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THE WAY AHEAD

WHY is it that England has not produced a world champion for over seven years? Are our coaching methods out of date? Do players need more coaching? Do they need less? Where have the spectators gone? Is our match presentation poor? Is our publicity bad? Should we have less tournaments? Should we have more?

These, and many others, are the questions the National Executive Committee has been asking itself again and again during recent months. What is needed to revitalise and develop table tennis in England? Concerned to find the answer, the N.E.C. has decided to set up a Development Commission to investigate the possibilities for the future. Its terms of reference will be:

"To examine the factors affecting the development of table tennis in England, including play and players, organisation at all levels and public presentation and to make recommendations to the National Executive Committee as to any practical measures which should be taken by the English Table Tennis Association for the betterment of the game".

The Members

The following have accepted invitations to be members of the Commission: —

MR. E. G. WHITE (Chairman), MR. VICTOR BARN, REVEREND S. A. GOOSE, MR. BILL HICKS, MR. C. KICHENSIDE, MR. JOHNNY LEACH, HON. IVOR MONTAGU, MR. PHILIP MULCAHY, MR. D. W. POUPARD, MR. KEN WHEELER, MR. PETER WILSON together with MR. T. BLUNN, MR. I. EYLES, MR. G. JAMES, MR. L. LANDRY, MR. A. K. VINT, representing the N.E.C. as ex officio members. MR. PETER LOWEN, Secretary of the E.T.T.A. will act as Secretary of the Commission.

The members need little introduction. The choice of those invited has been made deliberately to include a majority who are not directly associated with day to day administration of the game.

The choice of Chairman is shrewd and wise. George White, a civil servant, has been one of the game's ablest administrators. Recently made a Life Member of the E.T.T.A., he is President of the London Civil Service League of which he has been an officer for 25 years. He is a former member of the N.E.C., has been referee of many English "Open," was a founder member of the National Umpires' Committee and at one time editor of TABLE TENNIS.

The other members of the Commission come from many walks of life and include members of the Press, players, coaches, writers, a Youth Club organiser, the table tennis retail trade and the Association's President.

Here surely is a galaxy of experience and ability, of enquiring and analytical minds, admirably fitted to undertake this important task.

Important as the setting up of this inquiry may be, it is only a part of the N.E.C.'s plan to put table tennis in the forefront of English sport. Not long ago the E.T.T.A. appointed its first National Coach, grant-aided by the Ministry of Education, and since then a successful application has been made to the King George VI Jubilee Trust Fund for a grant to assist with the advancement of junior players. Reports from both schemes indicate that the money is being well spent and that worthwhile results will be achieved.

Europeans for England

When can the N.E.C. expect to see its plans come to fruition? The answer may be found in the announcement, as we go to press, that the E.T.T.A. has decided to exercise its option on the European Championships and to stage them in this country for the first time in 1964. Here indeed, is a bold decision. It is an indication of the mood of the administrators.

The way ahead presents a challenge: this is their answer.

OFFICIAL NEWS

Annual General Meeting.—The Annual General Meeting of the Association took place at the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, on June 24, 1961, with 21 County Associations and 70 Leagues being represented.

The results of the ballot for the election of officers and members of the National Executive Committee for 1961/62 were as follows :

Officers :

Chairman: A. K. VINT, O.B.E., Unopposed.

Deputy Chairman: I. C. EYLES, Unopposed.

Hon. Treasurer: T. BLUNN, Unopposed.

National Executive Committee on the Regional Basis:

Region 1, E. REAY. Unopposed.

Region 2, J. SENESCALL, 13, elected.
N. Rushton 5, not elected.

Region 3, N. COOK. Unopposed.

Region 4, L. W. JONES. Unopposed.

Region 5, M. E. SCOTT 17, elected.
I. R. Crickmer 10, not elected.

Region 6, M. GOLDSTEIN. Unopposed.

Region 7, H. WALKER. Unopposed.

Region 8, L. THOMPSON, 12, elected.
L. S. Woollard 9, not elected.

Region 9, G. JAMES. Unopposed.

Region 10, C. J. CLEMENT. Unopposed.

Region 11, R. J. NICHOLLS. Unopposed.

Region 12, F. G. MANNOCH. Unopposed.

National Executive on a National Basis :

Two Members. Elected: F. H. BATEMAN 84, L. F. LANDRY 66. Not elected: G. R. Yates 49, K. Watts 44, S. R. Hoddy 38, G. A. Owen 35, A. Howcroft 34, W. Mitton 33, G. Eagle 21.

One Woman Member. Elected: Miss M. FRY 142. Not elected Miss K. M. Benson 49, Mrs. F. Jarvis 11.

The HON. I. G. S. MONTAGU was re-elected President of the Association.

The Vice-Presidents of the Association were re-elected with the addition of Mr. K. MACKENZIE and Mr. D. S. PURR have been associated with the Game for a great number of years from the Manufacturers point of view, during which time they have both been of great help to the Association.

Two further members were added to the list of Hon. Life Members of the Association: E. G. WHITE (London Civil Service) and L. S. WOOLLARD (Bedford). This honour is bestowed on E.T.T.A. members for their past services to the game and the Association.

Messrs. Spain Bros., Chartered Ac-

countants, were re-elected as the Auditors of the Association.

Many matters of interest were discussed at the Annual General Meeting not the least of which was the question of the new basis of affiliation as proposed by the National Executive Committee. Other alternative proposals were also discussed, but, all were lost when put to a vote and the meeting decided to carry on for a further year with the E.T.T.A. Members' Levy. For the benefit of our members the Rule dealing with this item is Rule 6 (e) and this reads as follows :—

MEMBERS' LEVY. *A levy of 6d. per member for all members registered with or in membership with a League shall be paid in accordance with Rule 7 but the*

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Levy due from members registering with or becoming members of a League after October 31 shall be paid to the Secretary of the Association by the following March 31. The following conditions to apply :—

- (i) *The levy shall be collected from each League regardless of a member being in membership with more than one League.*
- (ii) *The levy not to apply to members playing only for Youth Clubs or Schools Clubs in Youth or Schools Leagues.*
- (iii) *For the purpose of definition the word 'member,' this to mean any member taking part in any League or Tournament competition under the auspices of a League.*
- (iv) *In the event of a League not registering individual*

members the calculation of the levy shall be based on the number of teams competing in the League multiplied by the normal number of players in a team plus two players for each Club.

From the point of view of League Treasurers, this means that the affiliation fees payable to the Association are based on exactly the same lines as for the 1960/61 season.

The question of the fee payable by Directly Affiliated Clubs and Individuals was also discussed, and it was agreed to increase these fees to £1 1s. per year.

Consideration was given to the matter of 'E.T.T.A. Representatives' who up until the 1960/61 season had been the persons nominated by Counties and Leagues to undertake the voting at the Annual elections of the E.T.T.A. It was agreed that the position of "E.T.T.A. Representative" should be deleted from the Rules and that in future the County or League Secretaries should be made the responsible persons to deal with this aspect of the Association's work.

A new rule was agreed whereby County Associations now have a vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, when block voting takes place. This was a new departure and acknowledged the fact that County Associations should have the right to a vote at future Annual General Meetings of the Association.

A further new rule was introduced into the Constitution which dealt with the question of certain Leagues which do not affiliate to County Associations. The following rule was passed by the meeting :—

Rule 21 (a). (vi).

In any case where the National Executive Committee may decide that a League shall not be obliged to affiliate to a County Association, either (a) because no County Association exists in the County concerned or (b) because membership of the Leagues concerned is spread over more than one County, an additional fee equal to 2/- per Club in membership with the said League shall be paid to the E.T.T.A. Money so received in case (a) shall be passed to the appropriate County Association if one be formed during the year to which payment relates, but shall otherwise become ordinary E.T.T.A. income. Money so received in cases (b) shall be divided in such a manner as the National Executive Committee may decide between the County Associations in whose areas the League concerned operates.

Rebates to Counties were also con-

sidered by the meeting and it was agreed that a new basis be operated for the 1961/62 season. The details are as follows:—

- (i) 6d. per team in respect of Youth and Schools Leagues affiliated to the County Body.
- (ii) 1/6 per team in respect of all other Leagues affiliated to the County Body.
- (iii) 1/- for each directly affiliated club affiliated to the County Body.

Two meetings of the National Executive Committee have taken place since the Annual General Meeting. Among the various appointments made were:—

Hon. Press Officer of the Association and Liaison Officer of the Official Magazine TABLE TENNIS: MR. N. K. REEVE.

Sub Committees—National Selection Committee (Senior). I. C. EYLES (Chairman), Miss M. FRY, R. L. CRAYDON (Captain), L. G. ADAMS, A. W. C. SIMONS with D. PETER LOWEN (Secretary).

National Selection Committee (Junior). E. REAY (Chairman), N. COOK (Hon. Secretary), Miss M. FRY, F. B. BRUMWELL (Captain), L. F. LANDRY and A. THOMPSON.

The National Executive Committee have also decided to set up a Development Commission, details of which can be found in the Editorial of this edition of the Magazine.

It was also agreed that the E.T.T.A. should take up the option it was given by the European Table Tennis Union to organise the European Championships in England in the 1963/64 season. Negotiations are still taking place and further details will be included in the next issue of the Magazine.

The following balls were given the Association's official approval for the 1961/62 season:—

Barna 3 Crown and 2 Crown.

Halex 3 Star and 2 Star.

Haydon 'Tema' 3 Star and 2 Star.

Villa XXX and XX.

The Victor Barna Award for the

1960/61 season has been made to BRYAN MERRETT for his outstanding effort on behalf of the England team in the Swaythling Cup Competition matches in Peking, China, whilst suffering acute physical discomfort.

Team Selections:

E.T.T.A. Tour of the U.S.S.R. October 6—14, 1961. I. HARRISON (Glos.), J. INGBER (Lancs.), S. JACOBSON (Middx.). Non-playing Captain, L. G. ADAMS (Middx.).

International Match v. Poland, Warsaw, October 15, 1961. I. HARRISON (Glos.), J. INGBER (Lancs.), S. JACOBSON (Middx.). Non-playing Captain, L. G. ADAMS (Middx.).

Netherlands Open Championships—Amsterdam, October 7 and 8, 1961. B. MERRETT (Glos.), Miss DIANE ROWE (Middx.), Non-playing Captain—R. J. CRAYDEN (Surrey).

IMPORTANT

A communication has been received from the International Table Tennis Federation dealing with discussions which took place at the I.T.T.F. Congress held in Peking, China. The details are as follows:—

Open Tournaments: The question of the 'Pushing Play' Regulation was considered and amended. The I.T.T.F. have agreed to experiment for the coming season with the following regulation and have asked for the Association's views on this experiment at their Advisory Committee meeting to be held in 1962. Therefore for all OPEN TOURNAMENTS for the coming season the following experimental regulation will apply regarding 'PUSHING PLAY':

"If a game be unfinished fifteen minutes after its commencement, the Umpire (or Timekeeper if one be officiating) shall cause the game to be interrupted by declaration of a 'let' and the players shall be notified before the next service that the game in progress will proceed under the following rule:—

The player shall be permitted to hit the ball 12 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 Server for the point interrupted shall serve for the first point after the interruption, and thereafter the service shall alternate after each point whilst this rule is in force.

Where, in a match, this rule has been applied in one game it shall be applied ten minutes after the commencement in each of the subsequent games of the match.

Counting shall be carried out by an official other than the umpire (by the timekeeper if one be officiating)."

Rackets. The question of the colour and the reflecting surfaces of certain rackets was considered. The I.T.T.F. therefore made the following announcement regarding this matter:

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

"It's surface shall be dark coloured and non-reflecting."

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

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

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

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

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

In view of the above, all Tournament Referees are asked to enforce rigidly Law 4 in its entirety during the coming season.

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NINE AND A HALF HOURS TO LIVE

by BRYAN CUTRESS

THE doctors shook their heads gravely as the patient was carried, unconscious, into the hospital.

After careful examination his injuries were noted: three fractures of the skull, a broken pelvis, a broken right leg (a clean break, tibia and fibula) and a broken shoulder blade.

So Laurie Landry, an English international, was judged to have a life expectancy of just nine and a half hours.

But the doctors had reckoned without Landry's fighting determination which has taken him through so many tough table tennis battles.

Ten days later he woke from his unconscious sleep and immediately began his fight for fitness.

After long treatment in Hillingdon Hospital he was transferred to Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre and in only three months he was playing table tennis again in the East of England Open Doubles—despite having plaster right up to his knee.

It was on Sunday, May 7, that Landry had his accident. He was on his way to South Wales with his brother, Harold, who was buying a cottage there. Also in the van were Harold's son, four-year-old Paul, and friend, Roger Dunkley, an international 3,000 metres steeplechaser.

Near Gerrards Cross on the A.4, they pulled into a lay-by to ensure that the furniture in the back of the van was still secure.

No sooner had they stopped than Paul suddenly dashed out into the road.

"I rushed after him," explained Landry, "and caught him at about the middle. I then decided to come back rather than continue across because there was traffic rushing by the other side."

This proved an unfortunate decision because on the way back Landry was hit by a Mercedes Benz, crashed through the windscreen and was carried for 40 yards.

Paul was thrown onto the grass

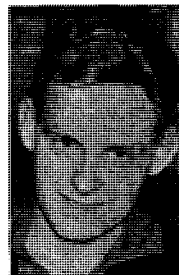
verge breaking his right leg and cracking his skull which kept him in hospital for two weeks.

Now, fortunately, the Landrys are making rapid progress. "This is largely due, said Laurie, "to the wonderful way we were looked after at Hillingdon Hospital."

Let's hope we see Laurie completely fit and getting around all the tournaments again before the end of the year.

Geoff Pullar, England's opening batsman, was married to Miss Pat Downs at Altrincham Register Office on September 9. England fast bowler Brian Statham was best man.

Pullar's first step to international fame was as a table tennis player. He won two England junior badges in 1953 and was a leading Lancashire County player until test cricket took him away last season.



Laurie Landry



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THE MATCH I REMEMBER

Relegation . . . A Point Away

by Brian Kennedy

(as told to Malcolm Huntly)



BRIAN KENNEDY

OXFORD PLAN TOURNAMENT

OXFORDSHIRE, winners of the Midland Division last season, look forward to an attractive and interesting programme in the Second Division (Midland) and hope for greater support.

Their programme consists of four matches, at home to Glamorgan (October 7); away to Staffordshire (October 21); away to Bedfordshire (December 9) and at home to Worcestershire (January 13).

Selectors are in the happy position of being able to choose from at least five men, including 17-year-old Evan Lloyd of Oxford Y.M.C.A., who played a large part in forcing the draw with Nottingham, which earned promotion last season.

Last Season

Stanley Hahn (E.O.C.C.), now 16, lines up for his last season in the junior side which faces a busy programme in the Midland Junior Division with home and away fixtures with Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Gloucestershire.

Hahn shared top place with Lloyd (now a senior) in the Midland Junior averages last season with seven wins from eight games.

Oxfordshire plan their first ever invitation Tournament for early November—possibly November 5. Entries will be invited from Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, Banbury, Didcot, Henley, High Wycombe, Maidenhead, Newbury, Oxford University, Oxford and District, and Witney.

The Inter-Towns League will again be in operation and plans are afoot for a separate competition for women's teams.

Dennis E. Thompson

THE tension was terrible. The set was vital. The next point was critical—honestly, I felt sick.

Manchester Y.M.C.A. was crammed to the doors with hundreds of breathless fans. No Roses match was ever more thrilling or more vital.

Yorkshire were bottom and needed to win to stay in the Premier Division. A draw was no good. And if we won . . . it was Lancashire who went down!

We led 5-4 when I went on to face Ken Stanley in the final set. He won the first, I took the second. In the third game the tension mounted. . . .

Ken led 20-19 and the next point could give him victory and Lancashire safety.

With all that in the balance I hit the shot of a lifetime.

There was a ball near the middle, very near the net and not very high. Afterwards you wonder why you do hit them like that. Anyway, I really let go at it and it went like a bomb straight down the middle—a winner all the way. There was a look of real horror on Ken Stanley's face!

That was deuce and I went on to win the next two points to keep Yorkshire up.

Carried Off

There was uproar at the finish. Several hundred spectators, many of them from across the Pennines, were cheering wildly as I was carried shoulder-high off the arena.

I've played in a lot of matches but the atmosphere in the last few minutes of that Roses match in 1952 was as electric as any world championship in which I have played.

Perhaps there is a lesson in that memorable shot. You have to anticipate an opening and when it does arrive regardless of the score take it and not wait for something better. If an opening is good enough to take at 5-0 it should be good enough at 19-20 because it's just as important you should win the point at 5-0.

Three other sets stand out in my memory.

One was my win over the seeded Sido in the 1957 world championships. I was not given a chance but

I defended nearly all the time with occasional hits and got home 21-11 in the fifth.

Another was when I played Aubrey Simons in the English Open semi-final of 1950. I won 26-24 in the decider and was the first English-born finalist for many years. But Alex Ehrlich took the title that year.

Lastly there was a remarkable match against Ogimura in the semi-final of the Open in 1957.

I won the second game 29-27 and in the third he got nine serves out of ten at me.

He served five, I served one, and then he fell over the surrounds. After that he served four more and in the general turmoil neither I nor the umpire realised it until someone told us later.

With a serve like his it is like giving points away. I don't say that mistake cost me the set, but it might have done.

I am not playing at all now. Towards the end of 1959 I opened a snack bar in Leeds and last year I also took over the Town Hall Café at Morley, a town five miles from Leeds.

So I no longer have the time for the constant practice which is essential to stay in the top grade. But I still enjoy going along to county matches and the local championships.

CAMBS. COACHING PAYS OFF

THE Cambs. Coaching Scheme, which has produced many keen and promising youngsters, has encouraged the county to enter a team in the Junior Division of the National County Championships.

This is the first time in several years that Cambs, has been represented in the Junior Division and it is hoped that competition against other counties will lead to a general improvement of standards.

With the help of John Cornwell, who is now fully fit, and John Thurston, the Senior side are hoping to do much better this season in the Southern Division.

Only worry is the availability of Keith Chapman. He is in the R.A.F. but it is hoped that he will be able to play for the county in one or two matches.

The Cambs. Closed Championships will take place from March 19 to 23.

Leslie Constable.

THE LATE P. E. WARDEN**THE PORTRAIT OF A VETERAN**

by IVOR MONTAGU

THE E.T.T.A. has lost its eldest Vice-President—Mr. P. E. Warden died on July 11, 1961, aged 90.

Thus passes one of the few links with the remote, original past. Mr. Warden had played Table Tennis in the early days of the Ping-Pong boom at the turn of the century, before the blank gap of twenty years that preceded the revival of the sport by Messrs. A. F. Carris, Percival Bromfield and J. J. Payne—now, alas, all also departed—soon after the First World War.

I knew him very well 40 years ago. I first met him when, at the mature age of 17, a Cambridge freshman, I was pitchforked (the "fall guy") into the chair of the newly-formed Ping-Pong Association and then the T.T.A. I used to come up to London sometimes and hang about the old All-England club first a café in the Strand and then at St. Brides.

P. E. Warden—we never spoke or thought of him without his initials and even now I do not know his first name—used to come along and one of the favourite joys of club nights, as it equally became a star-piece in our missionary exhibition runs around the counties as "All-England," was the combat between Warden and Bromfield. I use the word "combat" advisedly, for nothing else could describe it. There was a strong element of wit and mischief in P. E. Warden.

Bromfield was the great hero, a really fine and classic player. He used the then somewhat novelty since become orthodox, pimped rubber. His game was powerful topspin attack, forehand and backhand, with a sidespin—particularly from the backhand flick, a stroke of which he was the inventor—which sent the ball shooting away (just as did Barna's perfect one a generation later) and carried the defender right out of court. Mr. Warden delighted in frustrating him.

Their battles gave exactly the pleasure that more recent audiences have derived from Bergmann's sample "cutting-down to size" of various successive Ajaxes, bashers of mighty thews, all thunder and lightning.

Tiny, roly-poly, with rosy face and round close-cropped head surmounted by a white stubble, P. E. Warden would dart from side to side at long-range, floating the ball back from the

corners of a room from which all benches, chairs, coats, shoes, etc. had been specially and meticulously removed beforehand.

P. E. Warden's racket was small and extra thick. It was not sponge—that did not come until Messrs. Jaques sent me a sample to try in the 'thirties—but it had a precisely analogous tartical effect.

It was ordinary pimped rubber stuck over a thick layer of plush. With it, as with thick, soft sponge or soft sandwich he could absorb all the pace of the enemy, float the ball back with occasionally an extra sidetwist and, when opportunity occurred,



P. E. WARDEN

startle the opponent by darting forward and biffing the ball unexpectedly past him with a racket sometimes held, forehand or back hand, blade downward.

These tactics of P. E. Warden's play bore, as a matter of fact, a spit and image resemblance to those of the first Japanese World Champion, Satoh in Bombay thirty years later. P. E. Warden, however, used to run much more than Satoh.

Bromfield, like nearly all English players, could not drop, and I can see him now, as clearly as if it were yesterday, a big man streaming with sweat, as his tiny opponent, having been literally run all over the shop

and from pillar to post (bruised, no doubt on each of them), suddenly rushed up and put an end to one of their terrific encounters, with a neat but mighty swipe in this fashion, grinning all over his rounded, puckish face. Bromfield was a shy, well-mannered man and I never heard him swear, but if ever the sky was filled with silent blue it was on those occasions.

P. E. Warden, of course, was over 50 even then. To me, far less than half his age, he seemed desperately ancient, an effect heightened by his white stubble hair, white clipped moustache and globular build. Nevertheless he was good enough to become the first Civil Service Champion, in 1923-4. I never heard him say an ill word of anyone. He just enjoyed his game and got on with it. Nor was he "merely" a Table Tennis player. He was a real sportsman, and Lawn Tennis just as dear a love.

We used to play a lot of L.T. tournament doubles together, he the "veteran," I just out of my "junior" swaddling-clothes. He made me play doubles on just the same lines. We used to team up together every year at the beginning of the season when the London and nearby hard court tournaments are played (of course we could not play the same tricks on the faster surface of grass courts or wood) and run like hares around the back-stops, tossing lobs up over the heads of exasperated strong men seeking vainly to put the ball away on the powdery en-tout-cas.

Many's the time we must have had the criss-cross pattern of the wire stop-netting suddenly and painfully imprinted in our behinds. But it is surprising what success we attained. Three long advantage sets against a pair on the edge of the Davis Cup I remember well. Anyway, we got a tremendous amount of fun. And even afterwards P. E. Warden's face would wrinkle up, and his eyes shine and pucker, just at the thought of it. He was a gentle being, brim-packed with determination, but to him a game was a game.

In later years P. E. Warden became very ill and it was a hard trial to him. While he was still in his seventies we fetched him once or twice to Wembley World Championships, but later even this he could not manage.

He retired to a village not far from the Thames, had dizzy spells and was

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TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTSConducted by **LAURIE LANDRY****FITNESS PAYS**

MOST of England's leading players put in a lot of practice. They do not, however, pay sufficient attention to physical fitness.

While in hospital and at the Rehabilitation Centre I have come to realise the true importance of fitness.

People with quite minor injuries take a relatively longer time to recover if they are unfit. Yet to keep fit does not require much effort. About ten minutes a day of the correct exercises does the world of good.

I have always attempted to keep fit though I did not know how useful it would be at the time.

Shortly after I regained consciousness the doctor told me that it was undoubtedly my fitness that pulled me through.

Recovering from illness and injury is not the only way in which fitness pays. It is just as important when actually playing table tennis and can make all the difference in a tight match.

It builds up stamina, so essential in the likes of one-day events when you can be kept on the table

P. E. WARDEN—cont.

forced to give up cycling to the village shop. He became near-deaf and then found reading difficult. But some of us were still privileged to get letters.

He was not quite alone, for his is a long-lived family, many loved him and he was deeply proud of those who followed his generation. I was lucky enough to see him a few months ago. There was little strength in his body, yet in appearance he did not seem to have changed one iota from the same ancient but then energetic bundle I had met first in the 1920's, and the spirit was gallant as ever.

We talked of the game and the world, of then and what has been since, and he told me how all the time he had a table in the shed at the side of his garden. He used to play regularly with his neighbour, he said, but (this with a snort) "when I was 79 I lost a game to him and then I knew it was time to pack up."

May the package rest in peace. Happy our country's sport if it always produces such characters.

almost continuously from ten in the morning until ten at night.

Victor Barna has always been a stickler for physical fitness and Johnny Leach is another. He trained with the Crystal Palace football team when he won the world championship.

So to all aspiring young players I would advise: "SEE THAT YOU ARE PHYSICALLY FIT AS WELL AS MATCH FIT."

East of England

Over to Skegness for the East of England. Many players are attempting to master the now famous "JACOBSON TOPSPIN."

One fairly successful exponent was Derek Baddeley from Birmingham,

who took Joseph Somogyi to 18 in the third. Even Joe admitted he was fortunate to win.

Joe is taking his table tennis very seriously this season, and has been arranging special training with Derek Burridge, Alan Rhodes and shock winner of the East of England Brian Wright.

The Hungarian exile, who is hoping to take out British papers towards the end of the year, is making an all-out effort to win a place in the England team. Good luck Josef!

Wright must certainly have benefited from the special practice session for he seemed quite used to Somogyi's awkward game in the final of the East of England.

ESSEX NOTES**PRESIDENT JOHNNY**

IT is President Johnny Leach now as far as Essex are concerned. The twice former world champion, who did so much to put Essex on the map, has been elected the new county President.

Other changes in the Essex administration are Ray Moody (Romford) match secretary; Harry Warde (Braintree) competition secretary; Sheila Brumwell assistant secretary; George Wenham (Billericay) Press Officer and in charge of juniors.

Essex have put a 25 years age limit on second team players. It is part of the drive to encourage younger players and ensure a quick return to Premier Division status.

Regular junior practice sessions have been held throughout the summer and as part of this Youth policy a representative party is to be sent to many of the junior tournaments. A party of eight will make the trip to Bradford for the Yorkshire Junior Open.

Brian Brumwell has been touring leagues in the London area, giving valuable coaching to the youngsters.

Tournament secretary Harry Spraggs, and Muriel Drake, his assistant at recent Essex tournaments, were married in July.

Players requiring entry forms for Essex Tournaments should note that Harry Spraggs new address is: 76, Sherrard Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.

Subject to E.T.T.A. approval, the Essex Open will be at John Knights Ltd., Silvertown Way, London, E.16 on March 31 - April 1, 1961.

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Subscriptions Still Not Settled

by TOM BLUNN

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AFTER discussions and resolutions at the last three Annual General Meetings the question of the annual subscription has not yet been settled. For two seasons now the Players' Levy will have operated to make ends meet but it is desirable that some more permanent form of increase should be devised.

Much has been said and written since the first discussion started at the meeting in Manchester in 1959. Considerable time was spent at the two subsequent meetings and the matter seems to have resolved itself into three separate problems.

1. Does the Association need an increased income?

At Manchester there was some support for an increase but not sufficient to warrant pursuing at that stage. However, it was there that the question of an individual player's fee was first raised and there was some support for it.

At the 1960 A.G.M., the case for an increase was given more support

and the players' levy was accepted as an interim measure. There was still some support for the annual subscription to be based completely on an individual player basis. The players' levy was an additional fee and did not affect the existing scale of club and team fees.

So the problem was deferred once more until the 1961 A.G.M. when several resolutions were submitted. Although there was no agreement on the basis of affiliation fees or the extent of the increase, there seemed to be a majority in favour of some form of permanent increase in the Association's income from members.

2. How much additional income is required?

The basic running costs of the Association come under the heading of Administration Expenses and while these are reasonably static, they are more likely to increase than decrease in the future.

Economies are continually being imposed and in recent years increased

costs have generally been offset by a reduction in administration expenses.

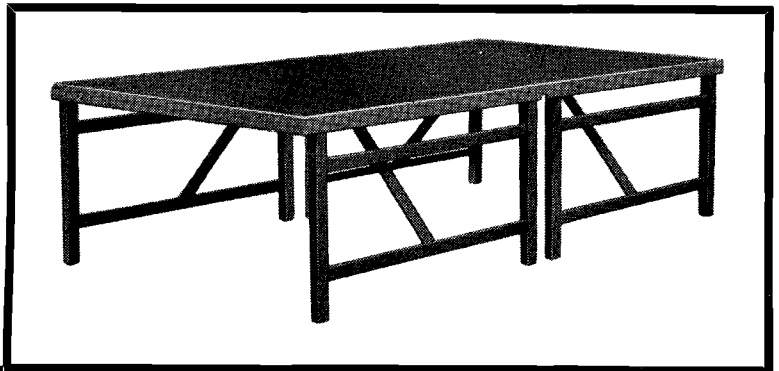
Since the matter was first raised in 1959, there have been increases in salaries, National Insurance, travelling, accommodation and postage amounting to £300 per annum. In addition, the appointment of a Director of Coaching has increased the annual costs by at least £500, but there is no doubt that this is a good investment for the future.

The general activities of the Association come under the Working Account and it is here that there is scope for flexibility. Many activities are of long standing and members expect them to continue.

There are certain activities which the Association is under some obligation to perform, but the full extent of the activities under the Working Account must be regulated each season according to the financial position and prospects.

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this country used to provide an important source of income but in recent years the position has altered and these events now cost money to stage.

At the 1961 A.G.M. the county rebate was increased by 50 per cent and will cost an additional £330 each year in future. The county rebate is an important part of the income of a county and is the Association's contribution towards the cost of running the country. It helps to reduce the fees that Leagues are asked to pay to their County Association.

A bright spot is that the Association's Accumulated Fund is now in a healthy condition and will cause no further concern if it is not depleted in future by a loss on any season.

The Players' Levy brought in £1,630 in 1960/61 season and a similar amount is expected for the current season. It is, however, important to remember that the increase in the county rebate mentioned above, will cost £330 so that the Association will receive a net of only £1,300.

Other sundry income is not being maintained and it is no longer possible to rely on any income from general TV fees. In recent years the Association has had very good assistance from the Supporters' Club, particularly in helping to pay for the World and European Championships expenses. But we cannot go on for ever relying on outside support.

While no definite figure has been agreed, recent resolutions have been designed to give increases ranging between £800 and £2,500, net to the Association. The answer is obviously somewhere in between these two figures.

3. What is the most acceptable basis for calculation of the annual subscription?

This is probably the hardest question of the three. The present basis is one of long standing and originated in the early days when the membership was composed mainly of small clubs. As the game became more popular these clubs grew and formed additional teams. The tendency in recent years has been for more teams and less clubs; the large clubs being able to survive the economic pressure better than the small clubs.

With fees based on 9s. per club and 2s. 6d. per additional team, the trend in the income from affiliation fees is obvious. For instance, the total membership in 1953/54 was about the same as in 1960/61 but then there were more clubs but not as many additional teams.

THE AFFILIATION FEES FOR 1953/54, BASED ON THE CURRENT RATES WOULD HAVE BROUGHT IN £150 MORE THAN THE ACTUAL AMOUNT RAISED IN 1960/61.

The present basis is generally thought to be unfair and in some respects a little confusing. Most leagues pay to the E.T.T.A. on five different rates together with the players' levy and also pay to their county on a similar basis.

Some people are of the opinion that the multiplicity of national and county fees actually loses the Association potential members. There is no doubt that some attempt at simplicity would be welcomed by all.

The possibility of a complete fee based on the number of players must still be considered. The main objection is the inequality of payment. Teams of five players would pay two-thirds more than a team of three players.

A club with six teams would pay six times as much as a club with one team. Put simply it means that there is no reduction for quantities, but that may not be a bad thing.

Also, there are difficulties in ascertaining the correct numbers for each league as some leagues do not have a system of registration of players. Some leagues require clubs to register far more players than an average team requirement because of the necessity of having several reserves.

A recent suggestion has been a fee based on team places which overcomes some of the objections of the individual players' fee, but not all of them. Team places means the minimum number of players required for a team and so does not include reserves. This idea received a certain amount of support at the last A.G.M.

Another possibility is a fee based on teams only, as distinct from a club fee with a reduction for the additional teams. This assumes that administration costs by the E.T.T.A. are twice as much for a club with two teams than for a club with only one team. This basis would be much cheaper for the small clubs but it would be at the expense of the large clubs.

There is also a possibility of a split fee with the basic income covered by a fee based on clubs or teams and an additional fee based on players or team places to cover the cost of the general working activities. This idea may not be as simple and straightforward as some people would like but it is an attempt to be fair to all sections of the membership.

It is therefore a question of arriving at a system that is fair to most members and then fixing the fee to bring in the necessary amount.

It is not going to be easy to solve because most leagues are inclined to look at a system in the light of how it affects them and to support the basis that is most beneficial to them.

This is quite natural and is a way by which a league protects its members. But if a two-thirds majority is to be obtained for any system, then somebody must be prepared to give way a little. Then somewhere along the line there will be some measure of agreement.

KNOW THE N.E.C.

Frank Bateman

THE first in a series of pen pictures of members of the N.E.C. in alphabetical order is Frank Bateman, a newly elected member. An ex-regular army officer, born at Blackheath 50 years ago, Frank is now employed with a ships chandler.

His appetite for work in administering the game is nearly as insatiable as his eagerness to make the tournament rounds. He has been Romford League Secretary for 10 years, is the present Publicity Secretary to the National County Championships and a National Umpire.

Past posts include, Essex County Match Secretary and Press Secretary and Chairman of National County Championships. It is no wonder that he was awarded in 1960 the Corti Woodcock Award for administrative services to table tennis in Essex.

Umpire winter and summer—he is a member of the Association of Cricket Umpires—Frank is impressed with good relations that exist between table tennis players and umpires. But most of all he values the friendships he has made while playing and administering the game.

Colin Clemett

THIRTY-two-year-old Colin Clemett, member of the N.E.C. since 1957 and Secretary of Surrey County Association, is an electronics research worker, married with three children. By his own description "a right handed optimistic player who represents a team respectably buried in the depths of the Croydon League", Colin holds no table tennis titles, but modestly owns to several academic qualifications which do not belie his scholarly countenance.

Secretary of the National Umpires Committee and the Chairman of the Willmott Cup and Rose Bowl Committee, he has little spare time for anything more than his family and table tennis. Mrs. Clemett also finds time to play in the same club but, to Colin's disgust, in a higher team!

He hates sponge, is strongly opposed to any plans for subsidising players because he thinks that those who play should pay, and is of the opinion that coaching is a mixed blessing because it tends to eliminate the unorthodox player who might be a potential champion.

EAST OF ENGLAND OPEN

by LAURIE LANDRY

BRIAN WRIGHT'S FIRST SENIOR TITLE

BRIAN WRIGHT, the English junior champion, celebrated his new senior status with a double victory in the East of England Open at Skegness on September 2-3.

He won the men's singles—his first senior Open—and the mixed doubles with Judy Williams.

Making it an all-Wright occasion Cheshire's **Diane Wright** carried off the women's singles and women's doubles with **Mrs. Doreen Schofield**.

The men's doubles went to **Terry Densham** and **Eddie Hodson**.

Brian, who was 18 just two weeks before the tournament beat **David Creamer**, England's No. 9, in the semi-final of the men's singles, then went on to dethrone the holder Hungarian exile **Joseph Somogyi** in the final.

Wright made a poor start to the final losing the first game at 11. He looked like being outplayed but he was full of determination and his game suddenly clicked as he gained control of his hitting to win the second at 17 and force a thrilling final game.

Wright went out to a 19-16 lead only to drop the next four points. He fought back grimly to save the match point and eventually secured victory at 23-21.

Somogyi made hard work of reaching the final, dropping games to **Chester Barnes**, the young Essex

-Somogyi Dethroned

junior, **Tony Cornell**, also of Essex, **Derek Baddeley** of Birmingham, **Terry Densham**, and **Stuart Dyson**.

Creamer accounted for **Derek Burrige** in the quarter-final (14, —16, 18), after tough matches with **R. Crasham** (Lancs) and **Derek Wall**, a former South African champion.

Two For Diane

Lesley Bell, the brilliant young Essex junior had a succession of good wins over **Alma Taft**, **Judy Williams** and **Pam Mortimer**, before falling to **Diane Wright** in the women's singles final.

Miss Wright, who was top seed and had beaten **Carole Blackshaw** in the semi-final, was fully extended by **Miss Bell**, particularly in the first set, before winning 27-25, 21-15.

Miss Wright went on to win the women's doubles with **Mrs. Schofield**, beating the Lancashire pair of **D. Fitzgerald** and **C. Spencer** in the final, narrowly missed a third title in the mixed. She partnered **George Livesey** to reach the final only to be beaten by **Brian Wright** and **Judy Williams** at 21-18, 18-21, 21-19.

Brian sacrificed his chance of a third title in the men's doubles by gallantly agreeing to partner **Laurie Landry**, who still had his right leg in plaster. Nevertheless they got through one round.

Densham and **Hodson**, who beat **Somogyi** and **George Muranyi** in the semi-final, had a comfortable win over **Burrige** and **Ian Redfearn** in the men's doubles final.

Brian Hill of Lincolnshire, won the boys' singles, beating **Mike Symonds**, who had previously accounted for **David Stanley**. **Lesley Bell** beat **Lesley Proudlock** in the girls' final.

RESULTS

Men's Singles, Semi-Finals: B. WRIGHT (Middlesex) bt D. Creamer (Middlesex) 23-25, 21-16, 21-16. J. SOMOGYI (Surrey) bt S. Dyson (Yorkshire) 17-21, 21-9, 21-11.

Final: WRIGHT bt Somogyi 11-21, 21-17, 23-21.

Women's Singles, Semi-Finals: D. WRIGHT (Cheshire) bt C. Blackshaw (Yorkshire) 11-21, 21-14, 21-13. L. BELL (Essex) bt P. Mortimer (Warwickshire) 22-24, 21-19, 21-15.

Final: WRIGHT bt Bell 27-25, 21-15.

Men's Doubles, Semi-Finals: T. DENSHAM/E. HODSON bt Somogyi/G. Muranyi 19-21, 21-18, 21-5. D. BURRIDGE/I. REDFEARN bt Dyson/M. Pitts 20-22, 22-20, 21-10.

Final: DENSHAM/HODSON bt Burrige/Redfearn 21-19, 21-10.

Women's Doubles, Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/Mrs. D. SCHOFIELD bt W. Swift/M. Leigh 21-10, 25-23. D. FITZGERALD/C. SPENCER bt Mrs. C. Moran/J. Williams 23-21, 21-16.

Final: WRIGHT/SCHOFIELD bt Fitzgerald/Spencer 22-20, 21-18.

Mixed Doubles, Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/Miss WILLIAMS bt Densham/Miss Mortimer 18-21, 21-18, 21-15. G. LIVESEY/Miss WRIGHT bt M. Creamer/Miss A. Taft 17-21, 21-19, 21-14.

Final: WRIGHT/WILLIAMS bt Livesey/Wright 21-18, 18-21, 21-19.

Boys' Singles, Semi-Finals: B. HILL (Lincolnshire) bt B. Sykes (Hertfordshire) 15-21, 21-16, 21-12. M. SYMONDS (Lancashire) bt D. Stanley (Yorkshire) 21-16, 21-13.

Final: HILL bt Symonds 16-21, 21-8, 21-17.

Girls' Singles, Semi-finals: L. BELL (Essex) bt J. Canham (Hertfordshire) 21-18, 21-14. L. PROUDLOCK (Yorkshire) bt M. Billington (Warwickshire) 21-6, 16-21, 21-10.

Final: BELL bt Proudlock 21-11, 23-21.

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BRIAN WRIGHT, of Middlesex, the English junior champion, will write for **TABLE TENNIS** on junior activities this season. Here is his first article.

Juniors who have items of interest for the column should contact Brian at the tournaments or write to him at 69, Tubbs Road, Harlesden, London, N.W.10.

SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIORS by **BRIAN WRIGHT**

BRIAN and LESLEY MAKE

CONGRATULATIONS to GOOD START

Brian Hill (Lincolnshire) and Lesley Bell (Essex) for winning the first tournament of the season, the East of England "Open" at Butlin's Camp, Skegness.

Brian, one of last season's junior internationals, had tough battles in the last two rounds before winning the boys' singles. In both cases he lost the opening game before recovering to beat Brian Sykes (Herts.) and later Lancashire's Mike Symonds.

Probably the best match of the tournament was the second round clash between David Stanley and young Chester Barnes.

David's defence, which forced his opponent to overhit at crucial stages, eventually took him to a 17-21, 21-15, 21-18 victory.

Lesley Bell had an easy victory in the girls' singles. Without dropping a game she went on to retain her title with a 21-11, 23-21 final success over Lesley Proudlock, of Sheffield.

Miss Proudlock was given a hard semi-final struggle before beating

Maureen Billington, 14-year-old sister of last season's junior No. 1 Maurice.

Lesley Bell and Chester Barnes, both only 14 years old, caused some red faces in the senior singles.

Lesley fought her way into the final of the women's singles, beating many times international Pam Mortimer on the way, but then fell to England's No. 6, Diane Wright.

Chester looked like causing the biggest upset of the tournament when leading top seeded Josef Somogyi by one game and 9-3. However an unlucky edge ball at this stage seemed to rattle him and he fell right away.

Brian Hill followed up his Skegness triumph by winning all six of his games in an English Area trial at St. Luke's Club, Canning Town.

Chester Barnes won five of his matches to finish second with Brian Sykes, third and Danny Prior (Essex) fourth.



LESLEY BELL

Lesley Bell continued her unbeatable form in the girls' section winning all her matches in two straight. She has still to drop a game to any junior this season.

Jackie Canham finished second with Beverley Sayer, Gloria Sayer and Pauline Martin coming up behind.

In another Area Trial at Slough, last season's top Surrey junior, Bob McKewon emerged triumphant, winning all of his games.

The shock of the trial was the defeat of favourite Ian Giles (Mddx.) by Oxfordshire's Stanley Hahn. In the end both Giles and Hahn shared second place.

The top four on the girls' side were Pauline and Christine Holes (Hants.), Kay Stokes (Kent) and Pam Venus (Mddx.).



Twins Pauline and Christine Holes, aged 16, of Ashby Youth Club, Southampton, with their 136th trophy for table tennis. With them are John Hoar and David Davies. The four represented the Hampshire Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' table tennis team, which won for the second year in succession the Achievement Trophy presented by the British Bottlers of Coca-Cola for the National Table Tennis Tournament. In the finals, which were held at Squires Gate, Blackpool, as part of The National Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs Golden Jubilee programme, the team beat a team from the Durham Association.

Staffordshire Coaching Scheme

The Staffordshire Association, determined to raise the standard of play in their area, organised a coaching week last month.

They held sessions at Albrighton, Walsall, Stafford, and Wolverhampton as a prelude to a long week-end at Lilleshall Hall.

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Chosen from Twenty Thousand

by HARRISON EDWARDS

MAKE a note of the names, **Colin Cadwallader** and **Lesley Proudlock**. If they maintain their present keen interest in table tennis they will almost certainly become bright stars of the future.

This is the opinion of Britain's leading coaches, who after sifting through 20,000 youngsters at Butlin's Holiday Camps this summer, voted these two teenagers as *News of the World* "Boy and Girl of the Year."

They received their trophies at a spectacular presentation in the camp theatre at Bognor, where the 180 finalists attended for the final week's festival.

There they were put through their paces by Chief coach **Johnny Leach**, and his assistant **Ian Harrison** (Clacton), **Joyce Fielder** (Bognor), **Louis Kerekes** (Skegness), **Alan Lindsay** (Filey), **Helen Elliott** (Ayr), **Bryan Merrett** (Pwllheli), and **Diane Rowe**, who acted as relief coach through the season.

Pupils were assessed on ball control, attack and defence on forehand and backhand, and general play, with a maximum of 25 points for each. In addition there were six bonus marks for every year a competitor was under the age of 17.

There was tremendous rivalry and determination throughout the Festival Week, building up to the grand climax in the camp theatre.

It was a presentation that would have done credit to the Palladium.

Just picture the scene as the curtain lifts to reveal the coaches. Then the huge turnable slowly revolves and there are the 180 competitors, all in table tennis dress, and a credit to the youth of this country.

The coaches move around to take their places in this mass assembly and a hushed expectancy falls over the 1,500 spectators.

THE GREAT MOMENT

This is the moment the Mums and Dads and, of course, the pupils have been waiting. And it is "step forward Lesley Proudlock and Colin Cadwallader" to a tremendous burst of applause.

There had been no hint before hand as to the likely winners, so well had Leach guarded the secret, but the choice certainly proved popular.

"We had no difficulty in deciding Lesley Proudlock as the top girl," said Leach afterwards, "but I had doubts as to how the choice of Colin Cadwallader would be received.

"His main rival was Brian Hill, already a junior international, and the choice between these two kept my fellow judges and I locked in discussion until the last moment, when I gave my casting vote to Colin. I felt there was a little extra spark in his play which could one day take him to the top. He is able to introduce real bite into his strokes without sacrificing accuracy, and all his movements suggest that he is a naturally gifted all-round sportsman."

Cadwallader, tall ginger-haired bespectacled car salesman from Birmingham, is now 17 and has been playing in the *News of the World* tournament for the past four years, gaining a runner-up award at his first attempt and again last year.

Colin scored a second triumph

when he partnered Helen Elliott to win the "Coach and Pupil Challenge Cup," representing the Ayr Camp.

It was a proud day for the Proudlocks for while 16-year-old Lesley was acclaimed top girl, her 13-year-old sister Susan figured among the runners-up. It was by way of being a nice fiftieth birthday present for their father, a Sheffield bank manager.

Lesley has come a long way since she was a runner-up last year and will undoubtedly make a big impression on the tournament scene in the future.

RUNNERS-UP

Runners-up awards went to **Brian Hill** (16), of Boston, Lincs., **Maurice Billington** (17) from Leamington Spa, **Stuart Gibbs** (13) from East Ham, **David Brown** (13) from Barking, **Judy Williams** (17) from Hatfield, **Susan Thomas** (16) from Kent, **Pat Dainty** (14) of Doncaster, and of course **Susan Proudlock**.

With the exception of Billington and Miss Williams all will have the chance to bid again next year for the coveted major trophies.

This is the seventh year of the *News of the World* scheme which is doing so much to discover new talent and bring the game to youngsters who might otherwise be lost.

Every year it has grown in status and with new camps coming along it should be bigger than ever next summer.



HELEN ELLIOT and COLIN CADWALLADER, winners of the "Coach and Pupil" Challenge Cup.

The "Coach and Pupil" tournament, in which the coach chooses a pupil of the opposite sex, provided its most exciting finish yet. It is played on the American tournament system of each play each other and the final result had to be decided on games average with Ayr (Helen Elliott and Colin Cadwallader) just getting the

decision over Clacton (Ian Harrison and Susan Thomas) and Pwllheli (Bryan Merrett and Lesley Proudlock) who finished joint second.

The other camps in order of finish were Bognor (Joyce Fielder and Morley Mordecai), Filey (Alan Lindsay and Pamela Venus) and Skegness (Louis Kerekes and Delia Goodman).



The impressive scene in the Bognor theatre as 180 finalists and the coaches await the announcement of the Boy and Girl of the Year.

AUSTRALIAN TITLE FOR ELSIE

JACK and **ELSIE CARRINGTON**, now on their way home to England, have made many friends in Australia and their visit will be long remembered.

Apart from junior promotions Jack has done great work in taking the game out into the country and this should provide long-term benefits to communities outside Melbourne.

Mrs. Carrington returns home with a national title. She partnered Miss L. Prowse to win the women's doubles in the Australia championships at Adelaide. They beat Miss G. Moseley and Miss E. Curyer 22-20, 14-21, 21-16, 21-16, in the final.

Miss Prowse won the women's singles beating Miss A. O'Brien 21-15, 21-17, 21-17.

Vic Hirsch was the only successful defending champion, beating Murray Thomson 21-14, 21-15, 15-21, 20-22, 23-21, in the singles final. He also collected the mixed doubles with Norma Buckland, beating Thomson and Miss Curyer 21-13, 21-18, 21-11.

Thomson had his reward in the boys' singles dethroning Michael Willcox 21-8, 21-19, in the final.

F. Smith and Cliff McDonald won the men's doubles, while Miss L. Murphy won the girls' singles, where Miss Curyer was once again losing finalist.

Prior to the Australian championships, Hirsch won the South Australian title, but he was beaten by Willcox in the New South Wales final, and by Robert Lim in the final of the Victorian championship.

Australian Rankings 1961-2.

Men: 1 Hirsch (Vic), 2 McDonald (N.S.W.), 3 Willcox (N.S.W.), 4 Thomson (S.A.), 5 R. Lim (Vic), 6 S. Morgan (S.A.), 7 A. Ma (N.S.W.), 8 J. Marton (Vic), 9 P. Anderson (W.A.), 10 A. Miles (Queensland).

Women: 1 S. Javor (Vic), 2 L. Cohen, 3 L. Prowse (Vic), 4 A. O'Brien (Vic), 5 E. Curyer (S.A.), 6 N. Buckland (Vic), 7 L. Murphy (Queensland), 8 E. Szabo (Vic), 9 F. Smith (N.S.W.), 10 J. Ding (S.A.).

Father Goose Honoured

FATHER GOOSE, the popular Canning Town curate, may not be able to produce golden eggs like the pantomime character of similar name, but he has certainly given as much joy to the dockland youngsters.

He has devoted 28 years of his life to the teenagers of this tough neighbourhood and through his efforts has built up St. Luke's into one of the foremost table tennis centres in England.

It was for the "wonderful work done" in this club that Father Sydney Goose has been awarded the **Corti Woodcock Memorial Trophy**, presented annually for services to Essex table tennis.

What has he done? Since he took over the club it has expanded from one rickety table to several of competition standards. It has become a showpiece of Essex activities and the centre for junior international matches.

Last season, they staged two internationals . . . and a very good job they made of them, too.

Essex hold their county junior matches there as well as the county junior trials.

Father Goose believes that it is because of these activities that he has been singled out for the coveted Corti Woodcock award, which now hangs in a place of honour in the club room.

"I regard this as an honour to St. Luke's rather than myself and only wish the county had taken advantage of the rules which would have allowed it to be presented to the organisation rather than the individual, just like the George Cross to Malta," said Father Goose.

But Father Goose, idolised by his flock, is much too modest. He seems to have forgotten the early days after the war when his leadership prevented the club being closed down by local Teddy Boys who, finding smashed windows could not deter members, eventually went away and left them alone.

St. Luke's has played its part in dockland youth activities for almost 90 years, for it was in 1873 that the existing hall was built. It was there that the idea of cross-bars in football was born.

The first were made in an adjoining timber yard, and used by Crown Athletic and Thames Ironworks who got together in the St. Luke's Hall to form West Ham United Football Club.

Now the emphasis is on table tennis, though this has come into prominence only in recent years, after Jack Carrington paid a coaching visit there.

Victor Barna and Johnny Leach have all helped the boys of St. Luke's and many other famous names have played there. No wonder their motto is "All the world comes to St. Luke's."

CORTI WOODCOCK MEMORIAL

THE CORTI WOODCOCK MEMORIAL TROPHY is presented annually by Essex County for services to the game.

It was bought from a fund raised by leagues and individual members of the county, to keep alive the memory of one of the pioneers of table tennis.

Corti was the first Essex president and county chairman up to the time of his death in 1958.

His whole life was associated with table tennis. He was a former chairman of the E.T.T.A., and also the donor of the St. Brides Vase—the world's singles championship.

The award is made each year by a special committee of Victor Barna, Johnny Leach and Roy Markwell, under the chairmanship of Bill Bailey.



Father Goose with the Corti Woodcock Memorial Trophy and some of the boys from the St. Luke's Centre. *Halifax Photos.*

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

If ever Father Goose is asked to describe his most embarrassing moment it will surely be when he was stopped by a policeman as a suspicious person.

It happened when he received the Corti Woodcock Memorial Trophy at the Essex County annual meeting.

It was raining when he left the Romford United Services club with the trophy wrapped in newspaper under his arms. With half a dozen of his boys Father Goose stood for a while on the steps then turning up their collars they decided to make a dash for the bus and ran straight into the arms of a policeman, who naturally wanted to know what he was carrying.

Fortunately, Frank Bateman came out of the club while the policeman was still talking to them and was able to explain the position.

"I guess we did look suspicious running out like that," said Father Goose. "I can laugh over it now, but it was certainly an awkward moment."

CIRCULATION

Change of Address

Please note that Geoff Harrower has now moved to:

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AMERICAN NEWSLETTER

From PAULINE ROBINSON SOMAEL

New York Has More Players

TABLE TENNIS in the U.S.A. seems to be on the upswing again. New York has 180 members in its Association, as does California, an increase for New York at any rate of 150 in one season!

The U.S. Nationals singles titles were won by the 1956 World's mixed doubles champions, Erwin Klein and Leah Neuberger. Klein defeated Mike Ralston in the final and Bob Gusikoff, 1959 champion, in the semis. He displayed his usual brilliance although he has been out of the game in the past few seasons due to college studies. He will be a force to be reckoned with in the next world championships, as will Ralston, Gusikoff and several other up and coming players.

California in particular has some fine talent. Leah Neuberger surprised the field by breezing through the tournament in her old style, defeating Valleri Smith, Mildred Shaihan and defending champion, Charon Acton without conceding a game in the tournament.

With Barbara Chaimson, of Washington D.C., who won the Canadian Nationals, the U.S. girls are much stronger than in the past few years, and should field a good team in Prague.

Bernie Bukiet returned to active play to take the Men's Doubles with Bobby Fields.

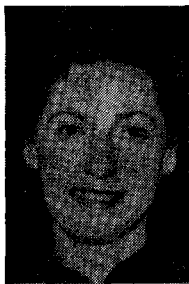
Acton-Gusikoff won the mixed doubles, and Acton-Smith the women's doubles for the third consecutive year, Clark Goldstein won the Juniors and is another player to watch.

We have a lot of young players in their late teens and early twenties who are making their presence felt, and we also have several Hungarian expatriates winning tournaments, among them, Danny Vegh, Emery Lippai, Tibor Back and Dr. Andreas Gal.

English players over here, Shirley



SHIRLEY HOUSE



JOY OWENS

and David House in New York for a while and Shirley won the two tournaments she entered. They have moved to Chicago, however, and have not been active.

Jack Glickman and John Parish are not playing. I believe Joy Owens, of Ireland, is doing well in Canada, taking the Canadian Closed last season.

A little bit about some of the old-timers you will recall. Lou Pagliaro has taken to bowling but is sometimes seen hitting a ball. Dick Miles is still around, although on tour most of the time. Marty Reisman, now a proud father of a baby girl, won the Eastern Open this year. John Somael is active again, reaching the finals of the last big tournament after defeating Schiff and Gusikoff. Sol Schiff, the perennial, is always on hand. T.T. equipment being his line of business.

Peggy McLean Folke is in Stockholm. Sally Prouty is inactive as is the 1957 U.S. champion from Japan, Suzy Hoshi. Loņa Flam is married and has three children. Doug Cartland is somewhere in Europe.

Bob Gusikoff owns the T.T. centre, a hotbed of activity in New York, which is also the headquarters of the New York Association. Reisman also owns a club and in Hollywood the centre is owner-managed by Mike Ralston and Stuffy Singer.

Other Californians whose names



DAVID HOUSE

you will be hearing include Leonard Cooperman, Richard Card and Denny Hickerson. I have been visiting out there and these kids are good.

Easterners coming up are Bill Keim, Doon Wong, Paul Hudson (with a recent win over Hazi). Tibor Hazi is still very much on the active list even though he is now eligible for our "Esquire" event!

The 1962 National Championships will be held in New York City and we hope we can get some representation from across the "pond." We get players from Jamaica now, with one little girl, Joy Foster, aged 11, who has great potentialities. She won the National girls' event.

Barbara Chaimson won the "Junior Miss" title. We have so many different events in the Nationals at the Junior age levels, that I have to clarify that point.

We are hoping that the next Nationals will put the game over in this country, as it will be televised, great preparations are under way already. We intend to run it the same way as the English Open, and hope we succeed. Plans are being drawn now so we should be in good shape by April!

Speaking for myself, I'm glad to be playing again and hope to renew all my old acquaintances in England sometime in the near future. Anyone or anything I have omitted in the way of news will be sent along in a future newsletter.

LUCKY HARRY SUGARHOOD

EVERYONE has dreamt of having a big pools win and Harry Sugarhood, 53-year-old former English veteran champion, was no exception—until last month. For him the dream has come true with two wins on the same day totalling almost £13,000.

Harry, a master tailor, plans to give £3,000 each to his son, Norman, and daughter, Rita, both of whom are former Essex junior county players.

Harry's luck started two weeks earlier when he had a pools win of £16. It was because of this that he decided to use two coupons and increase his stake.

A FORREST MEMORIAL FOR YORKSHIRE

NINE days after the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, Alan Cook (Barnsley) suggested inviting the duchess to be patron of the Y.T.T.A.

He put forward his idea at the Yorkshire's annual meeting—but there was opposition on the ground that a patron should be in close touch with the game.

A vote could not be taken as the rules make the matter a subject for executive recommendation, but the suggestion started many subsequent discussions on its merits.

Some new names will take the Yorkshire table tennis stage this season. Foremost among them is Eric Johnson, the

well-known Cheshire county player—who will play for Leeds Victoria.

Another playing newcomer of note is Mrs. Jean Jones (formerly Latty), an Essex second-teamer who has moved to Bradford and should strengthen the city's inter-league team.

A familiar name missing will be Pam Morton, who has withdrawn from the game following her marriage to Steve Bodrog, a Hungarian with Victoria in the Leeds League.

Her absence will be felt by Huddersfield, the women's inter-league champions, and with Hull also having to find replacements Bradford will start favourites.

On the administrative side, 39-year-old Ken Milner, secretary of the Albion club at Leeds, becomes tournament secretary. He replaces Ken Park, who steps up to county championships' secretary in place of the late Les Forrest.

The game to which Leslie was so dedicated responded well to his testimonial fund. Over £130 was handed to his widow and in addition a trophy was acquired to be awarded each season to the person contributing most to the game in Yorkshire.

The Albion club at Sheffield, who became the men's county club champions in May, will have two teams in Sheffield's First Division for the first time.

David Stanley is the latest player to turn to tennis during the summer and he made an encouraging start. In his first tournament at Ilkley—one of the premier events of the northern season—he

won the boys' doubles with Huddersfield colleague Ian Shields and reached the last eight in the boys' singles.

The Yorkshire Open will again be played at York (November 25); the Yorkshire Closed stays at Bradford (March 24).

Malcolm Hartley

A VOICE FROM THE PAST

THE following verses have come to light among the papers of the late Mr. E. R. Merle, where he had kept them over 60 years. It is possible that they appeared in the Liverpool Echo. We feel that we should share them with our readers, even if the prophecy of their author has been a bit shaken by events!

IN PRAISE OF PING PONG

*Who cares to play at Cricket?
Who cares to kick a ball?
To suffer hacks at Hockey,
Or chance a nasty fall?
Far better don your slippers,
Enjoy a cigarette,
Play Ping Pong in the Parlour
Across a little net.*

*In cycling there are tumbles
And puncturable tyres
An if you hunt perhaps you come
A cropper on the wires
In rowing there are blisters
Which may possibly chafe,
But Ping Pong in the Parlour
Is absolutely safe*

*The river has its dangers,
The Picnic has its snares
The motor car may run away
Or butt you unawares
It is a consolation
No parent can deny
That Ping Pong in the Parlour
Would never hurt a fly.*

*Our prowess in athletics
May pass in foreign lands,
And future generations see
Our cups in other hands
But still the Might of England
Shall everywhere be known
At Ping Pong in the Parlour*

*Her sons shall hold their own.
Then twirl your tiny rackets
And pat the celluloid
Be careful that your quick returns
The coffee cups avoid.
Flick hard ye men of sinue
And pirouette in style,
The ladies in the parlour,
Are watching all the while.*

RAILWAY'S INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE British Railways women's team won a bronze medal in the Railways International Table Tennis championships at Beld, Yugoslavia.

With wins over Poland and East Germany they finished runners-up to Czechoslovakia in Group 1 then in the play off for third place beat Bulgaria 3-2.

The Czechs won the title beating Yugoslavia 3-0 in the final.

The British men, drawn in the same group as Czechoslovakia, the eventual winners, and Hungary, shared thirteenth place with Holland.

English Table Tennis Supporters' Club. The Club will be operating again this coming season and full details of the Club and its activities can be obtained from the Chief Organiser, Mr. J. Ashley, 19, Lawrence Hill, Bristol, 5.

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Editor's Postbag . . .

HAVE A SANDWICH

THE prompt reply from Mr. Gruber, of Melbourne, to my letter in the April issue gives some indication of the wide circulation your magazine apparently enjoys across the globe. While appreciating his constructive criticism, I feel that, as some of Mr. Gruber's provocative assertions savour somewhat of pin-pricking, they cannot be allowed to pass without comment.

In tendering my apologies for alleged minor inaccuracies, I admit that my observations relate mainly to the top players or inter-state competitors, my knowledge of the rank and file in other states being subject to severe limitations. I admit also that my information could be a little out of date, having been gleaned mainly from my own observations during the 1959 carnival in Perth and reports from West Australian teams State and Insurance Associations) returning from Eastern States tours.

I was under the impression that Miss Cohen used an orthodox bat at the Perth carnival, but she could have changed to sandwich at some later date. But in any case she is only one of ten in the squad from whom the teams were selected, and with all due respects to Miss Cohen, she probably would not have made it had Suzy Javor been available.

The second point raised by Mr. Gruber is that Victor Hirsch won the Australian singles title with an orthodox pimped rubber bat (with out and sandwich filling). If this is indeed the case I am afraid I have been misinformed, and I owe Mr. Hirsch an apology. Had I possessed this important piece of information at the time it could have been my trump card in the battle of the sponge (sandwich), and I must congratulate Mr. Hirsch on beating the best Australia can produce by his ability as a player, and without the artificial stimulus of a concealed "catapult" in his bat.

Mr. Gruber also objects to my indiscriminate use of the word "sponge" on the ground that the plain sponge bat (unpimped) was sentenced to death two years ago. I am sure nobody regrets its passing, but why allow its twin brother with the acne to survive. It's all sponge and in my humble opinion the legal version is the more deadly weapon of the two, and its continued use will only result in shorter rallies, unplay-

able services, less table tennis and skeleton crowds (except in China), besides acting as an incentive to play squash or ten-pin bowls.

Finally, after kicking me around from pillar to post and back again, Mr. Gruber declares himself as an ally and heartily agree that "sandwich" should be tossed out as it does nothing to enhance the game. I have much pleasure, therefore, in admitting him to honorary membership of the A.S.S. (Anti-Sponge Society).

In conclusion, may I congratulate Jack Carrington on recapturing the old magic with the thin-rubbered bat he dug up on the ship en route to Australia. If Mr. Carrington can use his influence to reverse the current trend towards sandwich now in evidence in Melbourne he will earn the undying gratitude of Mr. Gruber and his fellow Victorians from the actual Table Tennis Centre of Australia.

R. V. CROXTON,
(S.G.I.O. Club, Perth, W.A.)

HERTS. NOTES

STEVENAGE TO RUN OPEN

AFTER a number of seasons in the Second Division Hertfordshire have at last gained Premier status and will make every effort to stay there.

There will be three attractive home matches with Gloucestershire, Lancashire, and Middlesex, and it is up to all concerned to give these maximum support in order to reduce the heavy expenses to be incurred for the away matches.

The Senior and Junior trials were not held until the end of last month, but that no big changes were expected at the top of senior ranking, although I have heard that Norman Parker, the Welsh International, may be available for the County.

With Judy Williams and Bob Ractliffe now Seniors, Brian Sykes and Jackie Canham should lead the Junior ranks. Judy and Bob are both going to College this term and this may restrict their appearances for the County.

Extra support for John Hunt our senior Captain will be coming from Simon John who arrived on July 23rd —while Dad was in the middle of a Tennis match!

North Herts and in particular Stevenage, still lead the County in efforts to popularise the game. And this season will see the first Stevenage Open. Best wishes to Organising Secretary and

Appreciation

I WOULD like to express my appreciation of the good wishes and visits that I received while in hospital following my accident. There is no doubt that they helped me considerably to recovery.

I would like particularly to thank Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards, who visited me at Hillingdon Hospital practically every day. This was extremely re-assuring after my parents had gone back to Germany.

I appreciate also the efforts of my club, Tennyson (Willesden League) in taking me home and back each week-end when I was at Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre.

My League, Willesden, also did a lot for me. They organised a collection which helped considerably towards the enormous expenditure of my parents in coming over straight after the accident.

It has become known both at Hospital and at the Rehabilitation Centre that the table tennis players and followers are a wonderful crowd. This is also my opinion and I would like to advertise this fact through the magazine.

Laurie Landry.

his team of helpers. More news of this tournament will appear in next month's issue.

Another "First" for Stevenage was "New Towns Teams Tournament" at the English Electric Canteen on 24th September.

The seven new towns taking part were:—Basildon; Bracknell; Crawley; Harlow; Hatfield; Hemel Hempstead; and hosts Stevenage. A trophy has been provided by a donation from each team taking part and the Stevenage Development Corporation provided a trophy for each member of the winning team.

A note of distinction about County Officials, Players and Supporters this season will be the new County Tie, orders for which should be placed with Treasurer David Seaholme.

Our congratulations go to Gus Ractliffe, for several seasons our Junior Match secretary, former County Secretary and Vice-Chairman, who has been elected President of the St. Albans League.

Another Junior Coaching Course will be held in 1962 and once again it is expected that there will be keen competition for the limited places to be available.

G. P. H. Butcher.

EAGLE/GIRL TOURNAMENTby **KENNETH WHEELER**

THEY ALL WANT TO PLAY

-ENTRIES TOP 12,000

THE boys and girls of Britain want to play competitive table tennis. So much is clear from the large number of team and individual entries now pouring in from all parts of the country for the eighth annual EAGLE/GIRL Championships. A record total in excess of 12,000 competitors is confidently anticipated by October 9 (the closing date).

Entry is free, and there are many handsome prizes and honours to be won, but many young children will travel 100 miles and more at their own expense only to be knocked out in the first Qualifying Round. "Better luck next time," we tell them, and there nearly always is a "next time" so far as they are concerned.

Special Awards

The keenness and determination of these kids is invincible and in recognition of these "gallant losers," Johnny Leach is to make special awards this season to those players he considers most deserving.

Once again there are to be under-15 and under-13 events for boys and girls, the qualifying age being January 1, 1961. Table tennis tables will be presented by the Editor to those schools or clubs whose representatives achieve most points in the team event.

By the end of 1961, well over 100 Qualifying Rounds will have taken place in schools and clubs in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Medals will be awarded to event winners of each group of 32 competitors, and those winners go forward to their appropriate Area Final.

ROAD TO DIVORCE

TABLE tennis has often paved the way to Wedding Bells, but now it seems it is on the road to the divorce court for Efrem Zimbalist, of the "77 Sunset Strip" television feature.

He and his wife Stephanie have fallen out over a tilted tennis table.

It appears that while Zimbalist was playing his wife crawled under the table and tipped it the wrong way.

Both say the ensuing row will only be settled in the divorce court.

An umpire might have dispensed with a judge.

Special Qualifying Rounds will be held at St. Bride's Institute, London (November 18 and 25), and at Birmingham, Glasgow, Leeds, Cardiff, Bristol, Edinburgh, Liverpool and Manchester.

Area Finals are to be held as follows:—

January 13, 1962: BIRMINGHAM (Midlands); January 20, 1962: LONDON (South); February 10, 1962: LEEDS (North); February 17, 1962: GLASGOW (Scotland); (To be determined): CARDIFF (Wales).

Event winners in the Area Finals will each receive a plaque and go forward to the South, or North, Regional Final, as appropriate. The South Regional Finals (for Area champions of the South, Midlands and Wales) will take place in London on January 20, but it has been decided to alternate the venue of the North Regional Finals (for Area champions of the North of England and Scotland) and this season they will be held at Glasgow on February 17.

Finals Date

A suitable school in the London Area is to be selected as the venue for the Grand Finals which will take place on a Saturday between March 24 and April 14, 1962.

The honours have been distributed pretty evenly over the years. In 1960 Midlands players (Maurice Billington and Graham Pressick) took the EAGLE titles, while the two GIRL titles went to Diane Fitzgerald and Pat Dainty of the North. Doncaster Youth were top team.

Last year David Stanley and Lesley Proudlock captured senior event honours for Yorkshire, with the team prize also going North (to Hull Schools), but the South took both junior event titles through Chester Barnes and Beverley Sayer.

Scotland has captured three titles in the past through the Brass brothers, while Wales had a single success in 1956-7 through Ian Gibson, winner of the EAGLE under-13 event.

We are all looking forward to another spirited battle, full of shocks and surprises for this tournament is

the most refreshingly unpredictable of them all. And who knows what fresh names will thrust themselves forward before this season is out!

WEST BROMWICH NOTES

SUMMER TO WINTER

IT'S a busy life! On the same evening that the West Bromwich District Committee finalised the placings in the Summer League they also drafted out the plans for the Winter League.

Winners of the Summer League were: Div. One, Cambridge; Div. Two, Lloyds "A"; Div. Three, Conduits "A"; Div. Four, Hickenbottoms; Div. Five, Smk. Pres. "C."

St. Phillips, champions last season after 18 years' continuous membership of the first division, have disappeared from the West Bromwich League.

Reason is that they have amalgamated with Sandwell Tennis, the League's first champions, who now "field" two premier sides with Derek Backhouse, John Carter, Stan Ward, Alan Deeley and Dorothy Worrell as their star performers.

For the second time W.B. Highway will be represented by three teams in the First Division following the promotion this season of the "C" side.

Evergreen Marjorie Cumberbatch returns to the game after a season's absence and should strengthen the chances of I.C.I.

Eighty-year-old Mrs. E. J. Spiers was re-elected as President for the twelfth time at the League's annual general meeting which was enlivened by a strong, fighting talk from the chairman, Dr. C. W. Cole.

A. A. Wall



JACK PEDDLESSEN, the new President of the Hastings Association, receives the new Presidential badge purchased by the past president from **BILL VINT**, Chairman of the E.T.T.A., with **KEITH WATTS**, Chairman of Sussex, looking on. *Picture by Alf Reynolds*

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

by FRANK BATEMAN

LESLIE REMEMBERED WITH AN ADMINISTRATIVE TROPHY

THE late Leslie Forrest, the Yorkshireman who was such a pillar of the National County Championships, will not be forgotten.

His memory will be perpetuated by a trophy in his name kindly donated by Mr. John Jaques and Mr. D. W. Pounard at the annual meeting in June.

It will be presented annually to an administrator from an affiliated county, adjudged by an awards committee to have rendered the greatest contribution to the game.

Nominations, made by county associations, must reach the hon. general secretary, Miss Margaret Fry, before December 31.

There was a general post among the officers at the annual meeting. We

welcome Miss Fry as our first lady secretary. She has taken over from Ivor Eyles.

Ivor's vast experience will not, however, be lost for he defeated me in the postal ballot for the chairmanship.

Conrad Jaschke resigned as publicity secretary and I was elected in his place. Ever-green Tom Blunn remains as treasurer.

Women's Doubles Out

The big change from a playing point of view this season affects the Premier Division only. Here the matches are being reduced from ten sets to the best of nine, by the elimination of the women's doubles.

For years the Premier Division

counties have been at loggerheads as to how the matches could be shortened to save expenses.

The matter was thrashed out last January and at the annual meeting the change was passed by a vote of 13 to one.

Middlesex, who proposed the alteration are likely to be the biggest sufferers and those counties who have been weak on the women's side will gain. They may well turn last season's table upside down.

There are many who will regard this as a retrograde step but, while I have always taken a great interest in the women's game, I am glad that after so many years of abortive discussion, the premier division counties are now in agreement.

Match secretaries, have you got a clock? For Kent's proposal was passed by a majority of 12 that "In every match the time limit shall be introduced when necessary, except that by agreement between opposing captains, the expedite rule be used instead."

I shall always welcome news from counties. It is Worcestershire's turn to get a mention.

What wonderful team spirit they produce in this lovely county. They have played 50 first team matches since formation in 1952, and Mick Hawkins has played in every one. Then Doug Moss has been non-playing captain in every fixture undertaken by Worcestershire—a total of 58 first and second team matches!

What other county can beat the ever faithful record of Hawkins, Ray Lush and Bobby Goode who have occupied the men's singles positions together for 23 consecutive matches?

Please let me have the "gen." It may be your county's turn for a mention next month.

Record Maintained

Fifty-four teams, the same as for the past two years, will once again contest the championships. This record figure has been maintained despite the withdrawal of Leicestershire, who ran teams in the Second, Regional and Junior Divisions last year, and Berkshire.

Their loss has been made up by Worcestershire entering a second team in the Regional Division, and

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION	
October 7	Yorkshire v Surrey, Mechanics' Institute, Bridge Street, Bradford. 7 p.m. Hertfordshire v Gloucestershire, English Electric Canteen, Stevenage. 7 p.m.
October 21	Surrey v Hertfordshire, Ronson Sports Pavilion, Leatherhead 7 p.m. Kent v Middlesex, Bowaters, Sittingbourne 7 p.m. Gloucestershire v Warwickshire, Cheltenham 7 p.m. Lancashire v Yorkshire, Rubery Owen (Warrington) Ltd., Warrington. 7 p.m.
SECOND DIVISION SOUTH	
October 7	Kent v Suffolk, Doddington, nr. Sittingbourne 7 p.m. Sussex v Hampshire, Y.M.C.A., Eastbourne 7 p.m.
October 21	Essex v Sussex Hampshire v Suffolk, Victoria Hall, Ash, Nr. Aldershot 7 p.m.
SECOND DIVISION WEST	
October 20	Wiltshire v Cornwall 7.30 p.m.
October 21	Dorset v Cornwall
SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND	
October 7	Worcestershire v Bedfordshire, Geraldine Staff Hostel, Malvern 7.15 p.m.
October 21	Glamorgan v Bedfordshire Oxfordshire v Warwickshire
SECOND DIVISION NORTH	
October 7	Durham v Cheshire, T.L.F. Welfare Institute, Fulwell Road, Sunderland. 7 p.m.
October 21	Northumberland v Yorkshire Lincolnshire v Cheshunt, Louth 7.15 p.m.
MIDLAND DIVISION	
October 7	Staffordshire v Nottinghamshire
October 14	Warwickshire v Derbyshire
October 21	Derbyshire v Staffordshire Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
SOUTHERN DIVISION	
October 7	Buckinghamshire v Norfolk
October 21	Worcestershire v Buckinghamshire Norfolk v Cambridgeshire
JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND	
October 7	Oxfordshire v Warwickshire, St. Margaret's Hall, Poltsead Road, Oxford. 2.30 p.m.
October 21	Staffordshire v Gloucestershire Warwickshire v Staffordshire
JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH	
October 7	Durham v Cheshire
October 21	Lancashire v Yorkshire, Tanner Bros., Greenfield, nr. Oldham Cheshire v Durham
JUNIOR DIVISION EAST	
October 7	Middlesex v Cambridgeshire
JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH	
October 7	Sussex v Hampshire, Portland Lodge, Worthing 4 p.m. Kent v Surrey, Doddington, nr. Sittingbourne 3 p.m.
October 21	Hampshire v Sussex, Victoria Hall, Ash, Nr. Aldershot 3 p.m.

junior teams from Cambridgeshire, Gloucestershire and Hampshire.

This junior influx has led to the formation of a new junior division, the old Southern now being divided into South and East. There are now four Junior Divisions.

Making their bow in the Premier Division are Hertfordshire, while Warwickshire also return there after an absence of five years.

Hertfordshire can expect a tough season ahead, for it is not easy to maintain position in the top grade, but their success in winning promotion should be a great encouragement to the other smaller counties.

Also in the Second Division for the first time are Essex, but for them it is demotion and they are determined that their stay will not be for more than one season.

They have gone into the South section along with Hampshire, Kent II, Suffolk and Sussex.

Suffolk have come up from the Regional Divisions and this is another sign of progress in the less fashionable counties.

Oxfordshire are another county to have moved up into the Second Division. They go into the Midland section along with Bedfordshire, Glamorgan, Staffordshire and Worcestershire.

There is every indication of this being an interesting season and some great battles are ahead.

The line up for season 1961-2

PREMIER DIVISION

GLoucestershire, HERTfordshire, KENT, LANcashire, MIDDLEsex, SURREY, WARWICKshire, YORKshire.

SECOND DIVISION

Midland: Bedfordshire, Glamorgan, Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire.

North: Cheshire, Durham, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Yorkshire.

South: Essex, Hampshire, Kent, Suffolk, Sussex.

West: Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire.

REGIONAL DIVISIONS

Midland: Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire.

Southern: Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Worcestershire.

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

East: Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Suffolk.

Midland: Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire.

North: Cheshire, Durham, Lancashire, Yorkshire.

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KENT'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY

by MIKE GRADY

EXACTLY 25 years ago the Kent County Table Tennis Association was formed, in October 1936, and the leagues and committee aim to make this a really memorable season.

The season marks a new era, for Jimmy Mannooch, Kent's secretary since the beginning, has retired from that key post. At the Annual Meeting Jimmy said he felt the time had come for a younger man to take over, and proposed that Conrad Jaschke should combine the offices of Chairman and County Secretary.

This was agreed unanimously, and Conrad accepted the two posts for the current season.

Mr. Mannooch continues as Tournament secretary and was also elected a Vice-President, in recognition of the unrivalled service he has given the county over 25 years.

Dennis Webb (Woolwich), who has handed over Kent League secretaryship to Len Pilfold was also elected a Vice-President. Geoff. Murray (Beckenham) is the new Club Championships organiser and also takes responsibility for the Kent end of the new Kent/Sussex Club Championships. J. Cuckney (Maidstone) is the new Trophy Secretary and Mike Grady (Sittingbourne) Press Officer.

Kent, with the biggest committee in their history, have been enjoying the largest ever attendances of league representatives at recent meetings.

An ambitious programme of training for the younger players has been carried out during the summer, with valuable help from Harry Venner, who said, "It's a long time since I have seen so many promising youngsters in one place."

E.T.T.A. Levy

One factor which unites all 17 leagues in Kent is strong opposition to E.T.T.A. financial policies. Kent, who have not raised their fees for six years, want the E.T.T.A. to effect economies, as has been done in the county.

It is pointed out that the E.T.T.A. levy, which was supposed to be "once and for all" is causing widespread disquiet in Kent as well as other counties. Several leagues who had indicated a wish to disaffiliate due to this levy have remained in the E.T.T.A. thanks to the efforts of Kent County officers.

Kent were one of the leaders in the fight at the E.T.T.A. A.G.M. which resulted in overwhelming defeat for the N.E.C. and throwing out of their proposals for a new fee structure.

Greater responsibilities for counties, and de-centralisation of table tennis administration are two of the principles for which Kent are fighting and they have offered to save the E.T.T.A. ad-

ministrative expense by collecting county and E.T.T.A. fees in one lump, and passing on to the E.T.T.A. their fees in one payment.

In an effort to improve the climate between Kent and the E.T.T.A., Tom Blunn (E.T.T.A. Treasurer) suggested a meeting with Kent chairman Conrad Jaschke and members of his committee. The result of these discussions is not yet known.

Belgium are sending a team of two boys and two girls to the Kent Junior Open championships at Folkestone on November 4-5. Negotiations with France and West Germany are also well advanced. While the Ghana Association were so impressed with last year's event that they have offered to pay the travel costs of Okine Quaye to compete for the Under 17 title. Last year he won the Under 15 event.

Kent are keen to have him and have offered a contribution towards his costs while in England. The E.T.T.A. are considering the matter.

The Sittingbourne and District T.T.A. are staging the Premier match Kent v Middlesex after drawing with them at Middlesex in the first match of the season. This year, on home ground, everyone is hoping for a win.

Editor's Note. It should be noted that although the N.E.C. proposal was defeated at the A.G.M., the motion brought by Kent also met with a similar fate.

Dulwich League

ENTRIES for the Dulwich League have jumped up to 41 teams this season. Family interest in this area was emphasised by their closed championships where Olive Goldwin beat her sister Evelyn in the women's singles final and the husband and wife combination of Sid and Doreen Tims reached the mixed doubles final before falling to Ted Preston and Olive Goldwin.

Denis Littlewort retained the men's singles but only after Roy Murrell had led 2-1 and 16-14 in the final. Littlewort won a second title in the men's double with J. Floodgate when they beat Murrell and Punt.



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HUNGARY HONOURS MARIA

MRS. MARIA (MEDNYANSZKY) KLUCSIK, who has won more world championship titles than any other player, was awarded the Memorial Plaque of the Hungarian Association on June 24—her 60th birthday.

The presentation was made in the Cultural Hall of the Sports Office and Mrs. Klucsik, 18 times a world champion, received a cordial ovation from the many officials and players present.

Zoltan Berczik and Mrs. Eva Foldi head the new Hungarian ranking lists which are:

MEN: BERCSIK, 2 PETERFY 3 SIDO, 4 ROZSAS, 5 FOLDI, 6 FAHAZI, 7 SANDOR, 8 PUSZTAI, 9 NAGY, 10 HARCSAR.

WOMEN: 1 MRS. FOLDI, 2 MRS. LUKACS, 3 MRS. KERESKES, 4 MISS FALUDI, 5 MISS HEVESI, 6 MRS. SZARVAS, 7 MRS. WIELAND, 8 MISS MAROSVOLGYI, 9 MRS. BALATONI, 10 MISS GRIGASI.

Mrs. Gizi (Farkas) Lantos has been left out of the list at her own request.

World's Thoughts

After thoughts on the World Championships:

Ferenc Sido: "Although I have been playing table tennis for 25 years I have never faced such a strong entry. I was therefore satisfied with my own achievements."

Coach Pal Vidor: "At the start we would have been satisfied with two second and one third place, but in view of the following events we were somewhat dissatisfied."

"Mrs. Foldi could have won the singles title but an umpire's warning when 17-14 in the decisive set, completely disconcerted her. The other two women players also gave praise-worthy efforts but it was a pity our team didn't reach the final."

"Among the men, Sido, Peterfy, and Rozsas did well. The performance of Berczik, however, was a great disappointment. His defence was ineffective and he proved to be helpless against the Asians' style."

"We shall have to learn a great deal from these championships if we are to keep abreast of the Asians in future."

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
Oct. 6-16	E.T.T.A. Tour of U.S.S.R.		
7-8	NETHERLAND OPEN Amsterdam.		
12-14	North of England Open (A) Drill Hall, Seymour Grove, Old Trafford, Manchester.	J.S.G. J.S.B.	L. W. Jones, 261, Mauldeth Road, Burnage, Manchester 19.
22	Portsmouth Open (A) South Parade Pier, Southsea, Hants.	J.X.S.	P. Goldring, 52, Winter Road, Southsea, Hants.
27-28	Cheshire Open Harrowby Road Drill Hall, Birkenhead.	V.S. Y.S.	W. Gawne, 33, Broadway Avenue, Wallasey, Cheshire.
27-29	ITALIAN OPEN Turin.		
28-29	Sussex Open White Rock Pavilion, Hastings.	V.S.	D. N. Tyler, 23, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.
28-29	Junior Final Trials , London.		
Nov. 4	Hull & East Riding Open Madeley Street, Baths, Hessle Road, Hull.	J.S.B. J.S.G.	K. H. F. Jordan, "Burnlea", Skillings Lane, Brough, E. Yorks.
4-5	Kent Junior Open Marine Pavilion, Folkestone.	Under 15's Under 13's Under 11's	F. G. Mannoch, 216 Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
8-12	YUGOSLAVIAN OPEN Novi Sad.		
10-11	Meresyde Open Dunlop Rubber Co. Canteen, Speke, Liverpool 24.	J.B.S. J.G.S. V.S.	Miss M. Lindner, Fat D1, 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 Stockholm.		
Dec. 1-2	Quadrangular International (England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland), Glasgow.		
2-3	Newbury Open (Nov. 18) Corn Exchange, Newbury, Berks.	J.B.S.	A. A. J. Mosson, 29, Croft Road, Newbury, Berks.
16-17	Middlesex Open (Dec. 2) 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 London.		
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, Lancs.
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.

WELSH CORNER**A THIN TIME AHEAD**

AFTER a disastrous financial 1960/61 season and a cupboard lamentably bare of new talent, the new season outlook is not at all encouraging for Wales.

There's little consolation in the now obvious fact that European table tennis generally is of lower standard than that of the Asiatics. If we were even good by European standards it would open up much wider fields of activity, and that in itself would be the means of further increasing our ability.

It is noticeable, even with a much less exalted world ranking than hitherto, England still gets plenty of invitations to send teams to Open Tournaments and on tours, and this is because their players are still good enough to be attractive in Europe.

The Welsh Association is often criticised for not trying to do similar things, but it must be understood that nearly all these tours and tournament visits are arranged on a reciprocal basis, and when one reads of an English team being invited to tour Russia this is because a Russian team was invited to tour England.

Unless you have unlimited resources, you can only arrange this exchange of visits if you have top talent to offer, which we have not. So we have to face the fact that no Continental Association will be interested in inviting Welsh players or a Welsh International team.

The only thing we can do is to invite World Stars to the Welsh Open, and hope that the crowd will pay enough to cover their fares and hotel. We did this last year when we had the Swedes. The crowd did not turn up in sufficiently large numbers, and the result was the greatest loss we have ever sustained in the Welsh Open.

It is fair to say that the Welsh Association needs no reminder of its duty to foster table tennis in Wales, and it will continue to try to organise events over and above its task as mere administrator of the game in Wales. But it cannot go on running itself into debt.

There must be great improvement both in the financial and playing resources before we can begin to climb back into international reckoning.

NO HANDICAP

Some make the excuse that because we are a small country we are badly handicapped. May we remind our readers that Aubrey Simons, Bryan Merrett and Ian Harrison all come from the unfashionable West Country, and the last two, resident in Gloucester and Cheltenham surely cannot in their early days have had any more opportunity than players in Cardiff and Swansea.

No. It is the willingness to apply themselves to the game that Welsh players of today lack, and until we can find some more real dedication, we are in for a thin time.

In the days of Walter Sweetland, Stan Jones, Gerry Chugg, Monty Smith and John Davies, we had a side that commanded respect even if it was not always as successful as we had hoped. A few years ago, the three Welsh Musketeers, Shirley Jones, Audrey Bates and Betty Gray, became the terrors of English Tournaments, taking a great deal of trouble to build themselves up into a combination that brought Wales a women's ranking of sixth in the world!

We badly need this spirit now, and the impetus for inspiring the National body to venture forth into new fields must be the impetus of far greater

success than is attending our players' efforts at present.

There's plenty of room at the top in Wales!

The Welsh League, starts on October 14 and is now for teams of three playing on Swaythling Cup lines. This innovation, it is hoped, will increase interest, improve the standard and simplify travelling problems.

The Welsh Closed, postponed in March because of venue difficulties, will now take place at the Llandaff North Drill Hall on October 7. In the Junior events, competitors who were eligible in March, will be allowed to enter in October.

The Swansea Open follows on November 11, and the Cardiff Open on November 25.

The Quadrangular Tournament takes place in Glasgow on December 2/3. The Welsh Open, if it is held, will be on January 12/13, and the Gwent Open probably on April 14.

Glamorgan's Second Division National County matches will be against Bedfordshire at home on October 21; Worcestershire at home on December 9; Oxfordshire, away, on March 3, and Staffordshire, away, March 17.

NORFOLK CHANGE

ROBIN Wickens, Norfolk magazine secretary for the past two years, has moved to Somerset and his job has been taken over by Jack Penny.

Apart from his untiring efforts to promote sales of TABLE TENNIS, Wickens rendered great service as an umpire and was a hard worker for county, League and Club.

Congratulations to Mr. R. Q. Gurney, President of the Norwich League, on his election as Lord Mayor of Norwich.

Mr. Gurney's interest in table tennis started with the England-Yugoslavia match at Norwich Lads Club in 1958. He is closely connected with the Norwich Y.M.C.A., whose £26,000 sports hall is fast taking shape.

A proposal to reduce Division I teams to three-a-side was defeated at the Norwich annual meeting. A presentation was made to Mr. G. F. Rix, to mark his 25 years as chairman. He continues in office. Mr. Bob Perry, from Birmingham was appointed Norwich secretary for inter-league matches.

John Baker (County Arts) winner of the Norfolk closed title, is a former Junior Wimbledon lawn tennis champion. Mary Turner (St. Faith's House) won the women's title.

Mrs. Betty Cassell (Kings Lynn) is once more County President. Eric Fairhead (Norwich) is secretary, and Sydney Lewis (Yarmouth) treasurer.

Mrs. Marion Harrison (Norwich Y.M.C.A.) is the new secretary of the East Anglian League of Leagues.

Dereham hope to include villages within a five-miles radius. Wymondham will run two divisions of seven teams each.

J. S. Penney

LANCS. and CHESHIRE NEWS**LANCS. and CHESHIRE LEAGUES COMBINE**

POSSIBLY unique is the wholesale integration of member leagues of the Lancashire and Cheshire Associations to form the highly competitive Lancs. and Cheshire League.

New bridges are continually being spanned across the Mersey and the overall team entry goes up to 67, an increase of six over last season. The merging of the two women's sections reduces the number of divisions to eight.

Manchester, champions since 1953-4, Stockport, Burnley, Liverpool, and Bolton, plus Southport and Ashton-under-Lyne who took over from demoted Blackpool and Wirral, form the First Division.

Preston replace withdrawn Urmston to make an entry of nine teams for the Women's Division, which was previously divided and held by Manchester and Liverpool "A".

A similar number of teams contest the junior title being defended by Liverpool. Macclesfield are new entrants here.

Horwich, Hyde, Salford and Eccles are welcome additions to the regional divisions.

The departure of Eric Johnson to Leeds is a big blow to Cheshire and Stockport, both in the competitive field and administratively. Stockport chairman E. Spafford fills the gap on the Cheshire back bench and Brenda Bailey, of Macclesfield will bring the committee up to strength.

G. T. H. Fackrell (Warrington) replaces S. M. Renshaw (Stretford) on the Lancashire general committee.

George R. Yates.

FIRST BADGE AT 32

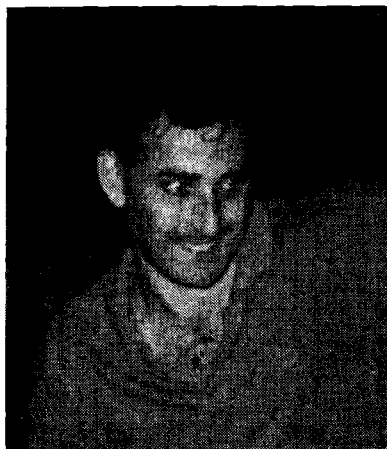
ENGLAND MUST ENCOURAGE YOUNGSTERS

AT the age of 32 and after nearly 20 years of table tennis Stan Jacobson wins his first England badge in the team touring Moscow from October 6-14.

The team has been chosen in accordance with the current ranking list and Jacobson gets his break because Bryan Merrett and Peter Shead are unable to accept.

He joins Ian Harrison and Jeff Ingber with Len Adams as non-playing captain. They will play an international against Poland in Warsaw on the way home.

Because of his age the choice of



STAN JACOBSON

Jacobson has come in for a certain amount of criticism.

There are many who argue that as Jacobson cannot hope to improve at his age, selectors would have been far wiser to have adopted a long term policy and sent an up and coming youngster.

Brian Wright, the English junior champion, who has successfully made the transition from junior to senior status by winning the East of England tournament, would appear to fit this bill.

"We must give incentive to the young players and not stick to the old faces," the critics claim, adding, "It is a waste of time sending a player whose progress has been made on one shot."

Jacobson's top-spin forehand has certainly brought him many notable scalps over the past year, but once players get accustomed to it, his power is gone.

There are even arguments about the choice of Ingber and it seems obvious that selection policies must be reviewed.

The E.T.T.A. have got to make up their minds whether to try and win matches with our current top players or build for the future. They should start by building around Ian Harrison.

He is still young enough to improve and new youngsters must be fostered.

If teams are to be chosen purely on the ranking list, then the E.T.T.A. might just as well do away with the selection committee. A clerk in the office would only have to look at the ranking list and see who is available.

MACCABIAH GAMES

SINGLES TITLE FOR INGBER

TABLE tennis in Israel has received fillip since Angelica Rozeanu, five times world champion, emigrated there from Rumania.

This fact was in evidence at the Maccabiah, the World Jewish Olympics, in which all except Iron Curtain countries participated.

Every session was well supported, especially the finals nights, and the Israelis proved themselves to be wildly enthusiastic and very partisan.

Great Britain, represented by Jeff Ingber, Stan Jacobson, David Offenbach, Joyce Abrahams and Irene Ogus, were very successful.

In magnificent conditions, Ingber won the singles gold medal beating Jacobson 3-1 in the final and Great Britain won the team event beating Israel.

The women also did well finishing third behind Australia and Israel in the team event and third in the women's doubles.

The game is far more popular in Israel than in this country and forms



JEFF INGBER

quite a part of social activity.

The Israelis have plenty of talent, particularly among the juniors, but until they get experience in European and World class play, they can never become a force to be reckoned with.

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