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Mrs. EVA (KOCZIAN) FOLDI,
of Hungary, the new English
"Open" Champion

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A JUNIOR UPLIFT

SOME 500 young table tennis players can expect special training and coaching next season.

This has been made possible by the grant of £300 from the King George's Jubilee Trust.

The grant, which has been made essentially for the expansion of the junior training programme has come as a shot in the arm, relieving the association of a big financial worry.

Over the past three seasons there has been a gradual reduction in the numbers that could be invited to the Lilleshall Course which had to be suspended this year.

Now with this new financial aid, ten times that number will be able to receive this benefit.

Blue Print Stage

Plans for its use are still in the blue print stage, but the strong junior committee ably led by Edgar Reay, of County Durham, are expected to run a series of regional courses.

The grant could not have come at a better time. The standards of English table tennis have been in the doldrums for some while and it is obvious that we must search the highways and byways for new talent.

The recent English "Open" has shown that we are well below leading European nations. We gained only half a title in the senior events—the women's doubles won by Kathie Best in partnership with Agnes Simon of West Germany—while our record was little better in the junior titles.

It is not so much that there is a falling off in numbers as the lack of finances to undertake major training programmes that holds us back. The more youngsters that can be developed the greater the chance of producing future champions like the Rowe twins and Johnny Leach.

Given the incentive it is certain that there must be many juniors hidden away in schools and outlying areas who can make the grade.

Already national coach Jack Carrington, is spreading the gospel with his coaching clinics, and the training of coaches, which is, of course, the prime object of his job following the £1,000 grant by the Ministry of Education.

Now comes this new grant which is aimed at developing the young player.

The Aims

King George's Jubilee Trust was established in 1935. Its aims, briefly are:—

"To advance the physical welfare of the younger generation by providing opportunities for outdoor and indoor recreations, games and sports;

"To advance the mental welfare of the younger generation by providing education in the wiser use of leisure;

"To advance the spiritual welfare of the younger generation by the development and formation of character and by inculcating these ideas of self-discipline, public service and religion which were personified by King George V throughout his reign."

Last season the E.T.T.A., along with all the principle sports organisations were invited to a special meeting to launch a new appeal for funds.

Subsequently on discovering that the A.A.A. receive a grant for training of young athletes, Peter Lowen, the E.T.T.A. secretary enquired of Major General T. N. F. Wilson, Secretary of the Trust, if table tennis were eligible for similar aid.

Receiving a favourable reply, Lowen pursued the subject and, with the guidance of General Wilson, made the application, which produced the grant.

OFFICIAL NEWS

N.E.C. Meeting: The next meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held on February 18. The Committee will be considering observations made by the County Secretaries and Representatives at their recent Conference together with the Rules Committee's recommendations regarding any changes to the Rules of the Association.

Members are reminded that any proposed addition, alteration or deletion to the Rules must be received in writing at the office of the Association by February 28, in order to be included on the Agenda for the 1961 Annual General Meeting. According to Rule 31, "all the proposals so received shall be circulated to all County Associations and Local Leagues during March and amendments or alternative proposals dealing with the same substance shall be accepted for consideration by the Annual General Meeting if submitted in writing and received by the Secretary of the Association not later than the last day in April."

English "Open" Championships: The Championship finals were held at the Royal Albert Hall, on January 7. Programmes are now on sale with the full results of the Championships and are priced 2/9 (post free). These programmes can be obtained from the office of the Association at 652, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.

National Umpires' Examination: During the period of the English "Open" Championships the National Umpires' Committee arranged a National Umpires' examination and have recommended that the following members be upgraded.

- (35) MR. H. A. SPRAGGS (Essex).
- (36) MR. A. J. HOBDAK (Oxfordshire)
- (37) MR. C. JASCHKE (Kent).
- (38) MR. C. LEDERMAN (Middlesex).

Duplicating Service: The office has been carrying out duplicating for a number of the Association's members

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and will welcome further enquiries from those who have as yet not availed themselves of this service. All enquiries should be addressed to the office of the Association at 652, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, W.C.2.

E.T.T.A. Office: Miss Angela Yarrow, who has acted as the personal assistant to the Secretary, has now left the employ of the Association. During January, 1961, she announced her engagement to Mr. D. C. Griffiths of Cardiff, and has left the office in order to make plans for her forthcoming wedding in Scotland, in May, 1961. We wish her every happiness for the future. Miss Patricia Jessup

English Table Tennis Association

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took over the post as from January 23.

World Championships: These Championships are to be played in Peking, China, from April 5 to 14. Plans are now being made for the Association's representatives to travel to this biennial event and from information received to date, their departure from England will take place on March 29. At a meeting of the National Selection Committee (senior) held on January 26 the following players were selected to represent the Association.

MEN

(Swaythling Cup Team)

I. Harrison (Gloucestershire), B. Merrett (Gloucestershire), J. Ingber (Lancashire).

WOMEN

(Corbillon Cup Team)

Miss D. Rowe (Middlesex), Miss J. Harrower (Middlesex).

Mr. R. J. Crayden (Surrey) will act as the Non-Playing Captain for both teams. We wish our representatives all success in the matches which they will play in Peking.

Training Session: On January 2 a training session was staged by the National Selection Committee (senior) at the Greenwich Baths, Trafalgar Road, London, S.E.10. The players invited were as follows:—

MEN. I. Harrison (Gloucestershire), B. Merrett (Gloucestershire), J. Ingber (Lancashire), D. C. Burnidge (Middlesex), A. Rhodes (Middlesex), S. Jacobson (Middlesex), P. Shead (Sussex), A. Piddock (Kent), H. Buist (Kent), D. Creamer (Middlesex).

WOMEN. Miss D. Rowe (Middlesex), Miss J. Harrower (Middlesex), Mrs. J. McCree (Essex), Miss C. K. Best (Yorkshire), Mrs. R. Cornett (Middlesex), Miss M. Shannon (Surrey), Miss A. Taft (Hertfordshire).

Central Council of Physical Recreation: The C.C.P.R. have included in their 1961 Spring and Summer Courses and Coaching Holidays, three Table Tennis sessions. These are as follows:—

At Lilleshall Hall, Shropshire.

Saturday, 24th June to Saturday, 1st July, 1961 Fee £8 10s.
Saturday, 15th July to Saturday, 22nd July, 1961 ... Fee £9 0s. 0d.

Bisham Abbey, Berkshire.

Saturday, 9th September to Saturday, 16th September, 1961
Fee £8 0s. 0d.

Any enquiries regarding these Courses should be made to the General Secretary, Central Council of Physical Recreation, 6, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1. Tel: MUSEum 0726.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

WITH Cambridgeshire firmly established at the top of the Circulation Drive table, Bill Rogerson, who is responsible for the rapid climb, has retired as the County magazine secretary.

His place has now been taken by Tony Brotchie and Peter Silk who are determined to carry on the good work.

New Chesterton Institute, now without Reg Dean, who has moved to another district, still stand unbeaten at the top of Division One in the Cambridgeshire League.

A much improved Y.M.C.A. I are lying second with N.C.I's second team, third.

Other Division leaders are: Division II, Pest Control. Division III, Hospitals I; Division IV, Torchbearers; Division V, Kerridges I; Division VI, Northern Assurance.

Wilburton are still in the running for the Knock-out Handicap Trophy they won last year.

Leslie Constable.

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Conducted by LAURIE LANDRY

TOPSPIN SPREADING IN EUROPE

WITH a very strong entry from Europe in the English "Open," it was interesting to see if any of the top players from the sub-continent had ventured to try, or indeed been successful, with the "new" topspin which has been synonymous with the name Jacobson in this country.

From the reports on the Hungarian and Yugoslavian "Opens," we heard of Rozsas, who apparently uses the topspin extensively. From the Japanese tour by the Hungarian and Yugoslav combined team we read that the Europeans were crushed mainly because of their inability to deal with the "new" shot.

Of the visitors it seemed that only the young Markovic from Yugoslavia really had the hang of the excessive topspin shot. It would be correct to say, I think, that Markovic won his semi against Sido because of his control over the shot. In all other departments of the game Sido was still the master but even he could not combat it properly.

In the final Markovic beat Larsson three straight and though I have no records of scores in other matches between these two, I do not think that Markovic has ever won so easily. Here again it was his topspin that was the key to his victory.

A 21-year-old law student of Belgrade University, Markovic brings intelligence into his game and there is something behind the way he plays that obviously originated in the brain. It was not something that was ingrained into his system with 5-8 hours' practise a day, which might have been the case with other leading European players!

On his own admittance, Markovic gives Jacobson credit for making him topspin wise. After seeing Stan play in the Yugoslav "Open," he decided to practise it. It has not taken him long to control it and obtain his first success.

Berczik on the other hand seems quite unable to properly receive or penetrate the "new" shot which suggests, I think, that it was originated for the benefit of attacking players.

ENGLISH "OPEN"

Firstly, the main talking point from the National Championships was the wonderful venue at Greenwich. Better than Manor Place Baths? "Yes," was the general consensus of opinion.

It was far more airy and the playing conditions were perfect. They were so perfect, in fact, that some players were actually heard to complain about the conditions the following week at Cardiff for the Welsh "Open." The conditions at the finals can only be judged by myself on last year but others thought that they were very good. It is however regrettable and inevitable that they were different to those that the earlier rounds were played under.

One not so minor point that came up more than once was the order of play of the quarter-final matches on the Thursday evening.

When the Championships had their home at Empire Pool, Wembley, the quarter-final matches provided the basis of the Friday evening "First Finals' Night" programme. Usually the best matches of the tournament they should not be put on at the same time.

It is certainly true for one or two would-be spectators for the Thursday matches, that they did not come because they knew that the quarter-final matches were not to be staged individually. While not for a moment suggesting that you can base an axiom on a sample of one or two, it is evident that there is some feeling on this subject.

WEST OF ENGLAND

Back to ground level and over to the deep west, i.e. Plymouth, where the increasing popularity of the West of England is not only well-deserved but self-evident. Last year just two players came from South-East England to join the South-West whilst this year the number was up to twelve. Also the fact that the visitors took most of the titles will encourage the pot-hunting fraternity to

make the trip and supplement their sideboards. This will of course automatically help to improve the standard and perhaps the visitors will not be so successful.

The tournament itself was as last year well run; was easily finished in time for staged finals and there were no apparent umpire problems. Catering — very important too — was admirably handled during the day with Cornish Pasties available and hot all the time.

The prizes could have been, not so much better as different. Replicas just do not seem to be appreciated any more. Perhaps in the days of the "Adrian Haydon Loop Drive," the glitter of silver on the sideboard was the thing but in these days of the "Jacobson Topspin," it is useful gifts and vouchers that are coveted most.

WELSH "OPEN"

The earlier remarks under the English "Open" were by no means meant to be derogatory to the Welsh, — you cannot compare any tournament with the English. The Welsh, on its own and Rest of European standards, was excellently run and a lot was got through by the time the final stage was reached.

It was such a pity to see so few of the local players taking part in this wonderful chance of playing really good opposition (the Swedes were there too). Perhaps this reflects their own playing strength — it will be a long time before there is another Newport where, Roy Evans reminded us last month, Wales once led England 4-2 in an international match.

It is also a pity that this tournament runs at such a loss and it is not yet decided whether it can be run again next year.

CONGRATULATIONS U.S.T.T.A.

THE following paragraph appears in the latest issue of the U.S.T.T.A.

Newsletter, signed by Marvin Shaffer, U.S.T.T.A. Tournament Officer.

"No sanction will be granted to any sponsor for a segregated tournament.

Nor will sanction be granted if the sponsor intends to run 'separate but equal' tournaments—there is no such thing. The only basis upon which entries can be rejected is if the entrant is not of the right sex or age. This means that there maybe sponsors who will be denied sanction even though there were several segregated tournaments held. It was not known that they were practising segregation at these tournaments. However, from now on, all Regional Chairmen will ask the sponsor directly whether or not he intends to run a segregated tournament—that is, in areas where it is suspected that such tournaments have been, or are likely to be, held."

WELSH CORNER

A Swedish Boost

SWEDES Tony Larsson and Hans Alser gave table tennis a "shot in the arm" during the final of the Welsh "Open" in Cardiff.

In common with most other centres, Wales has suffered badly from spectator apathy in the past few seasons, but more matches of the calibre of this final won by Larsson, would soon bring crowds back.

But what will drive them even farther away was the Alser/Merrett semi-final which ended in a time-limit win for Alser, after a slip-up over the operation of the time-limit rule. International Table Tennis Federation Secretary, H. Roy Evans, one of the referees, had a more than usually red face over this!

It is difficult to understand why Alser who can obviously beat Merrett by hitting has to go back into his shell and push, after winning the opening game easily.

DECEPTIVELY CASUAL

In the final, Larsson, looking deceptively casual, recovered brilliantly to take the first game at 22-20, and in the second built up such a good lead that the end of the match became exhibition, with the fans relishing every fantastic rally.

Ian Harrison played well through the day and took the first game against Larsson in the semi-final, but the Swede hit brilliantly to take the next two.

Stan Jacobson had his moment of glory in the quarters against Alser, and the latter, showing no liking for the excessive topspin, lost the first at 18. He settled down, however, to some really methodical tactics to take the second and third.

Micky Thornhill gave Larsson a good game in the quarters, and the Welsh crowd welcomed old favourite Aubrey Simons who went out to Harrison, also in the quarter-final.

Merrett had an easy win over Terry Densham, but dropped a game in a fine tussle with Bobby Stevens.

Bristol's Eamon Buckley did well to take a game from Harrison, but the only Welsh success was Ron Davies's defeat of Bobbie Raybould, before going out to Simons.

Harrison and Merrett had no answer to the Swedish attack in the men's doubles, and Larsson and Alser won without much trouble. Thornhill and David Creamer gave the Swedes a much better three game

struggle in the quarters, but then Larsson and Alser beat Stevens and Raybould very easily. Harrison's and Merrett's semi-final victims were the scratch pairing of Simons and the tall Swedish Junior, Christian Heyerdahl, who just got home in the third against Landry and Densham.

Jean McCree gave Diane Rowe surprisingly little trouble in the women's final, but Jean had a good win over Pam Mortimer in her semi-final, while Diane was given a good game by Lena Guntzsch, the best of the three brilliant Swedish juniors.

POPULAR WIN

Most popular win of the evening was, in fact, the success of Swedish juniors, Guntzsch and Brit Andersson, over Rowe and McCree in the women's doubles. The Swedes, who seemed to improve with every game, became firm favourites with the crowd, and received tremendous applause for their victory.

The youngest Swedish girl, Marita Carlsson, struck up a fine understanding with Pam Mortimer and they only lost 19 in the third to Rowe and McCree.

The Welsh pair Margaret Jones and Margaret Phillips justified their

seeding by taking Andersson and Guntzsch to the third, and, with a little luck, could have won two straight.

Harrison and Diane Rowe gained some revenge in the mixed, beating Larsson and Brit Andersson in two games. There were many good games in this event, Ian and Diane having a close semi-final battle with Alser and Lena Guntzsch, and Larsson and Andersson being taken to 16 in the third by Thornhill and McCree.

Brian Wright was an easy winner of the boys' event, Ian Gibson disappointing his Welsh supporters after a good win over Brady. John Davies from Abergavenny actually gave Wright a better battle.

After Lena Guntzsch had just beaten Marita Carlsson at 20 in the third game, she went on to win the girls' singles title beating Judy Williams and Mary Shannon.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: T. LARSSON (Sweden) bt I. Harrison (Gloucestershire) 17-21, 21-16, 21-19; H. ALSER (Sweden) bt E. Merrett (Gloucestershire) 21-12, 15-21, 12-9 (t.l.).

Final: LARSSON bt Alser 22-20, 21-14.
Women's Singles: Final: D. ROWE (Middlesex) bt J. McCree (Essex) 21-7, 21-9.

Men's Doubles: Final: LARSSON/ALSER bt Harrison/Merrett 21-16, 21-18.

Women's Doubles: Final: L. GUNTZSCH/B. ANDERSSON (Sweden) bt Rowe/McCree 21-18, 17-21, 21-15.

Mixed Doubles: Final: HARRISON/Miss ROWE bt Larsson/Miss Andersson 22-20, 21-18.

Boys' Singles: Final: B. WRIGHT (Middlesex) bt I. Gibson (Wales) 21-10, 21-12.

Girls' Singles: Final: L. GUNTZSCH bt M. Shannon (Surrey) 21-8, 18-21, 21-10.

SWEDISH GIRLS SLAM WALES

Wales v. Sweden (Women)

AT first it just did not seem right that the Swedish team, composed of two sixteen-year-olds and one fifteen-year-old should be opposed by the Welsh senior side, which could only have been strengthened by the inclusion of Betty Gray.

But in the end it was the Welsh team which earned the commiserations of a small but enthusiastic crowd at Cwmbran, for the Swedish girls won 7-0 without dropping a game!

The Swedes demonstrated the value of having started and learned the game entirely with the sandwich bat, and their use of it, particularly in counter-attack, left the Welsh girls flat footed.

The two Welsh attacking players Audrey Bates and Gretta Dimascio were completely out-hit. Gretta started promisingly against Lena

Guntzsch, but as soon as the Swede got into her stride, it was all one way traffic. Gretta did get nearer to Marita Carlsson, but Audrey Bates, seemed completely nonplussed.

Significantly it was the two Welsh defenders, Margaret Jones and Margaret Phillips, who looked more likely to do well, and, taking the ball later, they made the Swedish girls work harder for their shots.

Margaret Phillips has every reason to be satisfied with her international debut, played in such difficult circumstances.

After the match, Tony Larsson and Hans Alser played a brilliant exhibition match.

Detailed Scores (Swedish names first): Lena Guntzsch bt Gretta Dimascio 21-12, 21-12; bt Audrey Bates 21-10, 21-15. Brit Andersson bt Bates 21-16, 21-14; bt Margaret Jones 21-13, 21-8. Marita Carlsson bt Jones 21-13, 21-8; bt Dimascio 21-11, 21-18; Guntzsch/Andersson bt Jones/Margaret Phillips 21-14, 21-11.

BAT CHAT

by RON CRAYDEN

IN my opinion the article by Ernie Power in the December issue of the magazine was most interesting and laced with common sense.

Ernie, like myself, was weaned on what might be termed vintage table tennis, when the game had continuity, rallies and a climax.

Memory can often distort images, especially of the past, and sometimes because of it we are inclined to belittle the present. What does stand out to-day, however, is the amount of purposeless pushing that goes on and the little there is of controlled hitting.

Sponge and Sandwich have completely altered the face of the game and, from the viewpoint of audience appeal, detrimentally so.

Much has been written as to why this should be, but nothing more illuminating than the paragraph from Ernie Power's article which reads "... THESE DAYS THERE IS SO MUCH ON THE BALL THAT IT DOES AMAZING THINGS WITH THIS SPONGE."

A NEW BREEDING GROUND

It is indeed a travesty to find that individual skill and effort is taking second place to a material and it is a pity to find so many players spending so much time experimenting with unusual bats instead of spending time developing sound techniques.

Because a bat can cause the ball to jump alarmingly and do "amazing things," controlled hitting becomes a risky affair and the basic law of the game prevails: "Get the ball back on the table regardless."

With the shake hands grip there is more safety in the push stroke, so, not surprisingly, we are breeding more and more pushers.

Accepting the fact that certain types of bats can cause the celluloid to behave abnormally must surely mean that the death knell has sounded for the fluent attacking game. We are in point of fact playing with a googly ball.

When one considers the time and money that has been spent on perfecting conditions and ensuring that balls fulfil qualities of bounce, shape and resistance it all seems nonsensical.

STANDARDISATION

The compromise of bat standardisation was obviously a small step in the right direction, for it makes one shudder to think of what developments might have taken place had

there been no check on this thing called Sponge.

Today, various types of bats are infiltrating into this country, all with the object of doing more with the ball. Most of them are within the letter of the law, but there are exceptions.

Perhaps the greatest offender to the rules is a reversed rubber bat finished in bright yellow; the smooth "plasticised" type of surface reflects light effulgently. For those who wear spectacles this is, I understand, an

THE CIRCULATION DRIVE

BIG news this month is that Donald Hillier has found the time from his many activities to put himself behind the circulation drive again. In the next four months, can he overhaul Cambridgeshire? Or will Cambs. respond to the challenge and step up their sales still further?

With Plymouth's big effort taking toll, Devon move into third spot in the "Under 100" counties, at the expense of Suffolk. Here again, can the East Anglian county step up their sales. With Closed Championships coming along in many parts, I hope that all Magazine Secretaries will redouble their efforts. Please don't hesitate to write to me. I am only too pleased to hear from you. Even if you haven't much to say, it is nice to know how you are getting along.

I saw Ian White in Slough, at the Junior International Match. Like all too many other officials, he has far too much to do, but I have a sneaking suspicion that he isn't going to let Hertfordshire get away with the top

WILTSHIRE WANDERINGS

AT the half-way stage in the Wiltshire League Swindon head both Division One and Division Two Tables with maximum points from their four matches.

Swindon's Tony Wolfe tops the First Division averages with 100% while townmate Les Bues heads the Second Division. Two other Swindon players, Mrs. G. Hazell and Mrs. I Sherman head the Women's Section.

Warminster Junior Champion, David Garrett tops the Junior Section with 15 wins in his County League debut.

The Silver Anniversary of the West Wiltshire League was celebrated by a Dinner at The Woolpack, Trowbridge. This was attended by the County President, Mr. Dick Rees (Warminster).

unfair handicap. As a player remarked to me, "It's like being in a Hall of Mirrors."

Such bats are against the laid-out rules for this equipment.

CONCLUSION

Having gone so far along the road it is not likely that Sandwich bats will now be banned, but I think we all should keep a watchful eye to see that other freak materials do not come upon the scene.

The future, I am sure, will bring more and more developments and the accent and emphasis will be on spin; rallies will get less and so will the spectators.

Who knows, the wheel may turn a full circle and rubber once more be on the ascendency. Stranger things have happened.

By GEOFF HARROWER

prize in the bigger counties section, without a big fight. As I have said before, Hertfordshire's strength lies in their regular orders from Leagues. There are still all too many counties where Leagues do not seem to support at all. Nothing would please me more than to have some reports next month about increased league activity.

THE "OVER 100" COUNTIES

	Per Cent.
HERTFORDSHIRE	239
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	171
ESSEX	135
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	125
KENT	118
NORFOLK	113
MIDDLESEX	112
HAMPSHIRE	102
WARWICKSHIRE	100
SURREY	99
DURHAM	70
LINCOLNSHIRE	59
SUSSEX	54
LANCASHIRE	53
YORKSHIRE	33
STAFFORDSHIRE	25
CHESHIRE	20

THE "UNDER 100" COUNTIES

CAMBRIDGESHIRE	317
WILTSHIRE	248
DEVON	206
SUFFOLK	194
DERBYSHIRE	141
OXFORDSHIRE	125
NORTHUMBERLAND	84
CORNWALL	77
LEICESTERSHIRE	44
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	43
BEDFORDSHIRE	34
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	28
WORCESTERSHIRE	26
SOMERSET	22
BERKSHIRE	21
SHROPSHIRE	13
DORSET	12

The German Juniors' Tour

by GEOFF HARROWER

WHILST, from a social point of view, the tour was a great success—as, in deed, seems always certain with Karl Morhard as non playing captain—there was little else to rejoice about.

The English selectors, in their wisdom, decided to try no less than eleven players. Whether they felt we had a wealth of talent, or, alternatively, the players were so level that all deserved a chance, is not known. It must however, be recorded that eight of these eleven players could not win a singles, and in several cases the boys were completely outclassed.

What a pity that a three a side match between Wright, Billington and Hill on our side and the three top German boys on the other, could not have been arranged.

Germany deserved to win the series 3-1, although we were within an ace of making a draw of it. The Germans had four boys more than able to hold their own, as these comparative figures of singles play show:—Bernd Lorenz won five out of six; Bernd Baumann won five out six; Wolfgang Lux won four out of five; Peter Lieb won four out of five; Only Harro Becker, with two wins out of six, was unconvincing.

Whilst it is difficult to pick out a star from amongst the Germans, Lorenz was unquestionably the most dangerous; his quick attack and awkward half-volley defence always had our lads worried.

WRIGHT SHINES

On the England side Brian Wright stood head and shoulders above the others. Unfortunately he was called upon to play in only four singles.

ESSEX NOTES

TONY CONDON won the triple crown in the Romford League championships while Shelagh Hession won the women's singles title for the fifth successive year.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: A. Condon bt T. Caldwell 21-11, 21-17. **Women's Singles:** S. Hession bt L. Bell 20-22, 21-14, 21-14. **Men's Doubles:** K. Beamish/Condon bt R. Dickinson/E. Keller 21-16, 21-13. **Women's Doubles:** Mrs B. Bell/Bell bt. C. Cooney/Hession 21-10, 18-21, 21-16. **Mixed Doubles:** Condon/Miss Hession bt D. Garner/Miss Bell 21-14, 21-17.

Boys' Singles: Garner bt R. Thyesson 21-12, 21-15. **Girls' Singles:** Bell bt L. Henwood 21-11, 21-12.

Veterans' Singles: H. Thomas bt Mrs. Bell 21-15, 21-10. **Frank Bateman.**

After losing the first one at Warrington at 21-23 in the third, he was a tower of strength from then onwards.

Like Lorenz, his unexpected shots unsettled the opposition. Some of his sudden hits were really inspired.

Maurice Billington did not do as well as expected, and I am afraid he looked a good player only when on top.

Poor Brian Hill was ill at Warrington, which upset the balance of the match completely, but to his credit he won two out of three of his remaining singles. Whilst not a stylish player, his varied defence is too much for all but the best of players, and, being a junior next year, will no doubt work hard to improve his attack during the coming Summer.

In only one of the four matches was there an audience worthy of the occasion. This was the first match, at Warrington, where there were 350 spectators, and another 300 turned away. I am told that the organisation was really first class in every way. Congratulations, Warrington. A pity the English boys couldn't do better than to lose 1-3.

The next match was at Slough, where before a crowd of less than 100 England made a great recovery to win 5-4 after being 1-4 down at one stage. Great play by Wright, Billington and Hill was responsible for this recovery.

KEY MATCH

The third match of the series, at St. Luke's, Canning Town, was the key match. St. Luke's is a great club, a model for all to follow throughout the country, but they are not really able to cope with a big crowd to watch and again less than 100 spectators were present to witness some thrilling stuff.

England had to win the final match, at Oxford, to square the series. Unfortunately the team selections seemed based on geographical lines, and we stood no chance from the beginning. Without Hill and Wright to back him up, Billington was not so impressive and the Germans scored a very easy 9-0 win.

A lesson has been learned. When our friends the West Germans visit us again, we must play our best team.

England 1, West Germany 8 (Warrington)
M. Billington (Warwicks.) bt B. Lorenz 18, 21; lost to W. Lux —14, —18. B. Hill (Lincs.) lost to Lorenz —13, —6; lost to Lux —11, —13. B. Wright (Mddx.) lost to P. Lieb —17, 16, —21. D. Stanley (Yorks.) lost to B. Baumann —20, —16.

H. Coward (Yorks.) lost to H. Becker —17, —15. Billington/Wright lost to Lieb/Lorenz —18, —17. Coward/St Stanley lost to Baumann/Becker —10, —15.

England 5, West Germany 4 (Slough).
Billington bt Becker 12, 8; lost to Baumann —18, 13, —17. Wright bt Becker 11, 20; bt Baumann —15, 13, 17. Hill bt Lux 17, 16. R. Ractliffe (Herts.) lost to Lorenz —12, —9. D. Offenbach (Mddx.) lost to Lieb —12, —15. Billington/Hill bt Becker/Lux 15, 19. Offenbach/Ractliffe lost to Lieb/Lorenz 17, —13, —20.

England 4, West Germany 5 (Canning Town)
Billington bt Becker 16, 15; lost to Lorenz —8, —16. Hill bt Becker 18, 11; lost to Lorenz —11, —11. Wright bt Lieb 15, —15, 15. Offenbach lost to Lux —8, —17. N. Ives (Mddx.) lost to Baumann —13, 19, —19. Hill/Ives lost to Becker/Lieb —17, 10, —18. Wright/Offenbach bt Baumann/Lux —17, 14, 13.

England 0, West Germany 9 (Oxford).
Billington lost to Baumann 20, —18, —14; lost to Lieb —17, —11. D. Halliday (Suffolk) lost to Baumann —16, 19, —17; lost to Lieb —7, —19. Ractliffe lost to Becker —11, —19. M. White (Glos.) lost to Lorenz —6, —13. M. Mordecai (Glos.) lost to Lux —11, —6. Halliday/White lost to Baumann/Lorenz —10, —11. Mordecai/Ractliffe lost to Becker/Lux —16, —9.

South African Championships

ALL titles changed hands in the South African Championships (Union) at Johannesburg. Max Rabinowitz lost his men's singles crown in the quarter-finals when beaten by Sol Phitidis, while women's champion Mavis van Jarrsveld reached the final only to find Fay Ginsberg too strong.

Phitidis was eventually beaten in the final by Cal Morris.

Men's Singles: C. Morris bt St Phitidis. **Women's Singles:** F. Ginsberg bt M. van Jarrsveld. **Men's Doubles:** Phitidis/Morris bt E. McKie/Hodge. **Women's Doubles:** E. Bass/A. Miller bt M. Droomer/V. Barber. **Mixed Doubles:** T. Paitaik/C. Addinall bt Phitidis/Bass.

VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA) RANKINGS 1960-61

Men: V. Hirsch 1; R. Lim 2; J. Marton 3; K. Javor 4; E. Mano 5; G. Stirling 6; W. Bates 7; K. Fahey 8; T. Kurtak 9; B. Peters 10.

Women: S. Javor 1; L. Cohen 2; N. Buckland 3; L. Prowse 4; A. O'Brien 5; H. Law 6; E. Szabo 7; N. Phin 8; B. Turner 9; B. Neal 10.

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Editor's Postbag . . .

Local News First

Absence of Spectacle Drives Fans Away

IN discussing the £500 deficit on the English "Open" championships, Mr. Conrad Jaschke is quoted in the National Press (*Daily Express*, January 9, 1961):

"IN FUTURE ONLY THE REIGNING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS MUST BE INVITED. THEN WE CAN GUARANTEE A BRITON IN EVERY FINAL, WHICH IS WHAT THE FANS WANT TO SEE."

I am sure that Mr. Jaschke is a realist, and I cannot believe that he has been quoted correctly, because the fact that Britons were little in evidence in the recent finals at the Albert Hall is not the reason that the fans stayed away.

Those of us who live in hope and attended these finals, went away frustrated at the lack of spectacular play by players presumed to be in world class.

This was followed by nostalgic memories of finals of Barna and Szabados, Bergmann and Vana, which had the 10,000 fans, who travelled to Wembley, rising to their feet in recognition of prowess which was as much a feat of athletics as of ball control.

There is little doubt that the domination of the "sandwich" bat is rapidly bringing the game into disrepute with its accent on excessive spin; its almost badminton means of defence with slow spin, which is beyond the powers of the players to control; and which almost eliminates constructive strategic play, with the athletic side almost eliminated.

This is all very clever and is evidence that these exponents have spent many hours perfecting their excessive spin shots, endeavouring to make the bat the means of registering wins rather than by their own athletic ability and stamina.

We, the fans and supporters of table tennis, are proud when we can find a player to beat the world's best, but if the only means to do this is to perform in the way seen in the Albert Hall finals, the fans will continue to show their lack of interest by staying away.

BERT FRETWELL
(Chairman Brighton and Dist.
League).

Appreciation

I SHOULD like to say how much I appreciate the articles in TABLE TENNIS.

In spite of having been a player for 22 years in the Birmingham League and still turning out in the Edinburgh League after a further 14 years I never tire of hearing news of the game.

RONALD L. STREVS
(Edinburgh).

A PIECE of advice and information for John Corser. The E.T.T.A. Magazine is primarily published for English affairs, which boils down to local news.

How can we promote interest in our own particular county unless we can show "outsiders" in the county our achievements in print—namely the E.T.T.A. Magazine.

Foreign news—yes. But local news first and more of it.

LESLIE CONSTABLE
(Press Secretary Cambs. T.T.A.)

Ping Pong or Plip Plop

I would like to add a few words of support to Ernie Power's article "Sponge has killed the game" (December issue).

Before the re-introduction of Sponge in this country, two of the main arguments in its favour were:- (1) That our International results were suffering, and (2) That it was the answer to the purely defensive player and the "chiseller".

Regarding (1) I think we should ask ourselves (a) Are our International results really showing signs of improvement? and (b) Which matters most? the "possibility" of improved International results or the enjoyment of the game by the thousands of players up and down the country.

Regarding (2) It seems to be killing defence altogether. The spectacle and thrill of retrieving seems to be fast disappearing in favour of "sticking the bat in the way". And as for the "Chiseller"—Sponge seems to have produced an even bigger crop of even better chisellers.

Surely the present law is quite illogical. If you are going to limit the bat covering by thickness, then surely it must be one overall thickness for all types of covering. Why allow "sandwich" to be double the thickness of rubber?

Personally, far from allowing sandwich the extra thickness, I would favour limiting still further the pimped rubber covering, either by thickness or size of pimples, as I believe this would do more than anything to combat the negative player and so open up the game by making "heavy chop" more difficult.

I suggest the E.T.T.A. would do well to find the opinion of ALL registered Senior players on the following alternatives:-

- (1) The law relating to bat coverings as it stands.
- (2) Limit all forms of bat covering to the present thickness of pimped rubber, i.e. 2mm. Or possibly less.
- (3) Ban the use of sponge altogether and lay down hard and fast rules re types and thicknesses of coverings.
- (4) Any other alternative.

The co-operation of the Welsh, Scottish and Irish Associations should be sought to do likewise, so that the true feelings

of ALL players can be ascertained. The facts and figures of this information would, I am sure, be welcome by both "pro" and "anti" sponge factions, so that we may all know where we stand.

Incidentally, I too saw the U.S.S.R. team play at Bristol and came away with similar feelings to Ernie Power at Manchester. In contrast I was privileged to see the Men's Singles Final of the West of England "Open" at Plymouth between Laurie Landry and Peter Shead, which whilst not being of the Bergmann—Andreadis vintage, was nevertheless well worth paying to see. Both players used pimped rubber.

In closing, one small disagreement with Ernie Power. As a Bristolian I wouldn't "write off" Charlie Dawes with a rubber bat in 1948—he could use one of those as well.

RON F. BOWLES
(Failand T.T.C. Bristol)

Expedite Rule

I AM interested in the correspondence published in the January issue of TABLE TENNIS regarding the Expedite Rule, particularly the letter from my old friend Johnny Leach (Essex).

In the last two Metropolitan Championships played at the Polytechnic in the years 1954 and 1955, which I had the honour of refereeing, the Expedite Rule was used and actually Johnny Leach played in the 1955 Tournament under this rule.

I might say that it was extremely successful because I never had to bring it into effect.

If my memory does not fail me the Metropolitan Championships were not the only tournaments played under this rule six or seven years ago, but from the correspondence it would seem that something new has been discovered.

JACK KURZMAN
(Barnes)

Not Renewing

I HAVE not renewed my subscription to TABLE TENNIS because notwithstanding a long and keen interest in the game, both playing and watching, I have in the last season or two lost all my keenness and enthusiasm for both aspects.

This may be due to old age, but I think it is because of the ruinous change which has come about with the allowing of sponge sandwich bats.

It is infuriating naturally for a player like myself, who has spent years learning reliable technique, to be beaten by mad slashers, who have nothing but a quick eye for the ball and no footwork whatever.

However it isn't only being beaten by beginners that spoils the fun. The whole nature of the game is different, especially at the higher levels where one used to see such thrilling and skilful play, with long fast rallies.

Now it is merely a matter of one quick hit—on or off—and that's the end of the point.

I know many people who think as I do about this and three at least in my small circle of acquaintances who have stopped playing for the same reasons.

In fact I'm not at all sure we non-spongers (or real table tennis enthusiasts) couldn't start a rival organisation!

PETER EAGLES
(Winchmore Hill).

Foreign News

I should like to refer to my letter (November issue) criticizing the lack of foreign news.

Firstly my name is BRUNO and not BLANO, as published.

In replying to Mr. B. Powis in the December issue, I would heartily endorse his desire for details of "Super Top Spin" but would respectfully point out that this point was inferred in the word "news" in my letter; I did not mention "National Tournaments".

In replying to Mr. J. Woodford I need hardly mention that the odd page in a magazine can scarcely be described as an overdose—witness the October issue.

As regards his second point of the Australian doubles final result I should think the people mentioned in the column below would also be most gratified (Australian letter from Clem Gruber).

In conclusion I would like to say that I believe that it is just such an attack as this that has reduced British table tennis to the second rate defensive and boring spectacle it has now become.

I'm glad to see that the ratio of foreign news has increased in the last two issues to the distinct improvement of the magazine—please keep it up.

B. BRUNO
(Westcliff-on-Sea)

UMPIRES' CORNER

By Colin Clemett

THE TIME LIMIT

IF the letters in last month's magazine are representative of general opinion on the Expedite Rule it seems surprising that this method of controlling pushing play has not gained such wide acceptance as the more familiar. Time-Limit Rule. To see why this is so, I will explain the operation of the Time-Limit system in more detail.

THE BASIC PROVISION OF THIS RULE IS THAT AFTER 20 MINUTES OF ANY GAME, PLAY IS STOPPED AND THE PLAYER LEADING ON POINTS SCORE IS AWARDED THAT GAME; FOR ANY REMAINING GAMES IN THE MATCH, PLAY IS CURTAILED AT 10 MINUTES. IF THE POINTS SCORE IS EQUAL AT THE CALL OF "TIME" UP TO A FURTHER FIVE MINUTES IS ALLOWED AND THE GAME IS WON BY THE FIRST PLAYER TO SCORE A POINT IN THIS PERIOD.

IF AT THE END OF THIS TIME NEITHER PLAYER HAS SCORED A POINT THE GAME IS DECLARED VOID.

THERE ARE VARIOUS METHODS OF WARNING THE PLAYERS OF THE APPROACH OF THE TIME-LIMIT, SUCH AS FINGER SIGNALS AND COLOURED FLAGS AT 18 AND 19 MINUTES AND ALLOWANCE IS MADE FOR AUTHORISED SUSPENSIONS OF PLAY AND RETRIEVING THE BALL OUTSIDE THE PLAYING ARENA SO AS TO COUNT ONLY ACTUAL PLAYING TIME.

The biggest objection to this system

is that it does nothing to control the style of play, merely its duration, and it may even encourage pushing; there are players who use the Rule as part of their match tactics and many will remember Bergmann arriving at the table complete with alarm clock to help him judge when to "dig in".

Even if the Rule is applied, a game lasting 20 minutes can be very tedious to watch and it is quite possible for a five-game match in which no game quite reaches 20 minutes to last for over 1½ hours.

Why then, has a Rule with such obvious defects been adopted in preference to one which seems to overcome them?

I am sure that the main reason lies in the one big advantage of the Time-Limit system: **the rule is brought into operation in a manner determined solely by a measurable quantity, playing-time.** There is no dependence on the opinion of the Referee or other official, and it is surely the difficulty of ensuring consistent and fair operation that has hampered the use of the Expedite system.

George White, former Referee of the English "Open" and long-serving member of the N.U.R.C., has suggested a new system which tries to combine the better provisions of both the existing Rules, and it would be interesting to hear opinions on it from both players and umpires.

His scheme uses all the existing provisions of the Expedite Rule, reworded to clarify it, with the exception of the method of bringing it into operation. Instead of relying on the opinion of the "Authority designated" he proposes that the rate of scoring be used to determine when Expedite is applied.

The actual rate would be best found by experiment but as basis for trial he suggests that the Rule be invoked if after four minutes play 10 points have not been scored, 20 points after seven minutes, 30 points after 10 minutes or 40 points after 12 minutes, these being the total points scored by both players. If the score reached 20-all without the rule being applied, then it would not be used in that game, but once it had been applied in any game of a match all subsequent games would be played under Expedite conditions.

It is hoped that a system such as this would be too complicated for players to use it to tactical advantage, but simple enough for umpires to employ.

Helping Hand

THE table tennis section of Bradford Y.M.C.A., staged an exhilarating exhibition between Victor Barna and Ken Stanley to help towards a £75,500 centenary appeal.

Victor contributed four autographed bats which were sold for a guinea each.

One was bought by Mr. David Hellewell, a past Y.M.C.A. president, and will be first prize in a competition to be organised among members.

Mrs. Les Forrest baked an enormous cake weighing 32 lb. which was iced by a local confectioner and brought 12 guineas when auctioned.

The buyer was Harold Armitage, president of the Bradford Table Tennis Association, who gave it to a hospital for Christmas.

Mrs. Forrest organised a fashion parade and bring-and-buy sale the same day as part of the section's efforts.

David Stanley and Peter Duncombe also appeared in some thrilling exhibition play.

LIKE OLD TIMES

by JOHNNY LEACH
 ("News of the World" correspondent)

HOW refreshing it was to catch a glimpse of what a few years ago we took for granted. Spectators queuing at the turnstiles half-an-hour before the games were due to start—newspapers before, during and after giving lengthy reports with pictorial coverage—civic reception—radio interviews and reports—enterprising and spectacular play which had the audience on their feet yelling for more.

This was the privilege of those of us who participated in the **PLAYER'S EUROPEAN INVITATION TOURNAMENT** at the National Stadium, Dublin, on January 10 and 11.

John Player & Sons, the well-known cigarette firm, who sponsored the event did not over-commercialise it in any way. Furthermore, they were extremely hospitable and generous, and a tour of their factory was enjoyed by all the players.

At the start of the tour we were shown a bale of tobacco weighing 890lb. on which £2,500 duty was paid and we at once decided that cigarettes were cheap at the price—especially the non-smokers amongst us. And when, at the end, we saw a girl take a handful of cigarettes from a pile of some hundreds, and without counting consistently fill 50 tin packs without error, we were tremendously impressed and were reminded of what we are all apt to forget: "Practice Makes Perfect."

The Leinster Table Tennis Association worked hard organising the event and, quite deservedly, must feel proud of themselves. The record attendance of some 2,000 was helped in no small way by a team of officials who sectioned off Dublin and its outskirts and visited all the clubs to sell tickets in advance.

About the play: There were two groups—A. H. Alser, I. Harrison, J. Stanek and T. Caffrey, B. T. Larsson, S. Schwarz, J. Somogyi and J. Leach. It was on a group all-play-all system with the winner of each group playing the final.

Generally speaking play was of a high standard and at times really spectacular.

Ian Harrison, by defeating Czechoslovakia's No. 1 Stanek and only losing to Alser after duce in the third, proved that he is rapidly bridging the gap between his game and that of the top Europeans which, at the beginning of the season was fairly wide.

Ireland's 17-year-old Tommy

Caffrey was impressive even though he lost all his games. I have never seen any young player so cool, calm and collected at the table. His attacking strokes are perfectly produced, and, what is more, are very powerful. I predict a great future for Tommy—because, in my opinion, he is a 'natural.'

Stanek and Schwarz of Czechoslovakia were disappointing. Schwarz, ranked No. 5 in his country, has unwieldy strokes and, in my opinion, would be completely lost without his intricate spin services.

Stanek has every stroke in the game, his ace being a forehand kill, but on this occasion none of them would work. If I had been watching him play for the first time I would have classed him as a mediocre Czech No. 1, but as I saw him play world class table tennis during the recent Scandinavian Championships I put down his Dublin performance to just a "bad patch."

Although I have played against Josef Somogyi and seen him play hundreds of times, it is the first occasion that I have seen him really enjoy his table tennis. Josef discarding his normal tight game, opened up playing each ball on its merit. The crowd loved it and Josef loved it, so much so that when we were flying home together he told me that he intended to persevere with his newly adopted style.

I think Joe is being wise, because I am convinced that the open game will eventually regain supremacy in world table tennis.

Alser and Larsson of Sweden are,

in my opinion, improving with every game they play. Their final was the best I have seen for a long time. The crowd enjoyed it so much that when Alser scored the winning point to defeat Larsson 2-0 they stood up as one man and demanded more. In fact they would not sit down until an extra exhibition game was started.

The doubles event was a little more light-hearted with Alser and Larsson clearly outstanding, and Victor Barna thrilling the audience with his stylish play.

Well done Leinster—you have proved that the public will still turn-out to see first-class table tennis and that sponsored events can be successful and should be encouraged.

DETAILED RESULTS

Group 1: H. Alser (Sweden) bt I. Harrison (England) 15-21, 21-16, 23-21; bt T. Caffrey (Ireland) 21-15, 21-16; bt J. Stanek (Czechoslovakia) 13-21, 21-14, 21-14.

Harrison bt Stanek 21-14, 21-19; bt Caffrey 15-21, 21-15, 21-13.

Stanek bt Caffrey 21-12, 21-16.

Group 2: T. Larsson (Sweden) bt S. Schwarz (Czechoslovakia) 21-16, 21-17; bt J. Somogyi (England) 21-11, 20-22, 21-17; bt J. A. Leach (England) 21-18, 17-21, 21-13.

Schwarz bt Somogyi 19-21, 21-12, 22-20; bt Leach 21-14, 19-21, 21-19.

Leach bt Somogyi 21-13, 27-25.

Final: Alser bt Larsson 21-14, 21-18.

Doubles: Larsson/Alser bt Caffrey/V. Barna (England) 21-16, 21-17; bt Stanek/Schwarz 23-21, 21-16.

Stanek/Schwarz bt Leach/Harrison 18-21, 21-15, 21-16; Caffrey/Barna bt Leach/Harrison 21-19, 12-21, 21-16.

Yugoslavs Get Revenge

YUGOSLAVIA avenged their home defeat by England at Maribor in November when they easily won the return at Tottenham 6-3.

Such was their superiority with the unbeaten Vojislav Markovic leading the way, that they had secured victory at 5-2.

Ian Harrison, Jeff Ingber and Alan Rhodes were completely nonplussed by the skill of Markovic who upset all three with his frequent use of the loop drive.

Only Harrison offered him any serious resistance by taking the match

to three games. Indeed Harrison looked as though he might well win when he lead 15-10 in the third but he failed to keep it up and was beaten 21-16, 10-21, 21-19.

The real disappointment was Harrison's defeat by Janez Teran in the vital seventh rubber. England had to win this to keep the match alive, but Harrison crashed 21-19, 21-10.

England's three wins were all gained at the expense of Bojan Kern who was beaten 21-13, 19-21, 21-15 by Harrison, 21-13, 21-14 by Rhodes and 21-18, 21-12 by Ingber.

THE MATCH I REMEMBER MOST

by **DIANE ROWE**

21st BIRTHDAY WORLD TITLE

MANY people will expect me to say that the first time Ros and I won the world doubles championship is the match I remember most. But this is not so.

To me, and I'm sure that goes for Ros, our most memorable match was the second time we won the world title at Wembley Stadium on our 21st birthday.

To reach the final we had beaten the Japanese No. 1 pair, while Kathie Best and Ann Haydon had played very well to beat Rozeanu and Farkas in the other semi-final.

We now knew who we were to meet in the final of the 21st world Championships on our 21st Birthday.

Can you believe that anyone is meant to win a World title? Usually we didn't, but in this case everything seemed to indicate this 14th day of April 1954 would be our day. And what a day it proved.

As there was no play during the day, we left the Royal Hotel to spend it with our parents. There was a tremendous atmosphere of excitement when we arrived home. Telegrams

were continuously arriving, presents were opened, and people kept popping in to wish us a Happy Birthday and every success in the evening.

SENT TO BED

By mid-afternoon we were so excited that my mother pushed us up to bed, so that we could relax for an hour or so.

Our thoughts in that period were obvious . . . to win the final. Although we had beaten Kathie and Ann on quite a few occasions previously we could not help thinking "Will this be the time we lose to them." You see, to play against two girls you have opposed so many times is a far greater strain than playing against foreign opposition; a strain, because on paper we were the better pair.

Neither of us spoke much on our journey to the Stadium. We were both trying hard not to show signs of excitement and nervous strain. At last the time came to take the floor and we were glad. The next hour would decide our fate.

Most of you will know the result, we won 3—1 after a very good game, but I must admit our nerves played a great part.

Ros, who was never really affected by nerves, started to show signs of nerves during the first game, but this soon subsided and throughout the rest of the match she played really well.

What a relief when it was all over and we were champions. The nervous tension gradually flowed away and we both said "Is it worth it?" Yes, it was worth every minute of the worry and tension; worth every minute to see our parents' and friends' faces when they came to congratulate us. What better 21st birthday present could we have had.

To me, and I am sure to Ros, this was our most exciting match . . . happily a successful one.

It is regretted several items have had to be held over this month.

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TITLES GO OVERSEAS AGAIN

By HARRISON EDWARDS

THE return of a strong overseas challenge has once again found the "export tag" firmly attached to the titles in the English "Open" Championships.

At the Royal Albert Hall on January 7, 1961, we were steadily, and monotonously, stripped of all those titles that were brought home to roost last year after so long in the wilderness.

Our one meagre success in the senior events was a half share in the women's doubles, won by **Kathie Best** in partnership with Mrs. **Agnes Simon**, of West Germany. And for this we must be grateful in that the two top overseas women Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Eva Foldi were not paired.

The titles were in fact well shared around with **Vojislav Markovic** winning the men's singles for Yugoslavia, Mrs. **Eva Foldi** taking the women's singles and the mixed doubles with **Zoltan Berczik** to Hungary, and the Swedes **Tony Larsson** and **Hans Alser** winning the men's doubles.

Even the consolation singles both had overseas winners, the West Germans Hans Gomolla taking the men's, and Inge Muser the women's.

Maybe it was the lack of home interest in the finals, where our only representatives apart from Miss Best were Mrs. Jill Mills partnering Mrs. Foldi in the women's doubles, and Jeff Ingber and Miss Best in the mixed doubles, but the finals night never reached any great heights.

Indeed the greatest applause was for the mixed doubles where the Ingber—Miss Best combination offered spirited resistance and raised hopes of perhaps one all-English success. But it was not to be. They were beaten at 19 in the third.

Each of the three games were keenly contested. The home pair scraped home at 22-20 in the first, where they trailed 16-18, lost the second at 16, then in the decider they held a 12-8 lead only to be caught at 15-all and fail to recover the initiative.

The men's singles final was something of an anti-climax after the thrills of the earlier rounds, Markovic, once he had got his excessive topspin working, romping home 21-19, 21-18, 21-13.

Larsson tried hard for the first two games, but was completely overwhelmed in the third, where Markovic quickly went out to a 6-1 lead.

The women's singles was a far different story, a battle of tactics, with European champion Mrs. Foldi eventually dethroning Mrs. Simon 11-21, 21-12, 28-26, 21-18.

Not until she hit the winning shot could Mrs. Foldi breathe freely. In fact Mrs. Simon started in such great style, with that cunning half volley attack which had the European champion defending desperately, that she looked as though she would have little trouble in keeping the title she won last year.

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However, Mrs. Foldi with some splendid retrieving and fine attacking shots on the backhand, got to terms by winning the second game.

The long third game proved crucial and as advantage points were won and lost in long rallies it seemed obvious whoever won this would take the title.

Mrs. Simon, 11-14 down, reached game point at 20-19 but failed to clinch it against the determined defence of the Hungarian. And she lost three more game points in the same way. A flashing backhand flick so often finished off long probing rallies.

Then it was the turn of Mrs. Foldi to fail on three game points, before she eventually secured it at 28-26 when her rival hit off the table.

There was a tremendous atmosphere of expectancy as the two girls jockeyed for advantage.

In the fourth game Mrs. Foldi went out to 18-12 but she was given many nerve shattering shocks as Mrs. Simon with a last desperate effort took six of the next seven points to pull up to 18-19. It was a great recovery but the task was just too great and Mrs. Foldi won the next two points to win the English title for the first time.

The Alser-Larsson combination proved a little too experienced for the Yugoslavs Bojan Kern and Janez Teran to win the men's doubles final 21-16, 13-21, 21-16, 21-15.

While the finals were perhaps something of a let down, the earlier rounds at Greenwich Baths were seething with excitement and upsets.

The biggest shock was provided by Alser when he toppled European Zoltan Berczik in the quarter-finals with a score of 21-14, 11-21, 18-21, 21-15, 21-19.

This had everything and was the type of match to thrill everyone, whether a connoisseur or a casual spectator.

It was table tennis at its best, a mixture of all the strokes and tactics. There were defensive bouts with Berczik chop, chop chopping away with tremendous spectacular retrieving by Alser, who smashed a court surround in one effort to get the ball back, and there were rallies of machine-gun like exchanges with both players trying to force a point.

At times there were touches of the unorthodox about Alser's play and he shook Berczik with one shot which can only be described as a Lawn Tennis smash!

It was obvious that Berczik was in for a severe test when he dropped the first game, but he appeared to be out

CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL

Men's Singles:

VOJISLAV MARKOVIC
(Yugoslavia)

Men's Doubles:

HANS ALSER
(Sweden)

TONY LARSSON
(Sweden)

ZOLTAN BER CZIK
(Hungary)

Boys' Singles

BRIAN WRIGHT
(Middlesex)

Boys' Doubles:

TOMMY CAFFREY
(Ireland)

COLIN THOMAS
(Wales)

Junior Mixed Doubles:

TOMMY CAFFREY
(Ireland)

Veteran Men's Singles:
RON CRAYDEN
(Surrey)

Women's Singles:

Mrs. EVA FOLDI
(Hungary)

Women's Doubles:

Mrs. AGNES SIMON
(West Germany)

KATHLEEN BEST
(Yorkshire)

Mrs. EVA KOCZIAN
(Hungary)

Girls' Singles:

LENA GUNTSCHE
(Sweden)

Girls' Doubles:

MARY SHANNON
(Surrey)

JUDY WILLIAMS
(Hertfordshire)

MARITA CARLSSON
(Sweden)

Veteran Women's Singles:
Mrs. C. H. N. WHITEHOUSE
(Middlesex)

of the wood when he won the next two. Then came the dramatic recovery of Alser who dug in to match the Hungarian in defence.

Steadily Alser forced his way to the front eventually to level at two-games all.

The spectators were drawn away from the other quarter-finals as they sensed the downfall of the favourite. Berczik was now under extreme pressure and the Swede went ahead at 9-5.

Rallies became long and tense as, like a couple of fencers, each parried for an opening. Berczik would get in a quick hit, but the nimble footed Alser would be ready to return it with equal power.

Steadily Alser forged ahead to reach 20-17, four match points. Berczik now really up against it saved the first two, only for Alser to slash a backhand through his defence and

so put the European champion out.

Alser, an 18-year-old student from Boros said afterwards "I was lucky. Berczik pushes all the time and I did not know how to play against him at the start, but I learnt."

There was no question of luck. Alser, whom I consider the best young prospect in Europe, won on his merits. With a little more experience he should be ready to challenge the all-conquering Japanese.

Possibly it was due to the reaction of this splendid achievement but he did not produce quite the same form against his fellow countryman Tony Larsson in the semi-final and was beaten 21-10, 25-27, 25-23, 21-17.

Nevertheless it was a great match, particularly from the spectators point of view. Each game was keenly contested, with both showing fine ball control.

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But Larsson, possibly because they are used to playing one another, found the weak points to force home his winners.

What a pity that all four quarter-finals were on court at the same time. It made it impossible to follow them all, particularly as the Alser-Berczik clash proved such a magnet.

Burly Ferenc Sido, still a great player, although it is eight years since he was world champion, toyed with Derek Burridge to win 21-11, 21-10, 21-14, while Markovic eliminated the only other home survivor Bryan Merrett 21-16, 10-21, 21-15, 21-12.

Larsson beat the Yugoslav Janez Teran 17-21, 21-8, 21-3, 21-17 in the other quarter-final.

Merrett fought stubbornly against Markovic and tried to prolong the rallies with stone-wall defence. But it was to no avail.

The tall Yugoslav bringing plenty of variety into his shots and making good use of the loop topspin drive was much too strong.

It was the same when Markovic faced Sido in the semi-final, winning 21-16, 19-21, 21-6, 19-21, 21-10. The old master was beaten by that vicious spin, which all too often saw his returns going off the table.

Ian Harrison's one year reign as the only home-born champion in 36 years, ended in the third round when he was beaten 12-21, 14-21, 21-19, 21-17, 21-17 by Teran. It was Harrison's first real opposition for he had a bye in the first round and beat the Middlesex junior David Offenbach in the second.



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TONY LARSSON and HANS ALSER

His failure after establishing a two games lead was a bitter disappointment, the more so because he had failed to learn the lesson when he lost to the same player in the international the previous night.

Alan Rhodes went out to the German, Wolfgang Prandtke, in the same round as did Stan Jacobson, whose loop drive, which has earned him such notoriety this season, held no terrors for Bobby Stevens.

Jeff Ingber had the misfortune to run up against Alser in his first match and lost in straight games. The Swede then went on to topple George Muranyi, and Harry Venner.

Emanuel Quaye, the champion of Ghana, over here studying coaching under Jack Carrington, figured in one of the highlights of the earlier rounds when he took Berczik to five sets.

No-one gave Quaye any chance but it was an eye opener the way he recovered from the loss of the first two games.

Moreover Berczik lead in both the third and fourth games, only to be beaten by cleverly angled shots. However, Quaye failed to stay the pace in the decider and was eventually beaten 21-15, 22-20, 19-21, 20-22, 21-13.

And immediately after this mauling, Berczik dropped the first game to Zdenko Uzorinac, of Yugoslavia, but went on to win 14-21, 21-9, 21-16, 21-16.

Another Berczik Shock

Berczik figured in another major upset in the doubles when he and Sido, the favourites, were bowled out of the men's doubles by the scratch partnership of Jeff Ingber and Sweden's Christian Heyerdahl.

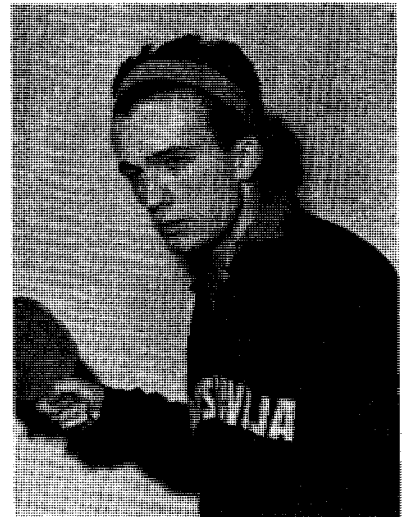
The Anglo-Swedish pair, who had never seen each other play before these championships won 21-16, 21-19, 20-22, 22-20 to reach the semi-final where they fell in straight games to Teran and Kern.

Leach and Thornhill, the defending champions, lost their title in their opening match when they too ran up against Teran and Kern.

Merrett and Harrison fell to the other Yugoslav pair of Markovic and Uzorinac, who were in turn beaten by Alser and Larsson in the semi-final.

Kathie Best, although dropped from the last ranking list, shared with Diane Rowe the best home performance in the women's singles, reaching the semi-final where she lost to Mrs. Foldi.

Her victims had included two ranked players Mrs. Jill Mills and Jean Harrower.



Picture by Gerry Cranham

VOJISLAV MARKOVIC

Miss Rowe once again found Agnes Simon her bogey player and was beaten 21-12, 21-18, 21-17 in the semi-final. Repeatedly over the past two or three seasons, Mrs. Simon has been a stumbling block to Miss Rowe with her half-volley play and tactical placing.

Jean McCree following a bye and walk over went out in her first match to the young German Inge Muser, while Joyce Fielder also fell at the first hurdle. And what a shock this was. She was beaten most convincingly by 14-year-old Lesley Bell 13-21, 21-11, 21-12, 21-11.

Miss Bell, surely the best prospect among the girls, went on to beat Mary Shannon, before going out to Miss Rowe in the quarter-final. But she did take a game from England's No. 1.

Pam Mortimer surprisingly fell to Audrey Bates, of Wales, while Peggy Piper, after winning the first game, lost to Mrs. Simon.

The return of the Rowe twins, Rosalind (now Mrs. Cornett) and Diane, after an absence of four years, ended with injury. After reaching the semi-final and with every prospect of regaining their past championship laurels, Rosalind twisted her ankle and they limped to defeat at the hands of Kathie Best and Mrs. Simon with a score of 20-22, 18-21, 17-21.

Their one consolation was that their conquerors went on to win the title.

Previously the Rowe twins had beaten the Parisiennes Alima Moktari and Martine Lebras, and then

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RESULTS IN FULL

Philomena Clark and Judy Williams, without dropping a game.

Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Foldi made their way to the final over Alma Taft and Susan Thomas, Jean Harrower and Pam Mortimer, and the Germans Jutta Kruse and Inge Muser.

Kathie Best became England's most successful competitor when in addition to reaching the singles semi-final, and winning the women's doubles, she also reached the mixed



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KATHIE BEST

doubles final with Jeff Ingber. Here Mrs. Foldi, partnered by Berczik, won her second title and became the only player to appear in three finals.

Ingber and Miss Best gained a semi-final win over Harrison and Miss Rowe, the No. 2 seeds.

Thornhill and Mrs. McCree also reached the semi-final only to fall to Berczik and Mrs. Foldi, who had also accounted for Leach and Mrs. Cornett (Rosalind Rowe).

It was by no means a happy championship, result wise, for the home players and the small crowd on finals night must certainly have resulted in a financial loss.

The E.T.T.A. must surely be wondering what they can do next to regain the glamour of a few years ago when the English "Open" could fill the huge Wembley arena.

MEN'S SINGLES

First Round: W. Evans (Surrey) bt B. H. K. Midley (Hants.) —14, 18, 10. E. A. Quaye (Ghana) bt I. V. Dowsett (Mddx.) 8, 14, 11. Z. Uzorinac (Yugo.) bt M. Ellis (Kent) 10, 9, 16. J. P. Shead (Sussex) bt L. Thompson (Bucks.) 9, 8, 14. K. Beamish (Essex) bt J. Richardson (Mddx.) 18, 20, 21. A. G. Cornish (Kent) bt P. L. Potts (Mddx.) 16, 7, 7. H. T. Venner (Surrey) bt E. Bublely (Surrey) 14, 7, 14. G. R. Golding (Essex) bt R. G. Pierce (Sussex) 19, 14, 15. M. Haguenuer (France) bt L. F. Landry (Mddx.) 22, —22, 18, 21. D. O. Creamer (Mddx.) bt M. H. Thornhill (Mddx.) 19, 19, 14. G. Muranyi (Surrey) bt A. R. Miller 12, —18, —9, 18, 15. M. J. Creamer (Mddx.) bt Heilberg (Kent) 16, 19, 20.

D. Offenbach (Mddx.) bt B. Harris (Mddx.) 9, 19, 20. M. G. Maclaren (Surrey) bt R. L. Sharman (Mddx.) 13, —19, —17, 18, 21. J. Teran (Yugo.) bt G. Whalley (Sussex) 19, 14, 8. E. I. Emeckz (Surrey) bt B. Cohen (Beds.) 10, —19, 19, 13. J. Leith (Kent) bt L. S. George (Mddx.) 11, 16, 14. R. J. Crayden (Surrey) bt B. A. Kemkaran (Mddx.) 10, 9, 12. D. N. Whittaker (Kent) bt G. D. Maxwell (Scotland) 5, 8, 11. L. Kerekes (Mddx.) bt K. I. Hurllock (Surrey) 17, 18, —16, 18. W. Prandtkte (W. Ger.) bt R. A. Henderson (Hants.) 14, 17, 14. B. Maisel (Kent) bt J. O'Hara (Mddx.) 13, —22, 17, 27, 18. A. Rhodes (Mddx.) bt G. A. Owen (Kent) 10, 11, 8. J. T. Densham (Herts) bt N. R. Isbell (Mddx.) 14, 13, 10. F. B. Brumwell (Essex) bt L. Gunn (Sussex) 18, 14, 12. H. S. Buist (Kent) bt R. V. Wells (Yorks.) 18, 13, 9.

J. Helaine (France) bt B. D. Wright (Mddx.) 15, 17, 15. E. D. Marsh (Mddx.) bt B. G. Fretwell (Sussex) 13, 18, —19, 15. C. Heyerdahl (Sweden) bt G. Zaidi (Mddx.) 10, 12, 8. J. A. Leach (Essex) bt R. J. McCree (Essex) 13, 16, 19. J. Somogyi (Surrey) bt M. A. Beckford (Cams.) 9, 13, 10. K. W. Smith (Essex) bt L. J. Gresswell (Mddx.) 16, 13, 16. A. R. Pidcock (Kent) bt D. L. Bloy (Kent) 17, 17, 19. I. W. Jones (Essex) bt G. A. C. Chapman (Surrey) 21, —19, 21. R. Allcock (Lancs.) bt R. E. Etheridge (Kent) —16, —21, 15, 17, 17. G. Livesey (Lancs.) bt O. Baker (Sussex) 19, 12, 10. A. G. St. C. Lindsay (Middx.) bt P. Partos (Glos.) 16, 15, 18. J. R. Baker (Yorks.) bt P. Mitra (Mddx.) 19, 14, 16. A. Miller (Essex) bt A. Rogers (Yorks.) —15, 23, —16, 19, 18. B. R. Merrett (Glos.) bt H. Gomolla (W. Ger.) 18, 18, 14.

K. D. Edwards (Glos.) bt C. Thomas (Wales) 23, 9, 18. D. S. Schofield (Cheshire) bt B. P. Hamill (Mddx.) —21, 18, 16, 24. M. Wong (Kent) bt S. Bennett (Mddx.) 8, 11, 10. M. Close (Mddx.) bt K. E. Jell (Mddx.) 16, 15, 20. A. R. Khanna (Mddx.) bt Z. Schramm (Surrey) 12, 23, 17. K. Baker (Mddx.) bt L. S. Cooper (Kent) 16, —14, 18, —18, 15. D. C. Burridge (Mddx.) bt B. Kern (Yugo.) —19, 13, —21, 17, 12. S. H. Jacobson (Mddx.) bt R. C. Thorn (Kent) 13, 15, 17. R. J. Stevens (Essex) bt D. W. Page (Kent) 4, 16, —17, 18. R. F. Raybould (Essex) bt D. J. Seaholme (Herts) 10, 19, 13. K. R. Craigie (Surrey) bt G. C. Seaholme (Herts.) 9, 15, 12. V. C. Ireland (Surrey) bt A. D. Meekings (Surrey) 14, 15, —18, 15.

Second Round: Z. Berczik (Hungary) bt W. N. Evans (Surrey) 18, 17, 16. Quaye bt M. R. Westoby (Kent) 11, 11, 16. Uzorinac bt Shead —17, 19, —17, 13, 12-6, t.l. Cornish bt Beamish 10, —15, —9, 6, 15. Venner bt Golding 13, 11, 11. D. Creamer bt Haguenuer 9, —14, 5, 18-19 t.l., 18-11 t.l. Muranyi bt M. Creamer 14, 15, 14. H. Alser (Sweden) bt J. Ingber (Lancs.) 14, 19, 18.

I. O. Harrison (Glos.) bt Offenbach —16, 14, 14, 16. Teran bt Maclaren 16, 17, 12. Emeckz bt Leith 19, —22, 21, 13. Crayden bt Whittaker —15, 13, —16, 19, 14. Prandtkte bt Kerekes 22, 8, 15. Rhodes bt Meisel —21, 17, 20, 17. Brumwell bt Densham —7, 20, —19, 13, 18. T. Larsson (Sweden) bt Buist 11, 13, 18.

V. Markovic (Yugo.) bt Helaine 15, 19, 13. Heyerdahl bt Marsh 18, 14, 15. Somogyi bt Leach 17, 13, 18. Pidcock bt Smith 10, 17, 11. Allcock bt Jones 15, —19, 17, 18. Lindsay bt Livesey 19, 15, —18, 7. Miller bt Barker 18, 16, 15.

Schofield bt Wong 9, 17, 19. Khanna bt Close 20, 16, —17, 16. Burridge bt Baker 21, 12, 15. Jacobson bt D. Daver (Mddx.) 8, 9, 7. Stevens bt J. A. Greaves (Essex) 6, 2, 3. Craigie bt Raybould 19, —12, 19, 13. F. Sido (Hungary) bt Ireland 9, 13, 11.

Third Round: Berczik bt Quaye 15, 20, —19, —20, 13. Uzorinac bt Cornish 13, 11, 17. Venner bt D. Creamer —14, 16, 15, 11. Alser bt Muranyi 13, 9, 11.

Teran bt Harrison —12, —14, 19, 17, 17. Crayden bt Emeckz 17, —6, 17, 14. Prandtkte bt Rhodes 12, 14, 19. Larsson bt Brumwell 9, 12, 17.

Markovic bt Heyerdahl 12, 17, 13. Somogyi bt Pidcock —12, 14, —20, 17, 17. Allcock bt Lindsay —17, —13, 12, 14, 11. Merrett bt Miller 13, 12, 15. Schofield bt Edwards 14, —11, 18, 16.

Burridge bt Khanna —18, 8, 10, —19, 5. Stevens bt Jacobson 18, 18, 16. Sido bt Craigie 12, 16, —14, 18.

Fourth Round: Berczik bt Uzorinac —14, 9, 16, 16. Alser bt Venner 14, 19, 12. Teran bt Crayden 10, 10, 16. Larsson bt Prandtkte —14, 15, 17, 19.

Markovic bt Somogyi 9, 16, 18. Merrett bt Allcock 13, 16, —17, 18. Burridge bt Schofield 8, 18, —19, 12. Sido bt Stevens —19, 14, 9, 15.

Quarter-Finals: Alser bt Berczik 14, —11, —18, 15, 19. Larsson bt Teran —17, 8, 13, 17. Markovic bt Merrett 16, —10, 15, 12. Sido bt Burridge 11, 10, 14.

Semi-Finals: LARSSON bt Alser 10, —25, 23, 17. MARKOVIC bt Sido 16, —19, 6, —19, 10.

Final: MARKOVIC bt Larsson 19, 18, 13.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round: Mrs. J. H. Carrington (Essex) bt J. Kruse (W. Ger.) —15, 19, 13, —15, 22. Mrs. K. G. Andrews (Surrey) bt M. Carlsson (Sweden) 16, —13, 15, —14, 18. A. Bates (Wales) bt Mrs. D. S. Schofield (Cheshire) 13, 13, 7. C. K. Best (Yorks.) bt Mrs. L. H. Pilford (Kent) 12, 10, 7. Mrs. A. R. Mills (Mddx.) bt M. Alber (France) 16, —10, 17, 11. Mrs. B. J. Griffiths (Warwicks.) bt S. M. Hession (Essex) —14, 15, 13, 14. Y. J. Williams (Herts.) bt J. Williamson (Mddx.) 17, 21, 12. Mrs. M. C. Clark (Northum.) bt H. Angel (Mddx.) 25, 12, 9. M. G. Fry (Mddx.) bt Mrs. E. D. Marsh (Mddx.) 15, 18, 15. M. Jones (Wales) bt A. Johnson (Durham), 19, —13, 16, 17. Andersson (Sweden) bt B. P. M. Barber (Kent) 15, 20, 10. I. Bell (Essex) bt C. Holes (Hants.) 11, 17, —15, 19. M. Piper (Surrey) bt Mrs. L. B. Cherriman (Mddx.) 17, 19, 6.

Second Round: Mrs. L. Foldi (Hungary) bt I. Petrac (Yugo.) 13, 10, 14. Mrs. Carrington bt C. S. Holes (Hants) 5, 10, 6. Mrs. Andrews bt A. M. Taft (Herts) —18, 21, —19, 13, 16. Bates bt Miss P. Mortimer (Warwicks.) 10, —9, 17, 16.

Best w.o., H. Elliot (Scotland) scr. Mrs. Mills bt Mrs. I. W. Jones (Essex) 7, 9, 7. Williams bt Mrs. Griffiths 10, —15, —20, 15, 8. J. Harrower (Mddx.) bt Mrs. Clark 15, 20, —19, —15, 15.

D. Rowe (Mddx.) bt Fry 18, —21, 11, 18. I. Muser (W. Ger.) bt Jones —14,

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12, —16, 12, 11. M. Shannon (Surrey) bt Andersson —18, 10, 19, 13. Bell bt J. E. Fielder (Kent) —13, 11, 12.

L. Guntsch (Sweden) bt L. S. Proudlock (Yorks.) 15, —10, 13, 17. P. Holes (Hants.) bt S. P. Morgan (Wales) 16, —12, 20, 8. Mrs. E. Simon (W. Germany) (holder) bt Piper —21, 18, 13, 11.

Third Round: Foldi bt Carrington 10, 11, 19. Bates bt Andrews 11, 14, 14. Best bt Mills 19, —18, 19, 17. Harrower bt Williams 19, 16, 16.

Rowe bt Muser 12, —12, 13, 15. Bell bt Shannon 12, 20, —17, —16, 19. Guntsch bt Mrs. R. J. McCree (Essex) 20, 19, 18. Simon bt Holes 7, 10, 9.

Quarter-Finals: Foldi bt Bates 13, 13, 13. Best bt Harrower —16, 20, 20, 8.
Rowe bt Bell 10, 10, —22, 10. Simon bt Guntsch 13, 8, 9.

Semi-Finals: FOLDI bt Best 19, 12, 10. SIMON bt Rowe 12, 18, 7.

Final: FOLDI bt Simon —11, 12, 26, 18.

MEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: A. G. Cornish/J. Leith (Kent) bt P. L. Potts (Mddx.)/P. F. Taylor (Kent) 9, 20, —20, 16. K. D. Edwards (Glos.)/M. R. Westoby (Kent) bt P. E. Dean/N. R. Isbell (Mddx.) —17, —19, 16, 10, 19. I. F. Landry/A. Rhodes (Mddx.) bt L. G. Adams/D. C. Burrige (Mddx.) 20, 19, 15.

K. R. Craigie (Surrey)/A. G. St. C. Lindsay (Mddx.) bt R. A. Henderson/B. K. R. Craigie (Surrey)/A. G. St. C. H. K. Midgley 12, 19, —18, 18. M. G. Maclaren/H. T. Venner bt G. A. C. Chapman (Surrey)/L. Kerekes (Mddx.) 19, 10, 18.

J. Kern/T. Teran (Yugo.) bt E. P. Hamill/D. M. Redfearn (Mddx.) 14, 7, 10. F. E. Brumwell (Essex)/G. Muranyi (Surrey) bt P. Hyde (Mddx.)/G. A. Owen (Kent) 7, 6, 17. K. Hurlock (Surrey)/C. Thomas (Wales) bt J. R. Barker/R. V. Wells (Yorks.) 17, 14, 16. R. C. Thorn/D. N. Whittaker (Kent) bt P. W. Brook (Surrey)/M. Close (Mddx.) —15, 19, 20, 18. J. P. Shead (Sussex)/S. H. Jacobson (Mddx.) 13, 7, 13.

Second Round: H. Alser/T. Larsson (Sweden) bt Cornish/Leith 13, 11, 16. M. Haguenaue/J. Helaine (France) bt I. W. Jones (Essex)/E. A. Quaye (Ghana) 21, —12, 13, 9. H. Gomolla/W. Prandtke (W. Germany) bt Edwards/Westoby 14, 16, —19, —25, 13. Landry/Rhodes bt M. A. Beckford (Cambs.)/I. V. Dowsett (Mddx.) 22, 8, 14.

Craigie/Lindsay bt K. H. Beamish/R. J. McCree (Essex) 12, 14, 13. V. Markovic/B. Uzorinac (Yugo.) bt L. S. Cooper/R. E. Etheridge (Kent) 20, —18, 9, 18. R. Alcock/G. Livesey (Lancs.) bt D. O. Creamer/M. J. Creamer (Mddx.) —16, 17, 13, 15. I. O. Harrison/E. R. Merrett (Glos.) bt Maclaren/Venner 14, 19, 3.

Kern/Teran bt J. A. Leach (Essex)/M. H. Thornhill (Mddx.) (holder) —18, 14, 11, 14. Brumwell/Muranyi bt B. Harris (Mddx.)/G. D. Maxwell (Scotland) 20, 15, 16. Hurlock/Thomas bt D. L. Bloy/B. Meisel (Kent) —11, —15, 16, 15, 15.

C. Heyerdahl (Sweden)/J. Ingber (Lancs.) bt Ellis/Whalley —14, 18, 10, 17. H. S. Buist/A. R. Piddock (Kent) bt R. F. Raybould/R. J. Stevens (Essex) —16, 12, —21, 18, 17. P. Partos (Glos.)/J. Somogyi (Surrey) bt A. R. Kahna/J. O'Hara (Mddx.) 18, —12, 18, 17. Z. Berczik/F. Sido (Hungary) bt Shead/Jacobson 15, 16, 18.

Third Round: Alser/Larsson bt Haguenaue/Helaine 10, 15, 17. Landry/Rhodes bt Gomolla/Prandtke 18, 19, —17, 20. Markovic/Uzorinac bt Craigie/Lindsay 17, 19, 14. Harrison/Merrett w.o., Alcock/Livesey scr.

Kern/Teran bt Brumwell/Muranyi 17, —15, 20, 10. Hurlock/Thomas bt Thorn/Whittaker 20, 18, 16. Heyerdahl/Ingber bt

Buist/Piddock 16, 18, 16. Berczik/Sido bt Partos/Somogyi —18, 14, 10, 18.

Quarter-Finals: Alser/Larsson bt Landry/Rhodes 15, 12, 17. Markovic/Uzorinac bt Harrison/Merrett —21, 21, 4, —21, 17. Kern/Teran bt Hurlock/Thomas 16, 20, —19, 17. Heyerdahl/Ingber bt Berczik/Sido 16, 19, —20, 20.

Semi-Finals: ALSER/LARSSON bt Markovic/Uzorinac 11, 13, 15. KERN/TERAN bt Heyerdahl/Ingber 11, 11, 16.

Final: ALSER/LARSSON bt Kern/Teran 16, —13, 16, 15.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: A. M. Taft (Herts.)/S. Thomas (Kent) bt J. Fielder (Kent)/S. P. Morgan (Wales) 18, 20, 21. J. Kruse/I. Muser (West. Ger.) bt E. Andersson/L. Guntsch (Sweden) —18, 21, 16, 18. A. Moktari/M. Lebras (France) bt H. Angel (Mddx.)/E. Griffiths (Warwicks.) —21, 12, —12, 9, 19. M. Piper/M. Shannon (Surrey) bt Mrs. A. Horn (Kent)/L. Proudlock (Yorks.) 16, 15, 10.

Second Round: Mrs. L. Foldi (Hungary)/Mrs. A. Mills (Surrey) bt Taft/Thomas 11, 15, 18. J. Harrower (Mddx.)/P. Mortimer (Warwicks.) bt A. Bates/M. Jones (Wales) —18, 19, 18, 10. I. Bell (Essex)/Mrs. L. Pilfold (Kent) bt C. Holes/P. Holes (Hants.) 18, 13, —16, 19. Kruse/Muser bt Mrs. J. Carrington/Mrs. R. McCree (Essex) 10, 9, 17.

Mrs. J. Cornett/Miss D. Rowe (Mddx.) bt Moktari/Lebras 9, 9, 17. Mrs. M. Clark (Northum.)/J. Williams (Mddx.) bt C. Holes (Hants.)/J. Williamson (Mddx.) 15, 13, —22, 15. M. Fry (Mddx.)/S. Hession (Essex) bt M. Carlsson (Sweden)/A. Johnson (Yorks.) 15, —18, 15, 20. C. Best (Yorks.)/Mrs. B. Simon (West Ger.) bt Piper/Shannon —17, 14, —17, 8, 15.

Quarter-Finals: Foldi/Mills bt Harrower/Mortimer 14, —19, 10, 20. Kruse/Muser bt Bell/Pilfold 16, 10, —14, 3. Cornett/Rowe bt Clark/Williams 7, 9, 14. Best/Simon bt Fry/Hession 9, 15, 17.

Semi-Finals: FOLDI/MILLS bt Kruse/Muser —17, 8, 15, —19, 19. BEST/SIMON bt Cornett/Rowe 20, 18, 17.

Final: BEST/SIMON bt Foldi/Mills 15, 17, —19, 19.

MIXED DOUBLES

First round: B. Midgley (Hants.)/Miss M. Shannon (Surrey) bt P. Brumwell (Essex)/Mrs. B. Griffiths (Warwicks.) 13, —11, 18, —8. L. Landry/Miss M. Fry (Mddx.) bt J. Helaine/Miss A. Moktari (France) —13, 6, —10, 17, 23.

Second Round: I. Harrison (Glos.)/Miss D. Rowe (Mddx.) bt Midgley/Shannon 10, 11, —18, —17, 11. K. Beamish/Miss S. Hession (Essex) bt O. Teran (Yugo.)/Miss S. Morgan (Wales) 15, 16, 16. J. Kern (Yugo.)/Miss L. Muser (W. Ger.) bt C. Heyerdahl/Miss M. Carlsson (Sweden) 14, 8, —19.

H. Gomolla/Miss J. Kruse (W. Ger.) bt G. Livesey (Lancs.)/Miss L. Proudlock (Yorks.) —13, —18, 17, 8. E. Quaye (Ghana)/Miss M. Jones (Wales) bt V. Markovic (Yugo.)/Mrs. J. Carrington (Essex) —14, —18, 21, 19. J. Ingber (Lancs.)/Miss C. K. Best (Yorks.) bt K. Edwards (Glos.)/Miss A. Taft (Herts.) 18, —18, —17, 11, 12. T. Larsson/Miss E. Andersson (Sweden) bt A. Piddock/Miss J. Fielder (Kent) 14, 19, 14.

M. Thornhill (Mddx.)/Mrs. R. McCree (Essex) bt E. Meisel/Miss S. Thomas (Kent) 19, 12, 20. J. Densham (Herts.)/Miss P. Mortimer (Warwicks.) bt N. Isbell/Miss H. Williamson (Mddx.) 22, 13, 17. W. Prandtke/Miss E. Simon (W. Ger.) bt H. Alser/Miss L. Guntsch (W. Ger.) 19, 11, 7.

M. Westoby/Mrs. L. Pilfold (Kent) bt E. Emezc/Miss C. Rose (Surrey) 16, —11, 15, —3, 17. M. Maclaren/Miss M. Piper (Surrey) bt R. Raybould (Essex)/Mrs. A. Mills (Mddx.) 15, 12, —9, 16. J. Leach (Essex)/Mrs. R. Cornett (Mddx.) bt B. Merrett (Glos.)/Miss J. Williams (Herts.)

19, 18, 10. Z. Berczik/Mrs. L. Foldi (Hungary) bt Landry/Fry —16, —18, 15, 12, 12.

Third Round: Harrison/Rowe w.o., I. Barclay/Miss H. Elliot (Scotland) scr. Kern/Muser bt Beamish/Hession 16, 13, 16. Gomolla/Kruse bt Quaye/Jones 12, 17, 12. Ingber/Best bt Larsson/Andersson —17, 18, 11, 16.

Thornhill/McCree bt G. Maxwell/Miss J. Robb (Scotland) 5, 7, 4. Prandtke/Simon bt Densham/Mortimer 18, 11, —14, 13. Maclaren/Piper bt Westoby/Pilfold 11, 13, 16. Berczik/Foldi bt Leach/Cornett —14, —19, 13, 13, 13.

Quarter-finals: Harrison/Rowe bt Kern/Muser 18, —19, 18, —10, 14. Ingber/Best bt Gomolla/Kruse —16, 10, —14, 14, 21. Thornhill/McCree bt Prandtke/Simon 18, —9, —11, 18, 17. Berczik/Foldi bt Maclaren/Piper 14, 16, 12.

Semi-Finals: INGBER/BEST bt Harrison/Rowe 18, —17, 22, —9, 19. BERCZIK/FOLDI bt Thornhill/McCree 12, 11, 19.

Final: BERCZIK/FOLDI bt Ingber/Best 20, 16, 19.

BOYS' SINGLES

First Round: D. Mallard (France) bt C. Thomas (Wales) —18, 19, 19. D. Stanley (Yorks.) bt M. Mordecai (Glos.) —13, 9, 19. C. Bloy (Kent) bt R. Howells (Hants) 10, 11. H. Becker (W. Ger.) bt B. Sykes (Herts.) 14, 15. J. Halliday (Suffolk) bt D. Garner (Essex) 15, 19. B. Baumann (W. Ger.) bt R. Offenbach (Mddx.), 7, 14. D. Offenbach (Mddx.) bt R. Ractliffe (Herts.) 18, —12, 15, P. Lieb (W. Ger.) bt M. Billington (Warwicks.) —20, 18, 14.

B. Lorenz (W. Ger.) bt S. Conquest (Kent) 8, 9. S. Ogundipe (Sussex) bt L. Gresswell 10, 6. I. Giles (Mddx.) bt C. Barnes (Essex) 18, 21. J. Coupry (France) by B. Hill (Lincs.) —5, 20, 14. E. Wright (Mddx.) bt G. French (Kent) 12, 11. W. Lux (W. Ger.) bt S. Seaholme (Herts.) 7, 14. P. Williams (Herts.) bt E. Brown (Hants.) 19, —14, 24. T. Caffrey (Ireland) bt D. Pryor (Essex) 10, 16.

Second Round: Stanley bt Mallard —17, 17, 19. Becker bt Bloy 5, 18. Baumann bt Halliday 11, 17. Lieb bt Offenbach 17, 13.

Lorenz bt Ogundipe 17, 10. Giles bt Coupry 21, 16. Wright bt Lux 15, —10, 19. Caffrey bt Williams 14, 8.

Quarter-Finals: Stanley bt Becker —10, 18, 18. Baumann bt Lieb 18, 11. Giles bt Lorenz 20, —15, 9. Wright bt Caffrey 18, 19.

Semi-Finals: BAUMANN bt Stanley 18, 17. WRIGHT bt Giles 17, 15.

Final: WRIGHT bt Baumann 16, 13.

GIRLS' SINGLES

First Round: J. Canham (Herts.) bt I. Ogus (Mddx.) 14, 12. M. Lebras (France) bt H. Brautigam (Mddx.), 13, 11. B. Sayer (Essex) bt J. Roberts (Warwicks.) 16, 16. L. Guntsch (Sweden) bt I. Petrac (Yugo.) —19, 15, 18.

Second Round: M. Shannon (Surrey) bt Canham 20, 15. B. Andersson (Sweden) bt P. Martin (Essex) 9, 12. G. Sayer (Essex) bt P. Venus (Mddx.) 12, 11. Lebras bt S. Thomas (Kent) —14, 13, 16.

J. Williams (Herts.) bt Sayer —19, 18, 7. M. Carlsson (Sweden) bt P. Holes (Hants) 14, 16. C. Holes (Hants.) bt L. Proudlock (Yorks.) 14, 21. Guntsch bt L. Bell (Essex) 9, 14.

Quarter-finals: Andersson bt Shannon 14, —19, 19. Lebras bt G. Sayer 12, 23. Williams bt Carlsson —7, 15, 19. Guntsch bt C. Holes 11, 0.

Semi-Finals: ANDERSSON bt Lebras 21, 7. GUNTSCHE bt Williams —21, 18, 14.

Final: GUNTSCHE bt Andersson 14, 16.

BOYS' DOUBLES

First Round: T. Caffrey (Ireland)/C. Thomas (Wales) bt M. Mordecai (Glos.)/S. B. Ogundipe (Sussex) 20, —20, 16; P.



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N. C. Ive (Mddx.)/D. H. Stanley (Yorkshire) bt E. Baumann/W. Lux (W. Ger.) 19, 21; J. Coupry/D. Mallard (France) bt S. R. Conquest/G. R. French (Kent) 11, 5.

Quarter-Finals: Caffrey/Thomas bt Lieb/Ractliffe 19, —14, 19; D. Offenbach/B. D. Wright (Mddx.) bt Halliday/Giles —16, 13, 12.

Ive/Stanley bt C. I. Bloy (Kent)/P. M. Williams (Herts.) 18, 8; H. Becker/B. Lorenz (W. Ger.) bt Coupry/Mallard 15, —11, 9.

Semi-Finals: CAFFREY/THOMAS bt Offenbach/Wright 19, 11; IVE/STANLEY bt Becker/Lorenz 18, 12.

Final: CAFFREY/THOMAS bt Ive/Stanley 15, 16.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

First Round: B. Andersson/L. Guntsch (Sweden) bt L. Bell (Essex)/J. Canham (Herts.) 19, 14.

Quarter-Finals: Andersson/Guntsch bt C. Holes/P. Holes (Hants.) 10, 20; I. Petrac (Yugo.)/S. Thomas (Kent) bt B. Sayer/G. Sayer (Essex) 16, 9.

I. S. Oguş (Mddx.)/L. S. Proudlock (Yorks.) bt M. Carlsson (Sweden)/P. Martin (Essex) 24, 19; M. Shannon (Surrey)/J. Y. Williams (Herts.) bt H. M. Brautigam (Mddx.)/J. M. Roberts (Warwicks.) 13, 10.

Semi-Finals: ANDERSSON/GUNTSCHE bt Petrac/Thomas 19, 15; SHANNON/WILLIAMS bt Oguş/Proudlock 16, 14.

Final: SHANNON/WILLIAMS bt Andersson/Guntsch 22, —8, 19.

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES

First Round: S. Ogunidepe (Sussex)/Miss J. Roberts (Warwicks.) bt D. Pryor/Miss G. Sayer (Essex) 18, —11, 18; J. Coupry/Miss M. Lebras (France) bt B. Hill (Lincs.)/Miss P. Holes (Hants.) —23, 9, 10; B. Baumann (W. Ger.)/Miss H. Brautigam (Mddx.) bt C. Barnes/Miss B. Sayer (Essex) —13, 11, 19.

Second Round: N. Ive (Mddx.)/Miss M. Shannon (Surrey) bt Ogunidepe/Roberts 14, 12; D. Offenbach (Mddx.)/Miss S. Thomas (Kent) bt B. Sykes/Miss J. Canham (Herts.) —23, 14, 18; M. Billington (Warwicks.)/Miss C. Holes (Hants.) bt D. Easden (Kent)/Miss I. Petrac (Yugo.) 17, —10, 13; Coupry/Lebras bt B. Lorenz (W. Ger.)/Miss L. Bell (Essex) 14, 18.

B. Wright/Miss I. Oguş (Mddx.) bt W. Lux (W. Ger.)/Miss P. Martin (Essex) 20, —14, 19; T. Caffrey (Ireland)/Miss M. Carlsson (Sweden) bt H. Becker (W. Ger.)/Miss L. Proudlock (Yorks.) —13, 12, 19; P. Lieb (W. Ger.)/Miss L. Guntsch (Sweden) bt D. Stanley (Yorks.)/Miss B. Andersson (Sweden) 15, —15, 12; Baumann/Brautigam bt R. Ractliffe/Miss J. Williams (Herts.) 18, —12, 15.

Quarter - Finals: Offenbach/Thomas bt Ive/Shannon 15, 14; Billington/Holes bt Coupry/Lebras 14, 17; Caffrey/Carlsson bt Wright/Oguş 10, 14; Lieb/Guntsch bt Baumann/Brautigam 14, 17.

Semi-Finals: OFFENBACH/THOMAS bt Billington/Holes 12, 17; CAFFREY/CARLSSON bt Lieb/Guntsch —18, 11, 20.

Final: CAFFREY/CARLSSON bt Offenbach/Thomas.

MEN'S VETERAN SINGLES

First Round: K. S. Lipscomb (Mddx.) bt A. Luowicz (Mddx.) —10, 19, 16; R.

L. Sharman (Mddx.) bt H. G. Spiers (Warwicks.) 16, —19, 14.

Second Round: L. Pope (Surrey) bt Lipscomb 12, 16; L. F. Wilkinson (Warwicks.) bt K. M. Woodard (Surrey) 4, 7; N. B. Adams (Kent) bt P. Hyde (Mddx.) 18, 10; R. Markwell (Essex) bt G. A. Owen (Kent) 11, 16; L. Thompson (Bucks.) bt H. V. Ralls (Essex) —19, 9, 18; Sharman bt L. A. McLachlan (Kent) 15, 15.

Quarter-Finals: Pope bt C. K. Ovenston (Mddx.) 6, 9; R. J. Crayden (Surrey) bt Wilkinson —18, 10, 6.

Markwell bt Adams 12, 17; Sharman bt Thompson 18, 13.

Semi-Finals: CRAYDEN bt Pope 11, 17; SHARMAN bt Markwell 13, 16.

Final: CRAYDEN bt Sharman 21, 13.

WOMEN'S VETERAN SINGLES

First Round: Mrs. A. F. W. Horn (Kent) bt Mrs. L. B. Cherriman (Mddx.) 21, 16.

Semi-Finals: Mrs. C. H. N. WHITEHOUSE (Mddx.) bt Mrs. J. W. Bell (Essex) 19, 13; Mrs. HORN bt Mrs. F. Bloy (Kent) 11, 15.

Final: Mrs. WHITEHOUSE bt Mrs. Horn 11, 19.

CONSOLATION SINGLES

Men's Semi-Finals: H. GOMOLLA (W. Ger.) bt Helaine (France) 8, 15; B. KERN (Yugo.) bt M. Haguenuaer (France) 17, 16.

Final: GOMOLLA bt Kern 18, 14.

Women's Semi-Finals: I. MUSER (W. Ger.) bt Mrs. L. Pilfold (Kent) 12, 12; J. KRUSE (K. Ger.) bt B. Andersson (Sweden) 12, —15, 19.

Final: MUSER bt Kruse —17, 12, 8.

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VICTOR BARNÁ sums up

ENGLISH "OPEN" SPECIAL

A Search for New Strokes

MAYBE I am wrong but my impression after watching the English "Open" was that the great majority of players tried to bring something new into their game. The same players, who at the European Championships in Zagreb were quite content to push endlessly, tried this time to enliven their game. I saw more backhands, spins, counter-attacks, variety of services, than in any other European Tournament.

The discovery, or shall I say rediscovery, of the loop drive and its success is perhaps responsible for this search for strokes. Whatever the reason it is a good sign and the sport as a whole must benefit from it.

Reverting to the "loop drive," Ivor Montagu, in the last issue, pointed out that the stroke is not new. I

remember players of my early days whose loop-spins were "untakable" and the Indian Vyas in the 1954 World Championships in London beat a great number of top class players with his loop drives and players in India dreaded to play against him.

Nevertheless, there is something new in the stroke inasmuch as it is produced nowadays mostly with sandwich bats, or should I say various sandwich bats each producing different effects. We have seen what Jacobson and Markovic can do and I understand that their "loops" are nothing compared with those of the Japanese.

I have not seen the Japs yet so I don't feel that the importance of the stroke should be lightly dismissed—nor over-exaggerated—let's see what

will happen in Peking.

Reverting to the Tournament, Markovic was a good winner, using his peculiar strokes to a great advantage. I liked the young Yugoslav boys too, they have lots of talent and we are bound to hear more of them.

Berczik is hitting more than before, but generally speaking has not made any progress. His backhand is very poor and his defence is not sufficient to save him in an emergency. He must improve his backhand if he wants to be a force in Peking.

Sido is, of course, "World Class" but he is not getting any younger. The Swedes are very good and to me Alser is the most improved player in Europe. He has all the strokes, footwork, ball control and his only fault is that in a tight match he refuses to take the initiative and is happy to become a pusher. A pity because this is not the way to win World Titles, besides he has the strokes to produce winners—so why wait?

Larsson has just as good ball control as Alser and he is not afraid to hit. His trouble is sluggish footwork. The ball must come to the right place for him to kill it, he will not place himself in the right position.

The women were rather disappointing. Eva Foldi (Koczian) although winning the title, was not playing as well as she did in Zagreb. She was fortunate to beat Agnes Simon whose game is solid, though always the same.

Strangely enough, Di Rowe seemed to me the one who made the most progress. Her backhand has improved and she hit some good winners. If only she could control her nerves!

BRIAN BRUMWELL Spotlights

THE JUNIORS

BRIAN WRIGHT, who started the season rather indifferently certainly went to town in the star studded English Junior "Open" which he won in brilliant style.

The entry included five Germans and two French boys together with Caffrey of Ireland and Thomas of Wales. Brian, on his way to the final beat Lux of Germany, Caffrey, Giles (Middlesex) and Baumann of Germany in the final.

There were some other good performances by English boys in this championship. Giles did very well to beat Lorenz, whom I consider to be the best German boy. Stanley also played well to beat Mallard of France, and Becker of Germany.

In the girls' singles we were overshadowed by a strong Swedish contingent. It was rather disappointing that not one of our top three, Mary Shannon, Lesley Bell or Judy Williams reached the final.

Shannon lost to Andersson whom she had previously beaten in the women's singles. Lesley Bell lost to another Swede, Guntsch 9 and 14. Judy Williams did well beating Carisson (Sweden) but lost to Guntsch in the semi-final after a hard fight.

Guntsch beat her compatriot Andersson convincingly in the final by 21-14, 21-16.

However, the girls did come into their own in the doubles which Shannon and Williams won, beating the two Swedish girls Guntsch and

Anderson 19 in the third.

In the boys' doubles Ive and Stanley played well to reach the final but then lost to the strong pair of Caffrey and Thomas.

One of the highlights in the women's singles was the performance of Lesley Bell who beat Joyce Fielder and Mary Shannon. In the next round, however, Lesley was knocked out by Di Rowe, but still managed to take one game.

It is my intention to write an article each month in the magazine for juniors, so I should be grateful if you would write, telephone, or tell me anything you might think would be of interest. Remember, to keep this article going, I have to get the news and tit-bits from you. I can be contacted at "Le Bent Saint," 88, Victoria Road, Ilford, Essex. Telephone No. Valentine 4084.

Following his success in the English "Open," it is not surprising that my "Junior Spotlight" should fall this month on 17-year-old Brian Wright.

Brian weighs just above eight stone and has been playing about four years. He plays about four times a week, practises at Wembley, is No. 1 Middlesex Junior, and has won four Junior tournaments, Portsmouth, Essex, English and Welsh.

His hobby is reading and he hopes to become an accountant.

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How Loopy Can You Get

by JACK CARRINGTON

JANUARY'S TABLE TENNIS contained some interesting views which I feel deserve some constructive, technical comment.

First, I agree with Ivor Montagu that Loop Drive, as a policy is not new—but as executed with modern rubbers, its spin effects are not nearly so predictable as in the pimped-rubber days.

Moreover, from practical opposition and from observation, I would not regard Adrian Haydon as the prototype nor even an example of the current Loop Drive.

Adrian did, as Mr. Montagu describes, try to strike at the top of the bounce but I think that he, unlike today's "loopers," was inclined to try for penetration most of the time.

By this I mean that, while deliberately using more topspin than was actually necessary to cause spin problems, he was also eager to impart forward thrust to the ball.

This technique was noticeable in later consistent hitters such as Ken Hyde, Benny Casofsky, Terela and Ardreadis (Czech), Bardrey (France) and of course, several Japanese players especially Miss Fuji Eguchi.

How ironic that Eguchi's "Haydon-type" hitting should deny the World Championship hopes of Ann Haydon (herself a hitter but hypnotised into defence by those never-ending top-spin kickers).

None of the above-mentioned attackers had the same "style" i.e. visible arm movements, as Adrian Haydon, but they imparted similar proportions of thrust, spin and venom.

At one time Johnny Leach and I used this technique to beat international defensive doubles pairs who, individually could chop us into the ground.

For contrast, in the direction of "more thrust, less spin" we should turn to Vera Dace, Flisberg, Sido (when younger), Sol Sokiiff, Ken

Craigie, Marty Reisman, Freundorfer, etc.

All who knew these will notice a similarity of playing character—the "thrust hitters" consider the ball is there to be hit hard.

The Haydon — Terela — Eguchi group of spin-hitters also want to dominate the proceedings but don't see why they should help defenders by rushing the job.

Now the Loop Drivers deviate from the Haydon policy "forget the thrust, let's get on with the spin," is their motto.

They are seen to be still more cagey characters (in the playing sense),— examples, pre-war Maurice Bergl, Leo Baren; post-war Vyas, Jacobson Markovic.

These are chess-players rather than gay cavaliers; if a pawn will do the trick, why risk a piece?

And good luck to them if their defensive opponents have not the sense or the courage to block the nagging pawns.

I do not know which Japanese players now exploit Loop Drive. I shall be surprised if Murakami is one of them but the crafty Ogimura might well be.

Mind you, I am always cautious about Japanese descriptions of play; they are based on different experience from ours.

For instance, any player who cannot counter-hit their attacking geniuses is liable to be classed as a "defender," whereas to us the term means a person who defends even when he has a free chance.

A "hard" rubber to a Japanese may well seem to us a soft rubber. Quite possibly a medium-paced ball would be described as slow in the home land of Tanaka and Murakami.

I am reminded of the occasion when I took my neighbours kiddie to school in my new car. "Why do you have such a slow car?" she asked me.

Her experience was limited to her father's Jaguar!

But to return to the "Loopers" we have ourselves seen. Why, for example, do Vyas, Markovic and Jacobson strike a dropping ball to produce Loop Drive? Is it because it allows more time for them to amble into position, or because it gives more effect?

I don't suppose they will confide in us, but my own feeling when I was

a High Topspinner (that was the fashionable name then)... was that I needed the resistance of the dropping ball to increase the frictional effect of my "upper-cut" stroke.

Because of this, the suggestion that Liebster's returns would cause loopers to "climb a ladder" is an illusion. If anybody were clever enough — or lucky enough — to contrive a long distance counter-topspin return against today's sandwich bat version of Loop Drive, (which is an extreme top-cum-sidespin dropping ball)... he would deserve the point!

But he wouldn't get it... the Looper would either connect to a flatter drive straight through ball, chop it down, or most likely, trap it down with a half-volley.

Because, as I have said, today's "Loopy" drivers are chess players, quite different from the aggressive Haydon.

Not for them the "climbing of ladders," "the jump with every ball," or the "muscle-strain of endless repetition."

In fact, Haydon's ladder-climbing and muscle fatigue were not due to a policy of loop-driving as we see it today. They were due to the basic weakness of a short man using the "dropped" grip.

Hence no doubt, Ann Haydon was taught (and excellently) to play the all-round tennis style.

THERE IS NO INHERENT WEAKNESS IN SANDWICH-BAT LOOP DRIVING... BUT NO MAGIC EITHER. IF YOU DON'T LIKE RECEIVING IT, YOU HAVE TO STOP IT DEVELOPING, BY HALF - VOLLEY, SHORT COUNTER-HIT, BY TAKING INITIATIVE.

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Mr. Bridges' contact with the County came about with his taking the County Umpires' Test in which he recently qualified. I understand that he is already an Association Football referee on a professional league list.

There was much satisfaction in the County when it was learnt that Bob Ractliffe had been selected to play for England Juniors. The small cathedral city of St. Albans has produced a number of ladies who have played for England, among whom were Doris and Dora Emdin, Mrs. Connie Bridgen (née Wheaton) and latterly Alma Taft, but Bob is the first male.

Six days a week school has kept him away from tournaments excepting those held during school holidays or on Sundays.

Studies have also restricted Judy Williams' playing time this season, but she recently regained her form and confirmed this at the English "Open," when she was the last home survivor in the Girls' Singles, and won the Girls' Doubles with Mary Shannon.

Gwen Robinson's successes in "Open" tournaments has led to her selection for the first team for the important match with Hampshire. Another player to gain County honours is Sylvia Beaumont (Cheshunt). She makes her debut with league partner Carol Haldin for the Ladies' Doubles in the second team.

In May Sylvia plans to marry Alan Giles, older brother of the Middlesex junior, Ian Giles.

The County is now going through its busiest part of the season with five County matches in as many weeks followed by the "Closed" at the last weekend of the month. The important clash between our juniors and Essex juniors will be staged in the new £17,000 headquarters of the Cheshunt Boys' Club.

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and Gloucestershire on successive days in March will decide the eventual winners.

The Bernard Crouch Trophy team are unbeaten in four matches so far this season and look very much like regaining this title.

The Junior County side are still in a strong position and much will depend on the match against Essex on February 25.

In the Middlesex Schools' Tournament, the zone semi-final stage has been reached while the Inter-Borough Youth Competition is now under way.

The Middlesex "Closed" will be held at Ultra, Western Avenue, on March 4 and 5.

Wedding Bells

CONGRATULATIONS to Philip Miles and Ruth Connell, the Staines and District doubles champions, who made their partnership permanent when they were married on January 1st.

Ruth is the daughter of Mr. E. R. A. Connell, chairman of the Staines League.

NORFOLK NOTES

NORWICH gained their first points of the season in the first division of the East Anglian League when they defeated Yarmouth by 7-3.

Only singles victory for Yarmouth came from Mrs. Allen who gave a fine display to beat county champion, Miss Turner.

Trade Union seem well set for honours in the Yarmouth League. Their Premier Division team are two points behind Caister "A" but have two games in hand, while their "B" side are only kept out of top spot in the First Division by games average.

Trade Union "C" are certain of promotion in Division II, and the "D" team occupy third place in Division Three.

Last month, Jack Carrington visited Norwich and at the Henderson School Hall he gave an exhibition match against Emmanuel Quaye, the Ghana champion, and also a coaching demonstration.

The Norwich League have now started running weekly coaching classes for the juniors.

Robin Wickens.

A Tournament With A Difference

THE Suffolk County Association has introduced a new tournament—the Suffolk Invitation. It is a tournament with a difference and, to the best of my knowledge, brand new—something that no other organisation has conceived.

It is for Suffolk top-liners only and is, really, seven tournaments in one. It will comprise two competitions "Top Ten" and "Leading Ladies"—the former consisting of four events staged at different periods of the season, and the latter three events.

An event is a tournament of its own, played at one venue on a Sunday afternoon and evening. Ten players will participate in each and, as an extra incentive to the fairer sex, the best two of the "Leading Ladies" will be invited to play eight men in the next "Top Ten".

At each event the ten players will form two groups of five—each player having four ties. After the singles have been concluded the ten players will be paired-up to form a doubles group—each pair playing four ties. The winner of an event will be the player awarded most marks under the following system:

Singles: Group: 1 player for winning a game; extra $\frac{1}{2}$ for winning in two straight games; 3 extra for winning group.

Inter-group: 6 extra for inter-group winner.

Doubles: Group: $\frac{1}{2}$ each player of a pair for winning a game; $\frac{1}{4}$ extra each player of pair winning in two straight; $1\frac{1}{2}$ extra each player of pair winning doubles group.

The marks accumulated by a player will go into a table, the ultimate winner

of both "Top Ten" and "Leading Ladies" being those with the most marks from the total number of events staged over the season.

To keep interest alive at the bottom of the "top dogs" invitations may alter slightly with each event—the one or two who came off worst being most likely to be left out for the next event thus giving other good players a chance to participate. This should keep possibly double the number required interested.

Small prizes will be awarded for each event winner and ultimate winners of both "Top Ten" and "Leading Ladies" will be given prizes valued at between £2 and £3. Trophies to hold for twelve months will also be given.

The Suffolk Executive believes that this tournament will give its leading players first class practice under competitive conditions thus sharpening them up for county matches. The idea behind giving the two top "Leading Ladies" an opportunity to play in "Top Ten" is that play against the leading men (they will receive + 5 each game) will improve their standard with better results in county matches. The Selectors, too, will have an excellent medium for obtaining current form.

Has Suffolk a bright idea? Has it shown that an uninfluential and rather unfashionable county can lead the way in bright new ideas. Has it set a fashion that may benefit other small counties or leagues in areas where open tournaments and other T.T. fare laid on in the more fashionable areas is unobtainable? If it has then little of Suffolk will feel that it is not so "Silly" after all.

Arthur E. Durrant.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

THE player of the month in Middlesex was undoubtedly Brian Wright who won the English "Open" Boys' Singles from a very strong field. Brian was also the most successful of the Juniors in the series against West Germany. Congratulations also to David Offenbach and Nigel Ive who won their first Junior Caps.

Middlesex senior side are very much in the picture and at the moment lead the Premier Division table with Yorkshire. The matches against Yorkshire

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP

by CONRAD JASCHKE

CRAIGIE SLAMS ESSEX

KEN CRAIGIE, Surrey's evergreen No. 1, paved the way for his county's 6-4 win over Essex with his brilliant victories over Bobby Stevens and Brian Brumwell at Laindon.

Having put Surrey ahead by 2-1 early on, battling Craigie clinched a 6-4 success in the last match of the evening.

Essex started well when Bobbie Raybould showed some of his sparkle to beat Surrey's Gordon Chapman, but Tony Miller evened matters with a patient display against Brumwell.

Jean McCree was unexpectedly beaten by Peggy Piper.

Raybould had another scintillating win when he beat Miller, but later, partnered by Shelagh Hession, could not stop the reigning English "Closed" champions, Mike Maclaren/Peggy Piper in the mixed doubles. Then Stevens beat Chapman who put up a plucky rearguard action, and at 5-4 to Surrey Craigie scored his great

three-game victory over Brumwell.

Kent, beaten 4-6 by Lancashire at Belvedere, had only one consolation from this match, it produced a profit of about £20 which is to be handed over to the Friends of the Erith, Crayford and District Hospitals.

Kent started badly, for although the defeat of new boy Ken Jarvis by former international, Ron Allcock, was not unexpected, disaster struck the home team when their No. 1, Henry Buist, failed to master the tricky style of Jack Clayton, who won an exciting struggle at 22-20 in the third after leading 17-10.

Jeff Ingber wore the mantle of an England No. 3 with authority, beating Tony Piddock to put Lancashire 3-0 up. Kent took the women's doubles, and surprisingly Buist/Piddock completely outplayed Ingber/Clayton.

Winifred Swift put Lancashire out of the danger zone with her first ever victory over Joyce Fielder.

Jarvis played more like a seasoned campaigner than a newcomer against Clayton, but finally went under to his more experienced opponent in the third. Kent, helped by success in the mixed doubles, and Piddock's victory over Allcock, pulled up to 4-5.

However Ingber never left any doubt in the last match that he was "in charge," and although Buist fought for every point, he could make no impression on his international opponent whose polished play was a joy to watch.

The question of who is to accompany Cheshire into relegation is still left wide open. Surrey will surely beat Cheshire to join Kent on the five-point mark in February, but neither county can yet rest on their laurels. Essex, whose only two points from four matches were gained at the expense of Cheshire, are badly placed at the moment and, for their next match against Gloucestershire, they are trying to change their luck in the women's singles by giving a chance to Lesley Bell, with Jean McCree in the two doubles.

Only second division match played was the promotion clash in which Hertfordshire beat Hampshire by 7-3. Judy Williams inflicted on Sheila Foster her first defeat of the season, by the convincing score of 21-14, 21-8. Hertfordshire now need only draw with Kent II to make sure of winning the division.

Oxfordshire took the lead in the Midland Division with a fine 7-3 win over Warwickshire II, while in the Southern Division Suffolk pulled further ahead with a 7-3 away win over their East Anglian neighbours, Norfolk.

Lesley Bell scored a smashing 7-21, 21-11, 21-16 victory over Mary Shannon in the 8-2 win by Essex juniors over Surrey. This victory keeps Essex ahead of Middlesex, who beat Suffolk 10-0.

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION

February 3	Lancashire v Surrey, Ostram Social and Athletic Club, Capemill, Shaw, Oldham.	7.30 p.m.
February 4	Yorkshire v Kent, Mechanics' Institute, Bridge St., Bradford.	7 p.m.
	Lancashire v Middlesex, Atkinson Vehicles Ltd., Walton-le-Dale, Preston.	7 p.m.
	Gloucestershire v Essex, Y.M.C.A., Totterdown, Bristol 4.	7 p.m.
	Cheshire v Surrey.	
February 19	Lancashire v Gloucestershire, Messrs. Lewis Clothing Factory, Litherland, Liverpool.	7 p.m.
February 20	Cheshire v Gloucestershire.	

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

February 25	Lincolnshire v Durham.	
	Yorkshire v Derbyshire, Albion T.T.C., Bethel Walk, off Cambridge Street, Sheffield.	7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

February 4	Sussex v Berkshire, Y.M.C.A., Hartington Hall, Bolton Road, Eastbourne.	7.15 p.m.
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SECOND DIVISION WEST

February 4	Devon v Cornwall, Pitts Memorial Hall, Gibbon Street, Plymouth.	7.15 p.m.
	Somerset v Wiltshire, British Cellophane Ltd., Canteen, Bridgwater.	7.30 p.m.
	Dorset v Worcestershire, Broadstone Athletic Club, Station Approach, Broadstone.	7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

February 4	Warwickshire v Glamorgan, Allen's Community Centre, Northfield, Birmingham 31.	7 p.m.
	Staffordshire v Bedfordshire.	

MIDLAND DIVISION

February 4	Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire, Mint Sports Club, Icknield Street, Birmingham 18.	7 p.m.
February 18	Staffordshire v Oxfordshire.	

SOUTHERN DIVISION

February 4	Buckinghamshire v Hertfordshire, Bletchley Town Sports Club, Manor Fields, Bletchley.	7.30 p.m.
February 18	Hertfordshire v Norfolk.	
February 25	Suffolk v Cambridgeshire, Manganese Bronze S.C., Hadleigh Road, Ipswich.	7 p.m.

SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION

February 11	Hertfordshire v Essex, Cheshunt Boys' and Athletic Club, High Street, Waltham Cross.	7 p.m.
February 12	Sussex v Kent, Monarchs T.T.C., Hughenden Road, Hastings.	3.30 p.m.
February 25	Essex v Middlesex, St. Luke's T.T.C., Canning Town, London, E.16.	6 p.m.

MIDLAND JUNIOR DIVISION

February 18	Staffordshire v Oxfordshire.	
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DETAILED RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Essex 4, Surrey 6.

R. Raybould bt G. Chapman 22, 9; bt A. Miller 12, 16. B. Brumwell lost to Miller 19, —19, —14; lost to K. Craigie —19, —17. R. Stevens lost to Craigie —12, —19; bt Chapman —18, 13, 14.
Brumwell/Stevens bt Craigie/M. Maclaren 9, 20.

Mrs. J. McCree lost to P. Piper 14, —13, —12. Mrs. McCree/Mrs. E. Carrington lost to Mrs. B. Andrews/M. Shannon —15, —12.

Raybould/Miss S. Hession lost to Maclaren/Miss Piper —12, —15.

Kent 4, Lancashire 6.

K. Jarvis lost to R. Allcock —8, —18; lost to J. Clayton —11, 18, —14. H. Buist lost to Clayton 14, —17, —20; lost to J. Ingber —9, —18. A. Piddock lost to Ingber —16, —14; bt Allcock 15, 16. Buist/Piddock bt Ingber/Clayton 9, 16.

Miss J. Fielder lost to Miss W. Swift —19, —18. Miss Fielder/Mrs. J. Beadle bt Miss Swift/Mrs. C. Spencer 16, 19. G. Elliott/Mrs. Beadle bt Allcock/Mrs. Spencer 10, 16.

DIV. II SOUTH

Hertfordshire 7, Hampshire 3.
MIDLAND DIVISION
Oxfordshire 7, Warwickshire 3.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Norfolk 3, Suffolk 7.
MIDLAND JUNIOR DIV.
Oxfordshire 5, Warwickshire 5.

NORTH JUNIOR DIV.

Cheshire 1, Lancashire 7.
SOUTH JUNIOR DIV.
Suffolk 5, Sussex 5.
Essex 8, Surrey 2.
Middlesex 10, Suffolk 0.

DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Middlesex	4	3	1	0	32	8	7
Yorkshire	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Kent	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Gloucestershire	3	1	2	0	16	14	4
Surrey	4	1	1	2	16	24	3
Lancashire	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Essex	4	1	0	3	18	22	2
Cheshire	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

DIV. II SOUTH

Hampshire	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Hertfordshire	3	2	1	0	13	12	5
Kent II	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Sussex	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
Berkshire	3	0	0	3	10	20	0

DIV. II NORTH

Yorkshire	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Durham	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Lincolnshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Northumberland	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Derbyshire	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

DIV. II WEST

Worcestershire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Somerset	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Devon	3	1	1	1	18	12	3
Wiltshire	3	1	1	1	12	18	3
Cornwall	4	1	1	2	16	25	3
Dorset	3	0	0	3	9	21	0

DIV. II MIDLAND

Warwickshire	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Glamorgan	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Bedfordshire	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Staffordshire	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
Leicestershire	3	0	1	2	15	15	1

MIDLAND DIVISION

Oxfordshire	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Nottinghamshire	4	1	2	1	20	20	4
Staffordshire II	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Warwickshire II	3	0	1	2	12	18	1

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Suffolk	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Buckinghamshire	2	1	0	1	6	14	2
Norfolk	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Hertfordshire II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MIDLAND JUNIOR

Oxfordshire	3	1	1	1	19	11	3
Warwickshire	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Staffordshire	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

DIV. II MIDLAND

DIV. II NORTH

DIV. II WEST

NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Lancashire	3	3	0	0	18	6	6
Yorkshire	2	1	0	1	11	5	2
Durham	2	1	0	1	8	8	2
Cheshire	3	0	0	3	3	21	0

SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Essex	4	4	0	0	30	10	8
Middlesex	4	3	1	0	33	7	7
Hertfordshire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Surrey	5	0	2	3	20	30	2
Suffolk	5	0	2	3	16	34	2
Kent	4	1	0	3	12	28	2
Sussex	4	0	2	2	12	28	2

“WARNING TO FIDDLERS”

LEEDS have given a warning to the “fiddlers” of league table tennis by suspending a second division team and two of their members for “cooking” scorecards.

This unsporting behaviour goes on probably in most leagues—but officials seldom find out.

To avoid the fine imposed when a player fails to turn up, a team fills in a name and some fictitious scores. Their opponents, not wanting to be branded “bad sports,” rarely argue about it and do not report it.

Norman Rushton, the Leeds secretary, states: “The executive took this severe action so that it would act as a warning to others.”

It’s the first time it has happened in Leeds—but if more cases were reported this unsporting habit would soon be killed.

No praise can be too high for Doncaster, the youngest team to compete in the top group of the inter-league competition. They shattered the experienced

Bradford team—second last season—7-3.

Maurice Pitts was beaten in three by Michael Dainty and two straight by Pete Duncombe. Both the Doncaster teenagers defeated Hans Soova. Peter Rooome took the scalps of “Sonny” Forrest and Duncan Clayton, and Eric Smith pipped Clayton 22-20 in the third. Seven singles out of eight!

This magnificent win shows that these enthusiastic Doncaster boys are still improving—for only last March in an inter-club match involving most of the same players Bradford trimmed their young opponents 5-0.

Doncaster are surely a model for some of the larger centres like Leeds and Bradford in the cultivation of genuine young talent.

Leeds’ youths won their first match for two years against Halifax—who were without their two best players. It was only their second win in their last 17 outings.

FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

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

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
Feb. 11	South Yorkshire “Open”		R. D. Renshaw, 7, Luna Croft, Gleadless, Sheffield
Feb. 11	Midland “Open” (Feb. 1) Friends Institute, 220 Moseley Road, Birmingham, 12.	J.S.B. J.S.G. J.B.D. V.S.	M. Goldstein, 415 Moseley Road, Birmingham, 12.
17-19	South of England “Open” (A) I.C.T. Ltd., Aurelia Road, Croydon.		S. H. Buchan, 124, Portnalls Road, Coulston, Surrey.
18	Gumley “Open” (Feb. 11) Augusta St. Barracks, Grimsby.	J.S.B.	H. G. Vincent, 4 Orby Grove, Grimsby.
18-19	BELGIUM “OPEN”		
25-26	GERMAN “OPEN”		
March 4	Cheshire Junior “Open” (Feb. 20) Livingstone St. Baths., Livingstone Street, Birkenhead.	J.S.B. J.S.G. J.B.D.	R. A. Bissell, 75 Southdale Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.
18-19	Bucks “Open” Slough Social Centre, Farnham Road, Slough.		L. Thompson, Auchmead, The Avenue, Sunnymeads, Wraybury.
18	WELSH “CLOSED”		
19	Sussex Junior “Open” Assembly Hall, Worthing, Sussex.		A. L. West, 7 Coutlands Terrace, Goring Road, Goring-by-Sea, Sussex.
21-25	Leinster “Open” (March 11) Abbey Lecture Hall, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin.	B.S. G.S.	R. I. Gill, 4, Oaklands Park, Balsbridge, Dublin.

LANCASHIRE "OPEN" by GEORGE R. YATES

Ingber Makes it a Hat Trick

FOR the third consecutive year Manchester's Jeff Ingber won the men's singles title in the Lancashire "Open," defeating Derek Schofield of Stockport in a dour but always compelling final.

The scalps of Stuart Dyson, Durham's J. K. Whittingham, Ron Allcock, Ray Hinchliff and Jack Clayton hung from Ingber's belt as he emerged from a terribly tough quarter. Schofield had a comparatively easy passage up to the semi-final stage taking in the youthful George Livesey and Michael Dainty.

After the second round shock of second seeded Len Adams going out 19,—19,—22 to Manchester's up and coming Kevin Forshaw, who was subsequently ousted by R. Warner, there were no further upsets. The three remaining seeds were joined in the semi-finals by Maurice Pitts, "slayer" of Hankey and Warner.

Bolton's Bryn Farnworth had perhaps the most enthusiastic audience of the whole day to witness his spectacular victory over David Stanley in the boys' event but he was beaten in the semi-final by crew-cut Harvey Coward who then defeated G. Beardsworth of Blackpool to win the title.

The women's title holder, Mrs. Doreen Griffiths surrendered her crown to Diane Wright but Lancashire girls Mary Leigh and Winifred Swift took over the doubles previously held by Wright and Miss Ridgeway of Cheshire.

Of the eight events Lancashire took five, Yorkshire two and Cheshire one—the dual challenge of Durham represented by Eddie Taylor and W. Barker and Warwickshire were well contained.

Despite the persistent fog which shrouded the North-West and enveloped the Lostock works of the De Havilland Aircraft Co., the championships went through with remarkably few entrants having to be scratched.

The time schedule proved extremely difficult to maintain under such trying circumstances but by the judicious use of the twin playing areas the finals were got away on time.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: J. INGBER (Lancashire) bt J. Clayton (Lancashire) 21-11, 21-14; D. SCHOFIELD (Cheshire) bt M. J. Pitts (Yorkshire) 8-21, 21-12, 21-18.

Final: INGBER bt Schofield 19-21, 21-8, 21-14.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. WRIGHT (Cheshire) bt L. S. Proudlock (Yorkshire) 21-17, 21-14; D. B. GRIFFITHS (Warwickshire) bt B. Hardman (Lancashire) 21-12, 21-19.

Final: WRIGHT bt Griffiths 22-20, 21-18.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: INGBER/P. STRULOVITCH bt G. Livesey/J. Keogh 21-19, 21-14; R. ALLCOCK/V. HANKEY (Lancashire) bt Pitts/S. Dyson 15-21, 21-18, 21-19.

Final: INGBER/STRULOVITCH bt Allcock/Hankey 14-21, 21-11, 21-14.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: M. LEIGH/W. SWIFT bt Griffiths/B. Hall 21-16, 21-10; D. FITZGERALD/C. SPENCER bt Wright/D. Schofield 11-21, 21-19, 21-18.

Final: LEIGH/SWIFT bt Fitzgerald/Spencer 22-20, 21-8.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: DYSON/Miss P. MORTON bt D. Baddeley/Miss Wright 15-21, 21-11, 21-10; PITTS/Mrs. M. DYSON bt R. Warner/Mrs. Griffiths 15-21, 21-12, 21-12.

Final: DYSON/Miss MORTON bt Pitts/Mrs. Dyson 6-21, 21-18, 21-17.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: H. T. COWARD (Yorkshire) bt B. Farnworth (Lancashire) 21-17, 21-17; G. BEARDSWORTH (Lancashire) bt M. Symonds (Lancashire) 21-19, 13-21, 21-19.

Final: COWARD bt Beardsworth 21-17, 21-13.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: D. FITZGERALD bt C. Blackshaw (Yorkshire) 21-17, 21-17; L. A. GORDON (Lancashire) bt P. Dainty (Yorkshire) 21-15, 18-21, 21-13.

Final: GORDON bt Fitzgerald 21-15, 21-8.

Veterans' Singles: Final: H. M. NIXON (Lancashire) bt E. Reay (Durham) 21-12, 21-18.

WEST OF ENGLAND "OPEN" by PETER SHEAD

LANDRY BACK IN FORM

ONLY two ranked men players ventured to the pleasant, well run West of England. Is it that Plymouth is too far West or are replicas not appreciated as prizes?

Not that it would have made any difference to Laurie Landry who was in the form that won him five Open Singles titles last season. He beat Terry Densham two straight in the semi-final and Peter Shead at 15 in the third.

Teaming up with Densham, Landry beat Shead and Whalley in the final of the Men's Doubles. Shead and Landry peddled the ball to and fro with Densham and Whalley supplying the excitement. Laurie's third came in the Mixed Doubles partnered by Girls' Singles winner, Mary Shannon. Their opponents were Doreen Spooner, who despite wearing a scarlet outfit could carry Peter Shead no further.

Terry Spokes kept the West's flag flying by beating Alma Taft in the final of the Women's Singles. Alma played rather wearily which is not surprising as apparently she had to sleep the previous night in a car. Doreen Spooner, ex-Middlesex player, beat Mary Shannon in the Women's Singles. Mary was the top seed but she gained some consolation as apart from winning the Girls' and Mixed, she was successful in the Women's Doubles with County team mate Shirley Prior.

Page Junior B. Brady beat his team mate P. Brooks in the semi of the Junior Boys' but was not so happy against Barry Davis of Cornwall in the final.

The most enjoyable game I watched was Landry/Densham v Creamer Brothers. It did not seem to matter whether the players saw the ball or not, the big hammer prevailed throughout. A grandstand finish—Creamers 19-16 down and 20-19 up before losing. This is the stuff one likes to see.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: L. LANDRY (Middlesex) bt T. Densham (Hertfordshire) 21-18, 21-14; P. SHEAD (Sussex) bt D. Creamer (Middlesex) 21-18, 21-13.

Final: LANDRY bt Shead 19-21, 21-12, 21-15.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: LANDRY/DENSHAM bt D. Rowe/E. Buckley 21-11, 21-12; SHEAD/G. WHALLEY (Sussex) bt S. Gilbert/P. Ofield (Devon) 21-15, 21-7.

Final: LANDRY/DENSHAM bt Shead/Whalley 23-21, 21-19.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: T. SPOKES (Gloucestershire) bt D. Spooner (Devon) 21-15, 21-15; A. TAFT (Hertfordshire) bt G. Robinson (Hertfordshire) 15-21, 21-16, 21-13.

Final: SPOKES bt Taft 21-17, 21-17.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: M. SHANNON/S. PRIOR (Surrey) bt M. Hockaday/M. Wakeley (Devon); A. TAFT/G. ROBINSON bt B. Smith/D. Spooner (Devon) 16-21, 21-13, 21-13.

Final: SHANNON/PRIOR bt Taft/Robinson 15-21, 23-21, 21-16.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: LANDRY/Miss SHANNON bt Densham/Miss Prior 14-21, 21-12, 21-14. SHEAD/Miss SPOONER bt M. Creamer (Middlesex)/Miss Taft 21-17, 17-21, 21-16.

Final: LANDRY/Miss SHANNON bt Shead/Miss Spooner 21-19, 21-19.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: B. DAVIS (Cornwall) bt M. Mordecai (Gloucestershire) 21-13, 11-21, 21-14; B. BRADY (Gloucestershire) bt P. Brooks (Gloucestershire) 21-15, 21-13.

Final: DAVIS bt Brady 21-19, 21-14.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: SHANNON bt M. Luscombe (Devon) 21-7, 21-8; J. CROSBY (Devon) bt J. Bryant (Devon) 22-20, 21-15.

Final: SHANNON bt Crosby 21-7, 21-6.

Junior Doubles: Semi-Finals: BRADY/BROOKS bt Mordecai/D. Holland (Gloucestershire) 19-21, 21-15, 21-15; DAVIS/T. HOCKING (Cornwall) bt D. Truscott/W. Hocking (Cornwall) 21-10, 21-10.

Final: DAVIS/HOCKING bt Brady/Brooks 21-19, 21-13.