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Twins, **CHRISTINE** and **PAULINE HOLES** with their fine collection of trophies. See page 5.

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THE WAY TO BETTER TOURNAMENTS

MANY and numerous have been the complaints in the past about the organisation (or lack thereof) of tournaments of varied standing. Too often has been heard the criticism about the late conclusion of finals, or worse still of finals never having been played because of shortage of time, of the bad arrangement of playing schedules making tournaments a test of endurance rather than of skill, and many other aspects where considerable improvement is required. Attention has been drawn repeatedly to this in the pages of this magazine, particularly under "**Tournament Talking Points**" and there is already evidence that the candid comments made have had effect.

But there is still room for much improvement and it was with this in mind that, as reported at the Annual General Meeting, the Umpires' and Referees' Committee recommended to the N.E.C. that referee of a tournament should not hold merely a nominal role but should be a person with the full knowledge and competence to organise and run the event efficiently. The N.E.C. have, therefore, accepted the recommendation that the regulations for Open Tournaments should be extended to cover the duties and functions of the Referee.

The ultimate object is to draw up a Code for Referees, on the lines of the Code for Umpires, which could be put before the International Table Tennis Federation for their approval and so help to establish a general and high standard of refereeing throughout the world.

This will take time. Meanwhile, although no sweeping changes will be made in this country, efforts will be made to improve the standard of tournament organisation where necessary.

So much for the organisational side. It is so often that the blame for a poorly organised event falls on the administrators, while praise for success is more likely to be attributed to the skill of

the player. In fact the individual player can make a substantial contribution to the efficient organisation of a tournament and consequently to the greater enjoyment of it by spectators, players and organisers alike.

How often we hear the complaint that the closing date of a tournament has had to be extended because intending competitors have not been sufficiently thoughtful to post their entries. How often the one day event in particular never recovers from the bad start brought about by the failure of players to be ready to play in the opening games.

And later during the day why need players and spectators be annoyed by the necessity to repeat "Smith's" name over the microphone many times because he has not bothered to keep himself at call.

In other ways, too, the player can assist by abiding by the rules by which the Referee has to abide. An example occurred in a recent tournament where some players appeared to regard a request that they comply with the revised regulations about the bat and clothing as officiousness on the part of the Referee to be ridiculed and ignored. By the same argument do these players consider themselves free to use a finger spin service?

But this editorial does not seek to censure either players or officials: it is intended to spotlight an aspect of the game which requires attention; to point out that there is room for improvement on both sides; to welcome the intention to try to improve the general standard of the organisation.

We must start putting our own house in order first, however, and it may well be that when it turns to the consideration of tournament organisation and the closely connected subject of public presentation the Development Commission will have valuable advice to offer the Umpires and Referees' Committee

OFFICIAL NEWS

English Open Championships. Confirmation has now been received from the County Borough of Brighton, that the English Open Championships will be played in Brighton between the 19th and the 24th February, 1962. The Championships will be promoted and presented by the E.T.T.A. and the Brighton Corporation and will be staged in the Corn Exchange, Brighton. Further details as to ticket prices, etc. will be included in the next issue.

European Championships—1963/64 Season. As reported in our last issue, negotiations are still taking place on a number of points regarding the possibility of the E.T.T.A. staging the European Championships in England during the 1963/64 season. Directly these negotiations have been completed full details will be given to members.

Development Commission. The first meeting of the members of the Development Commission, with Mr. E. G. White in the Chair, took place in the Council Room, Royal Commonwealth Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2. on Monday the 30th October, 1961.

Archives—Table Tennis Library. Mr. L. S. Woollard (Librarian) is still desirous of receiving from any of our members, books on Table Tennis which will make the E.T.T.A. Library the most comprehensive in the World. Any of our members who would like to donate a Table Tennis book to this Library are asked to get in touch with Mr. Woollard at 50, Castle Road, Bedford.

Official Handbook—1961/62. It is hoped that the 1961/62 season Handbooks will be received from the printers by the middle of November and directly they are received in the office, copies will be sent to members. Additional copies of the Handbook will then be available at a cost of 2/6d. each (post free).

Junior Final Trials. These trials

were held on the 28th/29th October, 1961 at Ultra Electronics Ltd., Western Avenue, London, W.3. The junior players invited were:—

BOYS: MICHAEL FORD (Durham), DENIS NEALE (Durham), MICHAEL SYMONDS (Lancashire), DAVID STANLEY (Yorkshire), CHESTER BARNES, (Essex), DANNY PRYOR (Essex) BRIAN SYKES (Hertfordshire), BRIAN HILL (Lincolnshire), MORLEY MORDECAI (Gloucestershire), IAN GILES (Middlesex), STANLEY HAHN (Oxfordshire), ROBERT MCKEOWN (Surrey).

GIRLS: PAT DAINTY (Yorkshire), LESLEY PROUDLOCK (Yorkshire), LESLEY BELL (Essex), BEVERLEY SAYER (Essex), GLORIA SAYER (Essex), JACKIE CANHAM (Hertfordshire), CHRISTINE HOLES (Hampshire), PAULINE HOLES (Hampshire), KAY STOKES (Kent), SUSAN THOMAS (Kent), PAMELA VENUS (Middlesex).

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The Association would like this opportunity of expressing its appreciation to Ultra Electronics Ltd. for the use of their excellent premises and conditions for the playing of the Junior Final Trials.

Top Ten Tournament. The first of the season's Top Ten Tournaments will be staged at Ultra Electronics Ltd., Western Avenue, London, W.3. on 5th November, 1961. The players invited are as follows:—

MEN: I. HARRISON (Gloucestershire), B. MERRETT (Gloucestershire), J. INGBER (Lancashire), P. SHEAD (Sussex), S. JACOBSON (Middlesex) J. CLAYTON (Lancashire), D. O. CREAMER (Middlesex), A. RHODES (Middlesex), B. WRIGHT (Middlesex), D. H. LOWE (Surrey), and the two top boys in the Junior Final Trials.

WOMEN: D. ROWE (Middlesex), J. F. MCCREE (Essex), M. SHANNON (Surrey), D. WRIGHT (Cheshire), P. PIPER (Surrey), C. K. BEST (Yorkshire).

Again the Association would express its gratitude to the Ultra Electronics Ltd. for the use of their premises for this particular event.

Junior International match. On the 24th November, 1961 the annual Junior International versus Wales will be staged, this season in Cardiff. The team for this match to be selected after the Junior Finals Trials.

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

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Duplicating Service. The E.T.T.A. office is prepared to carry out duplicating work for all members at a figure of pure cost only. Enquiries are invited from your County, League or Club which will be dealt with by return of post if this is at all possible.

Items for Sale in the E.T.T.A. Office. The following publications, etc. are available from the Office:—

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How to Win at Table Tennis	
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(Carrington)	10 6
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E.T.T.A. Ties	12 6
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Director of Coaching. Mr. J. H. Carrington has now returned from Australia after a most successful visit, and resumes his position as the Director of Coaching for the E.T.T.A. Any enquiries regarding Coaching activities should now be addressed to Mr. Carrington, at 24, Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex, telephone number VALENTINE 5838.

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creation. Once again, the E.T.T.A. has arranged for an instructional course under the direction of the Director of Coaching to be included in the C.C.P.R.'s Christmas and New Year programmes. It will be in two sections—'A'—for coaches and potential coaches who wish later to obtain the E.T.T.A.'s Coaching Diploma and—'B'—for those who wish to improve their personal performance. Those enrolling will be required to arrive at Lilleshall during the late afternoon of Thursday, December 28th and leave after breakfast on Monday, January 1st. There will, therefore, be three full days of instruction and as those who have already visited Lilleshall know, there are first class facilities for table tennis.

The course is intended for players of 17 years of age and over but it may be possible to accept a few who have not reached this age limit if they are specially recommended.

Lilleshall is near Newport in Shropshire and has excellent facilities for almost every sport, including two indoor tennis courts. Other courses running concurrently with the table tennis courses are Olympic Gymnastics, Badminton and Weight-lifting.

The cost of this course is £5 15 0 which includes full board, accommodation and instruction. A brochure and application form can be obtained

from the General Secretary, Central Council of Physical Recreation, 6, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

Team Selection Corrections.—October, 1961 issue.

Netherlands Open Championships—Amsterdam—7th October, 1961. PETER SHEAD (Sussex) replaced Bryan Merrett (Gloucestershire) in these Championships, and F. D. BRUMWELL acted as the now playing captain in place of R. J. Crayden.

COVER GIRLS

OUR Cover Girls this month are the Holes twins, Christine and Pauline, of Southampton, whose big ambition is to emulate the feats of those other famous twins Diane and Rosalind Rowe.

Just 16 and still at school, they still have a long way to go, but that has not stopped them collecting numerous cups and trophies as our picture shows.

Like the Rowe twins, they form a left and right-handed partnership. Christine is the left hander, and Pauline who was runner-up in the singles at Portsmouth Open, is the right hander.

They have had six years of table tennis, having been introduced to the game at Butlin's holiday camp at the age of ten, and play for Bittern Park Club, Southampton.

SURREY RANKINGS

THE monthly trials/practices instigated by Surrey last season are being continued in 1961/62 and fully justifying themselves.

Joe Somogyi, now completely settled down over here, feels he can do himself and the County justice. He has already marked up two single victories in the opening match against Yorkshire.

Selectors are again faced with a tricky problem in the choice for the women's single. Mary Shannon, with a higher national ranking, failed to displace Peggy Piper for the Premier match; Peggy justified her selection with a fine victory over the perennial thorn in the side of the Southern Ladies, Kathie Best!

A minor tragedy through trying to fix the dates early led to the Surrey Closed clashing with the ever-popular Sussex Open.

The ranking list for October was as follows:

Men: J. Somogyi, A. R. Miller, K. Craigie, G. Muranyi, M. MacLaren, G. Chapman, D. Lowe, V. Ireland, D. Gilbert, F. Goodwyn and K. Baker equal.

Women: Peggy Piper/Mary Shannon equal, S. Prior, J. Faulkner, H. Lambert.

Boys: R. McKeown, R. Moore, B. Smith, D. Pettit, R. Pettit, D. Lee.

Girls: C. Oliver, J. Harrison, A. Scott-Malden.

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UMPIRES' CORNER

by **COLIN CLEMETT**

Control of Pushing Play

THE most important outcome of the last meeting of the I.T.T.F. Congress at Peking, from the umpires point of view, is the new experimental method of controlling pushing play which is to be used at Open tournaments in the coming season.

The new rule is, in principle, very similar to the system which the N.U.R.C. put forward some time ago, and which I discussed in this column last season. Both use a combination of the "Time-Limit" and "Expedite" rules but where our version related the time that elapsed to the number of points scored, the I.T.T.F. proposal takes account only of the length of time that play has been in progress. It provides that, after fifteen minutes total playing time the game shall be interrupted by the call of a "Let" and the players informed that play will proceed under the following rule:

"THE PLAYER SHALL BE PERMITTED TO HIT THE BALL TWELVE TIMES EXCLUDING THE SERVICE STROKE, AND IF ALL SUCH STROKES ARE SAFELY RETURNED BY THE OPPONENT, ONE POINT SHALL BE SCORED BY THE OPPONENT. THE SERVICE SHALL ALTERNATE AFTER EACH POINT WHEN THIS RULE IS IN FORCE, THE FIRST SERVICE AFTER THE INTERRUPTION BEING MADE BY THE PLAYER WHOSE TURN IT THEN WAS TO SERVE. IN SUB-

Experiments

SEQUENT GAMES IN THE SAME MATCH THE RULE SHALL APPLY AFTER TEN MINUTES PLAY."

This is in fact the existing "Alternative method" of controlling pushing play with a more precise and more easily applied means of determining when "Expedite" conditions shall be introduced.

Experience Valuable

The season's experience should provide valuable information for the I.T.T.F. Advisory Committee which meets next year to consider the experiment, and it will be interesting to see whether the general use of such a system will be as effective as its supporters claim in curbing negative play.

The reduction in the length of time allowed before special conditions apply, 15 minutes instead of 20 minutes as at present, will mean that initially, at least, many more matches will be subject to some limitation, and it will make the timing of open tournament matches more important.

It is usually fairly easy for a Tournament Organiser to foresee

which matches are likely to reach the time-limit and to ensure that these matches in particular are carefully timed, although there is no reason why every match should receive the same attention.

Even if the new rule is eventually discarded it may have a useful secondary effect in reminding umpires of the requirement to time the matches that they control, and may bring about some standardisation of result cards to include a space for recording length of playing time.

The other main topic of interest to umpires discussed at Congress was the problem of light-coloured clothing and equipment. As might be expected by anyone who has considered the difficulties of legislation on this subject, no immediate solution was found, but the statement sent to all Associations shows that the I.T.T.F. recognises that the problem is of growing importance. For the first time there is specific reference to some of the colours and surfaces which it is considered contravene at least the Law relating to the racket.

Prohibit these Colours

The most obvious examples are, of course, the bright yellow rubber and shiny, reversed-pimple coverings that are so popular. Associations have been asked to make a special effort to prohibit the use of surfaces of these types.

The E.T.T.A. have notified all Open Tournament organisers of the I.T.T.F. statement, and umpires should remember that, although it is the Referee who decides whether a particular bat is permissible, it is still the umpire's responsibility to draw his attention to any item of equipment of whose suitability there is a doubt.

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ALL STANDARDS WELCOME

THE table tennis section of the **Holiday Fellowship Club** is enjoying the use of four tables and excellent facilities at Wimbledon Baths.

Although the weekly attendance at first showed a slight decrease due to several of last season's players giving support to the newly-formed badminton section, many newcomers have now joined and there are indications of an improved standard of play.

The friendly atmosphere that is so much a feature of all Holiday Fellowship activities has been well maintained and all standards of players are welcome.

Players interested in the activities should write to Mr. A Pratt, 27, Wilverly Crescent, New Malden, Surrey.

Revived Stevenage Jump Ahead

NO NEW TOWN BLUES HERE

"AS nice a bunch of youngsters as I've seen anywhere." That tribute to the local youngsters came from Harry Venner when he was coaching in North Herts not long ago.

Delighted to hear him say it were officials of the STEVENAGE and DISTRICT Table Tennis League, for it backed up what they already knew—that no matter how much talk and criticism there might be of "new town blues" and young delinquents, the game of table tennis was progressing healthily.

Just how well it is progressing at Stevenage may be judged from the fact that next March—when the league will have been in existence a mere five seasons—the town will be the venue for a new Open Tournament.

Staged by the English Electric Club in conjunction with the League, the new tournament will be making history in several ways: the first full Open sanctioned on thermoplastic tiles; the first new Open for many years; and the first major tournament to emerge from the New Towns.

It will be held at a venue already enjoying a good reputation in the game—the English Electric No. 1 canteen—and there are other good reasons for believing it will achieve outstanding success in its first year. Certainly it will put Stevenage well and truly on the table tennis map of this country.

A big entry is expected from Hertfordshire and the South of England and the pick of England's star senior and junior players are likely to be at Stevenage on March 23-25 next year.

To land a prize like the staging of an Open Tournament is indeed a big achievement for an open league with such a comparatively short history as Stevenage.

Decline and Revival

There was, in fact, a Stevenage and District League in existence as long ago as 1947 but, strangely enough, as the New Town grew, table tennis declined. In 1952 the League went out of existence and it was not until the following year, with the formation of the Inter-works Sports and Social Organisation, that competitive table tennis returned to Stevenage.

A fact that was to have an important bearing on the future development of the game in the town was that Charles Bungay, who had played in the old league, took on the job of secretary of the Inter-works table tennis section. Another figure

by **DICK CRAWFORD**

(Herts. Pictorial)

who played a useful part at this time was County Umpire D. H. Williams.

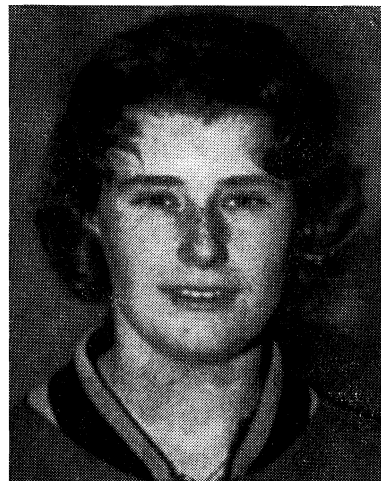
In the second year, eighteen teams took part and a reserve section was run. This growth continued until 1957 when the open league was formed, with Mr. Bungay as secretary. Eighteen clubs entered teams and the first season saw four divisions operating. The next year an important step forward was taken with the formation of a junior section.

Gathering Strength

Since then the League has gone from strength to strength. It has staged four county matches, including recently Hertfordshire's first fixture in the Premier Division—against Gloucestershire. It now boasts a number of strong juniors, including Jacqueline Canham, county No. 1.

And so to the Open. There is a strong North-west Kent flavour about this tournament, with Mr. G. A. Owen as Referee, Mr. A. H. Lewis as his assistant and the job of organising secretary being handled by Stevenage League Chairman, Frank Burvill. This team worked together for four years, pioneering the North-west Kent event, which at that time commanded the biggest "star" entry outside the English open. Their presence at Stevenage automatically guarantees that the new tournament will be smoothly and efficiently run.

The partnership of Messrs. Owen and Lewis is one of the most highly respected in the game and, says Frank Burvill, "their joining the Stevenage Open gives it every chance of quickly becoming one of the most important in the country."



JACQUELINE CANHAM

Mr. Burvill, a vice-president of the North-west Kent League, moved to Stevenage in 1954 and soon found himself in the position of Herts County Secretary, a job he did for three years. Since then he has devoted himself mainly to the affairs of the Stevenage League and was one of the prime movers behind the Open idea.

Mr. Owen, Chairman of the Civil Service League, is one of the country's outstanding referees and is assistant referee to the English Open. Mr. Lewis, Chairman of the London Business Houses League, is an experienced World Finals umpire like Mr. Owen. The two men have worked together for ten years.

It is a big task that the table tennis people of Stevenage have undertaken, but with these top officials, coupled with the superb venue of the English Electric Canteen, the Stevenage Open seems destined to be a major event in the English table tennis calendar in the years ahead.

The Bishopsgate Table Tennis Club

230 Bishopsgate, E.C.2

has a few vacancies for this season. The Club meets at 6.15 p.m. every Monday and Friday.

Write to the Hon. Secretary,
H. A. Packett,
6 Ravenscourt Road, Hammersmith, W6



NORMAN COOK

AN engineer by profession, **Norman Cook** has spent the last twenty eight of his sixty years in administration of the game. He has served on the N.E.C. since 1950 and holds the proud distinction of having missed only one meeting during that time and that due to illness.

He has been General Secretary of Ashton-under-Lyne and District League since 1946, General Secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire County Associations since 1950 and is also Secretary of the

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National Junior Selection Committee and member of the Referees' and Umpires' Committee. In 1953 and 1956 Norman was Organising Secretary of the English Open Championships held in Manchester and has many times acted as Honorary Referee at international matches.

It is no wonder that he has little time for anything but table tennis and hardly surprising that Mrs. Cook is also busily employed "answering the numerous telephone calls during my absence and tidying up my room, if she can get in it for the numerous papers, etc. lying around."

A cheerful and friendly person, devoted to the game, Norman's one moan is about the slackness of so many Secretaries in replying to correspondence. He is keenly interested in encouraging and helping junior players and is concerned that so many go out of the game after showing great promise in the junior ranks. His greatest wish—probably that his granddaughter Janet born in February, of whom he is so fond, will one day make the England junior team.



MARGARET FRY

INTERNATIONAL player **Margaret Fry** has the notable distinction of having achieved county status in both table tennis and tennis. In table tennis she has made three international appearances in addition to having played thirty matches for Gloucester and nearly fifty for Middlesex. A right handed sandwich bat player with an all round style, her club is E.N.V. Sports and she represents the North Acton and London Business Houses Leagues. She won the Sussex Open Mixed Double title with Alser of Sweden in 1960/61 and is present holder of the women's singles and doubles titles in the Middlesex Closed Championships.

Since moving to London from Bristol, where she was born, Margaret, who is employed as a draughtswoman/tracer by an engineering firm, has found time not only to play table tennis but also to devote considerable energy to administration of it. Apart from being woman member of the N.E.C she is Secretary of the National County Championships, a post which she recently took over, and also a member of both the Junior and Senior Selection Committees. Her organising work is at county and league level, where she is Secretary of Middlesex County Umpires and a member of the Committee of the London Business Houses League.

Pictures by Michael Maclaren

LES VENERABLES!

I'VE been a Table Tennis Veteran for the last 12 years and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. I have played in a team of fellow veterans and we have held our own using cunning against the all-out attacking juniors, shrugging off the defeats inflicted by the twenties and thirties and remaining good humoured when losing to be-skirted opponents.

In inter-town matches we have had the most pleasant experiences, with plenty of "Do you remember?" talk, hard play and enjoyable atmospheres. We still think we're good, some of us, anyway. Playing amongst ourselves we seem to bring off wonderful shots; we sweat; we groan as rheumatic twinges remind us of our approaching pensions; we pant a little, we puff a little. We try to finish in two games, win or lose, and although we fight for the decider, we pray it won't be needed.

The Juniors field out for us, the girls make tea for us and the twenty-three group pity us but are merciless. We are no longer feared by opponents although they are delighted when they beat us. They applaud us when we

play well and commiserate with us if we don't do things as we used to be able to do. We wipe our bald heads, blow out our cheeks, take a good rest and we're ready for the next game.

But now—our peace is being shattered! We are being pushed into our bathchairs by those whippersnappers of forty. At one time we were the favoured few, the Veterans who had managed to play on—and on—and on until the ripe old age of 50. Some had reached 60—the Venerables. Was there not an Ancient of 71 who had won a tournament on board ship from U.S.A. to England?

Now we have those blessed youngsters with us once again. No longer are our tournaments confined to our age group. At one time we were all 40 to 45 and there were but few of us. Then 45 to 50 as we of the 1910's took on another few years.

We become 50 and what do we find? A forty-year-old, late of the town's men's team, a 41 recent winner of some open tournament, a 42 still in Smithton's senior team—how long before a Veteran will be playing in the Juniors? Think of the Sixties,

playing veterans 20 years their junior.

Let us make a suggestion. Either put the Veterans age up to 50, taking ten years to do it or make 40 to 50 the Veterans; 50 to 60 the Venerables and over 60 the Honorable Ancients.

I look forward to our annual match between West Bromwich Venerables and Birmingham Venerables and I am sure Maurice Goldstein and I could natter over the past through our silky white beards—unless, of course, we were both playing!

A. A. WALL.

Kill This Shot Before it Kills Table Tennis

THE deadly loop drive has got to be killed at all costs. Already Europe is starting to become a one-stroke table tennis Continent. And before long, this ugly stroke and its farcial effects—could cause the whole game to be laughed out of existence as a major sport. That's how seriously I regard the situation.

says **JOHNNY LEACH**

NEW INTEREST IN WARWICKSHIRE

NEW table tennis interest in Warwickshire this season is due probably to the promotion of the County to the premier division. We have a president from Leamington, J. Allen, our new chairman is from Coventry, Mr. Bill Knight, who has taken over from Adrian Haydon, and the secretary and treasurer from Birmingham.

With promising young players like Cadwallader and Billington and players of the class of Pam Mortimer and Doreen Griffiths we hope to give a good account of ourselves in the higher class. We are running three County teams this season, Premier Division, Midland Division, and our Junior team hoping to take the Midland Junior title for a third successive year.

Our pre-season trials were headed by Derek Baddeley who did not drop a single game! His "Jacobson" topspin was virtually unreturnable.

Warwickshire fielded what must surely be the youngest side in the Premier Division when Baddeley, Cadwallader, Billington, and Miss Mortimer, went to Gloucestershire for the opening match of the season.

Although they were beaten 5-4 it was a close thing and the big surprise was Baddeley's defeat of Bryan Merrett, England's No. 2.

The opening Midland Division match was versus Derbyshire. A very enjoyable and friendly game in which we just scraped home 6-4, the highlight being a cracking game between Bill Gallagher (last year's County No. 1) and A. Hunt, who just got home 23-21 in the third.

Although weakened by the loss of the two juniors above, and with Derek Allen and Bernard Whiting in the senior ranks the junior team of Keith Jones, Graham Pressick, Graham Binney and Hillary Grove, beat Oxfordshire (away), 7-3. With half a dozen promising junior girls challenging for the place, Hillary Grove did well to win the Junior Trials as did Jones in the boys' section.

R. C. Morris

What a pity that someone had to go and re-discover the 'gimmick' shot just when players were beginning finally to master the peculiarities of sponge-type bats, and to revive the spectacular stroke-play and skilful tactical exchanges of the 'good old days.' Yes, I really think that up to this point we were near a breakthrough.

To the layman in the audience, this high looping, high bounding offering looks for all the world like a mis-hit just asking to be smashed to smithereens. Yet such is the dexterity with which the loop is now delivered, and so vicious is the topspin imparted on the ball, that even expert players have the greatest difficulty in returning the ball correctly into the far court, let alone putting the ball away for a winner.

"It makes you look such a fool" and "There doesn't seem to be any answer to it" the English players told me on their return from the recent U.S.S.R. tour, where the Russians employed a particularly deadly version of the Loop Drive as their 'Secret Weapon.'

But find an answer we must. As I wrote recently in the NEWS OF THE

WORLD, for our players to start trying to perfect delivery of the shot themselves would be a complete waste of time and effort. Far better, in my view, to call in the services of that expert 'looper' Stan Jacobson and Bobby Stevens, his fast-learning 'partner in crime' and invite them to become the 'one-punch sparring partners' of our best players. Let them carry on looping the loop until they and their opponents are dizzy with it.

My own theory is that the answer to the Loop is to take the ball either very early or very late, but only long practice and familiarity with it can breed the necessary confidence and accuracy needed to deal with it successfully.

You may think that I am asking rather a lot of Stan and Bobby—but they, great sportsmen as they are, would surely sacrifice some of their own chances of immediate success for the overall good of the game.

You can't ban the Loop — only learn how to beat it so consistently that the loopers will become frightened to use it. The sooner that happens, the better!

WEST BROMWICH FIRST COACH

COACHING for Juniors is now organised on a very large scale throughout the country and through the good offices of the Staffordshire County Association, the Juniors of West Bromwich were able to take advantage of this when they were given a coaching evening at the local Y.M.C.A.

At the beginning of the season, the first town Coach ever was appointed, Ray Williamson. On this specific occasion we had Harry Venner of England and Surrey and a National Coach, together with Jim Hayward the County Coach and other officials who showed how the work should be done.

D. Richards, M. Hawkes, K. Day and J. Umbers from the Y.M.C.A., R. Webb of Hills, R. Noakes of Camp Street, G. Forrester from Swan Village and the young and eager couple from Highway

M. Cole and S. Lowe, were among those who benefited from this experience.

Mr. Venner demonstrated topspin and chop and tried to curb the natural eagerness to score a winning point even when practising. Long hours spent in playing against one another is unavailing unless certain shots are constantly practised until near perfect.

As the evening went on it became more and more obvious how necessary these coaching sessions are and it is hoped that this was but the beginning of a most necessary coaching scheme in the town. The Juniors, who only the week before had beaten Nottingham by ten sets to nil, are hoping to put some of the things they learned into force in their next town match against their local rivals from Birmingham.

A. A. Wall

AUSTRALIA PRODUCE T.T. FILM

THE go-ahead Victorian T.T.A. of Melbourne, Australia, are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to foster table tennis.

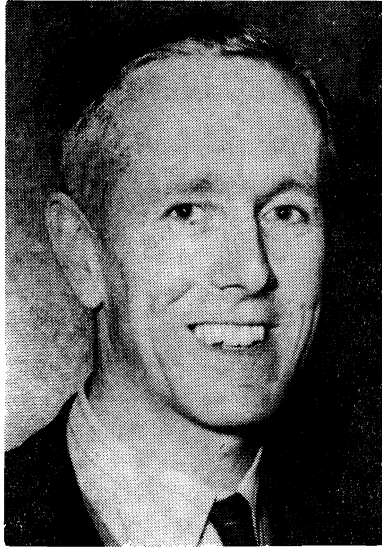
They already control the largest Table Tennis Centre in the World—a single building with 41 tables and all the necessary amenities for players and spectators—and now, under the direction of Mr. Ron Jones, the Australian President, they have produced a film. "The Science of Table Tennis."

It was made in Melbourne during the period Jack and Elsie Carrington were under contract with the Victorian Association for coaching and promotion work.

The film is 16mm., 80 feet long with a running time of approximately 21 minutes. It has been filmed and edited by Gary R. Jones, with Carrington providing the commentary.

Mr. Jones believes that the film has a positive instruction value, not only to students of the sport, but also to those interested in coaching.

The opening sequences show scenes of the finals of the 1961 World



JACK CARRINGTON

Championships in Peking and the major section deals with coaching demonstrated by Jack and Elsie Carrington and some of their pupils.

The film closes with scenes taken at the Table Tennis Centre in Melbourne, which will be the venue for the 1967 World Championships.

Copies of the film may be obtained by remitting £24 English currency to the Victorian T.T.A., P.O. Box 16, Collins Street, Melbourne, Australia.

CARRINGTON BACK

JACK CARRINGTON, and his wife Elsie, arrived back from their six months' coaching tour of Australia on October 16.

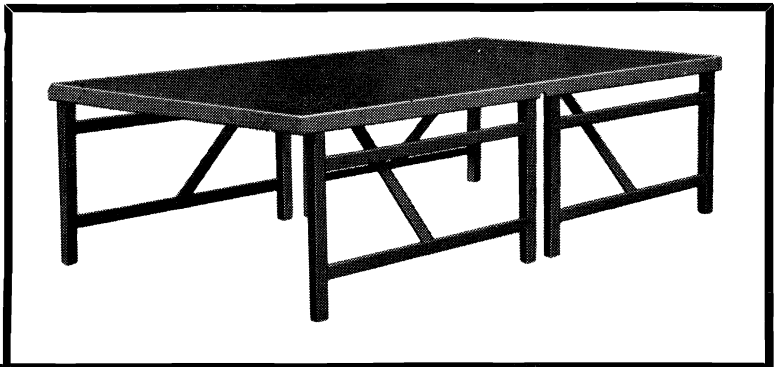
Waiting at Tilbury to welcome them home was Johnny Leach.

Carrington described the visit as "Quite hectic." They visited some ten country centres, three cities, and coached some 800 pupils, as well as having between 80 and 90 coaches under instruction.

"After such a tour the boat trip home provided a nice pick-me-up," said Jack who has already resumed his duties as Director of National Coaching over here. He is now planning a busy itinerary and asks that leagues, schools or centres who would like to be fitted in, to write to him at 24, Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

Jack will write a special feature on his Australian experiences in next month's issue of TABLE TENNIS.

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Editor's Postbag . . .

THAT LEVY QUESTION

THE three questions posed by Tom Blunn in the October TABLE TENNIS prompt me to offer what I consider a satisfactory answer to the annual subscription problem.

I suggest that the player's levy ought to be the basis, not only for the assessment of E.T.T.A. fees, but for County and League fees as well. Using the figures that Tom Blunn and myself know, the result would be as follows:—

	Approx. No. of Players	Player's Fee	Annual Subscription £
England	65,000	2 0	6,500
Lancashire	6,600	1 0	330
Oldham	300	7 0	105
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For 10s. a year a player, in a league of 300 or more, would be registered in his own league and affiliated to his county and country. Each organisation, on current expenditure, would have adequate funds.

Wrong Venue

I WOULD like, if I may, to draw your attention to an inaccurate statement in the October issue of TABLE TENNIS. Under the picture of the Hants. team it says that the finals of the National Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs jubilee championships were played at Squires Gate, Blackpool. They were, in fact, played at the Y.M.C.A. Club, St. Annes. Furthermore, the whole of the finals were organised and run by the Blackpool League.

As a matter of interest, if it had not been for Pauline and Christine Holes, Hants. would most certainly not have won. In the semi-finals, for instance, they scraped through 5-4; four singles being won by the girls, while Pauline dictated the mixed doubles. Of the five games won in the final, the girls won three plus the mixed doubles, again dominated by Pauline.

Would that our league had such prospects!

S. J. HARDY

(Hon. Sec. Blackpool and Dist. T.T.L.)

Editor's Note: Sorry about the mistake over the venue but this was due to the caption provided with the picture.

Satisfied Reader

I CANNOT remember having renewed my subscription for TABLE TENNIS. I am enclosing 10s. for same. I cannot be without it. I have had it for some years now and look forward to its very interesting articles.

I am 73 and still playing and run a club in Haslemere.

A. E. YOUNG
(Haslemere).

Ability before Age

WE would like to express our complete disagreement with the article "First Badge at 32," which appeared in the October issue of TABLE TENNIS.

The "Critics" quoted in this article must surely be completely out of touch with the aspirations and ambitions of the rank and file.

Jacobson has spent nearly twenty years of his life in the sport without making the breakthrough from county to international standard. Now with the aid of the new bat surface he has hit on a formula for success, and attained a high national ranking. Should he now be told he is good enough but not young enough, to represent his country? NO! This reward should be waiting for ANYBODY with the guts and initiative to climb to the top of the heap.

Many good players do not show promise until well after their junior days. What incentive would there be for these people if age is considered before ability.

Certainly the younger players MUST be encouraged and helped in every possible way, but give them something to fight for.

Do not give honours cheaply because of an age qualification.

D. N. WHITTAKER and
A. G. CORNISH (Kent).

Dorset Did Make Averages

A FRIEND has shown me the final county Divisional Table for the 1960-61 season together with the personal averages. I notice that in the personal averages for Div. II West you list me as C. T. Bush (Wiltshire). This is, of course, incorrect and should read C. T. Bush (Dorset).

In the comments that follow it is then stated that Dorset were the only county to fail to have a player listed in the averages.

I know we are only a small and not very successful county but some of my local friends and I feel upset at this error as we were rather pleased that this season we would have a name in the personal averages.

C. T. BUSH
(Poole, Dorset).

Editor's Note: Our sincere apologies.

TOM ROBINSON
(Oldham)

Stop This Exhibitionism

SURELY it is not necessary for a table tennis player to test umpteen balls before choosing one with which to play?

I attended the recent county match between Essex and Sussex and was somewhat fed up by the way Peter Shead held up the start of the final game by feeling, spinning and regularly disregarding the balls on the umpire's table, then sending for another box.

I doubt very much if he knew what he wanted for when he did choose a ball it was obviously the worst of the lot, as the actions of both players showed.

To my mind this was sheer exhibitionism; or was it gamesmanship?

It might have been funny at first, but it went on too long. This sort of thing should be stopped. It is not good for the spectators, and if this goes on at all matches I can understand crowds drifting away.

The umpire should be empowered to give them the choice of, say, three balls then make them get on with it.

After all you don't see this sort of carry-on in lawn tennis.

BILL HARRISON,
Harold Park.

MATCH I REMEMBER

RICHARD BERGMANN recalls . . .

THE MIRACLE WIN AGAINST ANDREADIS

THERE are naturally many matches that I can look back upon but one I shall never forget was my memorable semi-final with Ivan Andreadis in the 1948 World's championships at Wembley. This was surely the most nerve-racking match of my career.

Even now many years later I can still relive the drama of having to

But even these availed me nothing and I lost the first two games.

Faced with the problem of whether or not to change my tactics, I decided to continue on the same lines, but Ivan with two games behind him disregarded his playing instinct and started to blaze away. The result was he lost the game.

The fourth game developed into a titanic struggle and it was here that most of the drama ensued. Ivan led 9-5 and 15-14, but by anticipating his

a second match point. But he overhit and I was level again.

A few more probing returns and he flashed over a beautiful shot, which I just failed to reach. Another match point to Ivan.

How I managed to hold the bat I cannot tell. The deadly silence in the hall became oppressive. I wished somebody would cough.

Ivan played on with the precision of a fine scientific instrument, shot upon shot until after many minutes he caught me moving sluggishly on my forehand side. With lightning speed he slung the next ball straight across to the backhand wing at an impossible angle. The ball touched the extreme edge of the baseline and flew away towards the distant sideboards. How I got to it, I cannot recollect. People tell me I took one flying leap across the entire width of the table and scooped the ball up from the floor, whence it curled safely back into his half. To my relief, Andreadis, too eager to kill the certainty, put it tamely into the net, 23-all!

At this point Ivan's nerve cracked and he started to return my shots just a little higher than he had done throughout the game. I seized the chance and slashed the ball home so fast that he could not possibly have seen it go by.

Game to me.

On level terms I felt a different being. The clammy fear receded and I threw my bat high in the air, an ostentatious sign of relief I had never permitted myself in thirteen years of competitive table tennis.

Ivan still had plenty of fight and led 12-11 in the decider before his ebbing strength broke his resistance and I drew away to win 21-16.

My nails were black and blue, the skin peels, and my feet were covered in blisters. But I had won.

PRESS HANDOUTS

IF any County Press Officers would like copies of the official E.T.T.A. press releases, Norman Reeve, the Press Officer will be pleased to supply them on request. Write to him at the E.T.T.A. 652, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.



Richard Bergmann "in a flying return."

fight off match points, and come back from a seemingly hopeless position. How I managed it I still don't know. I guess I must put it down to a miracle but I did win and went on to take the title, beating Bo Vana in the final.

But let me get back to that semi-final.

Ivan, a placid, well-educated young star rose to great heights in a battle which many experts consider the classic and most outstanding match in the history of table tennis.

Andreadis, like an automatic machine played forehand—backhand—forehand—backhand—chop. His concentration was tremendous.

I knew that I should attack from the backhand side but when I did Ivan just half volleyed it back. Unable to hit through I confined myself to safety-first methods, relying only on strokes I could trust implicitly.

every move I managed to creep up to 18-11. Then the next two points went to me 20-18. One more point and the game was mine. But, oh, how far away they proved to be. At this crucial stage I knocked over the sideboards in an unavailing leap and the two game points steadily disappeared.

I knew that only a miracle could save me. A frozen silence hushed the huge Empire Pool as Ivan took the next point to be 21-20. . . match point!

A long rally followed, and, though cool and collected outwardly, I thought I should die as that paralyzing feeling crept imperceptible higher. But Ivan made a mistake at last and I took the score to 21 all. There was no applause, hardly a sound, as the 10,000 spectators held their breath. A short rally, and I had pushed the ball into the net. 22-21 to Ivan . . .

World Round Up**QUAYE SHOWS HIS PACES**

EMANUEL QUAYE, who spent last season over here studying under Jack Carrington and was awarded a basic coaching diploma by the E.T.T.A., has been sweeping all before him since returning home to Ghana.

He collected two titles in the **Ghana National Championships** in Accra on September 18-19, and three more in the **West African Championships** ten days later.

In the Ghana championships, Quaye beat S. K. Allotey 21-12, 21-18, 21-9 in the singles final, then partnered Theresa Akuetteh to win the mixed doubles, beating his young brother Okine Quaye and Ernestina Akuetteh 12-21, 21-16, 21-14 in the final.

Okine provided another success for the Quaye family by winning the men's doubles with E. A. Ayree.

Ghana swept the board in the West African championships beating Nigeria in both the men's and women's team titles, then, with the exception of the men's doubles in which Emanuel and Allotey beat L. A. Ali and M. B. Alagbala of Nigeria, provided the finalists in all the individual events.

Emanuel was again successful in the men's singles and in the mixed doubles with Theresa Akuetteh.

GHANA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Singles: E. A. QUAYE bt S. K. Allotey 21-12, 21-18, 21-18. **Women's Singles:** ETHEL JACKS bt Rossette Moukarzel 13-21, 21-13, 21-18. **Boys' Singles:** E. A. OTOO bt James Buckle 21-17, 22-20.

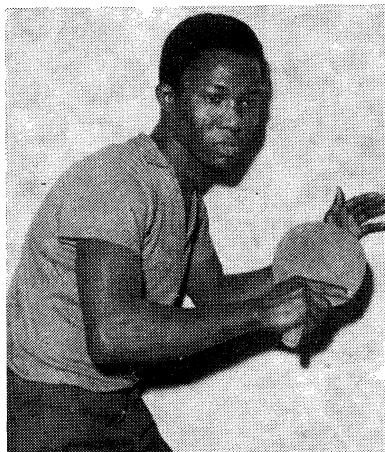
Men's Doubles: OKINE QUAYE/ E. A. ARYEE bt I. A. Aryeetey/I. O. Quaye 21-18, 21-10. **Women's Doubles:** ETHEL JACKS/ERNESTINA AKUETTEH bt Rossette Moukarzel/Theresa Akuetteh 21-13, 21-14. **Mixed Doubles:** E. A. QUAYE/THERESA AKUETTEH bt Okine Quaye/Ernestina Akuetteh 12-21, 21-16, 21-14.

WEST AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Team: GHANA bt Nigeria 5-3. **Women's Team:** GHANA bt Nigeria 3-0.

Men's Singles: E. A. QUAYE (Ghana) bt E. O. Quaye (Ghana) 14-21, 21-12, 21-16, 21-16. **Women's Singles:** ETHEL JACKS (Ghana) bt Rossette Moukarzel (Ghana) 21-12, 21-15.

Men's Doubles: E. A. QUAYE/S. K. ALLOTEY (Ghana) bt L. A. Ali/M. B. Alagbala (Nigeria) 21-18, 21-17. **Women's Doubles:** THERESA AKUETTEH/ERNESTINA AKUETTEH (Ghana) bt Ethel Jacks/Rossette Moukarzel (Ghana) 21-8, 21-17. **Mixed Doubles:** E. A. QUAYE/THERESA AKUETTEH (Ghana) bt S. K. Allotey/Rossette Moukarzel (Ghana) 21-15, 21-12.



EMANUEL QUAYE

CHINA IN EUROPE

China, now world's top table tennis nation, plan a visit to Hungary shortly. It will be interesting to see whether or not they send their world championships team, or a second team as they did two seasons ago for future experience.

KLEIN RETURNS

IRWIN KLEIN, American winner of the world mixed doubles title in 1955-6 with Mrs. Leah Neuberger, has now finished his studies and is back in table tennis. U.S.A. hope he will soon find his old form and give a boost to the game in that country.

**TEACHING THE
INDONESIANS**

ELEMER GYETVAI, the Hungarian who won the English Open in 1955-6 season and was runner-up for the first European championship in season 1957-8 is at present coaching in Indonesia.

RECENT VISITOR

LACI BELLAK, former Hungarian world mixed doubles champion, was a recent visitor to England, looking up old colleagues, including Victor Barna. Bellak, who is still a master of trick shots, was disappointed that he hadn't the time to see an English tournament before returning to Miami where he is in business.

**SOUTH AFRICA
BAN SPONGE**

THE South African T.T. Union, who are outside the I.T.T.F., have followed the example of India and banned sponge. They claim it is ruining the game and see little point in allowing it as they have little hope of playing in internationals.

Bill Roberts, who made many friends when he was in England last Christmas, has been re-elected President of the South African Union.

Cal Morris came back from 1-2 down to beat Mackie 21-16 in the fifth and win the South African men's singles. Santana beat Barber after a tight final to win the women's singles.

For the first time since 1948 Rex Edwards is missing from the South African ranking lists which are headed by Cal Morris and Miss Stretton.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

The Indian National and Inter-Association Championships will be held in Bombay from December 23 to 31. Scottish International Championships have been arranged for March 23 - 25 at Largs.

SUSPENSION LIFTED

The French Federation have reinstated Rene Roothoof, as from 1st August, 1961.

Roothoof was suspended following his appearance in the unofficial World Professional Championship.

750 years of nets

TABLE TENNIS has a comparatively short history, but I wonder just how many players realise that there is 750 years' experience behind one vital piece of equipment?

I refer to the net. Many of those in common use are manufactured by Bridport Industries Ltd., of Dorset, who recently celebrated their 750th anniversary with a lunch and tour of their Bridport Net Producing plant.

The item of chief interest to the visitors was the Pipe Roll (the account roll for the Exchequer) for Michaelmas 1211, which shows the official record of an order valued £48 9s. 6d. By present day standard that would run into several thousand pounds.

Bridport is the centre of the British Net making industry, turning out miles of netting for all purposes from fishing to growing beans. And not only for the home market. Bridport has a thriving export trading, their nets going to more than 60 nations.

Table tennis is, of course, only a small part of their activities but it takes its place in a concern that ties between 30 and 40 million knots in each 24 hours.

W.H.E.

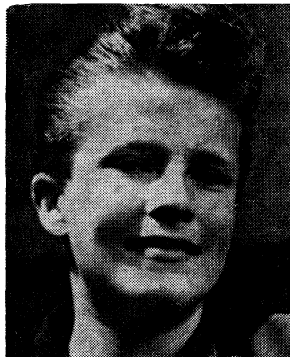
YORKSHIRE NOTES

HULL LOOK AFTER YOUTH

HULL is a table tennis centre looking after its future with a schools' league. In its third season it has 24 teams from 11 schools competing in four divisions. Chairman is hard-working Rea Balmford.

An innovation this year is a girls' section. Ainthorpe High, for long a productive table tennis school, are favourites as they can call on Irene Allon and Lynda Twidale, both county trialists.

Newcomers in the open age division are Hull Grammar School, who first fielded a team in the local league in the late thirties. They are captained by the promising Phil Burwell.



PAUL CANHAM

Reigning champions are Malet Lambert "A," whose ranks include Paul Canham and Martin Palmen.

Herbert Dainty, who has done so much good work among Doncaster's young players, helped to whip up enthusiasm at Waverley Community Centre by organising a trip for 30 to the East of England Open. The centre has entered four teams in the Doncaster Youth League.

Cynthia Younger (once Wright), former York inter-league player, is now in the Huddersfield League with a new team, Excelsior Sports, in Division Four.

Geoff Lockwood, Huddersfield secretary for eight years, gives way to 18-year-old David Hurst, while Brian Saville takes the place of Robert Westbrook as treasurer.

The team which won last season's championship for Y.M.C.A. has split up—Brian Pennington withdrawing to concentrate on his accountancy studies, Johnny Beaumont joining R.A.F.A., and Robert Hirst, married in October, linking with Milnsbridge Y.M.C.A.

Barnsley have a record entry of 99 league teams but Bradford's total dropped to 123—including a record seven from Hermits, an independent club who rent and maintain their own headquarters.

Gordon Brewerton, a Bradford second-teamer, has left to take a post with the Scottish Home Department in Edinburgh and hopes to get fixed up with a Scottish club.

Leeds have regained Marjorie Harrison, the former county player, after a year's absence, but lost Mike Barratt, the closed champion, who has returned to London. David Chow, who comes from Hong Kong and plays in typical Eastern style, has joined Victoria.

Harry Flinton (Hull) and Francis Hare (Wakefield) become the fifth and sixth to receive the Yorkshire badge for long and outstanding service.

Malcolm Hartley.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

Thurston's good start

JOHN THURSTON started the season in good style by winning the Ipswich Invitation Tournament. After an exciting match he beat his old rival Colin Crowe in the final.

It was a fine performance from Thurston, who has certainly run into good early season form.

Impington Village College won the "play off" from the three divisions in the Cambridgeshire Summer League, beating Apex 5-1 in the final. Y.M.C.A. Juniors lost to Impington in the semi-final but were not disgraced.

In the newly formed East Midland League Cambridgeshire, represented by Peter Baker, Keith Puddick, Albert Jackson and Geoff Hudson (a junior), made a great start by beating Bedfordshire.

The Cambridgeshire lads did not "set the town alight" in the junior trials, but the experience should be an incentive to work even harder at the game.

Cambridge University have entered a team in the South East Midlands League and Cambridgeshire have "loaned" them two juniors John Constable and Brian Wilkins.

Leslie Constable

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**King's Lynn
Withdraw**

NORWICH C.E.Y.M.S. rival Y.M.C.A. in keenness. At Bisham Abbey Tony Larke reached the final of the straight and Malcolm Wilson won the handicap at Harry Venner's coaching course. While at the Ipswich Y.M.C.A. invitation tournament Tim Coe, a greatly improved player, won the Junior Singles, beating R. Howe of Ipswich 18, 17. At the latter, County President, Mrs. Betty Cassel (Lynn) won the Ladies' Doubles with Mrs. Pam Rogers.

King's Lynn League have decided to withdraw from all competitions outside club matches and to refrain from affiliating both to the E.T.T.A. and the County Association. We hope that fresh young blood will decide to support Norfolk's Lynn President and cause a return to the fold.

Norfolk County Championships have been arranged for November 11. In the East Anglian League fixtures to note are:—

Division 1: Lowestoft v Norwich, Saturday, November 4th. Norwich v Ipswich, Saturday, November 25th.

Congratulations to Eddie Peake, former Lynn secretary and Norwich match secretary, upon starting a league of eleven teams at Woodbridge, and being elected Suffolk County secretary within two months. His wife, Rosemary, is the new social secretary.

Norfolk's new Umpires' Secretary is Bob Perry. He succeeds Ron Giles, a stalwart over many years. In the Norwich League George Deering succeeds Jack Penny as Umpires Organiser, and M. Larke takes over from Mr. Penny as Co-ordinating Official. Harold Betts, League General Secretary, reports that Registration night brought in nearly 400 forms.

Wymondham Secondary Modern School provide many keen entrants for the *Eagle/Girl* tournament.

North Walsham, with Mr. F. Mace as President, and R. Bygrave as Secretary, have four teams in the senior division and seven in the Youth section. Will Sheringham, Cromer, Aylsham and Wroxham make up a full eight? Incidentally, this league is still known as the Stalham league though no team from Stalham plays!

J. S. Penny.

PROMISING OXFORD YOUNGSTER

OXFORD have every reason to be proud of 16-year-old Stanley Hahn. He is one youngster who may put them on the international map.

Young Stanley has already taken his first steps by finishing third in the Area Junior trials to win a place in the English Junior trials at the end of October.

Stanley's true value to Oxford was emphasised in the junior county match against Warwickshire when he was unbeaten, although Oxford slumped to a 7-3 defeat.

The Oxford junior team have two new-comers this season in Christopher Bowerman and Roger Owen, Hahn and Rita Daniels, who is in her third season, completing the side.

Instead of the senior county match with Glamorgan which has been postponed until next March, Oxford played a friendly with Berkshire and drew 5-5. It provided valuable experience for the subsequent championship match in which Oxford beat Staffordshire 6-4.

Dennis E. Thompson.

WELSH CORNER

*Nothing new at delayed
Welsh Closed*

IF Welsh selectors hoped to find much-needed new talent by holding a big tournament at the start of the season, the Welsh Closed, which had been held over from last season, must have been a big disappointment. It produced nothing new.

Since the boys singles was played "out of time" in the respect that last season's juniors were still eligible, it was the one where the result was perhaps not a reflection of our available talent.

Both Colin Thomas, the winner, and Marsden Williams, the runner-up, are no longer junior, so that Abergavenny's John Mansfield and John Davies, the losing semi-finalists must be considered our best boys.

Mansfield, who never seems to grow up, certainly has table tennis ability. He held three match points against Thomas before losing 25-27 in the third, and in the men's singles he beat experienced seniors like Doug Green and Graham Gear before going down to the eventual winner George Evans.

Evans repeated earlier triumphs over the holder, Ron Davies, in the senior finals but it was not a good game. Davies appears to have lost that unexpected and effective attack, which was so formidable a few seasons ago, and his floated returns have little merit with no surprise value.

Harder Match

Evans was given a harder match in his semi-final against Emil Emezc, who was in good form and in the previous round accounted for Bernard Dimascio.

Two giant killers to reach the "quarters" were Ken Bull, with easy wins over Basil Evans and Alan Thomas; and Kerry Cutler, who accounted for Colin Thomas and Phil Bevan. Bull then beat Cutler, but after so much promise his match with Ron Davies was an anti-climax. He went down 12 and 12.

In the absence of Gretta Dimascio and Margaret Jones the women's singles was an obvious set-up for the old brigade of Audrey Bates and Betty Gray, with Margaret Phillips as their most dangerous rival. Miss Bates was much too strong for Miss Phillips in the semi-final, at which stage Miss Gray beat Sandra Morgan.

In the final Miss Bates tried to

impose a slower speed on the game, but Miss Gray's reactions were quicker and she was able to retain her title.

Well-known Welsh internationals Bernard and Gretta Dimascio are now family folk; CERI JANE joined them on October 12. All are in fine fettle.

Audrey and Betty revived an old partnership to win the women's doubles where they beat Miss Phillips and Miss Morgan in the final.

Shirley Sturgess showed more signs of improved form when she teamed up with Alan Thomas to win the mixed doubles, their best win was over George Evans and Margaret Phillips.

The losing finalists were Emil Emezc and Elizabeth, who had previously beaten the favourites Glyn Morgan and Audrey Bates. The final was a ding-dong battle of three games in which the greater steadiness

of the Thomas/Sturgess combination was the telling factor.

Singles finalists Evans and Davies teamed up to win the men's doubles after a tight match with Morgan and Alan Morris.

The girls' singles was a closed shop for the Abergavenny girls with Angela Hinley beating Diana John in the semi-final then her sister Sandra Hinley in the final.

Men's Singles: G. EVANS (Barry) bt R. Davies (Pontypridd) 21-15, 21-18.

Women's Singles: B. GRAY (Swansea) bt A. Bates (Cardiff) 21-18, 21-14.

Men's Doubles: EVANS/DAVIES bt G. Morgan/A. Morris (Swansea) 14-21, 21-11, 21-19.

Women's Doubles: BATES/GRAY bt M. Phillips/S. Morgan 21-17, 21-12.

Mixed Doubles: A. THOMAS/MISS S. STURGESS bt E. Emezc/Miss Gray 16-21, 21-13, 21-13.

Boys' Singles: C. THOMAS bt M. Williams 21-10, 21-19.

Girls' Singles: A. HINLEY bt S. Hinley 21-12, 21-17.

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ESSEX JUNIORS TAKE SIX TITLES

ALTHOUGH hopes were high, Essex County junior selectors never expected such a quick reward as they got from the party that went to the Yorkshire Junior Open. They won six of the seven titles, and for good measure collected three runners-up places.

However, Yorkshire got their revenge in the friendly junior match, which they won 9-6.

Several new faces appear in the Essex junior rankings which are headed by Chester Barnes and Lesley Bell. The full list is:—

Boys: CHESTER BARNES, 2 DANNY PRIOR, 3 DENNIS KERRISON, 4 JACK EDMUNSON, 5 RON THYESON, 6 DAVID JACOBS, 7 RON EDMUNSON, 8 LEN CROKSON, 9 JOHN BLACKMAN, 10 STUART GIBBS, 11 DAVID BROWN, 12 BRIAN EDMUNSON.

Girls: 1 LESLEY BELL, 2 BEVERLEY SAYER, 3 GLORIA SAYER, 4 PAULINE MARTIN, 5 LINDA HENWOOD, 6 KATHY CARTER, 7 DELIA GOODMAN, 8 PAULINE BARTLETT.

A general round-up of the county shows a welcome increase in the number of clubs and teams attached to the leagues. For the second successive year East London have had to add a new division.

One problem, however, is a shortage of women players which has caused several leagues to cut down their number of representative teams and forced Romford to disband their ladies' division.

George Wenham.

KENT EXTEND YOUTH POLICY

KENT have extended their youth policy still further this year. With an eye on the future, the selectors have cut the men's ranking list in two. Six players have been ranked as possibles for the premier team and a further six "under-23" players have been ranked with a view to giving these players match experience, and "blood" them for the premier team.

Henry Buist and George Elliott were unbeaten at the men's trials at Barnehurst although in different groups. Tony Pidcock retains the top ranking on past form with Buist remaining number two. Alan Cornish heads the under-23 ranks where the oldest player is 21-year-old Doug Bloy.

The full ranking lists are as follows:—

Men: 1 TONY PIDDOCK (Folkestone), 2 HENRY BUIST (N.W.K.), 3 KEN JARVIS (Woolwich), 4 GEORGE ELLIOTT (N.W.K.), 5 TONY HERBERT (Beckenham), 6 REG TUTT (Woolwich). **Under-23:** 7 ALAN CORNISH (Woolwich), 8 MALCOLM ELLIS (Woolwich), 9 TERRY MORRIS (Gravesend), 10 DOUG BLOY (Bromley), 11 MICHAEL PASS (Folkestone), 12 DEREK BASDEN (Woolwich).

Women: 1 JOYCE FIELDER (N.W.K.), 2 JOAN BEADLE (Medway), 3 SUSAN THOMAS (N.W.K.), 4 ANN LEWITT (Sittingbourne), 5 BETTY LANDIMORE (N.W.K.), 6 BRENDA BARBER (Gravesend), 7 KAY STOKES (Folkestone), 8 JULIE PILFORD (Woolwich), 9 CHRIS CARTER (Woolwich).

Boys: 1 G. FRENCH (Woolwich), 2 D. EVANS (Woolwich), 3 K. CLARKE (Thanet), 4 D. HOLLINGWORTH (Sittingbourne), 5 T. CLUNN (Sittingbourne), 6

A. BOYER (Folkestone), 7 D. CORBETT (Woolwich), 8 G. COOMBS (Woolwich), 9 I. CLARK (Sittingbourne), 10 C. HOOPER (Folkestone).

Girls: 1 S. THOMAS (N.W.K.), 2 K. STOKES (Folkestone), 3 V. FIELD (Folkestone), 4 D. SPICE (Sittingbourne), 5 J. CORNFORD (Sittingbourne), 6 M. CAMPBELL (Sittingbourne), 7 M. WHITTINGTON (Sittingbourne), 8 H. MUIR (Sittingbourne).

N.W. Kent (A) did a lot better than last year in their Kent League match against their "B" team winning 9-1. Henry Buist, who forgot his slippers and had to play in shoes, won all of his games. D. Page was the only N.W. Kent "B" player to win a game... at the expense of George Elliott.

Mike Grady.

SUFFOLK NEWSREEL

ENTRIES for the Ipswich Y.M.C.A. Open Invitation tournament were somewhat fewer than previously, and some of the better known players in this area were missing.

Seeded players generally found it difficult to make progress, and both David Halliday and Betty Cassell were unexpectedly beaten. New men's singles winner was John Thurston (Cambridge) who owed his success to an impenetrable defence, while the ladies' trophy went to local girl, Pam Rogers, after a hard best-of-three with Brenda Brown.

SCORE CARD

Men's Singles, Semi-Finals: C. CROWE (Luton) bt N. Parker (Luton) 21-14, 19-21, 21-14; J. THURSTON (Cambridge) bt G. Wood (Norwich) 21-16, 21-14.

Final: THURSTON bt Crowe 21-15, 14-21, 21-11.

Women's Singles: Mrs. P. ROGERS (Ipswich) bt Mrs. B. Brown (Ipswich) 21-14, 14-21, 21-11.

Junior Singles: J. S. COE (Norwich) bt R. Howe (Ipswich) 21-18, 21-13.

Men's Doubles: C. CROWE/P. RACEY (Bedford) bt K. Perry/A. Cooper 21-17, 21-12.

Women's Doubles: Mrs. B. CASSELL (King's Lynn)/Mrs. P. ROGERS bt Mrs. B. Brown/Miss J. Racey 21-12, 18-21, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: P. RACEY/Miss J. RACEY bt C. Crowe/Mrs. B. Cassell 21-17, 23-21.

D.B.

BUSINESS GIRL

DIANE ROWE, England top woman player, has gone into business opening an employment and typing agency. It will be known as DI-RO Staff Agency, and the address is 75-77 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.C.2.



The Essex party at the Yorkshire Junior Open (left to right): L: Croxson, George Eagles (Chairman), Beverley Sayer, Chester Barnes, Harry Spraggs, Gloria Sayer, Ray Moody (Match Secretary), Danny Prior, Muriel Spraggs, Lesley Bell, S. Gilbert, George Wenham (Press Secretary), Bobby Stevens, J. Blackman, P. Martin.

SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIORSby **BRIAN WRIGHT****BOYS POSE SELECTOR'S PROBLEM**

WITH three tournaments already decided it seems that England junior selectors are going to have a hard choice in this year's junior ranking list.

All three boys' titles have gone to different players, the East of England to **Brian Hill** (Lincolnshire), the Yorkshire "Junior" to **Chester Barnes** (Essex) and the North of England to **Michael Symonds** (Lancashire).

Anyone of these could achieve the No. 1 position this year, but my own choice after seeing him win the North of England is Symonds.

The girls' form has been much more consistent and **Lesley Bell**, so far unbeaten by a junior this season, must be odds-on favourite. She will no doubt however have some hard opposition from **Lesley Proudlock** and **Beverly Sayer**.

Congratulations to Lesley Bell and Chester Barnes for their amazing achievement in the Yorkshire Junior Open at Bradford on September 30. Between them they captured all the "under 17" and "Under 15" titles with the exception of the Boys' doubles, where Barnes, partnered by Danny Prior lost in the semi-final.

Lesley and Chester also played well in the Essex Senior trials, Lesley winning all her games to be ranked No. 1, and Chester losing only to Bobby Stevens to finish up No. 3. Both were selected for the Essex first team against Sussex.

North of England Open

Lesley Proudlock (Yorkshire) won her first tournament of the season by taking the girls' singles in the North of England Open. She beat Pat Dainty (Yorkshire) in the semi-final, and J. Harrison (Lancashire) by 21-8, 21-11 in the final.

Brian Hill, top seed for the boys' singles, lost for the second consecutive tournament to Durham's Dennis Neale, who went on to reach the semi-final before going down to Surrey's Robert McKeown.

Mike Symonds came sailing through the other half beating fellow Lancastrian P. Dixon easily in the semi-final.

This North v South final turned out to be a sparkling display of hit and counter-hit, rarely seen at tournaments these days, and put the senior final in the shade.

The final opened tentatively with both players showing signs of nerves. From 12-all McKeown forged ahead and, despite a late recovery for Symonds, won the first at 18. Symonds then struck top form, producing unstoppable hits to win the

second game 21-16 and the third at 21-15, after being 0-5 down.

Incidentally this was Symonds first tournament title.

Racket Change

The main talking point over the last few weeks has been the loss of form of Brian Hill, last year's No. 2 junior. Brian started the season well, winning the East of England at Skegness and all six of his games at the English Area trials at Canning Town. Since then he has played badly, losing in the early rounds of subsequent tournaments.

The reason is a change of racket. He started the season with a Japanese "inverted" type bat, but after, realised it was not within the rules because of its shiny surface. Rather than leave it until later in the season, thereby running the risk of disqualification, he wisely decided to change to an ordinary sandwich (pimples up) racket. He has found it difficult to control the ball with the new surface but is practising hard to master the change before the English trials.

**BRIAN HILL****BOB DYKES**

OCTOBER 12, 1961, was a tragic day for Scottish Table Tennis. Mr. R. D. Dykes, our Vice-President, died suddenly from a heart attack at the age of 53.

His many friends throughout the table tennis world will, like us, mourn his passing and join in extending deepest sympathy to his widow, best known as Helen Elliot. It must seem almost unbelievable that Helen and Bob were at Bognor for the "Boy and Girl of the Year" Festival and many would testify to the amount of work Bob did in the running of the event.

Nothing I can write would fittingly express the high regard and esteem in which Bob was held by his association, on our committee, and, indeed, by every member of the association.

He was a true gentleman in every sense, kind and gentle by nature, the very essence of integrity, generous almost to a fault.

A founder member of our association, he served continuously on our committee since its beginning almost 25 years ago. For a number of years Bob was honorary secretary, for two years honorary treasurer and latterly vice-chairman until his untimely death.

In recent years, he was working at very high pressure in business, yet always he found time for the calls of table tennis and we asked from him, and always got, much more than we had any right to expect.

So this tragedy has come about. We have lost forever one of the finest men in the history of our sport.

We are grateful for the privilege of having known you, Bob—we salute your memory. Rest in Peace.

JACK HILLAN,
Chairman, Scottish T.T.A.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

by FRANK BATEMAN

Gloucestershire Scrape Through Against Newcomers

Gloucestershire, strongly fancied to win the Premier Division Championship for the first time now that the women's doubles has been eliminated, have felt the absence of Ian Harrison in their opening matches.

They just scraped through at 5-4 against both Hertfordshire and Warwickshire, the two promoted sides.

Against Hertfordshire, Bryan Merrett just got home at 22-20 in the final game against Terry Densham, while a narrow mixed doubles win by Bob Griffin and Molly Jones at 19 in the third over Derek Baddeley and Pam Mortimer just gave Gloucestershire the edge against Warwickshire.

But what a shock here for Merrett. He lost his prospects of a hundred per cent record when he was beaten 21-16, 21-11 by Baddeley.

A new discovery for Lancashire is Moya Jones from Blackpool, who played extremely well to partner Ron Allcock and win the mixed doubles against Yorkshire and only narrowly lost at 19 in the third to Kathie Best in the singles.

Lancashire went on to beat their "Roses" rivals 7-2 and may well

prove the best "long shot" in the championship race.

Yorkshire also lost 2-7 to Surrey.

Highlight of this match was the inspired play of Peggy Piper who beat Miss Best 13, —21, 19. I am told that the spectators were kept on their toes until the final point.

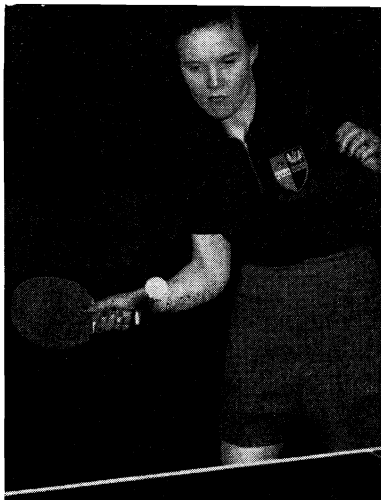
Peggy was not successful in Surrey's 7-2 win over Hertfordshire for she lost 13-21, in the third to Judy Williams, who is getting a lot of practice now that she is studying

in Birmingham, that stronghold of the women's game.

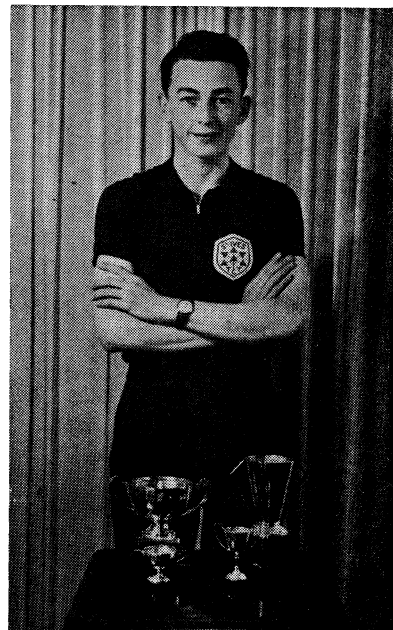
Middlesex opened defence of the title with a 6-3 away win over Kent. Tony Piddock handed out a couple of nasty shocks to Middlesex when he beat both Michael Thornhill and Alan Rhodes, while Kent's other win was provided by Henry Buist who hit his way through Stan Jacobson with a score of 21-15, 21-19. And to think that Jacobson had beaten Jarvis 6 and 2 in the opening set!

Essex started their climb back to the Premier Division with a 7-3 win over Sussex. Fourteen-year-old Chester Barnes, playing No. 2 in place of the injured Brumwell, lost to Shead but beat Roger Chandler and also won the mixed doubles with another junior, 15-year-old Lesley Bell.

Chandler, who was little-known as a Sussex junior, has made great pro-



PEGGY PIPER



JOHN BASSETT

COUNTY DIARY

November 3	Middlesex v Lancashire, Board of Trade, Lime Grove, Eastcote	7 p.m.
November 4	Surrey v Lancashire, Sutton Adult School, High Street, Sutton	7 p.m.
	Warwickshire v Hertfordshire, Flavell Ltd., Leamington Spa	7 p.m.
	Gloucestershire v Kent, Totterdown Y.M.C.A., Bristol	7 p.m.
November 18	Yorkshire v Middlesex, Mechanics' Institute, Bridge Street, Bradford	7 p.m.
SECOND DIVISION SOUTH		
November 18	Kent v Hampshire, Rowing Club, The Parade, Deal	7 p.m.
SECOND DIVISION WEST		
November 18	Somerset v Devon, Y.M.C.A., Taunton	7.30 p.m.
SECOND DIVISION NORTH		
November 17	Yorkshire v Lincolnshire, Waverly Junior School, Balby, Doncaster	7.15 p.m.
November 18	Cheshire v Northumberland,	
MIDLAND DIVISION		
November 25	Warwickshire v Staffordshire,	
SOUTHERN DIVISION		
November 17	Cambridgeshire v Hertfordshire, Reed Casts Sports Club, Histon	7.30 p.m.
JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND		
November 18	Gloucestershire v Oxfordshire,	
JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH		
November 18	Durham v Cheshire, T.L.F. Welfare Institute, Fulwell Street, Sunderland	3 p.m.
	Durham v Lancashire, T.L.F. Welfare Institute, Fulwell Street, Sunderland	7 p.m.
JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH		
November 18	Kent v Hampshire, Rowing Club, The Parade, Deal	3 p.m.
	Surrey v Sussex, Higgs & Hill, Vauxhall	4 p.m.
JUNIOR DIVISION EAST		
November 18	Cambridgeshire v Suffolk, Reeds Casts Sports Club, Histon	7 p.m.
	Essex v Hertfordshire, St. Luke's, Jude Street, Canning Town	6 p.m.

gress and scored a fine win over Bobbie Raybould.

The other Sussex win was by Shead over Bobby Stevens in the final match.

Sussex had previously beaten Hampshire 6-4 and this clash with Essex was in general regarded as the key to the Second Division South.

Cornwall had a busy week-end

DETAILED RESULTS

playing Wiltshire and Dorset on successive nights to cut their travelling. They drew both fixtures and the star of their team was John Bassett who went through unbeaten in both singles and mixed doubles.

Bedfordshire have made an unhappy start in the Division II Midland losing to both Glamorgan and Worcestershire. More fortunate are Oxfordshire, who beat Staffordshire 6-4.

Cheshire received a set-back to their hopes of returning to the Premier Division when they lost 4-6 at Lincolnshire, in Division II North, but they did beat Durham 7-3.

Warwickshire have marked up wins over Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire in Midland Division.

Cambridgeshire were off to a good start in the Southern Division with a 6-4 win over Norfolk, while, Buckinghamshire, after drawing with Norfolk at home, won their away tie with Worcestershire 8-2.

JUNIOR DIVISION

It was hard luck on Cambridge Juniors that their debut in the County championships was against Middlesex. They failed to win a set but still regard it as good experience. Middlesex will undoubtedly take a lot of stopping in the East section.

Gloucestershire were off to a 2-2 win over Staffordshire in the Midland section, where Warwickshire may well prove the strongest side. They thrashed Staffordshire Juniors 10-0 and Oxford 7-3. Stanley Hahn, however, won his matches for Oxford.

Hampshire look like proving lively newcomers in the Southern section where they have won both their home and away fixtures with Sussex by comfortable margins.

Yorkshire have beaten both Lancashire and Cheshire in the Northern section and at this early stage already look the prospective winners.

PREMIER DIVISION

Yorkshire 2, Surrey 7

M. Simpson bt G. Muranyi —17, 20, 16, lost to A. Miller —15, —13. R. Hinchliff lost to Miller —11, —15, lost to J. Somogyi 16, —20, —17. S. Dyson lost to Somogyi —16, —17, lost to Muranyi —16, —16.

Hinchliff/Simpson lost to Muranyi/Somogyi —18, 20, —17.

Miss K. Best lost to Miss M. Piper —13, 21, —19.

Dyson/Miss Best bt Miller/Miss Piper 16, —14, 16.

Hertfordshire 4, Gloucestershire 5

B. Barr lost to K. Edwards 16, —15, —13, lost to R. Griffin —19, 15, —17. T. Densham bt Griffin —20, 9, 17, lost to E. Merrett —17, 17, —20. J. Hunt lost to Merrett —3, —17, lost to Edwards —13, —20.

Densham/Hunt bt Griffin/Merrett 19, —14, 15.

Miss J. Williams bt Miss M. Jones 9, 17.

Barr/Miss Williams bt Edwards/Miss Jones —16, 14, 19.

Gloucestershire 5, Warwickshire 4

K. Edwards lost to C. Cadwallader —17, —19; bt M. Billington 12, 20. B. Merrett bt Billington 18, 18; lost to D. Baddeley —16, —11. R. Griffin lost to Baddeley —18, —12; bt Cadwallader 10, —15, 16. Miss M. Jones lost to Miss P. Mortimer —12, —9.

Edwards/Merrett bt Billington/Cadwallader 13, 14.

Griffin/Miss Jones bt Baddeley/Miss Mortimer —16, 20, 19.

Lancashire 7, Yorkshire 2

P. Alcock lost to M. Simpson —14, —18; bt Dyson 11, 16. J. Ingber bt Dyson 16, 10; bt R. Hinchliff 10, 21. J. Clayton bt Hinchliff 16, —6, 14; bt Simpson 15, —15, 7.

Mrs. Jones lost to Miss K. Best 16, —13, —19.

Clayton/Ingber bt Hinchliff/Simpson 13, 13.

Alcock/Mrs. Jones bt Dyson/Miss Best 19, —14, 20.

Surrey 7, Hertfordshire 2

K. Craigie bt B. Barr 18, —13, 16; lost to J. Hunt —17, —8. J. Somogyi bt Hunt 12, 17; bt T. Densham 19, —21, 16. A. Miller bt Densham 5, 13; bt Barr 11, —15, 13.

Miss M. Piper lost to Miss J. Williams 18, —15, —12.

G. Murray/Somogyi bt Densham/Hunt —23, 15, 16.

Muranyi/Miss M. Shannon bt Barr/Miss Williams 19, —15, 14.

Kent 3, Middlesex 6

K. Jarvis lost to S. Jacobson —6, —2; lost to M. Thornhill 18, 11. A. Piddock bt Thornhill 18, 11; bt A. Rhodes 18, 15. H. Buist lost to Rhodes —18, 17, —19; bt Jacobson 15, 19.

Miss J. Fielder lost to Miss D. Rowe —17, —15.

Buist/Piddock lost to Jacobson/Rhodes 8, —19, —17.

Jarvis/Miss Fielder lost to Thornhill/Miss Rowe —17, —15.

DIVISION II SOUTH

Kent 5, Suffolk 5.

Sussex 6, Hampshire 4.

Essex 7, Sussex 3.

Hampshire 7, Suffolk 3.

DIVISION II MIDLAND

Worcestershire 6, Bedfordshire 4.

Glamorgan 8, Bedfordshire 2.

Staffordshire 4, Oxfordshire 6.

DIVISION II NORTH

Durham 3, Cheshire 7.

Northumberland 1, Yorkshire 9.

Lincolnshire 6, Cheshire 4.

DIVISION II WEST

Wiltshire 5, Cornwall 5.

Dorset 5, Cornwall 5.

MIDLAND DIVISION

Staffordshire 3, Nottinghamshire 7.

Warwickshire 6, Derbyshire 4.

Derbyshire 4, Staffordshire 6.

Nottinghamshire 3, Warwickshire 7.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Buckinghamshire 5, Norfolk 5.

Worcestershire 2, Buckinghamshire 8.

Norfolk 4, Cambridgeshire 6.

JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Oxfordshire 3, Warwickshire 8.

Staffordshire 2, Gloucestershire 8.

Warwickshire 10, Staffordshire 0.

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Middlesex 10, Cambridgeshire 0.

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Sussex 1, Hampshire 9.

Hampshire 8, Sussex 2.

Kent 6, Surrey 4.

JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Lancashire 3, Yorkshire 5.

Cheshire 1, Yorkshire 7.

THE REST BEAT MIDDLESEX

at Preston (Saturday, September 30th, 1961)

FOR the annual challenge match against the Rest of England, the County

Champions, Middlesex, took along all the men who helped them win last year plus Diane Rowe. Laurie Landry, just three weeks out of plaster, did not pass a fitness test, and was withdrawn to be sure nothing further should happen.

Middlesex went into a 2-0 lead which they kept until 4-2. After that they failed to win another match. Derek Burridge won a long drawn-out pushing game with Jack Clayton and this was followed by Alan Rhodes' win over Jeff Ingber. Harrison then defeated Thornhill to make it 2-1. Thornhill, who took Landry's place in the Mixed, won it with Diane Rowe, winning both games against the recognised order.

The Men's Doubles followed and this proved to be match-winning for the Rest. Burridge and Rhodes were leading two games to one and 20-17 in the third. Harrison and Clayton rallied wonderfully to take the game 23-21. Diane Rowe was much too good for Kathie Best to make it 4-2. After this Ingber beat Burridge, and Clayton beat Thornhill, both in straight games.

Four-all and Rhodes v Harrison—and what a match! Harrison, after a cautious start, won the first at 14. Rhodes then played as we know he can, to equalise and be level at 19-all in the third. What more could the onlookers want? Four-all, one-all and 19-all. It was here that Harrison showed his class and risked some well timed hits to run out the winner.

Detailed Scores (Middlesex names first): A. Rhodes lost to I. Harrison (Gloucestershire) 14-21, 21-18, 19-21, bt J. Ingber (Lancashire) 21-16, 13-21, 21-15; M. Thornhill lost to Harrison 17-21, 18-21, lost to J. Clayton (Lancashire) 15-21, 17-21; D. Burridge lost to Ingber 10-21, 19-21, bt Clayton 20-22, 21-18, 21-18.

Miss D. Rowe bt Miss C. K. Best (Yorkshire) 21-12, 21-12.

Rhodes/Burridge lost to Harrison/Clayton 21-15, 18-21, 21-23; Thornhill/Miss Rowe bt Ingber/Miss Best 21-17, 21-17.

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RUSSIANS CHANGE PROGRAMME

Only One International

ENGLAND cannot look back on the tour of Russia last month with any satisfaction. From the playing point of view it became a debacle, with a crushing defeat in the only international played.

Originally there were to have been three internationals but the team of Ian Harrison, Jeff Ingber and Stan Jacobson under the captaincy of Len Adams, found the plans changed when they arrived. Substituted were three tournaments at Moscow on October 8, Leningrad on October 10 and Vilnius on October 14.

The international was played on October 7 before a crowd of 900 and the Russians ran out to victory at 5-0, and with the final score of 7-2, Harrison and Ingber getting our only successes.

Considering we had beaten Russia in the Swaythling cup last season, it was a very disappointing display. Of course this was only the day after the

team had arrived, and it was a pity they did not have the chance to amend things because of the cancellation of the other two matches.

One wonders how the Russians would have re-acted had they come over here to play matches and found tournaments substituted instead.

In the Moscow tournament the following day Harrison finished as runner-up to Averin who beat him 11-21, 21-13, 21-14, 21-19 in the final, while Ingber took third place with 20-22, 24-22, 21-10 win over Kalninish.

Harrison and Ingber were also losing finalists in the doubles being beaten 24-22, 20-22, 21-15, 21-13 by Saunoris and Averin.

Harrison slipped back to third place in the Leningrad tournament, won by Saunoris, who had disposed of Harrison in the semi-final. Ingber finished 5th and Jacobson 6th. But there was some measure of success when Harrison and Ingber won the

doubles beating Saunoris and Kalninish in the final 19-21, 21-15, 21-13, 21-13.

At the Vilnius tournament the England team came up against an entirely new set of players and were able to finish the tour on a winning note, Harrison taking the singles, with Jacobson second and Ingber third. Then Harrison and Ingber won the doubles.

From Russia the team went to Warsaw and beat Poland 5-4 in a close tussle, which reflected great credit on Jacobson, who won two of his matches, as did Ingber. Harrison's only success was against Roslan.

U.S.S.R. 7, England 2 (Russian names first)

Saunoris bt Harrison 7, 10; bt Jacobson 9, 7; bt Ingber 19, —13, 11. Averin bt Ingber 19, 5; bt Harrison 17, —19, 18; bt Jacobson 12, 16. Kalninish bt Jacobson 9, 12; lost to Ingber —10, —17. Grinberg lost to Harrison —15, —18.

England 5, Poland 4 (English names first)

Ingber bt Calinski 15, 18; lost to Kusinski —17, 18, —12; bt Roslan 12, 19. Harrison bt Roslan 16, 7; lost to Calinski 19, —17, —15; lost to Kusinski 19, —13, —17. Jacobson bt Kusinski 19, —14, 15; bt Roslan —11, 22, 14; lost to Calinski —14, 20, —18.

NETHERLANDS OPEN

FOUR FINALS—ONE TITLE

AGNES SIMON, the former Hungarian who now represents Germany continues to be Diane Rowe's "bogey" player in the international scene. They renewed their long standing rivalry for the first time this season in the women's Singles final at the Netherland Open on October 6-9 and once again Mrs. Simon came through as the champion, at 21-18, 21-8, 17-21, 21-12.

The one crumb of satisfaction for Miss Rowe was that this time she did manage to take a game, the first time in their many meetings. Mrs. Simon played with all her old tenacity but she had to thank a net-ball at 18-all for tipping the balance into her favour in the opening game.

After Mrs. Simon had romped away with the second game Miss Rowe came back in great style to win the third, but although she continued to fight she could not save the match.

Miss Rowe had some measure of revenge in the women's doubles final when, partnered by Miss Gomolla, she beat Simon and Scholer 18-21, 21-18, 21-17, 21-12.

England's other representative Peter Shead made a quick exit in the second round of the men's singles, but had the satisfaction of reaching two

finals, the men's doubles with Ferenc Sido, of Hungary and the mixed doubles with Miss Rowe. However, he was on the losing end in both.

Shead played well throughout the men's final, but Sido was not up to his best form and they lost in three tight games to Michalek and Gab. In the mixed final they went down to Scholer and Simon.

ENGLISH RESULTS

Men's Singles: P. SHEAD bt J. Hummel (Holland 16, 17, 10; lost to E. Lyttick (Denmark) —9, —15, —19.

Women's Singles: D. ROWE bt M. Groeneveld (Holland) 7, 16, 8; bt P. Venema (Holland) 11, 13, 16; bt G. Roland (Belgium) 13, 12, 17; bt R. Gommola (Germany) 7, 4, 10. Final: Lost to A. Simon (Germany) —18, —8, 17, —12.

Men's Doubles: SHEAD and Sido (Hungary) bt Habes/Claessens 9, 15, 14; bt Bertrand/Dela Barre 14, 15, 16; bt Schoone/Baker 20, 15, 16, bt Scholer/Scheffer 11, 17, 18. Final: Lost to Michalek/Gab —20, —14, —20.

Women's Doubles: ROWE and Gomolla (Germany) bt Marynissen/Melen 14, 17, 14; bt Visscher/Wynia 10, 13, 15; bt Jaquet/Hasler 12, 13, 14. Final: Bt. Scholer/Simon —18, 18, 17, 12.

Mixed Doubles: SHEAD and ROWE bt Jamenet/Werkhoven 10, —16, 5, 12; bt Antal/Jaquet 13, 12, 18; bt Michalek/Gomolla —19, 20, 8, 18; bt Gab/Muller 19, —19, 19, 17. Final: Lost to Scholer/Simon —19, —18, —19.

JEAN DROPPED

JEAN HARROWER, England's No. 2 woman player, will not be considered for international matches for the time being.

Selectors made this clear when they dropped her from the "Top Ten" trials which are being used for selection of players for the Scandinavian Open in Stockholm on November 25-28 and the Quadrangular home international with Ireland, Scotland and Wales in Glasgow on December 1-2.

This action follows incidents in the World's Championships in Peking last April when the 18-year-old Miss Harrower was alleged to have kicked Diane Rowe and had a brush with team captain Ron Crayden.

Geoff Harrower, father of Jean, when asked about the matter said "As I did not go to the World's championships and no one has spoken to me about any incident that may have occurred I am not in a position to comment, but naturally selectors have a perfect right to take any action they feel fit."

Absence from the "Top Ten" does not mean Miss Harrower will automatically be omitted from the new ranking lists which are expected to follow.

PORTSMOUTH OPEN

SHEAD KEEPS TITLE

PPETER SHEAD, England's fourth ranking player, successfully retained his men's singles title in the Portsmouth Open on October 22. He was, however, given a long final struggle by the South African Derek Wall before winning 16-21, 21-18, 21-16.

Fighting back for the loss of the opening game it became a defensive tussle with the second game taking 15 seconds short of the 15 minutes time limit. Shead proved just the little steadier in the decider.

Shead beat K. Baker of Surrey in the semi-final, Baker having earlier beaten the seeded Tony Condon in the third round. Wall who beat the seeded Les Sawyer in the second round, claimed G. Golding, of Essex, as his semi-final victim.

Mrs. Ivy Sawyer was more fortunate than her husband for she went through to win the women's singles and doubles with Mrs. Sheila Foster.

In the singles final Mrs. Sawyer proved just too strong for Pauline Holes, but it was touch and go in the first game before she won 22-20, 21-11.

Pauline had a great run beating Gwen Robinson, the second seed, in the second round, and Mrs. Anne Woodford (4th seed) in the semi-final. Her sister, Christine, lost to Mrs. Foster in the third round, but the twins went through to the doubles final where they narrowly lost the title they won last year to Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Foster, with the scores 22-20, 19-21, 21-19. This was a reversal of last year's final.

Big Upset

The big upset of the men's doubles was the third round defeat of top seeds Shead and Sawyer to G. Whalley and K. Barrett, who were in turn beaten by D. Lowe and Wall.

The title eventually went to the scratch pair of Condon and Lou Hoffman, who beat Wall and Lowe in the semi-final then Henderson and Midgley in the final.

Vic Ireland and Gwen Robinson came through from an unseeded position to win the mixed doubles, beating the second seeds Henderson and Mrs. Foster in the final, after a semi-final win over Ray Dorking and Mrs. Ronaldson who had defeated husband and wife top seed partnership of Les and Ivy Sawyer in the fourth round.

RESULTS

Men's Singles. Semi-Finals: P. SHEAD (Sussex) bt K. Baker (Surrey) 21-12, 21-14; D. WALL (S. Africa) bt G. Golding (Essex) 21-12, 17-21, 21-15.
Final: SHEAD bt Wall 16-21, 21-18, 21-16.

Women's Singles. Semi-Finals: Mrs. I. SAWYER (Essex) bt Mrs. S. Foster (Hants) 21-19, 21-14. P. HOLES (Hants) bt Mrs. A. Woodford (Sussex) 21-13, 18-21, 21-13.
Final: SAWYER bt Holes 22-20, 21-11.

Men's Doubles. Semi-Finals: A. CONDON/L. HOFFMAN (Essex) bt D. Lowe (Middx.)/Wall 21-12, 11-21, 21-13. R. HENDERSON/B. MIDDLEY (Hants) bt R. Ingerson/B. Bridgett (Devon) 21-13, 21-13.
Final: CONDON/HOFFMAN bt Henderson/Midgley 21-19, 21-16.

Women's Doubles. Semi-Finals: C. HOLES/P. HOLES bt G. Robinson (Herts)/C. Southern (Berks) 21-15, 21-8. FOSTER/SAWYER bt Mrs. D. Gray/Mrs. R. Ronaldson (Hants) 22-20, 21-13.
Final: FOSTER/SAWYER bt Holes/Holes 22-20, 19-21, 21-19.

Mixed Doubles. Semi-Finals: V. IRELAND (Surrey)/Miss ROBINSON bt R. Dorking (Essex)/Mrs. Ronaldson 21-5, 14-21, 21-14. HENDERSON/Mrs. FOSTER bt A. Cornish/Miss C. Carter (London) 21-15, 21-10.
Final: IRELAND/ROBINSON bt Henderson/Foster 21-16, 18-21, 21-16.

Junior Singles. Semi-Finals: B. BRADY (Glos.) bt S. Ogundipe (Sussex) 17-21, 21-13, 21-18. C. BARNES (Essex) bt R. McKewon (Surrey) 21-15, 21-18.
Final: BARNES bt Brady 21-14, 21-17.

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

by LAURIE LANDRY

Open again, the North of England Open at Manchester was successfully run by Les Jones and his committee. There was only praise from all those players who know what is involved in the running of a tournament. I think it will certainly rate higher than the 71 per cent. of last year.

It is proposed to have tournament ratings again this year. The tournament organisation will be split into five sections:

- (a) THE ACTUAL RUNNING OF THE TOURNAMENT.
- (b) OVERCOMING THE UMPIRE PROBLEM.
- (c) FACILITIES AND AVAILABILITY OF REFRESHMENTS.
- (d) THE BASIC CONDITIONS WITH REGARD TO THE VENUE.
- (e) THE PLAYING CONDITIONS, I.E. WHAT WAS MADE OF THE VENUE.

Last year practically all the final ratings were done by personal interviews. We would like as many people as possible to take part in the rating of tournaments so I would be pleased to receive, c/o this column, marks out of 100 for each of the five sections (a) to (e). It would be best if this were done soon after the tournament in question so that the details are not forgotten.

I have been asked by many people how I feel and how my leg is, following my accident. I sincerely thank everyone for their interest and will attempt to tell what I know of my present condition. A few of you may know that my right leg is now half an inch shorter than the left, and although I have a limp I am told my spine will eventually compensate for this difference. Meanwhile I must concentrate on not limping.

According to experts, limping becomes a habit and it will also prevent the spine from pushing down towards the right and setting with the pelvis at an angle. I must evidently not expect anything in the way of results until well into the new year.

I plan to enter most of the usual tournaments but have asked to be withdrawn from the ranking list so that I will not be seeded until I deserve to be.

Finally to anyone who finds himself in opposition to me, please play full out because otherwise it will mean nothing to me and even less to you.



Picture on the left shows Ernie Bysough (captain), John Brown, and Bob McCree, the Regent Oil Company team, who in their first competitive season won the Hays Wharf Cup as Third Division champions of the London Business Houses League.

They won all 16 of their league matches with an aggregate of 140 games to ten.

McCree, whose wife Jean is England's No. 3, was unbeaten in all league and cup games.

He played No. 1 for the London Business Houses League.

NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN

by LAURIE LANDRY

Clayton Justifies Ranking

LANCASHIRE'S Jack Clayton justified his No. 7 national ranking when he won the men's singles in the North of England Open at Manchester on October 12-14. He went through dropping only two games in the tournament, to Vin Hankey and to Hungarian George Muranyi in the semi-final.

In the final he gained a sweeping victory over Michael Creamer, elder brother of David Creamer, England's No. 9, by 21-4, 21-13.

It was Creamer's first open final and he played

extremely well to provide the upset of the tournament by beating Joe Somogyi in the semi-final.

Clayton was hard pressed in getting to the "quarters" having had a thrilling battle with Hankey before winning at 18 in the third. Earlier Clayton had accounted for Brian Wright, the East of England winner, in straight sets, his chop being a telling factor as it was in the final against Creamer.

DIANE ROWE, making a rare appearance in Manchester, walked away with the women's singles with a 21-12, 21-9 finals win over Mary Shannon. She then went on to take the triple crown by winning the women's doubles with JILL MILLS and the mixed with LAJOS KEREKES.

In the semi-finals Miss Rowe beat Pam Mortimer, while Miss Shannon accounted for Mrs. Mills, who had earlier disposed of Jean Harrower, England's No. 2.

The men's doubles produced unexpected finalists with Derek Wall (South Africa) and Warren Evans (New Zealand) beating Mike Ellis (Kent) and Graham Whalley (Sussex) 15-21, 21-15, 21-12. It was a little patchy, but had some fine rallies.

Ellis and Whalley came through the semi-final against the ever improving Lancashire pair R. Crusham and K. Forshaw, who had previously disposed of the seeded Terry Densham and Creamer. Wall and Evans beat Dyson and Pitts and also Somogyi and Muranyi while the holders Clayton and Schofield fell to the youngsters Symonds and Walmsley.

Wright and Williams Again

Brian Wright and Judy Williams again showed the form that won them the mixed doubles in the East of England. They toppled the holders Landry and Margaret Fry and went on to reach the final with a win over Creamer and Alma Taft. But they met their match in the final where Kerekas and Miss Rowe carried just a little too much experience. Nevertheless Wright and Miss Williams held on to 19 in both games.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: J. CLAYTON (Lancashire) bt G. Muranyi (Surrey) 16-21 21-12, 21-9; M. CREAMER (Middlesex) bt J. Somogyi (Surrey) 21-17, 2-21, 21-14.

Final: CLAYTON bt Creamer 21-4, 21-13.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. ROWE (Middlesex) bt P. Mortimer (Warwickshire) 21-10, 21-19; M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt J. Mills (Middlesex) 21-8, 9-21, 21-18.

Final: ROWE bt Shannon 21-12, 21-9.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: W. EVANS/D. WALL bt M. Symonds (Lancashire)/P. Walmsley (Cheshire) 21-12, 17-21, 21-10; M. ELLIS (Kent)/G. WHALLEY (Sussex) bt R. Crusham/K. Forshaw (Lancashire) 21-15, 21-13.

Final: EVANS/WALL bt Ellis/Whalley 15-21, 21-15, 21-12.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: ROWE/MILLS bt B. Broad (Staffordshire)/D. Schofield (Cheshire) 21-12, 17-21, 21-11; M. FRY (Middlesex)/D. WRIGHT (Cheshire) bt M. Leigh/W. Swift (Lancashire) 21-18, 21-19.

Final: ROWE/MILLS bt Fry/Wright 21-15, 21-16.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: L. KEREKES/Miss ROWE bt M. Billington (Warwickshire)/Miss L. Fitzgerald (Lancashire) 21-9, 21-14; B. WRIGHT (Middlesex)/Miss J. WILLIAMS (Hertfordshire) bt M. Creamer (Middlesex)/A. Taft (Hertfordshire) 21-18, 21-23, 21-13.

Final: KEREKES/ROWE bt Wright/Williams 21-19, 21-19.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: M. SYMONDS bt P. Dixon (Lancashire) 21-10, 21-15; R. MCKEOWN (Surrey) bt D. Neale (Durham) 21-15, 21-18.

Final: SYMONDS bt McKEOWN 18-21, 21-16, 21-15.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: L. PROUDLOCK (Yorkshire) bt P. Dainty (Yorkshire) 21-17, 21-12; J. HARRISON (Lancashire) w.o.

Final: PROUDLOCK bt Harrison 21-11, 21-8.

YORKSHIRE JUNIOR OPEN

Chester Starts the Winning Trail

By MALCOLM HARTLEY

CCHESTER BARNES, the cute crew-cut kid from Forest Gate, laid full plans for the season early. This 14-year-old protégé of Harry Venner—"I play seven nights a week"—is entering 18 tournaments, the furthest involving an 830-mile round trip to Largs for the Scottish championships.



CHESTER BARNES

With such keenness his second tournament, the Yorkshire Junior Open at Bradford, was roses, roses all the way.

Wielding his sponge bat with telling effect he played unbeatable table tennis to take three titles.

Lesley Bell won four, an oddity being that she met Beverley Sayer in the final of both senior and junior girls' events.

With a poor local entry the strong contingent from the South swept the board with

ease. Eric Hall and Lesley Proudlock were the only "home" players to reach a final but they were no match for the devastating Barnes-Bell combination.

The Essex competitors took part in a junior friendly match against Yorkshire the following day at Sheffield and were beaten 9-6.

RESULTS

Under 17's Boys' Singles Semi-Finals: C. BARNES (Essex) bt R. McKeown (Surrey) 21-14, 22-20. D. NEALE (Durham) bt G. R. French (Kent) 21-18, 21-8.

FINAL: BARNES bt Neale 21-12, 21-3.

Girls' Singles Final: L. BELL (Essex) bt B. Sayer (Essex) 18-21, 21-12, 21-8.

Boys' doubles Final: B. HILL (Lincolnshire)/L. GILES (Middlesex) bt Neale/M. Symonds (Lancashire) 21-13, 16-21, 21-16.

Girls' Doubles Final: BELL/P. MARTIN (Essex) bt B. and G. Sayer 21-18, 21-12.

Mixed Doubles Final: BARNES/BELL bt E. Hall/L. Proudlock (Yorkshire) 21-10, 21-14.

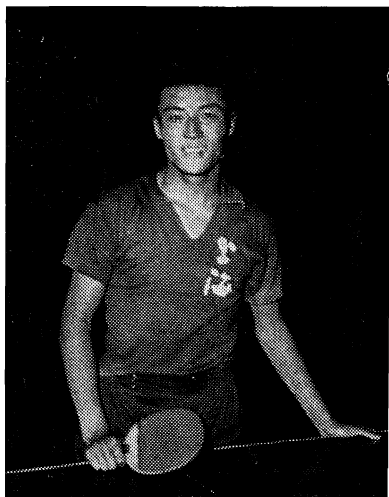
Under 15's. Boys' Singles Final: BARNES bt A. Robinson (Middlesex) 21-14, 21-14.

Girls' Singles Final: BELL bt B. Sayer 21-14, 21-14.

World Champion Beaten

LI FU-JUNG, runner-up in the world championships, scored a triple success in the Chinese closed championships at the end of September. He beat Hsu Yin-sheng in the singles final then carried off the men's doubles with world champion Chuang Tse-tung, and the mixed with Han Yu-cheng.

Chuang was surprisingly beaten 19, 18, 10 by Hsu in the semi-final, after having beaten him earlier in the team event. Hsu, like Chuang a continuous hitter, played a more subtle tactical game in the semi-final.



LI FU-JUNG

Hsu won the first game of the final at 21-18, but Li then got his measure and took the next three games at 19, 17, 20.

World champion Chui Chung-hui won the women's singles beating Lin Hui-ching —14, 20, 11, 19, then partnered Han Yu-cheng to win the women's doubles.

It was noteworthy that, except in the men's singles, all finals were contested between penholder and lawn tennis grip opponents.

FINAL RESULTS

Men's Singles: **LI FU-JUNG** bt Hsu Yin-sheng 18-21, 21-19, 21-17, 22-20.
 Women's Singles: **CHIU CHUNG-HUI** bt Lin Hui-ching 14-21, 22-20, 21-11, 21-19.
 Men's Doubles: **CHUANG TSE-TUNG/ LI FU-JUNG** bt Chang Hsieh-lin/Su Kuo-hsi 21-19, 21-15, 21-18.
 Women's Doubles: **CHIU CHUNG-HUI/HAN YU-CHENG** bt Cheng Ming-chin/Lin Hsi-Meng 21-18, 21-18, 21-11.
 Mixed Doubles: **LI FU-JUNG/HAN YU-CHENG** bt Su Kuo-hsi/Hsiao Chieh-wen 21-12, 19-12, 21-8, 21-15.

FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

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

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
8-12	YUGOSLAVIAN OPEN Novi Sad.		
10-11	Meresyside Open Dunlop Rubber Co. Canteen, Speke, Liverpool 24.	J.B.S. J.G.S. V.S.	Miss M. Lindner, Fat DI, Eaton Close, Eaton Road, Liverpool 12.
18	Birmingham Open Friends Institute, 220, Moseley Road, Birmingham, 12.	J.B.S. J.G.S. V.S. I.M.	M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham, 12.
19	Bournemouth Open (A) (Nov. 4) Drill Hall, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth.	J.S.	C. B. Cashell, 16, Victoria Avenue, Winton, Bournemouth.
25	Yorkshire Open (Nov. 14) Railway Institute, York.	V.S.	K. Milner, 44, Ederoyd Crescent, Stanningley, Pudsey, Yorks.
26	Hastings Tigers Invitation St. Leonards.		
25-28	SCANDINAVIAN OPEN Stockham.		
Dec. 1-2	Quadrangular International (England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland), Glasgow.		
2-3	Newbury Open (Nov. 11) Corn Exchange, Newbury, Berks.	J.B.S.	A. A. J. Mosson, 29, Croft Road, Newbury, Berks.
16-17	Middlesex Open (Nov. 30) Hanwell Community Centre, Westcott Crescent, Hanwell, London W.7.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	G. James, 19, St. Ann's Villas, Kensington, W.1.
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Jan. 16	ENGLISH CLOSED Manor Place Baths, Walworth, London, S.E.17.		
12-13	WELSH OPEN Cardiff.		
13	Lancashire Open (Jan 3) De Havilland Aircraft Co. Lostock, Bolton, Lancas	J.B.S. J.G.S. V.S.	A. Howcroft, 94, Bradford Street, Farnworth, Bolton, Lancas.
20	Bath Open (Jan. 8) Drill Hall and St. Peters Hall, Lower Bristol Road, Bath.	J.B.S.	J. A. Butcher, 1, South View Road, Bath.
20	Pontefract Open (A) Assembly Rooms and Town Hall, Pontefract.	Y.S. V.S.	T. Horrocks, 4 Bondgate, Pontefract, Yorks.
Jan. 27	Gloucester Junior Open Gloucester.		
27	Hartlepool Open (A) Hartlepool Trading Centre Canteen, West Hartlepool.	J.B.S.	S. Parker, 12, Stirling Street, West Hartlepool.
27-28	Kent Open Marine Pavilion, Folkestone, Kent.	Y.S.B. Y.S.G.	F. G. Mannooch, 216, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
Jan. 28	West of Scotland Open Headquarters Club, 21, Taylor Street, Glasgow C.4.	J.S.	Gwillian Brown, 2 up, 126, Adamwell Street, Glasgow, N.1.
Feb. 3	South Yorks. Open (Jan. 27) Somme Barracks, West Street, Sheffield, Yorks.	J.S.B.	A. Heed, 1, Poplar Avenue, Beighton, Nr. Sheffield, Yorks,
4	Hythe Invitation Hythe, Kent.		
10	Midland Open (Jan. 31) Friends Institute, 220, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.	J.S.B. J.S.G. V.S.	M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.
10-12	FRENCH OPEN		

LANCS. and CHESHIREby **GEORGE R. YATES****Stand-In's Treble for Manchester**

WHEN Greek meets Greek the ensuing battle is sure to be something and so it proved in the inter-city match between Liverpool and Manchester when sponge specialist Jack Clayton clashed with his Merseyside counterpart R. E. Gunnion. The Lancashire county man went down to the Liverpool champion 18-21, 21-14, 20-22, but the Mancunians returned home 7-3 winners thanks to a treble by Kevin Forshaw stand-in for Russian tourist Jeff Ingber.

Ron Allcock too was an absentee from this opening Lancashire and Cheshire

League fixture, his replacement being R. Crusham who almost lived up to his name beating Arthur Taylor and Norman Jones, losing only to Gunnion —19 in a third game decider. Champions Manchester dropped only three sets in

**JACK CLAYTON**

CRAWLEY— NEW TOWNS CHAMPIONS

THE development of table tennis in the New Towns was fully emphasised by the New Towns Inter-league competition held at Stevenage on September 24 and won by Crawley.

Mixed teams, representing Basildon, Bracknell, Crawley, Harlow, Hemel Hempstead, Stevenage, and Welwyn Garden City/Hatfield, took part, each playing four matches determined by draw.

There could hardly have been a closer finish for the final result depended on the last match with Crawley needing only to draw with Harlow to become first holder of the magnificent trophy provided by the founder leagues.

And a draw at 5-5 it turned out to be, leaving Crawley winners with seven points followed by Harlow 6, Basildon 5, Welwyn G. C./Hatfield 4, Stevenage 4, Bracknell 2 and Hemel Hempstead 0.

Harlow had earlier been held to a draw by Stevenage.

Crawley, whose side included international Peter Shead, had been favourites from the start.

The complete results were: W.G.C./Hatfield 8, Basildon 2; Stevenage 9 H. Hempstead 1; Crawley 9 Bracknell 1; Stevenage 5, Basildon 5; W.G.C./Hatfield 10, H. Hempstead 0; Harlow 9, Bracknell 1; Basildon 10 Bracknell 0; Harlow 6, W.G.C./Hatfield 4; Crawley 6, Stevenage 4; Bracknell 7, H. Hempstead 3; Crawley 5, Harlow 5.

Next year's competition will be held at Crawley and officials have decided that the test will be cut from ten to seven games to enable all the league to play each other.

team can feel the hot breath of the forementioned challengers, together with that of Manchester's Derek Cartwright, at their backs.

Preston can look forward to better times and an ascent from Division 3C with the aid of Fred Kershaw former Essex county man and latterly with Burnley. Mrs. Kershaw, too, (née Ivy Haney) will give the newly entered Preston Ladies a tremendous boost.

Too good for Division 2 yet not good enough for the Premier has been the lot of Cheshire for some seasons now. With the surprise registration of Eric Johnson, despite his vocational move to Leeds, Durham were seen off 7-3 and a return bid to the top flight is again under way.

Lancashire have a debutant for the Roses match in Moya Jones of Liverpool but her initiation is likely to be viewed with trepidation, her opponent being Kathie Best.

Mike Symonds is again available for junior selection taking over the No. 1 position vacated by Farnworth. Joining him will be Burnley's Brian Marsden with J. W. Cook of Blackpool ready and willing to oust either. Maureen Bland of Ashton will vie with Bolton's Jean Harrison for the girls' spot.

New faces will also be evident in the Cheshire junior side, J. Cregan of Stockport teaming up with D. Woodward of the Mid-Cheshire League, Jacqueline Smith of the Wirral retaining her position.

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOTS

WHEN this magazine is published the season in Staffordshire will have passed through its most hectic month, for in October we had one County 'A' team match, two 'B' team matches and two Junior games. No specific trials have been held this year.

Focal point so far has been the spontaneous outburst from older players who do not agree with our "youth-at-the-helm" policy. Nevertheless, it is the general view amongst town representatives that the younger players must be well blooded and older players must therefore give way, perhaps reluctantly, to players who may emulate their past fine performances in the future.

Mac Evans

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