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A twin with twins. Diane Rowe, the new English Open champion, with Henry Cooper, the British Heavyweight Champion, and his twin brother Jim at the Variety Club Sports Celebrities Luncheon.

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Europe Loops to Conquer

THE style of play used by the Czechoslovakian and Hungarian players in the English Open confirmed the earlier reports, from officials and players alike, that a new brand of table tennis is emerging in Europe. Gone is what might be described as the conventional or classical style of play—the very English style of top spin countered by chop, with the occasional counter hit. Here now is the Continental game—the counter perhaps to the Asian—based on the exaggerated looped forehand drive.

The structure of the rally has altered completely. It is now short; the sequence is serve, return, loop, return, kill. This is the sudden death style.

To all intents and purposes tactical play has vanished. Gone is the tactical rally building up to the eventual kill.

Whereas the service was used to little better purpose than to put the ball in play it is now used to gain a definite advantage over one's opponent, to make him put back the type of ball on which the loop can easily be used. As a result we see players such as Zoltan Berczik recovering from 16-19 to win 21-19 against players like Vladimir Miko. This really happened, and in the deciding game!

The sceptics shake their heads and say that such a change would herald the end of the game as a spectacle. They base their hopes on the possibility that the loop may be a passing phase only and that the classical game, with the attractive flowing strokes will triumph eventually.

The new school view the matter differently. To start with, what spectacle remains in the game today? Defensive play has destroyed it: witness the ever-falling attendance at the main events. But even if the loop is to be a phase we must go through it if we are to have any successes at all in international play within the next few years.

We have sufficient evidence already to show that our players are not equipped to counter the Continental game.

To digress for a moment, what of the Asian game? The Chinese swept the board in convincing style at the last World Championships and, ironically, set the defeated Europeans thinking of ways of having revenge in the future. A clash between the two now would provide immense interest.

It has been suggested that China, who may soon send a team to tour countries of the newly-formed African Federation, would like that team to visit England. How welcome they would be, and what a boost if the E.T.T.A. could land the catch of the year by promoting Europe versus Asia.

Returning to the immediate consideration, however, we have to learn to live with the new game. The question is, do we intend to live by it? At all events a mile post has been reached. Here is an immediate problem for our administrators: one which will demand a lot of attention from the N.E.C.'s Coaching Committee and from Director of Coaching, Jack Carrington in particular. Is it to be accepted that the loop is here to stay? Will it alter and dictate the style of play for the next few years? Do we wish English Table Tennis to return to the forefront of international competition?

If the answer to these questions is in the affirmative then drastic reorganisation will be required. Radical changes will have to be made in the basic ideas underlying the present methods of training coaches and of coaching players. New methods and techniques will have to be thought out and introduced. It could be that we need to find another counter stroke to the loop — has any thought been given to using the most effective but most neglected stroke the chopped smash?

At all events there must be no vacillation. The day for decision has arrived. The country needs a lead: above all our best players need a lead if they are to have any success whatsoever at the 1963 World Championships let alone maintain England's present ranking.

*Thoughts on Table Tennis in England***A NEED FOR TRAINING CENTRES**

by JOSEF SOMOGYI

SOME time ago, a good friend of mine, Laurie Landry, asked me to write my opinions of English table tennis. Now that I have been in this country some time, I will try to do this.

Starting with the latest craze—the loop drive. It is really an excellent stroke against heavy choppers. It is possible, however, to get used to it with practice. In fact, if you are a skilful player, you can put the looper in a difficult position after returning his topspin. So practice is the answer not to try and ban the sandwich bat with inverted rubber which, it is common knowledge, produces a really good loop.

Just a tip to players who like to play with inverted rubber sandwich bats. If you have a new one which reflects get a piece of fine glass paper and rub the shiny surface with it. The shine will disappear. It is amazing—nobody used to care about shining.

As many experienced players have said before, you need practice to be able to play good table tennis. You can learn to move your feet and you can learn tactics. In fact you can learn everything except ball control which can only become good with lots of practice. You might agree but you wonder where you can find a place for 1½-2 hours in the evening.

Not Enough Clubs

If you are working during the day, it is nearly impossible to find a place to play in the evenings. There are not enough clubs like Putney International and one in the North run by that really true representative of table tennis, Mr. Ken Stanley. Other clubs of the same type have had to close down because of financial difficulties.

Unfortunately table tennis is not rated very high in this country, being played mainly by working people, and is not a game over which you can discuss business.

Table tennis players are a happy community and we hope that sooner or later our Association will get some financial assistance from the Government and that we will then be able to have more open clubs.

Basically, to bring up the standard of play in this country, the Association should set up at least two table tennis quarters, one in London and one in Manchester, for the time being. Perhaps with the agreement of Harry

JOSEF SOMOGYI, who represented Hungary several times as an international, came to England in December, 1956, as a refugee. He fled from Hungary at the time of the revolution. An architect by profession, he is 29, married and has two daughters. He has won several open titles over here and is now No. 5 in the British rankings.

Venner, Putney could be used. A few players could be collected together and the team to represent England could be picked from this group.

Now something about ranking lists and selection. This has always been a difficult task but it could be accomplished in a way acceptable to everybody. The Association should name major open tournaments up and down the country where the leading players on the ranking list should play. With everyone there it should be a fairly simple matter to see which players are on form. Players who are not on the ranking list would then know that they should attend these major tournaments in order to get recognition.

It would also prevent the hide-and-seek method used by some players once they have a little recognition. The distance to travel and expense must not be accepted as an excuse if someone is really determined to get into the England team, they will be prepared to fight in every way for the honours.

At the beginning of the season, there should be a real Top Ten Tournament to see how the form is and make a temporary ranking list. Another list should come out at the end of December and the final one at the end of the season from which selectors would choose for the first Top Ten Tournament of the next season. Also players should know when and how the ranking list is to be made. They have the right to know after all. It would be much appreciated if we had the view of the Selection Committee in the Table Tennis Magazine.

Why Hungarians Lead

I will tell you why the Hungarians are the leading players in Europe. The main reason is that the State gives regular financial aid to the Hungarian Association. As everything is run by the State it was not difficult

to pass a law which says that if a player represents the country or is called to a training camp, he is entitled to his wages at work. Selected players go to a training camp for 4-5 weeks to get physically fit and also to get practice. When the season starts, they practice two or three nights a week together. When there is a big event like the European or World Championships, then the actual team with some training partners, go to the camp again. They have plenty of table tennis and first-class food.

They are, therefore, real fighters and believe that they have not won the match until the last point is won (how true.)

The young junior is always determined to get to the top even if it takes a lifetime. Sometimes it does because the competition is so great.

Europeans for Crystal Palace

TABLE tennis may provide the first major sporting occasion at the new Crystal Palace Sports Centre, with the 1964 European Championships.

Discussions in this direction are now under way following the rejection by the European Union of the original late 1963 dates offered to stage the event at Wembley.

The European Union insist that the championships must be in the 1964 section of the season to avoid the World's and Europeans coming inside the same calendar year.

This same problem was faced this season, and meant a switch of the Europeans from Sweden, who wanted to stage them last November, to West Berlin where they take place next month.

The E.T.T.A. are now seeking approval of their sponsors to make the change from Wembley to Crystal Palace.

The Crystal Palace Centre, which is now under construction, is expected to have a seating capacity of around 2,000 and will have hostel accommodation on the spot, which makes it the ideal site.

Emlyn Jones, of the C.C.P.R., and well known television commentator, has been appointed director of Crystal Palace.

AMERICAN SCENE

by NORMAN KILPATRICK

KLEIN AND NEUBERGER SHOW THE WAY

THE U.S.A.'s second most important tournament, the Eastern Open, made it clear that defending champions Leah Neuberger and Erwin Klein will be the players-to-beat in the coming U.S. Open Championships.

Left-handed Klein had little trouble in taking the Eastern men's singles

crown, with his smooth backhand drives and forehand counter drives. He beat three former U.S. international stars with the loss of only a game, former World Men's Doubles champion Sol Schiff, 1959 U.S. champion Bob Gusikoff, and 1957 U.S. winner Bernard Bukiet. It was his first Eastern Open title.

Bukiet was the surprise of the tourney, as he upset U.S. International (and 9 times National champion) star Richard Miles in the quarters, and Canadian Open title holder Robert Fields in the semi-finals. Bukiet's drives and forehand loops against the stiff chop defence of Miles provided the high spot of the event, although the Klein-Bukiet finals featured plenty of fast moving action.

In the women's singles, Leah Neuberger came back from a defeat in the December Women's National Team Championships at the hands of defen-

former Hungarian star Tibor Hazi, who is still ranked eighth in the regular men's listings.

The U.S.T.T.A. has invited Brazil to send a team headed by South American champion Biriba Costa to attend the U.S. Open. No reply has been received as yet, but Americans are thinking that since Richard Bergmann, Houshang Bozozgadah of Iran, and Max Marinko of Czechoslovakia and Canada have not been able to win the U.S. men's title in recent years, even the entry of the Brazil wonder boy this year will not rob Johnny Leach of the honour of being the only non-American to win the U.S. Open since World War Two.

EASTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Men's Singles: **ERWIN KLEIN** (Chicago) bt Bernard Bukiet (New York) 21-19, 17-21, 21-14, 22-20.

Women's Singles: **LEAH NEUBERGER** (New York) bt Barbara Chaimson (Cheverly, Maryland) 21-9, 21-18, 21-14.

Esquire (over 50) Singles: **JOHN McLENNAN** (Toronto, Canada) bt Simon Ratner (Washington, D.C.) 18-21, 21-16, 21-17, 19-21, 21-9.

Junior (under 18) Singles: **PAUL HUDSON** (Washington, D.C.) bt Ronnie Hobson (Newport News, Virginia) 21-10, 21-18, 21-19.

Boys' (under 16) Singles: **MARK RADOM** (Baltimore) bt Raelf Kamel (Jersey City, New Jersey) 21-17, 14-21, 21-13, 21-12.

Senior (over 40) Singles: **CHARLES BURNS** (Detroit) bt Tibor Hazi (Chevy Chase, Maryland) 21-10, 21-14, 20-22, 21-13.

Junior Miss (under 18) Singles: **DONNA CHAIMSON** (Cheverly) bt Beverly Gutman (Union, New Jersey) 21-9, 20-22, 21-13.

Midget (under 14) Singles: **MARK RADOM** bt David Hatchett (Bayonne, New Jersey) 21-11, 21-15, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: **TIBOR HAZI/SOL SCHIFF** (New York) bt Bob Fields (Los Angeles)/Gusikoff, default.

Mixed Doubles: **BUKIET/BARBARA CHAIMSON** bt Gusikoff/Neuberger 21-17, 21-17, 16-21, 21-9.

Women's Doubles: **YVONNE KRONLAGE** (East Riverdale, Maryland)/**NEUBERGER** bt Pauline Somael (New York)/Bernice Chotras (New York) 16-21, 21-19, 17-21, 21-17, 22-20.

Junior Doubles: **RICHARD JACKSON** (Newport News, Virginia)/**HOBSON** bt Hudson/Radom 21-14, 21-14, 18-21, 19-21, 21-16.

Senior Doubles: **HAZI-JIM VERTA** (Kensington, Maryland) bt Schiff/Ratner 21-15, 21-18, 21-13.

JANOS BEATS BERZIK AGAIN

JANOS FAHAZI, who is bidding strongly to take over Zoltan Berczik's rôle as Hungary's No. 1 player, gained his second big success when he won the singles in the Budapest Championships on February 1-3.

Playing superbly, Fahazi beat Rozsas in the semi-final for the right to meet Berczik in the final. He successfully mixed top spin with classic shots to prove much too strong for the European champion, who failed to win a game and suffered his gravest defeat so far by a fellow countryman.

Another youngster to hand out a shock was 16-year-old Lipovits with a second round win over Peterfy, who was one of the favourites. Sido went down to Harscsar in the third round.

Fahazi, who last November won the Hungarian Top Ten championship, gained a second title when he partnered Rozsas to beat Berczik and Peterfy in the final of the men's doubles.

Eva Foldi, although somewhat out of form, gained a triple success when she won the women's singles, women's doubles with Mrs. Lukacs, and the mixed doubles with Peterfy.

Mrs. Foldi was taken to five sets by Mrs. Lukacs in the singles final and owes her success more to routine and tactics rather than her irresistible strokes.

She had another five games final in the women's doubles where they beat Mrs. Kereckes and Miss Hevesi, but the mixed final against Berczik and Mrs. Lukacs was a straight games affair. Berczik appeared somewhat dispirited after his singles and men's doubles setbacks.

The men's results have shown the gaining ground and success of top spin which can be considered so far, if reasonable combined with direct shots, the most effective way of playing the game. The Hungarian women players did not produce their best form.

The Budapest championships attracted an entry of 264.



ERWIN KLEIN

YVONNE LESCURÉ KRONLAGE

sive expert Barbara Chaimson, to rout her younger opponent in the finals. Pauline Somael provided Mrs. Neuberger with her hardest match, in the semi-finals, in which Neuberger's all-round game finally won out, 21-13, 19-21, 21-19.

Klein, who won the 1956 World Mixed Doubles title with Mrs. Neuberger, did not enter that event, which was won by Bukiet and Chaimson over Neuberger-Gusikoff. However, Neuberger took a second title, paired with former English player Yvonne (Lescuré) Kronlage, winning the women's doubles from Somael and Bernice Chotras.

Ronnie Hobson, 15, who defeated Russian champion Averin in team play here in 1960, took a game from Miles in the men's, but was upset in both the junior and boys' events. An all-out two wing attacker, Hobson was helpless in the semi-finals of the boys' singles against the counter drives of blonde 13-year-old Mark Radom, surely a real champion in the making.

In the junior event Hobson was stopped by the all-round play of Paul Hudson. America's most improved junior of the year.

The senior (over 40) singles was won by Charles Burns, of Michigan, over

UMPIRES' CORNER

by COLIN CLEMETT

ADVICE DURING PLAY

A RECENT letter from the Yorkshire Association raised a problem which seems to be becoming more common, that of the unauthorised giving of advice to players during a match.

While no one could, or would wish to enforce a ban on all remarks or cries of encouragement from spectators, even if these could be construed as serious or fatuous advice to the player, the I.T.T.F. Regulations for international competitions do lay down specific conditions under which a player may be individually advised during the course of a match. These conditions have been modified from time to time, and it seems that many players and, possibly, umpires are not aware of the current provisions of the regulations, so I will try to describe what they are and how they are to be applied.

The underlying principle is the well-known one that play shall be continuous, so that once a match has started a player is not permitted to interrupt or delay the resumption of play to receive advice. During any authorised suspension of play, such as the five-minute repose period or an emergency suspension due to injury, he may, of course, consult anyone he pleases about any aspect

of the match provided he is ready to resume play immediately the suspension ends.

The only other time at which he may receive advice is during the change of ends at the finish of each game, but in this case the time taken must be so brief as to cause no appreciable interruption to the continuity of the match, and the advice may be given only by the appropriate person.

Captain Only

In a team match this person must be the Team Captain, but in an individual event it may be any one person who has been nominated beforehand. Thus it is quite wrong, in a match played under the I.T.T.F. Regulations, for a player to interrupt a match between rests to discuss his tactics, or for him to seek, say his captain's advice after the first game and a team-mate's after the second.

The umpire's duty is to see that the regulations are observed fairly by both players, and, while there is an element of judgment in what constitutes an undue delay in the time of changing over between games, there is no doubt that a rule is being broken when a player retires between rests to consult his adviser.

The umpire should try to prevent such interruptions or undue delay, warning the player and his adviser, and if this warning is disregarded the Referee should immediately be informed.

It is said that the most frequent offenders in this respect are, perhaps understandably, junior players and their parents, who probably do not know that the regulations exist. But please, mums and dads, even if young Johnny is losing 18-2 for a reason that is obvious to you don't rush out to the playing arena to tell him. To interrupt the game is unfair to the other player, who is obviously in full cry, and, anyway, your boy will probably learn more by losing in his own way than by winning under your guidance.

Finally, a true story that should gladden the heart of all umpires. While visiting a league in his area recently a member of the N.U.R.C. was told with pride of the fine example being set by one of the League's veteran players. Finding that his failing eyesight no longer allowed him to follow the ball properly he was unselfishly retiring from active play and becoming an umpire!

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CHANGE OF COUNTY

ESSEX county player Ivor Jones and his wife, the former Mickey Meekin, are now living at Biggin Hill and playing for Bromley in the Kent League.

Mickey, one-time Kent Junior No. 1, has so far been unbeaten in league matches, and is expected to gain a Kent senior ranking for the first time possibly at No. 3 or 4, when the list is revised shortly.

Ivor is also showing a welcome return to form and may well qualify for the Kent County team next season.

HUNDRED PER CENT

T. BATEMAN, who has a 100 per cent record in the Second Division of the North Middlesex League, turned out as reserve for Enfield's first team against Ellenborough and robbed Dave Hope of his 100 per cent First Division record. Bateman also beat another of Ellenborough's ranked players, Alan Giles.

Editor's Postbag . . .

Swedish President Replies to Barna

IN the December issue of the TABLE TENNIS is an article by our old friend Victor Barna raising some critical points of view on the Swedish proposal re future team world championships.

As there is one erroneous matter and some controversial ones I should like to state some points in favour of our proposal.

Our principle reason for this new system is a consideration for the players, as we want them to derive maximum pleasure and real table tennis fighting from their sojourn at the championships.

We want the teams in the first stage to be divided into a fixed number of groups (irrespective of entries) the size of these groups varying with the number of entries. Consequently the second stage will include a varying number of groups with a fixed number of teams in each group. The lowest second stage groups may vary slightly due to odd teams.

This fixed number of first stage groups and consequently same number of teams in each second stage group must be determined once and for all and be a part of the rule. This number must be determined considering the suitable number of matches a team should play against its equals. Personally I consider five the best, which means five first stage groups and five teams in every second stage group. Thus any team (excepting possibly the lowest odd teams) will play in the first stage against a varying number of unequal teams (depending on entries) and in the second stage always against four of its equals. (If second stage groups of five is considered too hard on the players, the number can of course be four, e.g. four first stage groups and four teams in every second stage group).

We think this method will give a fairer result than the old one. The weaker teams will have the chance of meeting not only stronger teams (in the first stage) but also teams of their own strength. We refuse to believe that a weak team will benefit from only a series of 0-5 matches against stronger teams.

As the place of ranking will have a direct connection with the result of the matches we do not believe that a team will deliberately risk a lower ranking by fielding weak players or play without interest, even if it has

lost the chance of winning the group. So we see no reason to fear any loss of friendship between participating teams, which I am sure we all agree is a most important thing.

Certainly no organisers would schedule a match China-Japan in the first round, it would be plain silly, wouldn't it?

I could put forward many other arguments but I do not think that the readers of the magazine will find so much interest in this highly specialised problem, which will only affect very few of the players.

However, I hope to meet Victor soon and then we'll continue our verbal contest in the usual friendly spirit, because, coming down to brass tacks, we all want to give our dear table tennis only the very best.

AKE ELDH

President Swedish Table Tennis Assn.

COUNTY NOT ALWAYS IN THE WRONG

MR. LANDRY (January issue) wants to get his facts right before he goes into print. This is the second occasion when he has made unjustified comment against Gloucestershire and quite frankly we are getting rather fed up with it. Also, the fact that we were not given the opportunity to reply in the same issue is another bone of contention. However, let us deal with the latest attack.

Certainly Gloucestershire declined to stage the West of England Area trials. We have for the past three seasons run these trials in Gloucestershire and, after last season when NONE OF THE ENGLAND JUNIOR SELECTORS CONDESCENDED TO ATTEND, we were so disgusted at this apparent lack of interest in junior table tennis in the West that we felt someone

else should bear the burden of organising the West of England Area trials. Not, we think, an unreasonable gesture.

Secondly, if the Gloucestershire County Secretary had not written to the E.T.T.A. enquiring about the Junior trials, none of the Gloucestershire juniors would even have been considered. Mr. Cook's original circular did not reach us and, when we received a copy on request, we noted the "tear-off" strip at the bottom which each County was asked to return to Mr. Cook as an indication that the circular had been received. Why did Mr. Cook not take any action when he must have realised that we had not replied?

Mr. Landry says that the selectors are to be congratulated for finding room for Brady and Mordecai despite the fact that they did not play in the area trials. As far as we know there were no area trials and it is surely the County Secretary and not the Junior Selectors who should be congratulated on her tenacity. So, Mr. Landry, you might concede that Gloucestershire County are not the inefficient lot you would make us out to be!

J. P. ROWE,
Secretary.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Selectors inform me that the circular was definitely sent to Gloucestershire but does not appear to have arrived. The few names that were submitted from the West Country were included in the South Trials at Slough.

Landry emphasises that the letter was not written on behalf of the selectors, but claims there was nothing wrong with his facts, for his original letter merely commented that Gloucestershire declined to hold West of England trials and did not put any names forward until just before the final trials, which is more or less what Mrs. Rowe reiterated above.

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MR. LANDRY'S letter in the January issue of TABLE TENNIS seems to level an accusation that I am afraid to append my signature to any article submitted under the heading of Gloucestershire Tit Bits. It seems such a shame that I should deny Mr. Landry the pleasure of seeing who it is who dares to submit an article without signing it. But this I shall continue to do as I believe that the "Onlooker" sees most of the game and speaks for the many people who enjoy watching table tennis without necessarily participating physically in this somewhat strenuous pastime.

ONLOOKER

LEOPARDS OR LIONS

IF I may be permitted to reply to Mr. Head's interesting question (Leopards or Lions, January), the lion in early heraldry was always depicted in an upright, or rampant, position and there was a common belief that the lion did indeed always stand upon its hind legs.

When, however, other positions came to be adopted at a later date some heralds decreed that the lion could only be shown rampant, and that a beast of similar appearance represented as walking (passant) must therefore be a leopard. This distinction, whilst being accepted into French armory, was never officially recognised by British heralds, who continued to depict a lion in the passant position.

However, before we hurry to call the E.T.T.A. leopards "Lions" we must remember another rule accepted, I believe, by early British heralds, which stated that there cannot be more than one lion upon a shield. This brings us to an impasse, and a controversy which has never been fully resolved.

Perhaps one might suggest, that whilst all lions upon the E.T.T.A. Shield are leopards, anyone of them is a lion passant guardian!

LESLIE W. T. CORY
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A DREAM OF UTOPIA

By JOHN CORSER

THE recent tightening up on dress regulations at Open Tournaments was criticised by players at the recent Kent Open. While in many respects this measure was overdue, it was felt that a little more consistency on the part of referees is desirable and one prominent player made the point that many other more urgent improvements could be made, particularly in respect of presentation.

To forestall those people who would otherwise discuss my suggestions as "alright in theory," I am obliged to state that I have considerable experience of tournament organisation and I hope that the following ideas for a Utopian Open will prove interesting. I am confident that they are all constructive and practical.

Problem No. 1 is usually umpiring and my first constructive and practical idea is that any Open tournament, which has "loser umpires" in any form, even if only by request, should be banned. As everyone knows, the best method is to recruit a corps of non-playing umpires. Of course, this is difficult—some people say almost impossible. That is true if the requests for volunteers are sent round in circulars as so often happens.

There is only one real way to achieve this . . . start months ahead and approach people personally. This makes hard work of it but in the end the rewards are evident.

As an alternative it is no doubt possible to make it a condition of entry that every player umpires one game for every event he enters. Most players are afraid to volunteer as they are liable to be overworked, but they would not object to one per an event.

This, however, requires complicated scheduling of playing and umpiring and would finally prove even more difficult than the first method.

The next important problem concerns the playing conditions and all major Opens should give more space at the sides of tables with separate surrounds for each one. Furthermore, access to any table should be possible without interfering with any others.

It should be possible to provide a simple system of showing the scores on each table so that all spectators are immediately aware of the situation. Programmes should be available and means of identifying all players should be provided.

Most regular players will give a sigh when I mention good changing rooms, showers and adequate and constant refreshment facilities.

There ought to be as many practice tables as there are playing tables and some form of supervision to see that everyone has a chance to practice.

Tournament committees should not accept such large entries, relative

to the number of tables, as they do at present. This would enable them to time every match and provide all players with schedules.

Finals should start dead on time and if players are introduced over the microphone a script should be written beforehand, as so often "off the cuff" introductions are embarrassing.

All finals competitors should be provided with complimentary tickets for relatives and friends (one finalist in the English closed had to pay for his girl friend to see him play).

Table Tennis must be the only form of entertainment where the people who draw the crowds are not permitted tickets for their family or friends.

All doubles pairs should be required to wear uniform dress, in both colour and style (slight exceptions might be necessary for mixed doubles). This last suggestion would have to be introduced gradually. Open tournament finalists should be first to come under the regulations followed later by the rank and file . . . and colour uniformity should precede style.

Many of these ideas are already current practice at the English Open but need this be the only tournament? Of course, expenses would increase but I think players would regard the slight increase (relative to the total cost of travelling to and playing in an open tournament) as money well spent.

It may be, however, that our long

standing officials will not welcome any new ideas for they have felt obliged to decline offers of help at the English Open.

THE TWELFTH DO WELL

THE Twelfth Hastings Club, which caters only for junior players and is one of the oldest clubs in the county, were represented by either past or present members in all eight finals in the Sussex Junior Closed championships at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings, on January 21. The players concerned were C. Monson, who now lives at Polegate and plays in both the Hastings and Eastbourne Leagues, G. Padgham, J. Beasley, J. Helliwell, and Miss E. Wyles.

Miss Wyles was the most successful of this quintet, capturing a triple crown in the girls' under 15 and under 17 singles and the mixed doubles with Beasley.

Beasley also won the boys' under 17 singles, but was beaten in the under 15 final by M. Green (Crawley).

It was the first time the junior titles have been held separately from the senior events and they attracted an entry of 83 from all over the county.

RESULTS

Mixed (under-13) singles: D. FUNNELL (Hastings) bt G. Padgham (Hastings) 21-19, 21-18. **Boys (under-15) singles: M. GREEN** (Crawley) bt J. Beasley (Eastbourne) 21-14, 21-11. **Boys (under-17) singles: BEASLEY** bt A. Wells (Hastings) 15-21, 21-17, 21-12.

Girls (under-15) singles: E. WYLES (Hastings) bt S. Baynard (Brighton) 21-12, 21-9. **Girls (under-17) singles: WYLES** bt S. Franklyn (Hastings) 21-15, 21-18.

Boys (under-17) doubles: C. MONSON/D. MITCHELL (Hastings) bt K. Horton/M. Green (Crawley) 22-20, 21-19. **Girls (under-17) doubles: S. FRANKLYN/J. STEPHENS** (Hastings) bt E. Wyles/D. Jarrett (Hastings) 21-23, 21-19, 21-15. **Mixed (under-17) doubles: BEASLEY/Miss WYLES** bt J. Helliwell/Miss Franklyn 22-20, 21-16.

DOLINER FOR SWITZERLAND

ZARKO DOLINER, of Yugoslavia, English Open winner of 1955, has won a scholarship to Berne, Switzerland. A veterinary surgeon, he is a lecturer at Zagreb University.

Looks Like Wembley's Title

BY the time this piece is read, the Middlesex Closed will have been completed. There is much interest this year as we have a new venue—Smiths Clocks Canteen near Staples Corner. Alan Rhodes was the favourite at the time of writing.

The County first team are awaiting the last two matches against Surrey and Warwickshire, on which the title depends. The Juniors likewise will find that all will depend on the final match against Essex. The Bernard Crouch team carry all before them and have notched further victories over Essex (7-2) and Surrey (5-4).

The Middlesex Schools' Competition has now reached the Zone semi-final stage which means, with four Zones,

that there are 16 Schools left in the competition.

The Inter-Borough Youth Tournament has now commenced with 14 entries, one down on last year.

With Wembley now having beaten both Acton and Willesden, the holders, 5-4, it looks like the title for them for the first time. Willesden, however, got some measure of revenge when they beat Wembley in the Zone final of the Wilmott Cup. They now meet Civil Service in the National quarter-finals.

Congratulations to Stan Johnson on reaching the final of the English Closed and to Brian Wright on attaining a place in the National Ranking for the first time.

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS Conducted by LAURIE LANDRY

YOUR CO-OPERATION NEEDED

ONE or two general points about this column, which became three years old in January, and then had a well earned rest in February. In the early days quite a few letters were received from both players and officials though mainly from the latter. Also I was approached any number of times at tournaments and I was able to pass on, through these notes, the main complaints and praises at a given time. At present no letters are received and very few people tell me of their worries and commendations.

The important job in connection with this column is the Tournament Ratings. I would ask everyone to co-operate where possible and help me to get these out for this season even if it's my last job. At this point I would like to ask if there is anyone who would be prepared to take this column over. I have found it increasingly difficult, particularly this season when I have been trying to get into some sort of playing condition. There is a supposed interest in these notes so if there is anyone who would like to conduct them let's hear, otherwise they may not be here next year.

Outside Disturbances

I was away in Germany during the English Closed but I did hear of complaints from both sides. Firstly some players evidently turned out in light coloured playing kit. Though it is debatable as to whether or not light colours do obstruct vision when play is in progress, there is a rule covering this point and keeping to it can save a lot of embarrassment on both sides. From many players was the complaint of lack of control of outside disturbances such as noise from the crowd in the later stages of the tournament. Despite appeals from certain players, nothing

was really done about it.

The Welsh Open was a great success, the only comment coming from the Welsh themselves as once again the entry of individuals from the home country was pathetic. After all this should be the big opportunity for a lot of players to meet new, different and better opposition. This does not go for all of them as there is quite a nucleus of Welsh players who do travel round to the English tournaments.

The Kent Open was once more an undoubted success. It is obvious that the dance that is always held, like at Hastings for the Sussex, on the Saturday night is the main cause of this popularity. The popularity was not confined to the playing area as at the final a very good crowd turned out to watch. Perhaps the television programme the previous night helped towards this end.

It was most unfortunate that Birmingham seemed to have scared all the ranked men away from the Midland Open. There have been many troubles in the past but this year the Midland Open had no worries at all (for the second year running). There was a reasonable entry in the women's events, however, but the lack of the top men gave some players a chance to win their first titles.

PAUL RACEY REPEATS TRIPLE SUCCESS

FOR the second time Paul Racey (Riverside, Bedford) has swept the board in the Bedfordshire Championships. Two years ago he won the triple senior crown, plus the junior singles and now he has taken the senior titles again.

His singles final against Colin Crowe (Luton) was one of the finest, and easily the closest, the championships have known, for three legs went to 22-20, with one leg to Crowe at 21-17.

Racey teamed up with Crowe to win the men's doubles, then partnered his sister to win the mixed.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: P. RACEY (Bedford) bt R. Darlington (Luton) 22-20, 21-13; C. CROWE (Luton) bt F. Morris (Luton) 21-10, 21-11.

Final: RACEY bt Crowe 22-20, 22-20, 17-21, 22-20.

Women's Singles: Mrs. J. WHITING (Bedford) bt R. Seymour (Luton) 16-21, 21-19, 21-15.

Men's Doubles: RACEY/CROWE bt I. Barnett and A. Clarke (Dunstable) 21-19, 21-18. **Women's Doubles:** R. SEYMOUR (Luton)/A. JAMES (Bedford) bt J. Racey/Mrs. J. Whiting (Bedford) 21-17, 21-19. **Mixed Doubles:** RACEY/Miss J. RACEY bt Crowe/Mrs. Whiting (Bedford) 23-21, 21-15.

Boys' Singles: B. COPPERWHEAT (Bedford) bt A. Fox (Luton) 21-15, 21-19. **Girls' Singles:** A. JAMES (Bedford) bt P. Jinks (Leighton Buzzard) 21-8, 21-7.

Victor Barna Award Fund

ALL the present Junior Ranking List were invited to play in the English Open Junior events with half of their expenses paid for. This was possible because of the existence of the Victor Barna Award Fund.

This Fund was created when Victor retired from singles play in 1950. (He retired completely in 1954 after he had reached yet another World's Men's Doubles Final, this time with Michel Haguenaer.) A collection was organised for Victor and he was presented with a television set and with the remainder of the money the Victor Barna Award was started. This Award to be given to the player who had done most for English Table Tennis in each season. The rest of the money was reserved for Juniors, to be put in a deposit account and with the interest accruing, help certain Juniors to enter the English Open or help Juniors in other ways.

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AROUND EAST ANGLIA

Film Lessons from Peking

NORFOLK thanks Jack Carrington for his masterly coaching at Great Yarmouth and Norwich. At Norwich, we studied photographs from a lavishly-produced record of the World Championships at Peking. All players used the wide stance, with knees bent, ready to spring in any direction or chase forward to the short ball. The free arm and hand were used to measure the table, to gauge the flight of the ball, and to balance, retard or swing the body. So bend those knees, move those feet, use that arm! And with the loop drive and horizontal chop, you are progressing!

Norwich had over 100 players in their first Sunday Championships, at the Central Youth Hall, Duke Street, on February 11th. Seven tables and splendid organisation enabled leave to be granted to churchgoers. An all-day canteen was run by Mrs. L. Holdom, Mrs. D. Dunn, Mrs. E. and Miss Jane Fairhead. At the magazine stand score board, R. Howes (CEYMS) bought the 600th copy of TABLE TENNIS. Chairman Gerry Rix said: Make it 1,000 by May! The best event of the evening was the Men's Singles final in which A. Hipperston beat R. Culyer at 17 in the third.

bans bt D. Stone. DIVISION III: R. Canwell bt B. Wooden.

The semi-final draw for the team knock-out handicap is: Freethorpe A v National Assistance Board; Power Station v Halverton A or Post Office B. Caister A lead the Premier Division. Mathes A lead Division I, with Power Station and Working Men's Club sharing the lead in Division II and Assistance Board at the top of Division III.

George Smith (Shrublands) failed to win a league game for the first time this season against Caister A, but he beat Hans Fleck to record Yarmouth's only win against Ipswich in the **East Anglian League**. Norwich B won the East Anglian Division II championship when they beat Yarmouth 6-4, but Ipswich who beat Norwich 8-2, appear likely to retain the First Division lead.

Girls are urgently needed for Norfolk's Championship team next season, and Mrs. Joan Rodwell is helping in this direction with coaching on girls up to 15, at Beaulah House, St. Nicholas Road, Yarmouth, on Tuesdays from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. More help of this sort is needed especially from schools.

Dereham are the only Norfolk league to hold an annual dinner and this season they heard county chairman Gerry Rix express the hope that their county wide knock-out tournament will be revived. Jentique A look likely to stay at the top of the league table. At **Wymondham**, the President's Cup has reached the semi-final stage. **Stalham Veterans' Tournament** will be held on Wednesday evening at North Walsham.

In their last county championship match of the season Norfolk were scuttled 6-4 by Hertford, who were trailing until Bebb levelled at 4-all. The Norfolk Wherry, with the wooden spoon at her truck, awaits salvage next year!

After the match county colours were awarded to Paul Walsh and Marion Harrison.

J. S. Penny.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

A RARE FEAT

JOHN CORNWELL, John Thurston and Keith Chapman accomplished what is indeed a rare feat for Cambridgeshire when they won all their singles and their doubles in the 7-3 win over Buckinghamshire. Cambridgeshire have now won two of their three matches in the county championship, both successes being away from home.

There will be a new name of the Cambridgeshire Handicap Knock-Out Trophy this season; last year's winners, Wilburton, have been eliminated before the quarter-final stage along with all first and second division clubs.

The Cambridgeshire United Hospitals Cup is also in progress.

As the Cambridgeshire League programme draws towards its close Y.M.C.A. look like succeeding New Chesterton Institute as champions of Division I. New Chesterton despite the presence of Thurston and Reg Dean, do not appear so formidable as they were.

Telephones are almost certain of relegation and the New Chesterton Second team look likely to accompany them to the Second Division, which is now headed by Wesley, who were demoted last season. Jack Baughan, Barry Nichols and Peter Tyrell are certainly determined to make Wesley's stay in the Second Division a short one.

Wilburton I and Torchbearers I are locked in the promotion battle.

Cambridge City were crushed 9-0 by Leamington in the Zone final of the Wilmott Cup. Although Cornwell came close to winning two of his singles, Leamington's Billington, Gallagher, and Moseley were much too good.

Several of the boys and girls taking advantage of the coaching at the Y.M.C.A. and Chesterton Youth Centre are making good progress and names to note are Lesley Carter, Alan Barnes and Roger Fosekett.

Congratulations to Margaret Cornwell on the birth of a son Christopher John. Margaret is the Cambridgeshire County secretary and county player.

Leslie Constable

Men's Singles: A. HIPPERSON (C.E.Y.M.S.) bt. R. Culyer (Bullards) 14-21, 21-14, 21-17. **Women's Singles:** Mrs. M. Harrison (Y.M.C.A.) bt. B. Baker (City Police) 21-13, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: R. PEGG (Gothic)/GULYER bt. G. Wood (St. Barnabas)/R. Perry (Y.M.C.A.) 16-21, 21-16, 21-13.

Mixed Doubles: P. WALSH (Bullards)/Mrs. HARRISON bt. W. Minors (Gothic)/Miss M. Turner (St. Faith's House) 21-18, 21-17.

Junior Singles: C. TUCKER (Norwich Union) bt. A. Coby (C.E.Y.M.S.) 21-13, 21-15.

Veteran Singles: R. MORLEY (Gothic) bt. J. Scott (Home Club) 21-17, 21-13.

J. Turner won the CEYMS club handicap on February 8th, from an entry of 40. In the league, Gothic have been beaten after two years by YMCA. Colin Tucker (Norwich Union) has also won the Suffolk junior title.

Results of the **Great Yarmouth** Divisional championships at Unitarians Hall were: **PREMIER DIVISION:** A. Archer bt L. Stevnton. **DIVISION I:** C. Fields winner. **DIVISION II:** D. Rib-

SUFFOLK NEWSREEL

CHAMPION FOR THE FIFTH TIME

SO far as playing conditions were concerned, the choice of St. Margaret's Institute, Lowestoft, to stage the Suffolk (Closed) Championships proved a happy one, and a slightly larger gathering of spectators attended in comparison with recent years.

Lowestoft players did remarkably well on the whole, only the Girls' and Veterans' singles evading them. Peter Cole was in particularly good form, beating David Halliday in a hard final to take the trophy for the fifth time, so creating a new Suffolk record. Similarly, Val Martin took the Ladies' title after a lapse of two years.

The Men's Doubles also yielded some first-class table tennis, Simon Pearson and Maurice Ewles extending Cole and John Colling before finally acknowledging defeat. Pearson also had a good semi-final against Cole, putting up a superb display especially in the third game when he pulled up from 3-12 to lose it by 18-21.

Suffolk junior Colin Tucker scored a "double" in taking the Boys' and newly-constituted restricted singles in two close matches.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: P. COLE bt S. Pearson 21-12, 17-21, 21-18. D. HALLIDAY bt R. Cooper 20-22, 22-20, 21-12.

Final: COLE bt Halliday 20-22, 21-14, 21-15, 26-24.

Women's Singles: V. MARTIN bt Mrs. B. Brow 21-11, 21-11.

Men's Doubles: COLE/J. COLLINS bt Pearson/M. Ewles 22-20, 21-14, 16-21, 21-13.

Women's Doubles: MARTIN/Mrs. B. KILLETT bt A. Baldry/Mrs. A. Pearson 21-17, 23-21.

Mixed Doubles: COOPER/Miss MARTIN bt J. Keeble/Miss M. Hawkes 21-14, 21-16.

Boys' Singles: C. TUCKER bt R. Howe 17-21, 26-24, 21-15.

Girls' Singles: L. BARRETT bt C. Cleary 21-19, 19-21, 21-17.

Restricted Singles: TUCKER bt R. Bumstead 21-16, 19-21, 21-14.

Veteran Singles: J. LAKEY bt D. Barrett 21-16, 19-21, 21-16.

D.B.

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FORECAST THE RESULTS

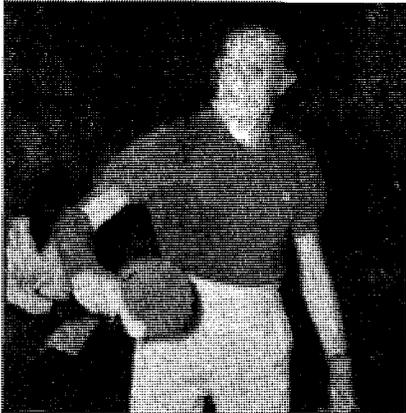
of the following matches to be played on March 17. Cross out losing team; for a draw leave both teams in.

- Middlesex v. Warwickshire.
- Yorkshire v Hertfordshire
- Essex v Kent
- Gloucestershire v. Warwickshire (Jnrs.)
- Somerset v. Dorset
- Yorkshire v. Durham (Jnrs.)
- Oxfordshire v. Staffordshire (Jnrs.)

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

by FRANK BATEMAN

LOOKS BLACK FOR YORKS.

CHAMPIONS, but relegated. That could well be the position of Yorkshire "seconds" in this season's county championship. It all comes about because Yorkshire's first team, following their 7-2 defeat by Warwickshire are floundering on the bottom of the Premier Division and appeared doomed to go down to the Second Division North.

The rules are that no county can have two teams in the same division, so both sides would have to move down one.

Meanwhile Yorkshire "seconds" are unbeaten in the Second Division

North and may well win this for the second successive year.

Warwickshire on the other hand are now "cock-a-hoop" for they should now be assured of staying up in the Premier Division. They have had two exciting matches over the past month for apart from the win over Yorkshire they just lost 4-5 to Kent. A little bit of luck and Warwickshire could have been the winners for it was all decided on the last event, where Derek Baddeley led Tony Piddock 12-6 in the third, only to lose it at 18-21, after a fine pull back for the Kent player.

Ralph Gunnion was the "bright boy" in Warwickshire's win over Yorkshire for he recovered from 11-19 down in the second, having lost the first, to beat Ray Hinchliff 21-22 in the third. He also had a comfortable straight games win over McGarry.

Baddeley, a loop specialist, has won eight out of 10 singles for Warwickshire, and with Pam Mortimer forms one of the best mixed doubles pairs in the division.

Although they lost 3-7, Worcestershire had a hard fought match with Staffordshire in the Second Division (Midland). For example, Hawkins was 20-15 up against Robbins in the second game, before the Staffordshire player recovered to win 28-26.

John Bell, promoted to the first team, is doing well and although losing to Robbins in three, beat Booth two-straight.

I am sorry to hear that Beryl Shamon is retiring for although she lost both her games I hear she played extremely well.

Northumberland were outclassed by Durham who won their Second Division (North) match 9-1. It was only in the women's singles, won convincingly by Philomena Clarke, and the doubles where Northumberland held their own. The county is searching for new blood.

Eddie Taylor and Dennis Neale were outstanding for Durham, but Wilf Barker was taken to three by Ron Heslop.

Nottinghamshire had a mixed month in the Midland Division beating Derby 7-3 then losing to Warwickshire 2-8.

Norfolk had an interesting and enjoyable evening when they entertained Hertfordshire in the Southern Division. Herts were off to a good start by winning the opening set but were soon trailing 1-2. When Betty Cassell beat Alma Taft 21-19 in the third to give Norfolk a 4-2 lead it looked odds-on a home victory. But the match turned a complete somersault with Herts winning the last four events for the match. The final set between Fox and David Seaholme was a "corker." Young Brian Sykes impressed in winning both his singles for Herts.

Hertfordshire again came back from apparent defeat when, after being 2-4 down, they managed to draw 5-5 with Buckinghamshire. The

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION

March 2	Surrey v Middlesex, Congregation Hall, Guildford.	7 p.m.
March 3	Yorkshire v Gloucestershire, Mechanics' Institute, Bridge Street, Bradford.	7 p.m.
March 3	Lancashire v Warwickshire, Prebond Social Club, Morland Road, St. Annes.	7 p.m.
March 3	Kent v Hertfordshire	
March 17	Kent v Surrey	
March 17	Middlesex v Warwickshire, Finchley Youth Hall, 142, High Road, East Finchley.	7 p.m.
March 17	Gloucestershire v Lancashire	
March 17	Yorkshire v Hertfordshire, Mechanics' Institute, Bridge Street, Bradford.	7 p.m.
March 24	Lancashire v Kent, Atkinson's Vehicles Ltd., Walton-le-Dale, Preston.	7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

March 3	Hampshire v Essex, Church Hall, Thorold Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton.	7 p.m.
March 3	Suffolk v Sussex.	
March 17	Essex v Kent, W. J. Fraser, Harold Hill Industrial Estate, Romford.	7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION WEST

March 17	Somerset v Dorset, St. Peter's Hall, Dorset Street, Bath.	7.15 p.m.
March 17	Devon v Wiltshire.	

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

March 3	Bedfordshire v Staffordshire.	
March 3	Oxfordshire v Glamorgan, Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney.	7 p.m.
March 17	Staffordshire v Glamorgan.	

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

March 10	Lincolnshire v Northumberland, Gymnasium, Boston Grammar School, Rowley Road, Boston.	7.15 p.m.
March 16	Yorkshire v Durham, Church House, Northallerton.	7.30 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION

March 3	Staffordshire v Derbyshire.	
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SOUTHERN DIVISION

March 3	Cambridgeshire v Worcestershire.	
March 31	Hertfordshire v Worcestershire.	

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

March 2	Lancashire v Durham, Y.M.C.A., Liverpool.	7 p.m.
March 3	Cheshire v Durham.	
March 17	Lancashire v Cheshire.	
March 17	Yorkshire v Durham, 7, St. George Street, Hull.	2.30 p.m.
March 31	Yorkshire v Cheshire, Hudswell Clarke Canteen, Jack Lane, Leeds.	2.30 p.m.
March 31	Yorkshire v Lancashire, Hudswell Clarke Canteen, Jack Lane, Leeds.	6 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

March 3	Oxfordshire v Gloucestershire, Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney.	3 p.m.
March 3	Staffordshire v Warwickshire.	
March 17	Gloucestershire v Warwickshire.	
March 17	Oxfordshire v Staffordshire, Y.M.C.A., Walton Street, Oxford.	3 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

March 3	Surrey v Kent, Higgs and Hill, Vauxhall.	4 p.m.
March 17	Hampshire v Surrey.	
March 17	Sussex v Kent, Civil Defence Hall, Portland Road, Worthing.	7 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

March 3	Suffolk v Middlesex.	
March 10	Cambridge v Hertfordshire.	
March 16	Middlesex v Essex, Whitbread's, Chiswell Street, London, E.C.1.	7.15 p.m.

match lasted three and three-quarter hours!

The highlight of this match was the mixed doubles where David Seaholme and Alma Taft beat I. Wooding and Miss J. Wooding 23-21, 20-22, 22-20.

Two close sets were Bebb's win over J. Healey, and D. Jones' win over Seaholme.

Following a 9-1 win over Cambridgeshire Essex have taken the lead in the Junior Division (East). Although Cambs. were outclassed their team is a young one and with

more practice and experience could become most useful.

Fourteen-year-old Alan Ponder has the right idea, for besides defeating Dennis Kerrison comfortably, he gave Danny Pryor quite a lot of trouble.

Friday March 16 is the big date in this division for that is when Middle-

sex entertain Essex at Whitbreads. It will decide the division.

Essex have never won a junior division but have learned from experience never to under-rate Middlesex.

The Suffolk-Middlesex on March 3 is also important, for it could have a big bearing on games aggregate if Essex and Middlesex should draw.

DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Middlesex	5	5	0	35	10	10
Surrey	5	4	1	30	15	8
Lancashire	4	3	1	20	16	6
Gloucestershire	5	3	2	20	25	6
Warwickshire	5	2	3	25	20	4
Kent	4	2	2	18	14	4
Hertfordshire	5	0	5	12	33	0
Yorkshire	5	0	5	11	34	0

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Essex	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Sussex	3	2	0	1	18	2	4
Hampshire	3	2	0	1	17	3	4
Kent	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
Suffolk	3	0	1	2	8	22	1

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Glamorgan	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Oxfordshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Worcestershire	4	1	1	2	14	26	3
Staffordshire	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Hertfordshire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Yorkshire	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Cheshire	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Durham	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Lincolnshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Northumberland	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Devonshire	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Wiltshire	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Cornwall	2	0	3	0	15	15	3
Somerset	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
Dorsetshire	3	0	1	2	10	20	1

MIDLAND DIVISION

Warwickshire	6	6	0	0	41	19	12
Nottinghamshire	6	3	1	2	30	30	7
Staffordshire	5	1	1	3	22	28	3
Derbyshire	5	0	0	5	17	33	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Hertfordshire	3	2	1	0	17	13	5
Cambridgeshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Buckinghamshire	4	1	2	1	21	19	4
Worcestershire	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Norfolk	4	0	1	3	17	23	1

JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Warwickshire	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
Gloucestershire	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Oxfordshire	4	0	1	3	13	27	1
Staffordshire	3	0	1	2	7	23	1

JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	18	6	6
Durham	3	2	0	1	13	11	4
Lancashire	3	1	0	2	12	12	2
Cheshire	3	0	0	3	5	19	0

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Hampshire	5	4	1	0	34	16	9
Kent	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Surrey	4	2	0	2	26	14	4
Sussex	5	0	0	5	7	43	0

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Essex	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Middlesex	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Hertfordshire	2	1	0	2	17	13	2
Suffolk	3	1	0	1	10	20	2
Cambridgeshire	3	0	0	2	2	28	0

DETAILED RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Warwickshire 4, Kent 5.
W. Gallagher bt K. Jarvis 16, 17; lost to H. Buist —14, —11. D. Baddeley bt Buist 20, —12, 12; lost to A. Pidcock 18, —16, —18. C. Cadwallader lost to Pidcock —14, —20; lost to Jarvis —19, 18, —19.
Miss P. Mortimer bt Miss J. Fielder 13, 14.
Cadwallader/Gallagher lost to Buist/Pidcock —13, 14, —16.
Baddeley/Miss Mortimer bt Jarvis/Miss Fielder 11, —17, 12.

Warwickshire 7, Yorkshire 2.
W. Gallagher bt D. McGarry 16, 15; lost to M. Simpson 19, —19, —20. D. Baddeley bt Simpson 16, 9; bt R. Hinchliff 10, 12. R. Gunnion bt Hinchliff —12, 20, 12; bt McGarry 10, 15.
Miss P. Mortimer bt Miss C. Blackshaw 19, 18.

Gallagher/Gunnion lost to Hinchliff/Simpson —14, 17, —18.
Baddeley/Miss Mortimer bt P. Duncombe/Miss Blackshaw 21, 18.

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Worcestershire 3, Staffordshire 7.

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Northumberland 1, Durham 9.

MIDLAND DIVISION

Derbyshire 3, Nottinghamshire 7.
Warwickshire 8, Nottinghamshire 2.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Norfolk 4, Hertfordshire 6.
Hertfordshire 5, Buckinghamshire 5.

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Essex 9, Cambridgeshire 1.
Hertfordshire 10, Suffolk 0.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

HULL MAY BE RELEGATED

TWICE this season Yorkshire table tennis has been disrupted by a mighty microbe. First it was polio at Hull, causing the postponement of the Hull open, and then smallpox in Bradford, which moved Gloucestershire to request a new date for their Premier division fixture there.

Both outbreaks affected the inter-league programme and after being anchored at the start Hull have never caught the field.

It looks as if the county's biggest

MIKE SZABADOS

MICHAEL SZABADOS, one of the greatest players of the pre-war era, died from a heart attack on February 13. A Hungarian, Szabados will always be remembered as one of the "Three Musketeers"—the others were Victor Barna and Laci Bellak—who did so much to popularise the game in this country and Europe with their tours.

Szabados was world singles champion in 1931, six times winner of the men's doubles with Barna, and won three mixed doubles titles with Maria Mednyansky.

Since 1937 he has been living in Australia, where he ran his own club and has continued his activities in coaching young players.

Victor Barna will pay tribute to his great friend and rival in a special feature in the next issue of TABLE TENNIS.

league may be relegated from the men's first division after their failure to beat little Dewsbury.

Hull women are also relegation candidates, though Kath King gave them new hope when two wins against Barnsley helped to capture their first point. The final Hull-Sheffield fixture decides who goes down.

The men's championship also balances on the last match when Doncaster, 6-4 winners over a Sheffield side without Maurice Simpson, seek to end the ten-year Huddersfield-Sheffield monopoly by beating Huddersfield in their own club-room.

Mick Sothcott was the surprise winner of the Hull closed. He stepped over Denis Pinchbeck, Gordon Buck and Don Mein to reach the final, where he overcame Dave Bartlett 23-25, 21-18, 21-14.

Kath Whinham won the women's singles without loss of a game, the doubles with Pat Close and the mixed with Bartlett. In other finals Pete Smith and Pinchbeck beat Pete Appleton and John Richardson (men's doubles), Phil Burwell beat Graham Birch (boys), Lynda Twidale beat Margaret Speechley (girls) and John Robinson beat Harold Litchfield (veterans).

Mavis Dyson had a treble in the Huddersfield closed, beating Frances Kiteley in the women's final and winning the doubles with husband Stuart and Margaret Scaramuzza.

Ray Hinchliff took the men's crown from Stuart Dyson and retained the men's doubles with Bob Hirst after some close contests, especially against Peter Clowes and David Hirst in the semi-final.

Malcolm Hartley.

DIANE ROWE, the established star, and **Lesley Bell**, the up-and-coming junior, stole all the thunder of the English Open Championships at the Corn Exchange, Brighton, on February 23-24.

Diane brought the women's singles home after six years of overseas domination, and Lesley played her part in this success with a shock win over six times world champion **Angelica Rozeanu** in the second round.

Sharing with them in a great triumph for the British girls, **Mary Shannon** partnered Miss Rowe to win the women's doubles.

The other senior titles all went for export. **Zoltan Berczik**, of Hungary, the European champion, won the men's singles, and the mixed doubles with **Sarolta Lukacs**, while the men's doubles went to the Czechs **Ivan Andreadis** and **Vladimir Miko**.

If Diane Rowe was ever superstitious about No. 13, she can forget it now. For this was her thirteenth attempt at the title. She won with such confidence in the final against European champion **Eva Foldi** that she must now be regarded as a possible winner of the European title in West Berlin next month.

After so many years of near misses, it was not surprising that Diane should come from the table exclaiming, "At last; at last." She was too full to say more, then was rushed off to the telephone to tell twin sister **Rosalind** the great news.

And **Rosalind**, who before she retired to become the wife of a Kent doctor, was the only other English

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Diane Breaks Overseas Hold

• WINS SINGLES AT
13th ATTEMPT

• LESLEY BELL BEATS
ROZEANU

By HARRISON EDWARDS

girl to have won the title since the war. She was successful in 1953 and 1955. So that Diane's victory seals a great family achievement.

But back to that final. Few of the packed crowd could have given Diane more than a faint chance of beating Mrs. Foldi, who was the defending title holder.

After all, Mrs. Foldi has twice been European champion and was runner-up for the world crown last season. Then Diane had only scraped through the semi-final against Mrs. Lukacs in the fifth game after fighting off two match points.

A New Diane

But this was a new, tenacious Diane, solid in defence and determined that this was going to be her night. There was not a trace of nerves; just cool ruthlessness, playing as she has never played before and picking out her shots to crash home the winners.

We could hardly believe our eyes when Diane swept through the first game with the loss of only six points. It looked too good to be true. But to show it was no fluke she went out to a 9-2 lead in the second, then go on to take the game at 9.

Mrs. Foldi appeared to have become impatient and was hitting out wildly, almost in desperation. Diane refused to be rushed. Her defence was immaculate and she went from strength to strength to finally win by the amazing one-sided score of 21-6, 21-9, 21-11.

How did Diane account for this inspired spell of form? "I guess that long game in the semi-final had helped to tighten my play," she commented after she recovered and the cup had been filled and was passing around her many friends who wanted to toast the new champion.

And what a narrow squeak she had in that semi-final before eventually beating Mrs. Lukacs 21-18,

CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL	
<i>Men's Singles</i> ZOLTAN BERCZIK (Hungary)	<i>Women's Singles</i> DIANE ROWE (Middlesex)
<i>Men's Doubles</i> IVAN ANDREADIS and VLADIMIR MIKO (Czechoslovakia)	<i>Women's Doubles</i> DIANE ROWE and MARY SHANNON (Middlesex—Surrey)
<i>Mixed Doubles</i> ZOLTAN BERCZIK and SAROLTA LUKACS (Hungary)	
<i>Boy's Singles</i> BRIAN HILL (Lincolnshire)	<i>Girls' Singles</i> LESLEY BELL (Essex)
<i>Boy's Doubles</i> DAVID STANLEY and MICHAEL SYMONDS (Yorkshire — Lancashire)	<i>Girls' Doubles</i> CHRISTINE HOLES and PAULINE HOLES (Hampshire)
<i>Junior Mixed Doubles</i> MORLEY MORDECAI and LESLEY BELL (Gloucestershire)	
<i>Veteran Men's</i> RON CRAYDEN (Surrey)	<i>Veteran Women's</i> MRS. C. WHITEHOUSE (Middlesex)

18-21, 21-23, 23-21, 21-17. Diane trailed 1-2 and was 19-20 down in the fourth, match point. She saved this brilliantly but the Hungarian again reached match point at 21-20. Still Diane got out of trouble with some brilliant defensive play and broke through for the game at 23-21. She was well back in the picture as they came up for the final and deciding game. She was now defending solidly

won her a place in England's team for the European Championships.

Standing only five feet tall this tiny bespectacled lass from Romford, has once again confirmed that she is indeed a champion in the making.

Above all she has revealed she has the spirit to fight back when the chips are down. This was first evident in the opening game where she was 11-19 down but with forceful attacking play took the game at 22-20.

It was indeed a shock for the former Rumanian who now enters from Israel, but most were inclined to dismiss it as a flash of brilliance, particularly when Mrs. Rozeanu took the next two games.

Lesley Inspired

But young Lesley had other ideas. She found her length on the forehand and often ran her backhand to the attack. She had nothing to lose and became inspired.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Rozeanu appeared to get quite tense and started hitting . . . and missing, before swinging back to defence, leaving Miss Bell to dictate the pace, and win the next two games for the biggest upset of the whole meeting.

Miss Bell followed up by beating **Judy Williams**, who is above her in the English ranking list, for a place in the semi-final.

Here she came up against Mrs. Foldi and the European champion, having seen what happened to Mrs. Rozeanu, was taking no chances. She went after Miss Bell from the start and destroyed the youngster's rhythm. Miss Bell was not so good as earlier and often picked the wrong shot to attack.

But remember Lesley is only 15 with all her table tennis career ahead. She is only on the ground floor, but given a little more experience of world class play she could be ready to take over as England's top player within a year or two.

Meanwhile, **Mary Shannon**, our

current No. 2, who celebrated her 18th birthday at Brighton, also fell a victim to Mrs. Foldi, but put up a great show just the same, winning the first game and making a great fight of the remainder before losing 23-21, 17-21, 17-21, 12-21.

Mary had her consolation in the women's doubles final where she partnered Miss Rowe to beat Mrs. Foldi and Mrs. Lukacs 18-21, 21-14, 21-8, 21-17. This was a demonstration of fine team work, with Miss Rowe holding the fort with her fine defence to force the openings for Mary to do most of the attacking.

Berczik, now cleverly mixing the loop spin with his game, was a good winner of the men's singles, but it was a source of satisfaction to see **Ian Harrison** get to the final.

England's No. 1 never looked like being a serious threat to **Berczik** who won 21-17, 21-17, 21-19, but he played well. He was just that bit too slow in his thinking and lacked sufficient variation to break up **Berczik's** game.

Only in the third did **Harrison** look like winning a game and we had hopes of a revival when he took a 15-9 lead. But it was just wishful thinking for **Berczik** hit right back and lost only two further points in the game.

Harrison had previously gained a great semi-final win over **Miko** by 21-19, 21-16, 21-19. He tamed the Czech "fireball" with some fine play and finished the match in fantastic style. After trailing 12-18 in the third he went to 19-18, and won it at 21-19.

Harrison's other victims on the way to the final were **David Bloy**, **David Creamer**, who took him to five games, and **Derek Burridge**.

Berczik, who last won the English Open in 1957, had his hardest matches against **Alan Rhodes** in the third round, and **Andreadis** in the semi-final, and revealed his champion qualities in the way he pulled through.

He looked to be in dead trouble



Diane Rowe receives the Nicholls Cup



Zoltan Berczik receives the Oldroyd Cup.

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against Rhodes who won the first two games but was steadily pulled back, leaving Berczik to take the next three, although all were close.

Andreadis, with his close to the table style, took the first game of the semi-final and hung on tenaciously throughout the next three as the final score of 18-21, 21-17, 21-18, 21-19 shows.

Berczik beat Johnny Leach in his opening match, and Tony Piddock in the quarter-finals.

Bobby Stevens never quite lived up to the form that won him the English Closed title, although he played his way into the quarter-finals where Miko slammed him off the table at 21-15, 21-10, 21-17.

Nevertheless, Stevens is a most popular player with the crowds, for he plays the game they like to see and in this respect there was no better match than his meeting with Mike Symonds in the third round, which went the full distance with Stevens winning 20-22, 21-15, 21-19, 17-21, 21-19. This was a fine performance from Symonds, who was later to reach the junior final.

The first big shock of the men's singles was the second round defeat of Stan Jacobson, runner-up for the English closed, by Harry Venner with the comfortable score of 21-7, 21-14, 21-15.

Venner stood close to the table and with his quick hitting never gave Jacobson a chance to use his loop drive. This was the first time Venner and Jacobson have met in competition although they have been playing in tournaments together for about 15 years.

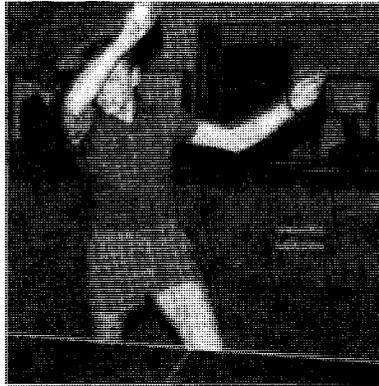
Because of business commitments Derek Burridge plays little competitive table tennis these days. Indeed, the English Open was his first event of the season, yet he was good enough to beat Derek Schofield, Brian Hill, and Brian Wright before losing to Harrison in the quarter-finals, and then only after four games.

Brian Merrett making a welcome return to the championships beat Tony Miller and Henry Buist before falling to Jeff Ingber, England's current No. 2, in the third round. It was a close affair with Merrett showing much of his old determination as he pulled back the loss of the first two games only to be beaten 21-16, 21-13, 15-21, 18-21, 21-16.

Ingber found Andreadis his master in the next round and was beaten easily in straight games. The burly Czech had previously beaten Bobbie Raybould in straight games, and Jack Clayton over four.

Harrison and Brian Wright pro-

vided the upset of the men's doubles when they beat Stevens and Raybould, the Closed champions 21-16, 21-13, 21-15, to take their place in the final where they were eventually beaten by Andreadis and Miko 21-9, 18-21, 21-14, 21-16.



IAN HARRISON

There was a shock, too, for the seeded Leach and Thornhill, beaten in the second round by Ingber and Joe Somogyi 17-21, 21-13, 21-15, 13-21, 21-12.

Ingber and Somogyi went on to reach the semi-finals where they, too, found Andreadis and Miko the masters.

Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon made a fine combination with their winning of the women's doubles. First they beat Lesley Bell and Margaret Fry, then Joyce Fielder and Angelica Rozeanu, and finally Mrs. Foldi and Mrs. Lukacs.

The Holes twins, who were to win the girls' doubles, fell at the first hurdle of the senior event, losing to Pam Mortimer and Peggy Piper, who were in turn beaten by Mrs. Foldi and Mrs. Lukacs in the next round.

The mixed doubles final became an all overseas affair with Berczik and Mrs. Lukacs beating Andreadis and Mrs. Foldi 21-19, 21-19, 14-21, 21-16.

The new partnership of Harrison and Miss Bell did well here, beating Leach and Miss Rowe, the English Closed champions 21-18, 12-21, 22-20, 21-15, for a place in the semi-finals, where they fell to the ultimate champions.

Stevens and Mrs. McCree went out in the second round to Ingber and Mrs. Rozeanu, who were in turn beaten by Terry Densham and Peggy Piper for a place in the other semi-final.

Ron Crayden, England's captain, and Mrs. C. Whitehouse retained their veterans' singles titles, both beating former holders in the finals. Crayden beat Ron Sharman, while Mrs. Whitehouse accounted for Mrs. Brenda Bell, mother of junior champion Lesley.

A NEW HOME FOR OPEN

A NEW audience for table tennis appears to have been discovered with the choice of the Corn Exchange, Brighton, for the English Open.

The championships were played to

a packed house. Indeed, every seat had been sold for more than a week before the finals night, and many enthusiasts had to stand.

The Corn Exchange does not have the capacity of Wembley or the Albert Hall, but it was packed. How it recalled those old boom days of the immediate post-war years, to see long crowds lined up outside.

Already negotiations are under way for the English Open to again be held at Brighton next season and two sets of dates have been offered, February 28 to March 2, and March 7 to 9.

This is about a month in advance of the World's Championships, which will be bringing an influx of international talent to Europe. It is hoped that many of these can be persuaded to take in the English Open as well. Every effort will be made to try and get the Chinese, who are expected to be visiting Czechoslovakia, to extend their trip to England.

Meanwhile, the next finals night at Brighton will be held in the Dome, a much larger arena, with seating for more than 1,200 spectators.

SEVEN CAN GO

AN anonymous group of table tennis enthusiasts at the English Open, disturbed that England might send only the minimum of three men and two women to the European Championships, have guaranteed to see that the sum of £125 will be provided to cover the cost of another man and another woman.

Anyone wishing to be associated with this endeavour to see that our team stands every chance of success, by having the reserves, is invited to send donations to: "Anonymous Group," c/o E.T.T.A., 652, Grand Buildings, London, W.C.2.

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by **PETER MADGE**

THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONS



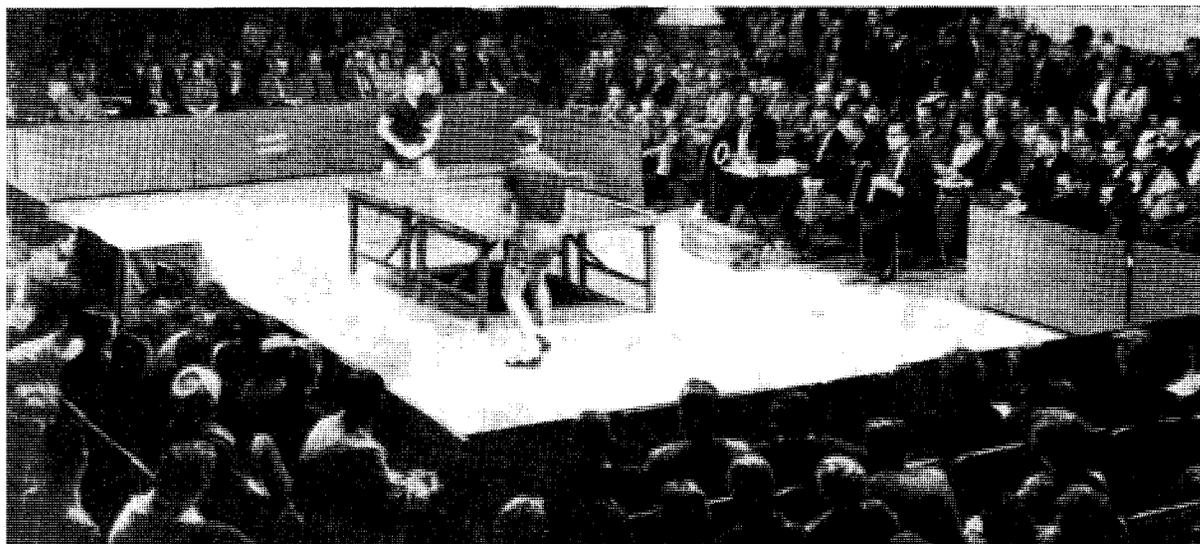
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and SAROLTA LUKACS**



**DIANE ROWE and
MARY SHANNON**



Overall scene of Men's Singles Final with HARRISON receiving from BERCZIK



**IAN HARRISON and LESLEY BELL
interviewed by EMLYN JONES**



VLADIMIR MIKO



**LESLEY BELL and MORLEY MORDECAI
Junior Mixed winners**

ENGLISH OPEN SPECIAL**BRIAN HILL**
and
LESLEY BELL**Repeat German Success**by **BRIAN WRIGHT**

BRIAN HILL



LESLEY BELL

TO Brian Hill and Lesley Bell go the main honours of the junior titles in the English Open Championships. Brian took the boys singles after a final win over Mike Symonds by 21-9, 21-9, while Lesley, as only to be expected after her sensational senior win over Angelica Rozeanu, won the girls' singles, beating Beverley Sayer, her local Essex rival.

The titles were well shared round with **David Stanley** and **Mike Symonds** taking the boys' doubles to the North, Hampshire twins **Pauline** and **Christine Holes** winning the girls' doubles, and the West having a share in the mixed through **Morley Mordecai** who partnered **Lesley Bell** to win.

Hill on his way to the final beat Morley Mordecai, Bob McKewon and, in the semi-final, Chester Barnes.

The early round started with some shocks. First Barnes conquered David

Stanley, the top seed, at 13 in the third in the second round. Stanley's inability to break up Chester's game by hitting was significant. Barnes then went on to beat Sammy Ogundipe, before succumbing to Hill.

Ogundipe had previously won a thrilling match in the first round against Dennis Holland at 19-21, 21-17, 27-25.

McKewon dispatched the French boy, R. Henry, in the first round and reached the last eight with a win over Tony Robinson before he, too, became a victim of Hill.

In the other half, Symonds played brilliantly to beat Brian Sykes two straight, then P. Evrard, of France, with ridiculous ease at 21-3, 21-9. His next victim was Peter Williams, and in the semi-final he disposed of Dennis Neale, the No. 2 seed.

The final started slowly with first Symonds and then Hill making mistakes. From 5-all in the first, however, Brian forged his way ahead and won the game at 21-19. Mike seemed to be having a hard job controlling his nerves and somewhat collapsed in the second game where once again he collected only nine points.

Brian won his title by sheer consistency and fight. He is the first Lincolnshire boy to win the Finney Cup.

The first shock of the girls' singles was provided by 12-year-old Linda Henwood when she beat Lesley Proudlock, of Yorkshire, in the opening round. However, she found Pauline Martin, an Essex county colleague, too strong in the next round. Pauline was in turn beaten by Lesley Bell.

Beverley Sayer accounted for both the Holes twins, Pauline in the second round and Christine in the semi-final.

It is interesting to note that both **Brian Hill and Lesley Bell** were also the winners of the international tournament in Germany. Maybe it is their ability to rise to the occasion

which pulls them through in important matches.

The top four English ranked boys fought out the boys' doubles final, with Stanley and Symonds beating Hill and Neale in straight games. The winners had a harder match in the second round where Mordecai and Ogundipe took them close in the third game.

As expected the final of the girls' doubles turned out to be a twin affair with Pauline and Christine Holes beating Beverley and Gloria Sayer 19-21, 21-8, 21-15. The Holes twins had previously beaten Miss Bell and Miss Martin at 14 in the third, while the Sayers dropped a game to little Linda Henwood and Jackie Canham before winning at 16 in the third.

Lesley Bell annexed a second title in the mixed doubles, partnering Morley Mordecai to beat the Northern pair, Stanley and Lesley Proudlock before winning at 16 in the third.

The two semi-finals were also extremely close. Mordecai and Bell beat the unusual combination of Chester Barnes and Pauline Holes at 19 in the third, while Stanley and Proudlock just scraped through by the skin of their teeth against Ogundipe and Beverley Sayer at 30-28 in the third, the longest game of the championships.



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RESULTS IN FULL

MEN'S SINGLES

First Round: D. Bloy (Kent) bt R. Hopkins (Berks) 18, —7, 18, 10; D. Creamer (Middx.) bt M. Creamer (Middx.) 12, 11, 18; R. Morley (Glos.) bt L. B. Gunn (Sussex) 15,—6, rtd.; D. C. Burridge (Middx.) bt D. Schofield (Cheshire) 7, 17, 13; B. Hill (Lincs.) bt G. Taylor (Middx.) —18, 18, 23, 14; B. D. Wright (Middx.) bt F. Brumwell (Essex) 15, 15, 16.

G. Muranyi (Surrey) bt K. Hurlock (Surrey) 16, 12, 9; K. D. Edwards (Glos.) bt R. Morris (Warw.) 7, 8, 16; M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt R. Sharman (Middx.) 14, 12, 14; J. Somogyi (Surrey) bt M. J. Billington (Warw.) w.o.; J. P. Shead (Sussex) bt D. Wall (Surrey) w.o.; M. H. Thornhill (Middx.) bt J. T. Densham (Herts) 18, 24,—12, 19.

R. F. Raybould (Essex) bt V. Pickett (Sussex) 19, 19, 19; A. G. St. C. Lindsay (Middx.) bt K. Forshaw (Lancs.) 16, 18,—17, 15; J. Clayton (England) bt R. Henderson (Hants) 15, 16, 11; B. R. Merrett (Glos.) bt A. R. Miller (Surrey) 10, 14, 7; H. S. Buist (Kent) bt G. Whalley (Sussex) 14, 17,—21, 19; M. Ellis (Kent) bt L. Kerekes (Middx.) 17, 22, 20; H. T. Venner (Surrey) bt W. N. Evens (Surrey) 12, 17, 17.

H. G. Collins (Essex) bt W. Hankey (Cheshire) 13, 12, 15; A. R. Piddock (Kent) bt A. C. Herbert (Kent) 16, 15, 13; L. F. Landry (Middx.) bt G. A. C. Chapman (Surrey) —19, 18, 16, 21; A. Rhodes (Middx.) bt G. Livesey (Lancs.); J. A. Leach (Essex) bt D. H. Lowe (Surrey) 17,—16, 12,—12, 20.

Second Round: I. Harrison (Glos.) bt Bloy 19, 18, 12; Creamer bt Morley —16, 9, 6,—12, 10; Burridge bt Hill —15, 17, 15, 16; Wright bt J. Fahazi (Hungary) w.o.

R. Stevens (Essex) bt Muranyi 13, 15, 19; Symonds bt Edwards —20, 15, 19,—17, 19; Somogyi bt Shead —18, 19, 16, 16, 9, 20; V. Miko (Czech.) bt Thornhill 15, 9, 16, 10.

I. Andreadis (Czech.) bt Raybould 18, 13, 11; Clayton bt Lindsay 19, 9,—13, 10; Merrett bt Buist 16, 17,—21, 15.

J. Ingber (Lancs.) bt Ellis 17, 8, 15; Venner bt S. Jacobson (Middx.) 7, 14, 15; Piddock bt Collins 8,—18, 11, 15; Rhodes bt Landry 18, 18,—20, 10; Z. Berczik (Hungary) bt J. Leach 19,—18, 12, 17.

Third Round: Harrison bt Creamer —15, 9, 6,—12, 10; Burridge bt Wright 17,—20, 15,—16, 20; Stevens bt Symonds —20, 15, 19,—17, 19; Miko bt Somogyi 19, 17,—18, 13.

Andreadis bt Clayton 17,—21, 10, 7; Ingber bt Merrett 16, 13,—15,—18, 16; Piddock bt Venner 16, 13,—15, 18; Berczik bt Rhodes —19,—14, 14, 19, 17.

Quarter-Finals: Harrison bt Burridge 16, 11,—19, 13; Miko bt Stevens 15, 10, 17. Andreadis bt Ingber 9, 20, 15; Berczik bt Piddock 22, 12, 15.

Semi-Finals: HARRISON bt Miko 19, 16, 19; BERCZIK bt Andreadis —18, 17, 18, 19.

Final: BERCZIK bt Harrison 17, 17, 19.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round: M. Piper (Surrey) bt Mrs. W. Jones (Kent) 12, 13, 19; Mrs. R. J. McCree (Essex) bt Mrs. D. Schofield (Cheshire) 19, 10, 15. Mrs. B. Griffiths (Warw.) bt P. Holes (Hants) 15, 13,—18, 11; L. Bell (Essex) bt M. Fry (Middx.) —16, 10, 13, 10; J. Williams (Herts) bt Mrs. Spencer (Lancs.) 19, 12, 14; P. Mortimer (Warw.) bt J. Williamson (Middx.) 9, 11,—21, 18; M. Shannon (Surrey) bt L. Proudlock (Yorks.) 11, 11, 17.

Second Round: D. Rowe (Middx.) bt Piper 10, 8, 12; J. Fielder (Kent) bt Mrs. E. Carrington (Essex) 7, 17, 19; McCree bt C. Holes (Hants) 7, 12, 17; Mrs. Lukacs (Hungary) bt Griffiths 15, 6, 12; Bell bt Mrs. A. Rozeanu (Israel) 20,—11,—14, 19, 12; Williams bt A. Taft (Herts) 10, 9, 14; Mortimer bt Mrs. F. Gillam (Sussex) 11,—18, 17, 18; Mrs. L. Foldi (Hungary) bt Shannon —21, 17, 17, 12.

Quarter-Finals: Rowe bt Fielder 8, 15, 12; Lukacs bt McCree 9,—21, 15, 16; Bell bt Williams 14, 17, 15; Foldi bt Mortimer 15, 10, 11.

Semi-Finals: ROWE bt Lukacs 18,—18,—21, 21, 17; FOLDI bt Bell 9, 7, 12.

Final: ROWE bt Foldi 6, 9, 11.

MEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: J. Clayton (Lancs.)/D. Schofield (Cheshire) bt A. Carter/A. C. Moran 10, 11, 9; G. Muranyi/H. Venner (Surrey) bt V. Pickett/R. Pierce (Sussex) 10, 11, 13; S. Jacobson/A. Lindsay (Middx.) bt B. Mackie/R. Morris (Warwicks.) 12, 8, 19; J. Ingber (Lancs.)/J. Somogyi (Surrey) bt D. Davies (Hants.)/A. Ward (Wilts.) 16, 16, 15; B. Merrett/R. Morley (Glos.) bt H. Collins/H. Khullar (Middx.) —15, 16, 14, 17; G. Livesey (Lancs.)/J. P. Shead (Sussex) bt H. Buist/A. Piddock (Kent) —11, 15, 19,—14, 12; M. Creamer (Middx.)/J. T. Densham (Herts.) bt A. Waters/R. Wells (Berks.) 14, 11, 12.

Second Round: Clayton/Schofield bt Z. Berczik (Hungary)/A. R. Miller (Surrey) 17, 17,—10, 15; I. Harrison (Glos.)/B. D. Wright (Middx.) bt B. Hill (Lincs.)/D. Seaholme (Herts.) 10,—16, 19, 11; K. Edwards (Glos.)/K. Forshaw bt M. Mordecai (Glos.)/M. Symonds (Lancs.) 20, 17, 17; I. Jones/M. Westoby (Kent) bt I. Bennett/A. Reeves (Berks.) 17, 12, 16. Muranyi/Venner bt G. Fretwell/R. Henderson (Hants.) 14, 13, 10; R. Fowler (Wales)/D. Hopkins (Berks.) w.o. W. Hankey/D. Midgley; D. Bloy/B. Meisel (Kent) w.o. A. Cornish/S. Field (Kent); R. Raybould/R. Stevens (England) bt Jacobson/Lindsay 12, 18, 20.

Ingber/Somogyi bt J. Leach/M. Thornhill (England) —17, 13, 15,—13, 12; G. Chapman (Surrey)/L. Kerekes (Middx.) bt P. Hyde (Middx.)/G. Owen (Kent) 11, 17, 11; D. Creamer (Middx.)/D. Lowe (Surrey) bt M. Ellis (Kent)/G. Whalley (Sussex) —15, 16, 21, 22; Merrett/Morley bt L. Cooper/A. Herbert (Kent) 13, 13, 20.

Livesey/Shead bt K. Hurlock/A. Lampe (Surrey) 10, 9,—20, 15; L. Landry/A. Rhodes (Middx.) bt F. Brumwell (Essex)/D. Burridge (Middx.) 17,—9, 18,—13, 13; R. Markwell/H. Spiers (Warwicks.) bt C. Evens (Sussex)/P. Taylor (Surrey) 13, 15,—21, 21; I. Andreadis/V. Miko (Czech.) bt Creamer/Densham 11,—18, 11, 11.

Third Round: Harrison/Wright bt Clayton/Schofield 23, 19,—17, 12; Edwards/Forshaw bt Jones/Westoby 18, 14, 16; Muranyi/Venner bt Fowler/Hopkins 18, 16, 5; Raybould/Stevens bt Bloy/Meisel 18, 11, 16;

Ingber/Somogyi bt Chapman/Kerekes 11, 17, 11; Creamer/Lowe bt Merrett/Morley 21, 13, 17; Livesey/Shead bt Landry/Rhodes 13,—12,—10, 19, 18; Andreadis/Miko bt Markwell/Spiers 13, 15,—21, 21.

Quarter Finals: Harrison/Wright bt Edwards/Forshaw —21, 22, 20, 18; Raybould/Stevens bt Muranyi/Venner —14, 14, 16, 18.

Ingber/Somogyi bt Creamer/Lowe 20, 12, 15; Andreadis/Miko bt Livesey/Shead 13, 12, 14.

Semi-Finals: HARRISON/WRIGHT bt Raybould/Stevens 16, 13, 15; ANDREADIS/MIKO bt Ingber/Somogyi 13, 13,—13, 14.

Final: ANDREADIS/MIKO bt Harrison/Wright 9,—18, 14, 16.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: P. Mortimer (Warw.)/M. Piper (Surrey) bt C. Holes/P. Holes (Hants) —17, 20, 14, 21; Mrs. D. Schofield (Cheshire)/Mrs. Spencer (Lancs.) bt A. M. Taft/J. Y. Williams (Herts) 19,—12, 18, 9.

Mrs. B. J. Griffiths (Warw.)/Mrs. F. Gillam (Sussex) bt P. Dainty/L. Proudlock (Yorks.) 13,—12, 18, 16; L. Bell (Essex)/M. G. Fry (Middx.) bt I. W. Jones (Kent)/J. Williamson (Middx.) —17,—17, 11, 9, 10.

Quarter-Finals: Mrs. Foldi/Mrs. Lukacs (Hungary) bt Mortimer/Piper —14, 15, 18, 11; Mrs. Carrington/Mrs. McCree (Essex) bt Schofield/Spencer 13, 16, 15; J. Fielder (Kent)/Mrs. Rozeanu (Israel) bt Griffiths/Gillam 12, 17,—18, 9; D. Rowe (Middx.)/M. Shannon (Surrey) bt Bell/Fry 15, 17, 15.

Semi-Finals: FOLDI/LUKACS bt Carrington/McCree —16, 17, 15, 20; ROWE/SHANNON bt Fielder/Rozeanu 13, 16, 17.

Final: ROWE/SHANNON bt Foldi/Lukacs —18, 14, 8, 17.

MIXED DOUBLES

First Round: K. Forshaw (Lancs.)/Miss L. S. Proudlock (Yorks.) bt G. Whalley (Sussex)/Miss S. Thomas (Kent) 19,—17, 15,—13, 16; B. R. Merrett (Glos.)/Mrs. E. Carrington bt I. W. Jones/Mrs. I. W. Jones (Kent) 8, 9, 11; B. Hill (Lincs.)/Miss P. Dainty (Yorks.) bt A. F. Cornell (Essex)/Miss J. White (Middx.) 19, 11, 12; J. T. Densham (Herts)/P. Mortimer (Warw.) bt J. Somogyi (Surrey)/Miss M. Fry (Middx.) 21, 16,—19, 15; G. Muranyi (Surrey)/Miss J. Williams (Herts) w.o.; L. Landry (Middx.)/Mrs. R. Bird (Essex) scr. R. Stevens (Essex)/Mrs. R. J. McCree (Essex) bt V. Hankey (Cheshire)/Mrs. Spencer (Lancs.) 17, 16, 9.

M. Ellis/Miss J. Fielder (Kent) bt J. P. Shead/Mrs. J. P. Shead (Sussex) —13, 11,—3, 10, 15; A. Ward (Wilts.)/Miss P. Holes (Hants) bt F. Gillam/Mrs. F. Gillam (Sussex) 9,—16, 15, 8; I. Harrison (Glos.)/Miss L. Bell (Essex) bt D. Davies/Miss C. Holes (Hants) 14, 11, 19; B. Wright (Middx.)/Miss M. Shannon (Surrey) bt M. Thornhill/Mrs. B. Griffiths (Warw.) 10, 17, 18; D. Creamer (Middx.)/Miss Piper (Surrey) bt D. Schofield (Cheshire)/Mrs. D. Schofield (Cheshire) 17, 15, 14; M. Creamer (Middx.)/Miss A. Taft (Herts) bt N. Isbell/Miss J. Williamson (Middx.) 14, 13, 18.

Second Round: I. Andreadis (Cz.)/Mrs. L. Foldi (Hungary) bt Forshaw/Proudlock



FRED PERRY, England's first World Champion talks with VICTOR BARNÁ and the Editor, HARRISON EDWARDS

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(Yorks.) —18, 14, 16, 10; Merrett/Carrington bt Hill/Dainty 18, 11, 11; Densham/Mortimer bt Muranyi/Williams —20, 19, 17, —20, 8; J. ngber (Lancs.)/Mrs. Rozeanu (Israel) bt Stevens/McCree 18, 15, —17, —20, 18; J. Leach (Essex)/Miss D. Rowe (Midxx.) bt Ellis/Fielder 16, 10, 21; Harrison/Bell bt Ward/B. Holes 16, 12, 18; Wright/Shannon bt Creamer/Piper 11, 15, 16; Z. Berczik/Mrs. S. Lukacs (Hungary) bt Creamer/Taft 19, 14, 17.

Quarter-Finals: Andreadis/Foldi bt Merrett/Carrington 9, 14, 8; Densham/Mortimer bt Ingber/Rozeanu 17, 15, 19; Harrison/Bell bt Leach/Rowe 18, —12, 20, 15; Berczik/Lucas bt Wright/Shannon 14, 15, 19.

Semi-Finals: ANDREADIS/FOLDI bt Densham/Mortimer 21, 18, 14; BER CZIK/LUKACS bt Harrison/Bell —17, 14, 19, 16.

Final: BER CZIK/LUKACS bt Andreadis/Foldi 19, 19, —14, 16.

BOYS' SINGLES

First Round: C. Barnes (Essex) bt L. Gresswell (Midxx.) 10, 17; S. Ogundipe (Sussex) bt D. Holland (Glous.) —19, 17, 25; R. McKewon (Surrey) bt R. Henry (France) —21, 10, 12; M. Mordecai (Glous.) bt S. Seaholme (Herts.) 7, 11; M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt B. Sykes (Herts.) 8, 17; B. Brady (Glous.) bt A. Guilbert (France) 14, 17.

Second Round: Barnes bt D. Stanley (Yorks.) 17, —15, 13; Ogundipe bt A. Bardet (France) 13, 16; McKewon bt A. Robinson (Midxx.) 7, 16; B. Hill (Lincs.) bt Mordecai 7, 11; Symonds bt P. Evrard 3, 9; P. Williams (Herts.) bt D. Davies (Hants.) 20, —12, 16; D. Pryor (Essex) w.o. L. Moore (Surrey); D. Neale (Durham) bt Brady —15, 14, 15.

Quarter-Finals: Barnes bt Ogundipe 13, 19; Hill bt McKewon 18, 16; Symonds bt Williams 7, 7; Neale bt Pryor 11, 13.

Semi-Finals: HILL bt Barnes 17, 20; SYMONDS bt Neale 12, 11.

Final: HILL bt Symonds 9, 9.

GIRLS' SINGLES

First Round: G. Sayer (Essex) bt E. Wyles (Sussex) 13, 15; L. Henwood (Essex) bt L. Proudlock (Yorks.) 16, 19; P. Martin (Essex) bt J. Canham (Herts.) —17, 15, 18; P. Holes (Hants.) bt S. Thomas (Kent) 21, —10, 18; P. Dainty (Yorks.) bt P. Humphreys (Durham) 12, 21.

Quarter-Finals: L. Bell (Essex) bt Sayer 11, 9; P. Martin bt Henwood —14, 19, 18; B. Sayer (Essex) bt Holes 16, 19; C. Holes (Hants.) bt Dainty —20, 15, 15.

Semi-Finals: BELL bt P. Martin 12, 3; SAYER bt C. Holes 16, 17.

Final: BELL bt B. Sayer 12, 12.

BOYS' DOUBLES

First Round: C. Barnes (Essex)/R. McKewon (Surrey) bt D. Davies (Hants.)/L. Moore (Surrey) 12, 14; M. Mordecai (Glous.)/S. Ogundipe (Sussex) bt D. Pryor (Essex)/B. Sykes (Herts.) 16, 13.

Quarter-Finals: B. Hill (Lincs.)/D. Neale (Durham) bt Barnes/McKewon 17, —15, 10; B. Brady (Glous.)/S. Seaholme (Herts.) bt Henry/Bardet (France) 19, —19, 15; L. Gresswell/A. Robinson (Midxx.) bt Evrard / Guilbert (France) 17, 8; D. Stanley (Yorks.)/M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt Mordecai/Ogundipe 11, —17, 16.

Semi-Final: HILL/NEALE bt Brady/Seaholme 13, 14; STANLEY/SYMONDS bt Gresswell/Robinson 16, 15.

Final: STANLEY/SYMONDS bt B. Hill/D. Neale 14, 15.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

First Round: J. Canham (Herts.)/L. Henwood (Essex) bt P. Dainty/L. Proudlock (Yorks.) 19, 12; L. Bell/P. Martin (Essex) bt P. Humphreys (Durham)/S. Thomas (Kent) 12, 6.

Semi-Finals: B. SAYER/G. SAYER (Essex) bt Canham/Henwood —16, 17, 16; C. HOLES/P. HOLES bt Bell/Martin 11, —7, 14.

Final: HOLES/HOLES bt G. Sayer/B. Sayer —19, 8, 15.

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES

First Round: S. Ogundipe (Sussex)/Miss B. Sayer (Essex) bt L. Gresswell (Midxx.)/Miss P. Martin —17, 23, 13; D. Pryor/

Miss G. Sayer bt R. Evrard (France)/Miss S. Thomas (Kent) 13, 17; D. Stanley/Miss L. Proudlock bt D. Neale/Miss P. Humphreys (Durham) 16, 9; D. Davies/Miss C. Holes (Hants.) bt R. Henry (France)/Miss E. Wyles (Sussex) 7, 14; B. Sykes/Miss J. Canham (Herts.) bt R. McKewon (Surrey)/Miss L. Henwood (Essex) —16, 15, 18.

Quarter-Finals: Ogundipe/B. Sayer bt B. Hill (Lincs.)/Miss P. Dainty (Yorks.) 21, 16; Stanley/Proudlock bt Pryor/G. Sayer 13, 11; C. Barnes (Essex)/Miss P. Holes (Hants.) bt Davies/C. Holes 17, 16; M. Mordecai (Glous.)/Miss L. Bell (Essex) bt Sykes/Canham —14, 14, 17.

Semi-Finals: STANLEY/PROUDLOCK bt Ogundipe/B. Sayer 13, —9, 28; MORDECAI/BELL bt Barnes/P. Holes —17, 15, 19.

Final: MORDECAI/BELL bt D. Stanley/Miss L. Proudlock —17, 18, 20.

MFN'S VETERAN SINGLES

First Round: L. Pope (Surrey) bt R. Evens (Sussex) 15, —19, 13; K. Woodard (Surrey) bt P. Hyde (Midxx.) 15, 17; R. Crayden (Surrey) bt L. Thompson (Bucks.) 16, —18, 9; R. Markwell (Essex) bt G. Owen (Kent) 10, 10.

Second Round: R. Sharman (Midxx.) bt Pope —17, 18, 13; G. Seymour (Surrey) bt Woodard 15, 14; Crayden bt L. Hoffman (Midxx.) —18, 19, 15; Markwell bt H. Spiers (Warwicks.) 21, 16.

Semi-Finals: SHARMAN bt Seymour 15, 14; CRAYDEN bt Markwell 12, —14, 10.

Final: CRAYDEN bt R. Sharman 19, 15.

WOMEN'S VETERAN SINGLES

Semi-Finals: Mrs. C. H. N. WHITEHOUSE (Midxx.) bt Mrs. FOSTER (Sussex) —15, 11, 11; Mrs. J. BELL bt Mrs. L. B. CHERRIMAN (Midxx.) 22, 18.

Final: WHITEHOUSE bt Bell —19, 17, 20.

CZECHS TOO GOOD

CZECHOSLOVAKIA crushed England by 4-1 in the official international at Tottenham on February 22. Played on Davis Cup lines of four singles and a doubles, the Czechs won the first three events, before Ian Harrison gained England's only success with a win over Vladimir Miko by 21-18, 15-21, 21-14.

Detailed scores (English names first): I. Harrison lost to A. Andreadis 21-18, 15-21, 15-21; bt Miko 21-18, 15-21, 21-14. J. Ingber lost to Miko 15-21, 19-21; lost to Andreadis 10-21, 16-21.

Harrison/Ingber lost to Andreadis/Miko 17-21, 22-20, 12-21.

SHOCK FOR MIKO

ROGER CHANDLER, 18-year-old Sussex youth, scored a shock win over Miko when the Czechs beat Sussex 7-2 in a warming-up match at Hastings, which provided table tennis of a kind rarely seen these days. Using spin services and the looped topspin, Chandler beat Miko 21-18, 17-21, 21-14.

The other Sussex win was scored by Peter Shead over Stipek by 18-21, 21-19, 21-18.

Shead also gave Andreadis a good run over three games, winning the opening game.

Detailed scores (Czech names first): Andreadis bt Shead 21-23, 21-12, 21-17; bt Chandler 21-11, 21-19; bt Whalley 21-13, 21-17. Miko bt Shead 21-15, 21-16; bt Whalley 21-12, 21-19; lost to Chandler 18-21, 21-17, 14-21. Stipek bt Chandler 21-10, 21-7; bt Whalley 21-15, 21-14; lost to Shead 21-18, 19-21, 18-21.

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WEMBLEY AND HARROW

ONE OF BEST EVER SEASONS

THIS season has been one of the most successful for the Wembley and Harrow League in its 32 years of existence.

With nearly 700 registered players, the Wembley League is still one of the largest in the country. Indeed this year has shown a change from the usual pattern of decline and there has been an increase in the number of clubs from 45 to 48 and of teams from 119 to 127.

A large part of the credit for the efficient running of the league goes to E.T.T.A. Press officer, Norman Reeve, who also finds time to undertake the duties of secretary and treasurer of the league. A firm believer that rules are made to be strictly adhered to, Norman's administration is simple, straightforward and efficient although very often highly controversial.

In the recently held closed championships, local hero, Alan Rhodes, won the men's singles title for the eighth time in 12 years when in a keenly fought final, he defeated Michael Close who himself has won the singles title three times during the same period. The shock winner of the triple crown was Irene Ogus, the youngest player ever to win the ladies' singles title.

Although somewhat disappointed at

losing the zone final of the Wilmott Cup to local arch enemies Willesden by the narrow margin of 5-4, the Wembley team at least had the satisfaction of knowing that this was their best performance to date so far in this competition.

Wembley are very hopeful of obtaining compensation for this defeat by winning for the first time ever the Premier division of the Middlesex inter-league championship, probably the strongest competition of its kind in the country.

Unbeaten so far this season and with the strong Willesden and Acton teams already defeated, the League have good reason for their confidence. Howard Collins, a proficient exponent of the "loop" and playing in his first full season in the Premier division has played a prominent part in these successes, his victims including Michael Creamer, Michael McClaren and Annan Khanna.

The League second team after years in the doldrums of the third division are more than holding their own in the second division, and if it were not for sickness would probably be unbeaten.

The prospects for the future are also good, since the Junior team winners last season of the Middlesex junior championships are undefeated so far this season.

It is to be hoped that the prosperity of the Wembley and Harrow league will continue and that in the not too distant future the popularity of table tennis will rise again so that the English open is once more played within the boundaries of the league at the Empire Pool and the Wembley open once again becomes an important date in the tournament fixture card.

Michael Close.

LANCS AND CHESHIRE

MANCHESTER HEAD FOR ANOTHER WIN

CONSIDERING the distance involved, a combined entry of ten players, seven male and three women, from Lancashire and Cheshire is quite fair representation for the North-West in the English open championships.

Elsewhere in this issue will be recorded their efforts but how good it is for local interest in the championships to have so many in the field. Would not the Lancashire open benefit from a similar influx of Southern stars instead of being given the cold shoulder caused, it is hoped, by reasons of finance rather than prejudice.

Manchester's lengthy reign as champions of the Lancashire and Cheshire league's men's first division looks ever likely to be extended. Bolton had a glorious opportunity of lowering their colours when opposed by the youthful Kevin Forshaw, Roy Crusham and Peter Walmsley.

Sadly for the Trotters, not even the late substitution of Walmsley for Vince Hankey availed their cause, and the visitors won by a comfortable 7-3 margin. Forshaw was the man of the match being the only treble winner, Crusham losing to both Mike Symonds and Bryn Farnworth, whereas Walmsley lost only to Symonds.

Liverpool, in with a chance up to losing Ralph Gunnion to Birmingham in advancement of his railway career, have subsequently fallen by the wayside, Bolton spiking their guns as did Manchester 7-3.

Ashton and Southport still flounder pointlessly at the foot of the table; their impending descent will doubtless re-open the door to Blackpool and Wirral, the latter beating off the challenge of Chester with a 7-3 win to maintain their supremacy.

George R. Yates.

TRIBUTE TO BOB GRIFFIN

IT is pleasant to pay tribute to Bob Griffin, Cheltenham's former international star and it is sad to record that we shall probably not see this likeable personality playing table tennis again. He has been appointed full-time coach to the Egbaston Tennis and Squash Club, Birmingham.

Although we are sorry to see Bob leave Gloucestershire County table tennis, we, with all his very many friends, wish him all possible luck and happiness in his new position. Those who know him realise that he has all the qualities that should enable him to be a first-class coach, and we look forward to hearing in the future that his hard work in tennis has produced, as in table tennis, new champions.

It is hardly necessary to recall that this talented sportsman first made a name for himself as a hard-hitting table tennis player and that he took up tennis as a relaxation from the indoor game. In a relatively short time he had become a champion in tennis.

Griff was partially responsible for the coaching which led to the emergence of such fine players as Ian Harrison, David Griffiths and Kevin Edwards. Like all modern athletes he believes in physical and mental fitness and possesses in full measure these qualities himself.

Gloucestershire's loss is Egbaston's gain and it only remains for me to wish Bob once more all the very best in his new position.

"Onlooker."

BUCKS CHAMPIONSHIPS

JONES—NEW CHAMPION

D. JONES, the County No. 1, succeeded to the men's singles, vacated by B. Barnes, who has now retired, in the Buckinghamshire Closed championships. It is the first time for several years that a player with county qualifications has won the title.

Jones had a hard fight with P. Leckie (Chalfont) in the quarters, played well to beat Paul Racey in straight games in the semi-final, then overcame Berkshire's P. Morecroft in the final.

Joan Wooding is to be congratulated on the fine performance of reaching the final in every event in which she played, although she was unsuccessful in the women's singles final, where Miss Jean Williams (Slough) retained her title.

Miss Wooding was again on the losing end with Miss J. Racey in the women's doubles, won by Mrs. H. Ewles and Mrs. G. Vener, but had her reward in the mixed doubles partnering her brother L.

Wooding to beat J. Healy and Mrs. Vener.

John Ewles won the men's doubles for the second year running but this time with a different partner, Tony Wickens.

Due to a late finish the Girls singles final between Miss Wooding and J. Dalton and the junior doubles L. Wooding and Miss Wooding v R. Curl and Miss P. Shirley—had to be held over.

Men's Singles: D. JONES (Chalfont) bt. P. Morecroft (Slough) 21-14, 16-21, 21-11. Women's Singles: J. WILLIAMS (Slough) bt. J. Wooding (Bletchley) 21-13, 21-12.

Men's Doubles: J. EWLES (Chalfont)/A. WICKENS (Slough) bt Jones/J. Healey (Slough) 21-14, 23-21. Women's Doubles: Mrs. H. EWLES (Chalfont)/Mrs. G. VENER (Slough) bt J. Racey (Bletchley)/Wooding 14-21, 21-13, 21-17. Mixed Doubles: L. WOODING/Miss WOODING bt Healey/Mrs. Vener 21-22 24-22.

Boys' Singles: P. SHIRLEY (Slough) bt R. Curl (Slough) 21-16, 21-19. Restricted Singles: J. PACITTO (Slough) bt D. Denables (Slough) 21-15, 23-25, 21-18.

WELSH CORNER

Wales may Seek End of Quadrangulars

AFTER the excitement of the Welsh Open it has been a quiet month in Wales, with little of more than passing interest to report. The Gwent Open used to be held in February, and although Newport presumably find April a better month, it has left a bit of a gap in our home calendar.

With a very much smaller county programme and all our International matches played at the same time, we are lacking "big" events at the moment, and this is a problem we have to face.

When the Quadrangular Tournament was first suggested, we were very much in favour of the idea, as it seemed to offer the chance to economise on trips, and to clear the calendar for possible visits by Continental sides, or tours by Welsh teams abroad. Regrettably our

first effort to arrange a tour here by a good European side had to be cancelled when we were unable at the last moment to get visas for the East Germans. Since then there has been nervousness on the part of ourselves and both Ireland and Scotland to open up more negotiations.

As a consequence, although next season's Quadrangular will be in England, and arrangements are already well advanced, Wales has given notice at the Home Counties Meetings that we may not vote for a continuance of this system after the cycle of four has been completed.

Our problem is always finance and also the lack of world class stars. If we were strong enough to be invited to tour on the Continent, we should be in a far better position to invite foreign sides back here. But a world ranking, which has gone alarmingly downwards, gives us little opportunity to get amongst the best in Europe. We just must start to climb back up the ladder soon, otherwise we face a future of not being good enough to attract the world's best. And our own public have tired already of matches in which we appear to have no chance.

In the days when our women's team was ranked sixth in the world we were far happier placed, and one sighs for those days again.

It is a pleasure to see a strong Welsh contingent travelling to several of the English Tournaments, but apart from near successes by Alan Thomas and

Audrey Bates in the senior events, and Johnny Mansfield in the juniors, we aren't getting the breakthrough that we need.

What's wrong? Not lack of practice because some of our players are really getting down to it. But is it the right practice? That's the question they must ask themselves.

Meantime, let US pose a question. Where are the Welsh top spinners? Far be it from us to suggest that loops and top spins are necessarily good for the game as a spectacle, but the fact remains that as long as its a legal tactic, why on earth doesn't someone in Wales have a go? This is a new way to success. Welsh players have as much chance as anyone else to acquire it, and there's a very good adage—"If you can't beat it, join it!"

How about it, Welsh men and women?

And how about some interest in coaching! The Welsh Association has booked a week-end at the C.C.P.R. Centre at Lilleshall, in September. Club secretaries

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

THE E.T.T.A. have confirmed the registration of Ralph Gunnion for Warwickshire. Can he help us to avoid relegation? I think Yes! After winning the Midland Open in convincing style he is on the crest of a wave and will be very difficult to beat.

In the game versus Kent we came close to our second premier division victory. While leading 4-3 Colin Cadwallader lost to Ken Jarvis 19-21 in the third, and then in the third game of the last match, Derek Baddeley saw a lead of 12-6 dwindle away for Tony Pidcock to win 21-18, and so decided this, the most thrilling county match seen in Birmingham for years.

It is a great pity that more support is not given to our much improved county teams in all divisions, and especially in these vital Premier Division matches.

The loss of the above match made the game, a week later, versus Yorkshire a real relegation struggle, but with Baddeley again in great fettle and Pam Mortimer showing touches of her old form we at last managed to put ourselves safe for another season.

The game of the night was between Ray Hinchliff and Ralph Gunnion; Gunnion making a fantastic recovery after losing the first game 21-12 and being 19-11 down in the second he took this to 22-20 and went on to win the third 21-11. This was indeed a fine debut for Warwickshire.

The one-day coaching class mentioned last month was a complete success. There were 40 pupils of all ages, each paying £1 for the course, and meals. This venture will almost certainly be repeated in the future.

The dates for the C.C.P.R. Coaching Scheme are now fixed at five centres, i.e., Coventry, Solihull, Rugby, Smethwick, Leamington. Young players who are interested in these courses which take place over a period of six weeks should contact C.C.P.R., 296, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12. Small fees will be payable.

Roger Morris.

WORCESTERSHIRE CLOSED

Men's Singles: M. HAWKINS bt R. Lush 16-21, 22-20, 21-19, 15-21, 21-14. **Women's Singles:** S. MELLEY bt Mrs. J. Lloyd 21-14, 21-15.

Veteran Singles: H. HEWLETT bt R. Hall 21-19, 21-13, **Junior Singles:** J. SUCH bt M. Stanford 21-18, 21-15.

Men's Doubles: LUSH/G. HOLLAND bt B. White/D. Barnes 12-21, 21-15, 21-12. **Women's Doubles:** Mrs. LLOYD/ Mrs. B. SHAMMON bt Mrs. D. Edwards/Mrs. D. Henderson 17-21, 21-18, 21-16. **Mixed Doubles:** LUSH/Miss MELLEY bt R. Goode/Mrs. Lloyd 21-18, 16-21, 21-11. **Junior Doubles:** SUCH/R. ELCOCK bt Stanford/R. Hall 21-14, 21-6.

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
Mar. 10	Hull and East Riding Open Madeley Street Baths Hessle Road, Hull	J.B.S.	K. H. F. Jordan, "Burnlea," Skilling Lane, Brough, E. Yorks.
10-11	Bucks. Open (Feb. 17) Slough Community Centre Farnham Road, Slough, Bucks.	J.S.B. J.S.G.	L. Thompson, "Auchmead," The Avenue, Sunnymeads, Wraybury, Bucks
18	Sussex Junior Open (Feb. 18) Assembly Hall, Worthing, Sussex	Under 15 Under 13	M. Joyez, 42, Livsey Crescent, Worthing, Sussex.
23-25	Stevenage Open English Electric Canteen, Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts.	J.S.B. J.S.G. V.S.	F. T. Burvill, 29, Cannix Close, Stevenage, Herts.
23-25	SWITZERLAND OPEN		
31	Essex Open (Mar. 17) Messrs. John Knights Ltd. Knights Road Silvertown, London, E.16	J.B.S. J.G.S.	H. A. Sprags, 76, Sherrard Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.
April 7	Gwent Open (Mar. 24) Standard Telephones Corporation Road Newport, Mon.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	G. E. Motlow, 29, Carisbrooke Road, Newport. Mon.

GLoucestershire Junior Open

Essex Sweep the Board

by MARGARET FRY

LED by Chester Barnes and Lesley Bell, Essex youngsters swept all before them in the Gloucestershire Junior Open on January 27, winning all seven titles.

Barnes went through the meeting unbeaten, winning the boys' under 17's and under 15's singles, the boys'

SOUTH OF ENGLAND OPEN

MARY NARROWS THE GAP

DIANE ROWE is still unbeaten by a home player but the gap is narrowing judging by the performance of **Mary Shannon**, who took a game from England's No. 1 in the final of the South of England Open at Croydon on February 17. Miss Rowe won at 20-22, 21-16, 21-15, but Miss Shannon showed her best form yet by holding on to 15-all in the final game.

Miss Rowe had beaten Lesley Bell in the semi-final in straight games, while Miss Shannon overcame Mrs. D. Baines.

Miss Bell once again proved too good for Joyce Fielder in the earlier rounds.

The slow conditions were admirably suited to Ian Harrison, who won the men's singles, beating Joe Somogyi 14 and 17 in semi-finals and Alan Rhodes 11 and 12 in the final.

Rhodes had a great semi-final with Bobby Stevens, the English closed champion, to win 23-21, 21-23, 21-18. Fortunes fluctuated with Rhodes coming back from 14-19 down to take the first game, and lose the second after leading 20-17. However, Rhodes with some more forceful play was on top throughout the decider.

Big upsets of the junior events were the defeats of Lesley Bell by Beverley Sayer in girls' final by 21-18, 21-13, and of Chester Barnes by Brian Sykes in the boys' semi-final. Sykes then went on to win an exciting final from S. Ogundipe at 20-22, 22-20, 21-19.

Peter Shead and David Lowe, a scratch pair, surprisingly beat English closed champions Stevens and Bobbie Raybould in the men's doubles semi-final, but could not prevent the title going to Harrison and Brian Wright.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: I. HARRISON (Gloucester) bt J. Somogyi (Surrey) 21-14, 21-17; A. RHODES (Middlesex) bt R. Stevens (Essex) 23-21, 21-23, 21-18.

Final: HARRISON bt Rhodes 21-11, 21-12.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. ROWE (Middlesex) bt L. Bell (Essex) 21-14, 21-16. M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt Mrs. D. Baines (Hertfordshire) 21-14, 21-15.

Final: ROWE bt Shannon 20-22, 21-16, 21-15.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: HARRISON/B. WRIGHT (Middlesex) bt Somogyi/G. Muranyi (Surrey) 22-20, 21-18. D. LOWE (Surrey)/P. SHEAD (Sussex) bt Stevens/R. Raybould (Essex) 21-15, 21-12.

Final: HARRISON/WRIGHT bt Lowe/Shead 21-18, 21-19.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: ROWE/SHANNON bt B. Sayer/G. Sayer (Essex) 21-16, 21-14. M. HICKS/I. OGUS (Middlesex) bt J. Canham (Hertfordshire)/Baines 21-17, 22-20.

Final: ROWE/SHANNON bt Hicks/Ogus 21-15, 21-15.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: SHEAD/Mrs. B. BIRD (Essex) bt Wright/Miss Shannon 18-21, 21-11, 21-16. B. BRUMWELL (Essex)/Miss BELL bt Stevens/Miss Rowe 15-21, 21-13, 21-14.

Final: SHEAD/BIRD bt Brumwell/Bell 13-21, 21-16, 21-16.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: B. SYKES (Hertfordshire) bt C. Barnes (Essex) 15-21, 21-18, 21-17. S. OGUNDIPE (Sussex) bt R. McKewon (Surrey) 21-17, 17-21, 21-19.

Final: SYKES bt Ogundipe 20-22, 22-20, 21-19.

Girls Singles: Semi-Finals: B. SAYER bt S. Thomas (Kent) 21-11, 21-13. BELL bt G. Sayer 21-7, 21-9.

Final: B. SAYER bt Bell 21-18, 21-13.

doubles with Danny Pryor, and the mixed doubles with Miss Bell.

Miss Bell just failed to emulate him when she met with a shock defeat at the hands of Pat Dainty of Yorkshire, in the under 15's singles, where Beverley Sayer kept the Essex flag flying by beating Miss Dainty in the final.

Miss Dainty won her under 15's match with Miss Bell by 21-10, 21-15, but the Essex junior reversed the decision when they clashed in the under 17's event later and won 21-10, 21-19.

Barnes beat Brian Hill (Lincs.) 21-14, 21-16, in the under 17's semi-final and Brian Sykes (Herts.) in the final by 21-15, 21-19. However, Barnes received a shock in the under 15's final, when he lost the opening games to Peter Williams (Herts.) at 20-22. Williams was unable to sustain his effort and lost the next two games.

Sykes showed improved form in getting to the under 17's final, beating G. French (Kent) 21-16, 23-21, in the quarters, and Morley Mordecai (Gloucestershire) 21-18, 21-15 in the semi-finals.

The boys' doubles provided a good final between Barnes and Pryor and Hill and Sykes, the Essex boys just getting home at 21-7, 20-22, 21-18. In the girls' doubles final Miss Bell and Pauline Martin were easy winners against the Oxford pair of King and Daniels, while the mixed final was an all-Essex affair with Barnes and Miss Bell beating Pryor and Gloria Sayer 21-8, 21-17.

RECORD ENTRY

There was a record entry of 103 in all events and the Gloucester City committee must be congratulated on completing the tournaments by 8.30 p.m., thus enabling the boys and girls to leave for home at a reasonable hour.

Boys (under-17) Singles: Semi-Finals: C. BARNES (Essex) bt B. Hill (Lincs.) 21-14, 21-16. B. SYKES (Herts) bt M. Mordecai (Glos.) 21-18, 21-16.

Final: BARNES bt Sykes 21-15, 21-19.

Boys (under-15) Singles: Semi-Finals: P. WILLIAMS (Herts) bt K. Howard (Herts) 21-8, 21-10. BARNES bt A. Robinson (Midxx.) 21-16, 21-16.

Final: BARNES bt Williams 20-22, 21-15, 21-17.

Girls (under-17) Singles: Semi-Finals: L. BELL (Essex) bt B. Sayer (Essex) 21-12, 21-10. J. CANHAM (Herts) bt L. Henwood (Essex) 21-14, 21-8.

Final: BELL bt Canham 21-18, 21-16.

Girls (under-15) Singles: Semi-Finals: D. DAINTY (Yorks.) bt D. Bonner (Devon) 21-12, 21-9. B. SAYER bt Henwood 21-22, 21-11.

Final: B. SAYER bt Dainty 21-10, 21-15.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: HILL/SYKES bt Mordecai/B. Brady (Glos.) 21-14, 21-18. D. PRYOR (Essex)/BARNES bt D. Holland (Glos.)/R. McKewon (Surrey) 21-16, 21-18.

Final: PRYOR/BARNES bt Hill/Sykes 21-7, 20-22, 21-18.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: BELL/P. MARTIN (Essex) bt B. Sayer/G. Sayer (Essex) 22-20, 21-12. J. KING/R. DANIELS (Oxford) bt I. Sykes/L. Brown (Warwickshire) 16-21, 21-14, 27-25.

Final: BELL/MARTIN bt King/Daniels 21-15, 21-7.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: BARNES/ Miss BELL bt Sykes/ Miss Canham 21-16, 21-18. PRYOR/Miss G. SAYER bt McKewon/Miss Henwood 21-15, 16-21, 21-16.

Final: BARNES/BELL bt Pryor/G. Sayer 21-8, 21-17.

MIDLAND OPEN

A New Tournament Winner GUNNION'S FIRST TITLE

A NEW name went on to the list of tournament winners when Ralph Gunnion, formerly of Liverpool and now of Birmingham, carried off the men's singles in the Midland Open at Birmingham on February 10.

Although the ranked players were absent it was an exceptionally good performance by the 21-year-old Gunnion, who had jumped into prominence the previous month when he was runner-up to Johnny Leach in the Irish Open. He beat Terry Densham in a good three-setter, disposed of Kevin Forshaw in the semi-final, then beat young Chester Barnes in the final 23-21, 21-8.

Barnes was the surprise of the tournament, reaching both the men's and boys' singles finals. In the men's event he had wins over Mike Symonds, Derek Baddeley, and Roy Morley to take his place in the final. Symonds got his revenge in the boys' singles when he beat Barnes in the final.

Lesley Bell won her first senior title when she beat Judy Williams in the women's singles final, having previously beaten Joyce Fielder in the semi-final. Miss Williams appeared to lack spirit against Miss Bell who won easily 21-11, 21-7. This was surprising for Miss Williams had previously beaten Pam Mortimer most convincingly.

Miss Fielder beat Audrey Bates, the defending title holder, but was given a terrific fight by young Diane Fitzgerald before getting home 22-20, 19-21, 22-20.

Local Success

The two Dereks, Baddeley and Backhouse provided a local success when they won the men's doubles, when, after beating the top seeds Alan Lindsay and Densham in an early round, they beat Graham Whalley and Mike Ellis in the final. Miss Williams and Alma Taft combined well to take the women's doubles without loss of a game.

Laurie Landry gained his first title of the season in the mixed doubles with Miss Bell who also won the girls' singles.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: R. GUNNION (Lancashire) bt K. Forshaw (Lancashire) 11-21, 21-8, 21-18. C. BARNES (Essex) bt R. Morley (Gloucestershire) 21-16, 21-18.

Final: GUNNION bt Barnes 23-21, 21-8.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: L. BELL (Essex) bt J. Fielder (Kent) 21-16, 21-14. J. WILLIAMS (Hertfordshire) bt P. Mortimer (Warwickshire) 21-11, 21-11.

Final: BELL bt Williams 21-11, 21-7.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: D. BADDELEY (Warwickshire)/D. BACKHOUSE (Staffordshire) bt Forshaw/R. Crusham (Lancashire) 21-12, 21-18. G. WHALLEY (Sussex)/M. ELLIS (Kent) bt D. Bevan (Gloucestershire)/P. Racey (Bedfordshire) 19-21, 21-14, 21-18.

Final: BADDELEY/BACKHOUSE bt Whalley/Ellis 21-15, 21-18.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: WILLIAMS/A. TAFT (Hertfordshire) bt D. Griffiths/B. Carless (Warwickshire) 21-9, 21-18. J. WALKER (Derbyshire)/FIELDER bt S. Hession (Essex)/Mortimer 21-16, 13-21, 21-18.

Final: WILLIAMS/TAFT bt Walker/Fielder 21-17, 21-18.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: L. LANDRY (Middlesex)/BELL bt Baddeley/Mortimer 12-21, 21-19, 21-18. D. SCHOFIELD/Mrs. SCHOFIELD (Cheshire) bt K. Edwards (Gloucestershire)/M. Phillips (Wales) 21-16, 21-8.

Final: LANDRY/BELL bt Schofield/Schofield 21-8, 21-14.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: M. SYMONDS (Lancashire) bt J. Mansfield (Wales) 21-11, 21-13. BARNES bt G. Pressick (Warwickshire) 21-11, 24-26, 21-13.

Final: SYMONDS bt Barnes 21-16, 21-11.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: BELL bt G. Sayer (Essex) 21-12, 21-3. B. SAYER (Essex) bt L. Proudlock (Yorkshire) 21-18, 21-16.

Final: BELL bt B. Sayer 21-9, 19-21, 21-17.

Junior Doubles (Mixed): Semi-Finals: BARNES/R. McKEWON (Surrey) bt D. Holland/Grove (Gloucestershire/Warwickshire) 21-11, 21-15. PRESSICK/K. JONES (Warwickshire) bt B. Brady/M. Mordecai (Gloucestershire) 21-18, 17-21, 21-19.

Final: BARNES/McKEWON bt Pressick/Jones 21-17, 9-21, 21-14.

Veterans' Singles: Semi-Finals: J. WILLIAMSON (Staffordshire) bt H. Spiers (Warwickshire) 15-21, 21-17, 21-12. J. PRICE (Monmouthshire) bt L. Hoffmann (Middlesex) 15-21, 21-19, 21-16.

Final: WILLIAMSON bt Price 21-16, 21-11.

WEST OF SCOTLAND OPEN

CLAYTON SPOILS

JACK CLAYTON, of Manchester, made an excursion North of the Border to capture the men's singles in the 24th West of Scotland Championships in Glasgow on January 28. His success robbed Edinburgh's Bertie Kerr of his fourth successive win in the title.

Kerr fought his way through to the final, but could not match the superior play of Clayton, who won 21-15, 21-9. However, Kerr had the consolation of winning the men's doubles with Eddie Still (Dundee).

Ian Barclay was the only one of the eight seeds who failed to make the quarter-finals in the men's singles, being beaten by G. Morrison (Aberdeen), who eventually lost to Malcolm Sugden at 19 in the third.

The expedite rule was in operation in all three games in the marathon 70 minutes quarter-final in which Jim Carswell (Hamilton) beat Alec Laidlaw.

Mrs. Olive Hawkins was in great form to collect three titles, the women's singles, the women's doubles with Mrs. Doreen Robertson and the mixed doubles with Jim Dow, who gained a second title in the junior singles.

Mrs. Hawkins beat Mrs. Edith Bone, with whom she had shared top seeding, by 21-15, 14-21, 21-18, in the singles final.

Margaret Terrass (Edinburgh), who scored a surprise first round win over Mrs. Robertson, gave Mrs. Hawkins a tough semi-final match before being beaten 21-9, 8-21, 21-15.

Defending champions Barclay and Laidlaw lost their men's doubles title in the quarters when they went down to Carswell and McLean, who were in turn beaten by Kerr and Still, the eventual winners.

Clayton, partnered by Craig, lost in the first round of the men's doubles to Maxwell and Sugden, but he teamed up with Mrs. Robertson to reach the final of the mixed doubles where Dow and Mrs. Hawkins were too strong.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: B. KERR (Edinburgh) bt J. Carswell (Hamilton) 21-18, 21-18. J. CLAYTON (Manchester) bt M. Sugden (Edinburgh) 21-15, 21-8.

Final: CLAYTON bt Kerr 21-15, 21-9.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: Mrs. E. BONE (Glasgow) bt Mrs. G. Shields (Hamilton) 21-19, 21-14. Mrs. O. HAWKINS (Glasgow) bt M. Terrass (Edinburgh) 21-9, 8-21, 21-15.

Final: HAWKINS bt Bone 21-15, 14-21, 21-18.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: KERR/E. STILL (Dundee) bt Carswell/D. McLean (Glasgow) 21-16, 23-21. J. DOW/E. LATHAM (Glasgow) bt G. Maxwell (Dundee)/Sugden 21-15, 21-18.

Final: KERR/STILL bt Dow/Latham 19-21, 21-19, 21-18.

KENT OPEN

RHODES AND SHANNON TRIUMPHANT

IN the absence of Diane Rowe, Mary Shannon won another title in the Kent Open at Folkestone on February 27-28. As the seeding indicated Jean McCree was her opponent in the final, but did not live up to the earlier form which had given her wins over Betty Bird and Joyce Fielder and after an extremely close first game was beaten 21-19, 21-7. Miss Shannon really hit the ball in that second game.

Alan Rhodes swept through the men's singles for his third title of the season. He beat Stan Jacobson 19 and 14 in an awkward semi-final, and avenged an earlier

defeat this season, with a 21-16, 21-17 win over Tony Piddock in the final.

Johnny Leach, hitting the right ball nicely, had straight games wins over David Creamer and Harry Venner, before falling to Rhodes after a close second game.

Piddock beat Brian Wright in a hit or miss match, and in the semi-final had a long tussle with Alan Lindsay, who had previously caused an upset by beating Jo Somogyi, the No. 2 seed, at 10 in the third, after losing the first game and just winning the second at 26-24.

The men's doubles final was a repeat of the Sussex open with Leach and David Creamer once again beating Lindsay and Jacobson at 22-20 in the third.

Brian Wright twisted an ankle and pulled a ligament when partnering Miss Shannon against Rhodes and Joyce Fielder. Wright gamely played on but they were beaten at 17 in the third, then he had to pull out of the men's doubles. Terry Densham and Betty Bird took the title, beating Rhodes and Miss Fielder, who were the holders, in the final.

The women's doubles, contrary to expectations, provided an exciting final with Miss Shannon and Alma Taft getting a narrow decision over Mrs. McCree and Elsie Carrington.

The junior events lacked the top players, and the Boys' title went to Sammy Ogundipe with a surprise win over Bob McKewon, who had travelled straight from the Gloucestershire Junior Open the previous day. Pam Venus, of Middlesex, the only non-Kent entrant won the girls' title, beating Kay Stokes.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: A. RHODES (Middlesex) bt S. Jacobson (Middlesex) 21-19, 21-14. A. PIDDOCK (Kent) bt A. Lindsay (Middlesex) 13-21, 21-17, 21-16.

Final: RHODES bt Piddock 21-16, 21-17.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt P. Piper (Surrey) 21-9, 21-8. J. McCREE (Essex) bt J. Fielder (Kent) 21-10, 11-21, 21-10.

Final: SHANNON bt McCree 21-19, 21-7.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: J. LEACH (Essex)/D. CREAMER (Middlesex) bt Piddock/H. Buist (Kent) 21-18, 18-21, 21-10. JACOBSON/LINDSAY bt D. Lowe/M. MacLaren (Surrey) 21-16, 21-17.

Final: LEACH/CREAMER bt Jacobson/Lindsay 13-21, 21-16, 22-20.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: A. TAFT (Hertfordshire)/SHANNON bt B. Bird (Essex)/Fielder 21-19, 21-11. McCREE/E. CARRINGTON (Essex) bt P. Thomas/K. Stokes (Kent) 21-10, 21-13.

Final: TAFT/SHANNON bt McCree/Carrington 21-11, 16-21, 22-20.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: T. DENSHAM (Hertfordshire)/BIRD bt Leach/McCree 21-17, 21-14. RHODES/FIELDER bt Piddock/J. Beadle (Kent) 22-20, 21-9.

Final: DENSHAM/BIRD bt Rhodes/Fielder 21-19, 22-20.

Youth's Singles: Boys' Semi-Finals: S. OGUINDIPE (Sussex) bt L. Gresswell (Middlesex) 21-11, 21-18. R. McKEWON (Surrey) bt K. Clark (Kent) 21-10, 21-12.

Final: OGUINDIPE bt McKewon 21-16, 21-18.

Youth's Singles: Girls' Semi-Finals: P. VENUS (Middlesex) bt A. Maber (Kent) 21-2, 21-9. K. STOKES (Kent) bt G. Smith (Kent) 21-3, 21-7.

Final: VENUS bt Stokes 21-15, 10-21, 21-15.

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Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: DOW bt R. Anderson (Glasgow) 21-11, 21-12. J. COWIE (Dundee) bt J. Drysdale (Glasgow) 21-18, 21-14.

Final: DOW bt Cowie 21-16, 21-16.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: DONALDSON bt Kenedy 21-17, 19-21, 21-13. J. AMBROSE (Edinburgh) bt L. Barrie (Glasgow) 22-20, 24-22.

Final: DONALDSON bt Ambrose 21-18, 21-12.

WEST OF SCOTLAND OPEN by GWILLIAM BROWN

KERR'S RECORD

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: Mrs. COATS/Mrs. SHIELDS bt Julius/Mrs. Kerr 21-14, 21-11. HAWKINS/Mrs. ROBERTSON bt Bone/Terras 21-16, 14-21, 21-16.

Final: HAWKINS/ROBERTSON bt Coats/Shields 15-21, 21-9, 21-18.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: DOW/Mrs. HAWKINS bt H. Baxter/ Mrs. Coats 1-15, 21-10. CLAYTON/Mrs. ROBERTSON bt Kerr/ Mrs. Kerr 21-16, 13-21, 21-15.

Final: DOW/HAWKINS bt Clayton/Robertson 21-19, 21-14.

Junior Singles: Semi-Finals: DOW bt. G. Anderson (Glasgow) 21-6, 21-11. J. REILLY (Glasgow) bt E. Tough (Aberdeen) 21-13, 12-21, 21-10.

Final: DOW bt Reilly 21-6, 21-14.

MURRAYFIELD OPEN

DOUBLE FOR MRS. HAWKINS

MRS. OLIVE HAWKINS, of Glasgow, collected a brace of titles in the Murrayfield Open at Bathgate on January 14. She beat Mrs. Edith Bone in the singles final, then they teamed up to win the women's double, beating Mrs. Greta Shields and Mrs. J. Farquar.

The expedite rule had to be brought into operation when Alec Laidlaw beat Jim Carswell in the semi-final of the men's singles at 19-21, 21-15, 21-11, and appeared to work well. Laidlaw went on to beat Eddie Still in the final 21-19, 21-6.

Still had the consolation of winning the men's doubles with Bertie Kerr and the mixed doubles with Doreen Donaldson, who also collected a second title in the girls' singles.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: E. STILL (Dundee) bt M. Sugden (Edinburgh) 17-21, 21-16, 21-9. A. LAIDLAW (Edinburgh) bt J. Carswell (Glasgow) 19-21, 21-15, 21-11.

Final: LAIDLAW bt Still 21-19, 21-6.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: Mrs. E. BONE (Glasgow) bt Mrs. G. Shields (Hamilton) 21-14, 21-6. Mrs. O. HAWKINS (Glasgow) bt D. Robertson (Glasgow) 21-10, 21-13.

Final: HAWKINS bt Bone 21-16, 16-21, 24-22.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: SUGDEN/G. MAXWELL (Dundee) bt J. Dow/E. Latham (Glasgow) 21-13, 22-20. R. KERR (Edinburgh)/STILL bt R. Hamilton/R. Rutherford (Edinburgh) 21-19, 21-14.

Final: KERR/STILL bt Sugden/Maxwell 21-16, 21-9.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: HAWKINS/ROBERTSON bt D. Donaldson/S. Stewart (Dundee) 21-15, 21-10. SHIELDS/Mrs. J. FARQUAR (Edinburgh) bt N. Kenedy/L. Barrie (Glasgow) 21-10, 21-12.

Final: HAWKINS/ROBERTSON bt Shields/Farquar 18-21, 21-17, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: KERR/Mrs. KERR bt Carswell/Mrs. Shields 21-14, 21-16. STILL/Miss DONALDSON bt Dow/Mrs. Hawkins 14-21, 21-13, 21-11.

Final: STILL/DONALDSON bt Kerr/Kerr 21-12, 21-18.

OFFICIAL NEWS

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. The National Executive Committee held a meeting in the Council Room of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2, on Saturday February 3. There was a full agenda for discussion and some of the items of interest were:—

Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on June 30, 1962, in the Derby Room, Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Election of Officers and National Executive Committee 1962/63. The Committee agreed the following dates for the elections for the 1962/63 season:

NOMINATION PAPERS TO BE DISPATCHED BY APRIL 2, 1962.

NOMINATION PAPERS TO BE RETURNED BY APRIL 30, 1962.

VOTING PAPERS TO BE DISPATCHED BY MAY 14, 1962.

VOTING PAPERS TO BE RETURNED BY MAY 31, 1962.

Annual Report of the Association. The Committee agreed that this report be made up to April 30, 1962, and the sub-committee elected to deal with this report should be Messrs. Vint, Eyles, Blunn, Clemett and James. Mr. Clemett acting as Editor of the Report.

Sunday Observance. The Association had received a letter from the Home Office dealing with the question of the organisation of sport on Sundays in this country. The Committee agreed to submit a document, prepared by Messrs. Vint, James and Reeve, to the Home Office setting out the thoughts and opinions of the Association in this matter.

J. M. Rose Bowl Competition. The Committee discussed at some length the possible alterations to the playing regulations regarding the National women's team event. It was finally agreed that for the 1962/63 season the regulations relating to this competition should be changed so as to read

as those for the Wilmott Cup Competition, in view of the fact that so many Leagues preferred the Wilmott Cup Competition method of play.

National Umpires' and Referees' Committee. The Committee endorsed the recommendations of the N.U.R.C. that the following awards be made:

National Umpires' Certificate: Mr. M. A. ASKEY, Mr. W. J. KEMP.

National Coaching Committee. The Committee endorsed the recommendations of the National Coaching Committee that the following awards be made:

Basic Coaching Diploma: Mr. C. MORATH (Hertfordshire), Mr. R. MORRIS (Warwickshire), Mr. J. CORNWALL (Cambridgeshire), Mr. D. W. PAGE (Kent).

National Junior Selection Committee. The Committee learned with regret of the resignation of Mr. F. B. Brumwell (Essex) from the position of Non-Playing Captain of the Junior team and member of the National Selection Committee (Junior).

European Championships, West Berlin, March 31—April 8, 1962. The Committee agreed that three men, two women and a non-playing captain should attend these Championships. The National Selection Committee (Senior) were instructed to select the team to represent the Association. The question of the E.T.T.A. Delegate to the European Table Tennis Union Congress was left in abeyance.

International Match v Czechoslovakia, Tottenham, February 2, 1962. The Committee agreed that Mr. T. Blunn should act as the E.T.T.A. representative.

Registered Members 1961/62 Season. The following members' applications were endorsed: Mr. G. Steggall (Hertfordshire), Mr. W. Reeves (Derbyshire), Mr. A. R. Miller (Surrey).

Open Tournaments, 1962/63 Season. The first application forms for next season's Tournaments will be circulated during March to the organisers of these events.

Alterations to the Rules of the Association. The Committee considered at length the various recommendations made by the Rules Committee. These proposed alterations to the Rules, as agreed by the Committee, will be circulated to the membership during March next in

accordance with Rule 30 of the E.T.T.A. constitution.

Affiliation Fees. The Committee noted that certain Leagues had not yet finally settled their fees for the current season. The League Hon. Treasurers are asked to deal with this matter during the next two weeks so that the Association's records can be finalised in this respect for the 1961/62 season. The Committee also wished to bring to the notice of all affiliated League Hon. Treasurers, Rule 6 (e) which reads as follows:—

"Members' Levy. A levy of 6d. per member for all members registered with or in membership with a League shall be paid in accordance with Rule 7, but the Levy due from members registered with or becoming members of a League after October 31 shall be paid to the Secretary of the Association by the following March 31.

It is noted that a number of Leagues have not yet remitted the Levy on behalf of their members and also that additional amounts of Levy are still due from other Leagues. It would be much appreciated if League Hon. Treasurers cleared these outstanding amounts as soon as possible.

WILMOTT CUP. Draw for quarter-finals: Sunderland v Manchester; Leamington v Luton; Willesden v London Civil Service; Staines or Gloucester v Brighton.

J. M. ROSE BOWL. Draw for the quarter-finals: Huddersfield v Manchester; Birmingham v St. Albans; Sutton v East London; Staines v Portsmouth.

Team Selections:

European Championships: I. HARRISON (Gloucestershire), J. INGBER (Lancashire), A. RHODES (Middlesex), R. STEVENS (Essex), DIANE ROWE (Middlesex), MARY SHANNON (Surrey), LESLEY BELL (Essex).

v Holland (at Walkenberg on March 16); I. HARRISON (Gloucestershire), J. INGBER (Lancashire). Non-playing captain: R. CRAYDEN.

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