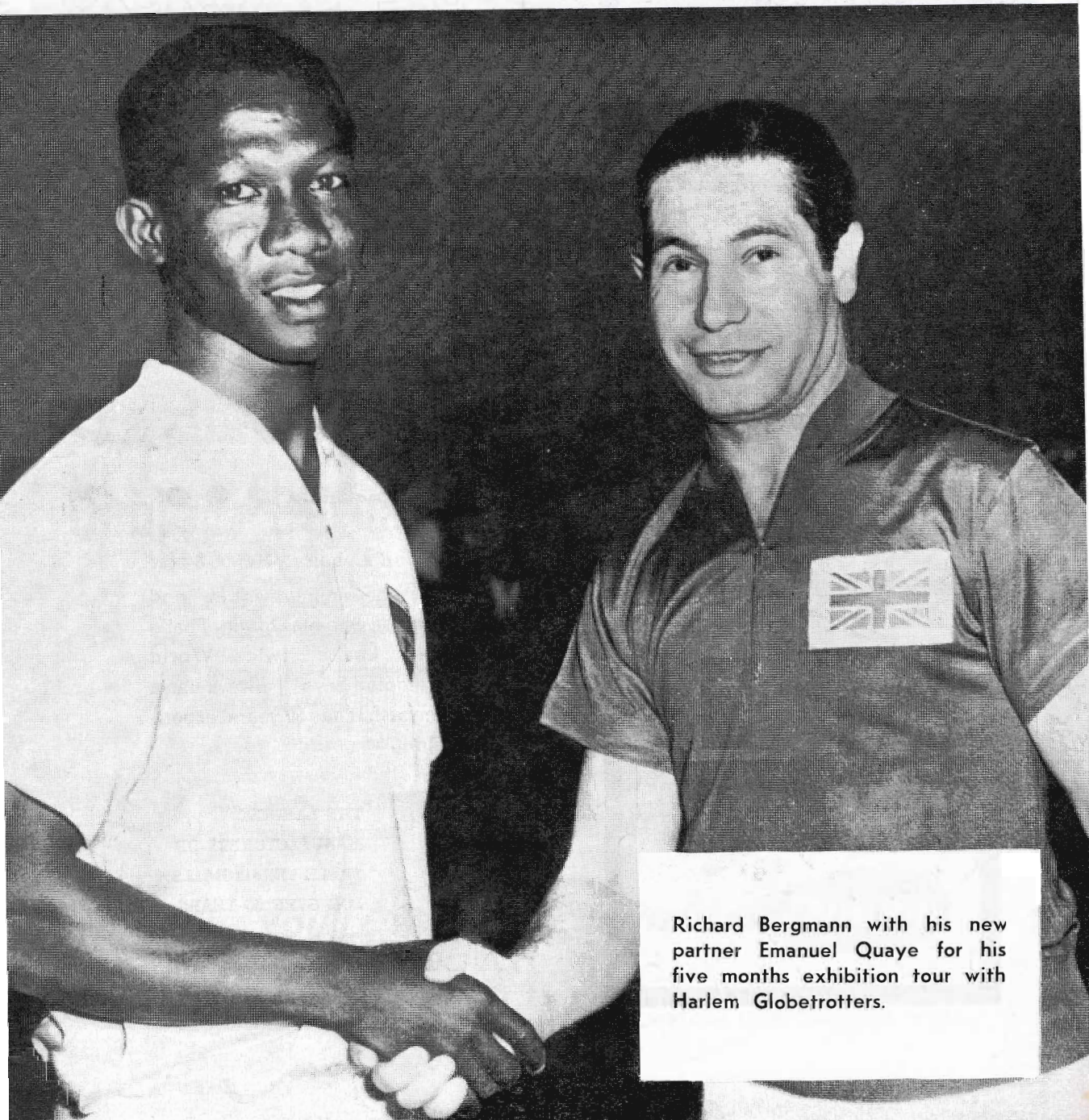


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## AFRICAN FEDERATION FORMED

In Cairo on the 9th December 1961, by the unanimous decision of 19 National Associations it was agreed to form the African Table Tennis Federation and to hold All-Africa Championships in Alexandria in September 1962.

**W**HEN Judge Amin Abou Heif, the present Secretary of the United Arab Republic Table Tennis Association, was elected a Vice-President of the International Table Tennis Federation at its Congress in Utrecht in 1955 he gave expression to a dream he had of forming an African Federation. One smiled because at that time only Egypt, the South African Board, Ghana (then Gold Coast) and Nigeria were in the I.T.T.F., which seemed to make it almost an impossibility, but one had not counted on the pertinacity of the Judge!

He must indeed have been a proud man during the First African Table Tennis Conference held in Cairo last month to see his dream come true, with the approval by the Conference to found with a membership of 19 countries a Federation for the continent of Africa.

It was a well-timed action to invite so many national Associations to come together to discuss how best to develop the game and to co-ordinate the activities of those devoted to table tennis affairs in Africa.

To the conference were also invited the President of the I.T.T.F. (Hon. Ivor Montagu), the Hon. Treasurer (A. K. Vint) and the Secretary of the European Table Tennis Union (Mrs. Nancy Evans). Unfortunately Roy Evans, the Secretary of the I.T.T.F. was unable to make the journey owing to business commitments but in the specially published pictorial programme of 120 pages produced in Arabic, French and English, he sent a warm message of congratulations and good wishes.

Altogether six sessions were held in one of the Congress Halls in the National Assembly Buildings, attended by delegates from 19 African Associations. All the modern equipment of an international congress was provided, including simultaneous language translation in Arabic, French and English and a complete tape-recording of all the proceedings. At the formal opening ceremony on the 5th December speeches were made by a representative from each Association present in addition to the host Association (U.A.R.) and the President of the I.T.T.F.

### Historic Meeting

Mr. Montagu, in the course of his address, said: "This is a meeting which may fairly be described as historic, not only in the development of our sport—Table Tennis—but as a stage in the history of sport in general.

"Let us look at the picture: more than twenty—nearly thirty—table tennis organisations in Africa have received favourably the invitation to be present and a great many of these are in fact represented either directly or indirectly.

"Up to now, our International Table Tennis Federation unites some eighty associations in all continents throughout the world, but of this number only five are African (the U.A.R., the S.A.T.T. Board, Ghana, Nigeria and Morocco). If this new number of associations eventually join the International Federation, our numbers will exceed 100 and we shall certainly be the widest and most far-reaching federation among all the varieties of sport."

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Early in the Conference a Standing Orders Committee was set up which examined a number of matters referred to them by the Conference, including a detailed examination of a draft constitution and also regulations for proposed All-Africa Championships. It is a matter of compliment to the thoroughness of the work of this Committee, who were ably assisted by the President of the I.T.T.F., that the final documents were unanimously approved at the concluding session.

One of the tangible benefits of the Conference was the opportunity given (which is so rarely available in table tennis administration) for the officials of the Associations to have informal discussions on the day-to-day problems concerning the organisation of the game in this vast continent.

It was enlightening and heartening for the I.T.T.F. representatives present to listen to the varying viewpoints and to observe the keen enthusiasm on the part of those responsible for organising the game in countries which up to the time of the conference were an unknown quantity in the I.T.T.F. world. It was also a great pleasure to make the personal acquaintance of the representative from Sierra Leone (Earnshaw Palmer, the Hon. General Secretary). Sierra Leone has been attached to the E.T.T.A. for many years but we hope in the near future to see them directly affiliated to the I.T.T.F.

During the Conference the U.A.R. Association were perfect hosts and looked after the creature comforts of the delegates in admirable fashion. Receptions were given by the U.A.R. Olympic Associations, the U.A.R. Table Tennis Associations, the Governor of Alexandria and other bodies. Visits were arranged to the Pyramids of Giza, a river trip on the Nile (when Mr. Montagu distinguished himself by taking a swim!), to the Zoo (reported to be the second best in the world), a night club in the Sahara Desert and an unforgettable and hospitable welcome in Alexandria, which will be the venue for the All-Africa Championships in 1962.

We cannot leave these impressions of the Conference without noting the master hand of the President of the I.T.T.F. in the deliberations and the sincere tributes which were given in acknowledgement of his services at the final session were richly deserved. No man has made a bigger contribution to the development of the game throughout the world and the African Conference was another example of his ability to reconcile all

A message to the E.T.T.A., I.T.T.F. and E.T.T.U. London, from Sierra Leone, delegate to the Inaugural Meeting of the African Table Tennis Federation (Earnshaw E. Palmer, Hon. General Secretary, Sierra Leone) held in Cairo, U.A.R. 5th - 15th December, 1961.

## GREETINGS FROM SIERRA LEONE

**I**T is with great pleasure I take this opportunity, on behalf of my association, to send you cordial and fraternal greetings on this memorable occasion in the annals of Table Tennis in Africa in particular and the Table Tennis World in general.

I wish to express our sincere gratitude to you for your valuable assistance in the past and more also for your distinguished and worthy delegates to this Conference:— Messrs. Ivor Montagu, A. K. Vint and Mrs. Nancy Evans, for the advice and encouragement and I can assure you that, our beloved country, Sierra Leone, which recently received the Independence, my Association, I trust, in the very near future will also gain its Independence. We shall look forward to you with that confidence for your ever ready assistance and guidance for the furtherance of the interests of Table Tennis in Sierra Leone.

Once again I thank you and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very bright and prosperous New Year.

**EARNSHAW E. PALMER.**  
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West Africa.

Cairo. 15/12/61.

points of view and to produce an orderly and logical conclusion to the various points of view submitted.

Also the debt owed to the Abou Heif family (particularly Amin, Yehya and Hassan), who worked untiringly throughout the Conference, will be difficult to repay but all in-

terested in the game will wish them and the Federation well in its future work.

The Associations represented at the Conference: Dahomey, Ethiopia, Ghana, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritius, Niger, Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia, Sierra Leone, Somali, South African Board, Sudan, Tanganyika, Togo, Uganda, United Arab Republic.

## TABLE TENNIS WAS FIRST

By Harrison Edwards

**R**ECENT press report that the International Lawn Tennis Federation are showing the way to all other sports with a solution to the amateur-professional problem has caused much eyebrow raising in table tennis circles.

Lawn Tennis, in fact, is taking a leaf from Table Tennis by framing regulations which will abolish all mention of amateurs and professional and call everyone players.

So they are not the first in the field. That honour belongs to Table Tennis and it is a system that has worked most successfully. "Shamateurism," the big bug bear of Lawn Tennis just does not exist in Table Tennis.

H. Roy Evans, Hon. General Secretary of the I.T.T.F. was quick to let the world know that Table Tennis set the pattern to solve this problem by issuing the following Press Statement:

*"The International Table Tennis Federation notes with interest proposals to be considered by the International Lawn Tennis Federation for the framing of regulations in respect of paid and unpaid lawn tennis players."*

*"These proposals are substantially the same as those which caused this Federation, many years before the last war, to adopt Regulations which have enabled paid and unpaid table tennis players to play together amicably in all types of table tennis event, and it is a matter of note that leading personalities in the Lawn Tennis World, charged with the consideration of this problem, have in fact, at their own request, made a study of the International Table Tennis Federation's Regulations."*

*"Member Associations of the I.T.T.F. (now over 80) may, if they so desire, exclude paid players from their ranks, and, indeed, where such Associations are members of their own National Olympic Committees, this is done, but since membership of the Federation calls for mutual respect for all other Associations' regulations, these purely unpaid player Associations exist quite harmoniously within the framework of the Federation along with other Associations which may have both paid and unpaid players."*

It is certain that the L.T.A. had no intention of trying to steal the limelight from Table Tennis. The proposals drawn up by a special I.L.T.F. committee, was originally sponsored by the L.T.A., who freely

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**JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT**

**By BRIAN WRIGHT**

**BARNES CLEANING UP**

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to the English junior team on winning their first international of the season with a 10-0 trouncing of Wales. They followed up this fine result the next day in the Cardiff Open by winning four of the titles between them.

The team for the Welsh match (Stanley, Neale, Symonds, Beverley Sayers and Christine Holes) together with Lesley Bell and Brian Hill were leaving for Germany on January 1.

**Chester Barnes, who has not been selected for the German tour has certainly been cleaning up in home tournaments this season. His Middlesex open success brings his under-17's wins to a total of six out of seven tournaments he has entered.**

His only tournament loss was to the English No. 1 David Stanley in the East of England, which incidentally was the first tournament of the season.

If Chester can keep up this form for the remainder of the season Laurie Landry's record of 14 junior Open titles out of 18 entered will be in jeopardy.

Lesley Bell has also been winning tournaments with monotonous regularity and has yet to be beaten by an English girl.

With this young Essex pair winning most of the titles it is hard to realise that they both have a further two full seasons of junior play ahead. If they keep improving at their present rate an England senior badge will be theirs for the asking.

**Middlesex Open**

An early surprise in the girls' singles was the win by Pauline Holes over Lesley Proudlock. Pauline followed up with a brilliant 19-21, 21-16,

21-18 win over the present No. 2 ranked girl, Beverley Sayer, to reach the semi-final, where her run was ended by Miss Bell, who then went on to complete a double over the Holes twins by beating Christine in the final.

The honours of the boys' singles must be shared equally between Brian Sykes and Chester Barnes. Brian, who just beat Grahame French 19 in the third in an early round, played some wonderful table tennis to beat Morley Mordecai, who is ranged one place above him. Brian then went on to beat the top seed and England's No. 2 Dennis Neale 21-18, 12-21, 21-16 in the semi-final.

Barnes, in the bottom half beat his Essex team mate Danny Prior, then surprisingly dropped a game to L. Moore, brother of Jimmy Moore, the Surrey closed champion. This was followed by a terrific struggle with Bob McKeown, Chester just scraping through at 19 in the third.

Due to the scratching of Mike Symonds, the No. 2 seed Sammy Ogundipe (Sussex) surprisingly came through to the semi-final but could not match Barnes's class.

Sykes opened well in the final, hitting Chester's not inconsiderable top spin brilliantly. He actually led 20-16 in the first game only for Chester to slow the pace and come in for some quick winners to take the game at 22-20.

Chester really opened up in the second, hitting some impossible balls to win the game and title.

**German Tour**

Some people think that the team picked for the German tour was not the best. It has in fact been sug-

gested that one of the players, who was evidently "left out" would never play in an English junior trial again.

To my mind this is ridiculous and if the player concerned genuinely thinks that he has been robbed of a chance or that he has been unfairly ranked it should give him all the more incentive to fight even harder.

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admit that they contacted the E.T.T.A. for information when they first started their attempt to clear up the hypocrisy of amateurs who make a lucrative business of playing around the world.

The misapprehension that they were first in the field obviously arises from the fact that they are classed as a major sport, whereas, let's face it, Table Tennis, is still small beer in Great Britain.

An example of how the various Table Tennis nations work in harmony is that when Fujii, former world's double champion, began to use his talents commercially he was suspended by Japan who do not recognise the paid player. Subsequently when Britain's Richard Bergmann, four times a world champion, teamed up with Fujii for exhibition play, he too was banned for playing with a suspended player, Rene Roothoft, of France met the same fate.

**Roothoft has since been re-instated now that he is no longer playing with Fujii and as Bergmann has finished his contract with the Japanese, perhaps the E.T.T.A. might consider bringing him back into the fold.**

Remember that when the N.E.C. suspended Bergmann they agreed he had done nothing objectionable, but had bowed to the wishes of the Japanese Association.

Bergmann has now teamed up with Emmanuel Quaye (see cover picture) for a five months tour with the Harlem Globetrotters, and this presumably is a situation that could be embarrassing to Ghana.

Bergmann is anxious to do all he can to help English table tennis and admits he is sad to be cut off from the game in this country. He will be returning home to London in the summer and has already promised his services to Kent.

So what about a nice New Year gesture and re-instate Dicky Bergmann.

**BROUGHT THEIR OWN TABLES**

**EVER** thought of taking your own table to a tournament? It sounds a little far-fetched, yet this happened when the North Bucks. District of the Bucks. Association of Youth Clubs held its first ever tournament at McCorquodale's Canteen, Wolverton.

Several of the Youth Clubs among the entry of 56, who played off in 14 groups of four, brought their own tables, including two 13-year-old lads from Nash Village.

It was a mixed tournament and L. Wooding (A.H.W. Bletchley), who beat his sister Joan in the singles semi-final, went on to take the title with a win over club-mate B. Smedley.

Wooding and Smedley then teamed up to beat D. Whatley and R. Corby (A.H.W. Bletchley) in the doubles final.



**EMLYN JONES**, well-known television commentator, has a wide experience of all sports through his position as Technica Adviser for the C.C.P.R. He has always had a soft spot for Table Tennis and in this constructive article deals with the problems of the sport and points out how greater opportunities should be made of the facilities offered by the C.C.P.R.

Mr. Jones has just been appointed the Director of the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre, and takes up his new duties in the latter part of this year.

## IDEAS ON SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

By **EMLYN JONES**

**T**ABLE TENNIS, like so many sports in the second half of the 20th Century, is confronted by problems—social, financial, educational and technical. One of the technical problems, “sponge,” now appears to have been solved satisfactorily, but in the process—although it may have been a coincidence—the game gradually fell from favour as a spectator sport to the extent that now, instead of the English Open packing Wembley and attracting the ticket touts, it hardly does justice to the considerably smaller Albert Hall.

Those responsible for the game in this country are certainly conscious of the problems, in particular this decline in spectator appeal. The reasons for the decline may be many and varied and no doubt it is one of the subjects which the E.T.T.A.'s Development Commission is investigating.

This is an era when sports legislators are deeply concerned about reduced gates or the decline in the numbers playing their game, or both. An expensive investigation has just been commissioned by the Football League, and a group of sports goods manufacturers has recently financed the Lawn Tennis Foundation in an effort to stem the alleged reduction in the number of players taking part in this game.

### Public Have Become Blasé

There is no doubt that the sports hungry public of the immediate post-war years has become somewhat blasé and much more discriminating in its choice. The sporting dish from which the public can now help itself is much bigger and includes colourful and exotic ingredients such as sailing, climbing, canoeing and ski-ing, activities which are much more easily available than they were a few years ago. There are, however, indications that the number of players taking part in table tennis has not decreased. If this is so, the game is

fortunate, but if the lessons of other sports are to be noted, it may not be an easy task to maintain this state of affairs.

Socially and educationally it may not matter whether the public is clamouring for table tennis or tenpin bowling; the important factor is that they are taking part in some form of physical activity rather than merely watching. But the choice is a matter of vital concern to the table tennis fanatic who thinks that his is THE game, and it is these enthusiasts, particularly when they help on the administrative side, who keep the game going. However, the solution to the problem of attracting a larger number of players is not just important as a means of satisfying the convictions of these enthusiasts. It may, however, be a vital factor in the future from the financial angle.

### Like Rates and Taxes

If the money required to run the game is not provided from the “gates” at top-grade competitive events, it must be found elsewhere. The answer may lie in asking players to make some contribution towards their government in the same way that rates and taxes are paid to keep the country ticking over in an organised fashion. To a limited extent, the E.T.T.A. already acts in this way, and a sign of the times is that the L.T.A. now has a “bob-a-nob” scheme.

**The trouble is, however, that comparatively few players realise the services which they receive from their governing body. The efforts of the few who give unstintingly of their time to run the game are seldom appreciated, and they receive more brickbats than bouquets. But take away the prop supplied by the governing body organisation from national to local level and the result would be chaos.**

Money is a necessity if the game is to be administered effectively but it is not by any means the only factor.

If the proposals of the Wolfenden Committee, put forward in its report “SPORT AND THE COMMUNITY,” had been accepted by the Government the position would now be much easier for sports bodies. Even so, the elusive £5 million would not have dispensed with the need for voluntary effort which will always be necessary to run the game at county and league level. It would, however, have meant a little something in the kitty and the possibility of planning ahead rather than living from hand to mouth.

One never ceases to be amazed at the amount of work which voluntary officials cover and, now that sport is making a contribution in the field of further education, this work is “snow-balling.” Many honorary officials face the choice of being completely overwhelmed or of putting the brake on and thereby impeding the development of the game. Many of them must have discovered long ago that modern sports administration is a vastly different affair from pre-war days, and yet the administrative machine remains much the same.

### Voluntary Officials

The E.T.T.A. receives a grant from the Ministry of Education for the employment of a National Coach. In this way it is able to operate its coaching scheme more effectively, and thereby offer a better service to the game and in the field of further education. But in the long run, the success of any coaching system depends, not only on the National Coach, but also on the efforts of voluntary officials and coaches and must increase the burden they have to carry.

**It is surprising that more use is not made of the C.C.P.R.'s services to supplement the work of honorary officials.**

The C.C.P.R. receives grant aid from the Ministry of Education to the tune of about 60 per cent. of its expenditure and seeks to give a

service to voluntary and statutory bodies including the E.T.T.A. The C.C.P.R.'s services to table tennis, except in one or two counties, are used only to a very limited extent. This poses the question—why?

Is table tennis such a self-sufficient sport that it can afford not to avail itself of outside assistance or is it not aware that it exists? It is doubtful if any governing body in this country—if it is honest with itself—can afford not to take full advantage of an offer of help which has no strings attached. This fact is emphasised when one examines the wide range of C.C.P.R. services which are accepted by the prosperous and well-organised F.A., which probably spends more money on coaching in a year than most of the smaller governing bodies receive in total income.

Does the C.C.P.R. threaten the autonomy of any governing body? Surely, looking back over the 26 years of the C.C.P.R.'s history it is unlikely that any sports official nowadays really feels that this danger exists. It is no part of the C.C.P.R.'s brief or policy to become involved in the control of any sport and any work it does is always in co-operation with the governing body at national or county level. Occasionally—and per-

haps unwisely—it merely accepts a licence to operate from the governing body, but seldom is this one-sided method of working successful. A real and genuine partnership is the basis of success and where this exists some valuable work is done.

The C.C.P.R. normally concentrates on certain aspects of sports development such as the arrangement of events which arouse interest in a sport or provide training for coaches and players. It is concerned with assisting sports bodies to produce more milk and leaves them to skim off the cream in the form of potential internationals. The organisation of competitive events is seldom a part of the C.C.P.R.'s work.

### Counties Overloaded

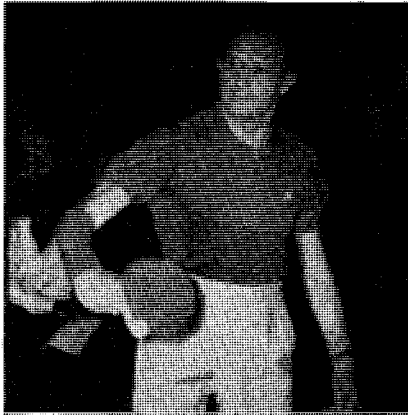
In view of the fact that sports bodies are now making their contribution in the further educational field, it means that county associations are tending to become overloaded on the administrative side, particularly if coaching schemes—which are a post-war aspect of sports development—are to be operated to their full potential. Here the C.C.P.R.'s services can be most useful. The ideal arrangement in the organisation of a county coaching scheme is for the C.C.P.R. to take on the administrative and,

where required, financial responsibility, while the governing body looks after the technical side, such as the syllabus, appointment of coaches, advice on equipment and facilities, and the selection of the promising players which may emerge. While the C.C.P.R. is interested in the promising players, their further training is normally the sole responsibility of the governing body.

Just one example of a scheme for which this division of responsibility holds good is that operated by the Golf Foundation and C.C.P.R. The professional coaches receive their technical brief from the Golf Foundation (on which the Professional Golfers Association is represented) and since there is a fairly plentiful supply of professionals, it is not necessary to operate a scheme to train coaches. Conferences are, however, called from time to time to discuss common problems such as those which face the coach in handling a group of beginners under conditions which may be far removed from a golf course. Under this scheme one can, therefore, start from the point where the coaches are readily available to train players.

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**UMPIRES' CORNER**

by **COLIN CLEMETT**

**ALL-WHITE NOW OUT**

I HAVE received a most interesting letter from J. Rufford Harrison, the President of the U.S.T.T.A., who takes me to task for saying in a previous article that the American Association still sanctions all-white clothing in table tennis matches. Apparently, this is no longer so, but Mr. Harrison assures me that the decision to change the rule was made entirely for reasons of appearance and not because players were distracted by the light colour.

As tournaments progressed it became increasingly obvious that clothing that starts out "whiter than white" is not the least likely colour to show the marks of tournament wear and tear, and by the time the finals arrived players were dressed in clothes of all shades from off-white to off-black.

When it was decided to abolish the use of white clothing, the U.S. Association adopted the I.T.T.F. ruling—dark solid colours. This inevitably led to the now familiar problem of determining what constitutes "dark," and to settle the problem the rather drastic step was taken of standardising on one colour scheme, navy blue shirt and grey shorts, trousers or skirt, and Mr. Harrison comments that the immediate effect on the appearance

of tournaments was surprising, the uniformity giving an impression of neatness which might often not be present at all.

However, such lack of variety was felt to be just too much for some players so a compromise was reached and the present regulations allow the shirt to be navy blue or black, the lower garment to be grey or of the same colour as the shirt, and shoes and socks to be white or matching the shirt. This allows some latitude for individual preferences, and since there is little doubt about what constitutes the specified colours, there is very good uniformity.

**RED, NOT SO EASY**

As Mr. Harrison points out, it would not be so easy to use the same principle if an Association wished to standardise on a colour such as dark red, unless a word as specific as "navy" blue can be found, but it seems to me that one of the biggest difficulties would be to persuade all players to accept such a limitation on their choice of colours. The experience of the U.S. Association suggests that this might not be so difficult after all, and I should be very interested to hear views on the subject.

There have been several enquiries

about the correct method of operating the I.T.T.F. experimental "pushing play" rule, and at the last meeting of the N.U.R.C. a recommended procedure was agreed. Under the time-limit rule the game is ended by the time-keeper's call at the appropriate time, but it is not the time-keeper's decision that determines the point at which the end is reached; it is simply that after a specified time of play the game ends, and there is no question about it.

With the new rule, the stroke-counter cannot adopt the same method as the game does not terminate until the completion of the striker-out's return of the server's twelfth stroke after service, and only the umpire can decide if a return is good or if the ball is dead. The procedure officially recommended by the Committee is as follows:

**When the striker-out has struck the ball for the twelfth time in any rest, excluding his return of service, the stroke-counter shall say to the umpire "Twelve", and the umpires shall then decide whether the return is good and award the point accordingly.**

**IMPORTANT CALL**

It is important to note that the call of "Twelve" is made after the striker-out's **thirteenth** stroke, since his return of service does not count as part of the permitted number of strokes, and to avoid confusion it may be a good idea for stroke-counters to start counting to themselves "Nought, one, two, three, etc.," I have yet to see the new rule in operation, and I suppose that if it really deters players from pushing play we may never get the chance to see how effective it is. I wonder if this will be considered a successful outcome of the experiment?

**Record Entry Expected**

GLoucestershire are expecting a record entry for the Junior Open tournament at Gloucester Baths on January 27. Ranked players Morley and Mordecai, both in their last season as juniors will be out to provide local success, while tough, aggressive Peter Brooks, Gloucestershire junior closed title holder, is determined to add to his laurels.

The junior strength of Gloucestershire is the highest it has ever been and it will take an exceptionally good player to take the title out of the county.

Unranked Dennis Holland, a protege of Roy Morley and Bryan Merrett, is a player to watch, and it is firmly believed that whoever beats him will probably be the champion.

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# IDEAS ON SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

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## C.C.P.R. over the past year which have introduced about 4,000 men and women to golf.

Coaching centres for young players have now become an established part of the development pattern in lawn tennis. In some counties the division of responsibility outlined above exists, but since the supply of the professional coaches is neither so plentiful nor so evenly spread out as in the golf world, it is necessary to train coaches under the L.T.A. Honorary Coaches' Training Scheme. These in turn take charge of coaching centres, and in one county, Nottinghamshire, about 800 players received coaching during last summer, and promising players selected from among this number received advanced coaching from a well-known professional coach. One can see in a scheme of this nature how coaching takes place at different levels, and the way in which the governing body can fulfil its function of appealing to the masses and also providing for the élite. Maybe similar schemes are impossible in the table tennis world because of the shortage of facilities, but is this an established fact?

### Closely Linked

Local authorities and local education authorities are playing their part in lawn tennis development. In the L.C.C. Parks during the summer more than 1,000 players received lawn tennis coaching, and if this mass appeal is to be properly exploited, the statutory bodies must play a big part. Throughout the country the C.C.P.R. is closely linked with these bodies and in this respect could be of assistance to county associations.

**In view of the fact that some governing bodies have already seen the danger signal in the declining number of players and are making valiant efforts to stake their claim, can table tennis afford to let this opportunity pass by?**

For instance, in the C.C.P.R.'s national programme this year there will be 27 one-week residential lawn tennis coaching holidays making provision for 628 players, nearly 1,000 men and women will be introduced to sailing, about 500 will attend courses giving instruction in various types of mountain activities, and golf and badminton will figure quite prominently.

The C.C.P.R. would like to make greater provision for table tennis and, in this respect, it receives ample encouragement from the E.T.T.A. This

year, there are, however, only three weeks when table tennis will be included in the programme—a course at Lilleshall from July 14th-21st for coaches and players, which will be under the direction of Jack Carrington, and one week each at Bisham Abbey (September 8th-15th), and at Barton Hall Chalet Hotel, Torquay (September 22nd-29th). The comparatively short period which is allocated to table tennis is based on the fact that, so far, there has been little indication that the support would be forthcoming for an increase in the number of events.

## YORKSHIRE NOTES

# Huddersfield Still Too Good

**SHEFFIELD'S hopes of keeping the Yorkshire inter-league championship soared when they heard Huddersfield were without Raymond Hinchliff and Bob Hirst for their summit meeting. But the shock treatment prescribed by Huddersfield's stopgaps carried their team to a 6-4 win.**

Johny Beaumont beat Maurice Simpson and Ronnie Ridge, and Stuart Sykes was also unbeaten. So already it looks like Huddersfield's ninth championship in 11 years.

The full team had a hard fight against Bradford, who led 4-2 with Pitts a game up on Hinchliff. But Ray's fight-back brought him the set and inspired his team-mates to take all the remaining events. Stuart Dyson touched his old form in battering Soova to a quick defeat.

Bradford also lost 6-4 to Doncaster, though Maurice Pitts was in dazzling form to defeat Duncombe and Dainty.

Delayed by the polio epidemic, Hull's inter-league programme began with a bang when the youths slammed Bradford 10-0.

Dewsbury, however, secured a women's and men's second-team double over them and Hull's first team lost 6-4 to Leeds, whose star Eric Johnson, the Cheshire county player, making his inter-league debut.

In a Leeds League match between Victoria's two teams Johnson was surprised by Godfrey Halmshaw, but in the Leeds Closed he was unstoppable and won three titles.

**He beat Peter Simpson in the men's final and won doubles with Ken Park and Marjorie Harrison. Marjorie Lightfoot was the women's champion and the two Marjories won the women's doubles.**

David Lamb, Dewsbury No. 1, is now at St. John's College, York, and he won the local handicap competition for the Bagshaw Trophy from G. Pogmore (West Yorkshire). George Psorakis (Bootham), the junior champion, has been causing some upsets in Division One, his victims including Francis Gregoire, the closed champion.

Ray Hinchliff has lost an unbeaten

The table tennis picture—from the C.C.P.R.'s point of view—is not as rosy as it might be. As an organisation it works on a wide front and has a very full programme, but it would welcome the opportunity for closer co-operation with county associations in schemes such as those outlined above. Its representatives have specialised experience in the ways and means of assisting sports bodies, and are in close touch with local authorities and local education authorities. It has no desire to foist its services on any organisation which does not require them, but it would seem that in the table tennis world, particularly in those areas where, for one reason or another, there is not a very close contact, a little "togetherness" might be mutually beneficial.

Huddersfield League record dating from the time he left the First Division to help Electric Sports. Against Hoyle Ing W.M.C., Electric won 6-4 to stay at the top of Division Three, but Ray went down 21-15, 25-27, 16-21 . . . to Stuart Dyson. Y.M.C.A. lead Division One.

Malcolm Hartley

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# Editor's Postbag . . .

## County, not Selectors, must be Blamed

**R**EADING through the county notes in the December issue of TABLE TENNIS I was rather taken aback by the Gloucestershire Tit Bits, the writer of which apparently does not wish his or her name to be known as it is signed "Onlooker."

In the second paragraph the England selectors are blamed for the omission of Peter Brooks and Dennis Holland from the junior trials. I think it would have been more appropriate if the selectors had been congratulated for finding room for Barry Brady and Morley Mordecai, despite the fact that they did not play in the area trials.

**The facts are that Gloucestershire County after declining to stage the West of England Area trials, did not put any names forward until shortly before the final trials.**

The present method is that the onus is on counties to put players forward for area trials. Perhaps the second sentence of the second paragraph should have read:

*"It is felt that Gloucestershire County have done a dis-service by not putting names of juniors forward in time and such negligence could have a bad effect on Gloucestershire Junior players."*

L. F. LANDY

(England Junior Selector)

## Leopards or Lions

**I**T must be a thrill for anyone taking part in sport to earn the right to wear the England badge.

Show the E.T.T.A. badge to the man in the street and ask him to define the animal thereon. The most typical answer is "the little lion, like what appears on the eggs." I believe the same set of three appears on the reverse side of a half-crown.

Of course, in the E.T.T.A. handbook they are described as leopards, in the section dealing with the dress of players and officials.

Would some expert on heraldry settle the question once and for all?

A. HEAD (Sheffield).

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## Australia and Sandwich

**I** would like to make a few personal observations on the letter published in your excellent October issue by our distant neighbour, Mr. R. V. Croxton, of Perth.

1. There is no undue current trend towards "sandwich" in Melbourne. There is, however, a very definite encouragement of stroke play by our administrators, for we feel that purely defensive play, as practised by most of our leading exponents of orthodox pimped rubber, is killing spectator interest. Some of our top grade team matches finish after 12.30 a.m. nearly every week.

2. In this connection we in Victoria were delighted with the efforts of Jack and Elsie Carrington in their all-too-short visit, for they encouraged an "all round" game and certainly taught pupils to "put away" the short ball.

3. I invite Mr. Croxton to study the case history of Murray Thomson of Adelaide. This lad went to Peking with an orthodox bat and won very few matches in the Swaythling Cup. On changing to sandwich, his game improved and he figured in the Australian singles final in which he lost 23-21 to Hirsch after a match described as one of the best ever played in Australia. The "winds of change" will soon reach Perth.

4. I join issue with Mr. Croxton on his statement that table tennis as at present played is attracting skeleton crowds everywhere except in China. Personal contact with our officials who were present at World Championships in Tokyo and Peking, and visited other Asian countries en route, has left no doubt in my mind that the game is booming in most Asian countries, and attracting good crowds.

5. As the venue for the 1967 World Championships is Melbourne, we and that city are endeavouring to build up spectator interest. We have no shortage of players (despite squash courts and bowling alleys) as evidenced by an entry of 345 teams in our summer season competitions, and record crowds at the centre. But it is only those who provide attraction that attract the spectators. This applies to both orthodox and sandwich bat players. Victor Barna and Johnny Leach could still fill our centre court for a week and so could the current Chinese champions.

L. A. HAYCRAFT

(Life Member and Hon. Treasurer, Victoria T.T.A.)

## WATCH THAT SERVICE

Accepting that sandwich is here to stay, the potentiality of the reversed rubber on sponge must also be acknowledged.

The vicious spins during play are difficult enough to control, but now we are back to the stage where SERVICE is more important and often wins more points than actual play—or at least provides the "sitter."

Therefore, it is time "the dog was allowed to see the rabbit," and a stricter enforcement of legal service be observed **ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!**

From the standard seen in tournaments, judges are over-lenient on doubtful services, but in ordinary league play almost anything goes.

After the revision of the service rule deleting "vertical," the ball is thrown upwards but often backwards to the extent of a yard or more—but still is not deemed to be "thrown on to the bat." ". . . ball in the palm of the hand" is a thing of the past as is also "fingers together and thumb free. . . ." Cupped hands are the order today.

The E.T.T.A. should instruct that **ALL PLAYERS MUST serve LEGALLY** and impress this on the various association secretaries.

"RAGLY JOE"

(Name and address supplied)

# STANDARDISE RUBBER

**I** OBSERVE that the N.E.C. have set up a development committee to examine, amongst other things, the factors affecting the development of table tennis in England. Unfortunately, no mention appears to have been made that the development committee would welcome reports, opinions, and experiences from county bodies, local leagues, or even individual players. I should have thought that these views would reflect the pulse of the table tennis population in this country.

I am gravely worried about the effect of sandwich on the game as we used to know it. Wherever I go, I hear reports of discontent from rubber bat players, who complain bitterly that the sandwich gives players advantages over the rubber in the "plop" reaction of the return and the speed of hit off the bat. It would appear to me that there is much justification in the complaints and that we should aim at having a standard bat or racket, so that there are no material advantages, and that the greater skill and agility of the players be allowed to assert themselves.

If the rubber bat is not adopted quickly as the standard bat, I feel sure that within five to ten years the bat will automatically standardise itself on sandwich. I take this view because most of the younger players are taking to sandwich as the bat with which they can "splosh" more winners than with rubber, and by quickly learning how to "plop" return hard hits, which with rubber would require the learning of correct chop, positional play and footwork. The mature rubber bat players are becoming despondent and disillusioned, and there is a grave danger of many of them being lost to the game.

It has been suggested that it is necessary for our best players to develop their game through sandwich in order to have any sort of chance in international competition. Despite the fact that sixty per cent. of the I.T.T.F. were in favour of sandwich, I am told that this cannot be regarded as a true percentage due to political bias, particularly against this country, which meant that countries in favour of rubber voted against it.

It appears to me that the beauty and enjoyment of the game, as we used to know it, is being killed by sandwich. Why should the game be changed so as to pacify the whims of certain countries? Why not start a band wagon of our own in inter-

national circles, stating that we would only compete against countries using rubber bats? In this way the rank and file players in this country can continue to enjoy and demonstrate their skill with equal weapons.

I believe that players, not blinded by their sandwich successes would agree that there is more skill, enjoyment and thrills from playing with a rubber bat. There is no doubt that as a spectacle the sandwich game is dull and this is borne out by the poor attendances at even so-called first class matches.

Why not ask leagues, now, before it is too late, to hold a poll amongst their players to decide:—

- (a) *whether or not they favour a standard bat or racket, and if the answer is yes, then*
- (b) *Which bat should be adopted —sandwich or rubber?*

Something must be done to protect and preserve the table tennis as we have known it during the past thirty years. This matter is urgent. Action is necessary now.

**A. ABRAHAMSON.**

(Vice-President and Vice-Chairman Hull and East Riding T.T.A.)

## ESSEX CLIMBING BACK

**ESSEX** first team continued their climb back to the Premier Division of the N.C.C. with a 10-0 win over Suffolk at Lowestoft. They have, however, to wait until March for their two remaining matches, which come within a fortnight of each other.

The Second team experiment of under-25's will take some time to develop, judging from the first results. Their two Bernard Crouch matches against Surrey resulted in defeats, 5-4 at home and 9-0 away.

**A party of five boys and eight girls are being taken by county officials to the Gloucestershire junior open, and it is hoped to play a match against that county during the weekend.**

Highlights of the finals of the East London "closed" were the amazing fight back of Bobby Stevens in the men's singles when he beat Brian Brumwell at 19 in the third after trailing 10-17, and the winning of the women's singles by "outsider" Lesley Bell, who dropped the first game to Jean McCree 21-9 and took the next two at 14 and 15.

Chester Barnes appears to have got a liking for tournament boys' singles titles and has now won the last six in which he has entered.

**George Wenham**



**CLIFF MACDONALD**, the New South Wales teenager, who visited England two years ago, has won the Australian Barna Table Tennis Trophy, awarded annually to the player who has done most for the game in that country. He is seen receiving the trophy from **Adrian Quist**, the former Wimbledon doubles champion, who is a Director of the Dunlop Company in Australia. On the right is **Mike Szabados**, the former world champion, who has been Cliff's coach, in his climb to Australia's No. 2 player.

# Same bat for 14 years

BY MALCOLM HARTLEY

**RAYMOND HINCHLIFF** can make a claim I believe to be unique among prominent county players. For unlike others who change their bats through the fluctuations of form and trends in the game, Raymond has stuck to the same one for 15 years.

It has been re-covered a few times and re-bladed, but it remains essentially the same bat he bought in 1947.



RAY HINCHLIFF

and table tennis was one of them. I was baffled by a couple of the teachers with their old spin serves."

He left school for the local electricity works and developed his game in the canteen at lunch-time. Then came Huddersfield League experience sharpened by intense practice among the cream of local players at the Y.M.C.A.

In his first tournament—the 1946 Yorkshire Closed—he was knocked out in the first round by Howard Birch, the eventual winner. "It was at Bradford, 12 miles away, and I thought, 'All that way for nothing,'" said Raymond.

But in all sports the aspiring youngster must not be discouraged. Ray, never lacking in Yorkshire grit, was soon representing Huddersfield and by sheer hard work taught himself to live with the best of them.

He has been one of Yorkshire's post-war "big three," with Brian Kennedy and Kathleen Best, played for England, won many open tournaments in the North and Midlands and led Huddersfield to eight inter-league championships in ten years.

**No one else has played so many times for Yorkshire. He has made nearly 80 appearances.**

Dark, dapper and a true Yorkshireman with a broad accent and friendly heart, Raymond realises that at 35 his days around the top flight are numbered, but says: "I hope I don't need to stop playing until I'm about 60!"

Outside table tennis, he is an electrical control engineer at Huddersfield Power Station, is married with a 20 months' old daughter, June, and is a do-it-yourself addict in his new semi-bungalow.

It is a rubber Barna, a little heavier than the standard bat.

Once when he sent it to be re-rubbered, it came back with extra long pimples. He recalls with some amusement: "I didn't realise it at the time but it had the same effect as sponge—which wasn't in use then. I always hit across the ball and it swerved. When opponents chopped it they put it into the bottom of the net."

With these freak pimples he had what he reckons one of his greatest wins. In the Yorkshire Open semi-final of 1953 he knocked out Johnny Leach in straight games.

Raymond started playing during the war. "We were kept at school during the holidays to keep us out of mischief," he told me. "We played organised games—

## LANCS. and CHESHIRE

# DIANE SWEEPS THROUGH

**FIGURING** prominently for Manchester Ladies in defence of their Lancashire and Cheshire title is Diane Fitzgerald. Last season a county junior, Diane has thus so far swept all before her in four inter-league engagements, a feat culminating in her selection for the senior county side opposed to Hertfordshire to the exclusion of Liverpool's Moya Jones.

Reversing the situation in the junior sphere is Judy Crafter, a well known name on Merseyside where both her mother and father are actively engaged. In three outings as a member of Liverpool's top junior trio, she has only dropped one set out of nine, that to W. Burlinson of Warrington.

Judy too had her reward for, coincident with Diane's senior debut, she was preferred to Ashton's Maureen Bland for the North Junior N.C.C. clash with Cheshire v. Lancashire at Macclesfield. There the long arm of coincidence ends for whereas Judy easily defeated Jacqueline Smith, Diane fell to Pam Mortimer's conqueror Judy Williams.

In the men's sections Blackpool, with Gordon Beardsworth in his first season of senior apprenticeship undefeated in 9 sets, are still going great guns in their first attempt bid return from Division 2 (East). Co-demotees Wirral, similarly engaged in 2 (West) can also boast a former junior star making the grade in senior company in John Stoddart. Unlike Blackpool who are having things all their own way, Wirral have Chester in strong competition and the meeting of these two in the Wirral in early January could well be decisive.

Manchester, so far without recourse

## MIDDX. SCHOOLS RECORDS

**THERE** was much excitement in Middlesex last month with the Middlesex "Open" taking place. No one was disappointed and the tournament, which had record entries in all events except the Boys' Singles, ran through without a hitch.

The county side beat Gloucestershire 7-2 and look very much like retaining their title. We have to play Surrey, Warwickshire, and Hertfordshire.

The Bernard Crouch team has also started well. They have now beaten both Surrey and Essex 6-3.

The Middlesex Schools Competition has also broken records with an entry of 49 schools and 71 teams. Previous best was 37 schools, 54 teams.

Lou Hoffman has been doing great things with the magazine and has had record sales for Middlesex in each of the first three months.

Laurie Landry

to playing at full strength, steam on majestically, monarchs indeed of all they survey. One has only to look at the county team on duty at Hatfield to witness that, even without Jeff Ingber and Ron Allcock, in whose stead Kevin Forshaw and Roy Crusham made their debuts, Manchester League players make up its entire composition.

Whether or not this is a good thing for the county as a whole is subject to conjecture, but if ever fame was the spur, any outsider breaking the Mancunian stranglehold would undoubtedly achieve it.

A similar state of affairs exists in Cheshire where the Stockport League have a complete monopoly in the county side. Derek Schofield, Alan Crossley, Eric Johnson, Diane Wright and Doreen Schofield was the all Stockport representation thrashing Northumberland 9-1 in early December. **George R. Yates**

### NORTH BUCKS CLOSED

**Men's Singles. Semi-Finals:** P. RACEY (Bletchley) bt G. Kirk (Buckingham) 21-19, 21-17, L. WOODING (Bletchley) bt K. Jefferys (Aylesbury) 11-21, 21-16, 22-20.

**Final:** RACEY bt Wooding 21-18, 19-21, 21-14.

**Women's Singles. Semi-Finals:** J. WOODING (Bletchley) bt J. Dalton (Bletchley) 21-9, 17-21, 21-15, M. CULLEY (Buckingham) bt Mrs. I. Cox (Aylesbury) 21-13, 21-15.

**Final:** WOODING bt Culley 21-14, 21-16.

**Men's Doubles:** **Final:** RACEY/W. WOODING (Bletchley) bt L. Wooding/D. Snaith (Bletchley) 21-16, 21-17.

**Mixed Doubles. Final:** JEFFERYS/Mrs. COX bt L. Wooding/Miss J. Wooding 14-21, 21-18, 21-17.

**WELSH CORNER**

# ENGLAND JUNIORS HAND OUT SHOCKS AT CARDIFF OPEN

**D**ECEMBER was an interesting month, with some encouragement, and some disappointments.

Following the Swansea Open, an enthusiastic contingent from South Wales went up for the Midland Open, and left their mark with Alan Thomas and Audrey Bates reaching the final of the Mixed doubles, Audrey getting to the final of the singles, and Alan having a good run in the men's singles.

Alan had further success after this, with a fine performance in the Cardiff Open. This was one of the Cardiff League's most successful Opens, made more interesting by the presence of the whole of the English Junior side which played Wales at Abergavenny the previous night.

If the Selectors were critical of the Welsh boys and girls for their crushing 10-0 defeat, this was put into perspective at Cardiff when these same juniors proceeded to deal out the same sort of treatment to the Welsh seniors.

It was particularly noticeable in the women's event, where Audrey Bates became a first round victim of Pauline Holes, and Betty Gray had to give best to Beverley Sayers, who made a brilliant fight to pull back a deficit, in the semi-final.

**The final between Beverley Sayer and Christine Holes was a fine affair, and one scarcely knew whom to cheer. Beverley showed up best in the end, but Christine had her revenge in the girls' singles, which these two also contested.**

Meanwhile, the English boys were also giant killing. It was only after a hard struggle that Alan Thomas beat David Stanley, and in the other half Symonds beat George Evans to get through to his semi-final, where he lost to Roy Morley, from Cheltenham.

## Davies Injured

Alan's semi-final with Ron Davies looked like being close but at 16-15 in the first game, Ron, going for an angled drive, turned over on his ankle. First aid was immediately forthcoming, but it was evident he had done serious damage, and the hospital subsequently revealed he had broken several bones.

It was hard luck for Ron, who was due to go with the Welsh team to

Scotland for the Quadrangular on the following week-end. Brian Everson came in as his deputy.

The men's final was a fine affair, with Alan playing one of his best games, defending well against the hard hitting Morley and coming in very frequently with a hard and sudden attack. A worthy win by Alan was the final result.

The English boys came into the picture with a fine doubles win against the seasoned campaigners Alan Morris and Glyn Morgan, and the Holes twins, after crushing Audrey Bates and Betty Gray, went on to take the final from Terry Spokes and Joan Collier.

There was a Welsh success in the mixed, where George Evans and Margaret Phillips did well to beat off all opposition, including Colin Thomas and Joan Collier in the final.

### CARDIFF OPEN RESULTS

**Men's Singles: Semi-Finals:** A. THOMAS w.o. R. Davies retired hurt. R. MORLEY bt M. Symonds 20-22, 23-21, 21-19.  
**Final:** THOMAS bt Morley 21-14, 21-23, 21-19.

**Women's Singles: Semi-Finals:** B. SAYER bt B. Gray 20-22, 21-17, 21-18. C. HOLES bt P. Holes 21-15, 21-15.

**Final:** SAYER bt Holes 21-10, 21-12.  
**Men's Doubles: Final:** M. SYMONDS/D. STANLEY bt A. Morris/G. Morgan 21-17, 19-21, 21-14.

**Women's Doubles Final:** C. and P. HOLES bt T. Spokes and J. Collier 18-21, 21-9, 22-20.

**Mixed Doubles: Final:** G. EVANS/Miss M. PHILLIPS bt Thomas/Miss Collier 21-15, 21-19.

**Boys' Singles: Final:** SYMONDS bt D. Neale 21-12, 21-13.

**Girls' Singles: Final:** C. HOLES bt R. Sayer 18-21, 21-18, 21-14.

So the Quadrangular internationals and an infinitely better performance from Wales to finish joint second with Ireland. Margaret Phillips came in for Betty Gray, who had to withdraw, and Brian Everson deputised for the injured Ron Davies.

Our win on the first evening against Scotland was a triumph of team work. Alan Thomas won two matches in great style, his all-important match with Bertie Kerr at the end being particularly fine. George Evans played a fine team game to outpush the difficult Laidlaw, and Audrey Bates, after a very indifferent start in the women's doubles, outplayed Mrs. Bone in the singles. Margaret Phillips touched top form to beat the hard hitting Mrs. Hawkins in a most important singles, and Brian Everson, although beaten,

played at his best, a best that could be improved if he would only learn to hit on the forehand more.

**The match against England was much better than in the last two years. Apart from George's excellent win over Brian Wright, Brian Everson took a game from him, and Alan Thomas ran Jeff Ingber close. Alan and George ought to have beaten Ian Harrison and Jeff Ingber in the doubles, Audrey Bates and Margaret Phillips played particularly well to lead Kathie Best and Mary Shannon 20-17 in the third, only to lose, and Margaret did well against Kathie.**

As Ireland had also beaten Scotland, our match with the Irish on the Saturday was for second place. There was plenty of excitement but things looked to be going the Irish way when we lost two of first three singles.

However, some fine play by Audrey Bates helped to pull the match out of the fire when she won a tense doubles with Margaret Phillips to make it two-all and beat Mrs. Reid in the singles for three-all.

But the outlook was black when Everson lost to Caffrey and Miss Phillips went down to Miss Lambert at 24-22 in the third. But Wales refused to give up and Evans scored a fine win over Allen, to be followed by an exciting win for Thomas over McBride in the decider.

So it was a draw and although Ireland had beaten Scotland 7-3 to our 6-4, our one event against England, in the only game they lost, gave us joint second place.

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## THE SCANDINAVIAN OPEN

# Diane outshines the loop

WITH noticeable efficiency the Swedish T.T. Association staged their attractive Open at the Eriksdalshallen from 25th—28th November. Once again these championships were a Mecca for the top European stars and the talented Hungarians took the lion's share of the honours.

From the men we were treated to the "loop" drive in all shapes and forms. There were games that bordered the farcical, which brought titters from the spectators and then again there were scintillating shots which made one's blood tingle with their ferocity. There were however, no controlled rallies and little or no touch play.

**CHAMPION WAS  
FASTER**

The eventual champion, young Rozsas of Hungary, was that little bit faster than the rest of the field and his nerve was good in the closing stages of vital games.

For table tennis that had drama and was laced with nail biting tension we had to turn to the ladies and although eclipsed in the final, the shining star was our Diane Rowe. Playing with surety of stroke, deftness of touch and great control, Diane ousted Swedish Star Brigitta Tegnar and World finalist and European Champion Eva Koczian in straight games.

In a great final she led her old "bug-a-boo" Agnes Simon by two games to nil and 5-2, only to falter at the run-in. As a consolation Diane shared the Ladies Doubles title with the ubiquitous Eva Koczian.

Harrison eliminated two useful Swedish players before going under to his old stumbling block Teran. Ingber did well to eliminate the formidable German player Gab, but was unable to make much headway against the new "loop" specialist Hrbub.

Making his debut away from home young Brian Wright put up a spirited resistance against a talented Swedish player named Carlsson, but obviously needs much experience in this class of play.

In an all Hungarian singles final Rozsas "looped" and smashed a worried Berczik three games to nil.



AGNES SIMON

DIANE ROWE

## Denmark lose to fog and England

AS Copenhagen was isolated by fog on Wednesday, November 22, the English team were grounded in Hamburg unable to get through to play their scheduled International against Denmark.

This was a bitter blow to the Danish Association and a great financial loss. For years they had been hankering after such a fixture and had gone to great lengths to make the match an unqualified success. Many tickets had been sold, television coverage had been arranged and all was set for a big night. Less than three hours before the match was due to start I reluctantly phoned through the news that all further flights to Copenhagen were cancelled for the day.

By adjusting our travel arrangements we managed to play the match

later at the Idraetshuset, Copenhagen, and won comfortably 5-1. Although much of the glamour had been lost by the postponement, it nevertheless was a great occasion for young Brian Wright who was experiencing his first senior international.

### A Memorable Début

Playing in an International match at any time is an unnerving experience, but the first one is an ordeal. For his debut Brian had the doubtful privilege to be drawn against Lyttik, a wily campaigner with some fine wins to his credit.

The first game for Brian was a nightmare, he was like a rabbit in the headlights of a car, not knowing which way to turn. It was not until he found himself 18-2 down that his brain began sending messages to his hands and feet. He lost it 21-7. Into the second game went Wright as if re-charged and with a spate of selective drives out-hit and out-speeded the perplexed Lyttik to win it at 10. The third was close to the halfway mark, with another sustained onslaught Brian cantered to victory.

This was indeed a memorable debut and will linger long in the Harlesden boy's memory.

Harrison was too strong for his opponents and registered quick wins over Nielsen and Lyttik. Ingber convincingly disposed of Nielsen and had an exciting encounter with the purposeful Danish star Freddy Hansen, whom he beat 2-1.

It was Hansen who gave Denmark their sole win when he pulled out the stops in the third game against Wright to take it 21-17.

When the match score had reached 5-1 in our favour it was terminated.

### SCORES

Wright bt E. Lyttik 7-21, 21-10, 21-12; lost to F. Hansen 22-20, 18-21, 17-21. Ingber bt M. Nielsen 21-15, 21-9; bt F. Hansen 17-21, 22-20, 21-12. Harrison bt M. Nielsen 21-11, 21-17; bt E. Lyttik 21-13, 21-13.

### SCANDINAVIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### RESULTS

**D.N. Knock-out Cup Winners: HUNGARY.**

**Men's Singles: Semi-Finals:** Z. BER CZIK (Hungary) bt T. Larsson (Sweden) 21-13, 17-21, 21-14. P. RAZ SAS (Hungary) bt J. Stanek (Czech.) 17-21, 21-15, 20-22, 21-13, 21-18. **Final: ROZSAS** bt Z. Berczik 22-20, 24-22, 21-13.

**Ladies' Singles: Semi-Finals:** D. ROWE (England) bt E. Koczian (Hungary) 21-14, 21-12, 21-15. A. SIMON (W. Germany) bt L. Guntseh (W. Germany) bt L. 21-13, 21-12. **Final: SIMON** bt Rowe 13-21, 19-21, 21-17, 21-13, 21-17.

**Men's Doubles: Final: AN-DREADIS/MIKO** (Czech) bt Alser/Larsson (Sweden) 21-14, 21-12, 21-9.

**Ladies' Doubles: Final: ROWE/KOCZIAN** bt B. Tegner/B. Andersson (Sweden) 21-8, 21-19, 21-19.

**Mixed Doubles: Final: M. PETERFY/E. KOCZIAN** bt H. Alser/M. Alexander 21-18, 21-17, 15-21, 21-16.

**Boys' Singles: Final: GORAN ALLVIN** (Sweden) bt K. Johansson (Sweden) 21-17, 21-18.

The Quadrangular Internationals

**ENGLAND AS EXPECTED**

by ROY EVANS

**T**HIS season it was Scotland's turn to be hosts to the Quadrangular Internationals, and Friday and Saturday, December 1-2 saw England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, battling for the Home Countries Championship.

The matches were played in the well appointed Assembly Hall of the Glasgow High School, and although the attendance was something of a

disappointment, there was plenty of thrilling table tennis to be enjoyed by the faithful few.

Presumably one must expect England to come out top without much trouble, but their margin of superiority was not so obvious this time, and instead of the clean sheet with which they left Cardiff last year they dropped one event to Wales, and other matches were much closer than expected.

It appears to becoming the pattern for the hosts to qualify for the wooden spoon, and this year was no exception, Scotland losing all three matches. Great hopes were expressed by the Irish, Scottish, and Welsh, that this pattern would be continued next season when the event is in England! It is doubtful, however, whether England will oblige.

Ireland and Wales seem to be about on a par, and their joint second place was probably a true reflection of their respective ability. Nevertheless the Welsh No. 1, Alan Thomas, took pride of place after the English trio with four wins from his outings against Ireland and Scotland.

Scotland took the opportunity to "blood" some promising newcomers, but paid the penalty of putting them in the doubles in the first match with Wales.

**DETAILED RESULTS**

**England bt Ireland 10-0** (English names first): I. Harrison bt T. Caffrey 17, 17; bt T. McBride 9, —19, 17. J. Ingber bt McBride 8, 16; bt E. Allen 15, 9. B. Wright bt Allen 15, 12; bt Caffrey 11, —17, 17.

Miss C. K. Best bt Mrs. E. Reid 19, 13. Miss M. Shannon bt Miss V. Lambert 9, 5. Harrison/Wright bt Caffrey/McBride 19, 13. Shannon/Best bt Lambert/Reid —19, 13, 8.

**England bt Wales 9-1:** Harrison bt G. Evans 17, 14; bt A. Thomas 18, 15. Ingber bt Thomas 12, —16, 12; bt B. Everson 11, 7. Wright bt Everson 19, —18, 13; lost to Evans 19, —20, —19.

Best bt M. Phillips 15, 17. Shannon bt A. Bates 11, 7.

Harrison/Ingber bt Thomas/Evans 23, —16, 14. Shannon/Best bt Bates/Phillips 13, —15, 20.

**England bt Scotland 10-0:** Harrison bt A. Laidlaw 5, 10; bt R. Kerr 12, 14. Ingber bt Kerr 8, 15; bt M. Sugden 8, 14. Wright bt Sugden —20, 12, 8; bt Laidlaw 19, 12.

Best bt Mrs. E. Bone 11, 13. Shannon bt Mrs. O. Hawkins 9, 4.

Harrison/Wright bt Kerr/I. Barclay —21, 11, 14. Shannon/Best bt Hawkins/Mrs. M. Coates 14, 13.

**Ireland bt Scotland 7-3:** Caffrey bt Barclay 19, 17; bt Kerr —13, 15, 18. Allen lost to Kerr —16, —14; lost to Laidlaw 10, —12, —19. McBride bt Laidlaw —18, 20, 19; bt Barclay 19, 19.

Lambert bt Hawkins 19, 12. Reid lost to Bone —18, —15.

Caffrey/McBride bt Kerr/Barclay 14, 18. Lambert/Reid bt Hawkins/Coates 16, 16.

**Ireland drew with Wales 5-5:** Caffrey lost to Thomas —17, —18; bt Everson 16, 10. Allen bt Everson 14, —19, 13; lost to Evans 17, —19, —17. McBride bt Evans 17, —12, 16; lost to Thomas —17, 23, —18.

Lambert bt Phillips 14, —14, 22. Reid lost to Bates —16, 16, 11.

Caffrey/McBride bt Thomas/Evans —12, 21, 17. Lambert/Reid lost to Bates/Phillips 21, —18, —18.

**Wales bt Scotland 6-4:** Thomas bt Barclay 11, 11; bt Kerr 17, 19. Evans lost to Kerr —18, —13; bt Laidlaw —20, 17, 11. Everson lost to Laidlaw —21, —18; lost to Barclay —16, —9.

Bates bt Bone 9, 12. Phillips bt Hawkins 19, —15, 14.

Thomas/Evans bt J. Dow/Sugden 11, 14. Bates/Phillips lost to Hawkins/Coats 14, 18.

*Editor and Staff*

*wish all readers*

*A Happy New Year*

**Brian Wright should be one of England's successes in the future, but neither Ian Harrison or Jeff Ingber was on top form. Mary Shannon was head and shoulders above the other women present, but there was plenty of promise amongst the others. Kathie Best and Audrey Bates have both slowed down.**

Tommy Caffrey was a disappointment, and does not appear to have progressed. He lacks fight, a quality McBride has in abundance, as witness his great effort to beat Harrison.

Altogether it was a most pleasurable affair, warmed by good Scottish hospitality, and affording an ever welcome opportunity for not only the players, but also the officials of Great Britain to get together. Most useful liaison is accomplished by the officials of the Home Countries at these meetings.

**ENGLAND WARNED**

by LEN ADAMS

**T**HE third Quadrangular International Tournament featuring the Home Countries was held at the Glasgow High School for Boys on December 1-2. Yet again England overwhelmed the opposition and George Evans, of Wales, was the only player who could boast a win against England. He beat Wright in three close games.

Watched by numerous portraits and busts of former rectors of this famous Scottish school—and precious few spectators—England played their opening match on the Friday evening against Ireland.

Brian Wright set us on the path to victory with an efficient win over the experienced but unsevere Ernie Allen. Ian Harrison played uncertainly on a slippery floor against a pale Tommy Caffrey, subdued by an impending flu

cold, but Jeff Ingber, although nursing a shoulder strain, outclassed Carol McBride to put us three up.

Against the lively Miss Lambert and Mrs. Reid, Kathie Best and Mary Shannon contrived successfully to lose the first game, but with Mary playing her backhand shots consistently out of her opponent's reach, we ran out easy winners. Mary was even more devastating in her first international singles against Miss Lambert.

**An unusually high number of winners by Miss Shannon characterised this match and augurs well for her future in international competition. In contrast Kathie Best was below the peak form she has displayed in past seasons.**

The highlight of the match was reserved for the final match in which  
*(Continued on page 19)*

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

by FRANK BATEMAN

## MIDDLESEX HEADING FOR ANOTHER WIN

Middlesex with a 7-2 win over Gloucestershire are now the only unbeaten team in the Premier Division and are heading for yet another championship win.

It was a pity that Bryan Merrett was unable to play for Gloucestershire in this top-of-the-table clash, but it is unlikely that his absence affected the ultimate result. As it was Gloucestershire won the doubles, while Ian Harrison failed against Alan Rhodes.

The match opened with convincing wins for Middlesex by Brian Wright and Rhodes but Gloucestershire fought back to level with Harrison defeating Jacobson and then their men's doubles success.

From that stage it was all Middlesex, with Di Rowe proving far too strong for Molly Jones and Rhodes scoring a clear cut win over Harrison.

Surely the secret of Middlesex's many championship titles lies in the strength of their reserves. Many times in the past Middlesex have gone into action without their top players owing

to international engagements but they have been able to fill the gaps with reserves of international standard.

Lancashire brought two youngsters with them for their match against Hertfordshire—Kevin Forshaw (20) and Roy Crusham (19) and aided by Jack Clayton they helped themselves to five singles wins out of six.

**Tragedy from Hertfordshire's view was Brian Barr's failure to hold Crusham in the second game of the opening set, having won the first 21-14. Barr had several set points before losing the game 22-24, and was finally beaten 21-16 in the third.**

Kent opened their score for the season with a 6-3 win over Yorkshire. They were 4-0 up until Kathie Best beat Joyce Fielder. The surprise result in this match was Maurice Simpson's win over Tony Piddock.

Surrey beat Warwickshire by the same margin, but the losers put up a creditable performance and are holding their own in the Premier Division.

Bedfordshire had a very exciting

match with Oxfordshire in the Second Division (Midland). Colin Crowe back in the No. 1 spot, Paul Racey, playing brilliantly, and Norman Parker, his usual solid self, put Bedfordshire into a 3-0 lead, but Oxfordshire fought back to take the next four games, then lost the next three.

Oxfordshire should become a very useful side with the additional experience they will gain in their first season in the Second Division.

Essex defeated Suffolk 10-0 in the Second Division (South), which leaves no doubt as to their determination to make their absence from the Premier Division a short one. Their games aggregate is now 17-3 from their two matches.

**Cornwall had their third successive draw in Second Division (West), this time against Somerset. Three times Cornwall had to come back from behind for they trailed 0-3, 3-4, and 4-5!**

John Bassett lost his unbeaten record to Adams, who defended stubbornly, and 16-year-old Judy Bryant made an impressive debut, winning both women's and mixed doubles for Cornwall.

For Somerset the veteran penholder Phillpotts, coming in at No. 3 for the absent No. 1 Smith, gave a cool display of attacking play to win both his events in straight games.

Dorset played too defensively against Wiltshire and were beaten 3-7 by a very fit team.

## Double Lead

Warwickshire lead both the Midland and Junior Midlands tables. In the former division, I am told they are "perming" any three players from about 20! It is paying off for they are unbeaten in four matches, their latest wins being 6-4 against Staffordshire, and 8-2 against Derbyshire, who have yet to win a match.

I have been reprimanded by Gloucestershire boys for daring to suggest in an earlier issue that Warwickshire might win the Junior (Midland). They clash for the first time on January 13 and I only wish I could be there to see this game.

Graham Presswich was very impressive in Warwickshire's 8-2 win over Oxfordshire and seems to be striking his old form, while Hillary Grove is so far unbeaten in her first season. But I must admit they have a difficult task against the strong Gloucestershire boys Barry Brady, Morley Mordecai and Dennis Holland.

## COUNTY DIARY

## PREMIER DIVISION

January 13 Gloucestershire v Surrey.  
17 Hertfordshire v Middlesex, Marconi, St. Albans.  
27 Yorkshire v Gloucestershire, Mechanics Institute, Bridge Street, Bradford 7 p.m.

## SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

January 13 Sussex v Kent, Y.M.C.A., Hartingdon Hall, Bolton Road, Eastbourne 7.30 p.m.

## SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

January 13 Devon v Dorset, Exeter 7.15 p.m.

## SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

January 13 Oxford v Worcestershire, St. Margaret's Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford 6.30 p.m.

## SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

January 13 Cheshire v Yorkshire

## MIDLAND DIVISION

January 13 Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire, Nottingham 7 p.m.  
13 Staffordshire v Warwickshire  
27 Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire, Avery's Sports Pavilion, Sandon Road, Birmingham, 15 7.15 p.m.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

January 13 Buckinghamshire v Cambridgeshire, Lady Haig Club, Store Road, Slough 7 p.m.

## JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

January 13 Staffordshire v Oxfordshire  
13 Warwickshire v Gloucestershire, Brooke Tool, Warwick Road, Tyseley, Birmingham 5 p.m.

## JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

January 13 Hampshire v Kent.  
13 Sussex v Surrey, Y.M.C.A., Hartingdon Hall, Bolton Road, Eastbourne 3.30 p.m.

## JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

January 13 Suffolk v Essex, Manganese Bronze Sports Club, Hadleigh Road, Ipswich 6 p.m.

Having already beaten all their rivals once and Sussex twice, Hampshire look to be in a strong position in the Junior (South). Their latest win was 6-4 over Surrey at Vauxhall. This was the same margin by which Hampshire beat Kent in November, and as Kent have already beaten Surrey, their next clash with Hampshire on January 13 appears to be the key to this section.

January 13 also looks the key date to the Second Division (North) with the clash of Cheshire and Yorkshire, who top the table with four points each. Cheshire, who trounced Northumberland 9-1 have however, played one more match than Yorkshire.

(Midland) and their 10-0 win over Worcestershire gives them a game aggregate of 18-2.

A 6-2 win at Durham leaves Yorkshire the only unbeaten side in the Junior (North), where Lancashire marked up their first win when they beat Cheshire 6-2.

Glamorgan head Second Division

## DIVISIONAL TABLES

### PREMIER DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Middlesex	4	4	0	26	10	8
Surrey	4	3	1	24	12	6
Lancashire	4	3	1	20	16	6
Gloucestershire	4	3	1	17	19	6
Warwickshire	3	1	2	14	13	2
Kent	3	1	2	13	14	2
Hertfordshire	4	0	4	12	24	0
Yorkshire	4	0	4	9	27	0

### SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Essex	2	2	0	17	3	4
Hampshire	3	2	0	17	13	4
Sussex	2	1	0	1	9	11
Kent	2	0	1	1	9	11
Suffolk	3	0	1	2	8	22

### SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Wiltshire	2	1	0	12	8	3
Cornwall	3	0	3	0	15	15
Devon	1	1	0	0	6	4
Somerset	2	0	1	0	9	11
Dorset	2	0	1	0	8	12

### SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Glamorgan	2	2	0	0	18	2
Oxfordshire	2	1	0	1	10	10
Bedfordshire	3	1	0	2	12	18
Worcestershire	2	1	0	1	6	14
Staffordshire	1	0	0	1	4	6

### SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Yorkshire	2	2	0	0	15	5
Cheshire	3	2	0	1	20	10
Lincolnshire	3	1	0	2	14	16
Durham	2	1	0	1	9	11
Northumberland	2	0	0	2	2	18

### MIDLAND DIVISION

Warwickshire	4	4	0	0	27	13
Nottinghamshire	3	1	1	0	15	15
Staffordshire	4	1	1	1	18	22
Derbyshire	3	0	0	3	10	20

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

Buckinghamshire	2	1	1	0	13	7
Hertfordshire	1	1	0	0	6	4
Cambridgeshire	2	1	0	1	10	10
Worcestershire	2	1	0	1	8	12
Norfolk	3	0	1	2	13	17

### JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Warwickshire	3	3	0	0	25	5
Gloucestershire	2	2	0	0	15	5
Oxfordshire	3	0	0	3	8	22
Staffordshire	2	0	0	2	2	18

### JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	18	6
Durham	3	2	0	1	13	11
Lancashire	3	1	0	2	12	12
Cheshire	3	0	0	3	5	19

### JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Hampshire	4	4	0	0	29	11
Kent	3	2	0	1	18	12
Surrey	3	1	0	2	17	13
Sussex	4	0	0	4	6	34

### JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Middlesex	2	2	0	0	16	4
Suffolk	1	1	0	0	9	1
Essex	1	1	0	0	7	3
Hertfordshire	2	0	0	2	7	13
Cambridgeshire	2	0	0	2	1	19

## DETAILED RESULTS

### PREMIER DIVISION

**Kent 6, Yorkshire 3.**  
K. Jarvis bt P. Duncombe 17, 16; lost to D. McGarry —14, —17. A. Piddock bt McGarry 9, 16; lost to M. Simpson 14, —18, —18. H. Buist bt Simpson —19, 21, 9; bt Duncombe 22, 13.  
Miss J. Fielder lost to Miss K. Best —9, —18.  
Jarvis, Miss Fielder bt Duncombe, Miss Best —17, 12, 17.

**Hertfordshire 4, Lancashire 5.**  
B. Barr lost to R. Crusham 14, —22, —16; lost to K. Forshaw —16, —9. T. Densham lost to Forshaw —15, 22, —15; lost to J. Clayton —19, —13.  
Miss J. Williams bt Miss D. Fitzgerald 13, 18.  
Densham, Hunt bt Crusham, Forshaw 16, —18, 11.  
Barr, Miss Williams bt Clayton, Miss Fitzgerald 13, 15.

**Middlesex 7, Gloucestershire 2.**  
B. Wright bt R. Morley 20, 12; bt R. Griffin 12, 17. A. Rhodes bt Griffin 16, 18; bt I. Harrison —19, 17, 13. S. Jacobson lost to Harrison —13, —15; bt Morley 19, 18.  
Miss D. Rowe bt Miss M. Jones, 9, 9.  
Rhodes, Thornhill lost to K. Edwards, Harrison —17, —16.  
Thornhill, Miss Rowe bt Griffin, Miss Jones —19, 16, 13.

**Surrey 6, Warwickshire 3.**  
G. Muranyi bt W. Gallagher 14, 17;

bt C. Cadwallader —16, 12, 19. J. Somogyi bt Cadwallader 8, 9; bt D. Badderley —20, 19, 12. A. Miller lost to Badderley —15, —10; lost to Gallagher —20, —18.  
Miss M. Shannon bt Miss P. Mortimer 17, —10, 19.  
Muranyi, Somogyi bt Cadwallader, Gallagher 18, —22, 19.  
Miller, Miss M. Piper lost to Badderley, Miss Mortimer —12, —14.

### SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Suffolk 0, Essex 10.

### SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Cornwall 5, Somerset 5.

Dorset 3, Wiltshire 7.

### SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Bedfordshire 6, Oxfordshire 4.

Glamorgan 10, Worcestershire 0.

### SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Cheshire 9, Northumberland 1.

Durham 6, Lincolnshire 4.

### MIDLAND DIVISION

Warwickshire 6, Staffordshire 4.

Nottinghamshire 5, Staffordshire 5.

Derbyshire 2, Warwickshire 8.

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

Worcestershire 6, Norfolk 4.

### JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Warwickshire 8, Oxfordshire 2.

### JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Kent 8, Sussex 2.

Surrey 4, Hampshire 6.

### JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Durham 2, Yorkshire 6.

Cheshire 2, Lancashire 6.



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# NEW YORK DOMINATES AMERICAN TEAM TOURNAMENTS

By Norman Kilpatrick

**E**ACH year the U.S.T.T.A. sponsors the American National Team Championships, for men and women. Since Canada sends its team to take part in this event, it is in effect almost a North American Championship. Eight women's teams from different areas of the U.S., and eleven men's teams, meet in complete round-robin play for the team championship of America. All matches are played in Swaythling Cup style, with three women and three men in each team.

This year (1961) the Women's National Team title was won by New York, and was held on November 25-26 in New York City. New York also won the Men's national Team Championship, held December 2-3 in Detroit, Michigan.

Robert Fields, playing for New Jersey, was the outstanding player of the Men's Team Championship, posting a 23-1 match record. Fields lost only to present U.S. Men's champion Erwin Klein. Klein, a former English Open Junior Mixed Doubles winner, dropped four matches, however, including one to former Czech star, and present Canadian champion, Max Marinko.

Houshang Bozozgadah, former champion of Iran who is now living in the States, was undefeated in 10 matches for the runner-up Detroit team, and defeated Klein. However, Bozozgadah did not play against the New York team or Fields.

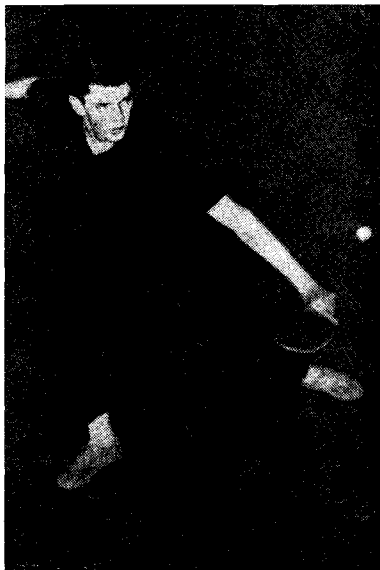
## Undefeated

The New York team of Bob Gusikoff, Richard Miles, Bernard Bukiet, and Jack Howard was undefeated as a team, but Miles, now playing with a sandwich racket, was defeated by Fields and two unknown American players, while winning 15 matches. Miles has won the U.S. singles title 9 times, and is well known in many parts of the world as the result of much exhibition playing.

Former Swaythling coppers Bukiet and Gusikoff both dropped four matches, to Fields, Klein, Norbert Van de Walle, of Chicago, and Martin Doss, of Detroit. The Canadian team of Marinko, Nick Gadanyi, Modris Zulps, and Ken Scullion placed third, defeating Klein's Chicago team in a bitter struggle. Doss and Marinko placed third and fourth in the individual listings, after Bozozgadah and Fields.

U.S. and Canadian champion Leah

Neuberger led New York to the Women's National Team Championship, in undefeated style, although placing third in the individual listing, herself.



ROBERT FIELDS

The New York trio of Neuberger, Bernice Chotras, and Lona Rubinstein defeated runner-up Washington, D.C. 7 matches to 2. Washinton had earlier upset favoured California 5-4, with unknown Yvonne Lescure Kronlage, a former E.T.T.A. member, winning the key match from TABLE TENNIS correspondent Pauline Robinson Somael 21-19, 17-21, 21-17. California then defeated Canada 6-3, to take third place in the team standings.

Bernice Chotras, of New York, had the best individual record, winning 22 matches, and losing only to Neuberger. Neuberger, however, was defeated by California's young Sharon Acton, and former Canadian Open winner Barbara Chaimson, of Washington. Acton tied Chotras with a 22-1 match record, losing only to her, but had a poorer record of games won and lost. Chaimson and Neuberger had identical 21-2 match records, but Chaimson had a poorer games won and lost status. Canadian Closed champion Denise Hunnius placed fifth individually, losing to Chotras, Neuberger, Acton, Chaimson, and Somael. Yvonne Kronlage was awarded the Outstanding Player Trophy.

# TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

by LAURIE LANDRY

**L**AST season at this time we were treated to three near perfect tournaments. This year, once again, these same three tournaments were run even better.

The Yorkshire Open at York had more Southern players than last year, showing that it is already making a name for itself in spite of the fact that they have a new tournament secretary this year. Ken Milner and his team did a good job.

The Newbury Open was spread over two days this year, instead of one. This allowed Tony Mosson and his committee to accept far more entries than last year but they still could not accept those that came after the closing date. Not a bad word has been said about either this tournament or the Yorkshire.

The Middlesex Open was a tremendous success and had the biggest entry ever. There were 260 in the men's singles and 400 individuals in all events, some entering two, three or four in the case of juniors, and the only complaint was the bitterly cold lower hall, but then the harder you play the warmer you get.

On to prizes in open tournaments. Replicas and plaques or medals are on the way out or rather they are out already as far as popular opinion goes. Presents, as at the Merseyside, North of England, and Middlesex recently, are well accepted. Even better as far as players—winners and losers—are concerned, are money vouchers. These were given at Birmingham, York and Hastings, all well-attended tournaments.

Let's hear from some of you about tournament ratings. I have yet to get any information on any tournament. I don't want to have to do it all by personal interview like last year.

And here is a new idea. When sending in tournament ratings during the first half of January, send in your opinion of the Top Ten Men and Top Five Women and see how close it comes to the selection committee's new ranking list which comes out shortly after the English closed.

Also please mention anything else that you think needs airing. I can't promise inclusion but if enough people have the same requests they'll be given a mention. Write to me c/o this column, Sports Press, 142, Fleet Street, W.C.4.

# FIELDS AND NEUBERGER WIN IN CANADA

**Y**OUNG Bob Fields and veteran Leah Neuberger dominated events at the Canadian International Championships, held September 1-2 in Toronto.

Fields, a chop expert who learned the game in Los Angeles, California, but now plays out of New York City, won a thrilling men's singles final from another young American star, Martin Doss, of New York City. He also had an equally tight match in the semi-finals, where he stopped Canadian champion Max Marinko in five bitter games.

Bob Gusikoff, of New York, 1959 U.S. Champion, and former Swaythling Cup player, was upset in the third round by Canadian Modris Zulpis; 22-20, 11-21, 21-19, 12-21, 14-21. In the quarter-finals, Doss defeated the former Iranian champion, Houshang Bozozgadah, of Teheran, while Marinko gained a default over former Hungarian player Daniel Vegh, now of Cleveland, Ohio.

U.S. champion Leah Neuberger defeated 18-year-old Barbara Chaimson,

of Cheverly, Maryland, to take the women's singles title, and also shared the women's doubles crown. Miss Chaimson had upset Canadian titleholder Denise Hunnius, of Montreal, in the semi-finals of the singles play.

**For the first time in several years a Canadian, Guy Germain, of Montreal, won the junior men's singles, over Danny Pecora, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who is one of America's top-ranking juniors.**

America swept the team matches with Canada, winning the men's 6-1; the women's 6-2; and the juniors, 3-0. The results of the women's play was something of a surprise, as the Canadian women had won last year's team play. Max Marinko did not play for

Canada in the men's matches, which weakened the Canadian side a good bit.

Yat Chuen Lee, a Hong Kong player who is now a college student at Clarkson, Ontario, surprised everyone in the Canadian Closed Championships, August 31, in Toronto.

He reached the finals of the men's singles division, from an unseeded position, by defeating three seeds, Howard Grossman, Laimon Eichvald, and Nick Gadanyi, but lost in the finals to former Czech Swaythling Cup man, Max Marinko, now of Toronto, whose pen-hold blocking and hitting game won the title for him again, in four games.

## ENGLAND ARE WARNED

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Harrison beat McBride. This was a one-sided affair until Harrison let the second game slip after being 15-9 up. McBride, who uses a rubber covered bat, has never been accused of having the build of an international, but he put on an exciting display of hard hitting winners, mixed with agile defence, and it was difficult to believe so few spectators could cheer so loudly. The effort, however, was in vain and Harrison weathered the storm to make the final score 10-0.

Although England beat Wales 9-1 this was lethargic display, by the England team, except for Miss Shannon. With the Welsh players refusing to be impressed by reputations and fighting hard for every point they managed to make half the matches two to three games. George Evans produced his exciting win over a rather slap-happy Brian Wright, while our ladies' doubles pair were more than fortunate to overcome a 20-17 deficit in the third games.

It was rather sad to see the experience of Audrey Bates overcome so easily by the youthful speed of Miss Shannon, but it is doubtful whether even the top men could have matched her brilliance as she shot to a 20-2 lead in the second game.

Scotland fought back from 5-1 down against Ireland, taking the next two matches, but although going very close in the remaining rubbers, they succumbed 7-3.

Apart from a couple of loosely played games, the England side were in no mood to be generous to their hosts, when they beat Scotland 10-0. Scotland played with little enthusiasm and appeared resigned to defeat.

How different the battle between

Wales and Ireland to decide the runners-up position. Ireland were never headed and led 5-3 at one time, but as against Scotland, Wales fought back grimly to take the last two matches after midnight, and force a draw and incidentally tie with Ireland for second place with identical match analysis.

This third quadrangular will be remembered chiefly for Tom Blunn's contribution to the speechmaking during a get-together of the players and officials in the early hours. Powered by a mixture of tea and coffee he kept the party in uproar, having persuaded the teetotallers present that VAT 69 was the Pope's telephone number. With the promise of better things to come at Preston next season the party broke up and shortly dispersed to their respective countries.

## Obituary

### H. R. McDONALD

**T**ABLE TENNIS joins Lawn Tennis in mourning the death last month of Mr. H. R. McDonald, at the age of 78. "Mac," who was with the "Evening News" for 47 years and the originator of their "Twelfth Man" sports gossip column, was a famous writer on all racket games and a great supporter of Table Tennis, from its earliest days.

He was honoured by both sports, being a Vice President of the E.T.T.A. for many years, and the first journalist to be elected an honorary member of the All England L.T. Club.

### RESULTS OF FINALS IN CANADIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Men's Singles: BOB FIELDS** (Los Angeles) bt Martin Doss (New York) 18-21, 21-17, 18-21, 21-15, 22-20.

**Women's Singles: LEAH NEUBERGER** (New York) bt Barbara Chaimson (Cheverly, Maryland) 21-13, 21-17, 17-21, 22-20.

**Senior Singles: SOL SCHIFF** (New York) bt Charles Burns (Detroit, Michigan) 16-21, 21-17, 22-20, 21-17.

**Junior Men's Singles: GUY GERMAIN** (Montreal, Canada) bt Danny Pecora (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) 24-22, 21-19, 21-15.

**Junior Girls' Singles: HELEN SABALIAUSKAS** (Toronto, Canada) bt Donna Chaimson (Cheverly, Maryland) 10-21, 21-16, 11-21, 21-7, 21-17.

**Boys' Singles: RALPH CHILDS** (Detroit, Michigan) bt Ronald Chapman (Montreal, Canada) 21-14, 21-14, 21-17.

**Men's Doubles: MARTIN DOSS/NORBERT VAN DE WALLE** (Chicago, Illinois) bt Houshang Bozozgadah (Teheran, Iran)/Bernard Bukiet (New York) 21-17, 21-19, 16-21, 21-16.

**Mixed Doubles: SOL SCHIFF-BARBARA CHAIMSON** bt Robert Gusikoff (New York)/Leah Neuberger 10-21, 21-14, 14-21, 21-15, 21-16.

**Women's Doubles: LEAH NEUBERGER/PAULINE SOMAEL** (New York) bt Barbara Chaimson-Velta Adminis (Toronto, Canada) 21-14, 21-18, 21-18.

### RESULTS OF FINALS OF CANADIAN CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Men's Singles: MAX MARINKO** (Toronto) bt Yat Chuen Lee (Hong Kong) 21-8, 22-24, 21-15, 22-20.

**Women's Singles: DENISE HUNNIUS** (Montreal) bt Louise Gadanyi (Montreal). 21-19, 21-7, 21-7.

Inter-Provincial Team Matches:

Men: Ontario 6—Quebec 3

Women: Ontario 6—Quebec 4

**AROUND EAST ANGLIA**

**NORFOLK'S LONG JOURNEY**

**HIGHLIGHT** for December was Norfolk's Championship visit to Worcester, where a travel-cramped team was quickly four down against Hawkins, Bell, and White. Loosening up, Holdom and Minors won their doubles, Betty Cassell beat Miss Melly, Paul Walsh excelled himself to vanquish Hawkins and he and Marion Harrison just clinched the Mixed. But Minors' classic style could not hold White and it was Holdom for whom the Bell tolled. At 2.30 a.m. on the Sunday morning tea and cakes at St. Neot's after an icy journey, and at 4.45 a.m., with 386 miles behind them, our Norwich stalwarts were home. Don Craske, who took Chairman Gerry Rix, had 16 miles to go to reach Dereham. Our other driver was Eric Fairhead. Truly a memorable trip!

Yarmouth ladies repeated last year's victory over Norwich in the Rose Bowl, recovering from 3-4 down. As Mrs. Rodwell and Mrs. Wright hammered the final nail, excitement was such that Yarmouth captain Edna Allen felt unable to watch. But, in the Wilmott Cup, Norwich men beat Yarmouth 9-0. This was a splendid match, with both sides perfectly turned out, hard hitting, dour defence, and the losers gallant in defeat. I can remember no encounter in which the spirit of the game was better exemplified.

**Norwich Take Point**

In the East Anglian league, Norwich, without Tony Fox, took a point from Ipswich. Deputy Billy Minors beat Purdum and Halliday and Osborne each won two for Ipswich. An excellent match was between Norfolk champion Mary Turner and Miss H. Hawkes, who fought back and only just lost. Junior Coe beat R. Howe, of Ipswich, once again.

Norwich B were too strong for Wymondham, who lost 1-9, but Roger

Kerrison, R. Meadows, Filby, and Junior B. Sayer, would quickly improve with sterner opposition. R. Butler (Y.M.C.A.) made a promising junior debut for Norwich B; P. Graver looked steadier than M. Wilson in the doubles; Bernard Hurrell demonstrated his defence and Stella Perry was too experienced for Wymondham's Heather Yaxley.

In the Norwich league, Gothic, St. Barnabas, Bullards, C.E.Y.M.S. B, and Park Lane Old Boys are unbeaten, the latter having a 100% record.

In the Yarmouth Handicap tournament A. Atkins (+16) beat B. Read (+8); Atkins and B. Brister (+17) beat R. Barber and R. Sandell (+18), and G. and Mrs. J. Rodwell (+16) beat J. Fuller and Mrs. B. Wright (scr.). Games were 31 up. Yarmouth team knock-out is now in progress. At Dereham a surprise was the defeat of Saints by Norwich Road Tennis Club.

Norfolk (sales 400; target 750) must sell 350 magazines in six months to attain 200%. If, like Ipswich, we gathered a band of fair distributors, we could challenge Cambridgeshire for supremacy. Please send your advance order to the County Magazine Secretary J. S. Penny.

**J. S. Penny**

**Cambs. Disappointment**

**THE** Cambridgeshire County team had a disappointing evening against Hertfordshire in the Southern Division, when after leading 2-1 they fell away and were eventually beaten 6-4.

John Cornwell won both his singles, and the doubles with John Thurston who also won a singles, but "stand-in" Jackson after giving Glyn Bebbis an early fright tailed off and failed to win either

of his singles. Bebbis also beat Thurston in a crucial singles.

The ladies were disappointing and Mrs. Bamber could not hold the lively Miss Canning in the singles.

The junior team suffered yet another defeat when they were beaten 9-1 by Suffolk but showed improved form. Alan Ponder actually put Cambridgeshire in the lead at the start of the match.

In the Wilmott Cup, Cambridge had a tussle with Lowestoft at Beccles and won 5-4. Keith Chapman who has just been awarded his County colours played well, but it was Cornwell and Thurston who tipped the scales in their ties with Cole Collias.

Jack Carrington visited Cambridge recently for another coaching session to the juniors.

University Press, greatly strengthened by Albert Jackson are becoming a strong combination in the Cambridgeshire League and recently held the champions New Chesterton Institute

Wilburton, Westley and Torchbearers are fighting it out in the Second Division but Fire Brigade who were demoted from Division I last season are struggling in the bottom half of the table.

The South Midlands League is going strong and at present Cambridge City are at the head of the table with the Varsity.

Coaching sessions are held weekly at Chesterton Youth Centre (Leslie Constable in charge) and at Y.M.C.A. (under John and Margaret Cornwell). Many useful youngsters are emerging and the work is proving fruitful.

**Leslie Constable**

**South East Midlands League**

**THE** newly inaugurated South East Midlands League has so far proved a big success. The competing teams are Cambridge City, Cambridge University, Bedford, Huntingdon, and Kettering.

Teams consist of four players, who are not quite up to first team standard, and it is a condition that one must be a junior, playing at No. 4.

The new league, with Henry Fox as secretary, is giving valuable experience to the lesser players and is expected to grow in strength in future seasons.

**SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE**

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Cambs. City .....	2	1	1	0	11
Cambs. University .....	2	1	1	0	11
Huntingdon .....	2	1	1	0	11
Bedford .....	2	1	1	0	10
Kettering .....	2	0	0	2	7

**THANKS MIKE**

**WE** are indebted to Michael Maclaren for the many pictures he has provided for publication.

Readers who would like copies of these pictures are advised that they can obtain same by writing to Michael Maclaren at 9, Woodcote Avenue, Wallington, Surrey. His charge is 5s. for a whole plate print.

**EDITOR**

**D.B.**

**SUFFOLK NEWSREEL**

**FLECK TAKES LEAD**

**SURPRISE** winner of the second event in the Suffolk "Top Ten" tournament was Hans Fleck, who now leads the table with 20½ marks. In second position are David Halliday and Ken Perry, with 19 points each. Fourth in the table is Howard Osborne, still within reach of the leader, with Peter Cole still occupying the fifth rung of the ladder.

Fleck played consistently well throughout the event, and his immediate victims were Halliday, Osborne, and Ray Cooper. He went on to beat Perry by two games to one in the Inter-Group tie, the latter player having defeated Cole, Simon Pearson, and John Keeble, to qualify, losing one game to each player in the process.

Cole, who won only one of his singles, made amends in the doubles

group, which he won in partnership with Keeble.

In recent years, the plums in Suffolk table tennis have been shared by Cole, Halliday, and Osborne, Fleck having been pushed into the background since the somewhat meteoric rise of the last two players. His success to date has added an extra interest to the competition and will be closely watched to see if it can be maintained.

It was noted in last month's issue that Suffolk junior Chris Lipscombe won Cambridgeshire their first success in the National County championship. The honour of course belongs to Alan Ponder, Chris remaining a true Suffolk lad, and highly esteemed in our circle.

**WARWICKSHIRE NOTES**

**HARRY SPIERS** made his Warwickshire debut against Derbyshire at the age of 48. Coming in at the last minute as reserve he won both singles and teamed with Maurice Billington to win the Men's doubles.

Harry, who is a past holder of the English Open Veterans title, is playing better than ever. He has already three Open titles to his credit this season. Every season starts with enquiries like "Is Harry getting slower?" The enquirers soon find out!

The Premier division team are giving a good account of themselves. We had a closely fought and exciting match with Surrey (3-6) where 3 successive games were lost 21/19 in the third.

Central Council of Physical Recreation, in co-operation with the County body, are organising a coaching scheme throughout the county. We have of course used the C.C.P.R. facilities at Lilleshall for many years. This however is a completely new venture.

This month's course at Lilleshall is overbooked, one reason being that the popular Ken Stanley is in charge again.

In the first inter-town matches, Birmingham overcame both Leamington and Rugby. In the Leamington match, Birmingham fielded their complete junior team and brought off a very creditable performance.

Roger Morris

**WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN**

**BRIAN EVERSON**, the Welsh international, won all three of his matches for Newport when they were narrowly beaten 5-4 by Weston in the Western Counties League. Newport had been forced to make two last minute changes, but despite the weakened team they delayed the issue until the last event in which A. Russ clinched the Weston victory by beating G. Howarth.

Russe and G. Woodforths were the mainstays of the Weston team with two wins each.

Newcomers Abergavenny making their first visit to Weston played brilliantly to win 6-3. Six of the games went to three sets. John Davies the young Abergavenny player did well to beat R. Philpott, who gained a fine win over the Welsh international Don Norris.

Cheltenham beat Bristol 6-3 in their home match, the highlight of which was the clash between K. Edwards and Aubrey Simons. Edwards held two match points in the second game but faltered badly and was eventually beaten over three games, and Simons went on to win all his three matches for Bristol.

Bristol did much better when they visited Bath and won 10-0. Bath were weakened by the absence of Don Smith.

Bristol Ladies also marked up a 6-2 win over Newport, Joan Collier winning all three of her matches, although extended to three games by both Mrs. V. Rowe and Mrs. McCarthy. Betty Gray, who beat Terry Spokes, and Mrs. Rowe who beat Mrs. J. Golding, provided the Newport successes.

Grove Motlow.

**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 possible date.

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
12-13	<b>WELSH OPEN</b> Drill Hall, Dumfries Place, Cardiff.	<b>J.B.S.</b> <b>J.G.S.</b>	Mrs. H. Roy Evans, 1, Llwyn-y-Grant Road, Cardiff. Tel.: Cardiff 34744.
13	<b>Lancashire Open</b> (Jan. 3) De Havilland Aircraft Co. Lostock, Bolton, Lancs.	<b>J.B.S.</b> <b>J.G.S.</b> <b>V.S.</b>	A. Howcroft, 94, Bradford Street, Farnworth, Bolton, Lancs.
Jan. 18-20	<b>IRISH OPEN</b> (Jan. 8) Duffern Hall, Bangor, Co. Down, N. Ireland.	<b>J.B.S.</b> <b>J.G.S.</b>	T. Huggins, 18, Fairview Gardens, Bangor, Co. Down.
20	<b>Bath Open</b> (Jan. 8) Drill Hall and St. Peters Hall, Lower Bristol Road, Bath.	<b>J.B.S.</b>	J. A. Butcher, 1, South View Road, Bath.
20	<b>Pontefract Open</b> (A) Assembly Rooms and Town Hall, Pontefract.	<b>Y.S.</b> <b>V.S.</b>	T. Horrocks, 4, Bondgate, Pontefract, Yorks.
Jan. 27	<b>Gloucester Junior Open</b> Gloucester.		
27	<b>Hartlepool Open</b> (A) Hartlepool Trading Centre Canteen, West Hartlepool.	<b>J.B.S.</b>	S. Parker, 12, Stirling Street, West Hartlepool.
27-28	<b>Kent Open</b> Marine Pavilion, Folkestone, Kent.	<b>Y.S.B.</b> <b>Y.S.G.</b>	F. G. Mannooch, 216, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
Jan. 28	<b>West of Scotland Open</b> Headquarters Club, 21, Taylor Street, Glasgow, C.4.	<b>J.S.</b>	Gwillian Brown, 2 up, 126, Adamwell Street, Glasgow, N.1.
Feb. 3	<b>South Yorks Open</b> (Jan. 27) Somme Barracks, West Street, Sheffield, Yorks.	<b>J.S.B.</b>	A. Head, 1, Poplar Avenue, Beighton, Nr. Sheffield, Yorks.
4	<b>Hythe Invitation</b> Hythe, Kent.		
10	<b>Midland Open</b> (Jan. 31) Friends Institute, 220, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.	<b>J.S.B.</b> <b>J.S.G.</b> <b>V.S.</b>	M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.
10-12	<b>FRENCH OPEN</b>		
17	<b>Grimsby Open</b> (Feb. 10) Augusta Street, Barracks, Grimsby.	<b>J.S.B.</b>	H. G. Vincent, 4, Orby Grove, Grimsby.
17-18	<b>South of England Open</b> (Feb. 1) Aurelia Road, Croydon, Surrey.	<b>J.S.B.</b> <b>J.S.G.</b>	S. H. Buchan, 124, Portnalls Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.
19-24	<b>ENGLISH OPEN</b>		E.T.T.A., 652, Grand Bldgs., Trafalgar Square, W.C.2.
21-25	<b>RUMANIAN OPEN</b>		
24-25	<b>GERMAN (WEST) OPEN</b> St. Ingbert, Saarbrucken.		
Mar. 3	<b>West of England Open</b> Civic Hall, Exeter, Devon.	<b>J.S.B.</b> <b>J.S.G.</b> <b>J.D.</b>	J. E. Fry, Two Trees, The Silvers, Clyst Road, Topsham, Exeter, Devon.
3	<b>Cheshire Junior Open</b> Livingstone Street Baths Birkenhead, Cheshire	<b>Under-15</b> <b>B.S.</b> <b>G.S.</b>	R. A. Bissell, 75, Southdale Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Cheshire.
10-11	<b>Bucks. Open</b> (Feb. 17) Slough Community Centre Farnham Road, Slough, Bucks.	<b>J.S.B.</b> <b>J.S.G.</b>	L. Thompson, "Auchmead," The Avenue, Sunnymeads, Wraybury, Bucks.
18	<b>Sussex Junior Open</b> (Feb. 18) Assembly Hall, Worthing, Sussex	<b>Under 15</b> <b>Under 13</b>	Mrs. E. J. Deadman, 152, South Street, Lancing, Sussex.
23-25	<b>Stevenage Open</b> English Electric Canteen, Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts.	<b>J.S.B.</b> <b>J.S.G.</b> <b>V.S.</b>	F. T. Burvill, 29, Cannix Close, Stevenage, Herts.
23-25	<b>SWITZERLAND OPEN</b>		



**YORKSHIRE OPEN**

By **MALCOLM HARTLEY**

# RHODES "LOOPED" TO CONQUER

**JACK CLAYTON** suffered his first tournament defeat of the season in the men's singles final of the Yorkshire Open at York. Jack had won the North of England and Merseyside titles and sailed through to his third successive final with his stubborn defence and vicious surprise backhands.

**But in the final Alan Rhodes "looped" to conquer. Clayton met a battery of loop drives, spin serves and orthodox hitting which proved a bit too much.**

Rhodes, playing confidently, took the initiative against Bobby Stevens from the start in their semi-final and kept on top. The other semi was a prodding affair between Clayton and Ray Hinchliff, but the Manchester man was the more penetrative with the occasional hit.

Kathleen Best, making one of her rare tournament appearances, was put out of the singles by Cynthia Blackshaw, the young Doncaster player, 15-12, 21-19, 18-21. Cynthia had earlier survived against 14-year-old Pat Dainty after trailing 17-20 in the third.

Jill Mills had good wins over Jean McCree and Joyce Fielder but in the final narrowly lost a splendid decider to Mary Shannon.

**Miss Shannon came from behind and had the courage to take the initiative and make some good hits at a critical stage to win 21-19.**

Lack of late stage aplomb perhaps cost Kevin Forshaw (aged 20) and Roy Crusham (18), the Manchester Y.M.C.A. pair, a surprise men's doubles win.

Having surprised Allcock/Hankey, Clayton/Schofield and Rhodes/Landry, they lost good leads in both games of their final against the holders, Stevens/Raybould. A big shock in this event was the first-round defeat of the No. 3 seeds, Hinchliff and Maurice Simpson, by Clive Judson and Ron Truman, a Sheffield pair.

Miss Best and Miss Shannon were easily the strongest women's double pairing and won it without loss of a game. Mary just missed a treble when she and Rhodes lost to Stevens/McCree 21-19 in the third game of the mixed final.

**RESULTS**

**Men's Singles, Semi-Finals:** J. CLAYTON (Lancs.) bt R. Hinchliff (Yorks.) 21-14, 21-11; A. RHODES (Midx.) bt R. Stevens (Essex) 21-15, 21-14.

**Final:** RHODES bt Clayton 21-18, 21-16.

**Women's Singles, Semi-Finals:** M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt C. D. Blackshaw (Yorks.) 21-16, 21-15; J. MILLS (Surrey) bt J. Fielder (Kent) 21-17, 21-10.

**Final:** SHANNON bt Mills 21-7, 11-21, 21-19.

**Men's Doubles, Semi-Finals:** R. STEVENS/R. RAYBOULD (Essex) bt M. Ellis/G. Whalley (Sussex) 21-14, 14-21, 21-18; K. FORSHAW/R. CRUSHAM (Lancs.) bt Clayton/D. Schofield (Cheshire) 21-18, 21-18.

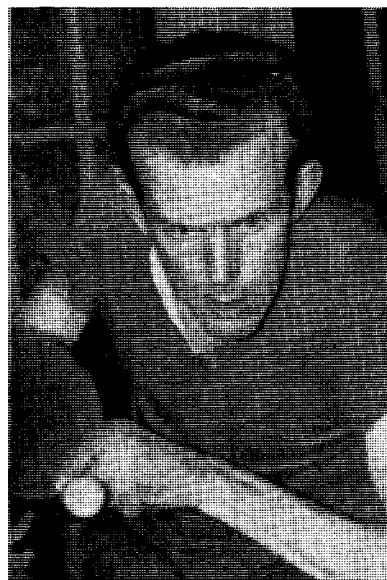
**Final:** STEVENS/RAYBOULD bt Forshaw/Crusham 21-19, 21-18.

**Women's Doubles, Semi-Finals:** C. K. BEST (Yorks.)/SHANNON bt K. Sykes/D. Coldbeck (Yorks.) 21-11 21-17. D. WRIGHT/D. SCHOFIELD (Cheshire) bt L. Hamilton (Yorks.)/P. A. Clark (Northumberland) 21-17, 21-16.

**Final:** BEST/SHANNON bt Wright/Schofield 21-15, 21-15.

**Mixed Doubles, Semi-Finals:** STEVENS/Mrs. J. McCREE (Essex) bt C. Cadwallader (Warwick.)/Miss D. Fitzgerald (Lancs.) 21-22, 21-14; RHODES/Miss SHANNON bt Raybould/Mrs. Mills 26-28, 21-9, 21-10.

**Final:** STEVENS/McCREE bt Rhodes/Shannon 21-12, 17-21, 21-19.



**ALAN RHODES**

**NEWBURY OPEN**

## ROWE WINS AGAIN;

**THE** Newbury Open on December 2nd-3rd attracted a large and strong entry.

Bobby Stevens, after a stirring quarter-final battle with Alan Rhodes, went on to win his first title for some time. In the final he beat Stan Jacobson, who had played very well to reach this stage for the second year running. He appeared to be tired out in the final and could not last the pace in the third game.

Jacobson had previously beaten Alan Lindsay for the first time in an open tournament. He also beat David Creamer in the semi. Stevens won his semi against Terry Densham, who had come through the easiest quarter.

**Diane Rowe took her third women's singles title of the season when she beat Lesley Bell appearing in her third women's singles final.**

Lesley had beaten Jean McCree in the semi whereas Diane had beaten Betty Bird who showed that she is gradually finding her form again, when she beat Joyce Fielder in the previous round.

Seeded Peggy Piper went out to Gwen Robinson who found Lesley Bell too persistent.

Diane Rowe won further titles when she took the women's and mixed doubles. She partnered Jean McCree to beat Betty Bird and Joyce Fielder over the three games in the women's doubles, and with Johnny Leach she won the mixed title with a straight games win over Bobby Stevens and Jean McCree.

Shock pair was A. Ward and Pauline Holes who beat Terry Densham and Peggy Piper before going out in the semi to the winners.

Terry Densham and Eddie Hodson won their second men's doubles this season, beating Leach and David Creamer in the final. They had a thrilling semi-final

**MIDDLESEX OPEN**

# MARY'S THIRD SENIOR TITLE

**THE** Middlesex Open at Hanwell on December 16th-17th had an extremely good entry, not only in numbers but also in quality. Ten of the 15 ranked men and five of the seven ranked women took part.

Mary Shannon showed how much she deserved her recently awarded international badge by winning her third women's singles title of the season, while Margaret Fry showed she is still to be reckoned with by reaching the semi-finals before losing to Shannon.

Miss Fry beat Diane Wright, while Miss Shannon proved too strong for Peggy Piper (21-8, 25-23). Judy Williams came through the other half beating Joyce Fielder, and in the semi-final, Elsie Carrington, who had previously beaten top seed Jean McCree.

Miss Williams took Miss Shannon the full distance in the final, winning lots of points by coming in with a hit.

Ian Harrison won the men's singles after a really tough battle in the final with Josef Somogyi. Josef was picking out his hits on the backhand wonderfully to win most of his points. Earlier he had disposed of Alan Rhodes and Peter Shead.

David Creamer had revenge for his Newbury defeat when he beat Stan Jacobson 11 and 11, then lost in

straight games to Terry Densham who kept his good form to beat Brian Wright, eventually losing to Harrison in the semi after an attack of cramp.

Harrison was given a good game by Brian Brumwell, who had accounted for George Muranyi, Derek Wall and Laurie Landry in quick succession.

Kevin Edwards, from Gloucestershire, caused a surprise when he beat seeded Tony Piddock in three games after having beaten Harry Venner in similar fashion. Junior winner Chester Barnes eventually beat Edwards, then found Tony Miller too steady. This left Rhodes to dispose of Miller and reach the semi.

Somogyi beat Ray Dorking, who is just finding his form again, and Forshaw, who earlier beat Alan Lindsay.

**Harrison and Wright, playing together for only the second time, were in brilliant form to win the men's doubles, dropping only one game to Condon and Shead. It was a rather one-sided final, with Densham and Hodson, already winners of two doubles titles, unable to reproduce the form which had previously disposed of the defending title holders Raybould and Stevens.**

The surprise of the women's doubles was the defeat of Mary Shannon and Pam Mortimer by Jackie Canham and Mrs. D. Baines of Herts, who then fell to Miss Fry and Audrey Bates in the semi.

Betty Bird and Joyce Fielder, who had earlier beaten the English closed champions Elsie Carrington and Jean McCree, then beat Fry and Bates in the final.

Stevens and Mrs. McCree teamed up to win the mixed doubles, beating George Livesey and Diane Wright in the final, after this pair had accounted for the English closed champions Michael Maclaren and Peggy Piper.

Lesley Bell and Chester Barnes continued their winning sequence in the junior events. Miss Bell this time beat Christine Holes in straight games having beaten the other Holes twin Pauline in the semi. Pauline showed good form to beat Beverley Sayer and Lesley Proudlock.

Barnes avenged his county match defeat by Brian Sykes in the boys' final.

**MIDDLESEX OPEN RESULTS**

**Men's Singles, Semi-Finals:** I. HARRISON (Gloucestershire) bt T. Densham (Herts) 21-13, 21-10; J. SOMOGYI (Surrey) bt A. Rhodes (Middlesex) 16-21, 21-16, 21-16.

**Final:** HARRISON bt Somogyi 14-21, 21-18, 21-19.

**Women's Singles, Semi-Finals:** M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt M. Fry (Middlesex) 21-15, 21-19; J. WILLIAMS (Herts) bt E. Carrington (Essex) 21-17, 21-16.

**Final:** SHANNON bt Williams 13-21, 21-12, 21-16.

**Men's Doubles, Semi-Finals:** B. WRIGHT (Middlesex)/HARRISON bt A. Condon (Essex)/P. Shead (Sussex) 15-21, 21-17, 22-20. E. HODSON (Middlesex)/DENSHAM bt B. Brumwell (Essex)/D. Schofield (Cheshire) 21-13, 21-19.

**Final:** HARRISON/WRIGHT bt Hodson/Densham 21-9, 21-14.

**Women's Doubles, Semi-Finals:** B. BIRD (Surrey)/J. FIELDER (Kent) bt C. and P. Holes (Hants) 21-12, 21-9. FRY/A. BATES (Wales) bt D. Baines/J. Canham (Herts) 21-13, 19-21, 21-11.

**Final:** BIRD/FIELDER bt Fry/Bates 21-19, 12-21, 21-17.

**Mixed Doubles, Semi-Finals:** R. STEVENS/Mrs. J. McCREE (Essex) bt Wright/Shannon 21-18, 21-12. G. LIVSEY (Lancashire)/Miss D. WRIGHT (Cheshire) bt Brumwell/Mrs. Carrington 21-11, 21-14.

**Final:** STEVENS/McCREE bt Livesey/Wright 14-21, 22-20, 21-18.

**Boys' Singles, Semi-Finals:** C. BARNES (Essex) bt S. Ogundipe (Sussex) 23-21, 21-19. B. SYKES (Herts) bt D. Neale (Durham) 21-18, 12-21, 21-16.

**Final:** BARNES bt Sykes 22-20, 21-12.

**Girls' Singles, Semi-Finals:** L. BELL (Essex) bt P. Holes (Hants) 21-14, 21-18. C. HOLES (Hants) bt J. Canham (Herts) 21-14, 12-21, 21-16.

**Final:** BELL bt C. Holes 21-9, 21-14.



LAURIE LANDRY

**A**T the ripe old age of 23, Laurie Landry already has eleven years of table tennis behind him, having started playing in true fairy story style on a friend's dining room table at the age of 12. Into the intervening years he has packed an outstanding amount of success, culminating in his current No. 6 England ranking. His great regret is that even higher honour has been temporarily withheld from him while he recovers from the serious injuries received as the result of the road accident in May, which nearly cost him his life while saving that of a young relative. It is typical of Laurie's spirit and tenacity, however, that by October he was back on the tournament circuit, limping slightly from a broken leg, but recovered fully from a fractured skull and pelvis.

The amount of energy he puts into

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playing the game is matched by the amount he uses in administering it at all levels. Chairman of his club Tennyson in the Willesden League, he is also League Magazine Secretary beside being Middlesex County Publicity and Youth Liaison Officer and a nationally elected member of the N.E.C. He is a member of the National Junior Selection Committee and at present is in Germany as non-playing captain of the English junior team playing in the International Youth Meeting at Malente. He is keenly interested in encouraging young players (who would do well to emulate him) and will no doubt have much to contribute on this aspect to the deliberations of the Development Commission of which he is a member.

Surprisingly, Laurie still finds time to do a day's work (he is a Market Research worker), to enjoy an occasional game of tennis and to read a little—that is when he is not writing articles for this magazine. A tireless player and worker alike, Laurie is a rarity among players—he puts back into the game more than he takes from it. In particular we look forward to his complete return to form during the next few weeks and with it an increase in his already impressive tally of five international (one while still a junior) and 52 county appearances.



EDGAR REAY

**B**ORN in Sunderland, where he still lives, Edgar Reay is N.E.C. member for the Northern Region covering Durham and Northumberland, an area which he has represented for many years. He is one of the select trio on the present N.E.C. who have appeared for both country and county in representative table tennis although, unlike the others, he favours a penholder style of play. Little wonder that he deplores pushing play which he rates as his strong dislike in present day table tennis, nearly as severe as his distaste for the untidy player.

Edgar is a Welfare and Personnel Officer in a large industrial firm and, as befits his occupation, he has an easy and friendly manner and a lively sense of humour. Perhaps it follows that his particular interest, like that of this month's other pen picture subject, is in the encouragement of junior players, and his work and enthusiasm as Chairman of the National Junior Selection Committee has contributed much to this aspect of the game. Nor does the similarity end there.

Edgar also administers the game at all levels, being Honorary Secretary of the Sunderland and District League and Joint Hon. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of Durham County Association.

Mrs. Reay takes an active part in county and league administration, being Joint Honorary Secretary of Durham County Association with her husband, County Match Secretary and also Durham Senior League Match Secretary. She also shares her husband's interest in the welfare and encouragement of junior players of all standards.

*Pictures by Michael Maclaren*

## KENT ON THE UPGRADE

**T**HE halfway stage in the season sees Kent on the upgrade in the Premier division of the County Championships, having played their toughest matches first. Competition for the top places in the Kent ranking lists is going to be fierce now with the great reserve strength that Kent have for each team. Already the top two players in the Premier team have suffered League defeats at the hands of Ken Jarvis and Reg Tutt, county number three and six respectively. Buist has also been beaten by George Elliott (Kent number four).

Joan Beadle, Kent number two lady, fully justified her ranking when Gravesend played N.W.K. Ladies, beating Joyce Fielder, Susan Thomas and Betty Landimore in her first match for Gravesend. Julie Pilfold has also returned to form and is playing extremely well in

the Kent League now. For the Youngsters Graham French (Woolwich) reigns supreme, being unbeaten in the Kent Junior team this season and also in the Kent League.

Kay Stokes is also playing very well for the girls and has an unbeaten record in county singles this season, while Diane Spice who recently played her first game for the Junior team looks to have a great future.

With the season at the halfway mark, Kent table tennis seems to be in a very healthy condition and this is in no small way due to the willing band of helpers and supporters throughout the county. The County committee is one of the keenest ever and the players are giving their best. What more to say except a very Happy New Year to all.

**Mike Grady.**

# OFFICIAL NEWS

**T**HE National Executive Committee met in the Council Room, Royal Commonwealth Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2, on Saturday the 9th December, 1961, with Mr. I. C. Eyles in the chair. The meeting lasted six hours and some of the items discussed were:—

**Light Coloured and Reflecting Rackets.** It was agreed to note again for members' information, the directive received from the International Table Tennis Federation, regarding Law 4. This document read as follows:

*"It is noted that many rackets in use at the 26th World Championships and currently elsewhere, contravene Law 4 regarding the racket—*

*'Its surface shall be dark coloured and non-reflecting.'*

*Rackets of yellow and other light colourings are in common use in many competitions, and the plain outer surface of 'reverse' (pimples inward) sandwich is often brightly reflecting.*

*"THIS MUST STOP. The Equipment and Rules Committee are jointly charged with submitting to the Advisory Committee in 1962 a Regulation, with definitions, that shall more clearly define the existing prohibition of light colourings and reflecting surfaces, for provisional adoption thereafter and confirmation at the General Meeting in 1963.*

*"In the meantime, all Associations are requested to take necessary practical steps to stop the use and, so far as possible, the manufacture of yellow and light coloured rackets, permitting only dark red, dark green, dark brown, dark blue and black, as well as the use and manufacture of rackets with reflecting surfaces. Consultations with manufacturers and importers with this object are recommended. Further rackets are to be the same colour on both sides.*

*"It has been noted that several Associations are still permitting, and some have even adopted as team uniform and allowed to be brought to these Championships, light coloured clothing in contravention of Regulation vii No. 2. Associations are once again reminded that white or light coloured clothing such as pale grey, pale blue, bright yellow or clothing with wide patches of this kind, is not permitted at World Championships, where only dark colours may be worn.*

*"A reminder on this point and respecting the colour of the racket, will be included in the entry form for the World Championships in 1963, and an inspection of dress and of rackets, to ensure compliance with Law 4 and Regulation vii No. 2 may be carried out before play at that Championships."*

In view of the foregoing, all Tournament Referees are asked to enforce RIGIDLY Law 4 in its entirety during the rest of this season.

**Annual General Meeting 1962.** It was agreed that the 1962 Annual General Meeting of the Association should be held on Saturday the 30th June, 1962, in the Derby Room, Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, London, W.C.2, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

**Sunday Observance.** A letter has been received from the Home Office regarding this matter. It was agreed that Messrs. Vint, James and Reeve should prepare a document on the subject for submission to the Home Office prior to 31st January, 1962.

**Basic Coaching Diploma.** The recommendation of the National Coaching Committee that MR. ROGER MORRIS (Warwicks.) No. 731 should be awarded the Basic Coaching Diploma was agreed.

**Registered Members.** The following further members have been approved as Registered Members for the 1961/62 season:—

L. G. Adams (Middx.), C. Booth (Lancs.), F. B. Brumwell (Essex), G. P. H. Butcher (Herts.), Miss C. K. Best (Yorks.), D. F. Burton (Essex), J. H. Carrington (Essex), Mrs. E. Carrington (Essex), B. Casofsky (Lancs.), L. Cooper (Kent), J. Corser (Herts.), R. E. Etheridge (Kent), L. W. Jones (Lancs.), B. A. Kalinka (Kent), Mrs. K. C. Le Milliere (Devon), D. R. Mackinven (Essex), K. Park (Yorks.), D. F. L. Rowe (Glos.), A. Thompson (Yorks.), G. H. Willcocks (Devon).

**Official Handbook.** The 1961/62 Handbook is now being received from the printers and copies are being distributed from the Office of the Association to all Leagues and members. Extra copies can be obtained from 652, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2, at 2s. 6d. each post free.

**Training Session.** The meeting noted that a further training session for certain of the Association's players would be held on the 21st January, 1962, at Messrs. Ultra Electric Ltd., Western Avenue, London, W.3. The selection of the

players to be invited will be made by the National Selection Committee (Senior) when they next meet on the 5th January, 1962.

**ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.** Also, as announced in the December Magazine Editorial, these Championships will be staged in the Corn Exchange, Brighton (in conjunction with the Brighton Corporation) between the 21st and 24th February, 1962. Final details are now being agreed with the Brighton Corporation regarding ticket prices, etc., and all details will be inserted in the FEBRUARY issue of the Magazine. Invitations have been sent to the Czechoslovakian, Hungarian and Swedish Associations to send their leading players to the Championships and news is now awaited as to their acceptances. It is hoped that many of our members will attend the Championships so ensuring that the Championships will be a success in each and every way.

## Team Selections

**Junior International Match v Wales.** Abergavenny, November 24th, 1961.

D. H. STANLEY (Yorks.), D. NEALE (Durham), M. SYMONDS (Lancs.), Miss C. HOLES (Hants.), Miss B. SAYER (Essex). Non-playing captain, Mr. E. REAY (Durham).

**Scandinavian Open Championships,** Stockholm, November 25th-28th, 1961.

I. HARRISON (Glos.), J. INGBER (Lancs.), B. WRIGHT (Middx.), Miss D. ROWE (Middx.), Non-playing captain, Mr. R. J. CRAYDEN (Surrey)

**International Match v Denmark.** Copenhagen, November 29th, 1961.

I. HARRISON (Glos.), J. INGBER (Lancs.), B. WRIGHT (Middx.). Non-playing captain, Mr. R. J. CRAYDEN. (Surrey).

**Quadrangular Home International Matches.** Glasgow December 1st/2nd, 1961.

I. HARRISON (Glos.), J. INGBER (Lancs.), B. WRIGHT (Middx.), Miss C. K. BEST (Yorks.), Miss M. SHANNON (Surrey). Non-playing captain, Mr. L. G. ADAMS (Middx.).

**International Match v Germany D.T.T.B.** Berlin. December 12th, 1961.

I. HARRISON (Glos.), J. INGBER (Lancs.), B. WRIGHT (Middx.), Playing captain, J. INGBER (Lancs.).

**Junior International Championships.** Malente (Germany) January 2nd-8th, 1962.

D. H. STANLEY (Yorks.), D. NEALE (Durham), B. HILL (Lincs.), M. SYMONDS (Lancs.), Miss L. BELL (Essex), Miss C. HOLES (Hants.), Miss B. SAYER (Essex). Non-playing captain, Mr. L. F. LANDRY (Middx.). Chaperon, Miss M. FRY (Middx.).

## IN A LIGHTER VEIN

# Table Tennis Glossary

By Conrad Jaschke

**M**ANY books on table tennis have been written. Books telling us how to play, how to coach, how to win, and how to lose. As they often use technical jargon, the following glossary of table tennis terms may be useful to the uninitiated.

**A good loser** is a chap who does not beat you in a match, and refrains from beating you over the head with his bat afterwards.

**A bad loser** is the chap who after you have beaten him for the first time in 77 attempts, considers this result to be untrue to form.

**A lucky winner** wins after you have saved a dozen match points by nets and edges . . . he was certainly lucky you did not get three edges in a row when you were 19-20 down.

**A great sportsman** does not mind losing, does not brag when he wins, and teaches others how to beat him for a place in the team. Clubs who do not possess such a paragon of virtue are advised to advertise in the classified section of TABLE TENNIS. (Success guaranteed, or money refunded.)

**A pusher** is a much misunderstood individual, who loves the game so much he wants it to go on and on forever. He could win by hitting, but this would defeat his main object, which is to stay on the table indefinitely.

**A chiseller** is first cousin to the pusher, who every now and then forgets his main purpose and makes an awkward return, which he afterwards regrets deeply if his opponent fails to get it back.

**A pen holder** can do anything a Chinese can do, only not quite.

**A killer** is the exact opposite of a pusher. He hates the game and wants to get it over quickly by confining all rallies to a maximum of two strokes. Usually favours a lawn tennis service.

**A stylist** will have an accurate chop on both wings, a Barna-type backhand flick, a powerful forehand drive, and a drop shot which leaves you standing. His six different services each incorporate a "kick," or side-spin, or both. He has excellent foot work, faultless stroke production, and invariably loses.

**The moaner** has terrible luck, and on the rare occasions when the organisers do not rig the Draw against him, he is sure to come up against

a lucky winner (for definition see above). He hates all tournaments, and never misses one.

**The psychologist** is found mainly amongst the top strata. He studies the Draw in minute detail and then retires to a dark corner to meditate on tactics; generally in a recumbent position, swathed in a towel. Depending on the temperament of his opponent, he will either be at the table immediately his name is called and, within seconds, initiate frantic microphone appeals for his opponent, or he will appear 10 minutes late, apparently unaware of the fact that his opponent has meanwhile been reduced to a nervous wreck.

At appropriate stages in the match he will stop to take tablets and medicines from bottles, ask for a change of ball, or in extreme cases a change of umpire (for definition see below). At 20-all he will try to distract his opponent by wiping spectacles (psychologists with normal vision have special "window glass" spectacles for this purpose). If all fails, the psychologist retires beaten, to meditate on new methods, such as hypnotism, dope, or as a last resort, assassination.

**An umpire** is an overpaid official who does not know the rules, cannot count, and is short-sighted. It is an everlasting mystery how County Umpires manage to pass the very exacting tests and examinations to obtain their official badge. There are a few umpires who *can* count up to

21. They are called National Umpires.

**Selector** is a common swear word. To qualify as a selector one has to be mad, otherwise one would hardly accept the job. Selectors hate good players, and therefore select only bad ones.

**The team captain** is the lowest form of selector. Having helped pick the worst possible team, he then tells them all the wrong things to do, thus ensuring defeat. Should be sacked annually.

Finally I would like to introduce the reader to a few types lumped together under the collective obscenity of "administrator."

**The chairman** has a nerve racking job. He suspects that everyone is after his post, and spends much time and effort creating ill feeling amongst committee members, to ensure they fight each other instead of getting together to find a new chairman. All this activity leaves the chairman too tired for other work, and he thus becomes indispensable.

**The treasurer** is brilliant, thrifty, far seeing, and completely honest until found out.

I have by no means exhausted the subject matter, but at this stage the Editor fears for my life. On his fatherly advice, I state that this article is not to be taken too seriously.

**Quiz corner:** Under how many of the above definitions do you recognise yourself? If you belong in 10 or more of the categories, you will be too busy planning for the new season to have read this article. If you recognise yourself 5 times, you are about normal. If you cannot see yourself in any of the above headings (except possibly under "a great sportsman"?) you are sure to go to heaven. You may even be nominated for the N.E.C.

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