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DOUBLES TITLE FOR DI AND MARY

by LEN ADAMS

IN the absence of Hungary and other Iron Curtain Countries titles were well shared around in the Third European Championships, with the host country, Germany, taking the larger share with the Women's Team, the Women's Singles with AGNES SIMON, and a half share in the mixed with INGE HARST who partnered HANS ALSER, of Sweden. ALSER also won the men's singles. YUGOSLAVIA won the men's team and the men's doubles with VOJISLAV

MARKOVIC and JANEZ TERAN, while DIANE ROWE and MARY SHANNON brought the women's doubles to England, our first European individual title.

England were unlucky in the women's team where they were runners-up to Germany, for whom Mrs. Simon played the key part, and also stopped Miss Rowe in the singles final.

The championships took place in the Sporthalle, Schoneberg, an ideal indoor stadium with every facility.

Playing conditions however were not to our liking as a team. The Barna tables reacted strangely with the Hanno balls and our players found the hanging ball difficult to put away. Many of the leading players also complained of this difficulty, but it was noticeable that they had adjusted themselves some days before we fell in.

Our highlight of the tournament was the convincing play of Di and Mary in becoming European doubles champions. Well though they played I learn we have reason to thank Agnes Simon for insisting against the advice of the two German captains and her partner, in changing the order in the third game after the

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first two had been shared. It was far from obvious that this order would suit us but whilst our girls maintained their high standard the German pair, upset by receiving from different rackets, started badly and were shown a clean pair of heels. In the fourth they were completely demoralised by every shot in the book and it was great to see our girls fighting to win every point and widening the gap without relaxing. Our win proved very popular with the crowd and on this form Mary and Di, with a season's practice ahead of them, must stand a good chance for the world title in Prague next year.

Earlier Di had fallen yet again to Simon in the singles final without a game to show for her magnificent start and fighting finish. After a 9-2 start where Di had hit six clean winners and returned most of Simon's best hits, a series of net cord shots swung the game in Simon's favour psychologically and she got away with daylight robbery.

Di wilted

In the second game Agnes chanced her arm and even Di's renowned defence wilted under this onslaught. At 18-12 down in the third Di threw everything into attack and levelled at 18-all amidst great excitement. The effort had been too much for her, however, and Simon picked up the last three points for the title. The great tragedy from Di's point of view was that Harst led Simon 19-17 in the fifth game of their semi-final.

Mary reached the quarter-finals and put up a great fight before going down to Harst 3-1. She was one game up and twice within a point of two up, but it was not to be.

Lesley Bell also put a wonderful performance against Gomolla, World Consolation finalist in Peking, but her 2-1 lead was pulled back and Gomolla's defence tightened too much for Lesley in the final game.

Of the men Ian Harrison was outstanding and I venture to say that only Alser was playing better than he at this stage of the tournament. Had the seeding been done on the current world ranking list and not from the most curious European list, on which Ian did not appear, he may well have reached the final.

Lost only to Swedes

In the team events he lost only to two Swedes out of fifteen matches and both times at deuce in the second game after retrieving which would have made Dickie Bergmann's hair curl.

Jeff Ingber played his heart out in the team matches and had the second best record but he slipped up in the first match of both singles and doubles. He recouped a little by reaching the Consolation final, from a strong entry, but narrowly lost to Berger.

Conditions did not suit Alan Rhodes or Bobby Stevens but whilst Bobby improved gradually after a poor start, Alan remained at a mediocre and ineffective level throughout. Many people had hoped that Alan would be able to reproduce the form that has made him the leading tournament winner in England this year but his timing was upset and his forehand wing was a liability. Bobby had a very exciting game against ex-Hungarian Antal, now playing for Switzerland, which kept our hearts in our mouths until 24-22 in the fifth. We had further



AGNES SIMON

HANS ALSER

visions of success when Bobby led Hrbud 20-15 in the first game but failure to clinch this game enabled the Yugoslav to get on top and stay there.

In the team event the men were group runners-up to the Swedes who played super table tennis against us. Both Harrison and Ingber raised their games to great heights and went very close to winning games, but Rhodes was on and off in less time than it used to take him to beat Roothoof. Alser was irresistible in this match. The final between Sweden and Yugoslavia was a formality according to most prophets with the promise of some interest if Markovic could win three. In the event the Swedes failed to produce any form or fight despite their rigorous training programme organised by coach Ogimura and they crashed to an astounding 5-1 defeat.

On the other hand our girls fought tooth and nail against "Agnes Germany" and Di came within an ace of beating her after we had unexpectedly lost the doubles from a good position to become 2-1 down.

Expedite rule

The expedite rule was enforced at 20-18 to Simon in the third and Di held the point. After six strokes a good hit was returned awkwardly by Simon and Di couldn't position herself for the kill and the point was eventually lost by default. With it went the match and our hopes for the top ranking in Europe.

We can be justly proud of all three girls who represented England. Both Mary and Lesley showed that although at the moment they may lose to a few players they will not be beaten by the occasion alone.

In conclusion I should like to thank publicly the anonymous donors who made it possible to send a full team of seven players—surely the happiest bunch of people ever to represent England in the European Championships.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL

MEN'S SINGLES
HANS ALSER
(Sweden)

WOMEN'S SINGLES
AGNES SIMON
(Germany)

MEN'S DOUBLES
VOJISLAV MARKOVIC
JANEZ TERAN
(Yugoslavia)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES
DIANE ROWE
MARY SHANNON
(England)

MIXED DOUBLES
HANS ALSER
(Sweden)

MEN'S TEAM
YUGOSLAVIA

INGE HARST
(Germany)

WOMEN'S TEAM
GERMANY

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RESULTS IN FULL

MEN'S SINGLES

First Round: Bertrand (Bel) bt Carlsson (Finland) 13, —21, 12, 14. Thein (Ger) bt Christodoulatos (Greece) 16, 14, 17. Creamer (Eng) bt O'Neill (Jersey) 8, 19, 14. Gab (Ger) bt Sporer (Aus) 6, 11, 8. Korpa (Yug) bt Still (Scot) 13, 11, 13. Hansen (Den) bt Berger (Ger) 16, 11, 10. Johansson (Swd) bt Urchetti (Swz) 17, 14, 22. Michalek (Ger) bt Langehegermann (Luxembourg) 7, 9, 6. Johansson, C. (Swd) bt Louro (Port) 23, 16, —14, 17. Reinicke (Ger) bt Ramon (Spain) 11, —18, —21, 15, 19. Ness (Ger) bt Schoofs (Hol) —18, 17, 17, 16. Delabarre (Port) bt Thomas (Wales) 7, 7, 11. Sedelmayer (Aus) bt Baer (Swz) 16, —17, 16, 12. Hrbud (Yug) bt Gambier (Fr) 15, 8, 11. Bengtsson (Swd) bt Barclay (Scot) 8, 15, 16. Jell (Aus) bt Pales, J. (Sp) 16, —15, 20, —15, 17. Stevens (Eng) bt Frank (Ger) 13, —21, 15, 14. Thorsen (Den) bt Brimaire (Lux) 20, 15, 12. Hubne (Ger) bt Penttinen (Fin) 13, 12, 15. Antal (Swz) bt Demollin (Bel) 8, 14, 16. Teran (Yug) bt Seiz (Ger) 10, 10, 19. Schonemeyer (Hol) bt Everson (Wales) —19, 11, 18, 16. Carlsson (Swd) bt Charamicolas (Gr) 9, 14, 12. Osorio (Port) bt Evans (Eng) 11, 14, 13. Lorenz (Ger) bt Eloury (Jersey) 9, 13, 14. Roland (Bel) bt Olivar (Sp) 14, 9, 14. Stock (Ger) bt Onnes (Hol) 18, —11, —18, 10, 21. Vecko (Yug) bt Le Masson (Jersey) 7, 7, 8. Konieczka (Ger) bt Jaminet (Lux) 19, 15, 21. Vogrinc (Yug) bt Juliens (Bel) 11, 17, 11. Lo (Port) bt Andersson (Swd) 17, 18, 18. Penttila (Fin) bt Pales, I. M. (Sp) 23, —20, 11, —16, 16. Johansson (Swd) bt Chergui (Fr) 18,

18, 17. Froll (Aus) bt Kummerie (Ger) 18, —19, 18, 10. Gomolla (Ger) bt Kedras (Gr) 7, 10, 18. Bernhardt (Swd) bt Damman (Bel) 16, 19, 16. Sugden (Scot) bt Ehrlich (Fr) 19, —14, 19, —7, 17. Mellsrom (Swd) bt Felten (Lux) 14, 17, 16. Lyttik (Den) bt Bierkens (Bel) 14, 9, —18, —19, 21. Wegrath (Aus) bt Maier (Ger) —20, 14, 14, —19, 19. Forster (Ger) bt Scheffer (Hol) 17, 12, 13. Evans (Wales) bt Bergstrand (Swd) 10, 13, 15. Hucas (Sp) bt Niemeyer (Ger) —12, 20, 12, —14, 11. Nielsen (Den) bt Campos (Pol) 20, 19, —20, 15. Offergeld (Ger) bt Ingber (Eng) —5, 18, 16, —17, 11. Kerr (Scot) bt Kollmann (Aus) 15, 10, 15. Lux (Ger) bt Cornil (Bel) 13, 17, 14. Magnusson (Swd) bt Breumair (Ger) —18, 20, 10, 19. Nyberg (Fin) bt Baton (Jersey) 14, —17, 16, 16.

Second Round: Alser (Swd) bt Bertrand 13, 9, 10. Creamer bt Thein 19, 18, —17, 19. Gab bt Korpa 15, —20, 23, 20. Hansen bt Johansson 14, 9, 11. Michalek bt Plakantonakis (Gr) 8, 16, 15. Reinicke bt Johansson, C. 11, 10, 15. Ness bt Delabarre 17, 17, —7, 20. Harrison (Eng) bt Sedelmayer 15, 18, 11. Hrbud bt Bengtsson —19, 21, 11, 12. Held (Ger) bt Jell 19, 10, 20. Stevens bt Thorson —12, 18, 9, 15. Antal bt Hubner 3, 12, —20, —18, 15. Teran bt Schonemeyer 19, 17, 15. Carlsson bt Osorio 16, —23, 20, 18. Roland bt Lorenz 15, 6, 10. Scholer (Ger) bt Svensson (Swd) 10, 12, 15. Larsson (Swd) bt Stock —16, 15, 5, 15. Vecko bt Konieczka 17, 19, —19, 17. Vogrinc bt Lo —19, 13, 13, 14. Rhodes

(Eng.) bt Penttila 15, 16, 13. Troll bt Johansson —13, 19, 16, 18. Gomolla bt Pewny (Swz) —18, 17, —21, 15, 18. Bernhardt bt Sugden 8, 21, 10. Arndt (Ger) bt Nederpelt 12, 16, 10. Mellstrom bt Lyttik 13, 15, 13. Wegrath bt Amouretti (Fr) 15, 7, 14. Leach (Eng) bt Forster 14, 15, 14. Hucas bt Evans 13, —13, —19, 13, 21. Offengeld bt Nielsen 16, 16, 13. Magnusson bt Nyberg 19, 14, 15. Markovic (Yug) bt Marriotti (Swz) 13, 14, 21.

Third Round: Alser bt Creamer 13, 13, 15. Gab bt Hansen 15, 10, 12. Michalek bt Reinicke 14, 14, 16. Harrison bt Ness 11, 15, —13, 15. Hrbud bt Held —17, 15, 12, 19. Stevens bt Antal 23, 9, —18, —19, 22. Carlsson bt Teran 17, 19, —18, 19. Scholer bt Roland —7, —17, 16, 14, 10. Larsson bt Vecko —15, —23, 16, 10, 12. Vogrinc bt Rhodes —19, 14, —15, 18, 13. Gomolla bt Troll —17, 19, 20, —18, 16. Arndt bt Bernhardt 10, 13, —16, 9. Mellstrom bt Wegrath 17, 13, —13, 19. Leach bt Hucas 8, 10, 12. Offergeld bt Lux 13, —16, 15, 20. Markovic bt Magnusson 7, —11, 12, 15.

Fourth Round: Alser bt Gab 8, 12, 12. Harrison bt Michalek 16, 24, 20. Hrbud bt Stevens 21, 13, 14. Scholer bt Carlsson 8, 4, 15. Larsson bt Vogrinc 11, 15, —19, 11. Arndt bt Gomolla 11, —17, 13, 16. Mellstrom bt Leach 12, 16, 17. Markovic bt Offergeld 10, 15, 16. Larsson bt Vogrinc: Alser bt Harrison 17, 12, 17. Scholer bt Hrbud 18, 18, 16. Arndt bt Larsson 16, 19, —20, —12, 10. Mellstrom bt Markovic 16, 16, 8.

Semi-Finals: ALSER bt Scholer —16, 18, 9, —18, 17. ARNDT bt Mellstrom 17, —10, 17, 15.

Final: ALSER bt Arndt 10, 13, 19.

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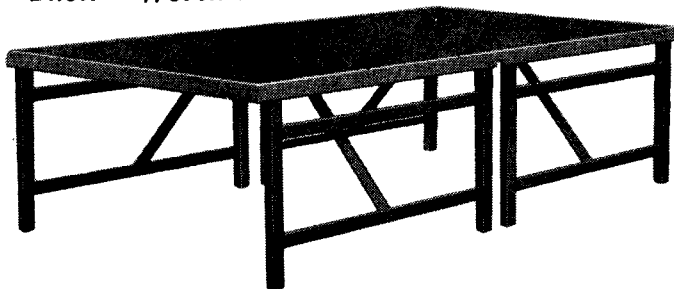
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TEAM RESULTS

MEN—GROUP 1

	Swn.	Eng.	Hol.	Fr.	Den.	Port.	Lux.	Gr.	Jersey	Wins
Sweden	—	5-0	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	7
England	0-5	—	5-2	5-2	5-2	5-2	5-0	5-0	5-0	7
Holland	1-5	2-5	—	5-2	5-3	5-0	5-1	5-0	5-0	6
France	0-5	2-5	2-5	—	5-2	5-0	5-2	5-0	5-0	6
Denmark	0-5	2-5	3-5	2-5	—	5-1	5-1	5-1	5-1	4
Portugal	0-5	1-5	0-5	4-5	1-5	—	5-4	5-0	5-0	3
Luxemburg	0-5	0-5	1-5	2-5	1-5	4-5	—	5-0	5-0	2
Greece	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	0-5	0-5	—	5-0	1
Jersey	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	0-5	1-5	—	—	0

MEN—GROUP II

	Yugo.	Germany	Austria	Belg.	Switz.	Spain	Finland	Wales	Scot.	Wins
Yugoslavia	—	5-2	5-0	5-3	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	8
Germany	2-5	—	5-1	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	7
Austria	0-5	1-5	—	5-3	5-2	5-0	5-0	5-1	5-0	6
Belgium	3-5	1-5	3-5	—	5-4	5-1	5-0	5-1	5-0	5
Switzerland	1-5	0-5	2-5	4-5	—	5-4	5-2	5-0	5-2	4
Spain	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	4-5	—	5-3	3-5	5-0	3
Finland	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	3-5	—	5-0	5-1	2
Wales	0-5	0-5	1-5	1-5	0-5	5-3	0-5	—	5-1	2
Scotland	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	0-5	1-5	1-5	—	0

MEN'S TEAM—FINAL

YUGOSLAVIA bt SWEDEN 5-1: Markovic bt Mellstrom 19, 17; bt Alser —16, 16, 15. Korpa lost to Alser —9, —16; bt Larsson —13, 16, 17. Harbud bt Larsson 15, 21: bt Mellstrom 9, —21, 18.

WOMEN—GROUP 1

	Eng.	Swe.	Yugo.	Hol.	Spain	Swzind.	Wales	Wins
England	—	3-1	3-0	3-0	3-1	3-0	3-0	6
Sweden	1-3	—	3-0	3-1	3-0	3-0	3-0	5
Yugoslavia	0-3	0-3	—	3-1	3-2	3-1	3-0	4
Holland	1-3	0-3	2-3	—	3-2	3-0	3-0	4
Spain	1-3	0-3	2-3	2-3	—	3-1	3-1	3
Switzerland	0-3	0-3	1-3	1-3	0-3	—	3-1	2
Wales	0-3	0-3	0-3	1-3	0-3	1-3	—	0

WOMEN—GROUP 2

	W. Germ.	Fr.	Den.	Greece	Bel.	Port.	Wins
W. Germany	—	3-1	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	5
France	1-3	—	3-1	3-0	3-0	3-0	4
Denmark	0-3	1-3	—	3-0	3-0	3-0	3
Greece	0-3	0-3	0-3	—	3-1	3-0	2
Belgium	0-3	0-3	0-3	1-3	—	3-0	1
Portugal	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	—	0

WOMEN'S TEAM—FINAL

GERMANY bt ENGLAND 3-1: Simon bt Shannon 9, 16; bt Rowe 9, —15, 19. Harst lost to Rowe —17, —7. Simon/Harst bt Rowe/Shannon 21, —13, 16.

ENGLISH RESULTS—MEN

bt Greece 5-0: R. Stevens bt C. Charopoulos 16, —17, 20; bt C. Christodoulatos 17, 15; J. Ingber bt Christodoulatos 6, 16; A. Rhodes bt C. Piakantonakis 9, —18, 12; bt Charopoulos 15, 12.
 bt France 5-2: Stevens lost to G. Amouretti —13, 13, —14; lost to M. Barouh 15, —19, —18; I. Harrison bt G. Chergui 9, 13; bt Barouh 11, 18; bt Amouretti 13, 6; Ingber bt Barouh 16, 18; bt Chergui 11, 14.
 bt Holland 5-2: Ingber lost to F. Schoofs —16, —14; bt B. Onnes 13, 10; Harrison bt W. Schoenemeyer 10, 9; bt Schoofs 14, 23; bt Onnes 18, 13; Rhodes lost to Onnes 17, —19, —10; bt Schoenemeyer 14, 17.
 lost to Sweden 0-5: Ingber lost to T. Larsson —16, —15; lost to H. Alswer —18, —19; Harrison lost to B. Mellstrom —15, —20; lost to Larsson —12, —20; Rhodes lost to Alswer —7, —9.
 bt Jersey 5-0: Stevens bt E. O'Neill 19, 9; bt K. Eloury 12, 19; Rhodes bt K. Baton 13, 18; bt O'Neill 13, 4; Ingber bt Eloury 12, 19.
 bt Portugal 5-1: Ingber bt J. Campos 9, 8; bt A. Osorio 19, 16; Stevens lost to Osorio —1, —15; bt A. Lo 9, 20; Harrison bt Lo 12, 11; bt Campos 9, 14.
 bt Luxemburg 5-0: Ingber bt Jaminet —12, 9, 10; bt Felten —13, 19, 5; Harrison bt Bumaire 10, 6; bt Jaminet 13, 16; Rhodes bt Felten 11, 20.
 bt Denmark 5-2: Stevens bt Lyttik 20, 18; lost to Hensen —10, 14, —14; Harrison bt Nielsen —13, 9, 13; bt Lyttik 13, 13; bt Hansen 21, 17; Rhodes lost to Hansen —18, —20; bt Nielsen 20, 13.

ENGLISH RESULTS—WOMEN

bt Switzerland 3-0: D. Rowe bt E. Hassler 14, 11; L. Bell bt C. Andre 15, 19; Rowe/M. Shannon bt Hassler/M. Jacquet 16, 13.
 bt Wales 3-0: Shannon bt M. Phillips; Rowe bt S. Margon 10, 9; Rowe/Shannon bt Phillips/Morgan 6, 14.
 bt Spain 3-1: Rowe bt M. Hospital 16, 12; bt A. Navarro 10, 6; Shannon bt Navarro 12, —17, 15; Shannon/Bell lost to Hospital/Navarro —18, —17.
 bt Yugoslavia 3-0: Shannon bt C. Pirc 19, 14; Rowe bt E. Cadez 7, 10; Rowe/Shannon bt Picc/Cadez 10, 12.
 bt Sweden 3-1: Rowe bt B. Anderson 8, 19; bt B. Tegner 12, 11; Shannon lost to Tegner —18, —12; Rowe/Shannon bt Anderson/Tegner 19, 13.
 lost to W. Germany 1-3 (Final): Shannon lost to A. Simon —9, —15; Rowe bt I. Harst 17, 7; lost to Simon —19, 15, —19; Rowe/Shannon lost to Simon/Harst —21, —18.
 bt Holland 3-0: Rowe bt Visscher 18, 12; Shannon bt Artz 18, 17; Bell/Shannon bt Visschen/Antz 16, 12.

SCOTTISH RESULTS—MEN

lost to Austria 0-5: Kerr lost to Jell —15, —15; lost to Troll —12, —16; Barclay lost to Sedelmayer —9, —16; lost to Jell —9, —24; Sugden lost to Troll —16, 19, —12.
 lost to Yugoslavia 0-5: Barclay lost to Vecko —16, 17, —19; lost to Markovic —13, —15; Sugden lost to Markovic —15, —18; lost to Hrbud —10, —18; Still lost to Hrbud —17, —9.
 lost to Switzerland 2-5: Barclay bt Baer —15, 21, 12; lost to Mariotti —18, 20, —8; Still lost to Mariotti —17, —18; lost to Antal —16, —14; Kerr lost to Antal —13, —12; bt Baer 18, 10; lost to Mariotti —9, —18.
 lost to Germany 0-5: Barclay lost to Forster —11, —19; lost to Arndt —5, —16; Sugden lost to Hubner —12, —19; lost to Forster —10, —17; Kerr lost to Arndt —7, —9.
 lost to Finland 1-5: Barclay lost to Penttinen 17, —21, —17; lost to Penttila —14, —18; Kerr bt Carlsson 13, 14; lost to Penttinen —11, —10; Sugden lost to Penttila —14, —18; lost to Carlsson —17, 9, —13.
 lost to Belgium 0-5: Kerr lost to Juliens —15, 15, —9; lost to Roland —16, —13; Sugden lost to Roland —7, —15; Still lost to Bertrand —9, —12; lost to Juliens —17, —16.
 lost to Wales 1-5: Kerr lost to Thomas —19, —11; lost to Evans —15, —18; Still lost to Evans —6, —17; lost to Everson —18, —19; Barclay bt Everson 19, —14, 17; lost to Thomas —17, 20, —11.
 lost to Spain 0-5: Kerr lost to Olivar —17, —21; lost to Jq. Pales —19, —17; Barclay lost to Jq. Pales —14, —14; lost to Olivar —7, —17; Sugden lost to Jq. Pales —15, —15.

WELSH RESULTS—WOMEN

lost to Sweden 0-3: Phillips lost to Anderson —7, —7; Morgan lost to Tegner —12, —8. Phillips/Morgan lost to Anderson/Tegner —6, —17.
 lost to Spain 1-3: Phillips lost to Hospital —8, —14; Morgan bt Navarro 20, 19; lost to Hospital —13, —13. Phillips/Morgan lost to Hospital/Navarro —8, —19.
 lost to England 0-3: Phillips lost to Shannon —8, —7. Morgan lost to Bell —10, —9. Phillips/Morgan lost to Rowe/Shannon —6, —14.
 lost to Yugoslavia 0-3: Morgan lost to Pirc —8, —8; Phillips lost to Cadez —11, —13. Morgan/Phillips lost to Pirc/Cadez —18, —15.
 lost to Switzerland 1-3: Phillips bt Hassler 8, 12; lost to Jaquet —13, —15. Morgan lost to Jaquet —8, —8. Phillips/Morgan lost to Hassler/Jaquet —17, 18, —15.
 lost to Holland 0-3: Phillips lost to Visser 19, —15, —15. Morgan lost to Artz 17, —14, —15. Phillips/Morgan lost to Visser/Artz —17, —12.

WELSH RESULTS—MEN

lost to Belgium 1-5: Thomas lost to Juliens —14, —14; lost to Roland —12, 14, —15. Everson lost to Roland —13, —21; lost to Bertrand —22, —12. Evans lost to Bertrand —12, —16; bt Juliens 11, 15.
 lost to Yugoslavia 0-5: Thomas lost to Teran —9, —20; lost to Markovic —5, —18. Evans lost to Korpa 21, —16, —18; lost to Teran —14, —14. Everson lost to Markovic —19, —18.
 bt Spain 5-3: Thomas bt Ramon 17, 16; lost to J. Pales —17, —10. Evans bt J. M. Pales —16, 14, 14; bt Ramon 17, 19; bt J. Pales 13, 19. Everson lost to J. Pales —15, —17; lost to J. M. Pales 11, —19, —13; bt Ramon —21, 19, 14.
 lost to Finland 0-5: Thomas lost to Penttinen —18, 22, —15; lost to Penttila —19, 16, —18. Evans lost to Carlsson —15, 20, —24; lost to Penttinen 14, —13, —13. Everson lost to Penttila 17, —14, —17.
 lost to Germany 0-5: Everson lost to Forster —8, —10; lost to Michalek —8, —14. Evans lost to Hubner —15, —15; lost to Forster —11, 16, —9. Thomas lost to Michalek —9, —13.
 bt Scotland 5-1: Thomas bt Kerr 19, 11; bt Barclay 17, —20, 11. Evans bt Still 6, 17; bt Kerr 15, 18. Everson lost to Barclay —19, 14, —17; bt Still 19, 19.
 lost to Austria 1-5: Evans lost to Wegrath —11, —9; bt Troll —18, 17, 14. Everson lost to Troll 15, —16, —17; lost to Sedelmayer —22, —19. Thomas lost to Sedelmayer —10, —15; lost to Wegrath —14, —12.
 lost to Switzerland 0-5: Everson lost to Antal —22, —18; lost to Mariotti —7, —8; Evans lost to Urchetti —16, —17; lost to Antal —16, —15. Thomas lost to Mariotti —14, —9.

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WALES DISAPPOINTING

WITH the East European countries not represented at West Berlin, we thought the Welsh teams might have shone a little more in this season's European Championships but results were disappointing.

The men started off against Belgium, and it soon became evident that Alan Thomas was right out of touch. His sense of anticipation seemed to have deserted him completely and, in the days that followed, his form remained low. He strained his back later in the team events, undoubtedly from physical exertions that better play would have made unnecessary.

We lost 5-1 to Belgium, a side we ought to have done much better against, perhaps to have beaten, although they played some fine matches in the series.

George Evans beat Juliens to record our only win, and Brian Everson went close in one game with Roland and one with Bertrand.

A 5-0 defeat by Yugoslavia was expected, but Thomas did go to 20 with Teran in his second game. Evans took a game from the youngster Korpa, and Everson played quite well against Marcovic.

We gained our first win at the expense of Spain. Thomas beat Ramon, and Evans beat J. Pales but then Everson lost to G. Pales. Evans however beat Ramon comfortably, only for Thomas to go down to G. Pales. Everson then had an incredible game with J. Pales, winning the first 21-11, leading 19-12 in the second only to lose, and was well ahead in the third but again lost. Evans put us back in the picture with a good win over G. Pales, and Everson beat Ramon to give us a match—although not without too many moments when it looked as if he might again be piped.

Our next match, against Finland, was about the most disappointing. Although every match went to three, and we held several useful leads, we lost 0-5, with everyone equally poor. The incredible thing was that Spain, whom we beat 5-3 beat Finland 5-0.

We lost 5-0, too, to West Germany, in an uninspiring match. Evans took a game from Forster, but that was our only slight success.

In the meantime, Scotland had played some good matches without recording any wins, and the way we were playing it looked odds on the Scots avenging their Glasgow defeat. But they went down to us 5-1 almost without a struggle, although Ian Barclay did beat Brian Everson.

On the last morning, Austria, were too steady for us. Evans beating Troll to record our only win, and Everson running him to three.

The last match was against Switzerland, whom Spain had beaten 5-4, but it

just was not in our ability to win against a fairly straightforward side. Everson hit more in this match, and looked so much better, but we still went down 5-0. A significant feature of these matches was that Georges Roland of Belgium and Hugo Urchetti of Switzerland, both almost veterans, won all their matches against us.

What of the girls? Down 3-0 to Sweden for a start, but that was not so surprising, seeing that Sweden were one of the strong sides. It was however disappointing to see Margaret Phillips so nervous, whereas Sandra Morgan seemed much more at home, and played well.

Against Spain, who had lost narrowly to Yugoslavia, Sandra played even better to record our only win. Success in the doubles might have given her another chance to give us the match, but it was not to be.

ENGLAND FAR TOO GOOD

The depths were reached against England, Mary Shannon and Lesley Bell being far too good. This had its effect on both girls' morale, and instead of

what might have been a close fight with Yugoslavia, we lost easily again 3-0.

By this time we were depressed, but then Margaret suddenly found her game, and recorded a good win against Hassler of Switzerland. But our luck was right out, and it was Sandra's turn to be out of touch. If a doubles of fluctuating fortune had gone our way, we might have recorded a win, but Margaret could not cope with the steady Jaquet.

We played quite well against the Netherlands, but although both singles went to three, we lost them, and the doubles two straight.

It was perhaps hardly to be expected that in their first baptism of wrold play our two girls would do any better.

What is fair to say is that either of them, with Audrey Bates or an on-form Betty Gray, would probably have done much better, and more success would have come our way.

In the individual events we accomplished little worthy of note, except that George Evans, undoubtedly our most successful player, beat one of the young Swedish players.

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WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round: Rowe (Eng) bt Uthoff (Den) 9, 17, 9. Dauphin (Ger) bt Guirmet (Sp) 9, 11, 3. Cornelis (Bel.) bt Cadez (Yug) 15, 15, 16. Buchholz (Ger) bt Scrivanou (Gr) 6, 10, 5. Le Brass (Fr) bt Andre (Swz) 20, 12, —17, 11. Lersow (Ger) bt Stockhausen (Bel) 8, 9, 8. Andersson (Swd) bt Montola (Port) 7, 5, 9.

Steinke (Ger) bt Dejong (Hol) 14, 14, 21. Haering (Ger) bt Kotsia (Gr) 19, 6, 6. Ramberg (Den) bt Phillips (Wales) 8, 15, 16. Tegner (Swd) bt Collignon (Bed) 9, 11, 18. Gomolla (Ger) bt Bell (Eng) 15, —15, —16, 15, 12. Mokhtari (Fr) bt Jaquet (Swz) 18, 13, 19.

Shannon (Eng) bt Hassler (Swz) 17, 13, —14, 13, 16. Mielenhausen (Ger) bt Pouloupolou (Gr) 12, 3, 2. Berger (Ger) bt Navarro (Sp) 13, 15, 11. Pire (Yug) bt Schulz (Ger) 13, —18, 17, —18, 19. Schandorph (Den) bt Cornil (Bel) 9, 9, 5. Harst (Ger) bt Morgan (Wales) 10, 11, 13.

Alber (Fr) bt Paulsen (Ger) 17, —16, —14, 13, 15. Piper (Eng) bt Santamarina (Port) 11, 9, 6. Muller (Ger) bt Guntser (Swd) 16, 20, 14. Stas (Bel) bt Natterer (Ger) 17, 13, 15. Haacke (Ger) bt Scrivanou (Gr) 19, 16, —15, 18. Simon (Ger) bt Kerr (Scot) 2, 4, 2.

Second Round: Rowe bt Lantermann (Ger) 14, 4, 17. Dauphin bt Cornelis 19, 23, 17. Buchholz bt Le Bras 14, 11, 8. Andersson bt Lersow 13, 21, 20.

Steinke bt Hospital (Sp) 5, —13, 15, —20, 20. Haering bt Ramberg 14, 8, 11. Tegner bt Gomolla 8, 15, —18, 12. Matthias (Ger) bt Mokhtari 17, 18, 10.

Shannon bt Mielenhausen 17, 14, 15. Berger bt Wouters (Bel) —16, —15, 19, 19, 13. Pirc bt Visscher (Hol) 14, —10, 13, 15. Harst bt Schandorph 6, 10, 16. Alber w.o. Muller bt Piper —20, 15, 14, 14. Stass bt Artz (Hol) 20, —15, 18, —14, 13. Simon bt Haacke 10, 10, 10.

Third Round: Rowe bt Dauphin 15, 18, 13. Buchholz bt Andersson 12, 14, 17. Steinke bt Haering 19, 10, 20. Matthias bt Tegner —10, 9, 14, 15.

Shannon bt Berger 16, 17, 10. Harst bt Pirc 9, 16, —21, 7. Alber bt Muller 17, 10, 15. Simon bt Stass 10, 10, 11.

Quarter-Finals: Rowe bt Buchholz 10, 16, 15. Matthias bt Steinke 14, 10, 19. Harst bt Shannon —19, 23, 14, 18. Simon bt Alber 9, —14, 9, 19.

Semi-Finals: ROWE bt Matthias 12, 10, 15. SIMON bt Harst —7, 8, 15, —16, 19.

Final: SIMON bt Rowe 19, 15, 18.

MEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: Breamair/Seiz (Ger) bt Barclay/Sugden (Scot) 19, 15, 14. Gambier/Chergui (Fr) bt Svenson/Anderson (Swd) 17, 16, 18. Gomolla/Lorenz (Ger) bt Cornil/Roland (Bel) 12, 19, 20. Christodoulatos/Charopoulos (Gr) bt Pentilla/Nyberg (Fin) —17, 17, 15, 19. Mariotti/Antal (Swz) bt Kummerle/Thein (Ger) 16, —18, 16, —20, 16.

Niemeyer/Reinicke (Ger) bt Eloury/O'Neill (Jersey) 18, 14, 7. Wegrath/Jell (Aus) bt Franke (Ger)/Everson (Wales) 11, —15, 13, 9. Bertrand/Delabarre (Bel) bt Olivar/Roman (Sp) 10, 19, 9. Carlsson/Bernhardt (Swd) bt Stevens/Rhodes (Eng) 12, 17, 11.

Gab/Offergeld (Ger) bt Huecas/Pales (Sp) 17, 15, 17. Troll/Sedelmayr (Aus) bt Juliens/Damman (Bel) 19, 21, —19, 15. Ness (Ger)/Earlich (Fr) bt Nederpert (Hol)/Johansson (Swd) 9, 11, 12. Jamint/Langehegermann (Lux) bt Penttinen/Carlsson (Fin) 19, —19, 14, —14, 18. Konieczka/Lux (Ger) bt Lo/Osario (Port) 14, 15, —11, 15.

Lyttik/Hansen (Den) bt Demollin/Bierkens (Bel) 10, 17, —17, 14. Thomas/Evans (Wales) bt Kerr/Still (Scot) 12, 17, 15. Scholer/Forster (Ger) bt Magnusson/Bergstrand (Swd) 14, 12, 12. Pewny/

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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIAL

A Lower Standard

Says VICTOR BARNA

THE first thing one must say about the Berlin Tournament is that the absence of the Eastern European countries left its mark on the Championships. The general standard was much, much lower than we can expect from a European Championships — true without the Hungarians, Czechs, Rumanians, etc., this was only natural though it must be taken into account when judging performances and the trends of the game.

The loop drive was still the main topic amongst the players. My impression is, and coincides with the majority present, that the loop is a good stroke, very useful especially against defensive players, but alone is not enough to make a player a champion. Furthermore, many players have learnt how to take the loop, how to prevent the opponent making a good loop.

The best "looper" undoubtedly was the German, Arndt, as his drives

jumped not only forward but sideways. However, he only succeeded when his hitting was working as well. Against some opponents he used his loop drive cleverly, against others far too much and indiscriminately thus destroying its effects.

I think most players should learn the loop, as one should know how to hit a forehand or backhand, but anybody who thinks that loop alone can succeed is mistaken.

The Berlin Championships made it clear, once more, that the European standard is far below that of the Asians, and Europe has little chance of capturing world titles in Prague next year.

The only way is to bring in youngsters whose approach to the game differs from that of the present generation. I cannot but admire the Yugoslavs who with the European Championships at stake were not afraid to put teenager Vecko against

Germany and another teenager Korpa against Sweden in their team when they had a more experienced player at their disposal.

Vecko and Korpa are players of the future. I liked the way they played, treating the incoming ball on its merit. If the ball was high enough or good enough to hit, they hit, regardless of whether they had missed their hits earlier.

It is so prevalent amongst Europeans to go back to their shell to their defensive game, if they miss a hit or hit out indiscriminately if they happen to score 1-2 points with successive hits. Every ball should be played according to its merit.

The Japanese and Chinese play that way—Korpa and Vecko play that way and, I hope, they will keep on playing like that. Young Fahazi, the new Hungarian star, plays in similar fashion. Other youngsters should be taught to play in the same way and spirit.

The expedite rule was a great success and it is here to stay. Some spectators were longing to see a match going to extra time, because this new rule brought more variety, greater interest and excitement.

Alser and all the other winners are worthy European Champions. The fact that the Eastern Europeans did not take part should not detract any of their glory. Actually, I always thought a lot of Alser, he is a complete player having a backhand, forehand, chop, spin, footwork, everything.

The one thing he is lacking is courage! When things go wrong or up against somebody really tough, he forgets his superior stroke productivity and becomes a pusher—a second-rater.

The expedite rule came to his rescue—actually it is tailor-made for him—the rule obliges him to hit and that is what he knows best. I believe that if he could change his attitude towards the game; if he would go all out to score points, whenever he is allowed to, he could become World Champion. The talent is there but it is not fully exploited.

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Urechetti (Swz) bt Plakantankis/Kedras (Gr) 13, 5, 6. Hubner (Ger)/Hrbud (Yug) bt Scheffer/Schonmeyer (Hol) 15, 16, 14. Berger/Held (Ger) bt Kollmann/Storer (Aus) 11, 16, 12.

Second Round: Markovic/Teran (Yug) bt Breamair/Seiz —19, 16, 19, 18. Gambier/Chergui bt Nielsen/Thorsen (Den) 12, 11, 3. Gomolla/Lorenz bt Christodoulatos/Charapoulos 15, 13, 17. Mellstrom/Bengtsson (Swd) bt Marotti/Antal 21, 19, 14.

Onnes/Schoofs (Hol) bt Maier/Stook (Ger) —16, 19, 16, 21. Wegrath/Jell bt Campos/Louro 22, 15, 14. Berstrand/Delabarre bt Niemeyer/Reinecke (Ger) —20, 7, 12, 16. Arndt/Michalek (Ger) bt Carlsson/Bernhardt 13, —18, —18, 19, 19.

Gab/Offergeld (Ger) bt Harrison/Ingber (Eng) —17, 18, 16, 16. Ehrlich (Fr)/Ness (Ger) bt Troll/Sedelmeyer 14, 19, —15, —21, 9. Konietzka/Lux bt Jaminet/Langehegermann 13, 12, 14. Vecko/Korpa (Yug) bt Johansson/Johansson (Sdn) 19, 19, —16, 14.

Thomas/Evans w.o. Scholer/Forster bt Pwenty/Urechetti 15, 20, 16. **Creamer/Leach** (Eng) bt Hubner/Hrbud —19, 15, 19, 15. Alser/Larsson (Swd) bt Held/Berger 11, 9, 16.

Third Round: Markovic/Teran bt Gambier/Chergui 10, —17, —19, 13, 10. Gomolla/Lorenz bt Mellstrom/Bengtsson 14, —14, —21, 20, 18. Wegrath/Jeyy bt Onnes/Schoofs 15, 16, 18. Arndt/Michalek bt Berstrand/Delebarre 16, —17, 15, —19, 16.

Gab/Offergeld bt Earlich/Ness 15, 18, —19, 21. Vecko/Korpa bt Konietzka/Lux 17, 18, 19. Scholer/Forster bt **Thomas/Evans** 17, 11, 15. Alser/Larsson bt **Creamer/Leach** 11, 20, —14, 12.

Quarter-Finals: Markovic/Teran bt Gomolla/Lorenz —16, 15, —15, 15, 20. Wegrath/Jell bt Arndt/Michalek 11, 17, 16. Vecko/Korpa bt Gab/Offergeld 13, 16, —13, 14. Scholer/Forster bt Alser/Larsson 13, 16, —19, —10, 14.

Semi-Finals: MARKOVIC/TERAN bt Wegrath/Jell —13, 15, 15, 14. VECKO/KORPA bt Scholer/Forster 19, 12, 21.

Final: MARKOVIC/TERAN bt Vecko/Korpa 14, 6, 17.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: Muller/Paulsen (Ger) bt Ramberg/Shandorph (Den) 19, 12, —16, 23. Gomolla/Berger (Ger) bt Stass/Cornelis (Bel) 13, —15, —17, 19, 15. Jaquet/Hassler (Swz) bt Santamarina/Montoya (Port) 9, 18, 7. Matthias/Buchholz (Ger) bt Artz/Visscher (Hol) 16, 17, 18. Wouters/Collignon (Eel) bt Kotsia/Pouloupoulou (Gr) 11, 9, 7. Dauphin/Schulz (Ger) bt Mokhtari/Le Bras (Fr) 17, 17, —17, —18, 20.

Lantermann / Mielenhausen (Ger) bt Phillips/Morgan (Wales) 16, 10, 12. Steinke/Haacke (Ger) bt Scivanou/Scivanou (Gr) 15, 13, 11. Haering/Natterer (Ger) bt Pirc/Cadez (Yug) 18, 13, —14, 19. Lersow (Ger)/Piper (Eng) bt Dejong (Hol)/Andre (Swz) 16, 25, 14.

Second Round: Rowe/Shannon (Eng) bt Muller/Paulsen 10, 15, 18. Gomolla/Berger bt Jaquet/Hassler 8, 9, 11. Matthias/Buchholz bt Wouters/Collignon 11, 11, 9. Andersson/Tegner (Swd) bt Dauphin/Schulz 11, 10, —21, 14.

Lantermann/Mielenhausen bt Bell (Eng)/Alber (Fr) —15, 10, 9, 19. Steinke/Haacke bt Haering/Natterer 9, —19, 13, 13. Lersow/Piper bt Hospital/Navarro (Sp) 16, 12, 18. Simon/Harst (Ger) w.o.

Quarter-Finals: Rowe/Shannon bt Gomolla/Berger 16, —18, 17, —12, 19. Andersson/Tegner bt Matthias/Buchholz 16, 15, —15, 20. Lantermann/Mielenhausen bt Steinke/Haacke —19, 17, 18, —11, 10. Simon/Harst bt Lersow/Piper —19, 13, 15, 6.

Semi-Finals: ROWE/SHANNON bt Andersson/Tegner —16, 18, 20, 12. SIMON/HARST bt Lantermann/Mielenhausen 19, 17, —11, 18.

Final: ROWE/SHANNON bt Simon/Harst —15, 16, 16, 18.

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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIAL**MIXED DOUBLES**

First Round: Cornelis/Juliens (Bel.) bt Pouloutoulou/Kendras (Greece) 12, 17, 6. Lanterman/Gomolla (Ger.) bt Visscher/Osorio (Hol.) 19, 17, 19. Gomolla/Stock (Ger.) bt Santamarina/Huecas (Sp.) 18, 18, 15. Mokhtari/Gambier (Fr.) bt Kerr/Kerr (Scot.) 5, 13, 17. Buchholz/Arndt (Ger.) bt Schandorph/Lyttik (Den.) 21, —13, 17, 14.

Berger/Berger (Ger.) bt Wouters/Bertrand (Bel.) 11, —18, 12, 13. Pirc/Hrbud (Yugo.) bt Morgan/Thomas (Wales) 15, —17, 14, 17. Steinke/Konieczka (Ger.) bt Scrivanou/Charopoulos (Greece) 14, 13, 17. Artz/Scheffer (Hol.) bt Schulz/Seiz (Ger.) 14, —14, 19, —13, 17. Andre/Pewny (Swz.) bt Delabarre/Damman (Bel.) 16, —20, 14, —19, 15.

Dejong/Schoofs (Hol.) bt Phillips/Evans (Wales) 22, 17, —15, 15. Lersow/Lux (Ger.) bt Shannon/Rhodes (Eng.) 19, 19, 17. Matthias/Michalek (Ger.) bt Scrivanou/Christodoulatos (Greece) —19, 12, 10, —20, 16. Stas/Cornil (Bel.) bt Natterer/Breumair (Ger.) 16, —15, 16, 16. Guntsch/Larsson (Sweden) bt Montoya/Campos (Pol.) 12, 12, 12.

Mielenhausen/Lorenz (Ger.) bt Ramberg/Hansen (Den.) —11, 12, —15, 16, 18. Andersson/Bengtsson (Swd.) bt Hospital/Pales (Spain) 13, 10, —19, 12. Dauphin/Ness (Ger.) bt Kotsio/Plakantonakis (Greece) 17, —13, 10, 12. Le Bras/Chergui (Fr.) bt Cadez/Teran (Yug.) 17, 16, —10, 20. Jaquet/Antal (Swz.) bt Haacke/Franke (Ger.) 10, —11, 13, 19.

Second Round: Rowe/Stevens (Eng.) bt Cornelis/Juliens —17,

14, 13, 14. Lanterman/Gomolla bt Gomolla/Stock —20, 14, 13, —21, 15. Haering/Thein bt Hassler/Mariotti (Swz.) —13, 19, 15, 13. Buchholz/Arndt bt Mokhtari/Gambier 13, 15, 14.

Berger/Berger bt Tegner/Hellstrom (Swd.) —15, —17, 15, 12, 18. Steinke/Konieczka bt Pirc/Hrbud 16, —14, 17, 20. Andre/Pewny bt Artz/Scheffer 12, —16, 20, 19. Harst/Aiser (Swd.) bt Piper/Leach (Eng.) 15, 16, 11.

Alber/Markovic (Fr., Yugo.) bt Muller/Offergeld (Ger.) 18, 17, 18. Lersow/Lux bt Dejong/Schoofs 18, —19, 14, 18. Matthias/Michalek bt Gulmar/Ramon 18, 8, 16. Guntsch/Larsson bt Stas/Cornil 14, 17, 11.

Bell/Harrison (Eng.) bt Mielenhausen/Lorenz 20, 17, 16. Andersson/Bengtsson bt Dauphin/Ness 20, 16, 18. Paulsen/Niemeyer (Ger.) bt Le Bras/Chergui 18, 14, —20, —13, 14. Simon/Scholer (Ger.) bt Jaquet/Antal 18, 5, —13, 15.

Third Round: Rowe/Stevens bt Lantermann/Gomolla —10, 13, —12, 20, 14. Buchholz/Arndt bt Haering/Thein 18, 12, 11. Berger/Berger bt Steinke/Konieczka —20, —16, 16, 17, 19. Harst/Aiser bt Andre/Pewny 26, 10, 23.

Alber/Markovic bt Lersow/Lux 20, 17, 17. Guntsch/Larsson bt Matthias/Michalek 20, 16, —16, 19. Andersson bt Bengtsson bt Bell/Harrison 19, 17, —17, 17. Simon/Scholer bt Paulsen/Niemeyer 13, 10, 11.

Quarter-Finals: Rowe/Stevens bt Buchholz/Arndt —14, 7, 19, 13. Harst/Aiser bt Berger/Berger 10, 15, 14. Alber/Markovic bt Guntsch/Larsson 16, —18, 18, 18. Simon/Scholer bt Andersson/Bengtsson 21, 16, —20, 19.

Semi-Finals: HARST/ALSER bt Rowe/Stevens 14, 10, 16. SIMON/SCHOLER bt Alber/Markovic —12, 15, 19, —18, 17.

Final: HARST/ALSER bt Simon/Scholer 16, 15, 13.

NORTH EAST ENGLAND OPEN**BADDELEY'S FIRST TITLE**

By LAURIE LANDRY

DEREK BADDELEY, Warwickshire's star of the season, pressed his claims for inclusion on the next ranking list when he came from an unseeded position to win the North East England Championship over Easter. Early in the tournament he just nosed out Stuart Dyson 29 and 19. Baddeley also dropped games to Peter Duncombe and, in the semi, to Stan Jacobson.

Conny Warren staged a terrific run to reach the final. He beat Laurie Landry, the holder and followed this with wins over Michael Creamer and Derek Schofield —all in straight games. But after giving Baddeley a fight in the first game of the final, Warren seemed to crumble in the next.

Second seeded Brian Wright lost to Kevin Forshaw in the Men's and to David Bevan in the Youths'.

Michael Symonds won both the Boys' and Youths' singles, beating Bevan in the final of the Youths' and Ogundipe in the Boys'.

The only unbeaten holders were Alan Lindsay and Stan Jacobson in the Men's Doubles; they beat Wright and Howard Collins in the final. This latter pair had been taken to three in three of their earlier rounds before beating Symonds and Leslie Gresswell in the semi. Symonds and Gresswell caused a surprise by beating Baddeley and Ralph Gunnion two straight.

The Women's Singles provided the main shock when Lesley Bell defeated Mary Shannon who failed to reach any finals. Connie Spencer defeated the holder, Joyce Fielder, in a very close one, 19 in the third. Jean Jones formerly Lattey, did well to beat Shelagh Hession, a finalist last year (18 in the third) in the semi Spencer lost to Judy Williams, who was well beaten by Bell in the final.

Interest in the next few years will be to see if little Lesley can make World class. Lesley annexed the second of her four titles with Pat Dainty who was the only junior to take a game from her in the Girls'. They won the Women's Doubles, beating Mary Leigh and

Winnie Swift, the holders, in the final. The favourites Fielder and Shannon lost to Bell and Dainty. Fielder and Shannon only just made it against Hession and Alma Taft (19 in the third).

Alan Lindsay won the Mixed for the second year running this time giving Bell her fourth title. They beat favourites, Wright and Shannon in the semi and Jacobson with Winnie Swift in the final.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. BADDELEY (Warwicks.) bt S. Jacobson (Middx.) 17-21, 21-14, 21-18; C. WARREN (Surrey) bt K. Forshaw (Lancs.) 10-21, 21-13, 21-18.

Final: BADDELEY bt Warren 21-19, 21-8.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: L. BELL (Essex) bt M. Shannon (Surrey) 21-18, 19-21, 21-14; J. WILLIAMS (Herts.) bt C. Spencer (Lancs.) 21-18, 21-9.

Final: BELL bt Williams 21-18, 21-10.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: JACOBSON/A. LINDSAY (Middx.) bt K. Baker (Middx.)/Warren 21-13, 21-13; B. WRIGHT (Middx.)/H. COLLINS (Essex) bt M. Symonds (Lancs.)/L. Gresswell (Middx.) 21-10, 21-19.

Final: JACOBSON/LINDSAY bt Wright/Collins 21-16, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: L. BELL/P. DAINTY (Yorks.) bt J. Fielder (Kent)/Shannon 19-21, 23-21, 21-17; M. LEIGH/W. SWIFT (Lancs.) bt I. Ogus (Middx.)/Williams 13-21, 21-12, 21-15.

Final: BELL/DAINTY bt Leigh/Swift 21-19, 21-7.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: LINDSAY/BELL bt Wright/Shannon 21-18, 22-20; JACOBSON/SWIFT bt M. Ellis/Fielder (Kent) 21-17, 21-17.

Final: LINDSAY/BELL bt Jacobson/Swift 21-10, 21-18.

Youths' (Under 19) Singles: Semi-Finals: M. SYMONDS bt B. Farnworth (Lancs.) 21-18, 21-10; D. BEVAN (Gloucs.) bt Wright 17-21, 21-19, 22-20.

Final: SYMONDS bt Bevan 21-14, 21-23, 21-14.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: SYMONDS bt P. Dixon (Lancs.) 21-10, 21-14; S. OGUNDIPE (Sussex) bt K. Jones (Warwicks.) 12-21, 21-7, 21-14.

Final: SYMONDS bt Ogundipe 21-16, 21-17.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: BELL bt P. Dainty 18-21, 21-9, 21-9; L. PROUDLOCK (Yorks.) bt M. Julius (Scotland) 21-6, 21-6.

Final: BELL bt Proudlock 21-8, 21-11.

Veterans' Singles: Semi-Finals: E. PROWEN (Middx.) bt J. Binks (Yorks.) 21-14, 21-8; E. MOORHOUSE (Yorks.) bt A. Boaden (Notts.) 21-15, 21-17.

Final: PROWEN bt Moorhouse 21-12, 21-18.

EAGLE/GIRL TOURNAMENTBy **KENNETH WHEELER****LONDONERS SWEEP THE BOARD**

ON the afternoon of Wednesday, April 18th at Guinness's Sports Centre, Park Royal, an invited audience of 200 celebrities, parents and schoolchildren, swollen by unseen millions of Television viewers, saw four Cockney kids make a clean sweep of the honours at the eighth annual Finals of the *EAGLE/GIRL* Championships of Great Britain.

Under the glare of the powerful television lights the play of the four Northern champions was subjected to a searching examination, and found wanting in comparison with the ice cold efficiency of their opponents. Only left-handed Willie Gibbs, from Edinburgh, found anything like his true touch on this big occasion, but though he took Derek Corbett to a deciding game the steady and stylish little Londoner never looked in serious trouble.

Linda Henwood was clearly superior to Margaret Cole, of Durham, in all departments, and right from the start she wielded her bat with the skill and certainty of a sur-

geon. Tall John Reilly, from Glasgow, produced some elegant strokes but they scarcely caused a frown on the calm and assured face of the Bergmann-like Chester Barnes.

This Barnes is going to be a great player, there can be no doubt about that, for besides all-round ability he also has that ruthless approach so often lacking in British champions of today.

It would indeed have been a major upset had Pat Dainty managed to steal the *GIRL* Senior title from Lesley Bell, who has already represented England's senior team, but Lesley has not always shown her best form in junior competition and some of us felt that this was one match which might conceivably go against all expectations.

Pat got her head down as if to say: "nothing you put over the net is going to get past me"; a photographer's bulb flashed unexpectedly during a rally and earned him a hostile glare from the London girl. Suddenly the television lights

THE CHAMPIONS**EAGLE/GIRL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS**

GIRL Junior (under 13 on 1/1/61): **LINDA HENWOOD** (London and South) bt Margaret Cole (Tyne Dock Youth and North) 21-7, 21-4.

EAGLE Junior: DEREK CORBETT (London and South) bt William Gibbs (Edinburgh, Scotland and North) 21-16, 19-21, 21-14.

GIRL Senior (under 15 on 1/1/61): **LESLEY BELL** (London and South) bt Patricia Dainty (Doncaster Youth and North) 21-10, 21-10.

EAGLE Senior: CHESTER BARNES (Forest Gate, London and South) bt John Reilly (Glasgow, Scotland and North) 21-12, 21-8.

Top Team in Britain: WYMONDHAM SCHOOL, Norfolk, 420 pts. **Top Team in the South: WYMONDHAM SCHOOL**, Norfolk, 893 pts. **Top Team in the North: DONCASTER YOUTH**, 885 pts.

spluttered, popped, and one of the two rows went out altogether.

Their concentration temporarily broken, both girls stood uncertainly at the table and giggled nervously at each other. Play was resumed under reduced lighting.

Despite all these hazards Lesley remained a model of statuesque calm, and Pat Dainty's grim determination was not enough to withstand shots which cut through like a knife through butter.

No one could fail to be impressed

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SIGN OF THE CRESCENT

By JIMMY MANNOOCH



NO, this is not the sign of an invasion from the Middle East, it is simply the crest of a club, the Crescent Club—a club which is widely known throughout the whole country and even in many parts abroad; a club which is probably unique in many ways; a club which is entirely independent and, of necessity, self-supporting.

Founded in 1954, the club commenced existence purely as a table tennis coaching class, with not more than a couple of dozen members, but it is now a club covering many activities and with an average membership of 200. The membership is confined to girls under the age of 17; some members are only six years old.

With the exception of the chairman/secretary, there are no male and no adult members, the club being managed by a committee of girls, whose ages range from 10 to 15. The treasurer, a young lady of 15, has a real job to handle. Since her election in September last, the club banking account shows that almost £300 has been paid in and, unfortunately, that cheques of a similar amount have been issued!

Although the club now covers many activities, table tennis is still the most important. This is one of the reasons why the club is so widely known, because not only does it contribute a very large number of entries to local, County and other junior tournaments, but it organises its own invitation tournament, which has become one of the largest of its kind in the country. The tournament, like the club itself, is confined to girls, with approximately 400 entries from all parts of the country.

Practically all the top ranking girls in the country during the past few years have taken part in this tournament. Unfortunately, it is the last tournament of the season, held in the second week of May, and so it escapes any mention in the Magazine. The number of entries for the forthcoming tournament is not known at the time of going to press, but entries have already been received from many Counties, including Yorkshire, Warwickshire, Somersetshire, Hampshire and most of the Home Counties. There are several age events and maybe this tournament is unique in having an "Under 10 Girls' Singles"! It is

certainly unique in not charging any entry fees from the competitors!

Incidentally, there is no special coaching given to the girls, who mainly achieve their skill in the way that the old timers did, i.e., practice and still more practice. Even so, the results are quite good—one member of the club played on a number of occasions for England and every year the majority of the girls on the County ranking list are Crescent girls!

The most popular section of the club, however, is the swimming section, which attracts almost 200 of the girls. The club has the exclusive use of the local indoor swimming baths on one or two evenings a week during the summer, when coaching is given by the baths superintendent, but coaching is not essential. In this sport the club organises an "Invitation Tournament," in which teams of girls from most towns in Kent and some outside the County take part. So popular has this event become that the club received numerous requests to run a similar event for boys! This was tried out last season and was so successful that now we have the unique position of a girls' club running a boys' tournament!

Tennis is also a popular sport and the club has the use of hard courts on the local playing fields for three hours on one day a week during the summer. Netball and rounders are also provided for in their respective seasons.

So far as the administration is concerned, the girls are divided into four "houses," named appropriately "Astral," "Lunar," "Solar" and "Stellar." Points are awarded to every member for every activity, i.e., a point for every attendance at the club, for every participation in swimming, tennis, etc., and one point is awarded to everyone taking part in any club competition (including such things as darts, rings, dancing, etc.), whilst the winners and runners-up get extra points.

The girl who attains most points in the year receives a "Sports Girl of the Year" trophy, which was presented to the club by the Parents' Association, an association which takes no part in the running of the club but renders valuable assistance in raising funds for the club by organising draws, jumble sales, etc.

All the points are also credited to each member's "house" to determine the champion house of the year. The existing champion house is "Stellar."

Club badges are available for use on blazers and on swimming suits, whilst enamel badges, in different colours for each house, are provided for everyday wear.

Detailed description of other activities of the club would take up too much space but it might be mentioned briefly that it is necessary to have two separate "sports days," which cover all the usual running, jumping and novelty events; social evenings are held frequently at which there are "talent" competitions; entertainments have been given for parents and also for the old people of the town; an entry is made in the local carnival each year; old time dances and jiving dances are frequently arranged; treasure hunts, stamp collectors' evenings, etc., all contribute to make this club an almost full-time job for the poor old chairman/secretary! But it is definitely worth while!

HAMPSHIRE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

INTER-TOWN LEAGUE COMPETITION 1961/62

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES 1961/62

DIVISION I (Kilner Cup)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Portsmouth	10	10	—	—	79	31	20
Bournemouth	10	8	—	2	82	28	16
*Southampton 'B'	9	5	—	4	54	45	10
*Southampton 'A'	9	4	—	5	56	43	8
Winchester	10	2	—	8	33	77	4
Isle of Wight	10	—	—	10	95	15	—

* One match declared void

DIVISION II (Cooper Cup)

Portsmouth	16	14	—	2	121	55	28
South East Hants	16	13	—	3	119	57	26
Bournemouth	16	12	—	4	109	67	24
Aldershot 'A'	16	11	—	5	102	72	22
Gosport 'B'	16	8	—	8	92	84	16
Basingstoke	16	6	—	10	86	90	12
Aldershot 'B'	16	5	—	11	62	114	10
Winchester	16	2	—	14	49	125	4
Gosport 'A'	16	1	—	15	52	124	2

JUNIOR DIVISION (Gilbert Cup)

Bournemouth	10	9	1	—	82	18	19
Portsmouth	10	7	1	2	73	27	15
Southampton	10	6	1	3	59	41	13
South East Hants	10	3	1	6	32	68	7
Andover	10	3	—	7	40	60	6
Aldershot	10	—	—	10	14	86	—

INDIAN CHAMPIONS

J. VORO won the men's singles in the J. Indian Championships. Women's singles winner was **Usha Sundraj**.

County Championships Round-Up

By Frank Bateman

HOW THEY ALL FINISHED

DUE to the late completion of the County Championships programme, and the pressure on space, it has not been possible to include the

FINAL DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Middlesex	7	7	0	48	15	14
Lancashire	7	6	1	40	23	12
Surrey	7	5	2	37	26	10
Gloucestershire	7	4	3	28	35	8
Kent	7	3	4	30	33	6
Warwickshire	7	2	5	29	34	4
Yorkshire	7	1	6	21	42	2
Hertfordshire	7	0	7	19	44	0

DIVISION II (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Essex	4	4	0	0	35	5	8
Sussex	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Hampshire	4	2	0	2	17	23	4
Kent	4	0	1	3	12	28	1
Suffolk	4	0	1	3	12	28	1

DIVISION II (NORTH)

Cheshire	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Yorkshire	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Lincolnshire	4	2	0	2	24	16	4
Durham	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Northumberland	4	0	0	4	3	37	0

DIVISION II (MIDLAND)

Glamorgan	4	4	0	0	36	4	8
Staffordshire	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Oxfordshire	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Worcestershire	4	1	1	2	14	26	3
Bedfordshire	4	1	0	3	15	25	2

DIVISION II (WEST)

Devon	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Cornwall	4	1	3	0	25	15	5
Somerset	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Wiltshire	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Dorset	4	1	1	2	17	23	3

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Hertfordshire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Cambridgeshire	4	3	0	1	26	14	6
Buckinghamshire	4	1	2	1	21	19	4
Worcestershire	4	1	0	3	9	31	2
Norfolk	4	0	1	3	17	23	1

MIDLAND DIVISION

Warwickshire	6	6	0	0	41	19	12
Nottinghamshire	6	3	1	2	30	30	7
Staffordshire	6	2	1	3	28	32	5
Derbyshire	6	0	0	6	21	39	0

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Hampshire	6	4	2	0	39	21	10
Surrey	6	3	1	2	39	21	7
Kent	6	2	2	2	30	30	6
Sussex	6	0	1	5	12	48	1

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Essex	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Middlesex	4	3	0	1	30	10	6
Hertfordshire	4	2	0	2	27	13	4
Suffolk	4	1	0	3	10	30	2
Cambridgeshire	4	0	0	4	2	38	0

JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Gloucestershire	6	5	0	1	44	16	10
Warwickshire	6	5	0	1	43	17	10
Staffordshire	6	1	1	4	15	45	3
Oxfordshire	6	0	1	5	18	42	1

JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Yorkshire	6	6	0	0	35	13	12
Lancashire	6	3	0	3	28	20	6
Durham	6	3	0	3	24	24	6
Cheshire	6	0	0	6	9	39	0

individual averages. We hope to publish these in the first issue of next season.

Lancashire with a 7-2 win over Kent finished as runners-up to Middlesex in the Premier Division while Cheshire scored a shattering 8-2 win over Yorkshire to edge them out of the Second Division (North) title on games aggregate.

There was a similar "photo-finish" to the Junior Division (Midland), Gloucestershire just getting the edge over Warwickshire thanks to a 10-0 win over Staffordshire.

FINAL RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Lancashire 7, Kent 2.
K. Forshaw bt K. Jarvis 12, 20; bt H. Buist —16, 14, 18. J. Ingber bt Buist 13, 14, bt A. Piddock 18, 21. J. Clanton lost to Piddock 17, —15, —12, bt Jarvis 12, —17, 19.

Miss D. Fitzgerald bt Mrs. J. Beadie —17, 19, 18.

Forshaw/M. Symonds lost to Buist/Piddock 17, —14, —19. Ingber/Miss Fitzgerald bt Jarvis/Mrs. Beadie 10, —20, 15.

DIVISION II (MIDLAND)

Staffordshire 0, Glamorgan 10 (by default).

DIVISION II (NORTH)

Cheshire 8, Yorkshire 2.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Hertfordshire 10, Worcestershire 0.

JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Yorkshire 7, Cheshire 1.
Yorkshire 5, Lancashire 3.

JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Gloucestershire 10, Staffordshire 0.

LONDON LEAGUE IN DANGER

THE London League, which has been in existence since 1922, is in danger of shutting down. They have had only five teams in one division this season, and Robert C. Blower, the hon. secretary, says they need at least another three teams if they are to continue next season.

"It would be a terrible thing to close the league down after such a long history," says Blower, who asks if there are any other leagues who have disbanded and would like to join them, or teams left without a league. Blower can be contacted at 42, Cambourne Avenue, Ealing, London, W.13.

CIRCULATION DRIVE

HERTFORDSHIRE and Cambridgeshire are clear leaders this season in the circulation drive, heading their respective tables by larger margins than they did a year ago.

Among the Counties with over 100 clubs, Hertfordshire have recorded 236 per cent., nine higher than a year ago.

It is, however, among the "under 100 clubs" where the most spectacular improvements have been made. Cambridgeshire have stepped up another 74 per cent. to reach a record total of 443 per cent., while Huntingdonshire, in the table for the first time have achieved 400 per cent. Norfolk, thanks to the great efforts of J. S. Penny, are on the 343 per cent. mark, which is more than three times their total last year.

Middlesex, who move up into second place among the larger Counties, have almost doubled their figures to 211 per cent. Louis Hoffman has been the driving force here and has now been appointed Circulation Manager of TABLE TENNIS.

The "Over 100 Clubs" Counties

	per cent
HERTFORDSHIRE	236
MIDDLESEX	211
GLoucestershire	177
SURREY	132
ESSEX	107
WARWICKSHIRE	99
SUSSEX	93
KENT	91
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	89
HAMPSHIRE	85
DURHAM	74
LANCASHIRE	65
LINCOLNSHIRE	53
CHESHIRE	45
YORKSHIRE	44
STAFFORDSHIRE	39

The "Under 100 Clubs" Counties

CAMBRIDGESHIRE	443
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	400
NORFOLK	343
WILTSHIRE	218
SUFFOLK	208
DEVON	187
SHROPSHIRE	150
OXFORD	100
WORCESTERSHIRE	83
LEICESTERSHIRE	68
CORNWALL	64
SOMERSET	63
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	57
BEDFORDSHIRE	53
DERBYSHIRE	40
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	34
DORSET	32
BERKSHIRE	24
NORTHUMBERLAND	12

HILL WINS IN FRANCE

by LAURIE LANDRY

BRIAN HILL scored a great double in International Junior Tournaments at Bleis, France, on April 16-20. From a field which included representatives of seven countries, France, West Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Austria, Portugal, and of course, England, he won the boys' singles and the mixed doubles with Christine Holes.

The players, who paid their own fares to and from Paris, gave of their best on this very enjoyable trip, and gained valuable experience of Continental conditions.

Morley Mordecai did well to get to the boys' semi-finals, where he lost to Hill, and Bob McKewon showed what a force he can be, particularly in doubles play, where he reached the semi-finals of the boys with Hill, and the mixed with Susan Thomas.

The Holes twins played well but obviously found it difficult under these conditions. I think they must both learn the importance of varying their game, especially when conditions are slow.

Susan Thomas also played well, although a little erratic at times. When she settles down to her game and waits for the one to hit she can be very good.

FRENCH RESULTS

BOYS' SINGLES

Brian Hill bt C. Soares (Portugal) 12, 11; bt G. Fotter (Austria) 12, 16; bt W. Grobe (West Germany) 18, 19; bt Mordecai 9, 17 (Semi-Final); bt D. Mallard (France) 14, 13 (Final).

Morley Mordecai bt G. Coudert (France) 19, 20; bt R. Henry (France) 17, 8; bt G. Zinck (Austria) —15, 18, 7; bt P. Liborio (Portugal) 15, 20; lost to Hill —9, —17 (Semi-Final).

Bob McKewon bt M. Delgrance (France) 10, 14; bt G. Krecke (Luxembourg) 17, 11; lost to W. Lieck (West Germany) —15, 17, —14.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Christine Holes bt V. Stas (Belgium) 18, —18, 11; lost to A-M. Antoniaza (France) —18, 15, —18.

Susan Thomas bt C. Harmand (France) 4, 10; lost to K. Scholz (West Germany) —19, —19.

Fauline Holes lost to M-F. Petre (Belgium) —8, 12, —15.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Hill/McKewon bt G. Coudert/B. Hoppenot (France) 13, 15; bt G. Herman/F. Dubus (France) 17, —13, 8; lost to G. Zinke/K. Bacher (Austria) 11, —17, —17 (Semi-Final).

Mordecai/C. Ribeiro (Portugal) lost to M. Dumoulin/J. Monniez (France) —17, —13.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

C. and P. Holes lost to M. Lebras/A-M. Antoniaza (France) —16, 16, —17.

Susan Thomas/E. Jansen (West Germany) bt Stutzmann/Pagni (France) 9, 12; lost to J. Cornelis/M. Stas (Belgium) —16, 13, —17.

MIXED DOUBLES

Hill/C. Holes bt D. Lafosse/M. Lebras (France) 19, —16, 11; bt G. Herman/A-M. Antoniaza (France) 9, 13; bt McKewon/Thomas —19, 17, 16 (Semi-Final); bt G. Detaille/J. Cornelis (Belgium) 12, —16 (Final).

McKewon/Thomas bt J. Schwartz (Lux.) /C. Lemazurier (France) 14, 12; bt Vanelwuyck/M. Stas (Belgium) —7, 11, 15; bt W. Lieck/M. Stebert (W. Germany) 19, 17; lost to Hill/C. Holes 19, —17, —16 (Semi-Final).

Mordecai/P. Holes bt A. Guilbert/Stutzmann (France) 17, 20; lost to G. Detaille/J. Cornelis (Belgium) —18, —13.

BIRMINGHAM CLOSED

DOREEN GRIFFITHS took the women's singles title for the third successive year by beating Pam Mortimer in an exciting final. Derek Baddeley won the men's singles title for the second year running, beating Graham Pressick, County junior player, whose progress to the final was the surprise of the tournament.

M.S.: D. Baddeley bt G. Pressick 21-16, 21-17. **W.S.:** Mrs. D. Griffiths bt Miss P. Mortimer 9-21, 21-16, 21-17.

M.D.: R. Vickers/J. Harrison bt D. Baddeley/B. Robinson 12-21, 21-17, 21-19; **X.D.:** D. Baddeley/Miss Mortimer bt R. Warner/Mrs. Griffiths 21-14, 21-16; **W.D.:** Miss Mortimer/Miss Roberts bt Mrs. Griffiths/Mrs. Carless 18-21, 21-15, 21-16.

J.B.: G. Pressick bt K. Jones 14-21, 21-17, 21-9; **J.D.:** G. Pressick/K. Jones bt G. Binney/R. Shaw 12-21, 21-13, 22-20; **V.S.:** L. Wilkinson bt H. Spliers 21-16, 21-11.

Con. S. Men: D. Bunford bt G. Tonks 21-16, 23-21; **Women:** M. Kimberlin bt A. Cox 21-11, 21-19.



JUNIORS GREAT YEAR

by BRIAN WRIGHT

JUNIORS have had one of their most successful seasons ever and pride of place must go to Lesley Bell, who won twelve home championships, and Chester Barnes, who won nine.

Miss Bell, junior champion, has climbed to No. 2 in the Senior Ranking List and at 15 also became Britain's youngest ever player to take part in the European Championships.

Another junior with an enviable record is Michael Symonds who won three senior titles—the Lancashire Open, Grimsby Open and Hull Open.

Brian Hill of Boston, however, took the plum among the boys by winning the English Junior Open. He was also our most successful youngster internationally winning the Junior Tournaments in both Germany and France.

He also won the Senior Men's Doubles at Stevenage with Brian Sykes of Hertfordshire.

This is the first season for a number of years that juniors have made a big impression in senior events and next season they can be even more prominent. I wish them all the best of luck.

MIDLAND LEAGUE

Another successful season is drawing to a close for the Midland League. Although virtually unknown to the rest of the country, the League embraces teams drawn from eight counties, six cities and eight towns.

Leagues for Men (three divisions), Women (two divisions), Juniors, Intermediates and Veterans (two divisions) are well supported.

The men's section championship, after being dominated for years by Cheltenham with their team of I. Harrison, R. Griffin, P. Cruwys and K. Edwards, looks like going to the Gloucester team of Brian Merrett, Roy Morley, David Bevan and Dennis Holland.

The women's sections have been won outright again by Birmingham, whose team of Doreen Griffiths, Barbara Carless, Nora Turgoose and Janet Roberts did not drop a point.

Birmingham's juniors also swept the board in the junior divisions.

Probably the most cut and thrust play is in the Veterans' Leagues, where little quarter is given. Birmingham have taken back the title from Coventry this year.

Wolverhampton, who re-entered the league this year, won the men's second division and their team of Jeff Robbins, Len Piggott, Mac Evans and Ken Burton should do well in the higher division next season.

The intermediate section will be played off between Leicester and Birmingham in what should be a close match.

Roger Morris

THE SUPREME STYLIST

by JOHN CORSER

LAST month I analysed the game of Zoltan Berczik, who could be held up as a shining example of determination, concentration and the workmanlike approach. My subject this month is IVAN ANDREADIS, the supreme stylist. Other players may have played some of the strokes more correctly—a host of names come to mind—Tereba, Miles, Barna, Leach—but none have played them with the same grace and fluency. In 1947 Jack Carrington nicknamed him Ivan-oh so easy Andreadis, and this tells us so much that I am sure Jack will forgive me for quoting this.

Thousands of table tennis players have failed to make the grade because they have made the mistake of trying to play all the strokes equally well. In this vast company Ivan Andreadis is both the exception and the proof that it cannot be done. He is the exception because no-one else has ever managed to play this game at such a high standard. However, he is also the proof that it cannot be done because so many times he has been favourite to win the World singles title and yet it has always eluded him.

I have seen Ivan Andreadis so many times that I thought it would be an easy job to describe his game. However, now I am faced with the task it seems much more difficult. What can you say about a man who

plays almost every stroke with equal facility?

It is rather easier to describe his method of playing his game than his strokes. He is a big man and, although I think it is perhaps deceptive, he exhibits a relaxed air while he is playing.

STANDS SQUARE

He is happiest against attacking players for the strongest part of his game is his counterhitting. He stands rather square and takes the ball on the forehand or backhand without any apparent preference. His judgment and touch are remarkable and the hardest hitters find their drives returned by either half-volley or counterhit, usually in a different direction.

Andreadis defends so rarely that it is clear he does not do so voluntarily. However, when he is forced to chop he betrays none of the customary impatience of the attacker on defence. It rarely takes more than two or three strokes before his unerring eye selects a ball to counterhit and he calmly takes control once again. It is unlikely that any other player has ever had such a good defence and used it so little.

Against a defensive player Andreadis attacks with great deliberation, manoeuvring his opponents out of position before putting the ball away. The unhurried ease with which he does this makes his attack look rather soft. If this is to some extent true it is only because his remarkable control renders hard hitting largely unnecessary. Occasionally, however, he cuts loose with a powerful forehand drive which dispels any doubt as to the power of his attack.

His game was formed when pimped rubber was the conventional bat surface and before the Asians arrived on the scene. He now uses a sandwich bat and, very sparingly, the loop-drive. These are the only concessions he has made to the tre-

mendous changes which have taken place in table tennis in the course of his career. He is now in his late thirties but his recent form in England proves that he is no has-been.

There is so much static play these days that the idea has got about that footwork is not so important as it used to be. At Brighton I took the opportunity to ask Andreadis his opinion on this, and although he answered simply there was no mistaking the conviction in his voice when he said, "It is very important."

WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

CARDIFF HARD STRUGGLE

THE present leaders of the men's section, Cardiff, had a hard struggle to beat newcomers Abergavenny away, 5-4.

At one period Abergavenny were leading 4-3 but, thanks to excellent victories by Alan Thomas and Ken Bull, Cardiff managed to pull the game out of the "fire," beating Jack Price and John Davies respectively.

Donald Norris was the star for Abergavenny, winning all his three matches against George Evans, Thomas and Bull. Abergavenny's other victory was scored by Jack Price who beat Bull. For Cardiff both Evans and Thomas won two matches each and Bull one.

Weston, last year's winners, have not done so well this season and in their home match against Bristol II were again beaten 7-2, only G. Woodforde and P. Maxwell managing to obtain victories against young Peter Brooks and L. Taylor respectively.

For Bristol B Brady was in good form, winning all his three matches, while Brooks and Taylor won two each.

I have received enquiries from old members, West Wiltshire and Swindon, who are contemplating rejoining next season. It is hoped that both leagues will be with us as full members next season.

It is many years since Swindon were members. West Wiltshire have been absent only two years.

We are anxious to have a few more women's teams and, any league in the area interested should write to me.

Only three ladies teams Birmingham, Bristol and Newport competed this season.

A cordial invitation is extended to any league within the area to join us and further information will gladly be supplied by Mr. Grove Motlow, 29, Carisbrooke Road, Newport, Mon. (Tel. 71964).

At the moment Cardiff are leaders with Cheltenham a close second in the men's section.

ESSEX NOTES

EAST LONDON AGAIN

FOR the fourth year running a different venue had to be used for the Essex Open.

This year's venue at Silvertown, was not too popular with many of the competitors, but it is felt it could be made into a good home for the tournament.

The proprietors could not have been more co-operative towards the tournament committee, so we must now await events.

East London again made a clean sweep of the Essex Senior and Junior Inter Leagues competitions, neither team losing a match and only nine games were dropped between both teams.

A new home also had to be found for the County Junior Closed championships this year, due to St. Luke's closing for re-building. They were played at Bifrons Youth Centre in Barking.

It is hoped that, with the closure of St. Luke's for the summer, the rest of the County will rally round and that venues for junior practice and training sessions will be obtained.

George Wenham

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RETURN FROM PEKING

Japanese Reflections on the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Translated from the Japanese Table Tennis Report)

DESPITE the enormous assistance received from everyone in the country the 26th World Table Tennis Championships from which we expected so much have, as you well know, already ended where, it must be recognised, a complete defeat for us.

The results, showing as they did, victories in three events, went a little way to saving Japan's face but, in fact, the top events, the men's team event, the men's singles, and the women's singles, were lost and wins in other events cannot make up for this. Furthermore, Red China's victories in the men's team event, the men's singles and the women's singles was a really fine achievement and we should express our respect for their great strength.

If we ask why the Chinese team could achieve such excellent results the answer is that the government, the officials and the whole country

have combined together to concentrate their resources for victory. A further important factor is that the Chinese table tennis leaders have taken every step to study the world's table tennis technique, especially reports revealing everything about Japanese technique. This is an important cause of their own country's increase in skill.

Leaving aside for a moment other techniques, even if we look at the service alone, they took the Japanese style of varying the service, invented many more types of service and because they were skilled beyond imagination at this it is easy to see why they overwhelmed the Japanese team with their attack.

PRACTISED WRIST MOVEMENTS

For this purpose even in their daily life they practised wrist movements and strengthened the snap of their

wrists. Then, using this service, they took the majority of the points, not only from attacking players but also from "cutting" players. We must also consider the movements to left and right. Using the left foot as an axis, they jumped with their right. Perhaps the return movement is the Chinese speciality but they can also chase the ball very well. They especially used their "snap" wrist shot and the way they kept their elbows in even to an extreme was very different from the Japanese team. Also, in spite of the fact that the backhand came from this drop shot and that the back swing was very short, they had both speed and precision. How they did this is a subject for further investigation.

However, there is no need to feel pessimistic about the skill of the Japanese team even though they were point of view of technique and tactics we can be confident that Japan, with her tradition behind her, is still, by and large, in excellent shape.

In spite of the fact that China has had reports on Japan's technique from films, newspapers and magazines, Japan has, for diplomatic reasons, had no chance to get to know their real strength. I feel keenly that the Japanese Table Tennis Federation should have had access to these reports but, because of the different conditions of each country, this has not been possible.

INTERCHANGE OF TECHNIQUE

But the past is past and from now on even the Chinese side are strongly demanding interchange of technique with Japan and I think we should make every effort to make an interchange at the earliest possible opportunity.

Also, if we study and train in the Chinese special points and defects as early as possible I believe that it will not be impossible to regain the titles. We can introduce the Chinese organisation and methods of training, etc., and in the 1963 Prague World Championships we must make a resolution to fight a second bitter battle and exert all our energy to this end.

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The 12th U.S.S.R. Table Tennis Championships

By VIKTOR KOLLEGORSKY

(Secretary of the U.S.S.R. Tennis Federation)

TWENTY-FOUR men and as many women from among 160 entrants qualified for the final round of the 12th national individual championship for 1962, held in Tallinn, the capital of Soviet Estonia.

The finalists included several veterans whose names are associated with the entire 11-year history of table tennis championships in the U.S.S.R., such as six-times national champion Algimantas Saunoris, the first title-holder (1951) Arutyun Akopyan, five-times women's champion of the U.S.S.R. Evelin Lestal, and Grigory Grinberg, U.S.S.R. champion in 1957. But most of the field were youths and girls around eighteen.

The young players put up a magnificent performance, winning all eight gold medals. Laima Balaisite of Vilnius and Gennady Averin of Moscow took the individual titles; Zoya Rudnova of Moscow, Dzindra Lukina of Riga, Svetlana Grinber of Kiev and Nikolai Novikov placed first in the doubles. Almost all second and third places also went to youngsters.

Youngest champion

The 14-year-old Laima Balaisite, a schoolgirl from Vilnius, is the youngest among the new national champions. Her mother, Bronislava, was a repeated champion of the U.S.S.R. in the past. After winning the title for the last time five years ago she took up coaching work.

In the sports school of Vilnius, Bronislava Balaisite is in charge of about 200 boys and girls, Laima among them. The defensive and semi-

defensive systems widespread in many countries are not favoured by Bronislava Balaisite. Already at the first lessons children are acquainted with the most complicated and at the same time most effective attacking strokes. The pupil's prime task is to win a point before the opponent wins it. They reply to attacks with counter-attacks. Their motto is: fast pace and an aggressive and varied style.

Not satisfied

Laima has been playing table tennis since she was eight. She trains four times a week, plays basketball twice a week, often runs and does some gymnastics. He experience is fairly rich already. It is for five years now that she has participated in competitions, including international events. She has played in Rumania, Czechoslovakia and the German Democratic Republic. Her mother did not teach her how to play a defensive table tennis. Her only desire is to attack and counter-attack.

The successes of the youngsters signify changes for the better in the style of Soviet players. The youth have adopted the most modern means of struggle, such as high pace of play, intricate service, series of attacking strokes. the top spin, the high spinned lob.

At the international tournament in the Rumania city of Constanza none of the world champions in women's doubles, including M. Alexandru, J. Pitica (Rumania) and the experienced I. Kerekese of Hungary, were able to withstand Laima's hurricane attacks. Averin, for his part, defeated the winner of the tournament, R. Nigulescu, the strongest Rumanian player.

Not everything, however, satisfies us at the present stage of the development of table tennis in the Soviet Union.

Most of our players still make an insufficient use of the main asset of the European style, the attack with both forehand and backhand strokes. Only a few have adopted this style. The rest rely chiefly on forehand. Characteristically, the new champions, Laima Balaisite and Gennady Averin, possess fairly good backhand drives.

Soviet coaches are too timid in introducing the penholder grip. Among the 48 finalists of the 12th national

championships, 15-year-old Zoya Rudnova, winner of the 1951 European junior title, was alone in using this grip. She was placed among the prize-winners in two events.

Grave concern is roused by excessive reliance on the top spin, which affects the accuracy of the ordinary attacking strokes and, consequently, detract from the aggressiveness of attack. Dazzled by the bright flashes of effective top spins, many young Soviet players forget that the top spin is not decisive in table tennis, that it is good only as a means of making the attack more varied.

Here are the results of the final matches of the 12th championship of the U.S.S.R.

Women (from the quarter-finals): S. Peisiary (Tallinn) bt A. Kondrataite (Kaunas) 3-0; S. Belotserkovskaya (Moscow) bt A. Kosyakina (Kiev) 3-2; Z. Rudnova (Moscow) bt A. Morkunaite (Vilnius) 3-0; L. Balaisite (Vilnius) bt M. Kabrite (Tallinn) 3-0; S. Peisiary bt S. Belotserkovskaya 3-2; L. Balaisite bt Z. Rudnova 3-1.

Final: L. BALAISITE bt S. Peisiary 18-21, 21-14, 21-17, 21-13.

Men (from the quarter-finals) A. Saunoris (Vilnius) bt B. Kholodovskiy (Kiev) 3-1; G. Grinberg (Dnepropetrovsk) bt Z. Kalnin (Riga) 3-1; N. Novikov (Baku) bt V. Shtyapochnikov (Moscow) 3-2; G. Averin (Moscow) bt I. Meeksa (Tallinn) 3-2; A. Saunoris bt G. Grinberg 3-0; G. Averin bt N. Novikov 3-0.

Final: G. AVERIN bt S. Saunoris 21-14, 21-17, 24-22.

Women's Doubles (final): D. KUKINA (Riga)/S. GRINBERG (Kiev) bt S. Peisiary (Tallinn)/S. Zakharyan (Yerevan) 18-21, 21-18, 21-12, 22-20.

Men's doubles (final): AVERIN/NOVIKOV bt Kalnin/Grinberg 21-17, 13-21, 21-15, 21-19.

Mixed Doubles (final): Z. RUDNOVA/G. AVERIN bt S. Peisiary/A. Saunoris 21-15, 21-17, 21-16.

(By Courtesy of Novosti Press Agency)

Rumanian Open

Players from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, and Russia took part in the Rumanian open at at Contanza but all the five individual titles were won by Rumanians.

FINALS

Men's Singles: Negulescu (Rum.) bt Fahazi (Hung.) 3-0; **Women's Singles:** Alexandru (Rum.) bt Paisjasu (Russia) 3-2.

Men's Doubles: Negulescu and Rethi (Rum.) bt Fahazi and Roszas (Hung.) 3-0; **Women's Doubles:** Alexandru and Pitica (Rum.) bt Kerekese and Hevesi (Hung.) 3-2; **Mixed Doubles:** Negulescu and Pitica (Rum.) bt Corbirzan and Alexandru (Rum.) 3-2.

In the men's team event Rumania beat Hungary 5-4 while Hungary beat Russia 2-1 to win the women's team event.

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Assessing the Perfect Competitor

by COLIN CLEMETT and STAN BUCHAN

SUCH articles as Laurie Landry's "Tournament Talking Points", and John Corser's description of the "Utopian Open" have made so clear the duties of an organiser that no one can plead ignorance of the requirements, yet it is now clear that all tournaments do not reach the desired standard.

As comparative newcomers to the organising side of the business we should like to put forward the suggestion that some of the failure is due to the shortcomings of the opposition, or as they are more usually known, the players.

We feel that this is not a defect for which the players can reasonably be blamed, since as far as we can discover there has never been a clear specification of the perfect competitor. With the modesty due to our inexperience we should like to try to rectify this omission.

We think that a modification of the rating system suggested by Laurie Landry would be a good basis for assessing players, and, although there may be some points that we have overlooked, we believe that a player scoring a high rating in each of the categories listed below would approach closely the ideal specification.

1. Ability to read entry form: This quality is surprisingly rare, and appears to vary in inverse ratio to the ranking of the player. At a rough estimate about 75 per cent. of competitors manage to mis-read or mis-interpret the wording of the entry form. Organisers could save themselves a great deal of time and money by removing from the form all wording except the title and the date of the tournament, the list of events and the address of the Secretary. For a very high-grade tournament it may even be possible to dispense with most of these details.

It is usually quite superfluous to mention a closing date, unless you wish to have some idea when entries will start to arrive. Some misguided organisers even include on their forms the times and dates for particular events, until they discover that if, for instance, the forms say: "Men's Doubles Sunday morning" several entrants will enter this event with a footnote

saying "Can only play Friday evening, please."

2. Ability to complete entry form:

This is a stumbling block to many of those who successfully meet Condition 1, and seems to follow the same sort of relationship to the player's ability. In an artistic type of event high marks would be awarded for some of the improvised entry forms, or letters of intent, that take the place of the official form, but we can allow only a small bonus to those who actually write something as compared with those who enter by telephone, or even sometimes by telepathy, it seems. It is a useful precaution to have your phone number removed from the directory before becoming an organiser, but if the secret has already got out an alternative is to remove the receiver from its hook at, say, 11.30 p.m. each evening before the tournament, thus eliminating about 90 per cent. of the possible calls. Some credit should be given to players calling in person to enter, but not if they arrive at 1.30 a.m., as has happened on at least one occasion.

3. Ability to send correct fees: The

addition of several sums of money, often totalling as much as 10s., is obviously a task suitable only for those with higher education, but it is an interesting comment on arithmetical schooling today that errors are almost invariably in favour of the entrant. However, sending any money at all shows a good intention, and receives a higher rating than the more common "credit entry."

4. Ability to confirm doubles partners: In deciding a player's rating

under this heading account should be taken of the number of times that a particular partner has been nominated by different entrants, and whether a nominated partner has made his or her own entry.

5. Ability to arrive on time: This is

the first of the conditions that tests a player on the actual day of the tournament, and a good rating here can offset several poor scores in the pre-tournament tests. The most common failing is for players to arrive at the time noted on the notification card as the starting-

time of their first match, and then retire to the dressing-room for lengthy preparation.

This is often countered by the organisers calling competitors for 15 minutes or so before the match is scheduled, and by arranging for players who have long journeys to play late in the schedule. Where this happens it is certain that the players called for 11.30 a.m. will arrive at 9 and complain continually about being kept waiting.

The ability to arrive on time applies not only to the first match but to the later ones, which have been carefully timed. It is a rarity for a player who leaves the venue for a meal, or shopping, to return in any better time for his later matches.

6. Ability to hear and understand announcements: It is, of course,

generally accepted that most announcements are made only to allow the organiser to indulge his fancy for hearing his own voice and bear little relevance to the running of the tournament. Those competitors who react to an announcement concerning themselves after less than three repetitions deserve special mention for attentiveness.

It may be possible to eliminate this condition altogether when organisers realise the saving in throat lozenges possible by not making any announcements and transmitting any necessary information by shouting into the ear of the person concerned, thus giving official recognition to what is already the only practical system.

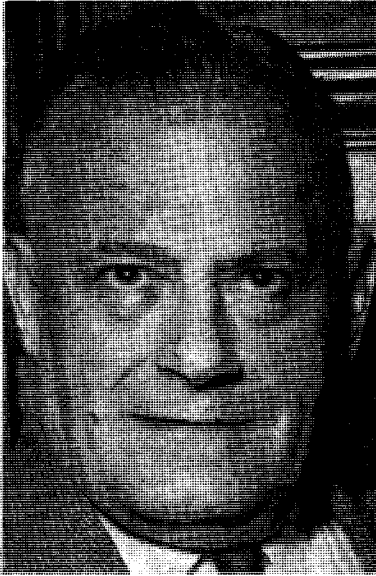
7. Ability to look after belongings:

A player should lose marks under this heading in proportion to the number of different items of equipment or clothing he leaves about the hall, and the length of time before he realises his loss. Since so much of this bric-a-brac is unclaimed it is obvious that no great value is attached to it. So credit should be given to those players who don't tempt fate by carrying about so much useless impedimenta.

These are the main characteristics by which we think players should be judged. It is no secret to say that we have awarded few high rankings so

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KNOW THE N.E.C.



HARRY WALKER

YET another bachelor member of the N.E.C. is Eastern region representative Harry Walker. Born in Middlesex he now hails from Essex, where he is employed in the accounting section of the Ford Motor Company.

Like other members of the N.E.C. Harry's administrative posts in the game are numerous. He has served on the national committee for ten years and on the Essex County Committee for the past 16. His reign on that committee has shown a reversal of the usual process in that, having been Vice-Chairman in 1946/47 and Chairman for the next four seasons, he has since undertaken the onerous task of General Secretary. His other posts combine President of the East London League and the now famous St. Luke's Table Tennis Club, Life-

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far. If we meet one who scores a steady 90 per cent in all respects we shall be glad to guarantee him all the facilities of the Utopian Open. However we don't think we need to start organising that just yet.

We should like to close with a few comments on the characteristics that a tournament organiser needs for the successful completion of his task.

He must be free from writer's cramp; must be able to live on three hours sleep a night for weeks at a time; have the patience of a saint and the hide of a rhinoceros. He must be able to endure the complaints of a neglected spouse, and the moans of disgruntled competitors. He must be patient, even-tempered, conscientious and inexhaustible. He must be crazy.

President of the Romford League and Vice-President of Thurrock League.

Harry holds strong views on several aspects of the game but mainly on team selections, junior players and affiliation fees. He is much opposed to strict adherence to ranking lists when selecting teams, believing that current form should be taken as the guide and that selectors should make it their job to travel widely to keep themselves up to date. In his opinion too little is done to encourage junior players after they leave the junior ranks and in this he finds considerable support. Support too he finds for his view that the simple method of one affiliation fee should be adopted to cover everything.

With such time as remains of his week Harry pursues his other hobby of the Boy Scout movement in which he is an auxiliary. This gives him the opportunity to take his favourite camping holidays which he says he enjoys more than his periodical business trips to such places as California.

MALCOLM EDWARD SCOTT

YET another member of the N.E.C. who administers table tennis at all levels of the game is Malcolm Scott, the West Region representative. In addition to being Chairman of the Staffordshire County Association, he is also President of the Wolverhampton League and Chairman of the Midland Leagues' Association. He is a member of the national Coaching Sub-Committee and during his ten years on the N.E.C. has been connected with work on junior development and the Umpires and Reception Sub-Committees.

A general manager in an engineering firm, Malcolm is married with a son, Russell, who shares his father's keenness not only for the game itself but also for its administration. Both Malcolm and his wife used to play a lot of table tennis a few years back, and for 27 years now Kay has extended the greatest tolerance to her husband's table tennis activities which have taken him to all parts of the country in one capacity or another. Nowadays Kay accompanies him on many of his trips but Malcolm never ceases to voice his appreciation of her past forbearance.



MALCOLM EDWARD SCOTT

Despite his many activities he still finds some time to devote to his other hobbies of gardening, swimming, yatching and rowing and then some more to express his strongly felt views about conduct in the game today. To him the most important aspect is the sportsmanship of the players. He abhors the bad loser and loathes the catcalls which have become the fashionable follow up to the making of a bad shot by so many players, even the leading ones: he regards it as unforgiveable when practised in international matches.

Always on the look out for ways and means of promoting the game, Malcolm would like to see a table tennis centre in every sizeable town in the country. An advocate of the need for the administrators to get closer to the membership, he sees these centres as a means to that end. Here would be the opportunity for getting together socially, which he feels is sadly lacking and so badly needed at the present time.

BEST IN BEERS

Results of finals in the London Breweries Association championships were:—

Men's Singles: E. Williams (Whitbread's) bt G. Ailward (Guinness) 11-21, 19-21, 21-14, 21-10, 21-13; **Women's Singles:** D. Head (Whitbread's) bt Mrs. J. Acampora (Whitbread's) 21-18, 17-21, 21-19.

Men's Doubles: G. Palmer/A. Arnold (Watney's) bt Ailward/B. Partlow (Guinness) 21-15, 21-19, 21-16. **Mixed Doubles:** C. Collings/Miss Head bt T. Lawlor/Mrs. Acampora 21-11, 22-20. **Women's Doubles:** Miss Head/Mrs. Acampora bt Miss J. Punt/Mrs. C. Cooper (Whitbread's) 19-21, 21-7, 21-13.

Veterans' Singles: A. Yates (Courage-Barclay) bt W. Crocker (Guinness) 21-14, 21-13.

A NEW SUSSEX HOPE

by Bert Fretwell

DROPPED from the county junior team last season; now No. 2 in the senior side and county senior champion. That has been the rapid progress of Roger Chandler, the new hope of Sussex table tennis.

Chandler made his mark in March when he beat the Czech star Vladimir Miko in the Sussex match against Czechoslovakia.

Officially he is 18 but having been born on February 29 he still awaits his fifth birthday.

A dedicated player, Chandler practices six hours a day for six days a week and that is the secret of his rapid progress, which has set all Sussex talking about him.

Yet table tennis was not his first choice of sport. He started as a swimmer and was indeed a Sussex junior champion. But swimming now takes a back seat. He has been a member of the one club, Brighton Y.M.C.A., since he commenced playing in the Eighth Division of the Brighton and District League two seasons ago.

Last season saw him playing in the

RACEY MAKES IT 14 TITLES

PAUL RACEY achieved a remarkable success in Bedfordshire, winning all senior events in the County, Bedford and District League, and the Luton League Championships.

With the addition of a doubles win at the Ipswich invitation Tournament, and a doubles and singles at the North Bucks Closed, Racey has won 14 titles this season.

Recent results:

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Men's Singles: P. Racey (Riverside) bt L. Wooding (Riverside) 21-17, 21-7.
Women's Singles: D. Underwood (Biggleswade) bt Mrs. J. Whiting (B.T.T.C.) 21-11, 21-10.

Men's Doubles: Racey and Wooding bt S. Lawson and I. Twigden 21-13, 19-21, 21-18. **Women's Doubles:** Mrs. J. Cox and Underwood bt Mrs. Whiting and J. Racey 13-21, 21-15, 21-19. **Mixed Doubles:** Racey and Miss Racey bt D. Folds and Mrs. Cox 21-17, 21-18.

Boys' Singles: L. Wooding bt B. Copperwheat 21-9, 21-10. **Veterans' Singles:** W. Wooding bt R. Cox 21-15, 21-17.

30 Mile Radius: N. Parker (Luton) bt C. Crowe (Luton) 21-19, 8-21, 21-13, 21-14. **30 Mile Radius Doubles:** C. Crowe and Racey bt Parker and F. Morris 21-16, 21-13.

LUTON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Singles: P. Racey (Napiers) bt C. Crowe (Napiers) 21-19, 22-20, —21, —21, 21-7.

Men's Doubles: C. Crowe and Racey w.o. I. Barnett and A. Clarke. **Junior Boys' Singles:** M. Spavins bt A. Fox.

20 Mile Radius Mixed Doubles: P. Racey and Miss J. Racey w.o. L. Wooding and Miss J. Wooding. **20 Mile Radius Women's Singles:** Miss D. Underwood bt R. Seymour 24-22, 21-16. **20 Mile Radius Men's Doubles:** C. Crowe and Racey bt N. Parker and G. Larg 18-21, 21-15, 21-19. **20 Mile Radius Men's Singles:** D. White (Luton) bt Racey (Bedford) 21-19, 19-21, 21-17.



ROGER CHANDLER

Photo—Eastbourne Gazette

First Division with average success, but showing no indication of his imminent rise to the top, for although he did win the county closed junior title, his results in the County junior championship were such that Sussex selectors dropped him.

Last summer Chandler got down to serious training, taking advantage of his long summer holiday—he is a laboratory assistant—to develop his game.

He switched to a reversed sandwich bat, and blessed with the temperament to practice irrespective of the standard of his opponent, he developed the loop topspin.

It took many frustrating hours, but eventually he acquired the necessary technique, and many regard him as the equal of Stan Jacobson.

He has the other essentials to allow him to play an all-round game but, because of his stocky build, prefers to remain close to the table.

Defying strong opposition, the county selectors included him in the 1961 trials, then the county team. Since losing his first county singles, his has fully justified his inclusion by winning all other sets for the county.

So far he is unbeaten in Inter-League and Wilmot Cup matches,

where he helped Brighton reach the quarter-finals.

Despite his success he remains genuinely modest and considers it almost an affront when an opponent scores a point against him. But he is generous in praise for good strokes and tactics after the match is completed.

To date Chandler has been unable to attend many Open tournaments, but he realises that he must make the sacrifice of time and money to gain more national notice.

Next season will show if his rapid improvement can continue, and if it does, who knows where the game may take him.

JUNIORS TAKE TITLES

THE Tournament run by the Birmingham Mail for non-representative players was won this year by two juniors. Graham Pressick took the men's event from Peter Hill of Dudley by 3 games to 1, while Hillary Grove won the Ladies singles by beating Lorna Brown 3-0.

It is intended that next season only the top half dozen county players will be barred from competing and that winners will go forward to National finals against winners of similar events elsewhere.

The first name to appear on the trophy for the Warwickshire Club Knock-out competition is the Birmingham Club "South Birmingham." They overcame "Valves of Coventry" in the final 5-4. Derek Baddeley, unbeaten throughout the competition, won three games and Brian Robinson two. This has been a most successful inaugural season for the competition and next year it is hoped that a bigger entry will be attracted.

Bill Gallagher took his revenge against Maurice Billington for defeating him in the Coventry Closed, turning the tables easily in the final of the Leamington Closed. Next season's trials should be interesting with Baddeley, Gunnion, Gallagher, Billington and Cadwallader fighting for places with the promotion of the second team an added incentive to the younger players, our standard should go up enormously.

Birmingham seems to be getting popular! Star performers are flocking in, i.e. Judy Williams, Ralph Gunnion, Bob Griffin, and now Ron Bolton of Notts. There is no truth in the rumour, however, that the next influx will include Ogimura and Berczik.

Roger Morris

Professional title

RICHARD BERGMANN is planning another "World Professional Championship" to be played in Australia. Narikazu Fugii, of Japan, winner for the first time in U.S.A. last year, is expected to defend.

AROUND EAST ANGLIA

Champion President

NORFOLK'S President, Mrs. Betty Cassell, took all three titles in the Cambridge league championships. She beat the holder, Mrs. M. Bamber, in the Singles; took the Women's Doubles with Mrs. Sleight, and the Mixed with John Thurston.

In the Stevenage Open, she went out to England's No. 4, Judy Williams, but only at 20 in the third, and in the Buckinghamshire Open, after beating Elsie Carrington in the semi-finals, lost 4-21, 21-18, 21-8 to Mary Shannon in the final.

Ipswich are East Anglian League champions while Lowestoft beat Norwich for second place. Norwich B head Division II.

Results: M.S.: M. Ewles bt A. Archer 21-17, 18-21, 21-18, 18-21, 21-18. **W.S.:** Mrs. E. Allen bt Mrs. J. Rodwell 14-21, 21-13, 21-18.

M.D.: J. Fuller/D. Jenkinson bt A. Archer/M. King 21-8, 21-12, 21-13. **W.D.:** Mrs. Kelf/P. Kelf bt Mrs. A. Archer/Mrs. M. Ewles 21-17, 20-22, 22-20. **X.D.D.:** G. Smith/Mrs. E. Allen bt D. Jenkinson/Mrs. J. Rodwell 12-21, 21-16, 21-14.

J.S.: C. Fields bt W. Haydock 21-10, 21-17. **Y.S.:** W. Haydock bt B. Metcalf 16-21, 21-18, 21-9.

In the League knockout competition Freethorpe (rec. 9) beat holders Halvergate. At the season's last event R.A.F. Association's American handicap singles, Yarmouth's President, S. L. Lewis, presented the league trophies.

At Wymondham, Abbey A, undefeated league champions, beat King's Head A 9-1 to add the President's Cup to their honours. Queen's Head B won Division II. At Great Moulton, Wymondham beat Dereham 6-4, only to fall to Yarmouth B 1-9.

AFTER 14 YEARS

Dereham's original champions in 1948-9, Jentique A after 14 years again head their league. The Championships were held at the War Memorial Hall and Ivor Butler (Dreibholz) beat the holder for the last four years, B. Loveday (Saints), at 17 in the fifth.

Mrs. P. Blanch beat Mrs. M. Freeman; W. Matthews and T. Purple beat B. Loveday/M. Thompson; and, in the Youth's, G. Clarke beat V. Bell. President Mrs. L. Floering presented awards.

Stalham's junior champion, from 26 entries, is W. Harper, with D. Stannard runner-up. The county are again running at North Walsham a three-a-side competition for non-representative league players under 21.

In Norwich, the great event of April was the opening by the Lord Mayor, Mr. (R. Q. Gurney), of Y.M.C.A.'s new £28,000 Sports Hall and Boys' Club. At the Copeman Handicap Cup finals, Mr. Gurney, the President of Norwich league, presented league trophies. The handicap winner was J. Turner (rec. 13), who beat B. Bloom (rec. 13) 21-17, 21-13.

Since the Norwich league was founded in 1935-6, only four clubs had graded

its championship roll, but now a fifth name Bullards must be added. They are worthy champions

C.E.Y.M.S., under the energetic chairmanship of Malcolm Clarke, saw all three lower teams promoted, a record C.E.Y.M.S. B, Gothic C, Jewson's B, Sportsmen and Park Lane Old Boys head their divisions.

For the first time, the Readwin Cup ended in a draw. Bullards and Gothic being finalists. A replay will decide the issue.

Norfolk this season bought over 1,000 copies of TABLE TENNIS, a record. Norwich (84 teams) averaged over one per team per month, while the County (75 teams) about half this. But those extra copies were invaluable and as a result, we have raised £12 for our Norfolk junior team next season.

By reading the magazine players are now becoming interested in the game at county, national and international level is a step forward. A chance visit from England's No. 4, Stan Jacobson, who practised with some of our better players, has furthered this interest.

J. S. Penny

South East Midlands League

BEDFORD "A" are first winners of the new South East Midlands League. They totalled 45 points from their seven matches, points being based on the number of sets won.

Cambridge "A" and Huntingdonshire T.T.A. share second place, both having an identical record of 42 points from eight matches.

The League has proved most successful and its future should be assured.

Individual championships were held to wind up the season's programme. **Albert Jackson** (Cambridgeshire) beat A. Twigden (Huntingdonshire) 22-20, 21-17, 17-21, 12-21, 21-11, in the men's singles final, while the junior singles went to **J. Handscombe** (Huntingdonshire) with a 16-21, 21-19, 21-10 win over M. Reeve (Cambridgeshire).

Twigden had some consolation when he partnered **Sangwell** to beat Bamford and Harrison (Kettering) 21-17, 21-18 in the men's doubles final.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	F.
Bedford "A"	7	5	0	2	45	25	45
Cambridge "A"	8	5	1	2	42	38	42
Hunts. T.T.A.	8	3	1	4	42	38	42
Cambridge University	6	2	2	2	28	22	28
Kettering	7	1	0	6	23	47	23

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

A NEAR MISS

CAMBRIDGESHIRE did well in the Southern Division of the National County Championship and finished second to Hertfordshire. It was a pity that Cambridgeshire had to play Hertfordshire with a depleted team otherwise they would have had a good chance of coming top.

Cornwell and Thurston played well and Chapman was most successful when playing against odds. Margaret Bradnam, the lady signing, did well against Worcester and should be a great help next season.

In the Cambridgeshire League Y.M.C.A. I regained the Championship, with New Chesterton Institute, last season's champions, runners-up. New Chesterton Institute II and Telephones I go down to the Second Division, from which Wesley, after only one term, win promotion, with Wilburton, who have come up from the Sixth Division in successive seasons.

The youthful Y.M.C.A. III won the Third Division, with Alan Poudier, Dennis Collinson and Paul Chisnall, members of the County junior side. Poudier was outstanding for the county and made a big impression for a 14-year-old.

Kerridges I easily won the Fourth Division, while Northern Assurance I won the Fifth, and Y.M.C.A. IV the Sixth.

Northern Assurance won the Knock-out Handicap Trophy, beating Y.M.C.A. III.

THE Cambridgeshire Closed Championships were held at Cambridge Corn Exchange, March 19-22, and in the absence of John Cornwell in the Men's Singles, John Thurston regained the title. He beat Keith Chapman in two sets.

Betty Cassell (Wisbech League) defeated Mrs. Barker (the holder) in the final of the Ladies' Singles.

Young Alan Poudier, 14, won the Junior Boys' Singles by defeating Dennis Collinson in two sets. Poudier also reached the final of the "Pot-luck" Doubles, a new event, when partnering John Cornwell. They went on to beat Keith Chapman and John Constable.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: J. A. THURSTON bt K. Chapman 21-6, 21-16. **Women's Singles:** Mrs. E. CASSELL bt Mrs. F. Bamber 21-13, 21-12.

Men's Doubles: THURSTON/J. CORNWELL bt A. Nunn/A. Jackson 21-19, 18-21, 21-12. **Women's Doubles:** CASSELL/Mrs. P. Sleight bt Mrs. Sebley/Mrs. A. Pauley 20-12, 21-12, 21-13. **Mixed Doubles:** THURSTON/Mrs. CASSELL bt A. Haslop/Mrs. Pauley 21-14, 21-15.

Boys' Singles: A. POWDER bt D. Collinson 21-9, 21-14. **Veteran Singles:** N. DYER bt A. Adams 21-17, 21-14. **Handicap Singles:** Poudier bt D. Sore 29-31, 31-25, 31-29.

Radius Singles—Men: THURSTON bt L. Saywell 21-8, 21-10. **Radius Doubles (Pot-Luck):** CORNWELL/POUDER bt Chapman/J. Constable 21-11, 21-18.

SERVICES CORNER

CARRINGTON WITH R.A.F. BOY ENTRANTS

OVER fifty Boy Entrants enjoyed a full weekend Table Tennis at R.A.F. Hereford on April 7th and 8th. This was the first course of its kind to be held at an R.A.F. Training Station and was an immense success.

The Course was run by England's Director of Coaching Jack Carrington, and is not only a great player in his own right but is one of the World's leading coaches, and was organised by Flt. Lt. Neville Shorrick.

The Course consisted of practice and theory in Table Tennis and was supplemented by Films and an Exhibition on Saturday afternoon which was attended by the Station Commander Group Capt. Gollan, O.B.E., C.A., and Wing Commander Edmonds, A.F.C.

The success of the Course was ensured by the wonderful co-operation of players and non-players both in and outside the station. These included Flt. Lt. Baskerville, Chief Tech. Hobday and Cpl. Ashberry of R.A.F. Hereford, Mr. R. Preece, Herefordshire County Players and Worcestershire County Coaches Mrs. D.

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by the Londoners' very high standard of play: "unbelievably high" said Val Holding, the Editor of *EAGLE* and *GIRL*, who presented the trophies and thanked all concerned for a most successful and stimulating tournament: "most encouraging" said A. K. Vint, O.B.E., in a speech on behalf of the E.T.T.A.: and "a fantastic improvement when you consider that when this championship started eight years ago I had to show many of the players how to serve," said Chief Coach, Johnny Leach. "Nowadays," he added, "the youngsters can teach us a thing or two."

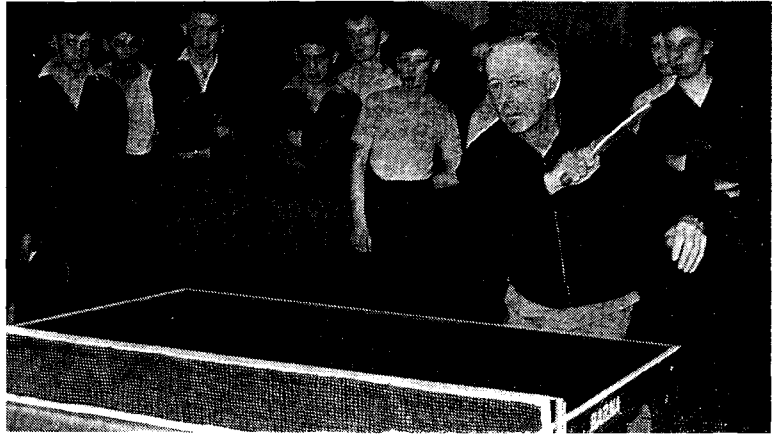
Johnny wasn't kidding. In the Mixed Doubles match which concluded the programme Johnny and Lesley Bell opposed Diane Rowe and Chester Barnes, and we were provided with the rare spectacle of two past world champions in action with two youngsters who must surely rate as possible world champions of the future.

Henderson and Mr. J. Williamson all of whom helped in the coaching.

In the background, the gymnasium and its seven tables were excellently prepared and set up by the Physical

Flt. Lt. Shorrick has reached the Grade B Men's Singles Final.

With 150 boys being coached at Hereford the future looks bright indeed.



CARRINGTON SHOWS THE WAY

Training Staff, and some screen equipment was provided by an ever co-operative Herefordshire Association. Flt. Lt. Jones devoted almost the entire weekend taking photographs, which will be used at Hereford to illustrate correct positions for future coaching.

It is hoped to hold similar sessions later and even more ambitious schemes are being considered to be held at Hereford in the future.

This culminates the most successful season in R.A.F. Hereford's Table Tennis history. Its boys team of Aswani, Burnett and Webb won the R.A.F. School Championship without conceding a match.

UNBEATEN

The Station first team of Flt. Lts. Baskerville and Shorrick, and Cpl. Ashberry won the 22 Group Championship without losing a match and this same trio with Cpl. Gough won the 2nd Division of the Hereford League without losing a match. All four were selected to represent Technical Training Command this season.

On top of this in the Herefordshire Championships, Burnett and Carter have already won the Junior Boys' Doubles title and Burnett has reached the Boys' Singles Final yet to be played.

Kershaw loses title

S/Sgt. E. Kershaw (R.E.M.E.) of Yorkshire lost his men's singles title in the B.A.O.R. Championships when he was beaten 21-13, 15-21, 21-18, 22-20 in the final by Capt. S. L. Geoghegan (R.A.M.C.) of Oxfordshire.

Capt. Geoghegan and Signalman J. Catton beat Signalman Goddard and Pte. Wild 21-19, 17-21, 21-19 in the men's Doubles final.

Gainsford's Unique Record

FROM the Fourth Division to the top of the First Division in successive seasons. That's the history making record of Gainsford in the Central League. They have not only won the League championship but also the knock-out cup competition.

And this is their fantastic record over the four years of the meteoric rise to champions—played 70 matches; won 68!

The present first team includes three members who have been with the club since the start.

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Conducted by LAURIE LANDRY

TOURNAMENT RATINGS

AT last we are able to publish the Tournament ratings and pride of the place is reserved for Newbury Open which is only in its second season.

After the English Open and Closed, the next seven tournaments are separated by just 3%. The Irish, Scottish and Welsh Open are included separately for information.

The Essex Open have great difficulty in finding a venue and that is the reason why, since the East Suburban became the Essex, a different venue has been used in each of the five years.

The Gwent Open at Newport attracted another good entry. This is one Tournament where they make you feel at home.

The North East England will be losing its venue at Scarborough next year but they hope to find another. Walter Mitton, who organises this event, would like to thank all those

many visitors who help to make this Tournament such a success.

Two readers, who do not wish their names or areas disclosed, have written enquiring if there is any E.T.T.A. rule governing the number of County closed championships in which a player can take part.

This is old trouble, which frequently crops up where players live near county borders and play in leagues on either sides.

No E.T.A. Ruling

There is no E.T.T.A. ruling governing the position, as closed events are entirely a matter of domestic rule. However, certain counties have overcome this by making it a condition that only players eligible for the county can play in their closed championships.

It is, of course, frustrating to a player who is possibly the best in his

or her county, to find someone from across the border come in and take the pickings, and leads to accusations of pot hunting, and general bitterness.

Counties would therefore appear well advised to look into such cases and make rules accordingly.

The Editor would welcome readers' views on this matter.

Many players mention the fact that they were obliged to pay to see the finals at Stevenage and at the South of England. They feel that having paid to enter the tournament they should not be charged to see the finals.

The first Stevenage open was a success but one complaint was that insufficient covering on the windows on one side made the lighting awkward during the day time. Also there was the question that in all events players were herded together at a set time when it was quite obvious that they could not all play at this time. This meant that there were very long waits. The organisers, say, however, that these points will be looked into for next year!

Organisation %	Umpires, etc %	Refreshments, (facilities, etc.) %	Venue % (general, not playing conditions)	Playing conditions %	Total out of 500	%
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TOURNAMENT

ENGLISH OPEN	98	98	76	91	92	455	91
ENGLISH CLOSED	97	98	61	86	95	437	87
NEWBURY OPEN	91	86	71	86	85	419	84
STEVENAGE OPEN	80	79	95	87	77	418	84
YORKSHIRE OPEN	88	79	74	88	86	415	83
SUSSEX OPEN	84	74	81	88	82	409	82
MIDDLESEX OPEN	83	85	76	79	80	408	82
KENT OPEN	84	74	78	86	83	405	81
BUCKS. OPEN	76	74	92	82	79	403	81
EAST OF ENGLAND OPEN	77	67	87	90	76	397	79
GWENT OPEN	82	74	78	80	77	391	78
MERSEYSIDE OPEN	79	68	68	75	81	371	74
KENT JUNIOR OPEN	79	83	68	63	74	367	73
SUSSEX JUNIOR OPEN	73	80	65	75	73	366	73
LANCASHIRE OPEN	72	64	82	72	68	358	72
NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN	83	74	68	69	71	365	73
SOUTH OF ENGLAND OPEN	74	83	81	57	52	347	69
BATH OPEN	76	71	53	69	73	342	68
BIRMINGHAM OPEN	56	64	69	74	68	331	66
MIDLAND OPEN	62	61	69	67	66	325	65
WEST OF ENGLAND OPEN	71	67	48	73	63	322	64
CHESHIRE JUNIOR OPEN	85	65	45	48	78	321	64
GRIMSBY OPEN	60	60	80	61	47	308	62
YORKSHIRE JUNIOR OPEN	71	65	60	53	50	299	60
PONTEFRAC T OPEN	57	51	78	62	49	297	59
HULL AND EAST RIDING OPEN	66	56	32	73	65	292	58
NORTH EAST ENGLAND OPEN	61	44	54	71	62	292	58
GLOUCESTER JUNIOR OPEN	62	53	37	69	62	283	57
HARTELEPOOLS OPEN	50	53	84	53	42	282	56
ESSEX OPEN	59	68	76	38	40	281	56
BOURNEMOUTH OPEN	63	57	35	63	62	280	56
SOUTH YORKSHIRE OPEN	51	51	54	53	47	256	51
PORTSMOUTH OPEN	43	39	47	78	33	240	48
OTHERS							
WELSH OPEN	87	81	85	74	82	409	82
IRISH OPEN	80	86	87	85	70	408	82
SCOTTISH OPEN	80	76	60	75	70	361	72

MIDDLESEX NOTES

THIRD YEAR RUNNING

TOTTENHAM Grammar have won the Middlesex Schools Competition for the third successive year. Following a 9-0 semi-final win over Gunnesbury Catholic Grammar, they beat Ealing Technical 6-0 in the final.

Ealing scored a 5-3 win over Kilburn Grammar, last years runners-up in the semi-final.

The Borough Youth Competition produced quite a surprise when Tottenham came back from a 1-4 deficit to beat Willesden, the holders, 5-4. Poplar beat Hendon 5-3 in their semi-final and went on to beat Willesden, also by 5-3, in the final.

Wembley have won the inter-league championship Premier Division for the first time ever. Willesden won the second division and Uxbridge the third. Wembley got the double by taking the Junior division.

Getting together

CHINA are planning to go to Russia in the summer for joint practice.

Editor's Postbag . . .

EUROPE LOOPS TO CONQUER

I READ the article under this heading in the March edition of TABLE TENNIS with a great interest, and would like to answer a few of the questions.

Firstly is it accepted that the loop topspin is here to stay?

This stroke introduced to us by Stan Jacobson is most certainly here to stay. Other well known loopers Alan Rhodes, Derek Baddeley, Bobby Stevens and Howard Collins have all had results this season with this addition to their strokes.

In my own opinion the two best ways of playing the loop is either to block or else chop it. I personally prefer to use the block, which can be most effective providing you have enough practice. Ian Harrison, David Creamer and Arun Khanna prefer to chop and manage very well against this difficult stroke.

To the question of has anyone considered using the effective chopped smash. I haven't, but anyone who can do this stroke against the loop and manage to hit more on, then off, will certainly be considered a genius by me.

Will the loop dictate the style of play for the next few years?

It is certain to be used widely, for as long as it wins or helps to win matches. I would advise all advanced players to learn this stroke in the Summer. Using

FOUL SERVICES

UMPIRES and tournament officials have had to give their attention to the problems of light-coloured clothing and shiny rackets, and to the new regulations about pushing play. Maybe this has diverted attention from some of the laws of table tennis.

At the last English Open I was able to umpire and see more of the umpiring than I have been able to do for a year or two. When I thought of the anxious calculations we had to make in the past as to "how vertical was vertical" when the ball was thrown up in service, I was surprised at the new widespread evasion of the relatively simple law 10. Players were planting the ball firmly on their fingers or clutching it in a vice-like hand in preparation for serving—and getting away with it.

I thought rather wryly of the young players I'd warned with threats of what would happen to them on such occasions.

Now everyone knows that this type of service has proved almost ineradicable in the lower levels of league play.

It is sad to see the bad habit spreading upwards, rather than good example diffusing downwards. Isn't it time we stopped the rot?

A primary responsibility rests on qualified umpires to check this fault but its widespread manifestation makes it clear that county officials and even coaches cannot be exonerated from blame.

G. A. OWEN (N.U.)

the reversed sandwich bat which seems to give an added advantage.

Serving is another thing on which we could all improve on immensely. These days even this can decide the eventual winner. One example was in the recent English Open where Alan Rhodes was 2-1 up and leading 19-17 in the 4th. Berczik then won 3 valuable points from his services, which helped to win him the match.

Do we wish English Table Tennis to return to the forefront of International competition?

This is of course a thing we all wish for and I'm sure that if we had training centres similar to the ones in Hungary, that the standard of English Table Tennis would improve rapidly.

Methods of coaching must change with the times and I believe that once a player has learned the basic strokes he should then learn to be as awkward as possible for his opponent to play against. Learning to discover his opponent's weakness quickly, he must also be able to use all known spin services plus the loop topspin, and on top of all this needs to learn how to kill a ball effectively.

Jack Carrington our Director of Coaching has several films in which he has provided a running commentary. These are of great value to all table tennis enthusiasts and a great deal can be learnt by seeing them.

I am hoping that we shall have more and better facilities for both practice and coaching in the no to distant future.

ALAN LINDSAY

SCHOOLS NEED DRIVE

A GOOD many schools seem to look at table tennis of today as if it were still the old, endless, careful bouncing back and forth of the ball. They do not seem to take it more seriously than supplying a table or two for anyone who gets fed up with billiards to use in the recreation room.

In my mind schools seem the most obvious place for encouraging this wonderful sport. If a determined drive was made to set table tennis on the rails in the larger schools, by giving demonstrations, and encouraging the formation of clubs, and when these have started, by giving some coaching, then surely here is the means of encouraging country wide enthusiasm and appreciation of table tennis and the best possible means of getting new, keen players who otherwise may have had no interest in the game.

I think such a drive would be of tremendous value to table tennis by encouraging it in the biggest youth centres possible.

C. H. STEELE-PERKIN.

Brumwell Resignation

AS an ex-county team selector and player, I realise that selectors are often faced with complex problems which are sometimes outside the cognisance of the onlooker. However, the results of the deliberations of the present England Junior Selection Committee this season appear somewhat perplexing.

So perplexing indeed that Brian Brumwell, England's captain of their Junior Team has resigned from the post which he has carried out so successfully in the last three years. I gather that his resignation is due both to the apparently strange decisions of the Junior Selection Committee and also other non-notification of a Selection Committee meeting when important decisions had to be taken.

The decision to leave Chester Barnes out of the Junior Team to visit Germany was as mysterious as the omission of Lesley Bell to play against the Welsh Junior team. The ostensible reason given for not considering Lesley was to give the selectors a further opportunity to choose between Beverley Sayer and Christine Holes for the 'second girls' place in the team to visit Germany.

With the wisdom of Solomon, they subsequently decided to send both girls to Germany, and thus deprived Lesley of an "international" against Wales without solving their own particular problem. It was a pity they didn't think of their compromise before selecting the team to play Wales.

With regard to Chester Barnes, who had won six out of seven of the Junior Tournaments he had entered at that time, their action has been (if possible) even more inexplicable. In their wisdom or otherwise, the selectors ranked Chester in fifth place after the early season Junior Trials. Since the trials, he has proved himself one of the most successful Junior players in the country and has gained for himself the third place in the Essex Senior team; no mean achievement this. His performances included winning tournaments in which higher-ranked Junior players participated.

Yet when the Junior Selectors gathered together in an apparently rather "ad hoc" fashion (one Committee member had not been notified) to select the team to visit Germany, Chester Barnes' performances were overlooked or disregarded. Whether he would have performed as well as, or better than, the boys who were selected is a matter of conjecture. What I feel is even more important is that his fine playing record should have, in all fairness, compelled his selection.

The position of English Table Tennis in World Ranking today is lower than we would all like to see. It is to the young players of the Lesley Bell and Chester Barnes calibre that we look to the future. It would be regrettable that the fire of their present enthusiasm should be dampened by the mysterious decisions of a National Selection Committee.

RON LANGNER

NO SMOKING

SPORT sponsorship can be an excellent thing in the right circumstances, but the announcement that a firm of cigarette manufacturers are to be allowed to sponsor the 1964 European Table Tennis Championships in London must come as a shock to many.

The Royal College of Physicians' Report has only just established the direct relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer; and these findings have been accepted by Government ministers.

The Report makes the point that probably not very many smokers can be persuaded to give up the habit, but that we can all render an important service towards the future health of the nation by educating young people not to start smoking in the first place. The Report places a clear duty on those in positions which give them the opportunity to guide young people, to fully explain the facts, and if possible to set a personal example.

Negotiations with Messrs. Gallahers started a long time ago, and no criticism of those who conducted them on the E.T.T.A. side is intended. But in the new circumstances produced by the Report the Officers of the E.T.T.A. now have a clear duty to cancel the arrangement with Gallahers. Alternative sponsors, more in line with the interests of our young players, can still be found, and I would gladly offer my services to the E.T.T.A. in trying to obtain acceptable sponsorship.

Far from helping to build up in the minds of our young members an image of cigarette manufacturers as public benefactors (which I don't think they are at all) we have a duty to pull our weight in an opposite direction. We have a very large percentage of juniors and youth clubs in the E.T.T.A., and we ought to play our part by advising them correctly. A number of table tennis officials, from different areas, are already conducting informal talks, and will eventually co-operate with health authorities by distributing anti-smoking literature to our young members. Such literature is being made available by the Government.

I do not see how the Officers of the E.T.T.A. can enter a binding arrangement until they know the views of the member-

ship. If the A.G.M. disapproves, as may well happen, would the Officers ride rough-shod over members and still go on?

Let's first see what the members think about this at the A.G.M. on 30th June. There must be an entirely "free vote" on this, and N.E.C. members must be allowed to follow their conscience, without fear of disciplinary action.

The E.T.T.A. have been leaders in important issues in the past. The amateur-professional relationship, and the stand against racial discrimination in sports are just two issues where table tennis has led. I cannot believe that we, as an Association, will now spoil this magnificent record by the retrograde step of accepting cigarette manufacturers' sponsorship.

CONRAD JASCHKE

SURELY the announcement of the sponsorship for the forthcoming European Championships can hardly have been more unfortunately timed. At the outset of the Government campaign against smoking the E.T.T.A. appears to cock a snook at it by accepting this assistance from a source which must expect to benefit from the advertisement or they would not have offered.

Presumably we aim always at being regarded as a responsible body which is concerned with promoting the health and well-being of the community by organising our sport, especially among the younger people. What can we expect the public to read into this announcement? That we no longer wish to be regarded as responsible or that we place cash before our sense of responsibility?

I know that many of my table tennis friends do not share my abhorrence of smoking and they do not try to make me smoke any more than I expect them to take any notice of me as individuals. But as an Association we should not ignore this serious warning by the medical profession.

KEITH WATTS

Editor's Note: These letters are the opinions of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the views of the E.T.T.A.

BILL VINT

SURELY the whole table tennis world will deeply regret that the time has come for Bill Vint to cease to hold office in the E.T.T.A. Whilst heartily agreeing that he richly deserves to be relieved of this highly responsible burden, it is difficult to envisage anyone of sufficient administrative stature to fill his rôle with an efficiency approaching his high standard.

We must hope that whoever takes on this vital task will inherit some of Bill's supreme qualities of diplomacy and sound common sense.

How can we best express our thanks to Bill for his invaluable services to the game? The answer is not so difficult really—by expounding the gospel of "table tennis" to an even greater number of players and spectators, and conducting our affairs in a calm and dignified manner—without squabbles and back-biting—so as to be a shining example to all sports—big and small.

DEREK N. TYLER
(Hastings).

BOBBY STEVENS

I WOULD like to point out that on page 16 of the March issue of TABLE TENNIS you state that Bobby Stevens was taken the full distance by Mike Symonds, in the English Open, and follow this by giving five scores. The scores given were the ones Symonds beat Kevin Edwards in the previous round.

Whilst not wishing to degrade Mike's fine performance in the Championships, I think it only fair to record that Bobby beat Mike in four games—21-16, 21-23, 21-12, 21-16.

H. A. SPRAGGS
(East London League).

This was due to a typist's error when copying from the programme. Our apologies.

EDITOR

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FREE HOLIDAY IN GERMANY

CAN you help me in the following matter: I should like to spend some weeks with a good English table tennis player. He could also be only an average player. He could come in my vacation (July, August, September, October).

He can have board and lodging free of charge. He must only cover the journey to Germany. It is not necessary that he speaks German.

In my village is a good table tennis club. In a distance of only four miles there is a "Oberliga" club, one of the best clubs of Germany. There he could go twice a week, if he should be a very strong player.

I am a student of English and history and in my leisure time a table tennis player as well as manager.

HELLMUT HEISZ.

Konigsberg,
Uber Haszfurt,
Germany.

LANCS. and CHESHIRE

MANCHESTER MAINTAIN THEIR DOUBLE

As with Middlesex in the National Counties Championships so it is with Manchester in the Lancashire and Cheshire League. Their dominance of both the men's and women's sections shows no decline, the men securing the first

division championship for the ninth successive occasion, the ladies retaining their title for the second time.

Since the inception of the men's championships in 1937/8, Bolton four times and Blackpool once, are the only two leagues to have broken the Mancunian stranglehold. Similarly, Liverpool twice, Burnley and Stockport once each have intervened on the oft repeated inscription of the women's trophy first competed for in 1946/7.

Final table for the men's first division is:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Manchester	6	6	0	0	47	13	12
Bolton	6	4	1	1	40	20	9
Liverpool	6	4	0	2	35	25	8
Burnley	6	3	1	1	34	26	7
Stockport	6	2	0	4	26	34	4
Ashton	6	1	0	5	18	42	2
Southport	6	0	0	6	10	50	0

Ashton and Stockport return from whence they came without having caused a ripple on the surface, Ashton's 2 points being obtained at the expense of their fellow demotees.

Replacing Ashton and Southport will be Blackpool, who with one outstanding result against Barrow in Division 2 (East) cannot be denied, and Liverpool Business Houses, shock 8-2 winners over the favourites Wirral, who dropped a lamentable point to Chester "A" after accounting for the first string 7-3 in 2 (West).

Blackpool's first time return to the upper class has largely been due to the

form of Gordon Beardsworth who claims a top 100 per cent, unlikely to be dented by the men of Furness. The Business Houses chief exponent was N. Roy Jones, ironically a former Wirral inter-league player, who only dropped two sets to Mid-Cheshire's D. Whitlow and K. Brown from the 18 he contested.

Like the men, Manchester's women were also unbeaten so that Stockport, despite their outstanding match against Wirral, cannot overhaul them. Leading positions:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Manchester	8	8	0	0	68	12	16
Stockport	7	6	0	1	59	11	12
Blackpool	8	6	0	2	52	28	12
Liverpool	8	5	0	3	53	27	10

On the junior front Liverpool look like surrendering their title to Burnley who they still have to play. When this match does eventually take place a 100 per cent. record is sure to go that of either Burnley's Brian Marsden or Liverpool's Bob Eden the positions being:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Burnley	6	6	0	0	53	7	12
Liverpool	6	5	0	1	49	11	10
Wirral	7	4	2	1	43	27	10

League Closed Champions (1961-2)—
Men:— Blackpool: G. Beardsworth; Bolton: C. Booth; Farnworth: B. Farnworth; Manchester: K. Forshaw; Preston: G. Beardsworth; Stockport: K. Forshaw.

G. R. Yates

CONFUSING TERMS

MUCH confusion is caused in table tennis discussions by a reluctance to use logic and reason. This is only natural for sport should be enjoyed and not reduced to a vehicle for abstract thought. However, when the discussions become technical some degree of uniformity of definition is required. This applies particularly to coaching since the job of the coach is primarily one of communication. His knowledge and experience are quite useless if he cannot put his ideas across.

In your April issue Jack Carrington attempted to standardise some of the terminology used in connection with the top-spin drive and I should like to make the following comments:

1. There is no such thing as a "basic" drive. Each player has his own combination of spin and pace when making his "usual" drive. All drives, from the fastest to fairly slow, which also have spin from slight to reasonably heavy, have always been described by the very adequate expression—top-spin drive.

2. Jack refers to "any drive depending for effect more upon thrust than spin" (and vice versa). Surely all top-spin drives depend for effect on pace. The element of spin is solely for the purpose of control. These remarks do not apply to the loop-drive which is an entirely different category.

3. The flat-drive is one in which the safety factor of spin is discarded in the interest of extra pace. The intention should be to impart as little spin as possible. It is not correct to call a drive which has a lot of pace and a modicum of control in the form of spin a flat drive.

4. In my view the fundamental difference between the top-spin drive and the loop-drive is that the first is used primarily to beat the opposition by the use of pace, whereas the second relies on spin to win the point outright or to produce an easy sitter. In short, unlike all other drives, the loop-drive has no penetration.

5. Although inevitably there are drives which it is difficult to classify accurately; in general the majority of drives should be called top-spin drives.

Only at the extreme ends of the scale should the team be changed (a), where spin becomes virtually non-existent, to "flat-drive" and (b), where penetration becomes virtually non-existent and spin is very great, to "loop-drive."

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Watford.

MIDLAND CLOSED

THREE FOR BADDELEY

DEREK BADDELEY captured all three titles in the Midland Closed at Nottingham. He beat Ray Mosley in the singles 21-16, 21-13, then partnered Derek Backhouse to win the men's doubles, and Pam Mortimer to win the mixed.

Miss Mortimer had revenge for her defeat in the Birmingham Closed, when she beat Doreen Griffiths to win the women's singles.

Men's Singles: D. BADDELEY (Birmingham) bt R. Morley (Glous.) 21-16, 21-13. **Women's Singles:** P. MORTIMER (Birmingham) bt Mrs. D. Griffiths (Birmingham) 21-17, 21-18.

Men's Doubles: BADDELEY/ D. BACKHOUSE (W. Brom.) bt Saunders/ Bolton (Notts.) 21-8, 21-12. **Women's Doubles:** Mrs. DEELEY/CHARMAN (W. Brom.) bt Mrs. Hammond/Mrs. Marriott (Notts.) 21-14, 22-20. **Mixed Doubles:** BADDELEY/MISS MORTIMER bt Jaques/Mrs. Waite (Leics.) 21-14, 21-14.

Intermediate Singles: BILLINGTON (Leamington) bt Foulds (Derby) 24-22, 21-14. **Junior Singles:** K. JONES (Birmingham) bt G. Binney (Birmingham) 21-16, 12-21, 21-14. **Veteran Singles:** H. SPIERS (Birmingham) bt R. Page (Notts.) 21-16, 21-12.

Junior Doubles: JONES/G. PRE-SSICK (Birmingham) bt Binney/Holland (Gloucs), 21-19, 19-21, 21-18.



DEREK BADDELEY

GWENT OPEN

WRIGHT WINS ALL THREE

LAST year Laurie Landry took all three titles at the Gwent Open. This year Laurie is not back to last year's form but he helped Brian Wright to one of his titles. Derek Baddeley reached his first final, reversing his Lancashire defeat by Derek Schofield and winning a thriller against Laurie Landry.

Wright had also to struggle. He eventually ran out a comfortable winner against Derek Backhouse after losing the first game. In the semi against Morley he also dropped a game. Morley beat Gunnion in an earlier round. In the Men's Doubles, Wright came nearest to losing. He and Landry can consider themselves lucky to scrape home at 19 in the third in the final. In the semi-final they had played their best in beating Baddeley and Gunnion in another threesetter.

Judy Williams won a Women's Singles for the second week running. En route to the final she dropped a game to Joan Collier (Gloucs.) and beat Audrey Bates. Alma Taft reached the final and took the first game but could make no impression after that. These two lost together in the semi of the Women's Doubles to Joan Collier and Doreen Schofield. Collier and Schofield, after having beaten the favourites, then lost in the final to Carless and Griffiths.

Wright won the Mixed Doubles for the third week running, each time with a different partner. At Stevenage he won with Mary Shannon, at Essex with Judy Williams and here with Irene Ogus. They were taken the full distance by Baddeley and Williams in the final.

Morley Mordecai beat County team-mate Barry Brady in the Boys' final after Barry had just made it against Holland another Gloucestershire County junior. Hilary Grove of Warwicks took her second Girls' title of the season beating Welsh Junior International Sandra Hinley, in the final.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: M. WRIGHT (Middlesex) bt R. Morley (Gloucs.) 21-18, 17-21, 21-13; D. BADDELEY (Warwicks) bt L. Landry (Middx.) 21-15, 17-21, 23-21.

Final: WRIGHT bt Baddeley 21-17, 21-17.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: J. WILLIAMS (Herts.) bt A. Bates (Glam.) 21-14, 21-15; A. TAFT (Herts.) bt D. Griffiths (Warwicks.) 21-13, 21-8.

Final: WILLIAMS bt Taft 18-21, 21-9, 21-11.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/LANDRY bt Baddeley/R. Gunnion (Warwicks.) 13-21, 21-17, 21-15; D. BACKHOUSE (Staffs.)/D. SCHOFIELD (Cheshire) bt Morley/D. Holland (Gloucs.) 21-17, 21-18.

Final: WRIGHT/LANDRY bt Backhouse/Schofield 22-20, 16-21, 21-19.

Women's Doubles: B. CARLESS/D. GRIFFITHS (Warwicks.) bt A. Bates/B. Gray (Glam.) 21-17, 18-21, 21-16; J. COLLIER (Gloucs.)/D. SCHOFIELD (Cheshire) bt Williams/Taft 22-20, 21-19.

Final: CARLESS/GRIFFITHS bt Collier/Schofield 21-19, 21-11.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/I. OGUS (Middx.) bt M. Creamer (Middx.)/Taft 12-21, 21-12, 21-14. BADDELEY/WILLIAMS bt Backhouse/D. Deeley (Warwicks) 21-10, 21-16.

Final: WRIGHT/OGUS bt Baddeley/Williams 20-22, 21-16, 21-13.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: M. MORDECAI (Gloucs.) bt J. Mansfield (Wales) 21-19, 21-16; B. BRADY (Gloucs.) bt D. Holland (Gloucs.) 21-19, 21-19.

Final: MORDECAI bt Brady 15-21, 21-11, 21-16.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: H. GROVE (Warwicks.) bt J. Davies (Gloucs.) 21-16, 21-14; S. HINLEY (Wales) bt C. Gray (Monmouths.) 21-10, 21-14.

Final: GROVE bt S. Hinley 21-12, 21-14.

Wedding Bells



IAN REDFEARN and **JACKIE BUTCHER**, those two popular Middlesex players, who are well known on the tournament circuit, were married at St. Paul's Church, Neasden, on March 24.

Ian's brother Don, was best man, while the table tennis guests included Derek and Mrs. Burridge, Diane Rowe, Bobbie Raybould, Mike Creamer, Alma Taft, Dot Ellis, Ian Horwood, Mary Hicks, Aubrey Hancock, Mrs. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards.

WINNERS OF APRIL COMPETITIONS

HOW MANY BALLS?

The number of balls in the plastic bag was 1,437. There was no correct estimate so the prizes have been awarded to those who were nearest.

M. Hobbs, 128, Selmeaton Road, Eastbourne. (Pair of Shorts by Louis Hoffman).

Valerie Lamborn, 2, Ely Gardens, Ilford, Essex. (Shirt by Fred Perry).

M. C. S. Bewley, Braeside, Crowborough, Sussex. (Barna Bat by Dunlops).

M. T. Bellamore, 70, Corporation Road, Newport, Mon. (Bat by Harry Venner).

Brian Sykes, 15, Field Lane, Letchworth, Herts. (Half dozen Barna balls by Dunlops).

David Brown, 37, Hepworth Gardens, Barking, Essex. (Half dozen Barna balls by Dunlops).

D. V. Kallend, 114, Tilney Road, Dagenham, Essex. (Bat Cover by Dunlops).

QUIZ.

D. J. Dunand, 47, Birkbeck Road, Newbury Park, Ilford. (Skirt by Louis Hoffman).

D. A. Cosway, 146, Adelaide Road, St. Deny's, Southampton. (Skirt by Fred Perry).

A. Morhard, Bad Neustadt Scrale, Post-box 65, German Federal Republic. (Barna Bat by Dunlops).

I. B. C. Hewitt, 32, Connaught Road, Hornchurch, Essex. (Bat by Ta Ten Products).

W. J. Cleverly, 13, Elmwood, Chippenham, Wilts. (Bat by Ta Ten Products).

D. W. Wilkinson, 49, Beach Road, Eastbourne, Sussex. (Bat by Harry Venner).

P. Hemmings, 11, Park Gardens, Baldock, Herts. (Half dozen Barna balls by Dunlops).

J. E. Worcester, 25, Beldam Haw, Halstead, Kent. (Bat cover by Dunlops).

C. O. Blackshaw, 28, Melbourne Road, Balby, Doncaster. (Bat cover by Dunlops).

Correct answers: Fred Perry, Ann Haydon, Lesley Bell, Andrew Donaldson, 13, Bobby Stevens, Bernard Dismascio, Zoltan Berczik.

ESSEX OPEN

TITLE FOR ARUN KHANNA

ARUN KHANNA won his first Open title at the Essex Open at the beginning of the month. Originally he was in a group but could not turn up. He was somewhat lucky to be placed in the draw in the only available place; next to Brian Wright. He beat his Willesden team-mate and went to the final with wins over Alan Lindsay and Michael Creamer.

In the final he met Harry Venner, ex-international, who can still put in a good performance. Venner had beaten Tony Miller in straight games, though dropping games to junior Danny Pryor and Laurie Landry and later in the semi-final against Stan Jacobson, the No. 1 seed. Khanna is the fourth Willesden player to win a Men's Singles title this season. This, perhaps, explains why Willesden are in the Wilmott Cup final against Manchester.

A surprise in the Women's was the defeat of Jean McCree by Mary Hicks who lost in the final to Judy Williams but did not disappoint. The Women's Doubles was the English Open Junior Girls' Doubles final all over again apart from the result. This time the Sayers reversed the previous decision without dropping a game. They lost only one in the entire event, that in the semi against Mary Hicks and Irene Ogus. The Sayers also beat Elsie Carrington and Jean McCree 20 and 21.

Terry Densham and Eddie Hodson took their third Men's Doubles title of the season, this time beating Alan Lindsay and Stan Jacobson. Against N. Brabrook and R. Hardy, however, Densham and Hodson were a game and 18-9 down before winning —18, 24, 14.

Brian Wright and Judy Williams won the mixed doubles but it was the pair they beat in the final that caused the big surprise. Brian Hill and Elsie Carrington beat Brian Brumwell and Jean McCree in straight games. The Sayer twins contested the Girls' final. Gloria beat both the Holes twins whilst Beverley beat Jackie Canham before going on to beat her sister.

Chester Barnes grabbed yet another Junior title beating Brian Hill in the boys' final. It is significant how Brian wins the German Championship and the French (both international) and the English Open but loses to young Chester when it's not quite so important. Lou Hoffman won the Veterans' in a repeat of the Sussex Open final against Ralls.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: A. KHANNA (Middx.) bt M. Creamer (Middx.) 21-17, 21-14; H. VENNEN (Surrey) bt S. Jacobson (Middx.) 21-8, 17-21, 21-18.

Final: KHANNA bt Venner 21-18, 21-14.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: J. WILLIAMS (Herts.) bt B. Sayer (Essex) 21-16, 21-16; M. HICKS (Middx.) bt J. McCree (Essex) 21-17, 21-8.

Final: WILLIAMS bt Hicks 21-13, 21-19.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: E. HODSON (Middx.)/T. DENSHAM (Herts.) bt H. Venner (Surrey)/M. Creamer (Middx.) 21-18, 21-14; A. LINDSAY/S. JACOBSON (Middx.) bt B. Hill (Lincs.)/L. Hoffman (Middx.) 21-18, 21-15.

Final: HODSON/DENSHAM bt Lindsay/Jacobson 11-21, 21-17, 21-18.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: B. and G. SAYER (Essex) bt M. Hicks/I. Ogus (Middx.) 21-9, 15-21, 21-18; C. and P. HOLES (Hants.) bt P. Blackwell (Essex)/J. White (Herts.) 21-17, 21-17.

Final: SAYERS bt Holes 21-11, 21-18.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Final: B. WRIGHT (Middx.)/WILLIAMS bt D. Pryor/G. Sayer (Essex) 17-21, 21-11, 21-19; B. HILL (Lincs.)/E. CARRINGTON (Essex) bt B. Brumwell/McCree (Essex) 21-9, 22-20.

Final: WRIGHT/WILLIAMS bt Hill/Carrington 21-17, 18-21, 21-11.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: C. BARNES (Essex) bt R. McKewon (Surrey) 21-18, 21-16; HILL bt A. Ransome (Durham) 21-8, 21-11.

Final: BARNES bt Hill 22-20, 21-14.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: B. SAYER bt J. Canham (Herts.) 21-9, 21-19; G. SAYER bt C. Holes 21-15, 21-15.

Final: B. SAYER bt G. Sayer 21-16, 21-14.

Veterans': Semi-Finals: L. HOFFMAN (Middx.) bt D. Mackinven (Essex) 21-15, 21-14; V. RALLS (Essex) bt S. Summers (Essex) 21-18, 21-16.

Final: HOFFMAN bt Ralls 14-21, 21-13, 21-15.

HULL OPEN

TEENAGERS SWEEP THE BOARD

IT was undoubtedly teenagers' day at the Hull and East Riding championships held at the Madeley Street Baths, with top billing going to England No. 2 ranked Junior, Mick Symonds, who was on the winning side in all three Men's events.

Strange quirk of fate was that the only title which did not go to the Lancashire boy was the Junior Boys' Singles, in which he was beaten by Denis Neale, jointly ranked No. 2, at 22—20 in the third.

Symonds thrashed Durham's Eddie Taylor, who had reached the Final at the expense of Maurice Pitts, (21—8, 21—15) after he had disposed equally easily of Yorkshire's promising young Peter Duncombe in the Semi.

The home county dominated the Ladies' events, with Cynthia Blackshaw, Lesley Proudlock, and Pat Dainty sharing the honours. The former won the Singles event with a straight sets win over surprise finalist Pat Dainty, who had dismissed Lesley Proudlock in the Semi.

The 15-year-old Doncaster girl repeated this victory in the Junior Girls' Singles, and made no mistake in her Final against Pat Humphries (Durham).

In the Doubles, Symonds and Dave Stanley had a convincing win over 1957/8 winners Maurice Pitts/Stuart Dyson on the Men's side, while in the Ladies' event shock finalists Shirley Riley and Lillian Nisbet (Leeds) were no match for the Blackshaw/Proudlock pairing.

HULL RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: E. TAYLOR (Sunderland) bt M. Pitts (Bradford) 10-21, 22-20, 22-20. M. SYMONDS (Warrington) bt P. Duncombe (Doncaster) 21-14, 21-6.

Final: SYMONDS bt Taylor 21-8, 21-15.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: P. DAINTY (Doncaster) bt L. Proudlock (Sheffield) 18-21, 21-18, 21-13; C. BLACKSHAW (Doncaster) bt L. Hamilton (Barnsley) 21-19, 21-17.

Final: BLACKSHAW bt Dainty 21-18, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: FITTS/S. DYSON bt Taylor/R. Roope 21-14, 21-18. SYMONDS/D. STANLEY bt M. Sothcott/C. Judson 21-16, 21-13.

Final: SYMONDS/STANLEY bt Pitts/Dyson 21-15, 21-11.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: BLACKSHAW/PROUDLOCK bt P. Bodrog/C. Judson 21-14, 21-16. L. NISBET/S. RILEY bt Y. Warne/J. Jones 21-16, 21-15.

Final: BLACKSHAW/PROUDLOCK bt Nisbet/Riley 21-13, 21-14.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: SYMONDS/Miss PROUDLOCK bt Browning/Miss Gordon 21-16, 21-12. DUNCOMBE/Miss BLACKSHAW bt G. Mears/Mrs. Mears 21-11, 21-17.

Final: SYMONDS/PROUDLOCK bt Duncombe/Blackshaw 18-21, 21-14, 21-14.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: D. STANLEY (Huddersfield) bt E. Hall (Leeds) 21-8, 21-8. D. NEALE (Middlesbrough) bt Symonds 21-12, 23-21.

Final: NEALE bt Stanley 21-12, 23-21.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: P. HUMPHRIES (Stockton) bt L. Twidale (Hull) 21-23, 21-8, 21-18. DAINTY bt Proudlock 21-15, 25-23.

Final: DAINTY bt Humphries 21-15, 21-17.

SUMMARY OF TOURNAMENT WINNERS, 1961-62

EAST OF ENGLAND: M.S. B. Wright (Middx.); W.S. D. Wright (Cheshire); M.D. T. Densham (Herts.)/E. Hodson (Middx.); W.D. D. Wright/Mrs. D. Schofield (Cheshire); X.D. B. Wright/Miss J. Williams (Herts.); B.S. B. Hill (Lincolnshire); G.S. L. Bell (Essex).

NORTH OF ENGLAND APPROVED OPEN: M.S. J. Clayton (Lancs.); W.S. D. Rowe (Middx.); M.D. W. Evans/D. Wall (Surrey); W.D. D. Rowe/J. Mills (Middx.); X.D. L. Kerekes/Rowe (Middx.); B.S. M. Symonds (Lancs.); G.S. L. Proudlock (Yorks.).

PORTSMOUTH APPROVED: M.S. P. Shead (Sussex); W.S. Mrs. I Sawyer (Essex); M.D. A. Condon (Essex);/L. Hoffman (Middx.); W.D. Mrs. S. Foster (Hants.)/Mrs. I. Sawyer (Essex); X.D. V. Ireland (Surrey)/G. Robinson (Herts.); J.S. C. Barnes (Essex).

SUSSEX OPEN: M.S. A. Rhodes (Middx.); W.S. D. Rowe (Middx.); M.D. J. Leach (Essex)/D. Creamer (Middx.); W.D. P. Mortimer (Warwickshire)/M. Shannon (Surrey); X.D. J. Leach/D. Rowe; V.S. L. Hoffman (Middx.).

MERSEYSIDE OPEN: M.S. J. Clayton (Lancs.); W.S. M. Shannon (Surrey); M.D. B. Wright/A. Lindsay (Middx.); W.D. M. Shannon/A. Taft (Herts.); X.D. B. Wright/M. Shannon; B.S. D. Neale (Durham); G.S. L. Bell (Essex); V.S. H. Spiers (Warwickshire).

BIRMINGHAM OPEN: M.S. J. Somogyi (Middx.); W.S. J. Williams (Herts.); M.D. H. Buist/A. Pidcock (Kent); W.D. Mrs. B. Bird (Essex)/J. Fielder (Kent); X.D. K. Edwards/Mrs. B. Bird.

BOURNEMOUTH APPROVED OPEN: M.S. I. Harrison (Glos.); W.S. M. Fry (Middx.); M.D. I. Harrison/M. Maclaren (Surrey); W.D. Mrs. S. Foster (Hants.)/Mrs. K. Sawyer (Essex); X.D. B. Midgley/Miss C. Holes (Hants.); J.X.S. C. Barnes (Essex).

YORKSHIRE OPEN: M.S. J. Clayton (Lancs.); W.S. M. Shannon (Surrey); M.D. R. Stevens/R. Raybould (Essex); W.D. C. K. Best (Yorks.)/M. Shannon; X.D. Stevens/Mrs. J. McCree (Essex); V.S. H. Shaw (Yorks.).

NEWBURY APPROVED OPEN: M.S. R. Stevens (Essex); W.S. D. Rowe (Middx.); M.D. E. Hodson (Middx.)/T. Densham (Herts.); W.D. J. McCree (Essex)/D. Rowe (Middx.); X.D. J. Leach (Essex)/D. Rowe; B.S. C. Barnes (Essex); G.S. L. Bell (Essex).

MIDDLESEX OPEN: M.S. I. Harrison (Gloucestershire); W.S. M. Shannon (Surrey); M.D. I. Harrison/B. Wright (Middx.); W.D. B. Bird (Essex)/J. Fielder (Kent); X.D. R. Stevens/McCree (Essex); B.S. C. Barnes (Essex); G.S. L. Bell (Essex).

ENGLISH CLOSED: M.S. B. Stevens (Essex); W.S. D. Rowe (Middx.); M.D. R. Stevens/B. Raybould (Essex); W.D. D. Rowe/J. Mills (Surrey); X.D. J. Leach (Essex)/D. Rowe.

LANCASHIRE OPEN: M.S. M. Symonds (Lancs.); W.S. D. Wright (Cheshire); M.D. J. Clayton (Lancs)/D. Schofield (Cheshire); W.D. D. Wright/D. Schofield; V.D. P. C. Duncombe/Miss Blackshaw (Yorks.); B.S. D. H. Stanley (Yorks.); G.S. P. Dainty (Yorks.); V.S. N. Lusher (Yorks.).

BATH OPEN: M.S. G. Muranyi (Surrey); W.S. J. Fielder (Kent); M.D. S. Jacobson (Middx.)/D. Jones (Bucks.); W.D. T. Collier/Mrs. T. Spokes Glos.; X.D. M. Ellis (Essex)/Miss J. Fielder (Kent); B.S. M. Modicai (Glos.).

PONTEFRACCT APPROVED OPEN: M.S. D. Stanley (Huddersfield); W.S. D. Fitzgerald (Manchester); M.D. M. Simpson (Rotherham)/McGarry (Barasley); W.D. Fitzgerald/C. Spencer (Heywood); X.D. M. Pitts (Bradford)/M. Dyson (Huddersfield); Y.S. D. Neale (Middlesbrough); G.S. C. Blackshaw (Doncaster); V.S. N. Lusher (Harrogate).

HARTLEPOOLS APPROVED OPEN: M.S. G. Livesey (Lancs.); W.S. D. Schofield (Cheshire); M.D. P. Duncombe (Yorks.)/D. Neal (Durham); W.D. L. Proudlock/C. Blackshaw (Yorks.); X.D. P. Duncombe/C. Blackshaw; J.S.B. R. Oglesby.

KENT OPEN: M.S. A. Rhodes (Middx.); W.S. M. Shannon (Surrey); M.D. J. Leach (Essex)/D. Creamer (Middx.); W.D. A. Taft (Herts.)/M. Shannon; X.D. T. Densham (Herts.)/B. Bird (Essex); Y.S. B. S. Ogundipe (Sussex); Y.S. G. P. Venus (Middx.).

WEST OF ENGLAND OPEN: M.S. L. Landry (Middx.); W.S. Mrs. J. Crosby (Devon); M.D. W. Evans/D. Wall (Surrey); W.D. Miss J. M. Collier/Mrs. E. Spokes (Glos.); X.D. T. Todd/M. Hockaday (Devonshire); B.S. Pressick (Warwickshire); G.S. H. Grove (Warwickshire).

SOUTH YORKSHIRE OPEN: M.S. M. Simpson (Yorks.); W.S. C. Spencer (Lancs.); M.D. M. Symonds (Lancs.)/D. Stanley (Yorks.); W.D. C. Blackshaw/L. Proudlock (Yorks.); X.D. G. Livesey (Lancs.)/D. Wright (Cheshire); J.S.B. B. Hill (Lincolnshire).

MIDLAND OPEN: M.S. R. Gunnion (Lancs.); W.S. L. Bell (Essex); M.D. D. Baddeley (Warwickshire)/D. Backhouse (Staffordshire); W.D. J. Williams /A. Taft (Herts.); X.D. L. Landry (Middx.)/L. Bell (Essex); B.S. M. Symonds (Lancs.); G.S. L. Bell; J.X.D. C. Barnes (Essex)/R. McKewon (Surrey); V.S. J. Williamson (Staffordshire).

GRIMSBY OPEN: M.S. M. Symonds (Lancs.); W.S. D. Griffiths (Warwickshire); M.D. M. Symonds/D. Stanley (Yorks.); W.D. D. Wright/J. Schofield (Cheshire); X.D. M. Symonds/L. Proudlock (Yorks.); J.S.B. M. Symonds.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND APPROVED OPEN: M.S. I. Harrison (Glos.); W.S. D. Rowe (Middx.); M.D. Harrison/B. Wright (Middx.); W.D. D. Rowe/M. Shannon (Surrey); X.D. P. Shead (Sussex)/Mrs. B. Bird (Essex); B.S. B. Sykes (Herts.); G.S. B. Sayer (Essex).

BUCKS. OPEN: M.S. A. Rhodes (Middx.); W.S. M. Shannon (Surrey); M.D. I. Harrison Glos.)/B. Wright (Middx.); W.D. E. Carrington (Essex)/L. Bell; X.D. B. Wright/M. Shannon; B.S. M. Modicai (Glos.); G.S. L. Bell.

STEVENAGE OPEN: M.S. A. Rhodes (Middx.); W.S. M. Shannon (Surrey); M.D. B. Hill (Lincolnshire)/B. Sykes (Herts.); W.D. P. Montimer (Warwickshire)/M. Shannon; X.D. B. Wright (Middx.)/M. Shannon; B.S. C. Barnes (Essex); G.S. L. Bell (Essex); V.S. L. Hoffman (Middx.).

NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND OPEN: M.S. D. Baddeley (Warwickshire); W.S. L. Bell (Essex); M.D. S. Jacobson (Middx.)/A. Lindsay (Middx.); W.D. L. Bell (Essex)/P. Dainty (Yorks.); X.D. A. Lindsay (Middx.)/L. Bell (Essex); Y.S. M. Symonds (Lancs.); B.S. M. Symonds (Lancs.); G.S. L. Bell (Essex); V.S. E. Prowen (Middx.).

SOUVENIR OF 1961 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

"The 26th World Table Tennis Championships became a World's Fair of table tennis. It also became a grand review of the new achievements in this sport since 1959. It reflected clearly the swift development in world table tennis and the rise of the general level of widely varied techniques and skills."

So says the preface to the Souvenir book on the Championships, is used by The Table Tennis Association of the People's Republic of China; undoubtedly the finest pictorial record of a World Championship ever produced. In addition to beautiful coloured plates, it has action pictures of all the leading players and pays fitting tribute to the officials of the I.T.T.F.

At the end of the book is a list of all those participating and it seems a pity that the detailed results were omitted, which would otherwise have made this a complete record.

Whether or not the main purpose of the book is propaganda, the fact remains that the game undoubtedly has an importance in China that may well be envied in many others part of the world.

OFFICIAL NEWS

Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Saturday, June 30, 1962, in the Derby Room, Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Many important items will be on the agenda for consideration and it is hoped that as many members of the Association as possible will attend.

Results of the election for the officers and members of the National Executive Committee for the 1962/63 season will be announced at the Annual General Meeting. The voting papers for the elections will be dispatched from the office on May 14 next and should be returned to the ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY by June 11, 1962.

European Table Tennis Union Congress. Although the details and minutes of the two meetings held in West Berlin in April, 1962, have not yet been received, the E.T.T.U. have published Team Classification Lists as follows:—

MEN

1. Yugoslavia (Champions of Europe).
2. Hungary.
3. Sweden.
4. Czechoslovakia.
5. Germany D.T.T.B.
6. England.
Roumania.
U.S.S.R.
9. Austria.
Germany D.D.R.
Netherlands.
Poland.
13. Belgium.
France.
15. Denmark.
16. Switzerland.

WOMEN

1. Germany D.T.T.B. (Champions of Europe).
2. Hungary.
3. England.
Roumania.
5. Czechoslovakia.
6. U.S.S.R.
7. Sweden.
8. Germany D.D.R.
France.
10. Yugoslavia.
11. Poland.
12. Denmark.
13. Bulgaria.

Four members of the E.T.T.U. Committee retired at the time of the Congress and all stood for re-election. All four were re-elected and the present members of the Committee are as follows:—

J. Vandurek (Czechoslovakia),

President; J. Sohlf (Germany D.T.T.B.), Vice-Chairman; Mrs. N. Roy Evans (Wales), Hon. Secretary/Treasurer; Messrs. Lakatos, (Hungary), Linhart (Austria), Mercier (France), Scheffer (Netherlands), and Vayler (Yugoslavia), Committee Members.

As the 1964 European Championships are being staged in London, the Secretary of the E.T.T.A. is a co-opted member for the next two years.

Calendar for 1962/63. The calendar for next season is now under consideration by the Open Tournaments Committee and will be circulated to members as soon as it is finalised. The Association will again stage the ENGLISH OPEN and ENGLISH CLOSED events, the former between February 27-March 2, 1963, and the latter between January 1-5, 1963.

E.T.T.A. Members' Levy. Again it is felt necessary to bring to the notice of 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 now remitted to the office of the Association the additional "levies" due but it would appear that additional amounts of levy are still outstanding from certain other Leagues. It would be much appreciated if these League Hon. Treasurers cleared the outstanding amounts as soon as possible.

Registered Members. It is also noted that a number of members registered with the Association during the 1960/61 season, have not

renewed their registration for the 1961/62 season. It would be appreciated if these members would kindly settle the outstanding fees as soon as possible.

Official Senior List for Seeding and for Guidance of Open Tournament organisers. The National Selection Committee (Senior) issued the following list at their meeting held on April 26. This list is for use of Tournament Organisers for the commencement of the 1962/63 season and will be in operation until a revised list is compiled later in the coming season.

MEN

1. I. O. Harrison (Glos.)
2. A. Rhodes (Middx.)
3. J. Ingber (Lancs.)
4. R. J. Stevens (Essex)
5. B. Merrett (Glos.)
6. B. Wright (Middx.)
7. S. Jacobson (Middx.)
8. J. Clayton (Lancs.)
9. A. R. Piddock (Kent)
10. J. Somogyi (Surrey)
11. D. O. Creamer (Middx.)
12. D. Baddeley (Warwicks.)

WOMEN

1. Miss D. Rowe (Middx.)
2. Miss M. Shannon (Surrey)
3. Miss L. Bell (Essex)
4. Mrs. J. McCree (Essex)
5. Miss Y. J. Williams (Herts.)
6. Miss J. Fielder (Kent)
7. Miss D. Wright (Cheshire)
8. Miss M. Piper (Surrey)
9. Miss P. Mortimer (Warwicks.)
10. Miss D. Fitzgerald (Lancs.)

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