6	0	1	50	20	12
Somersetshire	7	5	1	1	46	24	11
Worcestershire	7	3	1	3	38	32	7
Wiltshire	7	2	2	3	30	40	6
Devon	7	2	1	4	33	37	5
Dorset	7	1	0	6	17	53	2
Cornwall	7	0	0	7	10	60	0

MIDLAND DIVISION

Leicestershire	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Warwickshire II	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Staffordshire II	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Oxfordshire	3	0	0	3	7	23	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Bedfordshire	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Norfolk	4	1	2	1	21	19	4
Cambridgeshire	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Hertfordshire II	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Buckinghamshire	4	1	0	3	14	26	2

NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Lancashire	6	3	3	0	28	20	9
Durham	6	2	4	0	31	17	8
Yorkshire	6	2	3	1	30	18	7
Cheshire	6	0	0	6	7	41	0

SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Middlesex	6	6	0	0	52	8	12
Kent	6	5	0	1	38	22	10
Hertfordshire	6	4	0	2	36	24	8
Surrey	6	3	0	3	33	27	6
Essex	6	2	0	4	30	30	4
Sussex	6	1	0	5	12	48	2
Suffolk	6	0	0	6	9	51	0

NORFOLK NOTES

GOTHIC and Y.M.C.A. are running neck and neck at the top of Division One in the Norwich League and their forthcoming meeting should decide the championship.

Y.M.C.A., who have a game in hand, dropped a point behind Gothic when they drew recently with Co-op. Sportsman are in third place, five points behind.

In Division Two, Ex Choristers look like gaining promotion although Fire Brigade, St. Johns and Electricity are hard on their heels.

C.E.Y.M.S. and Bullards are sure of promotion in Division III but there are four teams in the running for third place.

N.A.L.G.O. are certain to become champions of the Women's Division.

Robin Wickens.

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SUSSEX JUNIOR "OPEN"

FIVE TITLES FOR MARY

By **BILL GOLDFINCH**

FIVE finals, five titles... 23 matches without defeat. That was the brilliant performance that made Putney schoolgirl Mary Shannon the dominating figure of the Sussex Junior "Open" championships at the Assembly Hall, Worthing on March 15.

Mary, who is England's No. 2 girl, swept all before her, to win the girls' singles, the "under 15's" singles, the girls' doubles and "under 15's" doubles both with Carol Bagshaw, and the mixed doubles with Derek Grant.

Judy Williams of Hertfordshire, was Miss Shannon's victim in both singles' finals taking one game in five. Miss Shannon won the girls' event 21-16, 21-18, and the "under 15's," 21-14, 19-21, 21-9.

Sussex interest was kept alive by Graham Whalley, of Crawley, who played extremely well to take the boys' singles title, beating Derek Grant in the fourth round, the Australian Cliff McDonald in the semi-final, and Brian Midgley in the final.

The second trophy to remain in the county was taken by E. Driver of Hastings, who, playing confidently throughout, won the "under 13's" singles.

McDonald and his Australian colleague Michael Wilcox played very strongly in the early round of the singles, only to fall down in the semi-finals when Wilcox lost to Midgley.

However, they were a strong enough partnership to take the boys' doubles, while Wilcox collected a further title in the "under 15's" singles.

The local partnership of schoolboys Abdul Jindani and James Symonds had raised hopes of a Worthing success in the boy's doubles until they came up against McDonald and Wilcox in the semi-final.

A total of 177 competitors took part in the championships. The move to Worthing provided near ideal conditions, and despite the addition of four new events, boys' and girls' "under 15's" doubles, and boys' and girls' "under 13's" singles, the programme was completed by 10.30 p.m., a credit to the excellent organisation.

Boys' Singles. Semi-Finals: B. MIDGLEY bt M. Wilcox 12-21, 23-21, 21-8. G. WHALLEY bt C. McDonald 21-17, 19-21, 21-18.

Final: WHALLEY bt Midgley 21-18, 19-21, 21-18.

Girls' Singles. Semi-Finals: J. WILLIAMS bt S. Thomas 22-20, 21-10. M. SHANNON bt A. Taft 21-16, 21-19.

Final: SHANNON bt Williams 21-16, 21-18.

Boys' Doubles. Semi-Finals: I. GIBSON/I. BISHOP bt C. Macdonald/Whalley 21-18, 19-21, 21-18. WILCOX/McDONALD bt J. Symonds/A. Jindani 21-17, 21-9.

Final: WILCOX/McDONALD bt Gibson/Bishop 21-15, 21-16.

Girls' Doubles. Semi-Finals: THOMAS/TAFT bt D. Downing/G. Corden 21-16, 20-22, 21-17. SHANNON/C. BAGSHAW bt C. Holes/P. Holes 20-22, 21-15, 21-18.

Final: SHANNON/BAGSHAW bt Thomas/Taft 21-19, 21-15.

Mixed Doubles. Semi-Finals: B. HAMILL/THOMAS bt M. Ellis/S. Morgan 21-17, 21-11. D. GRANT/SHANNON bt Wilcox/J. Wiggins 21-15, 21-10.

Final: GRANT/SHANNON bt Hamill/Thomas 21-9, 21-19.

Boys' Singles (Under 15). Semi-Finals: B. WRIGHT bt I. Bishop 21-19, 21-19. WILCOX bt R. Ratcliffe 21-16, 21-16.

Final: WILCOX bt Wright 21-16, 21-16.

Girls' Singles (Under 15). Semi-Finals: WILLIAMS bt Thomas 21-19, 21-18. SHANNON bt Corden 21-18, 21-16.

Final: SHANNON bt Williams 21-14, 19-21, 21-9.

Boys' Doubles (Under 15). Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/D. OFFENBACH bt R. McKeowan/S. Conquest 21-9, 21-15. RATCLIFFE/B. HILL bt D. Garner/M. Roblin 21-9, 21-18.

Final: RATCLIFFE/HILL bt Wright/Offenbach 21-18, 9-21, 21-15.

Girls' Doubles (Under 15). Semi-Finals: HOLES/HOLES bt C. Oliver/Williams 21-19, 21-19. SHANNON/BAGSHAW bt J. Matheson/A. Bell 21-18, 21-16.

Final: SHANNON/BAGSHAW bt Holes/Holes 21-19, 21-10.

Boys' Singles (Under 13). Semi-Finals: G. COOMBS bt G. French 21-17, 21-19. E. DRIVER bt P. Williams 21-18, 21-19.

Final: DRIVER bt Coombs 21-12, 21-14.

Girls' Singles (Under 13). Semi-Finals: K. STOKES bt L. Bell 21-18, 21-19. B. SAYER bt P. Canning 21-19, 21-15.

Final: SAYER bt Stokes 21-19, 21-15.

CHESHIRE JUNIOR "OPEN"

... AND FOUR MORE

MARY SHANNON added to her rapidly increasing list of junior successes when winning four events in the Cheshire Junior "Open" championships at Birkenhead on March 21.

Maintaining a high standard of play she was little troubled in either of the singles finals beating Diana Wright 21-14, 21-14 in the junior event and Judy Williams by 21-15, 21-15 in the "under 15" singles.

Partnered by Miss Williams, Miss Shannon also took the girls' doubles beating Margaret Bradnum and Alma Taft in the final.

The only slight blot on an otherwise 100 per cent. record came in the semi-final of the mixed doubles where teamed with David Creamer she conceded her first game of the championship before beating George Livesey and Miss Wright 22-20 in the third. The final also produced a keen battle but Miss Shannon and Creamer eventually got the better of Michael Dainty and Alma Taft.

Colin Thomas, the Welsh junior international, produced some brilliant attacking shots to win both boys' singles titles beating Jackie Keogh in the semi-final and then George Livesey in the junior event and Bryn Farnworth, of Bolton in the final of the "under 15" singles.

Livesey and Keogh obtained some consolation for their disappointment in the singles by beating Dainty and Peter Duncombe 19-21, 21-16, 21-15 in the final of the boys' doubles. The Doncaster boys were unable to keep up the pace they set in the first game and the variety of strokes produced by their opponents eventually proved too much for them.

Junior Boys' Singles. Semi-Finals: C. THOMAS bt J. Keogh 21-11, 21-16; G. LIVESEY bt W. Barker 21-12, 19-21, 22-20.

Final: THOMAS bt Livesey 8-21, 21-15, 21-11.

Junior Girls' Singles. Semi-Finals: M. SHANNON bt J. Williams 21-9, 21-16; D. WRIGHT bt A. Taft 21-17, 10-21, 21-17.

Final: SHANNON bt Wright 21-14, 21-14.

Boys' Singles "Under 15": Semi-Finals: THOMAS bt J. Edgar 21-15, 21-15; B. FARNWORTH bt C. Gray 21-14, 22-20.

Final: THOMAS bt Farnworth 21-4, 21-15.

Girls' Singles "Under 15": Semi-Finals: SHANNON bt A. Brown 21-16, 21-10; J. WILLIAMS bt C. Blackshaw 21-10, 21-11.

Final: SHANNON bt Williams 21-15, 21-17.

Boys' Doubles. Semi-Finals: LIVESEY/KEOGH bt Barker/Hewitt 21-17, 23-21; DAINTY/DUNCOMBE bt Farnworth/Ormrod 21-19, 21-16.

Final: LIVESEY/KEOGH bt Dainty/Duncombe 19-21, 19-21, 21-16, 21-15.

Girls' Doubles. Semi-Finals: SHANNON/WILLIAMS bt Charman/Upton 21-16, 21-8; M. BRADNUM/A. TAFT bt Johnson/Blackshaw 21-16, 21-18.

Final: SHANNON/WILLIAMS bt Bradnum/Taft 21-14, 23-21.

Mixed Doubles. Semi-Finals: CREAMER/SHANNON bt Livesey/Wright 21-17, 18-21, 22-20; DAINTY/TAFT bt Midgley/Williams 21-16, 21-18.

Final: CREAMER/SHANNON bt Dainty/Taft 23-21, 21-19.

R. A. Bissell.

BATH "OPEN"**HUNGARIAN FIELD DAY**

By B. DENIS GEORGE

GEORGE MURANYI won the men's singles title in the Bath "Open" championships when, after one of the most thrilling matches seen at this event, he surprisingly defeated his compatriot Josef Somogyi 18-21, 22-20, 21-18 in the final on March 21.

The Hungarians had a "field" day for they teamed up to take the men's doubles title while Somogyi partnered Peggy Piper to success in the mixed.

Local girl Margaret Lindsay played extremely well to reach all three finals but won only the women's doubles, with clubmate Rasma Maggs.

Peggy Piper won the women's singles title beating Mrs. Lindsay, the holder, 21-12, 21-7 in the final and later completed the double by winning the mixed doubles with Somogyi.

Men's Singles: Final: G. MURANYI bt J. Somogyi 18-21, 22-20, 21-18.

Ladies' Singles: Final: M. PIPER bt Mrs. M. Lindsay 21-12, 21-7.

Men's Doubles: Final: SOMOGYI/MURANYI bt W. Devine/D. Heaps 21-14, 21-9.

Mixed Doubles: Final: SOMOGYI/MISS PIPER bt J. Lindsay/Mrs. Lindsay 21-13, 21-12.

Ladies' Doubles: Final: MRS. LINDSAY/MRS. R. MAGGS bt G. Curtis/J. Moger 21-15, 20-22, 21-16.

Boys' Singles: Final: G. WHALLEY bt J. Bysh 21-16, 18-21, 21-16.

and Tony Condon 24-22, 22-20. Brumwell and Condon, who had looked like winning both games, previously had good wins over Len Adams and Burr ridge, and Ian Redfean and Alan Lindsay.

Barry Midgley showed that his journey from Portsmouth was not wasted when he beat David Creamer in the boys' final, 21-18, 21-14.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: J. SOMOGYI bt B. Barnes 21-16, 21-12; **H. VENNER** bt L. Landry 12-21, 21-16, 21-15.

Final: SOMOGYI bt Venner 21-13, 21-19.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. ROWE bt J. Williamson (N.Z.) 21-13, 21-13; **J. HARROWER** bt L. Whithams 23-21, 21-15.

Final: ROWE bt Harrower 21-19, 17-21, 21-11.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: VENNER/R. STEVENS bt M. Creamer/K. Whetlor 21-8, 21-11; **B. BRUMWELL/A. CONDON** bt L. Adams/D. Burr ridge 18-21, 21-18, 21-18.

Final: VENNER/STEVENS bt Brumwell/Condon 24-22, 22-20.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: Miss B. BIRD/P. PIPER bt M. Stafford/J. Williamson 21-19, 21-19; **J. BUTCHER/S. HESSION** bt M. Barnes/D. Ellis 21-11, 21-19.

Final: Mrs. BIRD/PIPER bt Butcher/Hession 21-9, 21-12.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: SOMOGYI/Miss PIPER bt K. Craigie Mrs. Bird 14-21, 21-9, 21-16; **ADAMS/ Miss M. FRY** bt Burr ridge/Harrower 21-18, 17-21, 21-17.

Final: SOMOGYI/PIPER bt Adams/Miss FRY 21-15, 21-14.

Youths' Singles. "Under 21," Boys: Semi-Finals: A. LINDSAY bt B. Turner 21-8, 21-15; **L. LANDRY** bt C. Warren 21-16, 21-10.

Final: LINDSAY bt Landry 21-12, 14-21, 21-16.

Girls: Semi-Finals: HARROWER bt M. Hicks 21-16, 21-10; **S. HESSION** bt A. Taft 21-18, 21-14.

Final: HARROWER bt Hession 21-9, 21-17.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: B. MIDGLEY bt D. Offenbach 21-13, 21-18; **D. CREAMER** bt N. Ive 21-18, 21-12.

Final: MIDGLEY bt Creamer 21-18, 21-14.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: HARROWER bt M. Hope 21-1, 21-9; **C. BAGSHAW** bt A. Taft 21-14, 25-23.

Final: HARROWER bt Bagshaw 21-15, 21-11.

WEST MIDDLESEX "OPEN"**SOMOGYI TOPS**

LOOKING by far the best player on view, Josef Somogyi regained the men's singles title in the West Middlesex "Open" with a straight games win over Harry Venner, 21-13, 21-19.

Somogyi, winner two years ago, dropped a game to Alan Gazley in an early round but went through the rest of the tournament with a 100 per cent. record.

His semi-final victim was Brian Barnes, that vastly improved Berkshire county player, who was the main "shockster" of the meeting.

Barnes brought down two internationals when he beat Bobbie Raybould then Derek Burr ridge in the quarter-final (—13, 19, 13).

Harry Venner showed he must not be under-rated by beating Michael Maclaren, Ken Craigie and Laurie Landry, before falling to Somogyi in the final.

Landry eliminated Alan Lindsay, George Muranyi and Bobby Stevens, but Lindsay had his revenge on Landry in the final of the youths' singles.

The women's singles went to Diane Rowe who had a keen three games struggle with Jean Harrower in the final before winning 21-19, 17-21, 21-11. Miss Harrower was successful in both the girls singles (for the fourth time) and the youths' singles.

Peggy Piper gave a good account of herself by taking a game from Miss Rowe, and later won the women's doubles with Mrs. Betty Bird and the mixed with Somogyi.

Mrs. Bird fell to Lynne Whithams, who in turn was a victim of Miss Harrower in the semi-final.

The best match of the finals was the men's doubles, where Venner and Bobby Stevens beat Brian Brumwell

GRIMSBY "OPEN"**SIMPSON DOUBLE**

MAURICE SIMPSON was in fine form when winning both the men's singles and doubles titles in the revived Grimsby "Open" at Grimsby on February 28.

Hitting with power and accuracy he defeated former holder, Fred Kershaw 21-16, 21-13 in the men's singles final and partnered Stuart Dyson to a close victory over Peter Skerratt and Matt Shearer by 21-17, 19-21, 21-19 in the men's doubles.

Dyson was a little disappointing in the singles going out in the first round to Eric Johnson, of Cheshire.

Wendy Blades won the women's singles title beating the defensive Mavis Dyson in a close and exciting final by 12-21, 22-20, 25-23. Mrs. Dyson later gained consolation for her singles defeat by annexing the women's doubles title partnered by Mrs. Ivy Kershaw.

Michael Dainty, attacking at every opportunity, became the new boys' singles champion by beating David Stanley 21-16, 21-16 in the final.

Finals: Men's Singles: M. SIMPSON bt F. Kershaw 21-16, 21-13.

Women's Singles: W. BLADES bt Mrs. M. Dyson 12-21, 22-20, 25-23.

Men's Doubles: S. DYSON/SIMPSON bt P. Skerratt/M. Shearer 21-17, 19-21, 21-19.

Women's Doubles: Mrs. DYSON/Mrs. I. KERSHAW bt Mrs. P. Lammin/Mrs. C. Moran 21-15, 21-12.

Mixed Doubles: SHEADER/Mrs. P. CHADWICK bt D. Schofield/Miss Blades 13-21, 21-19, 21-19.

Boys' Singles: M. DAINTY bt D. Stanley 21-16, 21-16.