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KEEP POLITICS OUT OF SPORT

SPORT should be entirely non-political, but, as much as the various governing bodies would like this, the matter appears to be out of their hands.

Governments will have their say, and, as ordinary citizens, the sportsmen and women of the world must abide. We all know only too well the colour bar situation that exists in South Africa, where because of government decree Black must not meet White in public.

Now comes another political move, which is having harsh repercussions in the brotherhood of sport. It is the attitude of N.A.T.O. countries refusing visas to East Germans. Last month the British Government refused visas to the East German swimming team, who were to come here for an international in the Summer.

If this attitude persists, then it may mean England will have to lose the European Table Tennis Championships which are due here next season as the curtain raiser at the L.C.C.'s new £2 million pounds National Recreation Centre at Crystal Palace.

Discrimination against East Germany could well lead to the Iron Curtain countries joining forces to form a block and boycott the championships, as they did at West Berlin in 1962. The Europeans without the likes of Hungary, Rumania and Czechoslovakia, would be nothing but a farce.

Tricky Situation

It is a tricky situation and the position of Peter Lowen, the E.T.T.A. secretary, is not to be envied when the whole of this matter is thrashed out at the European Union Committee meeting in Prague. His hands are tied, for the English Table Tennis association can do nothing on its own against the Government.

We are inclined to look at this purely from

England's point of view, but while N.A.T.O. enforces such a position, the effects could be more far reaching. They could bring an end to the championships altogether for France, who were due for the Europeans in 1966, and Greece in 1968, are both members of N.A.T.O. and are similarly involved.

It would probably have to be left to an Iron Curtain country to stage the championships and, although there is no confirmation at this stage, it has been suggested that Poland may be willing to take over. Be that as it may, will Iron Curtain countries always be willing to grant visas to the other nations, or will it only create a widening of the breach?

Olympic Lead

Fortunately the sportsmen of the world are not prepared to take this lying down and the Olympic Committee have already taken a lead in this matter. **They called a meeting in Lausanne last February of representatives of all the affiliated sports federations and adopted a resolution calling on them to have no world or continental games anywhere to which all entitled countries were not admitted. They adopted this principle for the Olympic Games themselves.**

Sportsmen, as a whole, are not interested in international politics. They want to get on with their game. Through sport there could be a far greater understanding between the nations of the world, but it would appear that the governments of too many countries wield sporting prestige in the wrong direction.

Hitherto England has not been guilty in this respect but we must be alive to such danger and try to set an example to the rest of the world.

We don't want to play merely in our own back garden, but meet the other nations without interference.

SUSSEX JUNIOR OPEN

WINNING RETURN BY SAYER TWINS

BEVERLEY and GLORIA SAYER, who made medical history by being the first twins to undergo the miracle hole-in-the-heart operation, made a triumphant return to table tennis in the Sussex Junior Open at Worthing on March 17.

They carried off the Under 17's Doubles with Gloria also winning the mixed with Chester Barnes, and Beverley reaching the final of the singles.

They are not as yet back to their best, particularly in singles, where Gloria lost to the young Maureen Heppell, of Northumberland, and Beverley could make little impression on Jackie Canham in the final, but their performances at Worthing speak well of their future.

Jackie Canham played very solidly to win the girls' singles without loss of a game.

Chester Barnes took yet another junior singles title and made it a triple success when he also won the boys' doubles with Graham French and the mixed with Gloria Sayer.

French, who was hard pressed by Alan Pounder of Cambridgeshire over three games in the semi-final, and also had a close match with Alan Ransome of Middlesbrough, reached the singles final, where he lost at 16 and 10 to Barnes.

Pounder had a good win over David Brown the *News of the World* Boy of the Year in the under 17's event but later lost to him in the final of the under 15's, where both boys appeared to be tired after the long day.

Brown also won the boys' doubles in this section with J. Blackman of Essex.

Hertfordshire's girls dominated the under 15's. P. Hemmings sprinted home in straight games against Evelyn Canham—Jackie's sister—in the final of the singles, then they joined forces to win the doubles.

England need have little worry for the future, while girls like this are around.

Two bright young stars emerged from the under 13's singles, Paul Harmer and Maureen Heppell, a niece of Philomena Clark, who was once nationally ranked. Both won their titles without loss of a game.

UNDER 17's

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: C. BARNES (Essex) bt S. Seaholme (Herts.) 21-11, 21-15. G. FRENCH (Kent) bt A. Pounder (Camps.) 21-19, 18-21, 21-18. **Final:** BARNES bt French 21-16, 21-10.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: J. CANHAM (Herts.) bt M. Heppell (Northumberland) 21-8, 21-10. B. SAYER (Essex) bt K. Stokes (Kent) 21-18, 28-26. **Final:** CANHAM bt B. Sayer 21-5, 21-16.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: BARNES/FRENCH bt M. Green/J. Beasley (Sussex) 21-18, 21-9. SEAHOLME/P. WILLIAMS

(Herts.) bt H. Thomas (Wales/P. Harmer (Beds.) 21-15, 21-9. **Final:** BARNES/FRENCH bt Seaholme/Williams 17-21, 21-13, 21-17.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: B. SAYER/G. SAYER (Essex) bt P. Bonner (Somerset)/P. Thompson (Hants.) 21-4, 21-18. CANHAM/STOKES bt E. Canham/P. Hemmings (Herts.) 21-7, 21-17. **Final:** SAYER/SAYER bt Canham/Stokes 21-14, 21-16.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: BARNES/G. SAYER bt A. Robinson (Middx.)/Canham 21-16, 21-16. FRENCH/STOKES bt Green/E. Wyles (Sussex) 21-13, 21-11. **Final:** BARNES/SAYER bt French/Stokes 21-19, 21-17.

WELSH CORNER

AUSTRALIAN TOUR A BIG SUCCESS

THE Australian tour in Wales proved highly successful from all points of view save the Welsh results against them, and the three crushing defeats indicate how far we have fallen and how much they have improved since last we met.

At Abergavenny, Barry and Milford Haven, organisation went well and the venues provided adequate opportunity for first class play. Throughout their stay, the Australians were accorded civic recognition, and they proved themselves to be agreeable and appreciative visitors.

The fact remains, however, that they ought never to have been allowed to impose such heavy defeats upon us. Although they are very young and obviously destined for improvement, neither Murray Thomson nor Sid Morgan is yet in anything like world class, and we should certainly have taken matches from them on every occasion. As it was, they did better than the Aussie first and second players, Michael Wilcox and Cliff McDonald, who are certainly much better.

Lost First Five

At Abergavenny, the first five results went dismally against us, George Evans slumping after taking a game from Wilcox, and John Mansfield recovering from a bad start against Thomson but then losing easily. Ron Davies and Alan Thomas were just not with it, and their losses were followed by an equally poor doubles effort by Ron and George.

Mansfield then raised our spirits with a brave effort against Morgan and Alan Thomas suddenly found some form to beat Wilcox. After Ron Davies had lost to Thomson, George Evans came

UNDER 15's
Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: D. BROWN (Essex) bt D. Corbett (Kent) 21-18, 21-11. POUNDER bt R. Cocks (Herts.) 21-18, 22-20. **Final:** BROWN bt Pounder 21-17, 21-18.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: HEMMINGS bt E. Camps (Bucks.) 21-10, 21-10. E. CANHAM (Herts.) bt L. Williams (Bucks.) 21-16, 21-10. **Final:** HEMMINGS bt E. Canham 21-11, 12-21, 21-7.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: BROWN/J. BLACKMAN (Essex) bt D. Bunnag (Sussex)/Pounder 22-20, 21-13. T. WILBY (Middx.)/SEAHOLME bt A. Grant/D. Lyne (Hants.) 21-19, 20-22, 21-19. **Final:** BROWN/BLACKMAN bt Wilby/Seaholme 21-19, 21-16.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: E. CANHAM/HEMMINGS bt Williams/Camps 21-10, 21-9. HEPPELL/M. STEVENS (Kent) bt K. Smith/M. Brown (Essex) 21-19, 19-21, 21-16. **Final:** E. CANHAM/HEMMINGS bt Heppell/Stevens 21-7, 21-11.

UNDER 13's

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: P. HARMER (Beds.) bt T. Riley (Sussex) 21-15, 21-8. H. THOMAS (Wales) bt D. Bailey (Sussex) 21-6, 21-11. **Final:** HARMER bt Thomas 21-14, 21-9.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: HEPPELL bt J. Shirley (Bucks.) 21-7, 21-6. P. THOMPSON (Hants.) bt K. Smith (Essex) 21-18, 22-20. **Final:** HEPPELL bt Thompson 21-18, 21-12.

into the picture with a good win over McDonald.

At Barry, Phil Bevan came into the side instead of Mansfield, and in his first international appearance against Thomson was encouraging. Ron Davies was again out of touch, although more spirited, and Alan Thomas allowed McDonald to get away from him. George Evans lost a hard-hitting game to Wilcox, and then we had a most entertaining doubles, in which George and Ron made two great recoveries to thrill the crowd, but not, alas, to clinch victory.

Silenced Critics

Phil Bevan effectively silenced his critics by turning in a great performance to hit through Sid Morgan, but after that it was anticlimax with Ron Davies, George Evans and Alan Thomas never looking like winning.

At Milford, we made three changes, Bernard Dimascio, Alan Morris and Stan Jones coming to join Alan Thomas. Unfortunately both Morris and Jones showed themselves to be now well below international standard, while Thomas, instead of improving his results against the Aussies finished on a very poor note.

It was left to Bernard Dimascio to provide a brilliant highlight, his victory over McDonald showing his attacking backhand at its best. Rarely has Bernard played such a scintillating game.

It is to be hoped the Welsh players will have learned some lessons. The Australians have only seen the loop since their short stay in Britain, yet they have

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A unique picture of all the BARN AWARD winners together on the occasion of this season's presentation to BOBBY STEVENS. Left to right: IAN HARRISON, BRYAN MERRETT, BOBBY STEVENS, ROSALIND (ROWE) CORNETT, AUBREY SIMONS, VICTOR BARN A, JOHNNY LEACH, ANN (HAYDON) JONES and DIANE ROWE.

THIS (TABLE TENNIS) ENGLAND

by JOHN F. JACKSON

(Manager 1963 Australian T.T. Team)

THE 1963 men's Australian table tennis team arrived in England on February 16. I joined them on March 8 and by that time they had defeated Ireland 7-2 in a test match, and Bedfordshire 9-0 in their first encounter with an English county team.

On March 13 we hired a car and set out from Notting Hill Gate for Oxford. After 50 minutes driving, we were horrified to see a sign "*Notting Hill Gate 1½ miles.*" At this stage, the driver was asked to let one of the team become the navigator and the rest of the trip proceeded smoothly with two stops for movie films of Windsor Castle and Henley-on-Thames.

We caught up with our Oxford reception committee at the Cowley factory, where we were duly impressed with the organisation but disappointed at the lack of samples.

That evening our team (Wilcox, McDonald and Morgan) had an 8-1 win over Oxfordshire. The outstanding player was adjudged to be Thomson for his sterling effort of producing the number held by our manager when asked to draw the winning ticket in a raffle.

The next three days were spent in Wales where we won the three test

matches 7-2, 8-1, 8-1. This part of our trip in being covered by another writer, but I would say (at the risk of displeasing the English) that Welsh hospitality may be equalled but could not be bettered.

On March 17 we were driven from Milford Haven to Cardiff, from where we set out for Leamington Spa. In transit we tarried at Stratford-on-Avon to see the famous theatre and were most disappointed that it was not open for inspection. We retaliated by asking two of the local inhabitants whether or not Francis Bacon was buried under the theatre.

At Leamington we were beaten 5-4 by Warwickshire. But what a match! Even I, an old hand at watching games, had to turn away at one stage to allow my heart rate to settle down. The final ovation was incredible. We congratulate Ralph Gunnion on his match winning performance and Maurice Billington for the part he played.

March 21 saw our team have its best win ever. We beat England's champion county, Middlesex, 6-3, each of our players (Wilcox, McDonald, Thomson) defeating Alan Rhodes and Brian Wright. I don't think anyone would have begrudged

us the celebration party that followed.

Digressing for a moment I now know why England won the war. Any people who will voluntarily continue to live in a climate such as this, must be impossible to encounter.

Two matches to go and our spirits running very high. We had a 9-0 win against Hertfordshire, then in the final match played the crack Surrey team, winning a wonderful match 6-4, after being 1-4 down at the interval.

We leave this amazing England on March 29 to play in the Scottish championships then off to Prague on April 1 (what an unfortunate date) for the World Championships.

At the risk of sounding like an American movie press agent, we sum up our English tour as follows:

Hospitality . . . fantastic (as good as the Welsh). **Transport . . .** unbelievably good. **Weather . . .** shocking. **Press liaison . . .** excellent. **Food . . .** too much pastry for Australians (but, of course, our climate is a little warmer).

THE ENGLISH PEOPLE . . . WONDERFUL. "May we all come back again."

"OPERATION STAFFS"

By JACK CARRINGTON

THANKS to perfect co-operation between the E.T.T.A., the Staffordshire County T.T.A. and the Staffordshire Service of Youth, the largest-ever Coaching Rally went off without a hitch on Saturday and Sunday, 9th and 10th March, 1963.

With 38 coaches working with the

Director of Coaching each day, on 30 tables, no less than 300 pupils received instruction during this (non-residential) weekend.

So keen were the youngsters that Miss Monks, the County Youth Officer, our host-organiser, had to admit defeat in one field only—she had to turn down nearly 50 additional applicants for Sunday.

Token parties of pupils and leaders were included, from neighbouring areas, with a view to encouraging similar efforts in their particular centres.

The coaching team included Diploma Coaches and students from 12 different counties, as far apart as Devon and Durham, and as the tables were allotted to five halls averaging six or so each, the operation provided valuable experience for the coaches in handling and organising groups of the size which they must normally expect to control when running local Courses.

During their rest periods the pupils were able to see both films, and demonstration matches by the Intermediate players who had been invited from six counties to play in a practice tournament.

The inclusion of Intermediate girls for the first time was a great success, and it is fair to say that these young players added much to the occasion by their smartness, sportsmanship and agile type of play.

The huge meeting was further honoured by the presence of our Chairman, Ivor Eyles, who, with Secretary Peter Lowen, met 25 representatives of Midland leagues for informal discussion of administrative problems.

HANTS COACHES MEET

By TEDDY GRANT

HAMPSHIRE coaches met for the second time this season at the Mount Pleasant Table Tennis Centre, Southampton, under the expert eye of Jack Carrington, the E.T.T.A. national coach. He took them through a refresher course linking up the national basic coaching scheme.

Twenty coaches, coming from Aldershot, Bournemouth, Basingstoke, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight were in attendance, including county players Mrs. D. Gray and Roy Henderson.

Further rallies are envisaged at Aldermaston and in the Isle of Wight.

Congratulations to twins Christine and Pauline Holes on retaining the English girls' doubles title at Brighton. Their enterprising junior career has certainly brightened table tennis in Hampshire.

WINCHESTER PAY TRIBUTE

A plaque to the memory of Arthur Richards, former chairman of the Winchester League and of the county was unveiled at the Winchester Guildhall Sports Centre by the Mayor, Councillor G. T. Hutchins, who referred to the great amount of work Mr. Richards had so faithfully rendered to the local league and the game in Hampshire.

Paying further tribute the Rev. J. Tweedley said of Mr. Richards that he was a man admired and loved by all. He learned to play the game for the game's sake. Mr. Richards' widow was among the large number who attended the unveiling ceremony.

Results of the Winchester and District Closed championships were: **Men's Singles:** P. SMITH bt N. Eades 21-14, 21-13; **Women's Singles:** Mrs. D. HERRIDGE bt H. Nash 21-16, 21-19. **Men's Doubles:** EADES/P. BROWN bt Smith/J. Herridge 21-16, 19-21, 21-16. **Mixed Doubles:** SMITH/Mrs. HERRIDGE bt Brown/ Miss Nash 21-19, 21-17.

NEW HANTS SINGLES CHAMPIONS

TREVOR SMITH, of Bournemouth, one of the county's more progressive young players, and Christine Holes, of junior international fame, emerged from an interesting tournament of over 100 entries to become the new singles champions of Hampshire.

Miss Holes, who beat her twin sister in the senior final, also won the junior singles and the mixed doubles with D. Davis.

Smith beat Tony Ward of Southampton 21-12, 15-21, 21-13, and always appeared in command, dominating the final game by tricky variations of speed and loop drive to outwit the more stylish Ward.

The venue, by courtesy of the Army, was the attractive and spacious Ward-Tetley Gymnasium of the Army School

of Physical Training, Aldershot. Nine tables were used and all credit must go to Mr. De-La-Haye, the Hon. County Secretary and his Aldershot committee for efficient organisation.

It proved a wise decision to hold the championships in the north of the county for the first time, for entries were increased by fifty per cent.

Men's Singles: SMITH bt Ward 21-12, 15-21, 21-13. **Women's Singles:** C. HOLES bt P. Holes 21-11, 21-18. **Junior Singles:** C. HOLES bt D. Holman 21-15, 18-21, 21-9.

Women's Doubles: GRAY/FOSTER bt Coop/Brown 21-15, 22-20. **Men's Doubles:** MIDDLEY/HENDERSON bt Bassett/Ellis 15-21, 24-22, 21-11.

Mixed Doubles: DAVIS/C. HOLES bt Henderson/Foster 21-17, 21-18.

Veteran Singles: SAUNDERS bt Bell 21-8, 21-13.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING

—Itineraries

(Some of the dates are subject to confirmation).

1963

Apr. 26 Swindon.

27 Dartford Y.M.C.A. (Young Players' Rally).

29 or May 2 Leighton Buzzard.

May 3 Warrington (Coaches' Study Session).

4 Blackpool (General Rally with Coaches' Practical).

5 Barrow-in-Furness.

6 Carlisle.

7 Millom School and Whitehaven.

8 Warrington (Coaches' Study and Practical).

11-12 Leicester (County Youth Rally).

18-19 Torquay.

20-21 Cornwall.

22-23 Plymouth.

24 Torquay.

25 Brighton (County Coaching Conference).

28 and 30 London (Coaches' Study Meetings).

June 9 Slough, Junior Development Match Festival.

12 Dartford (Coaches' Course).

13 Gillingham (Coaches' Course).

15-16 Tunbridge Wells (School-children's Rally).

18-19 Dartford-Gillingham.

22-23-24 Norwich-Yarmouth.

24-25 Dartford-Gillingham.

June-July. Various dates; L.C.C. Coaches' Course.

9-11 Eastbourne.

14-21 Lilleshall Course.

Aug. 18-22 Hereford (R.A.F. Instructors' Course).

Aug. 31 and

Sept. 1 Matlock (Youth Course).

7-14 Skegness (General Training Course with section for Coaches).

29 Folkestone (Coaches' Course).

Oct. 4-15 N.E. area.

19-20 Derby (Mass Rally).

Courses to improve personal performance, with section for potential Coaches include:

July 14-21 Lilleshall (fully booked)

May 18-25 Torquay (almost fully booked).

Sept. 7-14 Skegness.

21-28 Torquay.

Full details available from:

Director of Coaching, 24 Worcester

Gardens, Ilford, Essex. (Tel. VAL 5838); or from C.C.P.R. 6, Bedford

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EAGLE/GIRL TOURNAMENTby **KENNETH WHEELER**

Shocks for Former Finalists

BEATEN finalists in the *EAGLE/GIRL* Championship of Great Britain often fight back to win the following season. This time, however, so intense was the battle involving over 14,000 competitors, that many favoured heads rolled at a comparatively early stage, and only Pat Dainty, defeated in the 1962 final by Lesley Bell, lived through to the penultimate match to fight again for top honours.

OUT went John Reilly, the tall Glaswegian who was last year's runner-up to Chester Barnes. OUT went both of last year's *Girl* under-13 finalists, Linda Henwood and Margaret Cole. And OUT went Willie Gibbs scarcely before anyone could feel the draught from his swishing forehand.

In the South Regional finals in London on January 26 Ellis Corbett (Midlands) was unfortunately absent due to illness and Anthony Robinson (South) captured the *Eagle* under-15 Regional title, after many previous attempts, this time at the expense of the Welsh champion, Graham Davies, by 14 and 13.

The *Girl* Senior Regional event also went to the South through Kay Stokes, of Folkestone, who was, however, given a hard battle by Joan Wooding (Midlands). The result—21-14, 14-21, 21-13.

Both under-13 Regional titles went to Midland competitors. Raymond Heath smashed his way to a 21-19, 21-16 victory over Keith Lawrence (South), while Ingrid Sykes came through with surprising ease, 9 and 5, in her final against Margaret Brown, the Southern champion.

The Northern Regional finals at Leeds on March 9 had a somewhat tidier outcome. First the Scottish contingent, three of whom represented the Dundee club, dismissed the four Irish champions, and this was the first occasion on which the Republic of Ireland has been represented in our tournament.

Then along came the four North of England champions to beat their Scottish rivals, two straight in each case. Three of the Northerners hail from Yorkshire—Paul Canham (under 15), Philip Rowe (under 13) and Pat Dainty (under 15). The

fourth, Maureen Heppell, whose style appears to have been modelled on that of Diane Rowe, is from Newcastle.

Paul represents Hull Schools who, with 260 points, have finished Top Team in Britain and qualified for the award of a match table presented by the sponsors.

Using a mixed bag of loops, intricate spin shots, drives and smashes



PAT DAINTY

from either wing—all accompanied by theatrical gestures—Paul Canham is undoubtedly a personality player to watch for the future. He proved too strong for John Reilly on this occasion, winning 21-16, 21-17.

Philip Rowe, who makes a 60-mile round trip from his Barnoldswick home to play weekly league matches for Idle Playways, a Bradford club, beat Donald McIntosh of Dundee 21-11, 21-19. Dundee, by the way, were second to Hull Schools in the Team Championship. Regional tables go to the Wymondham School and Doncaster Youth.

Two vivacious and charming Dundee lasses, Joyce McNaughton and Marjory Murray, were out-classed by Pat Dainty and Maureen Heppell, losing 21-13, 21-10 and 21-14 and 22-20 respectively. Maureen showed no nerves until the second game when, with a taxi ticking up

outside and her vital Newcastle train already approaching Leeds station, she not unnaturally became rattled and nearly lost both her train and her grip on the match. But ultimately she was a worthy winner. "Too good for me!" confessed Marjory cheerfully. "But I'll do better next year."

And that just about sums up the attitude of all our 13,992 losers. They all tried their very, very best, and when it proved not quite good enough wished the victor well with a sporting handshake, at the same time vowing to themselves: "Just you wait until next time." That's the spirit we like to see: don't you?

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

SAD LOSS FOR LOUGHBOROUGH

THE untimely death of Loughborough League Secretary, Don Counsell, will come as a shock to his many friends. Don was involved in a collision with a lorry. He had been secretary of the Loughborough League since its inception. Although not an active player, he was a tremendous enthusiast, and it was largely due to his efforts that Loughborough has a league at all.

The county team knock-out Handicap Cup, the Rose Johnson Bowl, has now reached the semi-final stage. Two first division clubs, Leicester T.T.C. and Leicester Y.M.C.A., play each other. Viaduct play Wildt/Mellor Bromley II.

Leicester Y.O.C. singles champion is John Cooper (Allextion Youth Club) who beat Tony Sperry 21-11, 22-20 in the final.

In the Saracen Cup, the final stage has been reached. Knighton Park (E. Jackson, B. Clark and R. Emerton) play Wildt/Mellor Bromley (F. Luketa, R. Springthorpe and E. De Bruyn).

Rita Beith won the ladies handicap cup, the Rose Johnson Memorial Trophy, when she defeated Anne Jenkins in a thrilling final.

In the Leicester and District League, promotion battles continue. Soccer Pools III look certain of the 7.A Championship. With such a consistent team as Ron Tunks, Rod White and Colin Greadhead this is hardly surprising. In 7.B A.E.I. (Leicester) continue to make good progress with M. Pridmore hitting well.

Next season will see a new league affiliating to the Leicestershire Association—the Melton Mowbray League. This is due largely to the efforts of live-wire Dennis Smith.

League fixtures in Leicestershire are due to end at Easter but there will be an extensive summer coaching programme and if any clubs in the county are interested in this side of the game and they will write to me, c/o Leicester Y.M.C.A. I will be pleased to include them in our arrangements.

Philip Reid.

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YORKSHIRE NOTES

BARNSELY'S SUCCESS

BARNSELY is this season's inter-league success town. Brilliant 6-4 victories over the strong Sheffield and Doncaster sides have brought them the men's title for the first time.

And the women's team, strengthened by the return of Flo Rolling and the transfer of Pat Dainty from Doncaster, are invincible in the county.

It is the same men's team which finished in mid-table last season. One of the reasons behind their surprise rise is the improvement of Peter Kenyon, now a far steadier player who has dropped only two sets at No. 3. The line-up is completed by Doug McGarry, Brian Starkie (who has lost only three) and Brian Biggar. McGarry and Starkie have been unbeaten in seven doubles.

Both men's and women's teams reached the quarter-finals of the national team competitions before falling to Manchester.

CLOSED TITLE FOR BEVAN

DAVID BEVAN, Gloucester's gift to Yorkshire, won the Yorkshire Closed at Bradford without dropping a game.

Clive Pollard (York) was a surprised finalist. Only a week earlier he left hospital after an operation for the removal of a cyst over the eye. Then the night before the tournament he went to bed feeling feverish.

He felt better next day, however, and better still as he knocked out Doug McGarry, the county player, and Peter Duncombe, the top seed, in his best ever performance before falling to the immaculate Bevan.

Lewis Broadhead (Dewsbury) won the veterans' title for the third year running after narrow victories over Arthur Bowers (Bradford) and Norman Lusher (Harrogate) on his way to the final.

John Keyes surprised David Stanley in the youths' final and Cynthia Blackshaw reversed last year's women's singles result against Lesley Proudlock.

Men's Singles, Semi-Finals: D. BEVAN (Leeds) bt D. Bartlett (Hull) 21-16 22-20; C. POLLARD (York) bt P. Duncombe (Doncaster) 21-19, 21-18. **Final:** BEVAN bt Pollard 21-16, 21-15. **Women's Singles:** C. D. BLACKSHAW (Doncaster) bt L. Proudlock (Sheffield) 21-19, 21-11.

Men's Doubles: D. MCGARRY (Barnsley)/M. DAINTY (Doncaster) bt Bevan/Duncombe 21-14, 21-19. **Women's Doubles:** BLACKSHAW/PROUDLOCK bt L. Hamilton/Mrs. E. Starkie (Barnsley) 21-15, 21-18. **Mixed Doubles:** DUNCOMBE/Miss BLACKSHAW bt Bevan/Miss Proudlock 21-17, 21-18.

Youths' Singles: J. KEYES (Doncaster) bt D. H. Stanley (Huddersfield) 21-17, 21-13. **Girls' Singles:** PROUDLOCK bt Miss B. Hargrave (Halifax) 21-7, 21-15. **Veterans Singles:** L. BROADHEAD (Dewsbury) bt R. Hawkes (Harrogate) 21-15, 21-15.

At the other end of the scale, Hull, who missed relegation narrowly last season, seem doomed for Division Two this time after losing 6-4 to struggling Leeds, whose Eric Johnson and David Bevan were unbeaten.

Dewsbury's bid for runners-up spot in the women's section faltered with the retirement of Pam Bodrog and subsequent defeat at Bradford.

After being runners-up in Division Two five times in nine seasons, York clinched a place in the top section when they ran riot against rivals Halifax to win 10-0. This spectacular performance was the more remarkable through the absence of their No. 1, Clive Pollard, who a week later put up his finest display in reaching the final of the Yorkshire Closed.

Jack Senescall made his 13th appearance in the York Closed and it was the first time he was not a winner. He has collected 19 titles since he moved to York in 1950-51.

David Lamb knocked him out in the semi and went on to the title by hitting through Francis Gregoire, winner the last three years. In the final of the mixed the Pollards overcome the Senescalls Irene Pollard beat Betty Senescall 23-21 in the third game of the women's singles final and together they took the doubles. Gregoire and Clive Pollard were men's doubles champions and the junior event went to J. Young.

Pleasing news from Doncaster is that the popular partnership of Peter Duncombe and Cynthia Blackshaw have announced their engagement.

Doncaster Y.M.C.A. (Duncombe, Mick Dainty and Geoff Atkinson) look like local champions for the fourth successive season.

The promotion of the "F" and "D" teams will give Hull Y.P.I. five teams in Division One next season. Dave Bartlett, Mick Sothcott, Norman Thomas and Frank Ledger have put Police at the top, however. Y.P.I. have nine teams in the league altogether.

Philip Rowe, Paul Canham and Pat Dainty gave Yorkshire three of the four northern places in the *Eagle* national finals.

Malcolm Hartley.

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Editor's Postbag . . .

MORE HELPERS NEEDED

BEING one of the overworked helpers at the English Open Championships at Brighton on February 28-March 2, I am writing to express my regrets to the poor response for help at what is the showpiece of table tennis in this country.

It is essential for efficient management of these championships that each table should have a squad of six officials so that umpire, timekeeper, score apparatus operators and line judges can operate, and that these officials can take periods of rest in turn when a singles event is allocated to their table. During the 1961-62 championships at the same venue this scheme was maintained, and the control had no worries on this score, but this year the paucity of the response was such that after a match had been allocated a hurried search was necessary to find one or two, and sometimes three, for each event. On the Saturday morning and afternoon many matches were played with only an umpire as the solitary official, and this with quite a good gathering of spectators present, is poor presentation.

The Brighton supply of helpers, although deficient in qualified umpires, was about the same number as last year, and they operated often in the capacity of umpires, although unqualified, in the emergency that existed. The deficit must therefore have been caused by the normal outside help, mainly from the London area.

I do not know the reason for this shortage. A wastage must occur amongst the regulars from year to year, and this

is understood and appreciated, and one wonders if sufficient thought and effort was given for an appeal for reinforcements. This is a problem that must be overcome for future championships as even a willing horse dies if worked too hard, and a good presentation is essential for the image of table tennis to be maintained and improved from year to year.

The play itself provided a great improvement on last year, mainly I fear, by the increased foreign entry. The men's singles final provided a new conception of the game, and illustrated that the English progress is failing to grow. I feel that a lot of rethinking is necessary by the top players and coaches if we are to make any serious effort to reach world class. If we can provide play such as witnessed in these finals there is little doubt that the lost legion of spectators could be regained and that instead of the Dome, Brighton, being filled to its limited capacity, we could once again attract a full house to the Wembley Pool.

BERT G. FRETWEELL
(Chairman—Brighton & District T.T.L.).

Exhibitions More Pleasing

HEREWITH a few observations on returning from the E.T.T.A. finals at Brighton.

Firstly, congratulations on the venue, so much better than the shambles at the

Corn Exchange last year. Secondly, why the 35 minute interval between two of the events? Both players stood ready most of the time and we were already committed to a 5 minute interval during the next event and another after it to allow the players to rest. This was unpardonable and will lose support which is dwindling anyway—I can remember a near capacity crowd at Wembley in the late 40's.

I feel you should face the fact that high class table tennis, and it certainly was, will not please spectators so much as exhibitions of a lower standard. My suggestion to save the game as a spectacle are these. Leave out the women's doubles and mixed doubles and include the men's semi-finals. In between every real event, or in the interval if you must have one, let's have some table tennis in a lighter vein from Barna, Leach, etc., or Fahazi could obviously delight us with his antics.

Finally, in view of the death of the backhand and half-volley, serious thought should again be given to changing the rules, possibly in favour of the defender—perhaps the inclusion of the volley in some form would be a good idea. Also, the sandwich bat has made the game too quiet. Let's hope it doesn't spread to cricket—imagine a 6 hit from Dexter using a sandwich bat.

E. G. EGERTON.
(Southampton).

Are Spectators Wanted?

WITH a packed house on Finals Night and the finest men's singles final for at least 10 years the 1963 English Open will no doubt be considered an unqualified success, so before the Championship Committee becomes too complacent I, as a paying spectator, would like to air a few moans:—

1. No pass-outs during the day-time sessions and no lunches available in the hall.

2. Few seats available for the semi-finals and finals of the team events—only 16 courtside seats were provided in the afternoon of which 11 were occupied by players and officials. When a few paying spectators showed some enterprise and put seats at one end of the court they were promptly moved by an official, but the Belgian team who moved in at the other end were allowed to remain.

3. I paid 10s. for a Finals Night circle stalls seat and from it could see precisely nothing—not only was I blinded by a battery of five naked arc lights but the staggering of the tiered seating was so shallow that it was not possible to see over the head of the person in front of me. Am I expecting too much after paying for a second best seat to want to see the table—not two players darting in and out behind somebody's head! Surely for 10s. one is entitled to a clear view of the play?

Incidentally, after the first match I stood at the back of the hall—shaded from the lights—and had a good view. It's a 4s. gallery seat for me next year!

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REFLECTIONS ON COACHING

IT appears unjust to criticise the hard working officials who have done so much to improve coaching facilities in this country in the last few years; but after watching the English Open it appears imperative that some reflections be made on present coaching methods.

During the match in which Miss Rowe lost her title I heard this comment: "How old fashioned her style looks compared with the other girls."

I am not stating one style is better than the other style, but it is clear that in Europe at present there are two main styles of play. There is what can be called the classic "English" style and there is the new array of strokes, including the loop, used by the majority of European players with inverted sponge bats.

I do say, however, without fear of contradiction, that many players in this country could get better results if they had coaching in these new strokes.

The real trouble, if we are honest, is that we are a nation that does not like change, and in official quarters "loop" and "inverted sponge" are still considered dirty words, not to be spoken in public.

The official coaching policy is still to teach a person to play his strokes using a rubber bat and then later—if he keeps on asking—allow him to convert to a sponge.

How ridiculous. Cannot it be seen how different are the new strokes being used by the Continental players compared with the old style strokes.

After a few lessons it can be seen some players are a "natural" for sponge and the quicker they are correctly taught to use it the better it will be.

A lot has been said about how great a match was the singles final, but not much comment has been made on the doubles finals when both the singles finalists were given a lesson in tactics and then annihilated by Andreadis. If he, the most orthodox of players, changes to inverted sponge and uses the loop it does appear we must also be more flexible in our approach to the game.

Are there any competent coaches of these new strokes in the country? If so the quicker they can start giving lessons to all official coaches, the quicker will English table tennis rise in world ranking.

Finally, but perhaps even more important, is the fact that only lip service is paid at present in training a person to have the right mental approach. If you think this is unfair comment I would refer you to the boys' final between a British and a German boy. We must assume the top English boy has had all the top official coaching available, but although he had the strokes the coach had failed to get him in the right mental state for this match.

Nearly all his mental efforts were concentrated on a private war with himself, and little was left for the game in hand. It says much for his skill that he almost won. The contrast with the German concentrating a hundred per cent on the one object of winning the game was indeed a sad comparison.

E. A. R. GIBBS (Rickmansworth).

JACK CARRINGTON

(Director of Coaching)

REPLIES

THE reflections which occurred to Mr. Gibbs on viewing the recent form of European top players are fully realised by most coaches in England, and certainly by the younger ones who are influenced by our official Coaching instruction.

All students are clearly informed that they must learn and study more than one way of producing various effects, and more than one way of dealing with various situations.

In order to make a start, we do usually assume a pimped-rubber bat is in use. Reasons:

1. **Mechanically** the problems are simpler to study, i.e. the effects more predictable, etc.

2. **Economically** it is more realistic that learners will first get their innocent clutches on a tattered old club bat, and will expect to achieve something with this before anyone will provide them with the latest "deterrent".

This is important to our teams of coaches who are aiming to work with schools and Youth Clubs.

3. **Psychologically** the consensus of opinion is that a player with a pimped-rubber bat must learn to adapt his muscles consciously to achieve the desired effects. We have thought that a spell of this "conscious learning" was good for most young players before they entered the phase of "reflex adaptation" induced by "sponge" play.

We have seen so many examples of good young "reflex" players meeting better young reflex players and having nothing to fall back on, that we have not yet been swayed from our general opinion that it is good instructional psychology to start with "pimple".

Certainly, however, no real pressure is put on the point, and indeed, if the consensus of experienced opinion moves to support Mr. Gibbs in his implication that there is positive weakness in starting with pimped rubber, then our official opinion will move with it.

We have no evidence of such positive weakness; in fact the English Open itself suggests it is imaginary: the winner of Men's Singles has adapted from "pimple", as also has Andreadis, whom Mr. Gibbs holds up as his model. Since Mr. Gibbs has raised the point of psychological strength or weakness, (in the case of the Junior Boys' Singles), I might mention that both of these "pimple-trained" stars showed greater psychological strength than the younger experts with their new array of strokes,

e.g. Barnes, Bell, Shannon, Wright. Creamer was "with it," I thought.

Having made a start on the basis of pimped rubber we do in fact deal with the latest sandwich variations on all courses other than purely elementary.

We do know and sympathise with what Mr. Gibbs wants and means, but he should avoid such weak logic as setting up his own assumptions to shoot them down with cries of triumph.

For example, Miss Rowe, labelled "old-fashioned" was beaten not by any new array, but by the even older-fashioned technique and patience of Alexandru—which was good enough to win the tournament. Miss Rowe is a world champion and a coach in her own right; to what extent can current official coaching instruction have influenced her actions or form?

Do we receive corresponding credit for the fact that Rhodes, Stevens, Wright, Shannon, Bell, Symonds, Creamer, Barnes, do play in a new-fashioned way, although not yet as well as the top Europeans?

As for the Junior Boys' singles, why pick on one match of a notoriously unsettled teenager to criticise our officials? If this boy should reverse the result within weeks at Prague, would this mean that our official coaching had suddenly become admirable?

Why not choose the Girls' Singles won by our girl? Does this prove that we have good coaching officials—or are we only responsible for losses? I console myself with the thought that Stipek is probably being slated in this month's Czechoslovak TABLE TENNIS because his girl lost to Lesley Bell.

If he is, this would be with more justice, because the European coaches do have some say in the discipline and programme and preparation of their top players. **WE HAVE NONE, SO OUR COACHES ARE INSTRUCTED TO DO THE NEXT BEST THING** i.e. TRY TO BRING UP OUR VERY YOUNG PLAYERS TO BE INDUSTRIOUS AND YET RESOURCEFUL. IF TO THESE QUALITIES IS ADDED... TALENT... WE MIGHT GET THE PLAYERS WE ARE LOOKING FOR.

A POOR SHOW

I WAS indeed surprised to read a letter from one of the County's leading Junior players making excuses for his own lack of success in the Yorkshire Junior Open and suggesting that the northerners were lucky to win most of the titles.

As Tournament Secretary I was delighted to have such a good entry from the South and I certainly appreciated their efforts to arrive on time despite the atrocious weather conditions, but I do deprecate the player excusing himself publicly through the medium of TABLE TENNIS. This should not be expected from a Senior player, let alone a Junior.

With regard to his comments about Northern players infrequently, if ever, entering Southern and Midland Tournaments I feel sure the reason is not their lack of enthusiasm but simply shortage of funds and spare weekends.

Ken Park,
(Hon. Tournament Secretary).

SCOTCH CORNER

by LESLEY BARRIE

KERR BACK TO FORM

SUGDEN WINS FIRST TITLE

MALCOLM SUGDEN annexed his first singles title and his third successive doubles title at the East of Scotland's Open.

Shock-semi-finalist was Eddie Latham of Glasgow who disposed of Tommy McMichael and then was narrowly beaten by Ally Laidlaw, who is back to form again.

Altogether the men's was upset upon upset and it is good to see so many competing for the top honours as the standard is bound to improve.

The same cannot be said for the ladies. On results Mrs. Hawkins and Miss Barrie, whom she beat in the final, are well ahead of the rest. Miss Barrie had by far the harder draw, having to dispose of surprisingly unseeded Doreen Robertson (joint 3 ranked) 11, 12 and

Doreen Donaldson (also ranked 3) 7, 15 to reach the final.

The ladies' doubles was won by the scratch pairing of Greta Shields and Margaret Terrass and the mixed doubles by Jimmy Coyne and Doreen Robertson.

The junior singles provided yet another win for John Reilly with Billy Gibbs a disappointed but gallant loser. Billy seems always to take a set from John but fails to sustain his challenge in the final set.

Scottish personality of the month IAN BARCLAY

HAVING featured in the final of every men's singles event so far this season, Ian Barclay, at the age of 22, is now Scottish No. 1.

His consistency is undeniable. With a brilliant attacking game, to which he has now added the loop, and a sound defence, Ian is an all-round player.

He is the only Scottish player who has



won an English junior title—the boys' doubles in 1958-9—and then he narrowly missed winning the singles.

His senior successes have also been impressive and this year with Bertie Kerr he reached the final of the Yorkshire Open men's doubles.

Ian has represented his country many times since he was 16 and his plans for the future include the World Championships in Prague. He has been travelling around the British Isles, and devoting time to training and practise in his efforts to improve his game.

Unofficial Ranking List

TO promote interest, I have compiled these ranking lists from tournament performances up to the present moment. The tournaments taken into account are: the North, Midlands and West Opens and the Scottish Closed. Awarding 6 points for a winning finalist, 4 points for a losing finalist and 2 points for the losing semi-finalists, the lists are as follows.

MEN

- 1. IAN BARCLAY, 18 pts.
- 2. Bertie Kerr, 14 pts.
- Malcolm Sugden, 14 pts.
- 4. Tommy McMichael, 10 pts.
- 5. Ally Laidlaw, 8 pts.
- 6. Eddie Latham, 2 pts.
- J. Dow, 2 pts.
- J. Coyne, 2 pts.

WOMEN

- 1. OLIVE HAWKINS, 26 pts.
- 2. Lesley Barrie, 16 pts.
- 3. D. Donaldson, 6 pts.
- D. Robertson, 6 pts.
- S. Stewart, 6 pts.
- 6. S. Forbes, 4 pts.
- 7. M. Julius, 2 pts.
- M. Terrass, 2 pts.
- B. Dunbar, 2 pts.

CLUB NEWS

Gambit Club of Edinburgh gained a clear victory over Central in their cup tie. But the West players fought well, Bertie Kerr being hard-pressed both by Eddie Latham and Jimmy Weatherston, while Ian Barclay was taken all the way by John Campbell.

A good win by George Anderson of Springburn was his victory over Gordon Fraser of Hamilton. Gordon was No. 1 in the averages last season and is one of the most feared players in the West. He uses a deadly backhand flick and coupled with a strong all-round game.

Owing to non-attendance at league matches Central have dropped James Dow from their A team and have replaced him with Eddie Cameron. Dow is not playing at all in league matches and is losing valuable experience. It is to be hoped that he will soon find a permanent place again.

The only all-women team in the West is now no more. Ella Brown owing to ill health is now a spectator and a male player is filling the breach. We hope that she is soon back in health again.

BERTIE KERR, recovering from his recent loss of form, played better than ever to win the David Adams tournament without loss of a game. He beat Tommy McMichael in the final, after a hard fought semi-final against George Anderson.

Eddie Latham was once again an unexpected semi-finalist after beating Ian Barclay in a tough three-setter, and John Reilly, but met his match in the semi-final where McMichael gained revenge in a thrilling five-setter for his East of Scotland defeat.

Pairings for the doubles were made by drawing names from a hat this proved a thoroughly enjoyable event. Due to a rather kind draw Lesley Barrie and Pat Kerr, who excels in doubles play, reached the semi-final only to go down to the eventual winners Ian Cochrane and John Reilly, who went on to beat Bertie Kerr and Andy Stewart in the fifth set of an entertaining final.

Miss Barrie won the women's singles, her final victim being Maxime Julius, whose temperament caused the audience some mirth.

It was fitting that the victorious Bertie Kerr should propose the thanks of all players to the enterprising organisers, and it is hoped that more tournaments of this nature will be organised next season to fill out the lamentably thin calendar in Scotland.

E.T.T.A. VISIT TO JERSEY

by K. A. Le BRUN

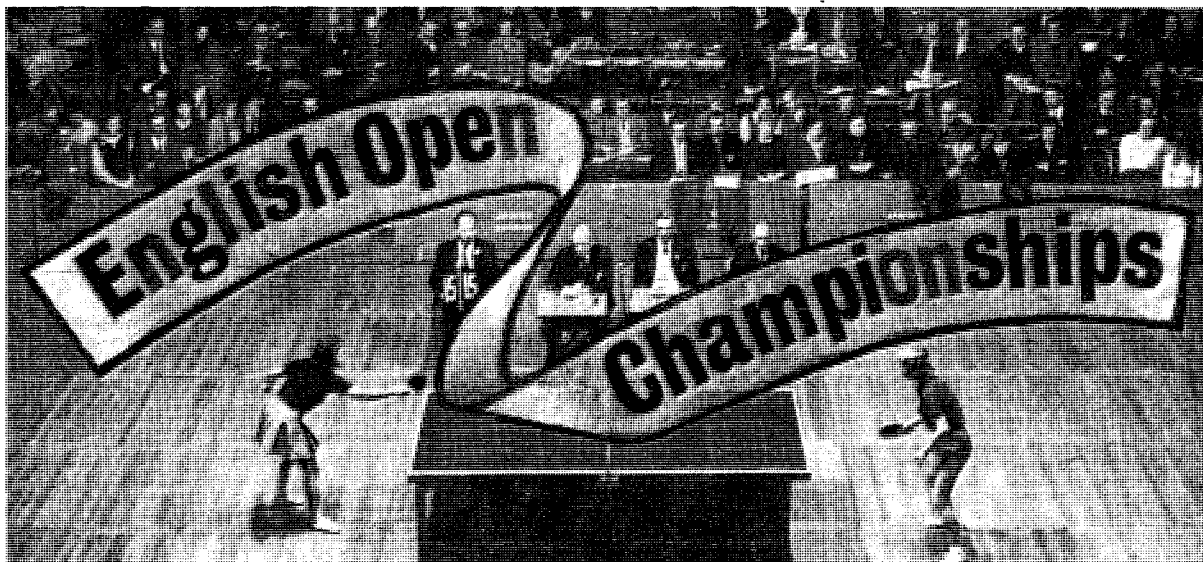
THE visit of the E.T.T.A. team of Diane Rowe, Mary Shannon, Chester Barnes and David Stanley, plus Ron Crayden, as non-playing captain, Johnny Leach and Peter Lowen, the E.T.T.A. secretary, to Jersey in February did much to stimulate the interest of the game in the island.

They played two matches against island teams and won both quite easily. The only home win was recorded by Kenny Eloury, who beat Miss Rowe in straight games. He was also just beaten at 18 in the third by Miss Shannon.

Johnny Leach helped to entertain the large audience on both evenings with some splendid exhibitions, in which he was helped by other members of the visiting team.

It was indeed a hectic three days with numerous occasions to recall, including the tour of the clubs that form the leagues in the island.

We look forward to further such visits as this which has helped the Jersey T.T.A. to keep a friendly and negotiable understanding with the E.T.T.A.



The Girls Save The Day

**MARY and DI THE
BEST IN EUROPE**

**SPECTACULAR MEN'S
SINGLES FINAL**

By Harrison Edwards

THANK goodness for the girls. They alone salvaged some prestige from the English Open Championships at Brighton from February 28th to March 2 and prevented a complete overseas monopoly of our title.

Diane Rowe and **Mary Shannon** won the women's doubles; **Lesley Bell** the girls' singles; twins **Christine** and **Pauline Holes** the girls' doubles; and Mrs. **Doreen Crosby**, the veteran women's singles. The rest of the titles went overseas.

Perhaps this was not surprising for the championships attracted the biggest foreign entry for years and were almost a European Championships in miniature.

The titles being well shared around, Hungary collected the men's singles with **Zoltan Berczik** and the mixed doubles with **Janos Fahazi** and **Eva Foldi**; Rumania provided the women's singles winner with **Maria Alexandru**; and Czechoslovakia won the men's doubles with **Ivan Andreadis** and **Vladimir Miko**.

West Germany had her turn in the junior events where **Walter Dahlman** gained a triple crown in winning the boys' singles, the boys' doubles with **Willi Grobe**, and the mixed doubles with **Jutta Kruger**.

Then for good measure **G. Delabarre**, of Belgium, won the veteran men's singles.

Whatever the disappointment at seeing so many of our titles leaving the country this was a feast of good table tennis and the finals, before a capacity crowd at the Dome on the Saturday night, were some of the best seen for years.

The big thrill, from the home point of view, was the doubles victory of Miss Rowe and Miss Shannon over the Hungarians **Eva Foldi** and **Erzsabet Hierits**, but for sheer spectacle the all Hungarian men's singles final, in which **Berczik** fought off the strong challenge of **Janos Fahazi**, was the real high spot.

Fahazi is the best personality produced for years and his tremendous counter hitting from sometimes as far back as 20 feet brought back memories of the boom years of the sport, when it used to attract a 10,000 crowd to Wembley.

Play like this would once again captivate a big audience and the pity was that this match could not have been televised. As it was, it did more good than anything we have seen in recent years for that capacity crowd at Brighton went away thirsting for more.

Fahazi is a showman. He plays to the crowd and they just loved his spectacular antics as he leaped high into the air making almost impossible returns. He had them roaring with applause and he loved it. But it could be this what cost him the title, for there were times when a little more steadiness would

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have paid better dividends.

Berczik was by far the steadier player, but compared to his countryman was somewhat dour. Nevertheless, he showed superb control as he concentrated his whole efforts on winning. Repeatedly he fought his way back from critical situations and retrieved splendidly. It was one of those matches when it was a pity there had to be a loser. But Berczik deserved his success.

The solidness of his play can be judged by the fact that he dropped only two games in the championship, one to Hrbud, of Yugoslavia, in the quarter final, and the other to Fahazi in the final, which he eventually won 18-21, 21-18, 21-19, 22-20.

Fahazi's progress to the final was far more adventurous for he was taken to five games by Alan Rhodes in the quarter finals, and four by Markovic in the semi-final, which was another highly entertaining match, before he got home at 9-21, 21-17, 21-18, 21-16.

Rhodes, who went further than any of the other home players, following

a comfortable draw in which he has disposed of Thomson of Australia, Kevin Edwards and Ralph Gunnion, threatened an upset when he took the first two games from Fahazi.

But he flattered to deceive and the Hungarian swept through the remaining three games with comparative ease to win 20-22, 23-25, 21-9, 21-10, 21-14.

Miko, of Czechoslovakia, whom many had regarded as the dark horse of the championship, met his match when he came up against Markovic in the quarter final and was narrowly beaten 21-23, 21-14, 21-9, 21-23, 21-18. Andreadis, the other Czech, also went down at this stage to another Yugoslav, Teran.

Of the home players, closed champion Chester Barnes went out to Stanek, of Czechoslovakia, in the second round, and Harrison lost in the third round to Teran while Merritt lost to Miko at the same stage.

Miss Rowe and Miss Shannon confirmed that they are the best women's doubles pair in Europe when they retained the title they won last year

by fighting off the challenge of the Hungarians, Eva Foldi and Erzshet Hierits.

In the semi-final they had beaten the Hungarian-Rumanian partnership of Sarolta Lukacs and Ella Constantinescu, while in the team championships they accounted for the Rumanian world champions, Geta Pitica and Maria Alexandru.

The final developed into a tense struggle of swaying fortunes over the full distance of five games before the English girls emerged triumphant at 21-18, 17-21, 21-18, 12-21, 21-15.

Playing Superbly

The Hungarians were away to a 9-5 lead in the opening game, and after being caught at 10-all were again ahead at 16-15. Rowe and Shannon, playing superbly, then reeled off five successive points, but had a slight lapse before edging home at 21-18.

In the second game the Hungarians got home at 21-17 after Rowe and Shannon had been 15-14 up, while in the third the home pair took six successive points from 14-15 to win at 21-18.

Rowe and Shannon suffered their worst spell in the fourth, where the Hungarians were on top throughout to take it at 21-12 and level at two games-all.

The atmosphere was electric as they came up for the fifth and deciding game and there was little in it when they changed ends with Rowe and Shannon leading 10-8.

With Miss Shannon hitting well, the home pair increased their lead to 17-11 but became uncertain when the Hungarians took the next three points. They appeared to be catching up fast when Mrs. Foldi made three errors and the crisis was over. Amidst a storm of applause Rowe and Shannon were able to take the game at 21-15 when Miss Hierits hit off.

It was indeed a great victory to set the right note for the finals night.

Foldi and Hierits had beaten the world champions Pitica and Alexandru in the semi-final at 21-17, 21-18, 18-21, 21-17.

Defeat in the doubles final appeared to have a demoralising effect on Mrs. Foldi when she turned out in the singles final against Maria Alexandru and was crushed 21-13, 21-16, 21-9.

It was a terribly disappointing match and was all over in quick time, the third game being completely one-sided.

Miss Alexandru with her solid defence left no doubt as to her right to the title for she had beaten Miss Hierits in the quarter final and dethroned Miss Rowe in the semi-final.

Miss Rowe, whose game had been

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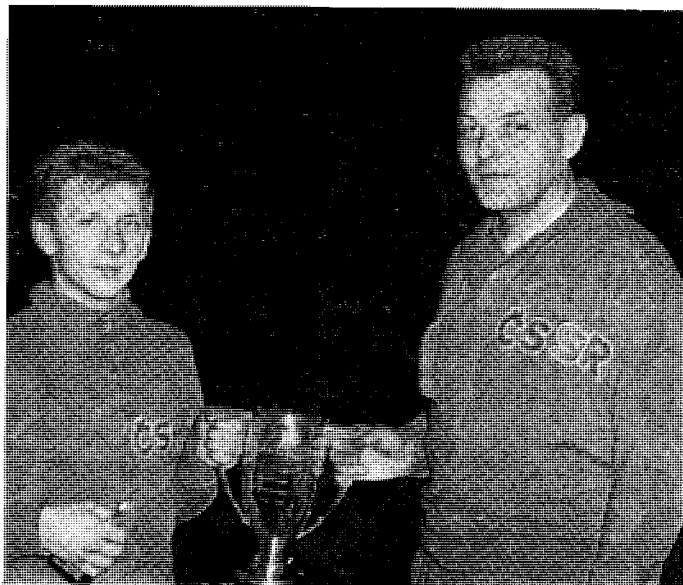
**CHRISTINE HOLES and
PAULINE HOLES**
(Hampshire)

Veteran Women's

MRS. D. CROSBY
(Devon)

PICTURE PARADE

by MICHAEL MACLAREN and PETER MADGE



TOP: A Champion's smile from MARIA ALEXANDRU as she holds her singles trophy. Right: VLADIMIR MIKO and IVAN ANDREADIS, winners of the men's doubles and the team title for Czechoslovakia. BOTTOM: EVA FOLDI and JANOS FAHAZI receive their cup from Johnny Leach. Right: "What's the matter with you" says ZOLTAN BERCZIK. The cup is the clue. He had just beaten team mate FAHAZI in the singles final.

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steadily improving throughout the championship, did not play badly in the semi-final but was worn down by the Rumanian, whose match against Miss Hierits took 90 minutes with the expedite rule being brought in for all four of the games, the score being 19-21, 21-16, 21-16, 21-14. In the second game they appeared to have reached stalemate when they took ten minutes over just four points.

Miss Rowe fought her way through three overseas players, the 16-year-old Luzova, of Czechoslovakia, Maria Stas, of Belgium, and Sarolta Lukacs, of Hungary, to reach the semi-final. Miss Stas extended her to five games, but this served to improve her play, for shortly afterwards against Mrs. Lukacs Miss Rowe was in such good form that in the second game she was able to recover from a 0-9 deficit.

Mary Shannon, the English closed champion, promised well when she beat Geta Pitica of Rumania, co-holder of the world doubles title, in the second round at 19-21, 21-9, 19-21, 21-14, 21-16. She played exceptionally well, and refused to have her concentration disturbed by an incident in which the Rumanian girl argued over a disputed point.

Big Disappointment

Miss Shannon followed this with an easy win over the Dutch girl Vischer at 21-10, 21-11, 21-12, only to lose in the quarter final to Edith Buchholz, of Germany, a last minute substitute for the injured Agnes Simon. This was a big disappointment for Miss Shannon won the first two games only to lose her rhythm when the German closed up the game, and refused to hit.

Lesley Bell made a second round exit to Miss Hierits of Hungary (7, 9, 18); Mrs. Jean McCree fell at the same stage to Mrs. Foldi (9, 14, -12, 15); and Alma Taft went out in the next round to Mrs. Constantinescu (12, 18, 15). The third round was also the end for Judy Williams, beaten 8, 17, -19, 20) by Miss Alexandru; Peggy Piper, who lost 6, 13, 14, to Miss Hierits; and Lesley Proudlock who was Mrs. Foldi's victim at 11, 17, 17.

Andreadis and Miko proved much too good for Berczik and Fahazi in the men's doubles final winning in straight games 21-11, 21-13, 21-16, to take the title for the second successive year.

Only in the semi-final, where they recovered from the loss of the first

two games to beat Bobbie Raybould and Bobby Stevens, the English closed champion 19-21, 16-21, 21-12, 21-12, 21-15, were they in any real danger. They won the other rounds in straight games, including a quarter final victory over Stan Jacobson and Alan Lindsay at 21-18, 21-7, 21-11.

Tony Piddock, playing with Stanek, of Czechoslovakia, had a good run to reach the semi-final where they lost to Berczik and Fahazi 21-17, 21-14, 16-21, 21-19.

Fahazi and Mrs. Foldi had their consolation for the singles and doubles finals defeats when they won the mixed doubles beating Berczik and Miss Hierits 21-23, 21-15, 21-16, 21-13 in another all Hungarian final.

Home players had a rough passage in this event, for only three, Brian Wright and Mary Shannon, the

English closed champions, and Pam Mortimer, playing with the New Zealand Alan Tomlinson, got as far as the quarter-finals.

Wright and Shannon put up a great fight against Fahazi and Foldi leveling at two-all after losing the first two games, then being beaten 21-17, 21-19, 19-21, 21-23, 21-11. Miss Mortimer and Tomlinson went out to Berczik and Hierits, who also beat Ian Harrison and Diane Rowe in the third round.

This was indeed a great championships meeting, with table tennis taking on a new attacking look. The dour defensive play that has been so prevalent in recent years, is on its way out and the game is once again becoming a brighter spectacle.

Let us hope this is only a fore-taste of the future.

FULL RESULTS**MEN'S SINGLES**

First Round: Z. Berczik (Hungary) bt T. Densham (Herts.) 12, 17, 14. E. Gomolla (Germany) bt C. Warren (Surrey) 10, 19, -16, -18, 17. R. Stevens (Essex) bt S. Morgan (Australia) -16, 17, 17, 11. G. Muranyi (Surrey) bt R. Chandler (Sussex) 21, 23, 18. J. Stanek (Czech.) bt R. Morley (Glos.) 17, 15, 10. C. Barnes (Essex) bt D. Foley (Ireland) 7, 15, 10. Z. Hrbud (Yugos.) bt D. Lowe (Surrey) 18, 15, -16, 16.

I. Andreadis (Czech.) bt H. Venner (Surrey) 22, -22, -14, 17, 17. B. Wright (Midxx.) bt A. Miller (Surrey) 13, -15, 20, -7, 19. P. Shead (Sussex) bt J. Dow (Scotland) 15, 17, 14. F. Kovacs (Hungary) bt M. Symonds (Lancs.) -17, 17, 15, 14. M. Billington (Warw.) bt L. Landry (Midxx.) 13, -16, 17, -19, 16. J. Teran (Yugos.) bt P. Bertrand (Belgium) 11, 10, 10. D. Wall (Midxx.) bt C. McDonald (Australia) 19, 15, 11. I. Harrison (Glos.) bt V. Pickett (Sussex) 7, 12, 13.

J. Fahazi (Hungary) bt A. Piddock (Kent) 10, -16, 19, -19, 12. S. Jacobson (Midxx.) bt T. Caffrey (Ireland) 19, 13, 13. D. Creamer (Midxx.) bt G. Delabarre (Belgium) -17, 18, -24, 17, 10. A. Tomlinson (N. Zealand) bt M. Sugden (Scotland) 15, -19, -20, 17, 16. M. Thornhill (Midxx.) bt D. Bassen (Kent) 11, -15, 17, 18. R. Gunnion (Warw.) bt A. Cussac (Belgium) 13, -8, 11, 14. A. Rhodes (Midxx.) bt M. Thomson (Australia) 19, 20, 19.

R. Raybould (Essex) bt M. Creamer (Midxx.) -15, 17, -11, 16, 19. A. Lindsay (Midxx.) bt L. Kerekes (Surrey) 11, 9, 4. B. Merret (Glos.) bt P. Juliens (Belgium) 16, 18, 19. D. Michalek (Germany) bt S. Ogundipe (Sussex) 12, 20, 14. B. Brumwell (Essex) bt A. Ward (Wilts.) 13, 13, 10. M. Wilcox (Australia) bt G. Golding (Essex) 15, -17, 15, 12. V. Markovic (Yugos.) bt J. Ingber (Lancs.) 16, 18, 20.

Second Round: Berczik bt Gomolla 18, 13, 22. Stevens bt Muranyi 18, 14, 19. Stanek bt Barnes 13, 16, -17, 13. Hrbud bt G. Livesey (Lancs.) 11, 11, 19. Andreadis bt Wright 11, -19, 12, 12. Shead bt Kovacs 17, -17, -18, 14, 19. Teran bt Billington 12, 14, -23, 10. Harrison bt Wall 17, 12, 15.

Fahazi bt Jacobson 18, 16, 14. Creamer bt Tomlinson 12, 11, 12. Gunnion bt Thornhill 16, 12, 16. Rhodes bt K. Edwards (Glos.) 13, 11, -20, -14, 15.

V. Miko (Czech.) bt Raybould 21, 19, 10. Merrett bt Lindsay -17, 11, -13, 14, 10. Michalek bt Brumwell 15, 9, 17. Markovic bt Wilcox 19, 18, 14.

Third Round: Berczik bt Stevens 8, 12,

17. Hrbud bt Stanek 15, 15, -15, 18. Andreadis bt Shead 13, 14, 14. Teran bt Harrison -19, 19, 14, 15.

Fahazi bt Creamer 14, 13, 16. Rhodes bt Gunnion -18, -16, 18, 15. Kiko bt Merrett 12, 17, -16, 21. Markovic bt Michalek 16, 13, 13.

Quarter-Finals: Berczik bt Hrbud 21, -15, 21, 12. Teran bt Andreadis 19, -14, -18, 15, 18. Fahazi bt Rhodes -20, -23, 9, 10, 14. Markovic bt Miko -21, 14, 9, -21, 18.

Semi-Finals: BERCZIK bt Teran 15, 11, 17. FAHAZI bt Markovic -9, 17, 18, 16.

Final: BERCZIK bt Fahazi -18, 18, 19, 20.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round: C. Moore (Lancs.) bt D. Crosby (Devon) 7, 15, 20. J. Williams (Herts.) bt G. Roland (Belgium) 9, 12, 17. I. Ogus (Midxx.) bt C. Carter (Lancs.) 10, 9, 15. M. Piper (Surrey) bt J. Williamson (Midxx.) -14, 12, 8, 15. L. Bell (Essex) bt J. Abraham (Midxx.) 7, 13, 15. M. Luzova (Czech.) bt J. Woodford (Sussex) 9, 12, 9. M. Fry (Midxx.) bt P. Holes (Hants.) 14, -13, 24, 17. I. Kriegerstein (W. Germany) bt J. Brown (N. Zealand) 6, 19, 12. M. Hicks (Midxx.) bt C. Shepherd (Australia) 14, 12, 12.

D. Fitzgerald (Lancs.) bt A. Reite (Sweden) 14, 13, 11. U. Stas (Belgium) bt P. Mortimer (Warw.) 18, 18, 16. A. Cassell (Norfolk) bt D. Spooner (Devon) 11, -19, 16, -22, 9. M. Shannon (Surrey) bt J. Crosby (N. Zealand) 9, 10, 5.

C. Holes (Hants.) bt D. Barontini (Sussex) 18, 4, 18. L. Proudlock (Yorks.) bt A. Cornell (Midxx.) -14, 18, 20, 16. J. McCree (Essex) bt J. Chadderton (Australia) 5, 15, 8.

Second Round: M. Alexandru (Rumania) bt Moore 11, 18, 8. Williams bt Ogus 17, -18, 17, -7, 15. M. Piper bt P. Mercer (Midxx.) 5, 14, 8. E. Hierits (Hungary) bt L. Bell 7, 9, 18.

D. Rowe (Midxx.) bt Luzova 18, 17, 18. M. Stas (Belgium) bt M. Fry 15, -15, 13,

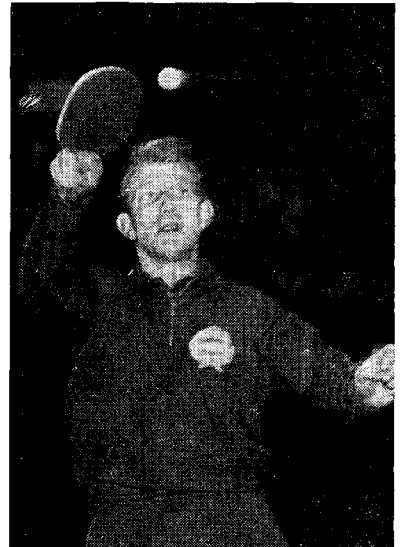
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PICTURE PARADE . . . 2

Photos by: Michael Maclaren and Peter Madge

TOP: ANN HAYDON with EVA FOLDI and ERZSBET HIFRITS, doubles runner-up. **A** "Lawn Tennis" smash from BERCZIK. **CENTRE:** A big smile from MARTA LUZOVA of Czechoslovakia; the GERMAN junior team; Miss ALEXANDRU in action.

BOTTOM: FAHAZI looks as though he has a football touch to deal with a high one. IAN HARRISON surveys the fine array of trophies.



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10. Kriegelstein bt J. Redfearn (Middx.) —16, 17, 10, 11. S. Lukacs (Hungary) bt Hicks —11, 13, 13, 19.
 E. Buchholz (W. Germany) bt Fitzgerald 14, 16, 16. Stas bt O'Brien (Australia) 11, 17, —16, 19. P. Visscher (Holland) bt Cassell 18, 20, —16, 21. Shannon bt G. Pitica (Rumania) —19, 9, —19, 14, 16.
 E. Constantinescu (Rumania) bt F. Gillam (Sussex) 10, 8, 16. A. Taft (Middx.) bt Holes —18, 11, 16, 19. Proudlock bt J. Pettengell (Middx.) 7, 11, 14. E. Foldi (Hungary) bt McCree 9, 14, —12, 15.

Third Round: Alexandru bt Williams 8, 17, —19, 20. Hierits bt Piper 6, 13, 14. Rowe bt Stas 18, 14, —23, 10. Lukacs bt Kriegelstein 14, 19, 18.
 Buchholz bt Stas 5, 11, 2. Shannon bt Visscher 10, 11, 12. Constantinescu bt Taft 12, 18, 15. Foldi bt Proudlock 11, 17, 17.

Quarter-Finals: Alexandru bt Hierits —19, 16, 16, 14. Rowe bt Lukacs 6, 18, 7. Buchholz bt Shannon —17, —16, 7, 17, 17. Foldi bt Constantinescu 11, 17, 17.

Semi-Finals: ALEXANDRU bt Rowe 13, 13, 18. FOLDI bt Buchholz 9, 18, 19.

Final: ALEXANDRU bt Foldi 13, 16, 9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: D. Lowe/G. Muranyi (Surrey) bt H. Collins/P. Walsmsley (Cheshire) 16, 15, 18. F. Kovacs (Hungary)/B. Merrett (Glos.) bt H. Spragg (Essex)/P. Taylor (Kent) 11, 13, 11. D. Creamer (Middx.)/I. Harrison (Glos.) bt A. Cussac/P. Juliens (Belgium) —19, 16, 16, 20. D. Basden/E. Meisel (Kent) bt S. Morgan/M. Thomson (Australia) —16, 13, —11, 12, 15. M. Creamer (Middx.)/R. Morley (Glos.) bt R. Gunnion (Warw.)/L. Landry (Middx.) 11, 17, 15. E. Brady (Glos.)/R. Morris (Warw.) bt J. McFadden/K. Hurlock (Surrey) 15, 18, —18.

D. Foley/N. Hurley (Ireland) bt J. Corser/C. Dunstone (Herts.) 15, 10, 10. Z. Hrubd (Yugos.)/J. Ingber (Lancs.) bt G. Chapman/L. Kerekes (Surrey) —19, 17, 11, 13. H. Gomolla/D. Michalek (Germany) bt B. Mackie/D. Watts (Warw.) 5, 7, 14. A. Piddock (Kent)/J. Stanek (Czech.) bt E. Brumwell (Essex/K. Edwards (Glos.) 12, —20, 18, 19.
 D. Stanley (Yorks.)/M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt V. Pickett/R. Pierce (Sussex) 13, 18, —11, 15. D. Bloy/A. Cornish (Kent) bt M. Billington (Warw./S. Seaholme (Herts) 16, 18, —16, 20. K. Jones/G. Presick (Warw.) bt G. Boxer (Essex)/C. Owen (Kent) 14, 10, 17. D. Heaps (Berks.)/R. Markwell (Essex) bt G. Livesey (Lancs./M. Mordecai (Glos.) —17, —8, 14, 21. 19. M. Bierkens/G. Delabarre (Belgium) bt A. Cornell (Essex)/R. Henderson (Hants.) 17, 10, —16, 17. G. Burman/D. Jones (Bucks.) bt G. Ireland (Kent)/N. Isbell (Herts.) 9, —19, 19, 16. T. Caffrey/J. Lagan (Ireland) bt P. Bertrand/G. Roland (Belgium) 21, 14, —17, 20. L. Gunn/S. Ogundipe (Sussex) bt T. Densham (Herts.)/D. Wall (Middx.) 19, —16, 16, 18. S. Jacobson/C. Lindsay (Middx.) bt D. Davies (Hants.)/A. Ward (Wilts.) 15, 9, 13. L. Cooper/R. Etheridge (Kent) bt D. Marnar (Middx.)/R. Sleeman (Devon) 7, 18, 13. J. Dow/M. Sugden (Scotland) M. Johns/J. Kennerley (Cheshire) 10, 15, 16. P. Shead/S. Whalley (Sussex) bt D. Burton/P. Fenwick (Essex) —19, 8, 17, 17.

Second Round: Z. Berczik/F. Fahazi (Hungary) bt Lowe/Muranyi 15, 18, 19. Creamer/Harrison bt Kovacs/Merrett 15, 13, 15. Creamer/Morley bt Basden/Meisel 13, 13, —11, 20. C. Barnes (Essex)/H. Venner (Surrey) bt Brady/Morris —20, 15, 17, 14.
 A. Tomlinson (N. Zealand)/C. Warren (Surrey) bt Foley/Hurley 17, 20, 15. J. Leach (Essex)/B. Wright (Middx.) bt Hrbud/Ingber 18, 17, 19. Piddock/Staneck

bt Gomolla/Michalek 11, 20, 17. V. Markovic/J. Teran (Yugos.) bt A. Rhodes/M. Thornhill (Middx.) 18, —17, 15, 19.
 R. Raybould/R. Stevens (Essex) bt Stanley/Symonds 21, 20, —18, 18. Bloy/Cornish bt Jones/Presick 12, —18, 19, 15. Bierkens/Delabarre bt Heaps/Markwell 12, 15, 15. C. McDonald/M. Wilcox (Australia) bt Burman/Jones 10, 10, 13. Caffrey/Langan bt Gunn/Ogundipe 5, —20, 19, —13, 14. Jacobson/Leach bt Cooper/Etheridge 16, 18, 4. Dow/Sugden bt I. Bennett/A. Reeves (Berks.) —20, 17, 8, 17. A. Andreadis/V. Miko (Czech.) bt Shead/Whalley 10, 14, 16.
Third Round: Berczik/Fahazi bt Creamer/Harrison 16, 10, —10, 18. Barnes/Venner bt Creamer/Morley 19, 6, 15. Tomlinson/Wall bt Leach/Wright 15, 22, —11, —17, 16. Piddock/Staneck bt Markovic/Teran 18, —12, 13, 19.
 Raybould/Stevens bt Bloy/Cornish —13, 19, 21, 17. McDonald/Wilcox bt Bierkens/Delabarre 7, 13, —19, 12. Jacobson/Lindsay bt Caffrey / Langan 11, 9, 13. Andreadis/Miko bt Dow 9, 8, 17.

Quarter-Finals: Berczik / Fahazi bt Barnes/Venner 17, 15, 15. Piddock/Staneck bt Tomlinson/Wall 15, 19, 18. Raybould/Stevens bt McDonald/Wilcox 12, —18, 18, 16. Andreadis/Miko bt Jacobson/Lindsay 18, 7, 11.

Semi-Finals: BERCZIK/FAHAZI bt Piddock/Staneck 17, 14, —16, 19. ANDREADIS/MIKO bt Raybould/Stevens —19, —16, 12, 12, 15.

Final: ANDREADIS/MIKO bt Berczik/Fahazi 11, 13, 16.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: J. Chadderton (Australia)/P. Visscher (Holland) bt D. Barontini/F. Gillam (Sussex) 10, 15, 21. M. Hicks (Middx.)/P. Mortimer (Warw.) bt Proudlock (Yorks.)/J. Williams (Herts.) 19, —11, 17, 16. Stas/Stas (Belgium) bt J. McCree (Essex)/M. Piper (Surrey) 20, 21, 15.
 A. Cassell (Norfolk)/D. Crosby (Devon) bt L. Bell/P. Martin (Essex) —7, —15, 13, 22, 16. D. Spooner (Devon)/J. Williams (Middx.) bt M. Fry (Middx.)/A. Relte (Sweden) 19, 18, 8, 1. Kriegelstein/E. Buchholz (W. Germany) bt M. Luzova (Czech.)/A. Taft (Middx.) 20, 18, —21, 13.

Second Round: D. Rowe (Middx.)/M. Shannon (Surrey) bt Chadderton/Gillam 12, 14, 9. E. Carrington (Essex)/G. Roland (Belgium) 17, —17, —19, 9, 17. Hicks/Mortimer bt J. Brown/J. Crosby (N. Zealand) 18, 21, —18, 16. S. Lukacs (Hungary)/E. Constantinescu (Rumania) bt Stas/Stas 10, 19, 18.

L. Foldi/E. Hierits (Hungary) bt Cassell /Crosby 15, 17, 12. Spooner/Williamson bt J. Crafter (Lancs.)/P. Mercer (Middx.) 11, 17, 12. D. Fitzgerald/C. Moore (Lancs.) bt O'Brien/C. Shepherd (Australia) —17, 13, 8, —19, 19. M. Alexandru/G. Pitica (Rumania) bt Kriegelstein/Taft 12, 10, 25.

Quarter-Finals: Rowe/Shannon bt Carrington/Roland 8, 13, 10. Lukacs/Constantinescu bt Hicks/Mortimer 12, 19, 9. Foldi/Hierits bt Spooner/Williamson 8, 12, 15. Alexandru/Pitica bt Fitzgerald/Moore 8, 14, 14.

Semi-Finals: ROWE / SHANNON bt Lukacs/Constantinescu 13, 17, 19. FOLDI/HIERITS bt Alexandru/Pitica 17, 18, —18, 17.

Final: ROWE / SHANNON bt Foldi / Hierits 18, —17, 18, —12, 15.

MIXED DOUBLES

First Round: G. Delabarre/Mrs. Delabarre (Belgium) bt V. Pickett/Mrs. J. Woodford (Sussex) 9, 15, 10. N. Isbell (Herts.)/Miss J. Williamson (Middx.) bt M. Wilcox (Australia)/Miss P. Visscher (Holland) 15, 17, 18. V. Miko (Czech.)/Miss G. Pitica (Rumania) bt L. Landry (Middx.)/Mrs. E.

Carrington (Essex) 16, 16, 18. G. Muranyi (Surrey)/Miss D. Fitzgerald (Lans.) bt B. Brumwell (Essex)/Mrs. D. Crosby (Devon) 16, 11, 16. J. Stanek/Miss M. Luzova (Czech.) bt P. Juliens/Miss M. Stas (Belgium) 20, 7, 12.
 D. Foley (Ireland)/Miss D. Spooner (Devon) bt S. Morgan/Miss C. Shepherd (Australia) 14, 16, —12, —15, 17. A. Tomlinson (N. Zealand)/Miss P. Mortimer (Warw.) bt E. Gomolla/Miss I. Kriegelstein (W. Germany) —17, 10, 12, 18. I. Harrison (Glos.)/Miss D. Rowe (Middx.) bt G. Roland/Mrs. Roland (Belgium) 16, 15, —17, 12. T. Densham (Herts.)/Miss I. Ogus (Middx.) bt R. Gunnion/Miss J. Crafter (Warw.) —16, 18, 11, —14, 16.

M. Thornhill/Miss A. Taft (Middx.) bt M. Sugden (Scotland)/Miss J. Crosby (N. Zealand) 11, 16, 16. A. Cussac/Miss M. Petre (Belgium) bt C. McDonald/Mrs. O'Brien (Australia) —17, 19, 15, 18. F. Kovacs/Mrs. S. Lukacs (Hungary) bt R. Morris (Warw.)/Mrs. A. Cassell (Norfolk) —14, 8, 9, 7.

B. Wright (Middx.)/Miss M. Shannon (Surrey) bt M. Billington (Warw.)/Miss J. Brown (N. Zealand) —18, 16, 16, 12. J. Ingber (Lancs.)/Miss A. Relte (Sweden) bt A. Robinson (Middx.)/Miss J. Cannan (Herts.) —19, —17, 16, 14, 22. D. Michalek/Miss Buchholz (W. Germany) bt B. Merrett (Glos.)/Miss J. Williams (Herts.) 17, 16, 13. P. Shead/Mrs. D. Barontini (Sussex) bt P. Bertrand/Miss V. Stas (Belgium) 18, 17, 17.

Second Round: V. Markovic (Yugos.)/Miss M. Alexandru (Rumania) bt Delabarre/Delabarre 14, 10, 16. Miko/Pitica bt Isbell/Williamson 15, 9, 12. Muranyi/Fitzgerald bt S. Jacobson/Miss J. Abrahams (Middx.) 21, 10, 12. Stanek/Luzova bt R. Stevens/Mrs. J. McCree (Essex) 15, 17, 19.

R. Chandler (Sussex)/Miss M. Piper (Surrey) bt Foley/Spooner 12, 11, 9. Tomlinson/Mortimer bt G. Livesey/Miss C. Moore (Cheshire) 19, 14, —17, 11. Harrison/Rowe bt T. Caffrey (Ireland)/Miss M. Fry (Middx.) 6, 15, 16. Z. Berczik/Miss E. Hierits (Hungary) bt Densham/Ogus 13, 9, 5.

I. Andreadis (Czech.)/Mrs. Constantinescu (Rumania) 13, 11, 19. M. Symonds (Lancs.)/Miss L. Proudlock (Yorks.) bt K. Edwards (Glos.)/Mrs. P. Mercer (Middx.) 16, 9, 16. Cussac/Petre bt C. Barnes/Miss L. Bell (Essex) 15, —19, —17, 20, 17. Kovacs/Luzova bt M. Creamer/Miss M. Hicks (Middx.) —11, 15, 14, 12.

D. Creamer/Mrs. J. Redfearn (Middx.) bt M. Mordecai (Glos.)/Mrs. F. Gillam (Sussex) 18, 16, 16. Wright/Shannon bt Ingber/Relte 9, 14, 11. Michalek/Buchholz bt M. Thomson/Miss J. Chadderton (Australia) 10, 11, 13. J. Fahazi/Mrs. E. Foldi (Hungary) bt Shead/Barontini 15, 20, 3.

Third Round: Markovic/Alexandru bt Miko/Pitica 12, 18, —18, —21, 12. Stanek/Luzova bt Muranyi/Fitzgerald 2, 12, 21, 16. Tomlinson/Mortimer bt Chandler/Piper 12, 13, 12. Berczik/Hierits bt Harrison/Rowe —18, 18, 23, 14.

Andreadis/Constantinescu bt Symonds/Proudlock —12, 16, 16, 18. Kovacs/Lukacs bt Cussac/Petre 10, 10, 15. Wright/Shannon bt Creamer/Hicks 4, 17, 15. Fahazi/Foldi bt Michalek/Buchholz —17, 18, 23, 15.

Quarter Finals: Stanek/Luzova bt Markovic/Alexandru 13, 10, 19. Berczik/Hierits bt Tomlinson/Mortimer 13, 12, 17. Andreadis/Constantinescu bt Kovacs/Lukacs —16, —16, 11, 16, 17. Fahazi/Foldi bt Wright/Shannon 17, 19, —19, —21, 11.

Semi-Finals: BERCZIK / HIERITS bt Stanek/Luzova 18, 18, —13, 19. FAHAZI / FOLDI bt Andreadis/Constantinescu —10, —16, 17, 12, 18.

Final: FAHAZI/FOLDI bt Berczik/Hierits —21, 15, 16, 13.

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Miko Stars in Czech Team Win

by GEOFF HARROWER

(Whose articles appear regularly in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH)

WITH the might of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia in the men's team competition, and with Hungary and Rumania competing in the women's event, from a playing point of view the new Team Competition at the English Open was bound to be a success.

I must confess that, if I had the choice of only going on one day, I would have watched on the Thursday. Yet, to my astonishment, little or no effort had been made to "project" this to the public. For 2/6d. anyone could walk in and watch the best players in Europe battling out a major competition!

Mind you, the lack of success of the four English teams on view was perhaps justification for hiding the event away. Seriously, though, I do hope that, in future years, the team competitions are treated as major events, with properly staged finals.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**MEN:**

First Round: England B bt Australia 3-0, Belgium bt Ireland 3-1, W. Germany bt Australia 3-1, Belgium B bt Scotland 3-1.

Second Round: Hungary bt England B 3-0, Czechoslovakia bt Belgium 3-0, W. Germany bt England 3-0, Yugoslavia bt Belgium B 3-0.

Semi-Finals: Yugoslavia bt W. Germany 3-0, Czechoslovakia bt Hungary 3-1.

Final: CZECHOSLOVAKIA bt Yugoslavia 3-1. (Details: Czech. names first): J. Stanek lost to V. Markovic -16, -15; bt Z. Hrbud 19, 11. Miko bt Hrbud 19, 15. I. Andreadis/Miko bt Markovic/J. Teran 18, -11, 15.

WOMEN:

First Round: Belgium B bt New Zealand 3-1.

Second Round: England bt Belgium 3-0, Rumania bt Australia 3-0, Hungary bt England B 3-0, W. Germany bt Belgium B 3-0.

Semi-Finals: Rumania bt England 3-1, Hungary bt W. Germany 3-0.

Final: HUNGARY bt Rumania 3-0. (Details: Hungarian names first): E. Foldi bt E. Constantinescu 15, 13. E. Hierits bt M. Alexandru 18, 17. Foldi/S. Lukacs bt Alexandru/G. Pitica 17, -14, 18.

ENGLAND RESULTS:

MEN: England lost to W. GERMANY: Harrison lost to Gomolla 15, -19, -20. Creamer lost to Michalek -20, 12, -14. Harrison / Creamer lost to Gomolla / Michalek -16, -17.

England B bt AUSTRALIA 3-0: Barnes bt M. Thompson 16, 17. Merrett bt S. Morgan 13, 12. Barnes/Merrett bt Thomson/Morgan 18, 20. Lost to HUNGARY 0-3; Barnes lost to Berczik -15, -5. Merrett lost to Fahazi -19, -18. Barnes/Merrett lost to Berczik/Fahazi 15, -18, -18.

WOMEN: England bt BELGIUM 3-0: Rowe bt V. Stas 13, 8. Shannon bt M. Stas 12, 15. Rowe/Shannon bt Stas/Stas 7, -12, 21. Lost to RUMANIA 1-3: Rowe lost to Constantinescu -17, 13, -18; lost to Alexandru -10, -13. Shannon lost to Alexandru -16, -11. Rowe/Shannon bt Alexandru/Pitica 21, -20, 13.

England B lost to HUNGARY 0-3: McCree lost to Hierits -18, -17. Taft lost to Foldi -14, -19. McCree/Taft lost to Foldi/S. Lukacs -16, -14.

Only a handful of people were thus present to see a magnificent effort by young Vladimir Miko. Last season I expressed doubt as to his ability, and was told by Ivan Andreadis that we had yet to see him at his best in England. Well, I for one now know what his best is. In hitting off both Berczik and Fahazi in the



VLADIMIR MIKO

semi-final, and then again being undefeated in the final against Yugoslavia, he attacked so ferociously that he actually displaced a bone in his neck. Hospital treatment and Cortisone injections had to be given before he was able to play in the individual events, and I seriously think that he may well have won the men's singles had he been fully fit.

But, to the beginning, for that is where we parted company with three of the four England teams. The England men's team of Ian Harrison and David Creamer disappointingly lost 3-0 to West Germany. We could have won 3-0, all three matches being

very close. Nevertheless it was a blow to go down without notching a single point.

The England second team beat Australia seconds, and then played Hungary. Of course, we could not expect them to progress further, but it did afford the opportunity of seeing what young Chester Barnes could do against Berczik. At the start, he held a slight lead, and was hitting well, but when the Hungarian applied pressure, Barnes wilted, and could score only five points in the second game. Credit must be given to Bryan Merrett for obtaining 19 and 18 points against Fahazi.

England's second women's team, minus Lesley Bell, went down at their first hurdle to Hungary. The first team beat Belgium 3-0, but not before several match points had been saved against the Misses V. and M. Stas in the women's doubles, and went on to the semi-final against Rumania.

As so often is the case, the whole match revolved round the very first event, with Di Rowe playing Mrs. E. Constantinescu, the new disguise for our old friend Ella Zeller. Frankly, this could have gone either way, but Ella was the steadier in the vital third game, and soon we were 0-2 down. The remorseless Maria Alexandru gave Mary Shannon no chance.

BEAT WORLD CHAMPIONS

Then came the only match in the team event where England shone. Praise be, Diane and Mary defeated world champions Alexandru and Pitica. I would like to say it was a wonderful match, but, truthfully, I remember most Pitica's mistakes. An exciting match, certainly, with the Rumanians pulling back a huge deficit to take the second game.

However, pleasure was short-lived, for Alexandru was just as merciless with Diane as she had been with Mary, more so if possible, and England's interest in both competitions had disappeared, before the finals.

The women's final did nothing to ease our pain, for we did not even have the consolation of losing to the winners. Surprisingly, Hungary won by 3-0, Alexandru and Pitica suffer-

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ENGLISH OPEN SPECIALTHE JUNIOR TITLES

by BRIAN WRIGHT

TRIPLE CROWN FOR DAHLMAN

ONCE again the bulk of the English Junior open titles have gone to Germany. **Walter Dahlman**, a thick-set hard hitting looper, won the boys' singles with a shock three set victory over somewhat temperamental Chester Barnes in the final.

Dahlman won an extremely close counter-hitting match in the semi-final against Tony Robinson, of Middlesex, before edging out at 18 in the third. He also lost the first game of his quarter final at 21-9 against David Stanley, of Yorkshire, the No. 2 ranked English junior, before taking charge.

Among the earlier results was a great win for Graham Pressick over Willi Grobe of Germany, the player whom most people thought would give Barnes the most trouble. Graham lost in the quarter final to Dennis Holland in three games. Holland had a great chance of reaching the final for he won the first game against Barnes and had a small lead in the second before falling behind.

Jim Langan, the 14 years old Irish boy whom I mentioned last month as one to watch, conquered the third Germany boy, **W. Steinbeck**, at 22-20 in the third game and also had a substantial lead at the change in the third game against Barnes.

Lesley Bell, for the second successive year, won the girls event. Most people including myself, thought that when Marta Luzova, of Czechoslovakia, was put into the draw on the day of the event this title would go abroad. Lesley, however, had different ideas and, with help from non



JIM LANGAN

playing captain Laurie Landry, gained a wonderful victory in the final.

Jackie Canham reached the semi-final after wins over Yorkshire rival Pat Dainty and Jutta Kruger, of West Germany, before going down to Miss Bell at 21-16, 24-22 in the semi-final.

Of the other results Pauline Martin lost to her doubles partner Lesley Bell in the first round, Christine Holes disappointed with a straight games defeat by Maria Petre of Belgium, while sister Pauline lost to Miss Luzova 21-14, 21-19 in the quarter final.

Holes Twins Again

The **Holes twins** gained their second successive triumph in the girls doubles beating the North-South combination of Pat Dainty and Jackie Canham in the final 21-9, 15-21, 23-21. Both these pairs eliminated the foreign opposition in the semi-finals. Pauline and Christine beat the Germans Kruger and Scholz, while Pauline and Jackie won in two games over the Belgium pair of Keppenne and Miss Petre.

Dahlman and Grobe won the boys' doubles final beating the Midlanders Keith Jones and Graham Pressick 18-21, 21-13, 21-12. Jones and Pressick had a close tussle with the Essex pair of Blackman and Brown in the semi-final edging home 16-21, 21-13, 22-20.

Lesley Gresswell and Tony Robinson lost to the Germans in the other semi-final.

Dahlman collected his hat trick of titles with **Jutta Kruger** in the mixed doubles, beating Grobe and Miss Scholz 21-13, 21-16 in an all German final.

Lesley Bell and Chester Barnes, unfortunately, did not play in the junior doubles. As competitors are allowed to enter only four events in the tournament, they played in the three senior events, plus the junior singles. This seems a curious decision for they had little chance of progres-

Triple Champion **WALTER DAHLMAN** receives the boys' singles cup from Tim Blunn.

sing very far among the seniors, whereas the junior doubles titles could more or less have been theirs for the asking.

Graham French and Kay Stokes, of Kent, had the best run of the home players in the mixed, reaching the semi-final where they lost to the eventual winners. In the previous round French and Miss Stokes had beaten Robinson and Miss Canham.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS*(Continued from page 19)*

ing their second defeat in one day, this time at the hands of Mrs. Foldi and Mrs. Lukacs. Outstanding memory of this match, however, was Alexandru's defeat at the hands of Erzebet Hierits. This long drawn out struggle demonstrated, if demonstration was needed, that the so-called new expedite rule merely lengthens matches, in relation to the old 20 minute rule. It went on and on and on (and again the next day in the individual event, only more so).

Czechoslovakia were shock winners of the men's events, and I have already reported on the great part played by Miko. We must not forget "old man" Andreadis, a scheming warrior in the doubles, where he and Miko toppled Berczik and Fahazi in the semi-final and then Markovic and Teran in the final. My only disappointment in this great match came when Stanek easily beat Hrbud. I was praying for it to be 2-all because I wanted to see Miko play Markovic! It would have been a great ending to a wonderful day.

Please, E.T.T.A., keep the team competitions, and play them up more. Big crowd, atmosphere, better play, they all follow one another.

ENGLISH OPEN SPECIAL

BOYS' SINGLES

First Round: K. Jones (Warw.) bt M. Johns (Cheshire) 14, 15. L. Gresswell (Midxx.) bt A. Kinsey (Somerset) 20, 7. D. McGarry (Glos.) bt S. Wand (Essex) 11, 9. G. French (Kent) bt D. Brown (Essex) 17, —17, 7. J. Langan (Ireland) bt G. Steinbeck (W. Germany) —19, —12, 20.

Second Round: W. Dahlman (W. Germany) bt Jones 15, 17. D. Stanley (Yorks.) bt S. Seaholme (Herts.) 15, —19, 13. A. Robinson (Midxx.) bt J. Blackman (Essex) 18, 17. Gresswell bt Thonart (Belgium) 10, 12.

G. Pressick (Warw.) bt W. Grobe (W. Germany) 15, 19. D. Holland (Glos.) bt McGarry 13, 9. French bt P. Williams (Herts.) 13, —18, 20. C. Barnes (Essex) bt Langan —20, 8, 16.

Quarter-Finals: Dahlman bt Stanley —9, 8, 10. Robinson bt Gresswell 18, 16. Holland bt Pressick 9, —19, 15. Barnes bt French 15, 13.

Semi-Finals: DAHLMAN bt Robinson 10, —18, 18. BARNES bt Holland —11, 17, 12.

Final: DAHLMAN bt Barnes —18, 18, 17.

GIRLS' SINGLES

First Round: L. Bell (Essex) bt P. Martin (Essex) 13, 13. K. Scholz (W. Germany) bt P. Hemmings (Herts.) —16, 15, 18. K. Stokes (Kent) bt I. Sykes (Warw.) 10, 14. M. Petre (Belgium) bt C. Holes (Hants.) 9, 13. J. Canham (Herts.) bt P. Dainty (Yorks.) 13, 13. J. Kruger (W. Germany) bt C. Keppenne (Belgium) —17, 12. P. Holes (Hants.) bt L. Henwood (Essex) 13, 15.

Quarter-Finals: Bell bt Scholz 13, 14. Petre bt Stokes 24, 11. Canham bt Kruger 11, 14. M. Luzova (Czech.) bt Holes 14, 19.

Semi-Finals: BELL bt Petre 9, 5. LUZOVA bt Canham 16, 22.

Final: BELL bt Luzova 16, —18, 16.

BOYS' DOUBLES

First Round: J. Langan (Ireland)/Thonart (Belgium) bt A. Kinsey (Somerset)/D. McGarry (Glos.) 14, 14.

Quarter-Finals: K. Jones/G. Pressick (Warw.) bt Langan/Thonart 11, 13. J. Blackman/D. Brown (Essex) bt G. French (Kent)/G. Steinbeck (W. Germany) 17, —17, 13. L. Gresswell/A. Robinson (Midxx.) bt S. Seaholme/P. Williams (Herts.) 9, 18. W. Dahlman/W. Grobe (W. Germany) bt D. Holland (Glos.)/D. Stanley (Yorks.) 17, —16, 13.

Semi-Finals: JONES/PRESSICK bt Blackman/Brown —16, 13, 20. DAHLMAN/GROBE bt Gresswell/Robinson 18, 16.

Final: DAHLMAN/GROBE bt Jones/Pressick —18, 13, 12.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

First Round: J. Kruger/K. Scholz (W. Germany) bt L. Henwood (Essex)/I. Sykes (Warw.) 18, —19, 15. J. Canham (Herts.)/P. Dainty (Yorks.) bt P. Hemmings (Herts.)/P. Martin (Essex) 13, 12.

Semi-Finals: C. HOLES/P. HOLES (Hants.) bt Kruger/Scholz 16, 11. CANHAM/DAINTY bt C. Keppenne/M. Petre (Belgium) 13, 11.

Final: HOLES/HOLES bt Canham/Dainty 9, —15, 21.

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES

First Round: L. Gresswell (Midxx.)/Miss P. Martin (Essex) bt J. Blackman/Miss L. Henwood (Essex) 14, 16. D. McGarry (Glos.)/Miss P. Hemmings (Herts.) bt G. Steinbeck (W. Germany)/Miss I. Sykes (Warw.) 14, —17, 16. G. French/Miss K. Stokes (Kent) bt P. Williams (Herts.)/Miss P. Dainty (Yorks.) 14, 17.

Quarter-Finals: Thonart/Miss M. Petre (Belgium) bt Gresswell/Martin —13, 23,

16. W. Grobe/Miss K. Scholz (W. Germany) bt D. Holland (Glos.)/Miss C. Keppenne (Belgium) 20, 19. W. Dahlman/Miss J. Kruger (W. Germany) bt McGarry/Hemmings —7, 5, 13. French/Stokes bt A. Robinson (Midxx.)/Miss J. Canham (Herts.) 17, —17, 18.

Semi-Finals: GROBE/SCHOLZ bt Thonart/Petre 14, 23. DAHLMAN/KRUGER bt French/Stokes —9, 15, 11.

Final: DAHLMAN/KRUGER bt Grobe/Scholz 13, 16.

MEN'S VETERAN SINGLES

Semi-Finals: R. CRAYDEN (Surrey) bt R. Markwell (Essex) —12, 11, 19. G.

DELABARRE (Belgium) bt R. Etheridge (Kent) 14, 24.

Final: DELABARRE bt Crayden 6, 15.

WOMEN'S VETERAN SINGLES

Semi-Finals: C. WHITEHOUSE (Midxx.) bt L. Cherriman (Midxx.) 17, 15. D. CROSBY (Devon) bt Mrs. F. Bloy (Kent).

Final: CROSBY bt Whitehouse 17, 21.

CONSOLATION SINGLES FINALS

Men: F. KOVACS (Hungary) bt E. Gomolla (W. Germany) —16, 16, 19.

Women: C. MOORE (Lancs.) bt P. Visscher (Holland) —12, 16, 17.

Some Reflections on the Open

By R. P. SHANNON

ALTHOUGH not a player, I have been a spectator at quite a number of Table Tennis events and players might find it of interest to read my comments on "the Open."

The first impression one had was of the much improved dress and general tidiness of the tournament. This rise in standards of appearance of players has been gradual but steady and welcome.

Brighton seems an admirable venue and transferring the Finals to the Dome made the culmination doubly enjoyable for we who look on.

The smooth running was marked, despite some inconveniences such as Television cameras, lights and facilities and that wretched bottleneck at the foot of the stairs to the Referees Gallery. A little more enterprise on the Catering side would be welcome.

Commendable Behaviour

How noticeable and commendable was the behaviour of our overseas visitors! Their slight deviations from the strictest propriety, were almost welcome, such were their manners and conduct.

Our players and not only the younger ones would do well to emulate their admirable restraint in gesture and comment.

At another tournament, which followed the open, it was most disagreeable to be bombarded by loud and hardly intelligible exclamations and childish displays of pique from some of our top performers.

For our Continental guests there is only one objective—to play to the highest possible skill to which one is able, with the maximum possible energy and with a concentration that is almost frightening. So far as I could observe there was no time or opportunity to indulge in specious comment or for making grimaces and smiling. As skilled, painstaking and devoted as they are, our players must really get down to a serious study of our opponents, particularly the Hungarian contingent.

I was somewhat surprised at the

sheer size and weight of the Yugoslavian men. For Table Tennis players their bulk daunted me. It seemed inevitable that their movements should be elephantine and so far as moving position was concerned, such proved to be the case. Speed of reactions and production of strokes however carried them all a great way through the Tournament. I imagine that for consistency their limitations must prove decided handicaps. What a delight to see the masterly ball control of Andreadis! His subtlety and precision was offset admirably by his youthful fireball of a partner Miko.

The Belgians, and many there were, the youthful ebullience and near brilliance of the girls and the marked disparity in age of those of the male members—all enthusiastic and hard-working.

To the Hungarian, Czechoslovakian and Rumanian ladies let us pay due respect. Among them hefty infemine Amazons and dainty quicksilver exponents, all equipped with serious concentrated devotion, devastating backhands and an uncanny capacity for discovering weaknesses in the opposition and exploiting them.

I would not presume to offer advice to our players. That would be impertinent. What I would like to see is an appraisal of the "Open" by one of our devoted "elder statesmen" on a technical basis which might be duplicated and sent to our foremost players.

I am quite sure such an analysis would be welcome by our stars and could inspire them to greater efforts and higher skills. There must be lessons to be learned from the performances of the Continental practitioners—will our players benefit from them?

Altogether a memorable Open, full of good play in admirable conditions, most competently organised, inspired and graced by so many fine players past and present. It was a privilege to witness and my thanks to all who took part.

JUNIOR INTERNATIONALS

Girls Show The Way

by LAURIE LANDRY

ENGLAND came out top in the series of three junior internationals against West Germany, winning two with the third drawn. Our success was, however, mainly due to the superiority of our girls.

Lesley Bell was outstanding, winning all her six matches in straight games. Indeed, in only three of the 12 games she played did her opponents reach double figures. This may sound ruthless, but these were international matches and that's how they should be played.

We had a different girl at No. 2 for each match. Christine Holes was unbeaten at Bexhill, keeping up the pressure but basically letting her opponents make the mistakes. At Leicester Jackie Canham came in and was rather nervous, but that is something she can overcome. She lost to Kavin Scholz, and was taken to three by Jutta Kruger, whom she had beaten easily in the English Open.

It was the turn of Pauline Holes at Canning Town. She needed to control her big hitting in the early stages, but by careful play gained enough confidence to win against Scholz with three beautiful forehands. She also beat Kruger.

Over to the boys, and at Bexhill where Barnes won in a canter, but not as easily as all that and I felt that because of his win over Walter Dahlman in two straight he took it too easy when they met again in the final of the English Junior Open, where the German was successful.

David Stanley fought wonderfully well to beat Willi Grobe from 17-20 down in the third. He retrieved magnificently and at 19-20 Grobe put the return into the net. Steinbeck hit Stanley off the table and looked the best of the Germans this night, going

on to beat Dennis Holland in a game of swaying fortunes.

At Leicester Barnes avenged his English defeat by Dahlman and played superbly. He despatched Grobe in two straight.

Tony Robinson lost both his games but was apparently not too well. He lost easily to Dahlman and was hit off the table by Steinbeck. It was left to Keith Jones to get the odd one that won us the match when he kept Steinbeck back from the table to win in straight games. He was, however, unable to penetrate the defence of Grobe who won 13 and 16.

At St. Luke's, Canning Town, we were lucky to come through with a draw, for after Barnes had his bat banned he appeared to lose interest and lost to the two players he had beaten in the previous matches.

Robinson was feeling much better than the previous night and, although unable to make much impression on the top-form Dahlman, he crushed Steinbeck. Tony stood right up to

the table, giving his opponent little chance to come in.

Leslie Gresswell was unlucky to come away empty handed. It was not for the want of trying. Moving Steinbeck around and slowing down the game he was narrowly pipped in two close games. Against Grobe Gresswell led 19-16 in the third, when the German served and killed the next three balls to level, then pushed it out to win at 19.

DETAILED RESULTS:

At Bexhill-on-Sea (February 28), England 7, West Germany 3: C. Barnes bt W. Grobe 21-18, 21-15; bt W. Dahlman 23-21, 21-17. D. Stanley bt Grobe 18-21, 21-17, 22-20; lost to G. Steinbeck 17-21, 13-21. D. Holland lost to Dahlman 13-21, 17-21; lost to Steinbeck 21-15, 16-21, 18-21. Miss L. Bell bt Miss K. Scholz 21-10, 21-3; bt Miss J. Kruger 21-16, 21-6. Miss C. Holes bt Scholz 21-11, 21-16; bt Kruger 21-7, 21-8.

At Leicester (March 4), England 6, West Germany 4: Barnes bt Dahlman 21-15, 18-21, 21-18; bt Grobe 21-14, 21-11. A. Robinson lost to Dahlman 10-21, 13-21; lost to G. Steinbeck 14-21, 19-21; K. Jones lost to Grobe 13-21, 16-21; bt Steinbeck 21-14, 21-15; Miss Bell bt Scholz 21-7, 21-3; bt Kruger 21-11, 21-2; Miss J. Canham lost to Scholz 22-24, 21-14, 21-23; bt Kruger 21-14, 19-21, 21-10.

At Canning Town (March 5), England 5, West Germany 5: Barnes lost to Dahlman 15-21, 8-21; lost to Grobe 15-21, 21-10, 15-21. Robinson lost to Dahlman 14-21, 10-21; bt G. Steinbeck 21-11, 21-15. L. Gresswell lost to Grobe 22-20, 11-21, 19-21; lost to Steinbeck 20-22, 19-21. Miss Bell bt Scholz 21-8, 21-2; bt Kruger 21-3, 21-7. Miss P. Holes bt Scholz 21-19, 15-21, 21-12; bt Kruger 21-16, 21-14.

Hungarian Closed

EVA FOLDI'S GREAT RECORD

ANY man wanting to win the mixed doubles title in the Hungarian Closed Championships must first choose Eva Foldi as his partner. At any rate that would appear to be the recipe for success judging by the remarkable record of Hungary's top woman player at the championships in Budapest on February 15-17.

She won the mixed title for the sixth successive year and with her fifth different partner. This year's lucky man was Janos Fahazi, with whom she was also to win the mixed at the English Open.

Here are the partners who have enabled her to achieve this remarkable feat: 1958 Sido; 1959 her husband Laszlo Foldi; 1960 Berczik; 1961 Sido; 1962 Peterffy; 1963 Fahazi.

Mrs. Foldi carried off the triple crown by also winning the women's singles and the women's doubles with Erzsébet Hierits.

Berczik won the men's singles for the fifth successive year and the men's doubles with Fahazi.

Men's Singles. Semi-Finals: BERCZIK bt Kovacs 3-0; FAHAZI bt Rozsas 3-1. Final: BERCZIK bt Fahazi 21-23, 21-19, 13-21, 21-6, 21-12.

Women's Singles. Semi-Finals: FOLDI bt Poor 3-0; HIERITS bt Lukacs 3-1. Final: FOLDI bt Hierits 21-15, 17-21, 21-17, 15-21, 21-19.

Men's Doubles. Semi-Finals: KOVACS/HARCSAR bt Rozsas/Foldi 3-1; BERCZIK/FAHAZI bt Jansco/Sandor 3-1. Final: BERCZIK/FAHAZI bt Kovacs/Harsesar 21-14, 19-21, 21-14, 21-16.

Women's Doubles. Semi-Finals: FOLDI/HIERITS bt Horvath/Sera 3-0; LUKACS/POOR bt Faludi/Papp 3-1.

Final: FOLDI/HIERITS bt Lukacs/Poor 21-12, 21-18, 21-13.

Mixed Doubles. Semi-Finals: FAHAZI/Mrs. FOLDI bt Berczik/Hierits 3-1; ROZSAS/Mrs. LUKACS bt Kovacs/Miss Poor 3-1. Final: FAHAZI/FOLDI bt Rozsas/Lukacs 21-14, 19-21, 14-21, 21-16, 21-18.

BUDAPEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Singles: BERCZIK bt Fahazi 21-16, 21-16, 16-21, 20-22, 22-20. Women's Singles: FOLDI bt Hierits 21-11, 21-12, 21-17.

Men's Doubles: BERCZIK/FAHAZI bt Jansco/Sandor 21-13, 21-16, 13-21, 21-19.

Women's Doubles: FOLDI/HIERITS bt Lukacs/Poor 21-12, 21-12, 21-18. Mixed Doubles: ROZSAS/Mrs. LUKACS bt Berczik/Miss Hierits 21-18, 24-22, 21-13.

HUNGARIAN IN FINAL

THE Hungarian club VASUTEPITO (Railways) bt ZAGREB, of Yugoslavia 5-1 in the semi-final of the European Club championship in Budapest on February 8 and will oppose either LEIPZIG (Germany) or CLUJ (Rumania) in the final.

Results (Hungarian names first): Berczik bt Uzorinac 2-0; bt Stencl 2-0. Rozsas bt Stencl 2-0; bt Hrbud 2-1. Halpert lost to Hrbud 0-2; bt Uzorinac 2-1.

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BUCKS OPEN

by **Laurie Landry**

Barnes Returns to Form

JUST a few days after his poor showing against West Germany in the junior international, Chester Barnes came back to form to win the men's singles in the Bucks. Open at Slough on March 9-10. With a superb exhibition of controlled hitting, plus the odd drop shot, he beat Ian Harrison, England's top ranking player, 21-17, 20-22, 21-15 in the final.

RESULTS

Men's Singles, Semi-Finals: C. BARNES (Essex) bt A. Lindsay (Middx.) 21-16, 21-19; I. HARRISON (Gloucs.) bt R. Gunnion (Warwicks.) 21-9, 21-19.

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

Women's Singles, Semi-Finals: L. BELL (Essex) bt M. Hicks (Middx.) 21-10, 21-13; A. TAFT (Herts.) bt J. Redfearn (Middx.) 21-17, 13-21, 21-17.

Final: BELL bt Taft 21-8, 21-16.

Men's Doubles, Semi-Finals: HARRISON/R. STEVENS (Essex) bt Lindsay/Barnes 22-20, 16-21, 21-16; C. McDONALD/M. WILCOX (Australia) bt A. Condon (Essex)/L. Hoffman (Middx.) 21-15, 21-11.

Final: HARRISON/STEVENS bt McDonald/Wilcox 21-17, 21-14.

Women's Doubles, Semi-Finals: J. McCREE (Essex)/M. PIPER (Surrey) bt Hicks/Redfearn (13-21, 21-6, 21-13; BELL/P. MARTIN (Essex) bt A. O'Brien/D. Shepherd (Australia) 21-14, 18-21, 21-12.

Final: McCREE/PIPER bt Bell/Martin 21-17, 18-21, 21-13.

Mixed Doubles, Semi-Finals: R. MORLEY (Gloucs.)/C. OGUS (Middx.) bt Barnes/Bell 21-13, 18-21, 21-16; A. TOMLINSON/J. CROSBY (N. Zealand) bt Stevens/McCree 21-13, 21-15.

Final: MORLEY/OGUS bt Tomlinson/Crosby 21-13, 21-13.

Boys' Singles, Semi-Finals: BARNES bt L. Gresswell (Middx.) 21-15, 21-17; D. HOLLAND (Gloucs.) bt A. Robinson (Middx.) 21-19, 22-20.

Final: BARNES bt Holland 21-11, 24-26, 21-17.

Girls' Singles, Semi-Finals: BELL bt L. Henwood (Essex) 21-9, 21-11; MARTIN bt J. Canham (Herts.) 22-20, 21-13.

Final: BELL bt Martin 21-13, 21-11.

One only wonders why Harrison did not come in and hit more when he was playing a losing game so well. He had hit extremely well in beating Alan Rhodes (18, 13) after being taken to 18 in the third by Whittaker in the first round. Ralph Gunnion was Harrison's semi-final opponent and it was here that he got into a rut for his defence proved adequate.

Barnes beat Alan Lindsay in his semi-final and earlier disposed of Michael Thornhill, to whom he gave no chance. Lindsay came through the easiest quarter, only just pipping Tony Miller 19 in the third. Thornhill had a straight games win over an off-form Brian Wright, to whom he gave every chance.

The biggest surprise of the weekend was the defeat of Bobby Stevens by junior Dennis Holland at 13 and 10. Holland then lost to Mike Creamer, who was in turn beaten by Densham, who then went out to Gunnion.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Holland stands out as a player to watch and in the junior event he beat Tony Robinson in the semi-final and gave Barnes a terrific fight in the final, which went the full distance.

Lesley Bell won the women's and girls' singles, both without loss of a game. The Middlesex second team players, Mary Hicks and Jackie Redfearn, both had good wins, Mary over Peggy Piper (-12, 14, 11) and Jackie over Jean McCree (-19, 18, 21).

This let Alma Taft through for she beat Mrs. Redfearn in a hard semi-final, making the third Bell-Taft final this season. Lesley was just a little too good, but Alma did well to get 16 in the second.

Pauline Martin sprang a surprise by beating Jackie Canham in the girls' event.

The women's doubles went according to seeding, but Bell and Martin failed to repeat their English Closed success against McCree and Piper.



CHESTER BARNES receives his trophy.

The men's doubles saw the Australians Colin Wilcox and Cliff McDonald reach the final, where they were beaten by Harrison and Stevens 17 and 14.

The way was opened for the Australians when the seeds Rhodes and Thornhill went out to Colin Crowe and Fred Morris, of Staffordshire, who in turn lost to Tony Condon and Louis Hoffman.

Harrison and Stevens came together after their original partners had both scratched. They were taken to three games by Roy Morley and Michael Creamer and also by Lindsay and Barnes, a scratch pairing.

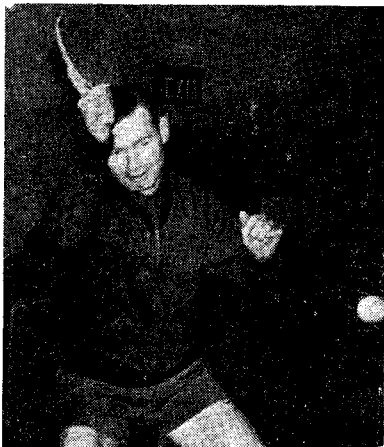
There were two surprises in the mixed doubles semi-finals, when Morley and Irene Ogus beat Barnes and Miss Bell and the New Zealand combination of Alan Tomlinson and Jeannette Crosby dismissed Stevens and Mrs. McCree. Morley and Miss Ogus won rather easily the final to give Miss Ogus her third success in two months.

SHORRICK UNBEATEN

FL/LT. N. SHORRICK came through with a 100 per cent. record when Hereford "A" won the R.A.F. Inter-Stations Competition at Hereford on February 23.

There was a grand climax to the competition, in which eight teams took part, when Hereford and Kenley came together for the final match, both unbeaten.

At this stage three players had also been unbeaten, Shorrick and Cpl. Ashberry, of Hereford, and L.A.C. Stirzaker of Kenley. Stirzaker beat Webb 22-20, 21-11, to make the score 1-all, but later lost to Shorrick 18-21, 23-21, 18-21, and Hereford were able to go on and win 5-2.



ROY MORLEY

CHESHIRE JUNIOR OPEN

by George R. Yates

STANLEY WINS WITH BORROWED BAT

SUFFERING from a scarcity of girl entrants the Cheshire Junior Open was smoothly accomplished at the Livingstone Street Baths, Birkenhead, on February 23 by a Wirral League committee geared to have taken twice the numbers.

Further diminished by the mysterious non-arrival of the Warwickshire contingent, containing seed Keith Jones and Graham Pressick, the junior boys' field fell to one of 58 contestants.

Quality, however, was in abundance with three from the top six English rankings, David Stanley, Tony Robinson and Les Gresswell to the fore, backed by another four, Colin Eltringham, Roger Hampson, Brian Marsden and Alan Ransome from Group "A".

RESULTS

Boys' Singles, Quarter-Finals: D. Stanley (Yorks.) bt B. Marsden (Lancs.) 21-11, 15-12, 21-12; C. Eltringham (Durham) bt L. Gresswell (Middlesex) 14-21, 25-23, 21-16; D. Hodgson (Lancs.) bt B. Cain (Cheshire) 21-9, 21-13; A. Robinson (Middlesex) bt G. Birch (Lancs.) 21-10, 21-14.

Semi-Finals: STANLEY bt Eltringham 21-16, 21-18; ROBINSON bt Hodgson 21-18, 21-13.

Final: STANLEY bt Robinson 21-13, 20-22, 22-20.

Girls' Singles, Semi-Finals: P. DAINTY (Yorks.) bt I. Sykes (Warwicks.) 21-13, 21-9; L. HENWOOD (Essex) bt J. Harrison (Lancs.) 21-8, 21-14.

Final: HENWOOD bt Dainty 21-12, 13-21, 21-19.

Boys' Doubles, Semi-Finals: GRESSWELL/ROBINSON bt Eltringham/A Ransome (Durham) 21-17, 21-13; JOHNS/HAMPSON (Ches.) bt A. Heap (Lancs.)/Birch 21-16, 21-11.

Final: GRESSWELL / ROBINSON bt Johns/Hampson 21-19, 21-18.

Girls' Doubles, Final: DAINTY/HARRISON bt Henwood/Sykes 16-21, 21-11, 21-14.

Mixed Doubles, Semi-Finals: GRESSWELL/DAINTY bt Todd/J. Downes (Durham) 21-16, 21-14; STANLEY/HENWOOD bt Robinson/Sykes 21-16, 21-16.

Final: GRESSWELL/DAINTY bt Stanley/Henwood 21-18, 21-12.

UNDER 15's

Boys' Singles, Semi-Finals: BIRCH bt A. Gilhooley (Lancs.) 15-21, 21-9, 21-17; A. BICKERDIKE (Lancs.) bt R. Todd (Durham) 21-13, 21-13.

Final: BIRCH bt Bickerdike 21-14, 21-19.

Girls' Singles, Final: HENWOOD bt Sykes 21-12, 21-16.

LONDON BUSINESS

HOUSES CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Manor Place Baths, Walworth, February 14).

Men's Singles: B. PUNT bt B. Parish 16-21, 26-24, 21-19. **Women's Singles:** M. PIPER (holder) bt Miss S. Thomas 21-12, 21-12.

Men's Doubles: B. GILHAM/ C. HORA bt B. Parish/E. Sawyer 21-18, 21-19. **Women's Doubles:** J. COLEMAN/M. PIPER bt Mrs. P. Ball/S. Thomas 21-13, 23-21, 21-13. **Mixed Doubles:** W. NORTH-COTT/Mrs. J. COBBETT bt R. J. Gregory/Mrs. J. Conetta 21-17, 16-21, 21-13.



LINDA HENWOOD

Henwood and Pat Dainty emerged to contest the final of the junior girls' and to the Essex starlet went the major prize, to which she added the under-15's title in swamping Ingrid Sykes.

More local in character the under-15 boys' event went to Gordon Birch of Liverpool, who carried too many guns for Terry Bickerdike of Bury. Both finalists had their moments of glory when Birch defeated Frankland and Bickerdike accounted for Robert Todd conqueror of Johns.

Pat Dainty had her revenge over Miss Henwood in the girls' doubles pairing up with Bolton's Jean Harrison to account for her southern tormentor in partnership with Miss Sykes.

Again in the mixed Miss Dainty triumphed, with Gresswell, over Stanley and Miss Henwood. Gresswell also took the boys' doubles with Robinson opposed to those up-and-coming Cheshire boys Johns and Hampson.

Upsetting the progress of Gresswell, Durham's Eltringham earned merit marks in disposing of the Middlesex boy in a titanic quarter-final, but subsequently fell foul of Stanley in the semis. Earlier Eltringham had axed his county colleague Ransome.

Stanley went on to take the title vacated by Mike Symonds by accounting for Robinson in an entertaining final. Showing a welcome return to form, even with a borrowed bat after breaking his own early on, Stanley just had the edge to climax a performance which had beaten off the challenge of Mike Johns, Hampson and Marsden.

Robinson had much the easier half winning all his sets in two straight, Jack Frankland of Blackpool causing him the most concern although Burnley's Doug Hodgson gave a good account of himself in the semi.

From a field of seven Linda

WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

by Grove Motlow

BRISTOL MAINTAIN RECORD

BRISTOL maintained their unbeaten Western Counties record with a 7-2 win over West Wilts, at Trowbridge. After winning the first four matches in straight games, Bristol were extended in the remaining five, each of which went to three games.

West Wilts claimed their two victories when A. Alexander beat young Dave McGarry at 19 in the third, then accounted for Tony Dinambro at 23-21 in the third. Barrie Brady was unbeaten for Bristol, although he dropped games to both J. Ford and J. Cleveland.

Brilliant attack and excellent defensive play featured the 6-3 win by Bristol Second over Newport. Six of the matches went to three sets and with a complete absence of pushing, it was the type of play that could attract larger crowds to inter-league matches.

J. Wise was in excellent form for Bristol winning all three of his matches, while J. Taylor won two. Both accounted for B. Everson, the Welsh international, whose only win was over V. Adams. Tony Huish gained Newport's other two wins, beating Taylor and Adams.

Everson came into his own in Newport's 6-3 away win over Abergavenny, going through unbeaten. Young John Mansfield won two for Abergavenny.

WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Bristol	5	5	0	33	12	10
Cheltenham	6	5	1	35	19	8
Newport	6	4	2	28	25	8
Cardiff	3	3	0	24	3	6
Bath	5	2	3	22	23	4
Bristol 2nds.	6	2	4	24	30	4
Swindon	6	2	4	18	36	4
West Wilts	6	1	5	19	35	2
Abergavenny	4	0	4	10	26	0

THE WELSH CLOSED

The Heads Roll at Welsh Closed

THE "heads" certainly rolled in the Welsh closed! Bernard Dimascio, the holder, went out to "exile" David Jones, who never had any pretensions to being great; Alan Thomas lost to Ken Bull; and George Evans, to Glyn Morgan, and with respect to the latter, this was the worst result of all. Ron Davies went out to Michael Darlington, ever a solid stylish player but not in practice these days; Margaret Phillips to Elizabeth Gray, and Phil Bevan to Roy Fowler, who then lost to "veteran" Des Milton!

Why? Is it because Welsh players know each other too well and also because our top players are not so much in advance of the rank and file as our stars used to be? A little of both, probably.

On the credit side there was a splendid day for Brian Everson. He hasn't been in very good form this season, but played efficiently to beat Mansfield, Glyn Morgan, and Darlington, to reach the final against the young "exile" Leslie Wooding, who had crept quietly by whilst the stars fell by the wayside.

This 17-year-old, born in Llandudno, but now playing for England, found the way right open for him, via Dennis Sanuel, Emil Emezec, Ken Bull, and a semi-final win over his friend David Jones, only to find Brian Everson much too steady.

Hearty congratulations to Brian, who is always keen if less successful than he would wish. So once again the Welsh

Closed title has gone to a dark horse, as it did last season when Dimascio came practically out of retirement to win it!

Wooding was indeed promising, and in a Welsh scene dominated by players who cannot hit, his effervescent attack is refreshing.

Meanwhile, fun and games also in the women's event. Audrey Bates, the holder, after beating Margaret Jones met Sandra Morgan in the semi-final, and against a solid defence was reduced to long bouts of attack that lacked sting, before getting home in the third.

Elizabeth Gray, so disappointing after looking good during the summer training, suddenly found some form to beat a very spiritless Margaret Phillips, and then met Audrey in the final. The first was anybody's game with both going at it, but Audrey was a good winner in the second.

Ron Davies and George Evans did well to beat the usual finalists Alan Morris and Glyn Morgan in the semi this time, then had a fairly comfortable final victory over Dimascio and Everson. Glyn Morgan and Audrey Bates took the Mixed, beating Alan Thomas and Shirley Sturgess in the semi, then Roy Fowler and Sandra Morgan who had had a good win over Phil Bevan and Dorothy Attenborough. Margaret Phillips and Sandra Morgan beat the "scratch" pair of Audrey Bates and Doreen Clement in the Women's.

The entry was the biggest for some

years, a most encouraging sign, particularly as there were about 50 boys and girls. Amongst the boys there was some good play from Jeff Phillips, Bill Bird and Dennis Samuel of Aberdare, Geoff Trenchard of Eastern Valleys, but most particularly from Graham Davies of Ogmores Vale, who confirmed his good showing in the *Eagle* by reaching the final, and giving Mansfield a very good game. It was pleasing to see some new ideas amongst these youngsters.

Of particular pleasure was the girls' event, usually so badly supported, but now made to look respectable by the entry of several of Audrey Bates' Howell's School girls, many of whom looked promising. Main interest was perhaps centred on the performance of young Elizabeth Ernest, the Welsh Lawn Tennis International, making her first appearance in the table tennis world. She did well to reach the final, and is of the build and approach to make a good player if she will stick.

Welsh players completed a week of gloom by journeying to Worcester, and losing 6-4 for the first time ever to this county!

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: B. Everson bt M. Darlington 21-8, 21-18. L. Wooding bt D. Jones 21-17, 21-17. **Final: EVERSON** bt Wooding 21-18, 21-10. **Women's Singles: Semi-Finals:** A. Bates bt S. Morgan 21-14, 19-21, 21-19. E. Gray bt M. Phillips 21-17, 12-21, 21-19. **Final: BATES** bt Gray 24-22, 21-11.

Men's Doubles: G. EVANS/R. DAVIES bt B. Dimascio/Everson 21-16, 21-13. **Women's Doubles: PHILLIPS/MORGAN** bt Bates/D. Clements 21-17, 24-22. **Mixed Doubles: G. MORGAN/MISS BATES** bt R. Fowler/Miss Morgan 21-13, 15-21, 21-11.

Boys' Singles: J. MANSFIELD bt G. Davies 21-15, 22-20. **Girls' Singles: F. HINLEY** bt E. Ernest 21-14, 21-14.

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built it into their games to a much more effective degree than have the Welsh. Significant that the two successes, Phil Bevan and Bernard Dimascio are both pimple rubber players, and both HIT to win. Neither George Evans nor Ron Davies, both trying to loop, make much attempt to pull the ball away when they've forced it up. Thomas, who usually CAN cope with the loop, was far less than good, and all in all, the play produced by these players was little reward for the work put into the tour by the various organisers.

SCORES

At Abergavenny. Wales 2, Australia 7: Evans lost to Thomson —16, 12, —14; bt McDonald 20, 12. Mansfield lost to Thomson —12, 16, —9; lost to Morgan —12, 17, —19. Davies lost to Morgan —13, —18; lost to Thomson —13, —18. Thomas lost to McDonald —16, —13; beat Wilcox 14, —12, 14. Evans/Davies lost to McDonald/Wilcox —14, —13.

At Barry. Wales 1, Australia 8: Bevan lost to Thomson —11, —19; bt Morgan 15, 18. Davies lost to Morgan —13, —23; lost to Thomson —19, —16. Thomas lost to McDonald —20, —14; lost to Wilcox —17, —15. Evans lost to Wilcox —16, —14; lost to McDonald —15, —13. Davies/Evans lost to Wilcox/McDonald —20, —16.

At Milford Haven. Wales 1, Australia 8: Morris lost to Morgan —10, —14; lost to Thomson —10, —14. Jones lost to Thomson —15, —13; lost to Morgan —21, —11. Dimascio bt McDonald —14, 16, 16; lost to Wilcox —14, —19. Thomas lost to Wilcox —6, —18; lost to McDonald —15, —12. Dimascio/Morris lost to Wilcox/McDonald —11, —14.

PATRICK ARKELL Replies to

CRITICISM OF WELSH JUNIORS

AS secretary of the Abergavenny and District League, I feel that I cannot allow Roy Evans's WELSH CORNER in the March issue to pass without comment.

I saw the England-Wales junior match at Southampton and whilst appreciating that England were a superior team I feel that Laurie Landry's summary of the match was nearer the truth than that of Roy Evans.

Roy Evans seems to imply that we in Wales should not play any more junior internationals until our standard is higher than at present. What nonsense. The day we stop competing because we are not good enough will be a sad one for Welsh Table Tennis.

Has anyone ever heard the suggestion that England should not compete against the Central Europeans or Asians because they are not good enough? Exactly the reverse is true. The cry is for more competition so that more experience and knowledge can be gained.

Initially, on a lower plane, the same must apply to Welsh Table Tennis, especially the juniors. We must stretch our resources to the limits and send them to the English tournaments.

Where does the fault lie? To a large

extent it is because the leagues in Wales, especially the major ones, are not interested in youth. For quite a few years the Abergavenny League has supplied the bulk of the Welsh junior team. It may surprise many to learn that Abergavenny is a town with a population of about 9,000 and can boast less than 50 registered players. Yet we—one of the smallest leagues in Wales—produce good youngsters because we fervently believe in coaching and taking our youngsters to as many tournaments as possible. We, of course, are the first to give all credit for this to that fine coach, Jack Price.

There is an abundance of young talent in Wales. It was there for everyone to see at the Welsh Closed. All that is required is for this talent to be harnessed and channelled via coaching schemes until it reaches its full potentialities.

Fortunately, the newly formed Monmouthshire County Association are in favour of bringing youth to the fore. They have an ambitious coaching scheme planned for this summer.

Although it may take a few years to reap the benefits of such schemes, we

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HICKS PROVIDES THE UPSETS

by NORMAN KILPATRICK

AMERICA'S third largest tournament, the Central United States Open, was the site of a series of upsets created by Richard Hicks, of Indianapolis, Indiana. Held on December 8-9 in Chicago, Illinois, the Central Open found Hicks defeating 1961 U.S. champion Erwin Klein 3-1, former Iranian champion Houshang Bozozgadeh 3-0, and ex-Hungarian Laszlo Varenyi 3-1.

Hicks is a strictly orthodox defensive player who occasionally opens up with a hard forehand attack, but usually is content to chop and push.

Klein took second place in the tourney, since the final was a round-robin between the last four players. The left-handed, red haired attacker edged out Bozozgadeh for the runner-up spot. Hicks defeated defending champion Robert Fields in the 1962 Canadian Open tourney, and should shortly be one of our top ranking players.

Bernard Bukiet, United States international for many years, gained the men's singles title at the Eastern United States Championships, December 15-16, 1962, in Providence, Rhode Island. Bukiet and his finalist opponent, Martin Doss, of New York, produced some of the most spectacular table tennis seen in a finals in years, as they drove and counter hit each other without let-up for five torrid games. In the semi-finals, Robert Gusikoff, of New York, led Bukiet 17-15 in the fifth game, only to see the former German player take six of the next seven points with his steady attack. Sol Schiff, the great left-handed veteran of the game, easily hit his way past defensive star Elias Solomon, but in his next match, the semi-finals, he found himself completely outmanned by the control and power of young Doss, who defeated him 3-0.

LEAH WINS AGAIN

Leah Neuberger easily defended her women's singles title, using a sandwich racket for the first time in a major event. The racket seemed to have little effect on Mrs. Neuberger's crisp drives and placements, as she defeated Canadian Open champion Lona Rubenstein in the semis, and Bernice Chotras, of New York City, 3-1 in the finals.

Egyptian born Raouf Kamel, of Jersey City, hit his way to the finals of the junior men's event, with a good win over towering 6 foot 3 inches tall Richard Jackson, but made little impression on 17-year-old Danny Pecora, the U.S. junior champion.

The American team to the Prague championships will be: MEN: 1., **Erwin Klein** (Chicago); 2, **Bob Fields** (Washington); 3, **Bernard Bukiet** (New York); 4, **Richard Miles** (New York); 5, **Norbert Van de Walle** (Chicago). WOMEN: 1, **Bernice Chotras** (New York); 2, **Barbara Kaminsky** (Baltimore); 3, **Lona Rubenstein** (New York). Non-playing captain **Sol Schiff** (New York). The U.S.T.T.A. delegate to the I.T.T.F. Congress is Robert Chaimson (Washington), and the U.S.T.T.A. member of the I.T.T.F. Jury is Rufford Harrison (Newark, Delaware).



TONY CORNELL, of Essex, and **JANET WHITE**, of Hertfordshire, are pictured here at the wedding at the Church of St. Francis, Oxhey, Herts, on February 23. Several well known tournament players were among the 30 guests, including Alan Rhodes, Alma Taft, Pat Thomas and Kenny Baker.

The newly-weds, who are now living at Bow, made their first appearance as man and wife at the English Open.

(Picture by Michael Maclaren)

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are fully confident that they will pay off in the long run.

Do Welsh juniors really have the opportunity of playing more tournaments? I doubt it, for in Wales we have a complete domestic programme including the Welsh League, where the matches are played on Saturday evenings.

Without being critical of this excellent competition it is about time that Saturday play was abandoned so that our players could go to the English tournaments. The alternative? Dare I suggest

that we convert the Welsh League to Sunday play, or perhaps mid-week, keeping Saturday matches when long distances are involved.

There is one other point of Roy Evans that I must answer. He wants to know what has happened to Jack Price's promising youngsters and why so few are still in Welsh table tennis. As Abergavenny is a small market town many of them have left the district to go to University or to work in industry in the larger towns, and so have become lost to the game. Some are still in the town but only John Mansfield has reached county standard.

Imagine a coach like Jack Price being let loose in Cardiff with its masses of players!

May I ask Mr. Evans how many of the Welsh selectors regularly watch our juniors in action? Also how many active coaches are there in Wales?

JUNIOR CONSCIOUS

Others apart from Monmouthshire are junior conscious, namely Aberdare and Milford Haven. But until the big leagues follow suit, then Welsh Table Tennis will never rise out of the doldrums.

Not only are most English counties making great strides in sponsoring junior table tennis, but Ireland and Scotland as well. So come on Wales, or a decade from now will see us as a non-existent force in the table tennis world.

In other sports and walks of life we make up for the lack of numbers by something we call "hwyl." Given a lead from our administrators it can be present in our table tennis.

MARATHON RECORD

THE University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, are determined that they will carve their own little niche in table tennis.

Back in 1961 four students from the university set up an unofficial world marathon record by playing for 30 hours 3 minutes. In February as part of their Rag Week eight players from the same university set out to improve the record. Four, **Doug Worthurst**, **Dave Sharrock**, **Aubrey Hughes** and **Cofin Smith**, retired after adding seven minutes to the old time, but the remaining four, **Drew Harman**, **Mike Butt**, **Alan Daniel** and **Tony Harris** went on to shatter the record by 4 hours 10 minutes, to give a total time of 34 hours 10 minutes.

Altogether a total of 675 games were played on two tables, 506 by the new record holders.

The rules of the marathon are that after one match consisting of the best of five games, the players are allowed two minutes rest.

LANCASHIRE bt. MIDDLESEX

By George R. Yates

HOMEWARD bound in triumph from Northumberland a phone call was made from Sedburgh which set the bar of the Bull Hotel alight with the news of Lancashire's premier division victory over Middlesex.

Great indeed was the rejoicing when added to the second team's championship success sealed with a runaway 9-1 win at Gateshead. Forced to make a three-fold change, bringing in debutants Gordon Beardsworth and Judy Crafter in place of Roy Crusham and Connie Moore, and Winifred Swift vice Ivy Kershaw, mattered not one whit to the spirit of a team welded in the furnace of the opening engagement against Yorkshire at Sheffield.

This season has seen the red rose bloom indeed from the bud that promised so much at the outset.

Manchester's Reign Ends

Great, too, was the rejoicing in Burnley on the evening, March 7, when a trio comprising George Livesey, Jack Keogh and Arthur Hartshorn broke Manchester's nine-year reign on the Division 1 title of the Lancs and Cheshire League by inflicting a crushing 7-2 defeat on the Mancunians.

Thrice defeated Kevin Forshaw and Peter Walmsley hugged the wall of the East Lancashire town as they departed with Vince Hankey the only singles winner, the visitors' second win being the doubles.

Due for relegation from this division are Liverpool, down 0-10 in their final match at Bolton, and Liverpool Business Houses departed at the first time of asking. Replacing the Liverpoolians will be Preston and probably Wirral to keep the flame alight on Merseyside.

Liverpool's juniors took a hard knock too at the hands of Bolton who spiked their guns 6-4 at the Linnets Club, Aigburth. Had Liverpool won this match the junior championship title would have been theirs, whereas now Burnley stand favourites to pip Bolton on sets average should they win their remaining two matches against Wirral and Macclesfield as expected.

Burnley's second team have swept the board in Division 2 (East) and they could well celebrate a triple championship success. Fortunately Manchester's ladies still reign supreme still with covetous eyes on the Rose Bowl.

Man and wife partnership of Fred and Ivy Kershaw, representing Hillhouse, swept the board in the Blackpool League closed championships at St. Annes Y.M.C.A.

Kershaw won the men's singles and doubles, his wife won the women's singles and doubles, and together they won the mixed.

In the men's singles Kershaw dropped only one game to Roy Frankland in a match which produced the best table tennis of the day. Kershaw won 18-21, 21-18, 21-18.

In the final of the men's singles Kershaw beat the 1961 holder Norman Groom 21-15, 21-13.

Ivy Kershaw, in the women's singles final, beat Miss Kay Benson (Prebond), Lancs. hon. match secretary, 19-21, 21-16, 21-14.

Jack Frankland was the junior winner; S. Simpson his victim in the final.

Stockport League held their closed championships on March 9 and here the men's singles winner was Alan Crossley who beat Derek Schofield 21-10, 12-21, 21-16.

County player Margaret Bradshaw's defence was too much for Mrs. Lypnycyj who went under 19-21, 21-15, 15-21. The youths' singles brought together two very fine prospects in Neill O'Brien and Roger Hampson, the latter winning 23-21, 21-19. Again in the junior boys' Hampson triumphed 21-13, 21-19, over his club-mate Tony Horan.

There was further success for Hampson and O'Brien in the men's doubles, where, after seeing off some of the best pairs in Stockport, they beat H. Finn and A. Summerfield in the final. The two singles champions combined to take the mixed.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

A NEAR THING

MIDDLESEX are once again County champions, but it was a near thing. We just scraped home on games average over Lancashire, against whom we suffered a shock defeat in the final match.

This emphasises only too well the value of those narrow 5-4 wins over Kent and Gloucestershire, earlier in the season. One game the other way in either of these matches and it would have been goodbye to the title.

Moreover, Lancashire's only defeat of

SURPRISES AT LEICESTERSHIRE CLOSED

THERE were many surprises in the Leicestershire "Closed" Championships at The College of Technology Gymnasium on March 2. Ernest McLeish retained his men's singles trophy, beating Johnny Burraston in the final. John Thompson had earlier shown good form before narrowly losing to McLeish. Some of McLeish's hitting bordered on the miraculous.

Marjorie Purser was popular winner of the ladies' singles with a victory over Glenys Odams. Marjorie won a second title when she partnered Rita Beith to take the ladies' doubles. 'Chalky' White, number one junior, became county champion when he beat Mick Porter in a brilliant game—the best junior final seen for years. John Wells, who has twice previously lost to Bob Geary in two tournaments this season, held Geary's forehand attack in the final of the under-15's singles to win the event. Winner of the Veteran's singles was Harry Ball, who was too steady for all opposition. The mixed doubles was won by Johnny Burraston and Barbara Webster in a close win over Gordon Murray and Glenys Odams. The men's doubles resulted in Gordon Murray and Rodney Pickering beating surprise finalists John Rogers and Graham Elsdon.

WILLESDEN CLOSED

MICHAEL Creamer made a clean sweep in the Willesden Closed championships winning the men's singles, men's doubles, with Ian Redfearn and the mixed doubles with Mrs. Symes. Mrs. Redfearn took the women's singles and partnered Irene Ogus to win the doubles.

Men's Singles: **M. CREAMER** bt B. Wright 21-17, 21-15. Women's Singles: **J. REDFEARN** bt M. Symes 21-8, 21-15.

Men's Doubles: **CREAMER/I. REDFEARN** bt Wright/L. Landry 21-19, 21-17. Women's Doubles: **REDFEARN/I. OGUS** bt Symes/J. Williamson 21-14, 17-21, 21-17. Mixed Doubles: **CREAMER/Mrs. SYMES** bt Landry/Mrs. Redfearn 21-17, 11-21, 22-20.

Junior (Mixed) Singles: **R. WRIGHT** bt Miss I. Ogus 21-13, 21-15. Veteran Singles: **W. PROWEN** bt K. Lipscombe 21-12, 21-16.

the season, against Essex, was by the narrow margin of 5-4.

Middlesex also flopped rather badly against the Australians. A tired end-of-the-season team lost 3-6, David Creamer winning our three. And he was taken to three games in each.

HOLDERS BEATEN

In the Schools' Competition, the holders, Tottenham Grammar, are out to Albany County, who have Tony Robinson. Ashford County with Leslie Gresswell, Middlesex's other junior international, are also in the county semi-final.

The Borough Youth competition has boiled down to Poplar, the holders, and Fulham.

EAST LONDON CLOSED

PAULINE MARTIN provided a fitting climax to her "under-17's" career, when she won the girls' singles and doubles, with Karenza Smith in the East London League Junior championships at St. Luke's. Pauline, who previously held the title in 1958-9, beat Valerie Woodhouse 21-11, 21-15 in the singles final.

Chester Barnes also scored a double by winning the boys' singles and doubles with Stuart Gibbs. The "under-14's" singles was won by Keith Lawrence.

AROUND EAST ANGLIA

NORWICH DOUBLE FOR TURNER

NORFOLK were delighted to welcome E.T.T.A. chairman Ivor Eyles, and Harry Walker, Region 7's elected member and Essex secretary, for a fruitful discussion prior to the county's first annual dinner.

Harry Walker stayed on for the early rounds of the Norwich championships

CAMBRIDGE PIPPED ON THE POST

AFTER heading the table for most of the season Cambridge City were pipped on the post by Northampton for the South East Midland League. Nevertheless the City had a good season, with their juniors coming through remarkably well.

The County junior have not had such a good season in the National County championship and a 9-1 home defeat at the hands of Essex has left them propping up the Junior Division (East). It afforded some satisfaction that in the last match against Essex Alan Pounder beat David Brown, to prevent Cambridge having a completely blank sheet for the season.

The Cambridgeshire team of Pounder, Paul Chiswell, John Constable, Carol Chapman and Carol Stringer, despite their lowly position, should benefit considerably from the experience of competition against some of the best juniors in the country.

The Cambridgeshire League is now set for a final flourish and it looks as if Y.M.C.A. I will retain the First Division title, although New Chesterton Institute and University Press are chasing them hard. Wesley appear doomed to go down to the second division.

All seven divisions of the League are behind in their fixtures but it is hoped that the leeway will be made up and so avoid a congestion of fixtures right at the end of the season.

Cambridge City surprisingly lost 4-6 to Huntingdon the bottom team in the Women's section of the South East Midland League. Carol Chapman was not at her best in this match.

S.E. Midland League badges are being awarded to players who have made at least three appearances for the City and I feel this should promote increased interest among players.

The Cambridgeshire Executive are concerned at certain cases of gamesmanship in the Cambridgeshire League and are prepared to deal severely with those clubs involved.

Junior coaching session at the Y.M.C.A. are still going according to plan and it is hoped they will produce a strong contingent of players.

The Cambridgeshire Summer League will again be operating and enquiries are already coming in from new clubs, who wish to take part with a view to entering the Winter League next season. It is hoped to run even more divisions in the Summer competition, which is proving most popular.

Leslie Constable

at the Central Youth Hall the following day. Here John Turner (N.A.L.G.O.), crouched spider-armed, to absorb all opposition on his wooden bat and win the men's singles. He also teamed up with Alan Corby (C.E.Y.M.S.), the junior singles winner, to take the men's doubles.

Stella Perry (Y.M.C.A.) won the women's singles, and husband Bob just failed to make it a family double when he lost in the finals of the men's singles and doubles, both of which went to three games.

Mrs. Perry stopped Mary Turner (St. Faith's House) at 19 in the third. Miss Turner, however, parried with Bill Minors (Gothic) to reverse last season's decision against Paul Walsh and Marion Harrison and win the mixed.

Men's Singles: J. TURNER (NALGO) bt R. Perry (St Barnabas) 18-21, 21-16, 21-18. **Women's Singles:** Mrs S. PERRY (YMCA) bt M. Turner (St Faith's House) 10-21, 21-13, 21-19. **Junior Singles:** A. CORBY (CEYMS) bt R. Blanch (Lads Club) 21-16, 21-13.

Men's Doubles: COBY/TURNER bt Perry/G. Wood (St Barnabas) 21-23, 21-14, 21-14. **Mixed Doubles:** W. MINORS (Gothic)/Miss TURNER bt P. Walsh (Bullards)/Mrs M. Harrison (YMCA) 21-17, 12-21, 22-20.

Veteran Singles: J. SCOTT (Home Club) bt G. Dearing (St M. Mag.) 21-19, 21-18. **Consolation Singles:** T. COE (CEYMS) bt N. Gunton (Sprodstow) 21-15, 21-15.

As predicted, Norwich completed a double in the East Anglian League by winning the First Division title. Their "B" team had previously won the Second Division.

Great Yarmouth beat Lowestoft 6-4 making their match with Norwich a straight fight for the title, but only Charlie Carter, who beat Coby and Coe, could score in the decider, which Norwich won 8-2.

AT HOME

Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. invited players from Ipswich, Yarmouth and Norwich to a well organised "At Home," which produced some fine play. The results were:

Men's Singles: L. Branson (City Fire Brigade) bt C. Fields (Youth Panthers) 21-16, 20-22, 23-21. **Men's Doubles:** T. Coe/A. Cooper (CEYMS) bt Branson/Hipperson (CEYMS) 21-19, 21-17. **Junior Singles:** A. Coby (CEYMS) bt Fields 21-16, 22-20.

C.E.Y.M.S. and County Arts each have a hundred per cent record in the Norwich League, where Colin Tucker has been showing fine form for Norwich Union.

Wymondham League have been asked to arranged a tournament as part of the town's carnival in early May. The President's Cup is at the semi-final stage where the line up is: Great Moulton A v Old Buckenham A; Abbey A (league leaders) v Little Melton A. Dereham hold their championships on April 5.

One club, by the way, has a fine new net. This should, as we all know, measure six feet. But stretch it as one may, it still leaves an illegal space of two inches at each post. So watch this point when buying your own net!

J. S. Penny

PURNELL IS NEW SUFFOLK CHAMPION

THE Suffolk Closed was short of some of the best-known men players in the county, so leaving the men's singles and doubles events wide open. Nevertheless, something of a surprise was created when Reg Purnell set the seal on a constantly good performance throughout the day by taking the singles, and followed up with a doubles win in partnership with John Keeble.

Ipswich players did remarkably well, only the boys' singles title eluding them. This event produced a very close and hard-fought match between Brian Buckle and Stuart Sharman, with Buckle pulling it off game -19 in the third.

The ladies' singles was regained by Pam Rogers, who had a comfortable two-straight win over Lowestoft's Val Martin, last year's winner. Her fourth appearance in the final of the girls' singles brought Linda Barrett her third successive win in the event, and she followed up by taking the ladies' doubles partnered by Brenda Brown.

Men's Singles: R. PURNELL bt R. Cooper 21-13, 21-18, 18-21, 21-17. **Women's Singles:** P. ROGERS bt V. Martin 21-12, 21-8.

Men's Doubles: PURNELL/J. KEEBLE bt. V. Keeble/B. Elsworth 21-8, 14-21, 21-14, 21-17. **Women's Doubles:** B. BROWN/L. BARRETT bt A. Pearson/A. Baldry 21-15, 8-21, 21-16. **Mixed Doubles:** D. MANN/Mrs. BROWN bt Cooper/Mrs. B. Killett 21-10, 18-21, 21-11.

Boys Singles: B. BUCKLE bt S. Sharman 21-19, 11-21, 21-19. **Girls Singles:** L. BARRETT bt R. Flavell 21-11, 21-9.

Veteran Singles: D. BARRETT bt D. Cartwright 21-13, 21-17. **Restricted Singles:** D. MANN bt P. Moyes 21-14, 21-15.

It was again Reg Purnell who provided the sensation of the final event of the "Top Ten" tournament. He started the day with no more than a good chance of a place in the first three, and ended up the winner! Maximum possible points were earned by beating Dave Hilliady, Ken Perry and Barry Wigg, each in two-straight games, and Purnell's first point lost happened when beating John Keeble 2-1 in the inter-group final.

Halliday made some amends in the doubles by earning top marks, but this gave him only 29½ points and third place in the tournament. Purnell, meanwhile, with two doubles wins had notched 31 points to tie with Hans Fleck, and emerged the winner in the play-off by 12-12, 21-19, 21-11.

In the "Leading Ladies" Pam Rogers became the winner for the third year in succession, having amassed a total of 51 points. Runner-up was Brenda Brown with 34½ points, and Ann Baldry with three points fewer finished third.

D. J. Barrett.

OFFICIAL NEWS

Alteration to Rules of the Association: In accordance with rule 34 of the association's constitution all county and league secretaries have now received a communication from the office giving details of proposed alterations and additions to the rules as received by the secretary as at February 28, 1963. It should be noted that rule 34a states . . . *"proposals for such changes to be considered by the next annual general meeting shall be submitted in writing to reach the secretary not later than the last day of February. All proposals so received shall be circulated to all county associations and local leagues during March and amendments or alternative proposals dealing with the same substance shall be accepted for consideration by the annual general meeting if submitted in writing and received by the secretary not later than the last day in April."*

Therefore, any amendments or alternative proposals dealing with the same substance should be received in writing by the secretary at **652 Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2**, by April 30 next in order that they may be included in the agenda for the annual meeting at the Bishop Partridge Hall, Church House, Westminster, London, S.W.1, on Saturday July 6, 1963.

Election of Officers and Members of the National Executive Committee 1963-64 season.

The nomination papers for officers and members of the national executive committee have already been despatched and should be returned to the Electoral Reform Society by April 16, 1963. As soon as possible after that date all county and league secretaries will receive from the office of the association details of nominations received by the Electoral Reform Society, which will show the names of the counties or leagues who have proposed them for any position on the National Executive Committee. The office of the association will send out the voting papers on May 15, 1963 and these should be returned to the Electoral Reform Society by June 12, 1963.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

This is the best season since the war for the county first team, now that they have finished fourth. Incidentally Pam has only lost one match (Di Rowe) in all the premier games, a truly great performance.

The county "seconds" did well to beat Oxford and have finished third in the second division (Midland), a very creditable performance considering they are playing against the first teams of the other six counties.

Our junior team prove much too strong for Oxford and won 10-0 so enhancing their chances of winning the division on games average.

The final of the Inter-club county competition will be between South Birmingham and Central Y.M.C.A. (Birmingham). This should be a real blood match as they have shared all the major honours this season.

Roger Morris

27th World Championships: On April 4, 1963 the Association's representatives left London for Prague to take part in the 27th World Championships. The teams, which were published in the March issue of TABLE TENNIS were captained by Mr. R. J. Crayden (Surrey) while the E.T.T.A. delegates to the International Table Tennis Federation Congress were Mr. D. Peter Lowen and Mr. A. K. Vint.

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Open Tournaments 1963-64 Season. The first applications forms for next seasons tournaments have now been circulated. Organisers are requested to return them to the office of the association as soon as possible, and definitely by April 16 next so that the calendar of events for next season can be considered by the Open Tournament Committee early in May.

Wilmott Cup and J. M. Rose Bowl: The semi-finalists in the two national team competitions are Wilmott Cup for Men's Team: East London v Gloucester; Birmingham v Manchester. J. M. Rose Bowl for Women: London Business Houses v Staines. Manchester v Stevenage.

Team Selections: v U.S.A. at Newbury March 29, 1963. I. Harrison (Glouc.), D. O. Creamer (Middx.), C. G. Barnes, (Essex) Miss D. Rowe (Middx.), Miss M. Shannon (Surrey) Non-playing captain: L. G. Adams (Middx.).

v U.S.A. at Butlin's, Bognor on March 30: I. Harrison (Glouc.), D. O. Creamer (Middx.), C. G. Barnes (Essex), B. R. Merrett (Glouc.), Miss D. Rowe (Middx.), Miss M. Shannon (Surrey), Miss L. Bell (Essex). Non-playing captain: R. J. Crayden (Surrey).

French Junior Open Championships at Lyons April 20-22. D. Stanley (Yorks.), A. Robinson (Middx.), Miss L. Bell (Essex), Miss J. Canham (Herts.), Non-playing captain L. F. Landry (Middx.).

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STAINES CLOSED

MORE than 400 players—the largest ever entry—took part in the Staines League Closed Championships on February 23-24. The finals produced some exciting well played matches with the men's doubles, in which Michael Thornhill and Norman Slifken beat Bob McKewon and Les Gresswell, 22-20, 19-21, 22-20 providing the high spot.

Thornhill, who beat Gresswell in the semi-final, and McKewon in the final at 21-19, 21-12, won the men's singles, while the women's singles went to Mary Hicks, who gained two more titles when she won the women's doubles with Mrs. June Lodge and the mixed doubles with Bruce Carlie.

Jim Barber won the veteran singles, while Philip Miles won the consolation singles.

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