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## NEW REGIONAL ESTABLISHMENT

**T**HE Annual General Meeting of the Association at Manchester last month established the important new principle of single representation for the purpose of electing the National Executive Committee. This was done when the A.G.M. agreed to the N.E.C. proposition that the existing eight regions be abolished, and replaced by 12 new regions EACH RETURNING ONLY ONE MEMBER PER REGION.

The new regions are:

- Region No. 1 :** CUMBERLAND, DURHAM, NORTH-UMBERLAND, WESTMORLAND.
- Region No. 2 :** YORKSHIRE.
- Region No. 3 :** LANCASHIRE.
- Region No. 4 :** CHESHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, LINCOLN-SHIRE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
- Region No. 5 :** GLOUCESTERSHIRE, HEREFORD-SHIRE, SHROPSHIRE, STAFFORD-SHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
- Region No. 6 :** HUNTINGDONSHIRE, LEICESTER-SHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE, WARWICKSHIRE.
- Region No. 7 :** ESSEX, NORFOLK, SUFFOLK.
- Region No. 8 :** BEDFORDSHIRE, BERKSHIRE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
- Region No. 9 :** MIDDLESEX.
- Region No. 10 :** SURREY.
- Region No. 11 :** CORNWALL, DEVON, DORSET-SHIRE, HAMPSHIRE, SOMERSET, WILTSHIRE.
- Region No. 12 :** KENT, SUSSEX.

The advantages of single representation are

obvious. Although it is not suggested that "deals" in votes have ever taken place in any region, the new system is a guard against such a thing.

Every league votes for only one representative, and there are no "throw-away" votes. Much more important (and indeed, this is the real reason why the change was desired) each league knows who is its regional representative . . . there is no confusion as to which of two representatives to approach in case of difficulties. What is more, no longer can more than one man be elected from any one county, thus broadening the basis of the N.E.C. The value of this is recognised by all, including those who may lose their N.E.C. seat as the result of the change.

### South Lose Seat

At least one member **MUST** lose his seat; this is in the Southern Region, which now has returned two Kent representatives for several years. In other regions there is a possibility of existing members being displaced.

**ALL members of the N.E.C., including those in the Southern Region, supported the decision to suggest the new set-up to the Annual General Meeting.**

Here is a perfect example of the democratic working of the English Table Tennis Association.

The idea of single representation was first brought forward by the Hastings League, who, both at a County Conference and at an Annual Meeting expressed their dissatisfaction at the old system. These views did not find very widespread support at first, and in fact the number of speakers who pressed for this at official meetings during the last two years could probably be counted on the fingers of one hand.

However, their views were considered by the

N.E.C. to have great value, and the Rules Committee (a sub-committee of the N.E.C.) discussed the matter for many hours. Failing to find a satisfactory method at first, the Rules Committee eventually put to the N.E.C. the plan which formed the basis of the new election system. When the principle had been decided, the N.E.C. gave Tom Blunn, the E.T.T.A. treasurer the responsibility of drawing on a regional plan, without any consideration of the likelihood or otherwise of existing members being re-elected, but based purely on the desirability of having regions with roughly equal voting strength, while ensuring that no area is so large as to be completely unwieldy.

Mr. Blunn drew up a map, and this was accepted without a single amendment by the N.E.C.

### Large Majority

It is significant that at the Annual General Meeting—a meeting which was not in the mood for changes otherwise—this was the one major alteration to the Association's constitution which was passed.

**It was passed by so large a majority on a show of hands, that the Chairman considered it unnecessary to call for a block vote.**

For season 1959/60 the make-up of the N.E.C.

shows no changes at all. Exactly the same members were elected as for season 1958/59.

This is something which does not happen often. Contrary to common belief there have been one or two changes nearly every time in recent years. In most cases these have been changes which have reduced the average age of the N.E.C. Thus today the N.E.C. has a valuable blend of youth and experience.

### Hope for Bigger Vote

What further changes the new regional distribution will bring is something for the future but the N.E.C. hope that the interest created by the change will result in more leagues using their right of voting in the elections at the end of the season 1959/60.

A situation where only some 50% of votes are utilised is not healthy.

No member wants to be elected on a minority vote. So the N.E.C. having done its share now asks the member leagues: Please cast your votes.

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CORRECTION

It is regretted that in the table for the Corbillon Cup, Group A, Denmark were shown as losing 0-3 to U.S.A. and 2-3 to Holland when in fact they won both matches. Similarly in Group B of the Swaythling Cup Sweden's scores should read : beat West Germany 5-1 and lost 1-5 to China.

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## Official News:

**Annual General Meeting.** The Annual General Meeting of the Association took place at the Onward Hall in Manchester on Saturday the 25th April 1959 with 20 County Associations and 67 Leagues being represented. The result of the ballot for the election of Officers and Members of the National Executive Committee for 1959/60 was as follows:—

### Officers.

**Chairman.** A. K. VINT, O.B.E., Unopposed.

**Deputy Chairman.** Elected I. C. EYLES 160. Not Elected S. R. Hoddy 50.

**Hon. Treasurer.** T. BLUNN. Unopposed.

**National Executive Committee on the Regional Basis.**

**Midland Region.** Two members. Elected M. GOLDSTEIN 18. M. E. SCOTT 15. Not Elected M. E. Phillips 5.

**North Eastern Region.** One Member. No effective nomination received. (The N.E.C. subsequently co-opted EDGAR REAY to fill the vacancy).

**North Western Region.** Two Members. Elected N. COOK, L. W. JONES Unopposed.

**Southern Region.** Two Members. Elected C. JASCHKE 27, F. MANNOCCH 23. Not Elected W. G. Goldfinch 12, L. Thompson 12.

**South Western Region.** One Member. Elected P. H. NORTHCOTT Unopposed.

**Eastern Region.** Two Members. Elected L. S. WOOLLARD 40, H. WALKER 30. Not Elected L. R. J. Constable 12, E. J. Fairhead 12.

**London Region.** Two Members. Elected G. JAMES 36, C. J. CLEMETT 28. Not Elected L. C. T. Bulport 14.

**Yorkshire Region.** One Member. Elected L. E. FORREST. Unopposed.

**National Executive Committee on a National Basis.**

Two Members. Elected J. H. CARRINGTON 143, J. SENESCALL 62. Not Elected. F. H. BATEMAN 43, L. F. Landry 41, L. G. Adams 35, A. Howcroft 35, A. A. Haydon 24, L. Thompson 24, F. G. Mannooch 15, L. R. J. Constable 8.

**National Executive Committee on a National Basis.**

One Woman Member. Elected Miss L. FERGUSON 64. Not Elected. Miss M. Fry 59, Miss K. M. Benson 36, Miss M. Lightfoot 31, Miss I. Moss 21.

The Hon. I. G. S. MONTAGU was re-elected President of the Association.

The Vice-Presidents of the Association were re-elected and in addition Mr. C. KICHENSIDE, recently retired from the post of Managing Director of A. G. Spalding & Bros. Ltd. Mr. Kichenside has always been

a total thickness of not more than 2mm; or (b) of 'sandwich', consisting of a layer of cellular rubber surfaced by plain ordinary pimples rubber—turned outwards or inwards—in which case the total thickness of covering of either side shall not be more than 4mm.

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THE NEW LAW becomes operative on the 1st July, 1959.

### Regional Representation.

An alteration was agreed which now provides for 12 regions instead of 8 for the election of the National Executive Committee. This matter is dealt with at length in this month's Editorial.

### Home Countries International Matches.

At a recently held meeting of the representatives of the English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh Table Tennis Associations, it was agreed that from the 1959/60 season (for a cycle of four years) the International Matches between the four Countries should be played on a Quadrangular Basis, with the four Association's teams attending a central venue once during any one season to play off their matches versus the other three Countries. The order of the cycle was agreed as follows—

Season 1959/60. Ireland  
Season 1960/61. Wales  
Season 1961/62. Scotland  
Season 1962/63. England.

The Irish Association are now looking into the question of the arrangements for the 1959/60 event which it is thought will be staged in Belfast during January 1960.

**International Matches and Team Selections. v U.S.A. (Mixed Seniors)** at Gestetner Ltd., Tottenham, N.17. 13th April, 1959. I. HARRISON (Gloucestershire), L. F. LANDRY (Middlesex), R. J. STEVENS (Essex), M. H. THORNHILL (Middlesex), Mrs. B. BIRD (Surrey), Miss J. FIELDER (Kent), Miss J. HARRISON (Middlesex). Non-Playing Captain. J. H. CARRINGTON (Essex).

v U.S.A. (Mixed Seniors) at Cheltenham Town Hall, Cheltenham. 14th April, 1959. D. C. BURRIDGE (Middlesex), I. HARRISON (Gloucestershire), Miss P. MORTIMER (Warwickshire), Miss J.

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## English Table Tennis Association

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most helpful to the Association in all its activities and a great enthusiast for the Game.

### Standardisation of the Racket.

Mr. J. H. Carrington, one of the Association's Delegates to the recent I.T.T.F. Congress held at Dortmund (Germany) explained in detail to the meeting the circumstances which led to the adoption of a form of Standardisation of the Racket. Mr. G. James proposed the following Resolution which was carried—

"The the English Table Tennis Association should adopt the following new Law 4 for all play in this Country:

*The racket may be of any size, shape or weight. Its surface shall be dark coloured and non-reflecting. The blade shall be of wood, continuous, of even thickness, flat and rigid. If the blade is covered on either side, this covering may be either (a) of plain, ordinary pimples rubber, with pimples outward, of*

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# Reflections on Junior Table Tennis

By TEDDY GRANT

**T**ABLE TENNIS has now developed into a highly competitive international sport, but the family link happily remains and it is upon this important link that these reflections on junior table tennis are mainly concerned.

While nearly all keen youngsters commence on the dining-room table with eager hopes of county and international honours, few obtain them.

Recent years have seen the introduction of national junior trials, coaching schemes, junior leagues, table tennis in schools, tournaments at holiday camps and the welcome interest of the national press, who, by their publicity alone, do great things for the promising junior. However, I wonder if the long hard road to national success at table tennis is realised by the ever increasing number of contestants now entering this fascinating sport.

Over 7,000 juniors entered this year's *Eagle* and *Girl* tournament which was again well organised by Hulton's Press. The senior singles winners are almost assured of junior international badges.

Derek Grant, junior international and former *Eagle* champion ends this year a long junior career, which

has lasted over eight seasons. Introduced into the game and into a senior team at the exceptional age of ten years, this almost veteran junior has made steady progress and travelled thousands of miles to tournaments ranging from the Isle of Wight to Paris and all over England. He has made many friends both junior and senior from these expeditions.

## PARENTS CAN HELP

How is the potential champion discovered? Enthusiastic parents are continually asking this question and I believe the more encouragement we show as parents and better still as players, the more magnetic will be the response and improvement shown by the junior. While natural talent is a splendid advantage, any measure of ability can be cultivated and improved.

The essential lessons of ball control, concentration, anticipation and the forceful style and stamina demanded by modern table tennis cannot be acquired without unending practise plus an agreeable temperament. The ability to lose with a smile and then recover from 11-19 down in the third are moral qualities of tenacity and patience which will eventually mark the champion.

The early advantages of joining a local club (they still exist), cannot be too strongly advised. Practise in most clubs, however, is extremely limited and to offset this handicap the dining-room table or wall of the house can once again prove useful.

All games have basic rules and

table tennis is no exception, but for everyone to play with clock-like precision and text book formality would be tragic for this grand game. Let us not always condemn the unorthodox in our eagerness for conformity.

Playing in a club with adults and far better in a team the junior will slowly build his own style and measure it with a growing confidence against the seniors, varieties of play and longer experience.

Tournaments are indeed gruelling affairs requiring patience and stamina over long hours which surely is the very reason why they are such necessary training grounds in comparison to the more agreeable clubroom.

Top class table tennis consists mainly of tournaments costing much time and money, especially in week-ends spent away from home. Ambitious juniors to gain early recognition have no alternative but to enter and win.

A great deal of literature has already been written on how to play table tennis and technically these reflections in no way indicate how this is accomplished, but in concluding I sincerely hope the home background surrounding at least one junior player has proved essential and worthwhile for his progress.

The future of English table tennis in the international arena may well depend on the right approach to the juniors' game, in particular during their after-care period when as ex-juniors they will be severely confronted with the tense encounters of senior competitive play.

## OFFICIAL NOTES Continued

**ROOK** (Surrey). Non-Playing Captain, R. J. CRAYDEN (Surrey).

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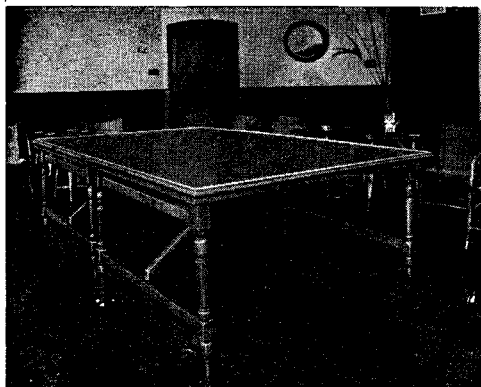
**French "Open" Championships and Match v France (Men) Lyons.** J. A. LEACH (Essex), B. MERRETT (Gloucestershire), R. F. RAYBOULD (Essex). Non-Playing Captain, A. W. C. SIMONS (Gloucestershire).

**English "Open" Championships Programme, 1959.**

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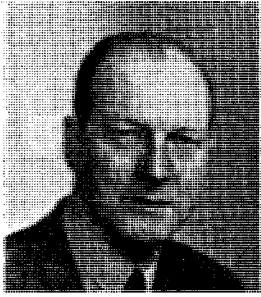
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# What I Saw at Dortmund

By H. ROY EVANS

(General Secretary of the I.T.T.F.)

**PAPERS!** That's what I saw most, and Dortmund will go down in my history book as the all time highest producer of paper work.

When I tell people that I take part of my vacation to go to the World Championships, then I don't seem to see any of the table tennis, they think I'm daft. Maybe, they're right.

One would have thought that the introduction of biennial World Championships would have lessened the work of the I.T.T.F. secretariat. Alas this has not proved to be the case.

Needless to say, most of our work during the last two years has concerned racket standardisation, and I doubt if anyone will ever appreciate the tremendous effort to get this problem settled.

## END TO LETTERS

It is not part of my responsibility to make any statement on the merits or demerits of the standardisation formula we have produced, but, from my own point of view, I am mighty glad that a decision was reached, and that there should now be an end to the vast number of letters we wrote on the subject during the past two years.

*I suppose that the whole of Congress in 1959 was coloured by the racket problem, but I think it equally fair to say that I have always found that delegates from all parts of the world treat with the utmost seriousness ALL the matters we discuss in the General Meetings. They have their little grumbles sometimes, but they are always ready to attend a meeting of any of the Committees, whether it be at 9 a.m. or at midnight, a not unusual time for our President to want to have a get together!*

The one feature about biennial world championships which I have not liked was the too long loss of personal contact with certain important persons in the I.T.T.F.

For instance, we found it necessary in August 1958, to have a meeting of the Advisory Committee in Dusseldorf, an unprecedented step, but I am glad to say that my recommendation that there should always be a meeting of this Committee in the year when

there are no championships has been accepted.

As usual, just prior to Dortmund, a lot of committee people sent last minute proposals and suggestions. Although I try very hard to have all my documents ready translated, the last minute rush always causes complications. We are now spending a lot of money on translations, but this is essential for the smooth working of the Federation.

Unfortunately, try as we will, we never succeed in persuading the organisers that we really do need a lot of clerical help, and at an early meeting in Dortmund we had to tell the German Association that the assistance provided was inadequate. Top marks for them—they produced more in next to no time, and I soon had two translators and typists, and a variety of "office boys." We kept their noses to the grindstone from first thing in the morning until about 9 p.m. every day — and neither of them knew anything about table tennis!

## INSTANTANEOUS TRANSLATION

We had three sessions of the General Meeting, and at each one used the now usual instantaneous translation system. It shows how dependent we have become on this that when it broke down regularly during our first session, progress was seriously interrupted.

**Some years ago, each speech was laboriously translated into at least two other languages successively. We would never get through our business these days in that way, and, moreover, a lot of delegates would not have the slightest idea what was going on if we did.**

We work to a system of documentation, putting as much on paper in all the official languages as is possible, numbering each document, so that as the President conducts the meeting he merely refers to each document by number. This, of course, is an ideal way to deal with a complicated meeting such as ours, but inevitably the machinery creaks a

little towards the end, especially when more and more sub-committees are formed, and meet. Their minutes have to be translated and duplicated for the big sessions of Congress.

During Dortmund, we had four meetings of the *Standing Orders Committee*, three meetings of the *Advisory Committee*, two of the *Rules Committee*, one of the *Membership Committee*, two of the *Classification Committee*, one of the *Equipment Committee*, two of the *Development Commission* and two of the *Junior Commission*, in addition to the three day long sessions of the General Meeting.

You can see why I said "Papers," and you can guess how pleased I was to have the occasional end of the day chats over a glass of that very nice Dortmunder beer at one of the bars.

## GRAND SPIRIT

There's a grand spirit among the member associations of the I.T.T.F., and there's a great deal of satisfaction to be derived from working for an organisation which brings together at regular intervals friends from across the world, who always look just the same, and who quickly settle into that comfortable comradeship engendered by interest in the same cause.

Friendship with many of the representatives used to be on a rather stiff formal basis. In recent years we have become much more closely tied. Many of my greatest friends are people I've met all over the world, whose language I cannot speak, but whose company I have grown to value highly.

We seem to get along very well together despite the language barrier, and when real interest and enthusiasm can surmount these obstacles, then you have people with whom it is a pleasure to work, and the papers can go on growing in piles.

Its China next. I'm hoping to go there in the Autumn of this year to have a good look see of what it's going to be like. I'll take a bet right now that whatever happens, a lot of old friends are going to enjoy being together again, in 1961.

## TO BE TAKEN IN LIGHTER VEIN

**FUTURISTIC TABLE TENNIS****Interplanetary: A Preliminary Discussion**By **PATRICK MOORE, F.R.A.S.**

During a recent Panorama Programme on B.B.C. Television viewers were somewhat startled when a Mr. G. Adamski, interviewed by Patrick Moore, F.R.A.S., claimed that he had travelled in Space, and that he had observed the inhabitants of Saturn playing Table Tennis.

Peter Lowen, the E.T.T.A. secretary, was one of those "looking in" and at his suggestion Mr. Moore gives his views on Inter-Planetary Table Tennis.

Incidentally Mr. Moore used to play Table Tennis himself during the war and played for K.A.F. teams. "I was about up to county standard," says Mr. Moore, "but was a freak of the all-backhand variety and most people played badly against me!"

**F**OLLOWING a recent discussion on the B.B.C. Television programme Panorama, during which it was mentioned that the inhabitants of the planet Saturn play table tennis, it has been suggested that a few comments upon this aspect of the sport would be of interest. The present writer feels somewhat inadequate, as he has not been to Saturn (or anywhere else, apart from Tunbridge Wells) for some time. However, a few points may perhaps be made. It should be stressed at once that all credit for the preliminary revelation must go not to myself, but to G. Adamski, who mentioned it in his recent book.<sup>1</sup>

The establishment of an interplanetary Table Tennis League would be a great step forward. Teams from the local Solar System must form the nucleus of it; no entries from other stars or galaxies should be entertained at the moment. The reasons for this will be obvious. According to d'Amphoule<sup>2</sup>, the denizens of Alpha Centauri, for instance, have no hands only fins. This would clearly necessitate so great a revision in the rules that the problems are too complex to be discussed here.

Various hazards must be borne in

mind. Since a journey to the planet Pluto, for instance, will take about fifty years, it will be wise to select a very young team for an away match. Neither will it be feasible to practice during the journey, since under conditions of zero gravity it will be almost impossible to control one's bounce. Long rallies would moreover disturb the navigation of the rocket. It will be remembered that during a recent lunar voyage, a member of the Hindustani team upset the whole gravity of the craft with her violent swerves, with the result that it hit a small asteroid and suffered severe damage to its outer whimples<sup>3</sup>. This sort of ridiculous accident must be avoided in future.

**VACUUM SUITS**

The different conditions on other planets must also be taken into account. Saturn, for instance, has rings, and owing to national pride its inhabitants insist on using balls surrounded by replicas of the ring system, which causes severe wear and tear on normal rackets. Vacuum suits will have to be worn on Mercury, which is devoid of atmosphere, and it

is suggested that any match in which a player is stunned by a falling meteor shall be regarded as null and void. With regard to umpiring, it will be prudent to adopt English as the standard tongue. Otherwise, misunderstandings will be certain to occur on Uranus, where the local patois consists exclusively of sounds which remind one of a gas-mask breathing out.

Most pressing of all, perhaps, is the problem of the Martians, whose three hands give them what can only be described as an unfair advantage. As has been stated by Adamski (ref. 1), they commonly use two balls; this should probably be increased to four. The only practicable solution is to amend the present rules of table tennis so as to include a lot more balls.

Doubtless these various difficulties can be overcome; and all will agree that it is desirable to extend national sports far beyond the confines of our own globe. It is hoped that the present article will provide some sort of impetus in this direction.

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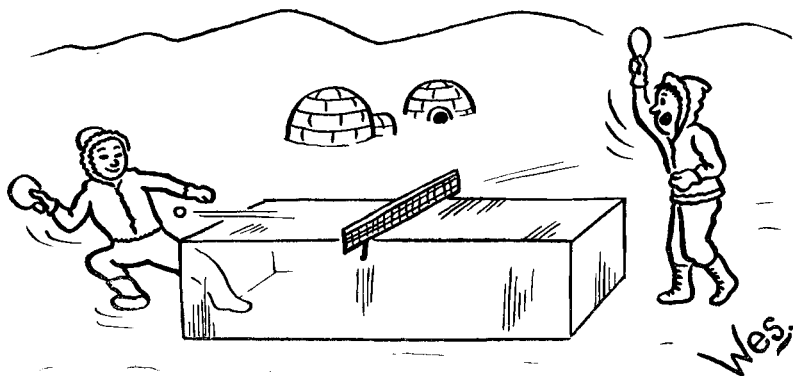
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**News from Australia**

Australia has made application to stage the 1963 World Championships at Melbourne.

The new table tennis centre at Albert Park is still being improved. A start is being made on installing a wooden floor and the area is being enlarged to take 40 tables.

The 1959 Australian Championships will be held at Perth from August 31 to September 4.



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TALKING POINTS*Conducted by LAURIE LANDRY***ARE WE LAGGING?**

**F**ROM the World Championships come the two most important talking points to date.

The first is obviously the decision of the I.T.T.F. congress to standardize the bat. I am sure everyone knows by now that bats must have either a pimped rubber surface or a sandwich consisting of sponge with pimped rubber, pimples up or reversed, on top (4mm. limit to thickness).

The officials of the countries that

were in favour of standardization to pimped rubber only are in the main disappointed but they feel that they have won a little ground.

The players, particularly those who will now have to change to a new bat, seem generally unconcerned, for they feel that they will remain top players with any surface in the same way as the Japanese whose eight-strong team contained one sponge, three sandwich and four rubber bat players.

Our own players are not all that worried. They seem to me to be just relieved for after two years they can play against as well as with any surface within the ruling.

The other important talking point is: "Why are we lagging behind the top countries at table tennis?"

But are we? When England won the Swaythling Cup the team was Bergmann, Leach and Simons. Of these only Leach played in the Swaythling Cup, and he will admit himself he is not as good as he was. So what have we left? Only players who have never been world class and who are still improving.

Have we the right to say that they are doing badly just because they do not win? No, we have not. I think England were fairly successful in the world's. They did not lose unexpectedly to any country. It was noticeable that many of the other countries looked and were fitter than us but let us face it, table tennis is fast becoming a full-time sport. We in England do not have players who can devote **ALL** their energies to the game.

There is no moral except that those of us who have got the time, must realise that world class play demands absolute fitness. Most of all **those who seem to make a practise of criticizing**, please think a little more objectively.

Back home it was pleasing to see such a young team organizing the West Middlesex "open". If there were more examples of players taking a hand in this field it would lead to a greater appreciation of the administrative side of the sport and lead to better understanding between players and officials.

**UMPIRES' CORNER . . .**

By COLIN CLEMETT

**POLICY JUSTIFIED**

**D**URING the past season the N.U.C. has held three National Umpires' examinations and although the results are not yet confirmed they suggest that the test is serving well its intended purpose. There have been many criticisms of the test though. Strangely enough, these have seldom come from candidates, not even the unsuccessful ones.

It has been said that the test is too elaborate, too difficult and that not enough attention is paid to years of good umpiring service.

In the face of these criticisms the N.U.C. has maintained that the N.U. badge must be regarded as a token of proven ability and not solely as a reward for long service, and that the technical knowledge necessary is well within the scope of any umpire who cares to study his Handbook.

The justification of this policy is the fact that at the examinations held this season two of the 18 candidates obtained marks of over 90 per cent. on the written paper and six more scored over 80 per cent., while there were several with marks little below this level.

Even those who were unsuccessful will, I am sure, agree that the paper was worded in such a way as to give no particular advantage to the intellectual and the "examination specialist" and that all the knowledge necessary was available to them.

Another qualification on which the N.U.C. has always insisted is personal experience in umpiring matches of international standard and it has been noticeable this season that the most successful candidates in both the written paper and the interview have been those with the widest international experience.

Although the full results have not yet been published may I be among the first to congratulate the new National Umpires and to hope that those who did not pass this season will be all the keener to succeed next year.

Several items of interest to umpires were discussed at the I.T.T.F. Congress in Dortmund. The main one was of course the new racket standardisation law, which will operate in England from July 1, 1960. Most of you will be

familiar with the terms of the new ruling which allows rackets to be covered with pimped rubber up to 2mm. thick or with sponge and pimped rubber sandwich up to 4mm. thick. Interesting points to note are that while the pimped rubber must be on the outside of the sandwich the pimples may be inward or outward, and that it is permissible for the racket to be covered on one side only or with a different covering on each side.

*One difference between the new law and the E.T.T.A. experimental rule is that the blade MUST now be made of wood.*

Another international agreement, which should help to improve match presentation, was the acceptance of the E.T.T.A. proposal that the doubles line be allowed to be marked permanently on the table surface.

It is to be hoped that manufacturers will take advantage of this ruling and that we shall be spared the spectacle of the line being marked with string and chalk in the middle of finals evening. Of course, by the time all the tables have been modified, the proposal to abolish the doubles line, which was defeated this year, may have been accepted and there will have been no need to make the change!

**OGIMURA COMPLIMENT**

I must end on an encouraging note. At this year's English "Open" Ogimura, the most experienced of the Japanese players, said that they would all prefer to play their important matches in England, mainly because they considered the standard of umpiring to be higher here than in any other country. This quite unsolicited tribute was paid, I may add, before the player had won any titles and not long after he had twice been service-faulted in a doubles match!

I hope that whoever is sitting in this chair next season will enjoy compiling *Umpires' Corner* as much as I have and that through the medium of this column we shall be able to continue to exchange ideas, opinions and advice to the benefit of all umpires, past, present and future and of the game which we try to serve.

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## PASSPORT WITHDRAWAL

MR. C. M. BASSA, President of the South African Table Tennis Board had his passport withdrawn immediately on his return from Dortmund, where he had represented the Board at the World Congress.

This follows similar action against Board players prior to the World Championships.

It is regrettable that South Africa should object to coloured players competing abroad.

## WELSH CORNER

## DORTMUND INQUEST

**P**OST Mortems are never pleasant, but we owe it to our Welsh enthusiasts to give some thoughts on what happened at Dortmund, and why we seemed not to have done so well.

What should be remembered is that neither England nor Ireland did very well either, and we all found the foreign opposition stronger than anticipated.

Some of this can no doubt be attributed to our unfamiliarity with sponge bat play, for whereas England and ourselves purposely banned these weapons in order to lead the way, many other countries, even those in favour of pimped rubber, refused to ban sponge as long as it was allowed.

The consequence was that amongst the European countries we found a much more difficult opposition, and when it came to the Asiatics, most of we Europeans found them much too fast.

Now, with the standardisation of the racket, the scales ought to be levelled a bit, but we shall still need to be much faster if we are to make any impression on the Asiatics. This goes for most of the European countries.

This then is the background against which we must assess our results.

Let us deal with the women first, since it was on them that we pinned most hopes. Of course, we were without Shirley Jones, and that proved to be a much greater handicap than we imagined.

There is no doubt that we made a bad start by losing to Ireland, but we knew they were better because of their play against us in Dublin.

Although Audrey Bates won her two, she and Gretta Dimascio lost in doubles, surprisingly since they beat Lynn and Dows easily in Dublin, and Betty Gray lost her two.

This took the stuffing right out of the girls, and the next match, against the vastly improved sponge playing Poles was a love-three debacle.

## RUTHLESS KOREANS

Then against the Koreans, delightful girls off the table, but ruthless on it, none of our girls reached double figures!

We beat Norway comfortably, Betty and Gretta winning singles, and Gretta and Audrey the doubles.

Our next match against Rumania was our best, Audrey and Gretta touching really good form in singles and Audrey and Betty also playing very well in doubles. We lost love-three against these spongers, but it was a good battle.

Audrey and Gretta won a singles each, and Audrey and Betty took the doubles against Greece, but against the Czechs, whom we have previously beaten, the sponge bats again took toll of Gretta and Betty in singles and Audrey and Gretta in doubles.

Meanwhile the men were also finding things difficult. In our opening match, we beat the newcomers Malta 5-0, George Evans winning two, Norman Parker two, and Bernard Dimascio one. Iran were next, and sponge! We went down 0-5,

Ron Davies losing two, Bernard two, and George one.

Against France we played really well, Ron Davies beating both Granier and Trenien, but Norman and Berhard suffered defeat although both went close with Baroub. We lost 2-5, but felt much better about it when England only scraped home 5-4 against France.

Our most exciting match was against Lebanon. Oddly enough, Ron Davies, who was our best player, lost two and only won one, but George Evans played well to beat Mobarak, and Channessian, and Norman Parker was in good form to beat Mobarak. It was 4-all, with Nor-

man to play the swarthy Channessian. Game all, and time limit called with the Lebanese 19-18 up despite Norman's gallant effort. At least he had the distinction of being the first Welshman to be concerned in a time limit game in any match we have played!

We went down 0-5 to Vietnam, as expected. Norman had a curious game with Tran van Lien, losing 3-21, 23-21, 6-21. Bernard did well in holding on to 20-all in the third before going down to Tran van Duoc.

We beat Greece 5-0, Ron winning two, George two, and Bernard one, but the score was reversed by the Czechs, Ron, Norman and George being at the receiving end of things. Nearest to success was Ron with 18 and 19 against Posejpal.

Then came our worst result—0-5 to Spain, whom we beat 5-3 in Stockholm. Norman played best in this, taking Albion and Pales to three games, whereas Bernard and George were both well beaten.

## DOWNGRADED

So came the reckoning, a downgrading for the women, and a slight downgrading for the men. Of course, we are disappointed, but that should make us more determined to do better next time. That is China, in 1961, and it is questionable if Wales will be there. However, there are the European Championships in Zagreb to look forward to next season.

Incidentally, Mr. H. Roy Evans was unanimously re-elected for his eighth term of office as Secretary of the I.T.T.F., and Mrs. Roy Evans polled third highest votes in re-election to the Advisory Committee.

So back home, to the Association dinner, held at the Grand Hotel, Cardiff, on Saturday, April 18th. Fifty came from all parts of the Association, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. After dinner, the President, Mr. Morgan R. Evans presented the medals to Welsh Leagues and "Closed" Championship winners, followed by a showing of colour films taken at Dortmund.

For the record, the Welsh League Division I Championship is still undecided but Cardiff "Seconds" won Division II South, Cardiff Public Services Division II North, and Aberdare a runaway in the Junior Section, while Cardiff women have at last taken the trophy from Swansea.

POLIOMYELITIS  
VACCINATION

It was announced last autumn that the offer of vaccination against poliomyelitis has been extended to those born in the years 1933-1942. The incidence of poliomyelitis in this age group is, it is true, somewhat less than in childhood. On the other hand, the degree of paralysis among those who do contact the disease is more severe. Persons leading an active or strenuous life are no more prone than others to infection with poliomyelitis, but physical exercise or exertion during the preliminary stages of the disease may be followed by a more severe degree of paralysis. It is obviously desirable for older children and young adults, especially when they participate in sporting activities, to obtain for themselves the protection which vaccination can afford and that is why priority is being given to them. In spite, however, of publicity and the local arrangements made for offering vaccination, there are still very many who have not come forward.

The local administration of the poliomyelitis vaccination programme is in the hands of the local health authorities, that is County Councils and County Borough Councils. All those persons born in or since 1933 who wish to be vaccinated but who have not yet seen local authority announcements telling them how to go about it should get in touch either with their own doctors, their nearest clinic or their local authority public health department.

The local health authorities themselves should be able to supply to clubs and groups, posters or other material suitable for display in their premises, and could perhaps be approached by local secretaries.

## CLUB BADGES

Attractive cloth badges can now be supplied in any quantity from six upwards at low prices and with quick delivery. Made entirely to your own design and suitable for wear on blazers or sweaters, etc. Free assistance given in designing your badge if required. Details from S. A. CORY AND COMPANY, 20 St. John's Hill, LONDON, S.W.11

## A BUSY BODY

One of the busiest men in table tennis must surely be Jack Senescall, of York. Although fully occupied with the administrative side being chairman of the York and District Association, secretary of the National Umpires Committee and a member of the National Executive, he still finds time to play his part as an active player.

On the playing side he has this season established a record by being

the first player to represent York 50 times.

To mark this "half-century" and also his valuable administrative work York presented him with a suitably inscribed wrist watch at their annual dinner in March.

The presentation came as a complete surprise to Senescall who admitted when replying: "For the first time in my life I am speechless."

## MY HAT



"BIRIBA," or to give him his full name Ubrraci Rodrigues da Costa, the 13-year-old Brazilian sensation wore this unusual hat at Wembley. He lost to Richard Miles, in the men's singles, and although he could have "walked" the junior singles, his Association would not allow him to take part.

## BLIND UMPIRES

Maurice Darbey, Bristol's blind umpire, has an American counterpart in Los Angeles. He is Charles Medick, who is considered to be one of the top officials in America.

Medick finds that the most difficult decisions are in doubles, deciding whether the ball hits the proper side of the dividing line during service. However he is very confident and says that he has never made a mistake.

## BERNARD CROUCH TROPHY

MIDDLESEX retained the Bernard Crouch Trophy with a total of eight points from their six matches. Surrey were second with six points, and Essex the wooden spoonists with four points.

## SOMERSET NOTES

FOR the first time for several years, Bridgwater players won major titles in the Somerset "closed" championships at Bath on April 4. Their success was due to Mrs. Adele Pettifer, the former Lancashire international, who carried off a triple crown by winning the women's singles, the women's doubles with Miss D. Green, and the mixed with D. Hebden of Taunton.

Mrs. Pettifer has been a big asset to Somerset since moving from Lancashire.

Men's Singles: S. SMITH (Bath) bt D. Hebden 18-21, 21-8, 21-9. Women's Singles: Mrs. A. PETTIFER (Bridgwater) bt Mrs. R. Maggs (Bath) 21-13, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: SMITH/R. HOUSE (Bath) bt. Hebden/S. Ewens (Taunton) 16-21, 21-10, 21-17. Women's Doubles: Mrs. PETTIFER/D. GREEN (Bridgwater) bt Mrs. Maggs/Mrs. F. Smith (Bath) 21-11, 21-10. Mixed Doubles: HEBDEN/Mrs. PETTIFER bt Smith/Mrs. Maggs 21-18, 21-13.

Junior Singles: V. ADAMS (Failand) bt J. Phillott (Taunton) 18-21, 22-20, 21-19.

Somerset have lost three of their outstanding players with Jack and Margaret Lindsay emigrating to Australia, and A. Goldsack moving to the North.

Percival Hooper.

## DURHAM DIARY

WILF BARKER, 16-year-old Sunderland senior and junior champion, rounded off a successful season by taking three titles in the Durham "Closed" Championships at the T.L.F. Institute, Sunderland, over Easter.

He beat Eddie Taylor in the men's singles final, partnered Taylor to win the men's doubles, and completed his treble by beating Les Hewitt in the boy's final.

The women's title changed hands when Jean Brown beat Mrs. G. Brown, winner for the past two years, in the final. She also beat Alma Johnson, who had her consolation by winning the girls' singles and the mixed doubles with Taylor.

Mrs. Brown had to be content with the women's doubles in which she partnered Mrs. Johnson.

The scratch junior partnership of Hewitt and Morine Coe provided the shock of the mixed doubles with a first round win over the defending champions, Sid Day and Jean Brown, while Arnold Warrentz and Jack Stevenson dethroned the men's doubles champions, P. Tucknutt and D. Gillon, before losing to Taylor and Barker in the final.

## FINALS RESULTS

Men's Singles: W. BARKER bt E. Taylor 14-21, 21-19, 21-18. Women's Singles: J. BROWN bt Mrs. G. Brown 21-19, 21-18. Men's Doubles: BARKER/TAYLOR bt A. Warrentz/J. Stevenson 15-21, 21-12, 21-12. Women's Doubles: Mrs. BROWN/Mrs. JOHNSON bt A. Johnson/A. Johnson 21-14, 21-13. Mixed Doubles: TAYLOR/MISS JOHNSON bt Warrentz/Mrs. Johnson 21-10, 23-21. Boys' Singles: BARKER bt L. Hewitt 21-6, 21-10. Girls' Singles: A. JOHNSON bt M. Coe 21-11, 21-23, 25-23. Under 15 Singles: K. WITTENGHAM bt B. Clark 21-18, 21-8.

A. Warrentz.

## N.W. KENT CLUB MAY FOLD

THE North-West Kent Club is almost certain to follow the example of the Putney Club and put up its shutters, although it was agreed at the N.W.K.T.T.A. executive meeting last month that the final word should rest with the A.G.M. which takes place in June.

One consolation will be that the youngsters who have been receiving coaching by Henry Buist and Johnnie Dawson at the club, will still be looked after. For the Montrose Club, who have been running a coaching scheme for their members, under the guidance of Dennis Whittaker for the past three years, are to open their doors to any of them who wish to attend.

With the Kent League positions finally resolved the N.W.K. "A" team of Henry Buist, Dennis Whittaker and George Elliott have completed the season with a 100% record to take first place in Division One of the men's section. Bromley "A" by defeating Beckenham "A" 9-1 in the last match of their programme take second spot. Beckenham

"A" finished third.

At the bottom of the table are Tunbridge Wells and Bromley "B." For Bromley this is a sad blow but with several young players coming along they should be back after one season.

The teams replacing these two will be Beckenham "B," winners of Division II (North) and Canterbury, winners of Division II (South), both having completed their season with a 100% record.

The N.W.K. women's team have again won their Division, though this season must be their closest victory since they first took the title in the 1955/56 season. In their last match of the season, they could only manage a draw with Medway Towns. Joan Beadle doing the damage, winning all her singles including the defeat of Joyce Fielder.

This result put them level on points with Maidstone. However, N.W.K. have to thank Gravesend for their victory. Gravesend lost very narrowly 6-4 to Maidstone, to give N.W.K. the title on games average.

Len Pilford.

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# Japan Sweeps the Board

## ● EGUCHI AVENGES WORLD DEFEAT

## ● OGIMURA SUCCEEDS AT LAST

By HARRISON EDWARDS



FUJIE EGUCHI

**WORLD** Championships results were turned upside down but Japan, after early setbacks, reigned supreme and swept the board in the 1959 English "Open" Championships.

**ICHIRO OGIMURA** became the first ever Japanese player to win the men's singles, and **FUJIE EGUCHI**, turning the tables on world champion Kimiyo Matsuzaki, regained the women's singles which she previously won in 1957.

Both completed doubles, Ogimura winning the men's doubles with Teruo Murakami, and Miss Eguchi claiming the women's doubles with Miss Matsuzaki.

Murakami and Miss Matsuzaki then teamed up to take a second title by winning the mixed doubles and give Japan all the senior titles.

### SERIES OF SHOCKS

*Yet the Japanese did not start off at Manor Place Baths in a style that indicated such sweeping successes when the Championships moved to the Empire Pool, Wembley. They suffered a series of shocks which had us all wondering if they were cracking from too much table tennis.*

Out went Seiji Narita, the Japanese champion to Alan Rhodes beaten in straight games 15, 14, 19, and out went Nobuyo Hoshino to Zolly Berczik 20, 19, 12. Then came the elimination of Kazuko Yamaizumi by

Diane Rowe, and Taeko Namba by Gizi (Farkus) Lantos in the women's singles.

But the biggest shocks were reserved for the doubles, with the biggest of all being the defeat of Ogimura and Eguchi by the Koreans Kyung Ho Lee and Kyung Cha Cho, only four days after winning the world mixed doubles title.

The Koreans beat them —8, 9, 15, —6, 16 in the second round, Ogimura and Eguchi having received a first round bye.

### YOUNGSTERS START IT

It was a couple of English youngsters Tony Piddock of Kent and Shelagh Hession of Essex, who started the mixed doubles shocks by beating Narita and Yamaizumi in the first round 20, 13, —17, 18. Then to round off the shocks for the Japanese, the Indian pair of Gautam Divan and Sudhir Thackersey beat Hoshino and Narita in the men's doubles.

After these set backs Ogimura commented: "It is just one of those things. I guess we are feeling the after effects of the world championships, but it is the same for all players. We just cannot account for it."

However, the Japanese stopped the slide there and captured the major honours.

Early shocks were not confined to the Japanese alone. Burly Ladislav Stipek, of Czechoslovakia failed to live up to his seeding and fell in the first round to Seliko Hrbud 17, —10 4, —21, 18, and Laszlo Foldi, of Hungary crashed to Len Adams and a sandwich bat in the second round 17, —18, 17, 20.

In the end however, it was the established favourites who came through to the semi-finals, with Ogimura and Murakami in the top half and Vilim Harangozo, of Yugoslavia, and Berczik in the bottom.

The two Europeans met first in a long drawn out defensive affair, which did not put the sparsely packed

| CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL                                     |   |
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| <i>Men's Singles</i>                                  | <i>Women's Singles</i>                                  |
| <b>ICHIRO OGIMURA</b><br>(Japan)                      | <b>FUJIE EGUCHI</b><br>(Japan)                          |
| <i>Men's Doubles</i>                                  | <i>Women's Doubles</i>                                  |
| <b>ICHIRO OGIMURA and TERUO MURAKAMI</b><br>(Japan)   | <b>FUJIE EGUCHI and KIMIYO MATSUZAKI</b><br>(Japan)     |
| <i>Mixed Doubles</i>                                  |   |
| <b>TERUO MURAKAMI and KIMIYO MATSUZAKI</b><br>(Japan) |   |
| <i>Boy's Singles</i>                                  | <i>Girls' Singles</i>                                   |
| <b>MARTIN NESS</b><br>(W. Germany)                    | <b>YOOL JA HWANG</b><br>(S. Korea)                      |
| <i>Boy's Doubles</i>                                  | <i>Girls' Doubles</i>                                   |
| <b>MARTIN NESS and PETER RUSS</b><br>(W. Germany)     | <b>JUTTA FISCHER and HELGA SCHEITHE</b><br>(W. Germany) |
| <i>Junior Mixed Doubles</i>                           |   |
| <b>PAUL RACEY and YOOL JA HWANG</b><br>(Bedfordshire) | <b>YOOL JA HWANG</b><br>(S. Korea)                      |
| <i>Veteran Men's</i>                                  | <i>Veteran Women's</i>                                  |
| <b>RON SHARMAN</b><br>(Middlesex)                     | <b>MRS. I. BELL</b><br>(Essex)                          |

finals night crowd in a happy frame of mind. It became a long bore of endless rallies which must have come near to invoking the time limit.

Berczik just scraped home in the first set then looked to be on the way out when he lost the next two. However, he managed to square the match at two-all then Harangozo collapsed

pressure in the face of some splendid retrieving by Ogimura who eventually made his way into the final with the score of —20, —17, 21, 19, 21.

Ogimura must have had visions of the 1957 final when Berczik beat him 3—1, for he took a long time to get the upper hand in an interesting tussle of contrasting styles, which was packed with drama and made up for the somewhat disappointing semi-finals.

### FORTUNES FLUCTUATE

Ogimura got off to a good start by leading 16-12 only to be caught at 18-all, and lose the next point. Then fortunes began to fluctuate. First Ogimura then Berczik would hold set points. The Japanese dropped four, before Berczik, his heavy chop taking its toll, got the game at 28-26 on his fourth game point.

Encouraged by this success Berczik was first to reach game point in the second at 20-18, but here lady luck waved her wand in Ogimura's direction. He saved the game with a net cord, then scored another to win the game and they were all square.

Berczik appeared to have a commanding lead at 13-9 in the third, then appeared to become all tensed up. He made mistakes, and Ogimura collected eight points in a row. This was the vital turning point of the match, saved three game points he never again showed the same amount of fight. His final disaster was to lose nine points in a row in the fourth set.

The Japanese's relentless driving, and tremendous retrieving plus a little bit of luck at the right time, broke Berczik's heart, and Ogimura was left the winner with a score of —26, 20, 17, 12.

Last year's winner burly Ferenc Sido, of Hungary, who was runner-up in the recent World Championships, lost his title in the quarter-finals when he was beaten in straight games by Murakami, 18, 15, 16.

Sido had a shock in his opening



ICHIRO OGIMURA

match when Ray Hinchliff led him by two games to one, eventually recovering to win —14, 13, —19, 12, 18.

It was a bad meeting for home players for only Brian Kennedy and Kathie Best saved us from complete disaster by reaching the mixed doubles final where they took a sound thrashing from Murakami and Matsuzaki.

Three of our world championships team, failed at the first hurdle in the men's singles, when Jeff Ingber went out in straight games to Vojislav Markovic, of Yugoslavia (11, 21, 15), Ian Harison fell to Eddie Hodson (—7, 13, 14, 14), and Michael Thornhill was edged out by Arden Robinson (Australia) —15, 19, 19, —20, 16).

Brian Kennedy survived only one round before taking a straight games beating at the hands of the Indian K. Nagaraj (15, 18, 20), and Johnny Leach, the fifth member of the Swaythling Cup team went out in the third round, beaten 20, 12, —18, 14, by Zolly Berczik.

### WORD FINAL REPEAT

The women's singles was a repeat of the world final only this time the tables were turned with Fujie Eguchi beating Kimiyo Matsuzaki 18, —21, 19, —17, 20. This was probably the best final of the whole meeting, an all out hard hitting affair in which no quarter was given and none asked.

There was little to choose between these tigresses, as an advantage final game shows. There is many a man who would like to be able to hit as hard.

Miss Matsuzaki, as befits a world champion, went through to the final

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without dropping a game and crushed Ann Haydon in a semi-final 20, 13, 6. Miss Haydon struggled gamely at the start but the further the match went the more dominating became the Japanese girl.

Miss Eguchi dropped two games on the way to the final, one to Pam Mortimer in the third round, where she won 13, —17, 17, 19, and the other to Eva Koczian, Hungary's European champion in the semi-final, which she won 14, 19, —9, 15.

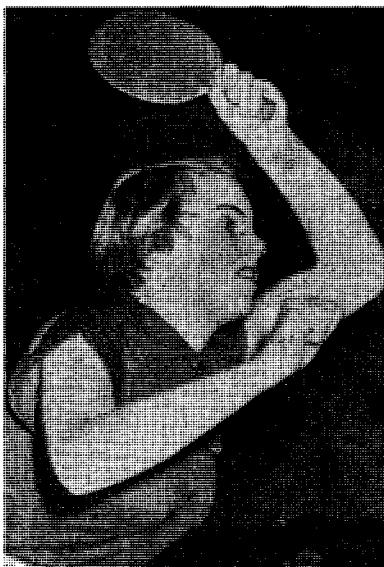
Miss Haydon, who switched to a sandwich bat for the championships struggled throughout and was taken to five games by both Leah Neuberger, of U.S.A. and Gizi (Farkus) Lantos.

She confessed at the start of the championships: *"Dortmund showed me that I had no chance against the Japanese with a pimped rubber bat, so I want to see what I can do with sandwich. I do not expect to win but I am going to experiment."*

Under the circumstances she did well to reach the semi-final, where she found the world champion much too strong.

Diane Rowe had the distinction of beating one of the Japanese girls when she overcame Yamaizumi 21, —12, 18, 18, to reach the quarter-finals, where Eva Koczian beat her 18, 11, 17.

Jean Head reached the quarter-finals before falling to Eguchi, while Pam Mortimer, Yvonne Baker, Joyce Fielder, Jill Rook, and Kathie Best all made their exit in the third round.



ANN HAYDON

**OUR ONLY FINALISTS**KATHIE BEST (above)  
BRIAN KENNEDY (left)

Any hopes that England had of winning a title disappeared at the start of the women's doubles when Ann Haydon and Diane Rowe came up against Namba and Yamaizumi, the world champions in their first match and were beaten 20, 18, 19.

They fought strongly but the Japanese pair were just too good and sailed merrily into the final where yet another world championship repeat was reversed. They were beaten by Eguchi and Matsuzaki in a match of thrills. The score: 9, —6, —17, 16, 23.

Here we had four lithe young girls hitting through each other with tremendous pace. Namba and Yamaizumi had their chance with two match points, but failed to clinch either. Eguchi and Matsuzaki also missed one before finally hitting the winner.

The men's doubles final was also a Dortmund repeat but this time the result was the same, Murakami and Ogimura beating Stipek and Vyhnanovsky 10, 15, 21.

Len Adams and Derek Burridge had the best run of the home pairs, reaching the quarter-finals, where they fell to Stipek and Vyhnanovsky.

Thus it was left to Brian Kennedy and Kathie Best, with true Yorkshire grit, to give England a show on finals night. They reached the mixed doubles final but were crushed by Murakami and Matsuzaki 6, 10, 14.

Kennedy and Best had two outstanding wins on their way to the final, beating Divan and Rougnou, who had previously beaten the Koreans Lee and Cho, conquerors of world champions Ogimura and Eguchi. Then the Yorkshire pair overcame Hrbud and Miss Haydon in the semi-final.

Johnny Leach and Diane Rowe, our main hopes fell to the champions in the quarter-finals.

**JUNIOR TITLES  
ALSO GO ABROAD**

We have become accustomed to overseas players dominating the championships, but it is a sad blow when they do the same in the junior titles.

Our one brief consolation was a share in the junior mixed doubles where PAUL RACEY, of Bedfordshire, partnered the Korean girl Yool Ja Hwang, to beat David Stanley and Jean Harrower 18, 19.

It was an unlucky meeting for Miss Harrower, for she lost her singles crown to Miss Hwang in the final, and with Mary Shannon also lost in the girls' doubles final to the Germans Jutta Fischer and Helga Scheithe.

Chris Gosling defending boys champion fell in the semi-final to Martin Ness, of Germany, who went on to win the title with a 12, 11, win over Racey.

Ness, partnered by his fellow countryman Peter Russ, also won the boys' doubles, beating Gosling and Bob Ractliffe 17, —20, 14 in the final.

Even the Consolation singles were won by overseas players, the Americans Len Cooperman and Leah Neuberger.

Oh, before I forget, we did win two titles, the veterans singles, where the champions are RON SHARMAN and Mrs. I. BELL. But then, these had to stay at home. There was no overseas challenge.

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RESULTS IN FULL

MEN'S SINGLES

First Round: G. Zaidi (Middx.) bt R. Hopkins (Wales) 8, 15, 9. C. Crowe (Beds.) bt L. Thompson (Bucks.) 19, 5, 15. I. Barclay (Scot.) bt M. Wilcox (Australia) 13, 13, 21. V. Markovic (Yugoslavia) bt N. Van De Walle (U.S.A.) 19, 23, —11, 17. J. O'Hara (Middx.) bt M. J. Richardson (Suffolk) 5, 7, 10. L. Foldi (Hungary) bt C. Morath (Beds.) 6, 11, 15. L. Adams (Middx.) bt D. Littlewort (Surrey) 5, 11, 17. K. Whetlor (Middx.) bt M. Wong (Kent) —19, 14, 14, 13. D. Burridge (Middx.) bt H. Buist (Kent) 11, 7, 13. K. Nagaraj (India) bt M. Maclaren (Surrey) 15, 14, 12. B. Kennedy (Yorks.) won 14, 20, 17. M. Reisman (U.S.A.) bt G. Mitchell (Jamaica) 18, 19, 9.

G. Muranyi (Middx.) bt R. Hirst (Yorks.) 15, —18, 15, 10. F. Roberts (Jamaica) bt G. Taylor (Middx.) 17, 25, 19. E. Hodson (Middx.) bt M. Close (Middx.) 19, 15, 13. R. Miles (U.S.A.) bt L. Kerekes (Scot.) 20, —16, 16, 13. U. Da Costa (Brazil) bt A. Cornish (Kent) 9, 11, 13. T. Murakami (Japan) bt G. Divan (India) 18, 17, 14. G. Chapman (Surrey) bt J. Stanaway (Australia) —16, —20, 12, 16, 12. A. Piddock (Kent) bt E. Bublely (Surrey) —9, 16, 6, 8. R. Raybould (Essex) bt K. W. Smith (Essex) 19, —18, —18, 12, 12. B. Bukiet (U.S.A.) bt R. Jones (Surrey) 12, 19, 6.

R. Sharman (Middx.) bt M. Catok (U.S.A.) 13, 11, 14. A. Rhodes (Middx.) bt G. Amouretti (France) 14, 13, 14. A. Lindsay (Middx.) bt B. Barnes (Berks.) 9, 13, 14. R. Henderson (Hants.) bt T. McMichael (Scot.) 19, 18, 12. J. Roth (Brazil) bt M. Foster (Jamaica) 9, —15, 14, 19. A. Robinson (Australia) bt M. Thornhill (Middx.) —15, 19, 19, —20, 16. S. Thackersey (India) bt K. S. Gaulton (Lancs.) 17, 10, 16. K. Craigie (Surrey) bt E. Johnson (Cheshire) 14, 9, 15. S. Jacobson (Middx.) bt B. Punt (Surrey) 14, 9, —16, 15. Z. Schramm (Surrey) bt E. Cohen (Beds.) 10, 11, —16, —20, 16.

Z. Hrbud (Yugoslavia) bt L. Davis (Jamaica) 10, 14, 16. D. Bloy (Kent) bt M. Caloniun (Middx.) 17, —14, 14, 14. S. Wasserman (U.S.A.) bt R. J. Mayes (Beds.) 13, 16, —11, 18. R. Stevens (Essex) bt F. Brumwell (Essex) 20, —15, 22, 23. B. Merrett (Glouc.) bt I. Jones (Essex) 7, 13, 12. V. D. Tran (Vietnam) bt N. Jones (Lancs.) 17, —18, 15, 14. A. Kurdoglian (Brazil) bt R. Hook (Essex) 10, 8, 17. A. Miller (Surrey) bt C. McDonald (Australia) 16, 19, 15. D. Schofield (Cheshire) bt K. Hurlock (Surrey) 17, —21, 19, 15. K. Campbell (Middx.) bt R. Gregory (Surrey) 17, 18, 19. N. Hoshino (Japan) bt J. Martin (Middx) 16, 15, 11. J. Vora (India) bt J. Harrington (Surrey) 17, 12, 19. J. Leach (Essex) bt J. Densham (Herts.) —19, 18, 14, 17. L. Cooperman (U.S.A.) bt D. Whittaker (Kent) 11, 18, 12.

Second Round: I. Ogimura (Japan) bt Zaidi 13, 14, 11. Crowe bt Barclay 19, 18, 20. Markovic bt J. Ingber (Lancs.) 11, 21, 15. V. T. Le (Vietnam) bt O'Hara 18, 19, 19. Adams bt Foldi 17, —18, 17, 20. Burridge bt Whetlor 12, 14, 12. Nagaraj bt Kennedy 15, 18, 20. L. Vyhnanovsky (Czech.) bt Reisman 21, 11, 13.

F. Sido (Hungary) bt R. Hinchliff (Yorks.) —14, 13, —19, 12, 18. Muranyi bt Roberts 13, 15, 20. Hodson bt I. Harrison (Glouc.) —7, 13, 14, 14. Miles bt Da Costa —18, 17, 23, 17. Murakami bt R. Crayden (Surrey) 16, 12, 11. J. Vogrine (Yugoslavia) bt Chapman 11, 14, 12. Raybould bt Piddock —17, 19, 25, —23, 12. V. H. Mai (Vietnam) bt Bukiet 13, 17, 19.

S. Narita (Japan) bt M. Creamer (Middx.) —20, 10, 18, —14, 15. Rhodes

bt Sharman 15, 13, 13. Lindsay bt Henderson 15, 12, 17. L. Landry (Middx.) bt J. Hunt (Herts.) 13, 14, 7. Tran bt Roth 15, 20, —16, 12. Thackersey bt Robinson 14, 13, 14. Craigie bt Jacobson 20, —19, 13, —18, 16. V. Harangozo (Yugoslavia) bt Schramm 10, 12, 14.



"ZOLLY" BERCIK, the Men's runner-up.

Hrbud bt L. Stipek (Czech.) 17, —10, 4, —21, 18. Bloy bt Wasserman 7, 15, 19. Merrett bt Stevens 6, 19, 17. Tran bt Kurdoglian 17, 17, —16, 15. Miller bt Schofield —19, 15, —17, 7, 22. Hoshino bt Campbell 12, 10, 17. Leach bt Vora 18, 17, 16. Z. Berczik (Hungary) bt Cooperman 13, —20, —20, 12, 14.

Third Round: Ogimura bt Crowe 6, 15, 11. Markovic bt Le 14, —9, 12, 13.

Burridge bt Adams 11, 6, 9. Vyhnanovsky bt Nagaraj 19, 13, 13.

Sido bt Muranyi 12, 11, 13. Miles bt Hodson 14, 12, 11. Murakami bt Vogrine 17, 16, —18, —15, 20. Mai bt Raybould 12, 19, 17.

Rhodes bt Narita 15, 14, 19. Landry bt Lindsay 11, 15, —15, 15. Thackersey bt Tran —18, —18, 14, 13, 12. Harangozo bt Craigie 6, 11, 11.

Hrbud bt Bloy 17, —20, 8, 16. Merrett bt Tran 15, 20, —14, 17. Hoshino bt Miller —17, 13, —15, 9, 13. Berczik bt Leach 20, 13, —18, 14.

Fourth Round: Ogimura bt Markovic 19, 16, 12. Vyhnanovsky bt Burridge 14, 8, 14. Sido bt Miles 18, 14, 17. Murakami bt Mai 18, —14, 13, —18, 17. Landry bt Rhodes 14, 18, —14, —15, 20. Harangozo bt Thackersey 9, 18, 21. Merrett bt Hrbud —17, 15, 17, 17. Berczik bt Hoshino 20, 9, 12.

Quarter-Finals: OGIMURA bt Vyhnanovsky 18, 17, 12. MURAKAMI bt Sido 18, 15, 6. HARANGOZO bt Landry 7, 11, 16. BERCIK bt Merrett 15, 17, 16.

Semi-Finals: OGIMURA bt Murakami —20, —17, 16, 19, 21. BERCIK bt Harangozo 19, —14, —19, 18, 5.

Final: OGIMURA bt BERCIK —26, 20, 17, 12.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round: Mrs. E. Cassell (Norfolk) bt B. Landimore (Kent) 17, 16, 19. P. Mortimer (Warwick.) bt A. Taft (Herts.) 21, 10, 11. M. Cherry (Middx) bt N. Barber (Kent) 19, 13, 12. Y. Baker (Essex) bt J. Koehnke (U.S.A.) 12, 12, 9. Mrs. J. Head (Surrey) bt C. Rougagnou (France) 9, 17, —12, —13, 16.

Mrs. O. Hawkins (Scot.) bt B. Chalmson (U.S.A.) 21, 15, —14, —14, 18. J. Fielder (Kent) bt L. Whithams (Surrey) 20, 18, 19. J. Williamson (N. Zealand) bt Mrs. M. Know (Essex) 9, 17, 14. M. Alber (France) bt M. Piper (Surrey) —19, 11, —15, 14, 7. J. Rook (Surrey) bt J. Harrower (Middx) 13, 13, 11. S. Acton (U.S.A.) bt M. Fry (Middx.) 10, —16, —9, 17, 17. C. K. Best (Yorks.) bt M. Stafford (Middx.) 16, 15, 18.

Mrs. M. Barnes (Middx.) bt S. Morgan (Wales) 18, 14, —12, —15, 6. Mrs. G. Lantos (Hungary) bt S. Tarlet (France)

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**Second Round:** F. Eguchi (Japan) bt Cassell 11, 16, 13. Mortimer bt Cherry 14, 15, 17. Baker bt Williamson 14, 15, 11. Head w.o.

**D. Rowe** (Middx.) bt P. Morton (Yorks.) 6, 13, 21. **K. Yamazumi** (Japan) bt Hawkins 13, 11, 14. Fielder bt M. Austin (Surrey) 11, 18, 14. **E. Koczian** (Hungary) bt Williamson 11, 8, 20.

**K. Matsuzaki** (Japan) bt Alber 12, 10, 6. Rook bt J. Williams (Herts.) 7, 9, 17. **Best** bt Acton —19, 20, 15, —12, 6. **Mrs. A. Simon** (Netherlands) bt Mrs. A. Waters (Hants.) 12, 7, 9.

**T. Namba** (Japan) bt Mrs. M. Barnes (Middx.) 11, 11, 16. **Lantos** bt Mrs. B. Bird (Surrey) 17, 6, 11. **Hession** bt Spooner 15, —18, 17, 14. **A. Haydon** (Warwicks.) bt Neuberger 11, 17, —19, —20, 11.

**Third Round:** Eguchi bt Mortimer 13, —17, 17, 19. Head bt Baker —18, —11, 19, 19, 18. **Rowe** bt Yamazumi 21, —12, 18, 18. **Koczian** bt Fielder 18, —17, 12, 16



**AGNES SIMON**, the defending champion, who lost her title in the quarter-finals.

Matsuzaki bt Rook 4, 15, 8. **Simon** bt Best 17, 17, 15. **Lantos** bt Namba 19, 19, 19. **Haydon** bt Hession 12, 10, 17.

**Quarter-Finals:** EGUCHI bt Head 16, 3, 18. **KOCZIAN** bt Rowe 18, 11, 17. **MATSUZAKI** bt Simon 14, 13, 10. **HAYDON** bt Lantos —19, 13, 10, —19, 14.

**Semi-Finals:** EGUCHI bt Koczian 14, 19, —9, 15. **MATSUZAKI** bt Haydon 20, 13, 6.

**Final:** EGUCHI bt MATSUZAKI 18, —25, 20, 17, 12.

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**MEN'S DOUBLES**

**First Round:** I. Harrison (Glos.)/B. Kennedy (Yorks.) bt R. F. Hook (Essex)/S. Jacobson (Middx.) 17, 16, —18, 10. **A. Cornish/M. Wong** (Kent) bt P. Ruddy/T. Vellenoweth (Kent) 7, 11, 13. **M. Foster/G. Mitchell** (Jamaica) bt P. Hyde (Middx)/G. Owen (Kent) 15, 8, 16. **F. Goodwyn** (Surrey)/L. Kerekes (Scotland) bt C. Crowe/D. Ironmonger (Beds.) —18, 16, 12, 17. **M. Calonius** (Middx.)/D. Littlewort (Surrey) bt A. Gilles/D. Hope (Middx.) —18, 18, 15, 17. **V. H. Mai/V. D. Tran** (Vietnam) bt R. Piddock/D. Whittaker (Kent) 14, 9, —13, —18, 10.

**E. Johnson/D. Schofield** (Cheshire) bt J. O'Hara/G. Taylor (Middx.) 19, 9, 18. **U. Da Costa/J. Roth** (Brazil) bt C. Hora/K. Piercv (Kent) 6, 9, 13. **H. Raybould/R. Stevens** (Essex) 17, 19, 20. **G. Divan/S. Thackersey** (India) bt P. Brook (Kent)/R. Gregory (Surrey) 17, —19, 11, 17. **V. L. Tran/V. T. Le** (Vietnam) bt A. Miller (Middx.)/A. Rogers (Essex) 10, 10, 9. **I. Barclay/T. McMichael** (Scotland) won 18, 12, 13. **V. Harangozo/V. Markovic** (Yugo.) bt L. Foldi (Hungary)/A. Kurdoglian (Brazil) 17, 21, 19. **J. Leach** (Essex)/M. Thornhill (Middx.) bt K. Gaulton/N. Jones (Loncs.)/17, 16, 12.

**L. Adams/D. Burridge** (Middx.) bt P. Dean/N. Isbell (Middx.) 10, —20, 12, 17. **J. Densham/J. Hunt** (Herts.) bt H. Bulst/M. Westoby (Kent) —19, 13, 15, 16. **R. Hinchliff/R. Hirst** (Yorks.) bt R. Dorking (Essex)/E. Hodson (Middx.) 22, —17, —11, 10, 18. **K. Appleton/K. Hall** (Essex) bt C. McDonald/M. Wilcox (Australia) —17, 16, 18, 15.

**Second Round:** T. Murakami/I. Ogimura (Japan) bt Harrison/Kennedy —18, —18, 14, 11, 9. **Cornish/Wong** bt Foster/Mitchell —18, 13, —17, 16, 12. **Calonius/Littlewort** bt Goodwyn/Kerekes 14, —15, 18, —11, 19. **B. Bukiet/L. Cooperman** (U.S.A.) bt Mai/Tran 11, —15, —17, 22, 10.

**K. Nagaraj/J. C. Vora** (India) bt B. Midgley (Hants.)/C. Smith (Middx.) 12; 8, 14. **Johnson/Schofield** bt K. Hurlock (Surrey)/I. Jones (Essex) —17, 9, —20, 17, 12. **Da Costa/Roth** bt Z. Erbud/J. Vogrine (Yugo.) —13, —18, 20, 18, 16. **Z. Berczik/F. Sido** (Hungary) bt Raybould/Stevens 15, 18, 17.

**Divan/Thackersey** bt N. Hoshino/S. Narita (Japan) 14, 11, —6, 13. **Tran/Le** bt Barclay/McMichael 16, —11, 15, 13. **Harangozo/Markovic** bt M. Maclaren (Surrey)/A. Robinson (Australia) 13, 10, —13, 13. **Leach/Thornhill** bt S. Pak/K. H. Lee (S. Korea) 14, 11, 10.

**Adams/Burridge** bt A. Commin (Sussex)/R. Lambert (Bucks.) 8, 7, 14. **F. Brumwell** (Essex)/J. Ingber (Lancs.) bt K. Craigie (Surrey)/L. Landry (Middx.) 13, 14, 17. **Densham/Hunt** bt Hinchliff/Hirst 15, 17, 19. **L. Stinek/L. Vyhnovsky** (Czech.) bt Appleton/Hall 3, 8, 11.

**Third Round:** Murakami/Ogimura bt Cornish/Wong 11, 12, 6. **Bukiet/Cooperman** bt Calonius/Littlewort 10, 15, 14. **Nagaraj/Vora** bt Johnson/Schofield 12, —10, —21, 11, 18. **Berczik/Sido** bt Da Costa/Roth 17, 10, 14.

**Tran/Le** bt Divan/Thackersey 19, 9, —20, 19. **Harangozo/Markovic** bt Leach/Thornhill 14, —18, —21, 7, 19. **Adams/Burridge** bt Brumwell/Ingber 14, —10, 14, 8. **Stipek/Vyhnovsky** bt Densham/Hirst 14, 15, 14.

**Quarter-Finals:** MURAKAMI/OGIMURA bt Bukiet/Cooperman 16, 8, —19, 13. **BERCZIK/SIDO** bt Nagaraj/Vora 4, 11, 18. **HARANGOZO/MARKOVIC** bt Tran/Le 11, 16, 19. **STIPEK/VYHNOVSKY** bt Adams/Burridge 12, 13, 16.

**Semi-Finals:** MURAKAMI/OGIMURA bt Berczik/Sido —16, —20, 17, 11, 15. **STIPEK/VYHNOVSKY** bt Harangozo/Markovic 15, —18, 14, 8.

**Final:** MURAKAMI/OGIMURA bt STIPEK/VYHNOVSKY 16, 15, 21.

**WOMEN'S DOUBLES**

**First Round:** M. Austin/M. Shannon (Surrey) bt P. Collins/Mrs. M. Know (Essex) 15, 16, 18. **S. Acton** (U.S.A.)/Mrs. B. Bird (Surrey) bt K. C. Cho/K. J. Choe (S. Korea) —13, 13, 16, 19. **Mrs. M. Hook** (Essex)/C. Rougagnou (France) bt B. Chaimson/J. Koehnke (U.S.A.) 18, 13, 14. **M. Alber/S. Tarlet** (France) bt Mrs. O. Hawkins (Scotland)/D. Spooner (Devon) 11, 10, 8.

**Second Round:** F. Eguchi/K. Matsuzaki (Japan) bt Austin/Shannon 12, 8, 7. **M. Piper/J. Rook** (Surrey) bt M. Stafford/J. Williamson (Middx.) —19, 11, 15, 11. **Acton/Bird** bt Mrs. A. Simon (Netherlands)/J. Williamson (N.Z.) 19, 18 —20, —6, 15. **C. K. Best** (Yorks.)/P. Mortimer (Warwicks.) bt Hook/Rougagnou 16, 16, 10.

**E. Koczian/Mrs. G. Lantos** (Hungary) bt Alber/Tarlet 12, 21, 12. **M. Fry/J. Harrower** (Middx.) bt S. Hession (Essex)/L. Whithams (Surrey) 11, 16, 22. **Y. Baker** (Essex)/Mrs. L. Neuberger bt Mrs. E. Cassell (Norfolk)/M. Cherry (Middx.) 14, 9, 21. **T. Namba/K. Yamazumi** (Japan) bt A. Haydon (Warwicks.)/D. Rowe (Middx.) 20, 18, 19.

**Quarter-Finals:** EGUCHI/MATSUZAKI bt Piper/Rook 9, 15, —21, 14. **BEST/MORTIMER** bt Acton/Bird 19, 14, —20, —11, 10. **KOCZIAN/LANTOS** bt Fry/Harrower 9, 12, 13. **NAMBA/YAMAZUMI** bt Baker/Neuberger 10, 5, 11.

**Semi-Finals:** EGUCHI/MATSUZAKI bt Best/Mortimer 9, 17, 14. **NAMBA/YAMAZUMI** bt Koczian/Lantos 14, 16, —18, 13.

**Final:** EGUCHI/MATSUZAKI bt NAMBA/YAMAZUMI 9, —16, —17, 16, 23.

**MIXED DOUBLES**

**First Round:** N. Hoshino/Miss T. Namba (Japan) bt G. Muranyi (Middx.)/Miss M. Piper (Surrey) 11, 18, 13. **M. Thornhill** (Middx.)/Miss P. Mortimer (Warwicks.) bt J. Vora (India)/Miss M. Alber (France) 13, 15, —17, 19. **S. I. Pak/Miss K. J. Choe** (Korea) bt J. Vogrine (Yugoslavia)/Mrs. M. Barnes (Middx.) 13, 17, 16.

**V. Markovic** (Yugoslavia)/Mrs. A. Simon (Netherlands) bt R. Raybould (Essex)/Miss J. Williamson (New Zealand) 13, 16, 21. **J. Leach** (Essex)/Miss D. Rowe (Middx.) bt C. Crowe (Beds.)/Mrs. E. Cassell (Norfolk) 8, 12, 11. **S. K. Thackersey** (India)/Miss J. Rook (Surrey) bt S. Berczik (Hungary)/Mrs. B. Bird (Surrey) 12, —10, 14, 13. **R. J. Stevens** (Essex)/Miss J. Fielder (Kent) bt L. Landry/Miss M. Cherry (Middx.) 20, 14, 21. **R. Miles/Mrs. L. Neuberger** (U.S.A.) bt J. Ingber (Lancs.)/Mrs. M. Hook (Essex) —16, 19, —20, 17, 19.

**L. Vyhnovsky** (Czech.) / Miss J. Williamson (Middx.) bt M. Maclaren/Miss M. Austin (Surrey) 15, 11, 12. **I. Harrison** (Glos.)/Miss Y. Baker (Essex) bt M. Calonius (Middx.)/Miss E. Roe (Kent) 13, 13, 18. **L. Foldi/Miss E. Koczian** (Hungary) bt Van del Walle/Miss B. Chaimson (U.S.) 7, 14, 20. **A. Piddock** (Kent)/Miss S. Hession (Essex) bt S. Narita/Miss K. K. Yamazumi (Japan) 20, 13, —17, 18. **D. Burridge/Miss J. Harrower** (Middx.) bt K. Nagaraj (India)/Miss S. Tarlet (France) 13, 16, 19.

**E. Johnson/Miss D. Wright** (Cheshire) bt R. Hinchliff/Miss P. Morton (Yorks.) 16, 17, 15. **B. Kennedy/Miss K. Best** (Yorks.) bt I. Barclay/Mrs. O. Hawkins (Scotland) 15, 7, 19.

**G. R. Divan** (India)/Miss C. Rougagnou (France) bt B. Bukiet/Miss J. Koehnke (U.S.A.) 14, —16, 11, 8. **K. H. Lee/Miss K. C. Choe** (Korea) bt M. Isbell (Middx.)/Miss P. Collins (Essex) 9, 10, 9.

**Second Round:** F. Sido/Mrs. G. Lantos (Hungary) bt L. Kerekes (Scotland)/Mrs. D. Heading (Surrey) 6, 10, 11. **Hoshino/Namba** bt T. McMichael (Scotland)/Miss D. Spooner (Devon) 6, 10, 12. **Thornhill/Mortimer** bt F. Brumwell/Mrs. M. Know

## ENGLISH "OPEN" SPECIAL

(Essex) 16, —11, 17, 14. Pak/Choe bt R. Guskiff/Miss S. Acton (U.S.A.) 15, 19.

Markovic / Simon bt A. Robinson (Australia)/Miss M. Stafford (Midxx.) 10, 12, 16. Leach/Rowe bt L. Stipek (Czech.) / Mrs. J. Head (Surrey) 16, —17, 12, 14. Stevens/Fielder bt Thackersey/Rook 14, 18, —19, —13, 24. T. Murakami/Miss K. Matsuzaki (Japan) bt Miles/Neuberg 9, 17, 14.

Z. Hrbud (Yugoslavia)/Miss A. Haydon (Warwicks.) bt Vyhnanovsky/Williamson 13, 18, 7. Harrison/Baker bt P. Dean (Midxx.)/Miss C. Rose (Surrey) 10, —13, 16, 10. Foldi/Koczián bt Pidcock/Hession 9, 7, 15. V. Harrangozo (Yugoslavia)/Miss L. Whithams (Surrey) bt BurrIDGE/Harrower 9, 18, 9.

L. Adams/Miss M. Fry (Midxx.) bt Johnson/Wright 6, 14, 19. Kennedy/Best bt P. Brook/Miss B. Landimore (Kent) 18, 14, —20, 6. Divan/Rougagnou bt J. Stanaway/Miss S. Weber (Australia) 10, 10, 6. Lee/Cho bt I. Ogimura/Miss E. Eguchi (Japan) —18, 9, 15, —6, 16.

Third Round: Sido/Lantos bt Hoshino/Namba 16, 17, 14. Pak/Choe bt Thornhill/Mortimer 15, 17, 17. Leach/Rowe bt Markovic/Simon —9, 15, 9, 18. Murakami/Matsuzaki bt Stevens/Fielder 7, 19, 12.

Hrbud/Haydon bt Harrison/Baker —17, 18, 17, 15. Foldi/Koczián bt Harrangozo/Whithams 15, 14, 16. Kennedy/Best bt Adams/Fry 19, 13, 18. Divan/Rougagnou bt Lee/Cho 16, 13, 13.

Quarter-Finals: SIDO/LANTOS bt Pak/Choe 16, 17, 18. MURAKAMI/MATSUZAKI bt Leach/Rowe —18, 13, 13, 16. HRBUD/HAYDON bt Foldi/Koczián —17, 12, —12, 16, 20. KENNEDY/BEST bt Divan/Rougagnou 17, —18, 6, —18, 18.

Semi-Finals: MURAKAMI/MATSUZAKI bt Sido/Lantos —17, 13, 15, 11. KENNEDY/BEST bt Hrbud/Haydon —14, 18, 16, —12, 11.

## BOYS' SINGLES

Quarter-Finals: C. J. GOSLING (Midxx.) bt C. C. McDonald (Australia) 20, 12. M. NESS (W. Germany) bt G. Stewart (Berks.) 17, 18. P. M. RACEY (Beds.) bt D. W. Grant (Midxx.) —10, 20, 15. F. RUSS (W. Germany) bt G. Livesey (Lancs.) 18, 18.

Semi-Finals: NESS bt Gosling 10, 15. RACEY bt Russ 16, 18.

Final: NESS bt RACEY 12, 11.

## GIRLS' SINGLES

Quarter-Finals: J. HARROWER (Midxx.) bt J. Fischer (W. Germany) 19, 20. C. BANNACH (E. Germany) bt A. Taft (Herts.) 13, 23. J. KOEHNKE (U.S.) bt D. Wright (Cheshire) 17, —16, 15. Y. J. HWANG (Korea) bt M. Shannon (Surrey) 15, 16.

Semi-Finals: HARROWER bt Bannach 11, 16. HWANG bt Koehnke —18, 11, 20.

Final: HWANG bt HARROWER 13, 14.

## BOYS' DOUBLES

Quarter-Finals: M. NESS/P. RUSS (W. Germany) bt D. W. Grant/B. Hamill (Midxx.) 12, 14. M. DAINTY (Yorks.) / F. RACEY (Beds.) bt D. Creamer (Midxx.)/M. S. Ellis (Kent) 21, 18. C. J. GOSLING (Midxx.)/R. E. RACTLIFFE (Herts.) bt N. C. Ive (Midxx.)/D. Stanley (Lincs.) 14, —16, 15. J. KEOGH/G. LIVESEY (Lancs.) bt I. Bishop/B. H. Midgley (Hants.) 12, 12.

Semi-Finals: NESS/RUSS bt Dainty/Racey 14, 20. GOSLING/RACTLIFFE bt Keogh/Livesey 17, 17.

Final: NESS/RUSS bt GOSLING/RACTLIFFE 17, —20, 14.

## GIRLS' DOUBLES

Quarter-Finals: J. HARRROWER (Midxx.)/M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt D. Kalweit/S. Jaworski (E. Germany) 13, 20. B. CHAIMSON/J. KOEHNKE (U.S.A.) bt A. Taft (Herts.)/S. Thomas (Kent) —15.

23, 12. J. FISCHER/H. SCHEITHE (W. Germany) bt C. D. Blackshaw (Yorks.)/A. Johnson (Durham) 14, 10. C. BANNACH/I. WOSCHEE (E. Germany) bt J. I. Williams (Herts.)/D. Wright (Cheshire) 19, 15.

Semi-Finals: HARROWER/SHANNON bt Chaimson/Koehnke 14, 8. FISCHER/SCHEITHE bt Bannach/Woschee 19, 15.

Final: FISCHER/SCHEITHE bt HARROWER/SHANNON 17, —16, 21.

## JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES

Quarter-Finals: C. C. McDONALD (Australia)/J. KOEHNKE (U.S.A.) bt B. Hamill (Midxx.)/S. Thomas (Kent) —11, 16, 19. D. H. STANLEY (Lancs.)/J. HARROWER (Midxx.) bt D. Creamer (Midxx.)/A. Taft (Herts.) —16, 20, 14. P. RACEY (Beds.)/Y. J. HWANG (Korea) bt D. Grant (Midxx.)/M. Shannon (Surrey) 20, —21, 13. R. E. RACTLIFFE/J. WILLIAMS (Herts.) bt M. Ness/J. Fischer (W. Germany) 11, 15.

Semi-Finals: STANLEY/HARROWER bt McDonald/Koehnke 12, —18, 16. RACEY/HWANG bt Ractliffe/Williams 13, —17, 13.

Final: RACEY/HWANG bt STANLEY/HARROWER 11, 19.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## E.T.T.A. REGULATION IS DISTRACTING

THE fact that your contributor, Colin Clemett, has now twice mentioned the differences between the I.T.T.F. and the E.T.T.A. interpretations as to when the score should be called suggests that he has a considerable preoccupation with this point.

Is this because he may have a sneaking suspicion that the E.T.T.A. regulation may not be quite satisfactory, or is he trying to provoke the I.T.T.F. to join issue?

Well, if the latter is so, he has succeeded, for, after the English "Open" I must, as I have done before, give it as my opinion that the E.T.T.A. method is not a good one.

The I.T.T.F. regulation states that the score shall be called immediately the ball is out of play and a point has been completed, or as soon as practicable thereafter, having regard to the necessity to be audible above any noise that may then be being made.

The E.T.T.A. Umpires' Committee has thought fit to fix an actual time at which the score is called, this being, in their opinion, immediately before the players are ready to begin the next rest.

On the face of it, there would appear to be little wrong with this desire to be more specific, but in practice the method is often annoying to the players, and on two or three occasions in Wembley the umpire had to call a let because he had not finished announcing the score despite the fact that he had had ample time in which to call it without distracting the players.

Moreover, the officials operating the mechanical scorers are not allowed to "turn their pages over" until the umpire has called the score, and times out of number one observed the glossy black "pages" being turned just as the ball was being put into play.

Surely this constitutes a much greater distraction than the calling of the score immediately the applause has died down, or at any time when, quite obviously, both players are ready?

## MEN'S VETERAN SINGLES

First Round: D. Iremonger (Beds.) bt H. G. Owen (Kent) —17, 16, 10. R. L. SHARMAN (Midxx.) bt L. Velches (Midxx.) 8, 12. L. Wilkinson (Warwicks.) bt E. Offer (Midxx.) 12, 12.

H. Ralis (Essex) bt C. Frith (Leics.) 18, 16. H. Spiers (Warwicks.) bt T. Harrison (Yorks.) 8, 7. L. THOMPSON (Bucks.) bt F. Hyde (Midxx.) 9, 8. R. Lambert (Bucks.) bt A. Ludowicz (Midxx.) —15, 16, 16.

Quarter-Finals SHARMAN bt Iremonger 10, 20. WILKINSON bt R. Markwell (Essex) 18, 9. SPIERS bt Ralls 15, 20. THOMPSON bt Lambert 16, 8.

Semi-Finals: SHARMAN bt Wilkinson 19, 18. THOMPSON bt Spiers 16, 8.

Final: SHARMAN bt THOMPSON 18, 20.

## WOMEN'S VETERAN SINGLES

First Round: Mrs. E. Potter (Midxx.) bt Mrs. L. Heading (Surrey) —23, 13, 20. Mrs. R. Bloy (Kent) bt Mrs. L. Harris (Midxx.) 8, 4. Mrs. V. Cherriman (Midxx.) bt K. Schumacher (Midxx.) 16, 11.

Semi-Finals: BLOY bt Potter 18, 16. Mrs. I. BELL (Essex) bt Cherriman 12, 12.

Final: BELL bt BLOY —20, 18, 21.

Many players unfamiliar with the umpire's language glance at the visual scorers as they are walking back to the table, but the score they see then is wrong, and is in fact not correct until the next rest is actually under way!

I have the greatest admiration for the work done by the English Umpires' Committee, which leads the table tennis world in this sphere, and whose control of matches is so good. But I have yet to be convinced that their supposed improvement on the I.T.T.F. rule is anything but a mistake.

## H. ROY EVANS,

Hon. General Secretary, I.T.T.F.

COLIN CLEMETT replies: *The writer has undoubtedly put his finger on the weakest point of the E.T.T.A.'s case, but we still believe that on balance our system is the better of the two. The N.U.C. has some constructive ideas on how the disadvantages may be overcome and we intend to try some of these during next season. If these are as successful as we hope they will be, by the time the next English "Open" is played we should have no difficulty in converting Mr. Roy Evans to our way of thinking!*

## SHARON RETURNS

I WONDER how many enthusiasts noticed the return of Sharon Koehnke, who competed in 1952 as United States Junior Champion. This year as a matured young lady Sharon became supporter-adviser-manager for younger sister "Jackie."

Although world champions were crashing on neighbouring tables she only had eyes for "Jackie's" matches, and as the youngster's games frequently extended to a close finish in the deciding game it became an exhausting pastime! However, it showed a most commendable keenness which was always tempered with a fine sense of sportsmanship. Welcome back, Sharon—and come again!

Derek N. Tyler, N.U.

(Hastings).

## LANCASHIRE JUNIORS SHOW THE WAY

**P**RIDE of place goes to the Lancashire Juniors who won the Junior Division North without tasting defeat. Some credit of course must go to Ken Stanley for all his endeavours with Jackie Keogh and George Livesey. More "Stanley Starlets" are on the way and



GEORGE LIVESEY

Lancashire have a rosy future in the Junior field.

Ken is also to be congratulated on the success of entrants from the "Stanley Stable" in the *Eagle/Girl* Tournament, with three representatives (Brian Marsden, son David and daughter Janet) in the National finals in London. He has certainly endowed them with the strokes and ability to play—but where is the Stanley personality.

Cheshire, wooden spoonists in the

Junior North Division have a lot of hard work ahead to regain the standard set in 1956/57 by Lorna Bown, John Stoddart and Ernie Fryer.

### LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE LEAGUE

**I**N eight of the nine divisions the winners achieved success without a single defeat—a remarkable record.

Manchester retain their hold on the Division I title and next year Wirral and Ashton-under-Lyne will be competing in Division I at the expense of Southport and Bolton.

Without doubt the most strongly contested has been the 9-strong Junior Division with Liverpool and Wirral running neck and neck all season, both without defeat and Liverpool winning the division on games average.

#### Final Tables (leading positions only)

| DIVISION ONE     | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P  |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Manchester ..... | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 6  | 12 |
| Stockport .....  | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 39 | 21 | 8  |
| Burnley .....    | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 38 | 22 | 8  |

| WOMEN'S DIVISION ONE | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Manchester .....     | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 6  | 8 |
| Blackpool .....      | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 16 | 5 |
| Stockport .....      | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 20 | 5 |

| JUNIOR DIVISION | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P  |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Liverpool ..... | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 58 | 22 | 14 |
| Wirral .....    | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 53 | 27 | 14 |
| Blackpool ..... | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 44 | 36 | 11 |

John Kennerly.

## Bedford and District League Championships

Men's Singles: **P. RACEY** bt A. Freeman 21-12, 21-12, 21-17. Women's Singles: **D. UNDERWOOD** bt Mrs. P. Russell 21-16, 21-14.

Men's Doubles: **P. HOLROYD/I. TWIGDEN** bt Racey/Freeman 22-20, 21-10. Women's Doubles: **V. GILBERT/H. COLES** bt J. Racey/D. Underwood 21-9, 21-13. Mixed Doubles: **S. LAWSON/Mrs. J. WHITING** bt P. Racey/Miss J. Racey 25-23, 22-20.

Junior Singles: **P. RACEY** bt T. Danby 21-5, 21-9.

Thirty mile radius Events. Men's Singles: **P. RACEY** (Beds.) bt J. Thurston (Camsb.) 21-5, 23-21, 21-12. Doubles: **C. CROWE** (Luton)/**S. LAWSON** (Beds.) bt P. Holroyd/I. Twigden (St. Neots) 19-21, 21-18, 21-10.

### BEDFORDSHIRE "CLOSED"

Men's Singles: **B. CLARK** (Luton) bt C. Crowe (Luton) 21-13, 21-8, 21-12. Women's Singles: **D. UNDERWOOD** (Bedford) bt Mrs. H. Coles (Bedford) 21-8, 21-8.

Men's Doubles: **CLARK/D. IRONMONGER** (Luton) bt Cohen/Mayes (Luton) 21-16, 21-15. Women's Doubles: **J. RACEY/UNDERWOOD** (Bedford) bt Mrs. G. Dean/Mrs. J. Whiting (Bedford) 21-18, 14-21, 21-18. Mixed Doubles: **P. RACEY/Miss RACEY** bt C. Crowe/Mrs. Coles 21-18, 16-21, 21-18.

## LEICESTER Y.M.C.A. RECORD

**T**HE four knock-out cup competitions in Leicestershire have all been won by Leicester Y.M.C.A.—a record without parallel. The Rose Johnson Cup was won some time ago. A 9-0 victory over Jones and Shipman in the final of the Saracen Cup was followed by a 7-2 win over Imperial Typewriters in the Rose Johnson Memorial Trophy final. The final win was over Post Office by 9-1 in the Rose Johnson Bowl.

The Leicester Y.M.C.A. II team won the first division of the Leicester and District League on games average over their first team when they beat them 10-0 in their concluding league match.

Hinckley Y.M.C.A. are almost certain of promotion from 2B, though one slip will give English Electric the title.

Roy Tester has had a splendid season for Revermacs in 3B, being soundly supported by Jack Curson and Bill Crofts. They topped their division comfortably. English Electric II, a good all-round side, have won 3A. Their team of Howard Lee, Johnny Geschke and Norman Cope has been practically unchanged the whole season.

Berridges head 4B, while Grieves have clearly been the outstanding team in 5A. Polish Orkan have taken the 6A title, and Berridges II have won 6B.

In the Leicestershire "Closed" Championships, Johnny Burraston regained his title from Charlie Jacques in the Men's Singles final. Pat Kilsby added the Women's Singles title to her Y.M.C.A. "Open" win by beating Daphne Hughes.

The best final was the Junior Singles where Brian Kimble, hitting better than he had ever done before, beat Trevor White, who was defending well.

The Under 15s. title was won by Andy Brunning beating his team-mate Ivan Atanasoff in the final.

The Men's Doubles went to Jacques and Burraston; Audrey Watson and Rita Stimpson won the Women's Doubles and Pauline Davis and Brendon Thompson took the mixed title.

Philip Reid.

## NORFOLK NEWSREEL

**B**Y beating Buckinghamshire 7-3, Norfolk are runners-up for the second successive year in the Southern Division of the County Championship. Roy Culyer, who came into the team for Bill Minors, played a big part in the success, winning both his singles against Peter Ward and Tony Wickens, and partnering Maurice Ewles to win the men's doubles.

Gothic "B" provided the shock of the Readwin Cup with a 6-4 win over their "A" team for a place in the semi-final, where they found Co-op. Central "A" too strong and lost 3-7. Y.M.C.A., with a 9-1 semi-final win over St. Barnabas "A", had a comfortable 6-2 win over Co-op. in the final.

Robin Wickens.

## New Essex Trophy

**E**SSEX are to perpetuate the memory of the late Corti Woodcock, for so many years their President, with a special award to be known as the *Corti Woodcock Memorial Award*. It is to be presented annually in recognition of services to table tennis in the county. Primarily it will be for administrative services, but there is a clause by which in exceptional circumstances it can go to a player or an organisation.

A board of four permanent trustees—J. Bailey, G. V. Barna, J. A. Leach and R. Markwell—with one non-permanent member who will act as secretary and be changed each year, will administer the award, which will be presented for the first time at the Essex annual meeting at the Romford United Services Club on May 27.

A special fund has been set up and donations should be sent to the County Treasurer, R. J. Langner, 61, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, E.11.

Elsie Carrington was a triple winner in the East London "Closed" championships, taking the singles, the women's doubles with Barbara Milbank, and the mixed doubles with Bobby Stevens. Brian Brumwell won the men's singles, while the men's doubles went to Tony Condon and Les Sawyer.

Frank Bateman.

**YORKSHIRE NOTES**

# CLASSY DONCASTER

UP to the top of the class come classy Doncaster. Their boys beat Hull 9-1 when East met West in the regional youth winners' play-off.

Hull's one was recorded by Roy Hinchcliffe, who beat Peter Roome in two straight, though Clive Heslewood lost his pair only by the narrowest of margins in the third.

But the star Doncaster line-up of county juniors Michael Dainty and Pete Duncombe, Yorkshire "Closed" Champion Roome, and Michael Wadsworth proved they are top-hole top dogs.

Barnsley have gained promotion to division one in the men's inter-league competition and will replace Castleford/Pontefract. Leeds took the women's title for the fifth season running, with Bradford two points behind. Sheffield finished at the other end of the table and Huddersfield "B" are promoted.

Maurice Pitts suffered his first defeat by an English player in the Bradford "Closed" when Metal Box clubmate Sonny Forrest counter-attacked fiercely to pull up from 12-18 and win 22-20 in the deciding game of their quarter-final.

Pitts's only previous defeat—he has been champion seven times—was at the hands of a Swedish player.

Forrest lost his semi-final to Duncan Clayton, a quarter-finalist last year and youths' singles winner in 1957. But Duncan met his match in the final when the third of the Metal Box musketeers, Hans Soova, won in two straight.

Other winners: Men's doubles, PITTS and FORREST; Women's singles, MURIEL HALEY; Women's doubles, HALEY and ELSIE WHITLOCK; Mixed doubles, HALEY and GEOFF KELLY; Veterans' singles, TED JOYCE; Youths' singles, MICHAEL CHARNOCK; Junior singles, ALAN PEEL.

Although without Pitts, Metal Box won the Montague Burton Cup by beating Salem Methodists 6-4. Forrest's 22-20 win over Brewerton in their third game proved the vital result.

## POISED FOR TREBLE

Victoria, who have not been toppled from the Leeds League pedestal for 12 seasons, are poised for a treble. They won the league from South Leeds Conservative Club and Moor Allerton beat their own "B" team 6-3 in the Jaques Shield final and meet Metal Box in the county club final after slamming Slaithwaite 5-1.

The Carr Trophy final—for clubs in division four and below—was won by South Leeds Conservatives "C," who beat Turner Sports 6-4.

Halifax committeeman Jim Hitchcock has resigned after holding continuous membership—apart from during the war—since the league was formed in 1932. He has held every post but treasurer.

He forecasts a big future for Mavis Bishop, a 15-year-old Halifax player with a style like Kathie Best's.

Y.M.C.A. and Nomads are duelling for the Halifax championship and meet in the knock-out final.

Halifax "Closed" winners: Men's singles, CEDRIC WHITELEY; men's doubles, WHITELEY and HERBERT WHITAKER; Women's singles, AUDREY HEYWORTH; Women's doubles, BETTY JOHNSON and MARGARET MORTON; Mixed doubles, BRIAN HANSON and PAULINE HIGH; Junior singles, DOUGLAS GORDON.

**Malcolm Hartley.**

## WILTSHIRE WANDERINGS

TOMMY EDWARDS, the West Wiltshire champion, collected his second singles title of the season beating R. Towndrow 21-14, 21-14, 21-14 in the Warminster "Closed" and partnered by Derek Taylor he also won the doubles.

Former Wiltshire player, Nancy Ridge, took the Swindon Women's singles title for the eleventh time beating Mrs. B. Moody 21-16, 21-19, while Tony Wolfe, unbeaten in both the Swindon and Wiltshire Leagues this season, beat the holder, Freddy Garrett 22-20, 17-21, 21-16, 21-5 to become the new Swindon champion at his second attempt.

The decision of Mr. David Kethero to retire after more than 32 years' service to the Swindon League, during which time he has also been chairman of the Western Counties and Wessex Leagues and latterly chairman of the Wiltshire Association and Wiltshire Umpires' Committee was marked by the presentation to him by the chairman of the Swindon League, Mr. Maurice Turner, of an electric clock, Mrs. Kethero receiving a bouquet.

At the recent Wiltshire "Closed" Mr. Kethero was presented with a Silver Statue of a table tennis player on behalf of the County Association by Mr. D. M. Parsons (County secretary).

At Salisbury, Dennis Waters, who played so well to reach the final of the Wiltshire "Closed" became the men's champion, beating ex-Wiltshire player, John Candy 12-21, 21-19, 21-13, while Wiltshire's No. 1 woman, Mrs. Gladys Horn, beat Mrs. M. Baker 21-11, 21-11 in the final of the women's singles.

Two titles have changed hands in the County League this season, Swindon ousting Salisbury from the First Division perch while in an exciting last match clash between the reigning Second Division champions Salisbury and Warminster the city lost their divisional title which they have held since the formation of the league some six seasons ago.

Outstanding singles match in this clash was the defeat of Tommy Edwards by Dennis Waters, 21-19, 23-21.

For the second consecutive season West Wiltshire Juniors won the Third Division without defeat.

### FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

| DIVISION ONE |    |    |    |    |          |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----------|
|              | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. A. P. |
| SWINDON      | 6  | 5  | 1  | 0  | 45 15 11 |
| Salisbury    | 6  | 4  | 1  | 1  | 36 24 9  |
| West Wilts   | 6  | 2  | 0  | 4  | 26 34 4  |
| Devizes      | 6  | 0  | 0  | 6  | 13 47 0  |
| DIVISION TWO |    |    |    |    |          |
|              | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. A. P. |
| WARMINSTER   | 8  | 6  | 1  | 1  | 55 25 13 |
| Salisbury    | 8  | 6  | 0  | 2  | 54 26 12 |

| West Wilts     | 8  | 3  | 0  | 7  | 38 42 7  |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----------|
| Swindon        | 8  | 3  | 0  | 5  | 32 48 6  |
| Devizes        | 8  | 1  | 0  | 7  | 22 58 2  |
| DIVISION THREE |    |    |    |    |          |
|                | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. A. P. |
| WEST WILTS     | 6  | 5  | 1  | 0  | 46 14 11 |
| Devizes        | 6  | 4  | 0  | 2  | 30 30 8  |
| Salisbury      | 6  | 2  | 0  | 4  | 24 36 4  |
| Swindon        | 6  | 0  | 1  | 5  | 20 40 1  |

**Ronald Hillier.**

## WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

CHELTENHAM, in a determined bid to make their return to the Western Counties League a success, maintained their unbeaten record with four convincing victories which hoisted them to the top place in the table.

Cheltenham, former champions, beat Weston 7-2; Bristol Seconds 6-3; Bath 8-1; and Newport 9-0.

The key to the title lies in Cheltenham's last match in which they meet the only other undefeated team, Bristol, who still have two matches to play.

In the Intermediate League, Cheltenham also head the table following victories over Bristol (8-2) and Newport (7-3). Bristol are second but after two drawn matches against Newport are out of the running for the title.

|                  | P. | W. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Cheltenham       | 6  | 6  | 0  | 44 | 10 | 10 |
| Bath             | 7  | 5  | 2  | 36 | 27 | 10 |
| Bristol          | 4  | 4  | 0  | 30 | 6  | 8  |
| Birmingham       | 7  | 4  | 3  | 31 | 33 | 8  |
| Bristol II       | 6  | 3  | 3  | 28 | 26 | 6  |
| Cardiff          | 5  | 1  | 4  | 18 | 27 | 2  |
| Weston           | 7  | 1  | 6  | 16 | 47 | 2  |
| Newport          | 6  | 0  | 6  | 14 | 40 | 0  |
| INTERMEDIATES    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Cheltenham       | 3  | 3  | 0  | 22 | 8  | 6  |
| Bristol          | 3  | 0  | 1  | 12 | 18 | 2  |
| Newport          | 4  | 0  | 2  | 10 | 24 | 2  |
| WOMEN'S DIVISION |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Bristol          | 4  | 3  | 1  | 29 | 7  | 6  |
| Newport          | 4  | 2  | 2  | 17 | 19 | 4  |
| Weston           | 4  | 0  | 4  | 8  | 28 | 0  |

**Grove Motlow.**

## MIDDLESEX MATTERS

MIDDLESEX have gained some consolation for their loss of the Premier Division title by retaining their hold on both the Junior County Championship and the Bernard Crouch Trophy.

The record of the junior team speaks for itself—played 6; won 6; 52 pts. for; 8 against.

The Bernard Crouch team has given many new players County experience. In fact, with all matches completed, Middlesex have used 14 different players.

### FINAL TABLE

|           | P. | W. | L. | F. | P. | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Middlesex | 6  | 4  | 2  | 32 | 22 | 8    |
| Surrey    | 6  | 3  | 3  | 24 | 30 | 6    |
| Essex     | 6  | 2  | 4  | 25 | 29 | 4    |

In the inter-League Championships, Acton II won the second division, while South West Middlesex won the third division by one set better average than Willesden III.

The Middlesex Borough Youth tournament has now reached its final stage with Willesden opposing Hendon. Semi-finals results were: Willesden 6, Harrow (holders) 3; Hendon 7, Bethnal Green 0.

Semi-finals results in the Middlesex Schools' tournament, held for the first time this year, were: John Kelly 1, Tollington 8; Little Ealing 9, Townfield 0. Final: Little Ealing 2, Tollington 7.

**L. Landry.**

# SURREY PLAYERS DO WELL

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to Surrey players on their performances in the English "Open." Tony Miller, who had a desparately unlucky net in the fifth against Hoshino when making a great fight for the match; Jean Head for one of the best matches between English girls when she defeated Yvonne Baker after losing the first two. Mary Shannon for reaching the final of the Girls' doubles (with Jean Harrower).

Sensation of the match between Surrey "Youth" team and West German Junior team at Wimbledon Y.M.C.A. on April 15, was the straight games win by Mary Shannon and Carole Bagshaw over Helga Scheithe and Jutta Fischer who had, the previous week, won the "English."

Mary won our only other match beating H. Scheithe with a fine display of controlled brilliance. Carole played well but lacked staying power against J. Fischer.

The boys, David Low and Dick Clode, though obviously worth keeping an eye on, were both at full stretch but gave little testing opposition to Peter Russ and Martin Ness, the English "Boys" Champions.

The Surrey Inter League Competition has now been concluded: Thames Valley with 13 points from eight matches lead Guildford by three points with Croydon just one point further down. Best performances were:

**Women's Singles:** M. Marston (Thames Valley) 83%; M. Shannon (Sutton) 80%; M. Whitehouse (T.V.) 71%; H. Clemett (Croydon) 63%.



JEAN HEAD

**Men's Singles:** M. MacLaren (Croydon) 100%; J. Moore (Thames Valley) 71%; J. Harrington (Guildford) and Z. Schramm (Croydon) 67%.

**Ladies' Doubles:** M. Marston/M. Whitehouse (T.V.), T. Arthur/I. Barrett (Byfleet), M. Shannon/S. Prior (Sutton) all 100%.

**Men's Doubles:** J. Harrington/D. Crowley (Guildford) 100%, Harrington/R. Rees (Guildford) 75%, M. MacLaren/Z. Schramm (Croydon) 75%.

**Mixed Doubles:** I. Barrett/R. Lewis and M. Shannon/R. Stringer, both 100%.

Jim Forrest.

## MORE LETTERS

### COACHING IS CLOSED SHOP

**I**VOR EYLES wants an Asian coach to teach English players how to play, according to newspaper reports. It is extraordinary how the very people who have stifled the game in England in recent years should now panic into such drastic ideas. May I remind Ivor and his colleagues on the E.T.T.A. Council that it is the normal practice to refute or "play down" any suggestions with an official reply. For example, my own article on coaching and play in the issue of October, 1956, resulted in a 1½ page reply (and was followed by a petition to ban sponge). I also suggested on another occasion that conferences of coaches should be held to exchange views particularly with regard to changing techniques and was told that this would not be helpful.

Two years ago Ivor Eyles said that to play with sponge no "brains, skill or fitness" were required. Since almost all the Asians play with sponge are we to assume that he has changed his tune? In any case what does he expect an Asian coach to do—shrink all our players to Oriental size?

No! The fault is much nearer home. Coaching in England is a closed shop—a small group of people teaching for the most part pre-war table tennis and resenting any new ideas. In January I gave my opinion of the reason for the poor form of our top men. Over a long period, however, the restricted and unimaginative official policy is an equally damaging factor and its effect is more widespread.

John Corser  
(Watford).

## CAMBS. SUMMER LEAGUE

**C**HRIS REEVE and Keith Chapman converted a disappointing last match defeat into an encouraging sign for the future when against Buckinghamshire they gave two very creditable performances.

Buckinghamshire won 6-4 but Reeve and Chapman, who came in as reserves, have improved to such an extent that we can look to a more successful meeting next season.

The Cambridgeshire summer league is being run again this year and it is hoped that it will attract a large entry. In the past this league has been very popular and will again be organised by the competition secretary, Tony Bratchie.

Cambridgeshire are lucky with regard to up and coming youngsters. There are several in the county who will make the grade provided, of course, they are willing to do the necessary training and "spade work."

### BROTHERS' SUCCESS

Norman South won both the men's singles and the men's doubles, partnered by his brother Tony, in the Ely and District League championships. John Thurston took the Radius singles, beating Bryn Thompson in the final.

Thurston, however, was beaten in straight sets by Paul Racey in the final of the Bedfordshire Radius singles.

Another title winner was Chris Reeve. He defeated Ron Nunn to win the new Hospitals Challenge Cup.

Leslie Constable.

## MIDDLESEX "CLOSED"

**Men's Singles:** D. BURRIDGE bt J. O'Hara 21-12, 21-17. **Women's Singles:** J. HARROWER bt Mrs. M. Barnes 21-23, 21-12, 21-17.

**Men's Doubles:** S. JACOBSON / A. LINDSAY bt J. O'Hara/G. Taylor 21-10, 21-16. **Women's Doubles:** M. STAFFORD / J. WILLIAMSON bt Mrs. M. Barnes/D. Ellis 21-15, 21-14. **Mixed Doubles:** L. ADAMS/M. FRY bt K. Whetlor / Mrs. Barnes 21-15, 21-16.

**Boys' Singles:** M. J. TOOLE bt B. Carlile 21-13, 21-12. **Girls' Singles:** J. HARROWER bt Miss H. Brautigam 21-4, 21-13.

## ABOUT BEING FIT

**I**F you are fit, training will enable you to engage in strenuous activities for comparatively long periods. But if one, or more, of your organs or glands is unhealthy, any "training" attempted may strain your system. So it is as well to find out, if you can, if you are fit to get fit before starting special athletic activities.

Obviously, your doctor is the man to see as a general rule. However, there are times when despite his opinion that you are healthy, exercises result in your being very tired so long as the exercises are kept up. Who should you see then? Being in such a position, I went to a radiesthetist last year, as a result of hearing some favourable reports, and now have pleasure in saying that I am very glad that I did. I am altogether in a much improved condition.

It must be said that a radiesthetist is not of the orthodox profession but, when all is said and done, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Having proved their puddings, I feel I ought to let my fellow table tennis players know of these unorthodox cooks.

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(Merton Park).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP - - - By CONRAD JASCHKE

# Lincolnshire and Glamorgan Go Up

## PLAYERS' AVERAGES

**B**Y defeating Gloucestershire 7-3 at Bristol, Essex finish runners-up in the premier division for the first time. Percy Curtis made his debut for Essex, and contributed one singles win.

At Macclesfield, Lancashire beat Cheshire also by 7-3, and that means Cheshire accompany Kent into relegation . . . the second time in three years that these two counties have been companions-in-calamity.

Congratulations to Lincolnshire who gained premier status when they defeated Hertfordshire by 7-2, at St. Albans, in a play-off match. Congratulations also to Glamorgan who defeated Hertfordshire in the second play-off at Hoddesdon by 6-3 and who thus accompany Lincolnshire.

With the championships now completed for the season it is time to turn to the individual averages. Only players who have made a minimum of 50 per cent. appearances qualify for these lists.

Thirteen players went through the season with full marks, three of them juniors, and all from the lower divisions.

No one in the Premier Division maintained an unbeaten record.

The best records were those of Peter Skerratt, of Lincolnshire, who won all ten matches in which he played, and David Creamer, of Middlesex, in the Junior Division, who won 12 out of 12.

### PREMIER DIVISION

|                        | W. | L. | Av. |
|------------------------|----|----|-----|
| L. Landry Mddx.)       | 7  | 1  | 87% |
| J. Leach (Essex)       | 7  | 1  | 87% |
| J. Somogyi (Surrey)    | 10 | 2  | 83% |
| I. Harrison (Glous.)   | 11 | 3  | 79% |
| B. Kennedy (Yorks.)    | 9  | 3  | 75% |
| D. Burridge (Mddx.)    | 10 | 4  | 71% |
| H. Venner (Surrey)     | 10 | 4  | 71% |
| K. Craigie (Surrey)    | 8  | 4  | 67% |
| B. Merrett (Glous.)    | 9  | 5  | 64% |
| J. Ingber (Lancs.)     | 8  | 6  | 57% |
| Miss K. Best (Yorks.)  | 6  | 1  | 86% |
| Miss D. Rowe (Mddx.)   | 5  | 1  | 80% |
| Miss J. Rook (Surrey)  | 3  | 2  | 60% |
| Miss J. Fielder (Kent) | 4  | 3  | 57% |

Laurie Landry lost his only singles to Geoff Pullar (Lancashire), and Johnny Leach's only defeat was at the hands of Jo Somogyi, who in turn was beaten by Brian Kennedy and Bryan Merrett. Two players who did well but do not qualify because of insufficient appearances are Brian Brumwell (Essex), who won all his six singles and three doubles, and Phil Strulovitch (Lancashire), who won five out of six singles.

### DIVISION II NORTH

|                      | W. | L. | Av.  |
|----------------------|----|----|------|
| P. Skerratt (Lincs.) | 10 | 0  | 100% |
| M. Pitts (Yorks.)    | 9  | 1  | 90%  |

The Players' Averages have been kindly compiled by FRANK BATEMAN of Essex.

|                        |   |   |      |
|------------------------|---|---|------|
| C. Deaton (Derby)      | 7 | 1 | 87%  |
| W. Gallagher (Warw.)   | 5 | 3 | 62%  |
| W. Barker (Durham)     | 6 | 4 | 60%  |
| C. Carrigill (Yorks.)  | 6 | 4 | 60%  |
| Miss A. Haydon (Warw.) | 3 | 0 | 100% |
| Mrs. W. Eanor (Lincs.) | 4 | 1 | 80%  |

Peter Skerratt was also unbeaten in the mixed doubles, where he was regularly partnered by Mrs. C. Moran. Young Wilf Barker, who was still a junior, is the only player to appear in the averages of two different divisions.

### DIVISION II SOUTH

|                         | W. | L. | Av. |
|-------------------------|----|----|-----|
| P. Shead (Sussex)       | 9  | 1  | 90% |
| G. Stevens (Hants.)     | 8  | 2  | 80% |
| J. Hunt (Herts.)        | 7  | 3  | 70% |
| J. Quilter (Sussex)     | 7  | 3  | 70% |
| L. Wise (Berks.)        | 5  | 3  | 62% |
| B. Barnes (Berks.)      | 6  | 4  | 60% |
| B. Barr (Herts.)        | 6  | 4  | 60% |
| T. Densham (Herts.)     | 6  | 4  | 60% |
| Mrs. J. Beadle (Kent)   | 4  | 1  | 80% |
| Mrs. D. Gray (Hants.)   | 4  | 1  | 80% |
| Miss P. Roger (Suffolk) | 3  | 2  | 60% |
| Miss J. White (Herts.)  | 3  | 2  | 60% |

Peter Shead's only defeat was by George Stevens. Terry Densham and John Hunt were undefeated in men's doubles.

### DIVISION II WEST

|                          | W. | L. | Av.  |
|--------------------------|----|----|------|
| B. Dimascio (Glam.)      | 8  | 0  | 100% |
| N. Parker (Glam.)        | 9  | 1  | 90%  |
| D. Backhouse (Staff.)    | 11 | 3  | 79%  |
| D. Smith (Somerset)      | 11 | 3  | 79%  |
| J. Lindsay (Somerset)    | 10 | 4  | 71%  |
| J. Robbins (Staff.)      | 10 | 4  | 71%  |
| R. Davies (Glam.)        | 7  | 3  | 70%  |
| A. Wolfe (Wilts.)        | 9  | 5  | 64%  |
| R. Goode (Worcs.)        | 8  | 6  | 57%  |
| M. Hawkins (Worcs.)      | 8  | 6  | 57%  |
| R. Lush (Worcs.)         | 8  | 6  | 57%  |
| J. Osborne (Staff.)      | 8  | 6  | 57%  |
| Miss A. Bates (Glam.)    | 6  | 0  | 100% |
| Mrs. A. Pettifer (Som.)  | 5  | 0  | 100% |
| Miss D. Worrall (Staff.) | 6  | 1  | 86%  |
| Mr. J. Lloyd (Worcs.)    | 4  | 3  | 57%  |

Worcestershire used the same four singles players throughout the season—Goode, Hawkins, Lush and Mrs. Lloyd. Each had 57% wins.

### MIDLAND DIVISION

|                       | W. | L. | Av.  |
|-----------------------|----|----|------|
| C. Jacques (Leics.)   | 6  | 0  | 100% |
| P. Reid (Leics.)      | 6  | 0  | 100% |
| J. Burraston (Leics.) | 5  | 1  | 83%  |

Although this is the smallest division in the championships—only six matches being played all told—no less than 21 men and 10 women played in the singles.

Obviously this division is of considerable value in bringing county table tennis to a wide selection of players for a minimum in travelling expenses. Only the three Leicestershire men qualify for the list, and no woman player in this division won more than one match.

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

|                         | W. | L. | Av.  |
|-------------------------|----|----|------|
| J. Thurston (Cambridge) | 8  | 0  | 100% |
| C. Crowe (Beds.)        | 7  | 1  | 87%  |

|                           |   |   |      |
|---------------------------|---|---|------|
| P. Racey (Beds.)          | 5 | 1 | 83%  |
| B. Clarke (Beds.)         | 6 | 2 | 75%  |
| L. Holdom (Norfolk)       | 6 | 2 | 75%  |
| B. Thompson (Camb.)       | 3 | 1 | 75%  |
| Miss J. Williams (Bucks.) | 4 | 0 | 100% |
| Miss C. Deal (Kent)       | 2 | 0 | 100% |

Paul Racey, one of England's biggest junior hopes, more than held his own in this division, and will have the benefit of second division table tennis next season as Bedfordshire are promoted.

### NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

|                         | W. | L. | Av. |
|-------------------------|----|----|-----|
| W. Barker (Durham)      | 11 | 1  | 92% |
| G. Livesey (Lancs.)     | 11 | 1  | 92% |
| J. Keogh (Lancs.)       | 6  | 2  | 75% |
| Miss M. Bradnum (York.) | 4  | 1  | 80% |
| Miss D. Wright (Chesh.) | 4  | 1  | 80% |

### SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION

|                          | W. | L. | Av.  |
|--------------------------|----|----|------|
| D. Creamer (Mddx.)       | 12 | 0  | 100% |
| C. Gosling (Mddx.)       | 11 | 1  | 92%  |
| B. Hamill (Mddx.)        | 10 | 2  | 83%  |
| M. Pass (Kent)           | 10 | 2  | 83%  |
| J. Bysh (Surrey)         | 9  | 3  | 75%  |
| R. Ractliffe (Herts.)    | 9  | 3  | 75%  |
| M. Ellis (Kent)          | 8  | 4  | 67%  |
| N. Bates (Essex)         | 4  | 2  | 67%  |
| M. Sweeting (Essex)      | 6  | 4  | 60%  |
| Miss M. Shannon (Surrey) | 5  | 0  | 100% |
| Miss J. Harrower (Mddx.) | 4  | 0  | 100% |
| Miss S. Benton (Kent)    | 3  | 1  | 75%  |

Bob Ractliffe and Judy Williams (Hertfordshire), who are both under 15, won all their mixed doubles. Chris Gosling's only defeat was at the hands of Malcolm Ellis.

### PREMIER DIVISION

#### FINAL TABLE

|                 | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Surrey          | 7  | 6  | 0  | 1  | 51 | 19 | 12 |
| Essex           | 7  | 6  | 0  | 1  | 43 | 27 | 12 |
| Middlesex       | 7  | 5  | 1  | 1  | 48 | 22 | 11 |
| Yorkshire       | 7  | 4  | 0  | 3  | 35 | 35 | 8  |
| Gloucestershire | 7  | 2  | 2  | 3  | 34 | 36 | 6  |
| Lancashire      | 7  | 2  | 1  | 4  | 28 | 42 | 5  |
| Cheshire        | 7  | 1  | 0  | 6  | 20 | 50 | 2  |
| Kent            | 7  | 0  | 0  | 7  | 21 | 49 | 0  |

### DETAILED RESULTS

#### PREMIER DIVISION

Cheshire 3, Lancashire 7  
 V. Hankey lost to P. Strulovitch —19, —8; lost to R. Alcock —15, —17. D. Schofield lost to Alcock —19, —15; lost to J. Ingber —12, —16. E. Johnson lost to Ingber —12, —12; lost to Strulovitch 14, —16, —14.  
 Mrs. D. Wilkinson lost to Miss W. Swift —13, 22, —20.  
 Schofield/Johnson bt Ingber/Strulovitch 8, 15. Hankey/Miss L. Bown bt Alcock/Mrs. C. Spencer 21, —20, 18. Miss Bown/Mrs. Wilkinson bt Miss Swift/Mrs. Spencer 18, 19.

#### Gloucestershire 3, Essex 7

R. Morley lost to P. Curtis —14, —20; lost to B. Brumwell —8, —15. B. Merrett lost to Brumwell —20, —10; lost to R. Stevens —18, 15, —14. I. Harrison bt Stevens 20, 18; bt Curtis 15, 19.  
 Mrs. E. Spokes lost to Mrs. J. McCree —15, 17.

Harrison/Merrett lost to Brumwell/Stevens 17, —15, —15. Morley/Mrs. Spokes bt Curtis/Mrs. E. Carrington 12, —14, 13. Miss P. Taylor/Miss S. Griffiths lost to Mrs. Carrington/Mrs. McCree 20, —13, 15.

## NORTH EAST ENGLAND "OPEN"

## ESSEX TAKE LION'S SHARE

The Essex trio of Bobbie Raybould, Bobby Stevens and Yvonne Baker had a field day in the North East of England "Open" at Scarborough, cleaning up in four of the five senior events. Each came away with two titles.

The greatly improved Raybould won the men's singles, beating Stevens in the final 15-21, 21-18, 21-16, then they paired up to win the men's doubles.



BOBBIE RAYBOULD

Stevens also won the mixed doubles with Miss Baker, who in turn shared the women's doubles with Joyce Fielder.

Miss Fielder, of Kent was odd champion out, winning the women's singles, where her final victim was Miss L. Hamilton.

Both Raybould and Stevens had narrow squeaks in the singles semi-finals, where they were near to being beaten in straight games.

Raybould beat Peter Skerratt 12-21, 22-20, 21-18, while Stevens overcame M. Sheader 8-21, 23-21, 21-16.

Colin Deaton won the Youth Singles, beating George Livesey, who had the consolation of winning the boys' singles. Margaret Bradnum took the girls' singles.

**Men's Singles: Semi-Finals:** R. RAYBOULD bt P. Skerratt 12-21, 22-20, 21-18. R. STEVENS bt M. Sheader 8-21, 21-18, 21-16.

**Final:** RAYBOULD bt Stevens 15-21, 21-18, 21-16.

**Women's Singles: Final:** J. FIELDER bt L. Hamilton 21-18, 21-13.

**Men's Doubles: Final:** RAYBOULD/STEVENS bt Skerratt/Sheader 24-22, 9-21, 23-21.

**Women's Doubles: Final:** FIELDER/Y. BAKER bt Mrs. C. Moran/Mrs. M. Harrison 21-6, 21-17.

**Mixed Doubles: Final:** STEVENS/Miss BAKER bt G. Elliott/Miss Fielder 23-21, 21-17.

**Youth Singles: Final:** C. DEATON bt G. Livesey 21-11, 21-10.

**Boy's Singles: Final:** LIVESEY bt B. Midgley 21-17, 21-10.

**Girls' Singles: Final:** M. BRADNUM bt I. Alsopp 23-21, 21-17.

**Veterans' Singles: Final:** C. S. ROBERTS bt E. Moorhouse 21-14, 23-21.

## ENGLAND TOO STRONG FOR U.S.A.

England came out well on top in the three internationals against U.S.A. following the English "Open". They won 8—1 at Tottenham, drew 4-all at Cheltenham, and won 5—3 at Leeds.

Jean Harrower, making her international debut at Tottenham, won her singles against "Jackie" Koehnke in straight games, but figured in England's only loss when she partnered Mrs. Betty Bird in the doubles. They went down to Barbara Chaimson and Sharon Acton.

*U.S.A. might well have had two more wins for Len Cooperman had a match point against Bobby Stevens, while Bob Gusikoff had the chance for a straight games victory over Michael Thornhill.*

For the rest of the matches the English players were well in command.

Bernard Bukiet, who had lost to Harrison at Tottenham, turned the tables at Cheltenham, where he figured in three of the American wins. He also beat Derek Burrige, and partnered Gusikoff to win the doubles, against Harrison and Burrige. It was an unhappy meeting for Burrige for he also lost to Gusikoff.

It was left to the girls to save England for they won all their matches.

Brian Kennedy had a poor meeting before his home crowd at Leeds losing both his singles to Gusikoff and Van de Walle. He did however manage to win the doubles with Jeff Ingber against Gusikoff and Bukiet. Once again England's girls went through unbeaten.

**At Tottenham: England 8, U.S.A. 1.** L. F. Landry bt N. Van de Walle 21-15, 15-21, 21-13. R. J. Stevens bt L. Cooperman 17-21, 24-22, 21-18. I. Harrison bt B. Bukiet 23-21, 21-13. M. Thornhill bt R. Gusikoff 18-21, 24-22, 21-13.

Mrs. B. Bird bt Miss S. Acton 22-20, 21-13. Miss J. Harrower bt Miss J. Koehnke 21-17, 21-16. Miss J. Fielder bt Miss B. Chaimson 21-14, 21-16.

Landry/Thornhill bt Gusikoff/Cooperman 21-14, 26-24. Mrs. Bird/Miss Harrower lost to Miss Chaimson/Miss Acton 18-21, 11-21.

**At Cheltenham: England 4, U.S.A. 4.** D. Burrige lost to Bukiet 6-21, 5-21; lost to Gusikoff 21-13, 20-22, 17-21. Harrison bt Gusikoff 21-14, 21-16; lost to Bukiet 11-21, 18-21.

Miss J. Rook bt Miss Chaimson 21-16, 21-18. Miss P. Mortimer bt Miss Acton 21-19, 21-10.

Harrison/Burrige lost to Bukiet/Gusikoff 14-21, 21-17, 21-21. Miss Mortimer/Miss Rook bt Miss Chaimson/Miss Acton 22-20, 21-10.

**At Leeds: England 5, U.S.A. 3.** B. Kennedy lost to Gusikoff 17-21, 14-21; lost to Van de Walle 18-21, 17-21. J. Ingber bt Van de Walle 17-21, 21-13, 21-14; lost to Gusikoff 19-21, 16-21.

Miss K. Best bt Miss Acton 21-17, 21-15. Miss Mortimer bt Miss Koehnke 21-19, 21-14.

Kennedy/Ingber bt Gusikoff/Bukiet 14-21, 21-17, 23-21. Miss Best/Miss Mortimer bt Miss Acton/Miss Koehnke 21-10, 21-9.

## UNEXPECTED DEFEAT

England's men suffered an unexpected reverse in the away international with France when they were well beaten 5-2.

*Detailed results: Raybould lost to Itoothoof 20-22, 21-18, 16-21; lost to Amouretti 17-21, 9-21. Merrett lost to Amouretti 19-21, 13-21; bt Granier 21-14, 21-19. Leach lost to Granier 19-21, 21-12, 17-21; bt Itoothoof 23-21, 21-12; lost to Amouretti 16-21, 12-19, 17-21;*