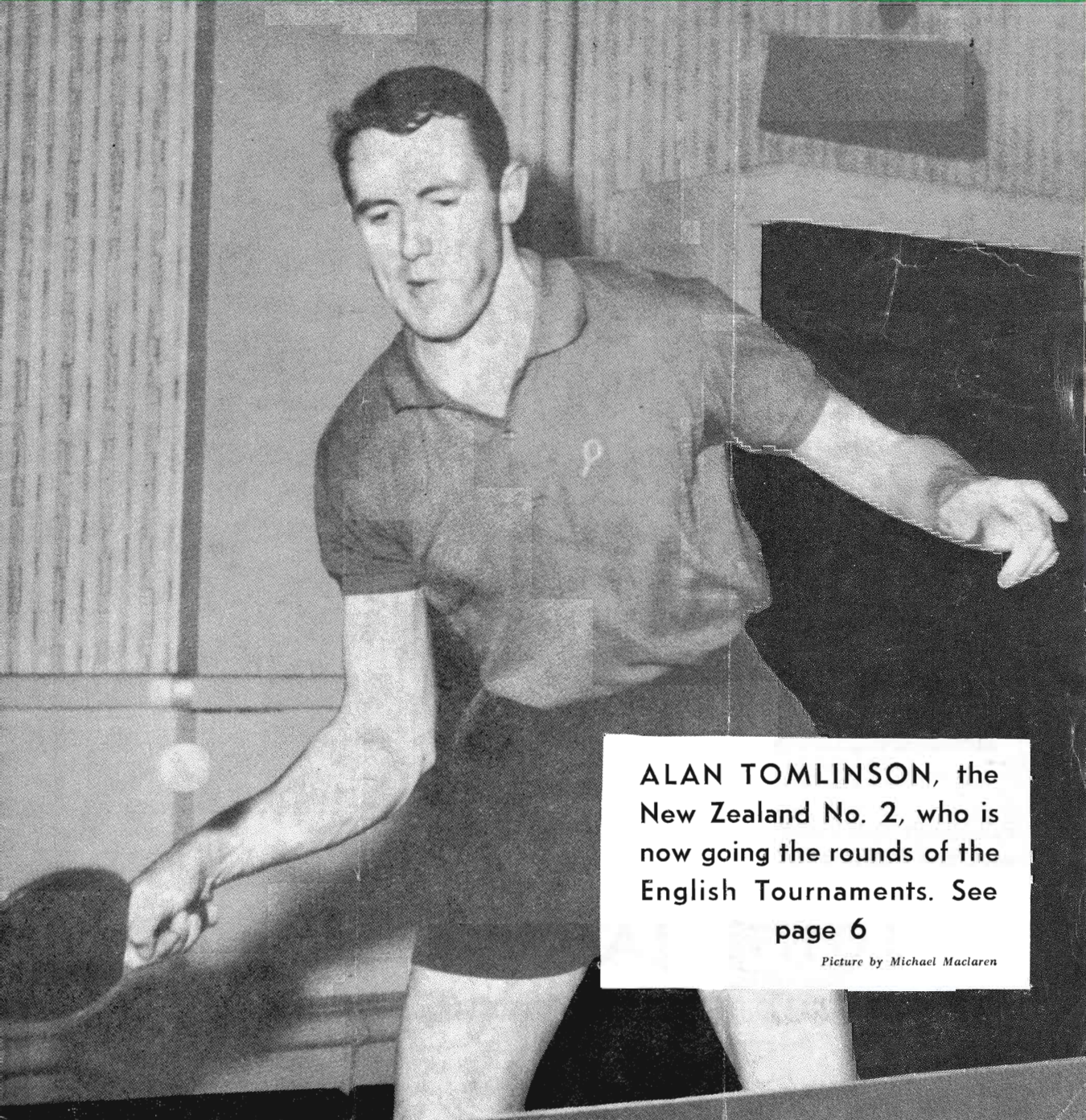


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ALAN TOMLINSON, the  
New Zealand No. 2, who is  
now going the rounds of the  
English Tournaments. See  
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*Picture by Michael Maclaren*

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## CRICKET FALLS INTO LINE

**Table Tennis, although a minor sport compared with football, can give itself a quiet pat on the back, in that one of the major sports have now followed its example of doing away with the out of date distinction between amateurs and professionals, and calling everyone players.**

We refer, of course, to cricket, which has now taken this step, which if universally adopted would do away with the mockery of "shamateurism."

Lawn tennis have talked on similar lines for the past three years but so far have received too much opposition from members of their International Federation.

However, now that cricket has made its decision maybe this will be the opening of the door.

The whole point is that sportsmen and sports-women can no longer afford to take part in the style of old. They lose money by taking time off from work and to try and compensate themselves have been taking under the counter payment. The system has therefore been abused.

It was back in 1929 that Table Tennis decided to take its revolutionary step and also adopt a system of registered players, who can receive payments for coaching, exhibitions and attaching their names to commercial products.

### THREATENED SUSPENSION

It is curious that at the time when cricket should fall into line Table Tennis should run into a spot of trouble over the question of payments, with the threatened suspension of a player for accepting payment for a representative match.

Alan Rhodes claimed loss of time payment for

playing for Middlesex against the Rest, and was paid in error. This came to light when other players made similar claims.

Fortunately the trouble has been averted by Rhodes refunding the money he was paid, but it has had everyone wondering what it was all about.

**The position regarding registered players is that they are not allowed to receive other than travelling expenses when representing a club, county, league, or country.**

One can sympathise with the players, who lose time and money to take part in a representative event, particularly when that is being put on for television purposes. They naturally feel why should they be the losers for someone else to make the profit.

These television matches have been taking place in afternoons. If they had been in the evenings then the players would not necessarily have to lose time from work and there would always be the extra income of a "gate."

### OFFICIALS ALSO LOSE

And remember that without the players there could be no television. It is an awkward position, but the point is rules have been laid down and must be strictly adhered to. They are rules that were drawn up before the days of television so maybe the time is coming when the officials must review this whole matter.

It should be noted, however, that not all television matches make a profit, and that officials, too, are often out of pocket with attending meetings.

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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS**

Meanwhile another matter still causing much confusion, is the question of light coloured clothing and shining racket surfaces. The rules as laid down are being openingly ignored at every tournament. Referees admit they find them unworkable.

This then must be another matter for review and it would surely be best to seek the views of players as to whether or not light clothing and shiny rackets do put them off.

On the clothing question it is agreed that the

turn out of many players is drab. A spot of colour, particularly from the ladies, can add to the presentation of the game.

Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon at the Sussex Open brighten things up by wearing two tone outfits and coloured undergarments. It made it all so much more feminine. The girls prefer it this way, and there do not appear to have been complaints from other contestants. Quite the reverse in fact.

## Huddersfield's Two-Year Run Ended

**H**UDDERSFIELD spirits, which rose like spring fever when they pulled off a men's and women's inter-league championship double, have fallen with the autumn leaves. The chill winds which blew the women to their first defeat in two years came from Dewsbury.

Unbeaten performances from Pam Bodrog—a Huddersfield star before marriage and motherhood—and Iris Senior helped Dewsbury to a brilliant 6-4 win.

Huddersfield men have been hit by their own new rule which bars from the team anyone with below 50 per cent appearances in the local league. It was a new-look line-up that travelled to Hull with Peter Clowes and Stuart Sykes joining Raymond Hinchliff and David Hirst. Although Ray was unbeaten they went down 6-4. Mick Sothcott did well for Hull.

Although Dewsbury women's team lost 9-1 to Leeds, Miss J. Green gave Di Wright (ex-Cheshire) a hard introduction to Yorkshire inter-league play by beating her in the first set.

With Dewsbury men hoping for a return ticket to the top section, Barry Lightowler faced crucial sets with his team leading 5-4. Against Huddersfield "B" he overcame Ken Burgess to give them victory; but David Robinson (Bradford "B") proved too strong and that meant a draw.

A newcomer to the Bradford "B" team, Pete Flesher, won his first four sets.

Halifax and Bradford have withdrawn their youth teams for the season on grounds of expense and "insufficient players of the desired standard." Les Forrest, who has played for Bradford men more times (68) than anyone, has also withdrawn for the season because of increased commitments.

In the inter-club competition Barnsley North End, semi-finalists last season, went down at the first hurdle when they fell 5-4 at Lister's (Bradford). They missed Brian Starkie, who has left to join the Saints.

### BEVAN JOINS LEEDS

A useful acquisition to the Leeds League is David Bevan of Gloucestershire, who is playing for the University while studying languages there. In local league matches he has polished off several top Leeds players.

My October note about Raymond

Hinchliff and Stuart Dyson taking committee places was premature. Raymond has decided not to take a seat on the executive this season and Stuart has changed his mind about joining the tournament committee.

Copies of "WHITE ROSE TABLE TENNIS ANNUAL," packed with information about the game and personalities in Yorkshire, can be obtained from Mrs. C. Cook, 132, Wilthorpe Road, Barnsley (1s. 6d. plus postage).

York had a praiseworthy 5-4 Wilmott Cup win over Bradford and although Huddersfield walloped Whitehaven they admired the visitors' pluck and enterprise on a long trip in their first entry.

Malcolm Hartley.

## INGBER WINS FOR ENGLAND

**J**EFF INGBER played a true captain's part in carrying England to victory in the two international matches against Switzerland at Bevilard on October 30 and Berne on October 31. Each was won by 3-2 and Ingber was unbeaten in singles. Ian Harrison lost to Lajos Antal in both matches, each time in straight games, and we also lost the doubles at both.

England 3, Switzerland 2 (at Berne): (English names first). J. Ingber bt Antal 21-15, 21-15; bt Mariotti 21-18, 21-18. I. Harrison lost to Mariotti 14-21, 21-23; bt Antal 16-21, 21-6, 21-10. Harrison/Ingber lost to Antal/Mariotti 18-21, 13-21.

England 3, Switzerland 2 (at Bevilard): Harrison lost to Antal 15-21, 19-21; bt Mariotti 19-21, 21-9, 21-9. Ingber bt Mariotti 21-11, 21-13; bt Antal 23-25, 21-16, 21-16. Harrison/Ingber lost to Antal/Mariotti 12-21, 21-18, 24-26.

## CRYSTAL PALACE TAKES SHAPE

**P**UDDLES, mud, debris. A typical building site in winter. But out of this grim picture will grow Britain's finest sports centre.

It is the L.C.C. two million pounds Crystal Palace project, which is due to open with the European Table Tennis Championships in 1964.

Emlyn Jones, the director of Crystal Palace, is shown in this picture by Peter Lowen, the E.T.T.A. secretary, pointing out the latest stages of development.



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1964

### Appeals Committee

Mrs. Ena Phillips, appeals organiser for the European Championships to be staged at Crystal Palace in 1964, would like to remind all members that raffle books for the "Television Set" should be returned to her at 50, The Ridgeway, London, N.W.1, by the 15th DECEMBER, 1962.

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# Hole-in-Heart Twins

**SPORTS** best-kept secret has recently been revealed. The popular Essex table tennis twins, Beverley and Gloria Sayer, have been hammering their way to stardom for five years with a common disability. Each has a hole in her heart.

Why have they hushed up the truth? "We were determined never to let the condition be advanced as a possible reason for being beaten," said the girls with a single voice.

But no longer will these two girls play matches with the thought that their future active life may be affected by their condition.

**They are making medical history by being the first set of twins to undergo the hole-in-the heart operation.**

Gloria has already entered University College Hospital London, and Beverley will join her later this month. They expect to be in hospital about a month.

But they are determined to be back to peak form in time for the English open championships at Brighton in March.

Will the operations affect their playing performances? "They may have more stamina after the operations," said their mother, Mrs. Eileen Sayer. "And that should certainly be a help to them."

## Coincidental

This is the first time in history that each twin of a set has had a hole in the heart. Doctors have assured the girls' parents that it is purely coincidental.

The girls' condition came to light by chance five years ago when Gloria was receiving treatment for a nervous condition. A cardiograph revealed her heart-hole; Beverley underwent an identical test, with the same surprising results.

"The doctors told us that the girls could continue to lead a normal life, as they were so fit," said Mrs. Sayer, "and it was about this time that they began to play competitive table tennis.

"But we were warned at the time that it might affect them between the ages of 30 and 40."

The twins entered University College Hospital for a series of tests in May, 1960, when doctors decided they would both have to undergo the operations. But there was no urgency.

The girls started playing table tennis—the ping-pong version—on the dining-room table at their home. Soon they persuaded their parents to buy a full-size table, and a dividing wall between the two reception

rooms had to come down to accommodate it.

To-day the front room of the Sayer home is bare, except for the table tennis table.

From their lounge at home the twins graduated to St. Mark's Club, Walthamstow, which provided so

## OVERSEAS CORNER

### AUSTRALIA

Held in Hobart, Tasmania, the 1962 Australian Open was a triumph for the State of Victoria which won the men's and women's team championships, the men's and women's singles, men's doubles, mixed doubles and junior girls events.

Former ranked Hong Kong player Arthur Ma played outstanding table tennis to win three titles, a feat not achieved since 1951 when Phil Anderson was at his best. Suzy Javor won her fourth national crown and equalled the record held by former Austrian Dorli Shipp.

**Men's Singles: Semi-Finals:** Ma bt Hirsch 3-2, Wilcox bt Tomlinson (New Zealand) 3-1. **Final:** MA bt Wilcox 21-8, 21-18, 23-25, 7-21, 21-15.

**Women's Singles: Final:** JAVOR bt MURPHY 21-15, 21-10, 21-15.

**Men's Doubles:** MA/MASTON bt Thompson/Morgan 15-21, 21-17, 21-13, 21-12.

**Women's Doubles:** MURPHY/STANAWAY bt Javor/Nicholson 21-19, 21-14, 12-21, 21-18. **Mixed Doubles:** MA/BANHIDY bt Hirsch/Buckland 21-13, 19-21, 21-14, 24-22.

The Victor Barna award for 1962 went to Michael Wilcox, New South Wales.

**Rankings.—Men:** 1, Ma (Vic.); 2, Wilcox (N.S.W.); 3, Hirsch (Vic.); 4, McDonald (N.S.W.); 5, Morgan (S.A.); 6, Thomson (S.A.); 7, Lim (Vic.); 8, McLoughlin (N.S.W.).

**Women:** 1, Javor (Vic.); 2, Murphy (Q.); 3, Nicholson (Vic.); 4, Curyer (S.A.).

### GERMAN RANKINGS

E. SCHOELER and Agnes Simon occupy the No. 1 places in the 1962 German ranking lists:

**Men:** 1. E. Schoeler, 2. E. Arndt, and D. Michalek, 4. D. Forster, 5. P. Huebner, 6. E. Gomolla, 7. C. Freun-dorfer, 8. H. Harst.

many champions, and now play at St. Michael's Club.

One evening a week they travel to the City for private coaching by Victor Barna.

The twins continued playing until just before Gloria went into hospital and both figured in the new national junior ranking list, Beverley at joint No. 3, and Gloria at No. 7.

They are inseparable, dress alike, go everywhere together, and each knows what the other is thinking. It is not surprising, therefore, that they form a great doubles partnership which last season brought them the Essex senior title, and the runners-up place in the English junior Open.

They have been regular members of the Essex junior and second senior teams.

**Women:** 1. A. Simon, 2. U. Matthias, 3. I. Harst, 4. I. Lantermann, 5. E. Buchholz.

The 1963 German International Championship will be held of February 23-24.

A total of 4,299 clubs were registered with Germany D.T.T.B. for 1962.

### CZECHS BEAT GERMANY

CZECHOSLOVAKIA beat East Germany 6-5 in a mixed international at Zwickau on September 25.

Detailed Results: (Czech names first): **Men's Singles:** Andreadis bt Lippert 10, 17, Stanek bt Lemke 15, 16, Miko bt Viebig 8, 6, Polakovic lost to John —18, 18, —14. **Women's Singles:** Karlikova lost to Hollmann 16, —13, —9. Bosa bt Kalweit —19, 16, 20. **Men's Doubles:** Andreadis/Miko bt Pleuse 15, 17, Stanek/Polakovic bt Reimann/Lippert 22, —9, 14. **Women's Doubles:** Karlikova/Bosa lost to Kunz/Kalmeit —12, —15. **Mixed Doubles:** Miko/Karlikova lost to Lemke/Hollmann —21, 19, —19. Polokova/Bosa lost to Pleuse/Kalweit —17, 12, —17.

### SOUTH AFRICAN BOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Men's Singles:** MANDAN bt Moola 11, 20, 16. **Women's Singles:** MEYER bt Singh 19, 19, 22. **Men's Doubles:** MEYER/GROENEWALD bt Naidoo/Pillay 12, 15, 15. **Women's Doubles:** MEYER/BARY bt Singh/Persadh 15, —10, 17, 15. **Mixed Doubles:** MEYER/MEYER bt Moola/Singh —18, 9, 9, 10. **Boys' Singles:** MINNIES bt Carelse —17, 10, 17. **Boys' Doubles:** FREDERICKS/NAIDOO bt Minnies/Carelse 19, —13, 20.

### FRENCH RANKINGS

**Men: First Group:** Amouretti, Barouh, Gambier, Roothoof, Phuong Thiong.

**Women: First Group:** Alber, Cancade, Delaubert, Kraska, Lebras, Mohktari, Rougaouret.

**PETER MADGE** sets a seasonal quiz and hopes you have a Merry Christmas, whatever your score.

# FIND OUT ABOUT YOU!

CHRISTMAS is the season of the year for peace and goodwill towards everyone, including your table tennis opponents. It would be nice if the Christmas spirit prevailed all the year round, but does it? Here's your chance to find out.

Below you will find another 12 familiar table tennis situations described, and after each one there are three possible reactions to that situation.

Study them carefully, then note down which reaction is nearest to what your own would be in the same situation. Then turn to Page 22 and find out about your own personality at the table, and maybe away from it as well.

## Kiwi Visitor

**A NEWCOMER** to the English table tennis scene this season is Alan Tomlinson, the New Zealand No. 2. He arrived here unheralded just two months ago and has already been getting among the titles.

He won the singles at Birmingham, the doubles at Merseyside, and the doubles again at York. At Merseyside, where he reached the semi-final, he had wins over Derek Baddeley and Jeff Ingber, both ranked players, before going out to Mike Symonds.

He has steadily improved with each tournament since starting in the Sussex open, where he lost to Khana in the groups. He moved on to Hull, where he reached the quarter finals, then to Merseyside, Birmingham and York, with titles at the last three.

Tomlinson, who is a newspaper agent, working on the distribution side, has relatives in this country, but has come here primarily to play table tennis and to take part in the world championships in Prague next April. It is his first visit to Europe and by the time he returns home he estimates it will have cost him around a thousand pounds.

He has been playing at the Putney Club and has also joined the Wembley Institute.

Tomlinson was New Zealand champion in 1959 and has been runner-up for the past three years.

Two other New Zealanders over here are Joan Brown and Jeanette Crosby, who will represent their country in the Corbillon Cup. Miss Crosby travelled over on the same ship as Tomlinson. She ranks No. 9 in New Zealand.

games he puts his glasses down.  
**Do you:**

- (a) Clean them for him
  - (b) Breathe on them
  - (c) Tread on them .....
8. **Your opponent persists in serving six inches outside the sideline. Do you:**
    - (a) Move the whole table seven inches sideways
    - (b) Move his half of the table seven inches sideways
    - (c) Throw the match .....
  9. **You serve off the table. Do you:**
    - (a) Use a coarse expression to yourself
    - (b) Use a coarse expression out loud
    - (c) Throw the match .....
  10. **You miss a "sitter." Do you:**
    - (a) Smile
    - (b) Scream
    - (c) Throw the match .....
  11. **You are serving at 8-all. Everyone forgets the score, except you, so the umpire asks you what it is. Do you say:**
    - (a) 8-9
    - (b) 8-all
    - (c) 9-8
  12. **It is deuce in the third and your opponent wins with two edge balls. He approaches you with hand outstretched. Do you:**
    - (a) Shake it
    - (b) Break it
    - (c) Throw the next match
- Now turn to Page 22.

### "COACHING—

#### Where are we going?" SPECIAL "GET-TOGETHER" EVENINGS FOR COACHES AND STUDENTS

December 13 (Thursday)

Bethnal Green L.C.C. Institute, 7 p.m.

January 8 (Tuesday)

Heathfield Club (B.P.) Sunbury-on-

Thames 7 p.m.

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3. **Your opponent wins three consecutive points with edge balls. Do you:**
  - (a) Laugh like the spectators are doing
  - (b) Throw your bat
  - (c) Throw the match .....
2. **Your opponent persists in making strange noises and loud remarks during the game. Do you:**
  - (a) Wink at your friends and tap your head significantly
  - (b) Make stranger noises and louder remarks yourself
  - (c) Throw the match .....
3. **Your opponent's friends persist in chattering during the match. Do you:**
  - (a) Ask them to speak up
  - (b) Ask them to wrap up
  - (c) Throw the match .....
4. **Your opponent repeatedly ties his shoelaces during the match and finally break one. Do you:**
  - (a) Join in the hunt for a new lace
  - (b) Offer him a length of bicycle chain
  - (c) Throw the match .....
5. **You win the first game and as you change ends your opponent mutters excuses. Do you:**
  - (a) Say quietly to him "I've heard that before"
  - (b) Say loudly to your friends "We've heard THAT before"
  - (c) Throw the match .....
6. **Rushing in for a drop-shot, your opponent does himself an injury on the table. Do you:**
  - (a) Smile sympathetically
  - (b) Cackle harshly
  - (c) Throw the match .....
7. **Your opponent wears glasses. As you both towel between**

**JACK CARRINGTON'S NOTEBOOK**

**COACHES MUST HAVE AN OPEN MIND**

**E**NTERTAINING though it might be to follow John Corser into the higher flights of "debate on definitions," it is time now to revert to more practical use of our limited space.

Those who try to put a little system into our thinking, can easily be labelled "dictator"; those who like to air their individualistic views can easily be labelled "crank." In all things a sense of proportion is essential.

In fairness to the workers in the E.T.T.A.'s official Coaching Scheme, I can confirm:

1. Our syllabus papers and our opening lectures emphasise repeatedly that the Coach must have an **open mind**, and must **continue to learn**.
2. Our instruction gives no preference to any bat-covering materials, in fact no distinction is made except to assist the Coach to understand the capabilities of each type.
3. Our instruction gives no direction about bat-holding styles, except—again—to encourage Coaches to understand their capabilities. Our latest syllabus actually classes them as "2-sided" or "1-sided" Grips—a definition which surely covers a multitude of styles.
4. Our technical instruction gives no preference to any particular strokes or tactics. Instead, emphasis is placed on the efficiency and control of arms, feet, body and brain.

5. Tactics and strategy are discussed for wider understanding. Their **application** our Coaches are told, depends on personal characteristics, and circumstances.
6. Because E.T.T.A. Coaches are our "missionaries," they are trained to work with groups, and in crowded or cramped conditions. They are encouraged to develop from the groups, some of each style of play. Only occasionally do we find a "penholder" or "one-sided" aspirant for fame. If enough interest is shown anywhere, such a specialist group can be developed within our scheme. Any inquiries?
7. The foundation stones in our instructions are the short-table

DIRECTOR OF COACHING ITINERARY	
1962	
December	
6	Birmingham University
7	Matlock (N.E. Derbyshire Education)
12	Ipswich & Woodbridge
15-16	Letchworth Youth Centre
17	Gloucester
18	Bath
28-Jan 1	Lilleshall (C.C.P.R.)
1963	
January	
3 or 4	Dartford Y.M.C.A.
12	Bexhill Athletic Club (Sussex County T.T.A.)
13	Haywards Heath Y.C.
18-20	Tunbridge Wells
26-27	Folkestone
30	Hailsham
February	
1-5	N. W. Lancashire area
6-9	Manchester area
8-10	Stafford (Mass Rally, Intermediate Tournament, etc.)

control, and springy footwork. **All known players, whether Chinese penholders, Barna backhanders, Andreadis all-rounders, or merely Bergmann defenders, can build successfully on these.**

**Highlights of the Director's Journeys**

**SUFFOLK:** Where, last year, groups averaged 11 pupils, this year in the E. Suffolk Coaching Rallies, total 102 attended three sessions. Coaches from Ipswich, Woodbridge and Yarmouth assisted.

Ipswich Education Authority has opened a permanent 2-table class, to be staffed by Derek Morley's panel of coaches.

**R.A.F. T.T.A.:** Instructors from all over the U.K. attended the full week course at Stanmore.

The following assisted the

course programme: Peter Longhurst, Syd Frohlick (Lancs.), Joan Williamson, Norman Isbell, Bryan Wright (Middx), Said Abou-Heif (U.A.R.), Many Shannon (Surrey), Lesley Bell (Essex). Leo Thompson (Coaching Committee) assisted in final assessments.

**LINCOLNSHIRE:** 74 youngsters received instruction over a weekend at Holbeach.

**N.E. DERBYSHIRE:** The dedicated Colin Deaton gathered 29 well-trained pupils for the Director's inspection one wet Sunday. The December residential Course, offering 28 places at Lea Green, Matlock, has received 62 applications.

**BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY:** The Director of Physical Education reserved two full sessions for "systematisation" of the table tennis instruction given to many of his 1,000 students.

**DURHAM:** At Bishop Auckland, Glyn Thatcher had his 27 pupils on show, but more important in the scattered area, student-coaches joined us from Newcastle, Sunderland, Stockton and Northallerton.

**YORKSHIRE:** With assistance of C.C.P.R., 54 eager youngsters benefited from a 1-day course, because the Director and *no less than 15 coaches* to help him! But Yorkshire please note, only two of these were Tykes. Can the county of

**EGYPT'S FIRST DIPLOMA COACH**

**T**HE award of the E.T.T.A. Coaching Diploma to Mr. Said Abou-Heif has followed a month's intensive "apprenticeship" to the E.T.T.A. Scheme (writes Jack Carrington).

Said Abou-Heif, at 23, is the head student of Alexandria University, Physical Education Wing, and is the first Egyptian to receive the diploma. He brought to his studies a diligence and enthusiasm which made him many friends in E.T.T.A. circles.

His skill is destined to help greatly in the development of Table Tennis in the united Arab Republic, and the new African countries.

The Abou-Heif family is famous in Egypt. Three brothers have represented Egypt at Table Tennis and the fourth won the Butlin's Cross-Channel Swim, a year or two ago. The eldest brother, Judge Amin Abou Heif, is now a respected Vice-President of the I.T.T.F.

**NIGERIA:**

Owen Baker of Brighton is finding his E.T.T.A. Coaching qualification of great interest to Table Tennis officials during his temporary sojourn in Lagos. Amongst other things, he reports that young Nigerians can be seen putting in their "Basic" training on Boards and Boxes in many city streets.

**Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

The many youngsters who wish to include table tennis in their Award programme may now do so.

The secretary, Mr. Petersen, has incorporated the syllabus proposed by E.T.T.A. Coaching Committee, and has approved our more detailed syllabus of recommended practices.

Candidates or Leaders may obtain copies from E.T.T.A. Office, or Director of Coaching, 24, Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

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## ESSEX NOTES

## PAULINE GETS CHANCE

THE enforced absence of the popular Walthamstow twins Beverley and Gloria Sayer, who as reported elsewhere are in hospital, enables Pauline Martin to make her county junior debut for Essex against Suffolk.

If Pauline had been playing for almost any other county she would surely have earned her junior county badge long ago. In Essex, however, she has been overshadowed by the brilliance of Lesley Bell and the Sayer twins.

Linda Henwood achieved a remarkable record when she won the Under 13's title in the Kent Junior Open at Folkestone. It was her second successive win in this group, and follows two successive wins in the Under 11's event. Can she go on and win the Under 15's and Under 17's crowns twice each in the next four years?

On recent form this would appear possible for in Romford's narrow win over London Business Houses in the Rose Bowl Linda beat former Lancashire County player Jean Cobbett in straight games and took Surrey international Peggy Piper to 24-22 in the first game.

Gordon Denton, for many years secretary of the Clacton League, has rejoined the committee as chairman.

The latest league to run a monthly news sheet is Basildon. One of the league's stalwarts John Faldo has just won his national coaching diploma. He is doing grand work among the juniors in this area.

Chelmsford League are hoping to run a coach outing to the English Open.

Frank Bateman.

## VENNER TAKES SURREY TITLE

ENTRY for the Surrey Closed was up in almost every event but by good organising all events were run on group basis until later stages.

In the absence of Mary Shannon, on International duty, Peggy Piper dominated in the women's events. This at least ran true to ranking, but the men's was a chaotic nightmare for the selectors. In the singles Somogyi, Miller, Lowe, MacLaren, Moore, Muranyi, Kerekes were sunk without trace before the semi-finals in which Harry Venner beat



HARRY VENNER

Connie Warren 21-17, 21-10, and Vic Ireland accounted for Gordon Chapman in which this season's first team choice justified his place with a 21-15, 21-14 victory.

In the final Venner's intense concentration, to his burning desire to win on

his own territory (all play was at Putney), crushed the fierceness of Ireland in two games at 21-15, 21-12.

The women's final was a formality; not through the lack of trying or even ability as such but injury. Maureen Beglan, a little-known 19-year-old of promise, who, following the withdrawal of Mary Austin, had reached the final, appeared on finals night with a sprained ankle. To even reach ten in the first against Miss Piper before that lady kindly eased up was a tribute to guts. Her 13 in second were rather more charitably allowed.

Partnered by Mary Austin, Peg had only a slightly more difficult task in the doubles where the comparatively inexperienced Maude Peake/Joyce Dixon were held to 12 and 13 points in two games.

Peg collected a third title in the mixed doubles but this was gained with the considerable aid of Jack Head, who rarely competes in higher class stuff now but through the rounds had warmed up.

Their victory over Joe Somogyi/Hilda Lambert by 21-15, 21-15 was a fine example of team work. Junior selector Jack certainly showed his infants that the knowledge of years does mean something.

Two of the "big guns" gained consolation when Tony Miller/Joe Somogyi after dropping the first to Jimmy Moore/Gordon Chapman -10, swept through the next two games 21-11, 21-15.

Largely through the kindness of supporters the County were enabled at the finals, played on Sunday, 21st October, to give the President, C. Bourne the privilege of awarding, for the first time, cups for every event in both Seniors, detailed above, and Juniors: Boys, Keith Glass, Girls: Janet Harrison which were played on the Thursday night.

Jim Forrest

If it's

## TABLE TENNIS . . .

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## NOTICE TO QUIT

THE Putney International Table Tennis Club is under notice to quit its premises in January.

Unless Harry Venner, who has run the club since 1959, can find alternative accommodation, it will mean the end of this meeting place of overseas and provincial players in London.

Many leading London players do their training at Putney, and Venner's coaching has helped bring along many young players.

It will be a big blow to the game as a whole if the club has to put up its shutters. No one realises this more than Venner and he is scouring London for new premises.

"I would like somewhere that is fairly central" said Venner, who took over the club from Bob and Doris Atherton, and has made it almost a table tennis headquarters.

**SCOTS CORNER**

by **LESLIE BARRY**

**First Two Tournaments for Kerr**

**T**HE first tournament of the Scottish Calendar was held at Aberdeen where Bertie Kerr carried off both the men's singles and doubles. He beat Ian Barclay of Edinburgh in the singles, then partnered D. Hogg to

beat the Glasgow pair E. Latham and J. Coyne in the doubles final.

Miss L. Barrie (Glasgow) beat Miss D. Donaldson (Dundee) in the women's singles, while the junior title went to John Reilly (Glasgow) after a thrilling three-setter with Willie Gibb (Edinburgh).

Kerr completed another double in the Midlands open, again beating Barclay in the singles, and this time partnering T. McMichael to beat Barclay and A. Laidlaw in the doubles final.

Mrs. Olive Hawkins won the women's singles, beating Miss S. Stewart and partnered Mrs. Robertson to win the double against Mrs. Shields and Miss Coats.

The junior singles again found John Reilly beating Gibb in the final.

**PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH**

**M**R.S. OLIVE HAWKINS climaxed a 14-year career and consolidated No. 1 ranking last season when she reached the final of every Scottish tournament and won five singles titles and many doubles titles both women's and mixed.

It was in 1960, that she gained her international cap and she followed this with another in 1961.

Although obviously benefiting from the absence of Helen Elliot, she stands out as the only successful en-

**CENTRAL LEAD**

The West of Scotland is beginning to take shape and Central B have taken the lead in the First Division with 10 points from four matches, closely followed by Hamilton Cross and Knightswood with 9 points each. Hamilton with a match in hand look the better placed.

Post Office B top the Second Division A while Shettleston are making the pace in the B Section. In the third Division the A Section is led by North West Y.C. and Cranhill, and B Section by Springburn Railway and the Twentyone Club.

**McINTOSH BROTHERS WIN AGAIN**

**D**UNDEE & District qualifying round of the EAGLE/GIRL Tournament was played in Panmure & Heckler Clubrooms, Dundee on 17th November. Although fewer players entered than last year, the standard of play was higher. In the boy's section both of last years winners brothers Ian and Don McIntosh came through. Ian won the 13/15 group, and Don the under 13's. Eleven year old Ian McNaughton reached the semi-final and two young 9 year olds from Fife warranted mention, one of whom was aptly named Eagles.

Joyce McNaughton was a clear winner in the Girls over 13's, while the under 13s, saw a reversal of last year's final when Marjory Murray beat 11 year old Wilma Nixon (last season's Scottish under 13 champ) in straight sets.

**SCOTTISH TEAM FOR QUADRUPLES**

**T**HE following team has been selected to represent Scotland at the Quadrangular Home Internationals at Preston on December 7-8: I. Barclay, R. Kerr, A. K. Laidlaw and T. McMichaels (all Edinburgh), Miss L. Barrie, Mrs. O. Hawkins (Glasgow). Reserve: Miss S. Stewart (Dundee) and M. Sugden (Edinburgh).

**WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN**

**MAN SHORT—BUT STILL WON**

Cardiff, last year's champions, were a player short owing to the non-appearance of G. Evans, but this did not prevent them gaining a 6-3 win in their away match with Weston. R. Davies and A. Thomas won all their games.

The clash at Trowbridge between the two newcomers to the league resulted in a 6-3 win for Swindon over West Wiltshire. T. Woolfe and E. Howell won all their matches for Swindon, while D. Young lost to all three of the West Wiltshire side, T. Edwards, A. Alexander and D. Taylor.

Kevin Edwards was in excellent form when Cheltenham beat Bristol Second 5-4, but he was absent when they met West Wiltshire and just scraped home, also by 5-4 after trailing 3-4. Fine wins by Fry and Cruwys pulled the match out of the fire.

Little John Mansfield scored Abergavenny's only successes when they were beaten 7-2 by Bristol. He beat B. Brady and J. Evans. C. Feltham was unbeaten for Bristol.

Don Morris and B. Everson won all their matches for Newport's 6-3 win over Bath. Colin Raymond who was making his first appearance for Newport, found his opponent's much too experienced, and lost all three matches.

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**MRS. OLIVE HAWKINS**

tirely orthodox player in the women's field in Scotland today.

Playing in second division West of Scotland, Mrs. Hawkins had an average of 72% last season. She is an advocate of the Scottish Table Tennis Association sending players abroad and believes that the experience gained will benefit the game in Scotland as a whole.

For young players in Scotland, Mrs. Hawkins offers this advice: "Along with physical fitness and constant practice involving two or three hours a day—fullest use must be made of the facilities available at the West of Scotland Headquarter's Club.



TEENAGE TOPICS

by BRIAN WRIGHT

THE TOP JUNIORS

TRIALS RESULTS ALONE ARE WRONG  
JONES HARSHLY TREATED

THE top two places in the new junior ranking list are, as expected, occupied by the Essex youngsters LESLEY BELL and CHESTER BARNES, who will still be juniors next season. This is the second successive season that Lesley has headed the girls list.

Jackie Canham has been promoted to the No. 2 spot among the girls, rising above the twin challenge of Beverley Sayer and Christine Holes.

Jackie, Lesley and Chester plus David Stanley, last season's top boy, represented England in the first junior international of the season and beat Belgium 8-2.

One of the surprises of the ranking list, which has brought comment from many juniors and seniors, is the low packing of Birmingham's Keith Jones at No. 9. Although he did not have a brilliant trial, he has performed well in senior tournaments.

At Manchester he beat Jack Clayton (senior No. 10) and Warwickshire's Ralph



KEITH JONES

Gunnion, (who wins over Alan Rhodes and Bryan Merrett) to reach the semi-final before falling to Derek Schofield. Only Barnes, among the juniors, has better results in the tournament circuit.

It would appear therefore that only trials results have been taken into consideration when making the ranking list. This, I feel, is wrong, for senior tournament results are much more important than both trials and junior tournaments.

MERSEYSIDE OPEN

An exceptionally good game in the men's singles was the second round clash between juniors Alan Ransome (Yorks.) and Chester Barnes. Alan led 19-11 in the third game before Chester tightened his defence and, with fierce chopping and occasional hits, levelled at 20-all.

At this stage there was a brilliant

rally, which was won, after three kills, by Ransome to reach match point. Unfortunately it was an edge ball that gave Alan victory and the honour of being the first English junior to beat Barnes this season.

Only three girls entered for the junior singles and one of these failed to turn up leaving it to Pat Dainty, Yorkshire's girl of the year, to beat J. Harrison for the title.

Barnes strolled nonchalantly through the boys singles where he beat David Stanley in the final. Barnes accounted for Keith Jones in the quarters and Graham Pressick in the semi-final. Jones had previously eliminated Ransome. Stanley had a hard semi-final struggle with Dennis Holland.

As reported elsewhere twins Gloria and Beverley Sayer are in hospital. On behalf of all teenagers, and others who read this article, I would like to wish them a speedy recovery and hope it will not be long before we see them around the tournaments again.



LESLEY BELL



CHESTER BARNES

JUNIOR RANKINGS

BOYS

1. C. Barnes (Essex).
2. D. Stanley (Yorks.).
3. A. Robinson (Middx.).
4. D. Holland (Glos.).
5. L. Gresswell (Middx.).
6. French (Kent).
7. G. Pressick (Warwick).
8. S. Seaholme (Herts.).
9. K. Jones (Warwick).
10. P. Williams (Herts.).

GIRLS

1. L. Bell (Essex).
2. J. Canham (Herts.).
3. C. Holes (Hants.).
4. B. Sayer (Essex).
5. P. Holes (Hants.).
6. P. Dainty (Yorks.).
7. G. Sayer (Essex).

JUNIORS BEAT BELGIUM

CHESTER BARNES, playing in his first international, and Lesley Bell had unbeaten records when England beat Belgium 8-2 in the junior international

held in connection with the Kent Junior Open at the Marine Pavilion, Folkestone, on November 3.

Despite the margin of victory, England suffered a shock when they lost the first two games. David Stanley fell to Van Elewyk, being troubled with the Belgian boy's "loop," and Jackie Canham, for whom it was also a first England appearance, was beaten by Marie-France Petre, who appeared to have the edge throughout.

MADE AMENDS

However, both made amends later by winning their other singles matches, and combining for a doubles win over Camus and Miss Keppenne. All four of the English players showed fine team work to gain what eventually turned out to be a comfortable win.

England 8, Belgium 2.  
(English names first).

D. Stanley lost to P. Van Elewyk 16-21, 15-21; bt P. Camus 21-16, 21-12. C. Barnes bt Van Elewyk 21-15, 21-19; bt Camus 21-11, 21-12.

Miss J. Canham lost to M. F. Petre 14-21, 15-21 bt C. Keppenne 21-13, 21-0. Miss L. Bell bt Petre 21-15, 21-14; bt Keppenne 21-10, 21-13.

Barnes/Bell bt Van Elewyk/Petre 21-7, 21-11. Stanley/Camham bt Camus/Keppenne 21-15, 21-18.

FINE PLAY By FRENCH

PRIOR to the Kent Junior Open, Kent played two representative matches against the West Germans at Folkestone on November 2. They lost the boys match 3-5 and won the girls 3-1.

Graham French scored two wins for Kent, losing only to Willie Grobe, who went through unbeaten. The third Kent win came from D. Corbett, who beat J. Fleischfresser 21-14, 21-19.

The Kent Girls did exceptionally well against the Germans, whose two girls were to capture three Under 15's titles in the Open.

Detailed Results: (Kent names first). BOYS: G. French beat J. Fleischfresser 21-18, 21-18; beat M. Heene 22-20, 21-18; lost to W. Grobe 18-21, 14-21. D. Corbett beat Fleischfresser 21-14, 21-19; lost to Grobe 12-21, 9-21. A. Boyer lost to Fleischfresser 22-20, 15-21, 13-21; lost to Heene 16-21, 10-21; lost to Grobe 8-21, 11-21.

GIRLS: K. Stokes beat I. Welter 21-13, 21-17; beat C. Lang 21-16, 21-17. Spice/J. Cornford lost to Welter/Lang 14-21, 19-21.

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**EAGLE/GIRL TOURNAMENT**by **KENNETH WHEELER****AN ENTRY OF 14,000****BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!**

That is how district organisers are describing the ninth annual EAGLE/GIRL Championship as results of Qualifying Rounds came pouring in from clubs and schools located as far apart as Dublin and Hull, and Dundee and Saltash in Cornwall.

The inclusion of SWIFT readers, of under 11 years of age, has helped to swell the entry figure to a record total of 14,000. Three clubs—Doncaster Youth, West Ham Youth and Wymondham School of Norfolk have entered nearly 3,000 competitors between them.

But there is quality present as well as quantity. "The standard of play I have seen so far is the highest ever from schoolboys and schoolgirls," declares Johnny Leach, the Chief Coach. His view is shared by colleagues in Leicester, Worcester, Dundee, County Durham and other centres where eliminating rounds have already taken place.

Mr. Alfred Wallace, who has recently been appointed as Editor of EAGLE, GIRL and SWIFT magazines, presented some of the medals awarded to London competitors at St. Brides, Fleet Street on November 17 and 24, and confessed his astonishment at the ability of his young readers.

A number of boys and girls, whose names were drawn out of a hat, were given the opportunity of challenging Johnny Leach, George Muranyi or Louis Kerekas. A ballpoint pen was awarded to any youngster who managed to win a point after a brief exchange with one of the champions. This innovation was received with enthusiasm, but proved somewhat expensive as the stock of pens rapidly depleted!

On November 24 an outstanding performance was that of **Michael Wald**, a 9-year-old SWIFT reader, who outplayed boys up to four years older than himself to capture a qualifying medal in one of the Under-13 events. Other Junior boys who qualified on this occasion were **Paul Greenston**, **Robert Ollman**, **Clive Jakes**, and **Terence Riley**.

Owing to the enforced absence of the Sayer Twins, **Linda Henwood** and **Kay Stokes** proved far too strong for all their rivals in the GIRL Under-15 qualifying rounds.

**"Golden Brown"**

"Don't say Brown—say 'Golden'." For golden must be the future of **David** and **Margaret Brown**, who pulled off a brother-and-sister double to win medals at St. Bride's on November 17. In David Brown's section

**Derek Corbett**, EAGLE Junior Champion of Britain last season, was kayoed 21-14, 21-13, by **Trevor Wilby**, of Cheshunt. Trevor then met his close friend David Brown in the final and, though still in great form, went down fighting by 21-8, 21-17.

Other Under-15 qualifiers were **Anthony Robinson** (who beat Geoffrey Salter 21-17, 21-19) and **Stuart Seaholme**, from Watford. Seaholme, who ranks No. 1 Junior in Hertfordshire, had a tough semi-final encounter with tiny Jonathan Fayle, from Walton-on-Thames, and an even tougher final against Stephen Wand, from Westcliff-on-Sea, whom he eventually beat 21-11, 19-21, 21-15.

**Jonathan Fayle** is something of a Judo expert, an art he was taught in Singapore while his father was serving there. He also plays lawn tennis and hopes to become a champion with both the large and the small racket.

Another GIRL Under-13 qualifier with Margaret Brown, was 11-year-old **Karenza Smith**, who won her final against Diana Simpson by 21-12, 21-12.

**Special Awards**

This season special awards are to be made to SWIFT readers who make the most progress in Under-13 events. Besides Michael Wald the following London competitors have been recommended for these awards: **Ruth Wilson**, **Veronica Burton**, **Christina Dale**, **Eileen Day**, **Sandra Edwards**; **Daniel Cohen**, **David Roberts**, **Richard Kallischer**, **Jonathan Caplan**, **Richard Harrison**, **Michael Begon**, and **Allan Morrow**.

Winners of all four events held at Dundee are members of the Hecklers' club and their coach, Miss Bessie Dunbar, has high hopes of at least two Scottish titles from **Ian McIntosh** and **Joyce McNaughton** (Senior) or **Donald McIntosh** and **Marjory Murray** (Junior). Marjory defeated 11-year-old Wilma Nixon, who was Scottish Junior Champion last year.

Among SWIFT readers 9-year-old John Eagles, of Newport-on-Tay, Fife, caught the eye and was unfortunate to meet a brilliant Don McIntosh in round 2—he might otherwise have reached a late stage. Eleven-year-old Ian McNaughton showed that he has learnt all the strokes but is caught out on the short game because he lacks height.

At Leicester, **Robert Geary** dominated the EAGLE Senior event, but it was in the Junior competitions that the standard of play was particularly impressive. Highlight was the Boys' Under-13 final in which **John Wells** defeated David Randall. The GIRL Junior final saw a very close victory for **Lesley Sharpe** over Gillian Buxton by 21-16, 10-21, 22-20, and both these young ladies show outstanding promise for the future.

Though he only has one leg **Kenneth Lunt** was a qualifier for St. Gilbert's Boys' School, Kidderminster. Kenneth showed great courage and determination in the play-off against his rival qualifier, **John Lysandrou**, but the latter, a left-hander from Sheffield, proved a little too good.

**James Cumming** (Senior) and **Gordon Clark** (Junior) are the qualifiers from Donaldson's School, Edinburgh. Both have been deaf from birth. Cumming, a Shetlands boy, is captain of the school basketball and football teams.

Best of 470 competitors in the Tyne Dock Youth Club events were **David Greenshields** and **Carol Taylor** (Senior) and **John Coe** and **Margaret Cole** (Junior). The latter, runner-up in the British final last season, was given a very hard fight in the final of the GIRL Under-13s by her club colleague Ellen Wright. Margaret's winning score was 21-19, 19-21, 21-19.

**AUSTRIAN OPEN**

HUNGARY took three of the five titles in the Austrian Open at Innsbruck on November 2-4, with the other two titles going to Rumania.

**RESULTS**

Men's Singles: FAHAZI (Hun.) bt Rozsas (Hun.) 3-0. Women's Singles: ALEXANDRU (Rum.) bt Simon (W. Germany) 2-1.

Men's Doubles: SANDOR / ROZSAS (Hun.) bt Andreadis/Miko (Czech.) 3-2. Women's Doubles: ALEXANDRU/PITICA (Rum.) bt Simon/Harst (W. Germany) 2-1. Mixed Doubles: FAHAZI/HEIRITS (Hun.) bt Wegrath (Aus.)/Pitica (Rum.).

**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP**by **FRANK BATEMAN****MIDDLESEX FIND SURREY EASY  
BUT GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUGH**

**T**HE Middlesex-Surrey clash, usually one of the best matches of the season, turned out a rather one-sided affair when they met at the end of October. Middlesex won 8-1, the only Surrey success coming from Vic Ireland, who cannot truthfully be described as a premier division player.

Jacobson was given a fright in the opening game by Jimmy Moore, who lost the first set at advantage, then romped away to a 10-0 lead in the second, but failed to consolidate a 20-15 lead, when the Middlesex

player took five points on his service and won at 22-20.

Moore figured in a fast and thrilling match when he lost at 17 in the third to Brian Wright.

Mary Shannon's match with Di Rowe, fizzled out after a close first game, in which the lead changed hands several times and Mary held a 20-18 lead. She was hit off the table in the second, scoring only seven points.

Tony Miller took a game off both Alan Rhodes and Wright, but his dour defensive play failed to hold the

constant attack of the Middlesex players.

**Middlesex found it a much tougher proposition when they visited Gloucestershire and just scraped home at 5-4. The big blow to the West Country side was the defeat of Bryan Merrett by both Wright and Rhodes.**

Ian Harrison won both his singles for Gloucestershire and, partnered by Kevin Edwards, beat Rhodes and **County Round-up**

Creamer in the doubles. Edwards also had a good singles win over Creamer.

Wright was unbeaten for Middlesex in both singles and doubles.

**COUNTY DIARY****PREMIER DIVISION**

December 8	Kent v Gloucestershire, Aquela Sports Club, Bickley, Bromley, Kent	7.30 p.m.
December 13	Middlesex v Essex, Municipal Hall, Tottenham, N.5	7.15 p.m.
December 22	Gloucestershire v Essex	
December 22	Cheshire v Warwickshire, Ellesmere Port Labour Hall, Ellesmere Port	7.15 p.m.

**SECOND DIVISION SOUTH**

December 8	Hampshire v Cambridgeshire, Tanners Brook Infant School, Elmes Drive, Millbrook, Southampton	7 p.m.
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**SECOND DIVISION NORTH**

December 8	Lancashire v Lincolnshire, Montague Burton's Clothing Factory, Halliwell, Bolton	7 p.m.
December 8	Yorkshire v Northumberland, Y.M.C.A., Cleveland Street, Doncaster	7 p.m.
December 15	Durham v Yorkshire, T.L.F. Welfare Institute, Fulwell Road, Sunderland	7 p.m.
December 22	Lancashire v Durham, Montague Burton's Clothing Factory, Halliwell, Bolton	7 p.m.

**SECOND DIVISION WEST**

December 8	Somerset v Wiltshire, St. Peter's Hall, Bath	7.15 p.m.
December 8	Devon v Cornwall	
December 22	Dorset v Somerset, Westham County Modern Boys' School	7 p.m.

**SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND**

December 8	Worcestershire v Glamorgan	
December 8	Warwickshire v Bedfordshire, Slavells Ltd., Leamington Spa	7 p.m.
December 1	Staffordshire v Warwickshire, Featherstone Community Hall, Featherstone, Nr. Wolverhampton	7.15 p.m.
December 22	Glamorgan v Oxfordshire, Cardiff	7.15 p.m.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION**

December 8	Hertfordshire v Huntingdonshire, Drill Hall, Cheshunt	7 p.m.
December 8	Norfolk v Berkshire, Secondary Modern School, Wymondham	6.30 p.m.

**MIDLAND DIVISION**

December 8	Staffordshire v Yorkshire, Church Hall, High Street, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent	7.15 p.m.
December 15	Worcestershire v Yorkshire, Redditch Youth Centre, Ipsley Street, Redditch	7.15 p.m.

**JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH**

December 15	Durham v Yorkshire, T.L.F. Welfare Institute, Fulwell Road, Sunderland	3 p.m.
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**JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH**

December 8	Hampshire v Kent, Tanners Brook Infant School, Elmes Drive, Millbrook, Southampton	3 p.m.
December 8	Sussex v Berkshire, Bognor Regis Youth Club	4 p.m.

**JUNIOR DIVISION EAST**

December 8	Essex v Suffolk, Crittalls, Witham.	
December 8	Hertfordshire v Cambridgeshire	

**JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND**

December 8	Gloucestershire v Staffordshire	
December 22	Staffordshire v Warwickshire, St. Michael's School, Caldmore Road, Walsall	4 p.m.

backhand corner and general play had a definite "oriental" appearance.

His performance, allied to the heavy side spins and unorthodox ap-

proach of C. Bush, was the main reason for Dorset's success.

Cornwall missed John Bassett, who has now given up the game because his club has "folded up."

Although Monmouthshire crashed 10-0 to their Welsh rivals, Glamorgan, they can gain some consolation from the good performance of junior John Mansfield.

The match was attended by a large crowd—an unusual feature these days—and was excellently organised by the Tredegar League.

Bedfordshire's 8-2 defeat by Staffordshire was hardly a fair reflection of the closeness of the match. The first four sets all went to three games, with Beds. winning the first in each. The results could easily have gone the other way.

Paul Racey was the best for Bedfordshire, while Norman Parker improved after a great start. Backhouse was outstanding for Staffs., while their women players were much too good.

Huntingdonshire were outclassed by Bucks., who won this Southern Division match 10-0. The Sayer twins,

playing their last county match before going into hospital, helped Essex to a 9-1 win over Berkshire.

Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire shared the points in the Midland Division clash. Saunders was unbeaten for the home side, as was Mrs. Hammond. Osborne won both his singles for Staffs.

Sussex juniors are on top of the world after their 9-1 win over Surrey, although 7-3 would have been a fair result. It looks as though their match with Kent on February 9 will decide the Junior Division (South).

Collinson was the most successful Cambridgeshire player when they lost 0-10 to Middlesex in the Junior Division (East). He took Spencer to three game in the singles, and partnered by Miss Chapman just lost at 17 in the third to Spencer and Miss Hope.

Country Associations are reminded that nominations for the award of the **LESLIE FORREST MEMORIAL TROPHY** should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, Miss Margaret Fry, not later than December 31.

## DIVISIONAL TABLES

### PREMIER DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Middlesex	3	3	0	21	6	6
Essex	3	2	1	17	10	4
Lancashire	2	1	1	11	7	2
Gloucestershire	3	1	2	15	12	2
Warwickshire	2	1	1	7	11	2
Surrey	2	1	1	6	12	2
Cheshire	3	1	2	8	19	2
Kent	2	0	2	5	13	0

### SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Lancashire	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Durham	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Lincolnshire	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Yorkshire	1	0	0	1	3	7	0

### SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Devon	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Dorset	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Wiltshire	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Cornwall	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Somerset	1	0	0	1	3	7	0

### SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Glamorgan	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Staffordshire	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Oxfordshire	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Warwickshire	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Bedfordshire	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Worcestershire	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
Monmouthshire	2	0	0	2	0	20	0

### SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Hertfordshire	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Sussex	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Hampshire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Suffolk	2	0	0	0	1	19	0
Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

Essex	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Buckinghamshire	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Hertfordshire	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Berkshire	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Norfolk	3	0	0	3	4	26	0
Huntingdonshire	2	0	0	2	1	19	0

### MIDLAND DIVISION

Staffordshire	2	1	1	0	15	5	3
Yorkshire	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Nottinghamshire	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Derbyshire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Worcestershire	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

### JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	17	7	4
Durham	3	2	0	1	13	11	4
Lancashire	2	1	0	1	7	9	2
Cheshire	2	0	0	2	3	13	0

### JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Sussex	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Kent	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Hampshire	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Surrey	3	0	0	3	9	21	0
Berkshire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0

### JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Suffolk	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Essex	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Middlesex	2	1	0	1	14	6	2
Hertfordshire	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Cambridgeshire	2	0	0	2	0	20	0

### JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Gloucestershire	2	1	1	0	14	6	3
Monmouthshire	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Warwickshire	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Staffordshire	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Oxfordshire	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

## DETAILED RESULTS

### PREMIER DIVISION

Middlesex 8, Surrey 1  
S. Jacobson bt J. Moore —21, 20, 14; lost to V. Ireland —18, —20, A. Rhodes bt Ireland 18, 20; bt A. Miller —18, 19, 14, B. Wright bt Miller —20, 15, 17; bt Moore 11, —17, 17.  
Miss D. Rowe bt Miss M. Shannon 20, 7.  
Rhodes/Jacobson bt D. Lowe/G. Muranyi 19, 15.  
Wright/Miss Rowe bt Murray/Miss Shannon 21, 16.

### Cheshire 5, Kent 4

P. Walmsley bt M. Ellis 14, —15, 15; lost to D. Whittaker 14, —18, —22. D. Schofield lost to Whittaker —13, 18, —16; bt H. Burst —10, 15, 17. A. Crossley lost to Burst —12, —10; bt Ellis —19, 14, 18.  
Mrs. Bradshaw lost to Miss J. Fielder —14, —13.  
Schofield/Walmsley bt Buist/Whittaker 16, 20.  
Crossley/Mrs. Bradshaw bt Ellis/Miss Fielder 19, 19.

### Gloucestershire 4, Middlesex 5

K. Edwards lost to B. Wright —19, 20, —18; bt D. Creamer —19, 12, 14. I. Harrison bt Creamer 18, 19; bt A. Rhodes 9, 19. B. Merrett lost to Rhodes —15, —22; lost to Wright 14, —8, —21.  
Miss P. Taylor lost to Miss M. Hicks —15, —15.  
Harrison/Edwards bt Rhodes/Creamer 9, 17.  
Merritt/Miss Taylor lost to Wright/Miss Hicks —9, —11.

### Lancashire 4, Essex 5

M. Symonds lost to C. Baines —18, —15; bt B. Brumwell —19, 17, 16. J. Ingber bt Brumwell 15, 13; bt R. Stevens —18, 17, 17. K. Fozzeshaw lost to Stevens —14, —18; lost to Barnes —19, —15.  
Miss D. Fitzgerald lost to Mrs. J. McCree 17, —18, —9.  
Fozzeshaw/Symonds bt Stevens/R. Raybould —13, 16, 18.  
Ingber/Miss Fitzgerald lost to Raybould/Mrs. McCree —14, —13.

### SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Sussex 2, Hertfordshire 8  
Suffolk 1, Hampshire 9  
Hertfordshire 10, Suffolk 0.

### SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Durham 7, Northumberland 3

### SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Cornwall 3, Dorset 7

### SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Monmouthshire 0, Glamorgan 10  
Worcestershire 4, Oxfordshire 6  
Bedfordshire 2, Staffordshire 8

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

Hertfordshire 9, Norfolk 1  
Huntingdonshire 0, Buckinghamshire 10  
Berkshire 1, Essex 9

### MIDLAND DIVISION

Nottinghamshire 5, Staffordshire 5

### JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Yorkshire 6, Durham 2

### JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Kent 8, Berkshire 2

Sussex 9, Surrey 1

### JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Cambridgeshire 0, Middlesex 10

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EDITOR

A MONTH or so after the President of the Board of Trade had visited Skopje, capital of Macedonia, for an International Trade Fair, an English team of table tennis ambassadors arrived in the same hall to take on the best women players of Europe. Despite the depressing registration letters of the aircraft in which we travelled—YU ADM and YU ABF—our team appeared in two finals, Di Rowe in the singles and Lesley Bell, partnered by Isle Lanterman, of W. Germany, in the women's doubles.

A match against East Germany was arranged while the men's team event took place and resulted in a 3-2 win for England.

#### YUGOSLAV OPEN

**Men's Singles: Semi-Finals:** FAHAZI (Hungary) bt Hrbud (Yugo.) 22-20, 13-21, 10-21, 21-4, 21-17. **MARKOVIC** (Yugo.) bt Berczik (Hungary) 21-10, 21-18, 19-21, 22-20. **Final:** MARKOVIC bt Fahazi 19-21, 22-20, 21-18, 21-16.

**Women's Singles: Semi-Finals:** FOLDI (Hungary) bt Pitica (Rumania) 21-17, 21-11, 21-13. **ROWE** (England) bt Heirits (Hungary) 21-18, 21-11, 17-21, 21-14. **Final:** FOLDI bt Rowe 21-11, 21-8, 21-10.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BERCZIK/FAHAZI (Hungary) bt Scheler/Mihalek (Yugo.) 21-23, 21-16, 21-19, 21-13. **ANDREADIS/MIKO** (Czech.) bt Stanek/Hrbud (Yugo.) 21-19, 21-12, 16-21, 21-16.

**Final:** BERCZIK/FAHAZI bt Andreadis/Miko 15-21, 13-21, 21-14, 21-13, 22-20.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BELL (England)/LANTERMAN (Germany) bt Luzowa/Bosa 21-19, 21-13, 21-8. **FOLDI/HEIRITS** (Hungary) bt Alexandru/Pitica (Rumania) 21-18, 21-8, 21-15. **Final:** FOLDI/HEIRITS bt Bell/Lanterman 21-19, 14-21, 21-14, 21-17.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BERCZIK/FOLDI (Hungary) bt Larsson (Sweden)/Bell (England) 21-18, 21-15, 21-16. **GUIRGIUCA/ZELLER** (Rumania) bt Negulescu/Alexandru (Rumania) 21-19, 10-21, 21-14, 21-14. **Final:** GUIRGIUCA/ZELLER bt Berczik/Foldi 3-0.

#### ENGLISH RESULTS

**Men's Singles:** Thornhill bt Popou (Yugo.) 15-21, 21-16, 14-21, 21-16, 21-8; lost to Fahazi (Hungary) 18-21, 13-21, 22-24.

**Women's Singles:** Bell lost to Dauphin (Germany) 16-21, 21-16, 22-20, 8-21, 16-21. **Shannon** bt Mokthari (France) 21-11, 21-14, 21-15; lost to Kunz (Germany) 17-21, 21-18, 18-21, 21-19, 19-21. **Rowe** bt Ivanova (Yugo.) w.o.; bt Bosa (Czech.) 21-8, 21-8, 21-14; bt Pirc (Yugo.) 21-11, 21-13, 21-10; bt Heirits (Hungary) 21-18, 21-11, 17-21, 21-14 (Semi-Final); lost to Foldi (Hungary) 11-21, 8-21, 10-21 (Final).

**Women's Doubles:** Rowe/Shannon lost to Luzowa/Bosa (Czech.) 24-26, 19-21, 21-19, 19-21. **Bell/Lanterman** (Germany) bt Zeller/Poor (Rumania) 19-21, 21-18, 21-12, 21-10; bt Mitrovic/Petrac (Yugo.) 21-16, 21-15, 21-10; bt Luzowa/Bosa (Czech.) 21-19, 21-13, 21-8; lost to Foldi/Heirits (Hungary) 19-21, 21-14, 14-21, 17-21 (Final).

**Mixed Doubles:** Rowe/Alser (Sweden) bt Mitrovic/Korpa (Yugo.) 21-10, 21-14, 21-13; lost to Guirgiuca/Zeller (Rumania) 13-21, 14-21, 23-21, 22-20, 14-21. **Bell/Thornhill** lost to Berczik/Foldi 19-21, 11-21, 21-16, 19-21. **Shannon/Larsson** (Sweden) bt Mihalek/Dauphin (Germany) 18-21, 21-12, 21-15, 21-16; bt Lemke/Kunz (Germany) 21-15, 13-21, 21-17, 21-17; lost to Berczik/Foldi (Hungary) 18-21, 15-21, 16-21.

#### England 3, Germany 2.

**Rowe** bt Kunz 21-15, 21-11; bt Kalweit 21-14, 21-17. **Bell** lost to Kalweit 14-21, 19-21; lost to Kunz 13-21, 11-21. **Shannon/Rowe** bt Kunz/Kalweit 21-11, 21-19.

## TOUR OF YUGOSLAVIA AND HUNGARY

# TWO FINALS BUT NO TITLES

by LEN ADAMS

arranged by Di Rowe in Holland the previous week, came back strongly to take the second and held level until after 10 in the third but then collapsed. The match was apparently fizzling out when the Hungarians took a seven-point lead in the fourth but amid roars of encouragement from the crowd, the Hungarians were pegged back to 17. There the fairy tale ended and they collected the next four points and the title. Well done Lesley... well done Ilse.

In the singles both Mary Shannon and Lesley fell at the first hurdle against useful opposition after having played themselves into a winning position. Lesley led Dauphin (W. Germany) 11-6 in the fifth but fell away after she had been caught at 16-all. Mary, having lost the first after a 17-14 lead, also frittered away an 18-14 lead in the fifth game against Kunz (E. Germany), a determined fighter.

### ANOTHER WALK-OVER

Meanwhile, Di was receiving another walkover followed by casual knocks against Bosa (Czech) and Pirc (Yugoslavia), Heirits, who had disposed of Alexandru, was Di's semi-final victim.

The final against Foldi was an awkward match for Di, both physically and psychologically. Last year when Foldi used sandwich and Di still had rubber, Di had won 3-0 convincingly on two occasions. Now the position was reversed with regard to the bats and unfortunately it was soon clear that Di could neither hit her way through Foldi's defence nor stop the quicksilver attacking thrusts to all points of the table.

One could reasonably have hoped that Di would get a good start in one of the three games but apart from a 6-4 lead in the third she was always behind and Foldi waltzed home in great style.

In the mixed doubles Bell and Thornhill met Foldi and Berczik in the first round; Rowe and Alser (Sweden) survived a couple of rounds before falling in the fifth to the eventual winners from Rumania, the unseeded Zeller and Guirgiuca; and Shannon and Larsson (Sweden) lost a semi-final battle with Foldi and Berczik.

The men's singles produced some

fine spectacular play, perhaps the best match being a five set thriller between Fahazi and Alser, won by the Hungarian. It was almost impossible to conceive that anyone here could prevent Fahazi from gaining the crown but rather casual play allowed Markovic to level at one-all with an advantage game and go on to win, cheered at every point by a fanatical, roaring, stamping crowd.

Andreadis and Miko showed us all the delight of superb doubles play and were soon two games up against Fahazi and Berczik, whom they had already beaten in the team event. A little clowning from Andreadis, hard graft from Berczik, erratic smashing by Miko and lightning kills by Fahazi levelled the scores but once again the Czechs raced on into a commanding position—until at 19-16 Miko said to Andreadis "I can't play," and promptly lost five points and the match.

Two matches that we were due to play in Yugoslavia were cancelled and we travelled to Hungary a day earlier, very much rested but also short of practice.

This was the third Hungarian Open

but it was not a case of third time lucky for us. Our girls were all eliminated by the third round of the singles and our only measure of success was for Di and Mary to reach the semi-final of the women's doubles where they were well beaten by the Hungarians Foldi and Heirits, winners of the Yugoslavian title.

Di was disappointing, experiencing trouble with her hitting, which showed a lack of confidence in her sandwich bat as she went into her shell when things got tight. Earlier, after a first round walkover Di and Mary had beaten Sera and Poor (Hungary) and Zeller and Krejac (Rumania).

Lesley, playing with Harkanyi (Hungary) lost in the second match to Lukacs and Kerekes (Hungary) after having beaten another Hungarian pair Lencser and Czerteg.

The final saw the Yugoslav semi-final result reversed when Alexandru and Pitica (Rumania), the world champions, beat Foldi and Heirits 21-17, 18-21, 21-15, 21-15.

In the singles Di was given a hard fight in her opening match by the young Hungarian Papp, who won the

first game and was unlucky not to take the second, which Di just got at 23-21. Papp then fell away but on the strength of this performance was picked to play for Hungary against Poland.

Di then had to face the Rumanian Zeller, who was re-appearing after an absence of three years. Everyone expected a terrific fight but Di quickly won the first two games, fumbled and lost the third, then recovered her touch to win the fourth. This brought Di up against Heirits, whom she had beaten in Yugoslavia, but the tables were turned and the Hungarian won in straight games. Di appeared to freeze up in this match, although she had a slight chance in the third game.

Mary had to play Krejca in her opening match, her first experience of opposing a pen holder. Although building up a big lead in the first game she lost it but won the second easily. She nearly frittered away a

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#### HUNGARIAN OPEN

**Men's Singles: Semi-Finals:** ALSER (Sweden) bt Janoso (Hungary) 18-21, 21-19, 20-22, 21-15, 21-7. **BERCZIK** (Hungary) bt Markovic (Yugo.) 16-21, 21-17, 21-17, 21-13. **Final:** BERCZIK bt Alser 19-21, 21-16, 21-12, 21-18.

**Women's Singles: Semi-Final:** ALEXANDRU (Rumania) bt Heirits (Hungary) 3-0. **FOLDI** (Hungary) bt Lukacs (Hungary) 3-0. **Final:** FOLDI bt Alexandru 16-21, 14-21, 22-20, 21-11, 21-16.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** ROZAS/SANDOR (Hungary) bt Foldi/Janoso (Hungary) 3-0. **ANDREADIS/MIKO** (Czech.) bt Berczik/Fahazi (Hungary) 3-0. **Final:** ANDREADIS/MIKO bt Rozas/Sandor 21-13, 21-16, 22-20.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** ALEXANDRU/PITICA (Rumania) 3-0. **FOLDI/HEIRITS** (Hungary) bt Rowe/Shannon (England) 3-0. **Final:** ALEXANDRU/PITICA bt Foldi/Heirits 21-17, 18-21, 21-15, 21-15.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals:** FAHAZI/HEIRITS (Hungary) bt Rozas/Lukacs (Hungary) 3-0. **BERCZIK/FOLDI** (Hungary) bt Negulescu/Alexandru (Rumania) 3-0. **Final:** BERCZIK/FOLDI bt Fahazi/Heirits 3-2.

#### ENGLISH RESULTS

**Women's Singles:** Rowe bt Papp (Hungary) 19-21, 23-21, 21-15, 21-11, bt Zeller (Rumania) 21-10, 21-10, 18-21, 21-19, lost to Heirits (Hungary) 14-21, 10-21, 17-21. **Bell** bt Szekely (Hungary) 21-11, 21-12, 21-9; bt Fuszta (Hungary) 21-15, 21-10, 21-6; lost to Alexandru (Rumania) 20-22, 19-21, 10-21. **Shannon** bt Krejca (Rumania) 18-21, 21-7, 21-19, 21-10; lost to Foldi 19-21, 13-21, 23-21, 7-21.

**Women's Doubles:** Rowe/Shannon bt Sera/Poor (Hungary) 21-14, 21-10, 21-16; bt Zeller/Krejca (Rumania) 16-21, 21-12, 21-8, 21-15; lost to Foldi/Heirits (Hungary) 14-21, 18-21, 12-21 (Semi-Final). **Bell/Harkanyi** (Hungary) bt Lencser/Czerteg (Hungary) 21-14, 21-18, 21-15; lost to Lukacs/Kerekes 18-21, 13-21, 21-19, 21-16, 19-21.

**Mixed Doubles:** Rowe/Alser (Sweden) bt Harcsar/Sera (Hungary) 21-12, 21-18, 21-9; lost to Rozas/Lukacs 21-19, 15-21, 12-21, 18-21. **Shannon/Larsson** (Sweden) bt Koponks/Harkanyi (Hungary) 21-13, 21-14, 21-15; lost to Fahazi/Heirits (Hungary) 3-21, 17-21, 15-21. **Bell/Johanson** (Sweden) lost to Lemke/Kunz (Germany) 12-21, 21-23, 6-21.



England parade at the Hungarian Open

## KENT JUNIOR

By LAURIE LANDRY

## BARNES MEETS HIS MATCH

**J**UST a week after being ranked No. 1 junior Chester Barnes had his winning sequence ended in the Kent Junior Open at Folkestone on November 3-4.

He found his match in the final of the Under 17's singles when he lost to the young German. Willie Grobe, who in the Under 15's won the boys singles and doubles.

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substantial lead before scraping home in the third, but had little trouble in the fourth. She then lost to Foldi although she was unlucky to lose the opening game, where she led 18-17. She had no chance in the second, but in the third Mary stage a great recovery to save five match points when trailing 15-20 and win it at 23-21. Reaction then set in and she was well beaten in the fourth.

Lesley, who had to play in the preliminary round, gained an easy win over Pusztai, but found her match in Aexandru.

Di, partnered by Alser, was seeded top in the mixed doubles but they lost in four games to Rozsacs and Lukacs in their second match. Mary, teamed with another Swede, Larsson, was also eliminated in the second round by Fahazi and Heirits, while Lesley with Johanson never survived the first round, where they were beaten by the Germans Lemke and Kunz.

Berczik beat Alser, his successor as European champion, to win the men's singles final, while Andreadis and Miko took the men's doubles.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
POINTER

The Yugoslavian and Hungarian Opens provide useful pointers to Europe's prospects in the forthcoming world championships in Prague. Berczik, although still getting results, is not quite the power that he was, and Fahazi, providing he does not defend too much, and gets over a habit of playing to the crowd, looks the best Hungarian prospect. Rozsacs is fantastically fast and when his shots go on they will win in any company. He has an overwhelming type of game, which upsets an opponent's nerves and lead to errors. Foldi is playing as well as ever among the women although she has now switched back to rubber and most impressive was the young Poor, who at 14 promises to go a long way.

Hungary have had their 12 best men and six best women training twice a day since July. With them it is a full time job.

In a wonderful final, Barnes lost by the narrowest of margins at 21-19, 20-22, 22-20.

Barnes lost the first because he could not resist hitting the topspin return immediately. In the second he steadied himself and waited until the ball was really up. This plan took him to 17-13 and 20-18 in the decisive third, but at this stage Grobe risked his arm and took four in a row—a rather fortunate win.

Barnes gained his revenge in the boys' doubles final when he partnered Graham French to beat Grobe and Heene 21-19, 22-20. Despite the closeness of the score the English pair held the initiative throughout.

Barnes collected a second title by winning the mixed with Lesley Bell, who completed a fine treble.

Miss Bell again won through in the singles, where she dropped only one game (to Pat Dainty) on her way to the final, where she beat the Belgian girl Marie Petre as convincingly as in the international.

Teaming up with Pauline Martin, Lesley won the girls' doubles in an all-Essex final against the Sayer twins.

Kay Stokes and Jackie Canham provided an upset when they beat the Belgians Petre and Keppene (—14, 18, 20).

Barnes and Miss Bell gained an early win over the Germans Grobe and Lang (11, —18, 8), and in the final beat the Belgians Van Elewyk and Petre.

The Under 15's events provided a clean sweep for the Germans. Stuart Gibbs, who had a good tournament with his attractive open play, took a game from Grobe, who was also given a tight match by Derek Corbett before winning 22 and 19.

Linda Henwood had a good two days for apart from reaching the girls and mixed doubles and the singles semi-final in the Under 15's she won both the singles and doubles in the Under 13's section.

## RESULTS

## UNDER 11's

**Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals:** B. GILON (Belgium) bt M. Funnell (Sussex) 21-10, 21-15. H. Thomas (Wales) bt M. Sykes (Warwicks.) 21-12, 21-5. **Final:** GILON bt Thomas 21-14, 21-10.

**Girls' Singles: S. SANDY** (Kent) bt B. McGrotty (Kent) 21-2, 21-8. H. PRICE (Wales) bt Y. Baker (Kent) 21-15, 21-10. **Final:** SANDY bt Price 21-8, 21-2.

## UNDER 13's

**Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals:** J. FLEISCH-FRESSER (Germany) bt P. Harmer (Essex) 21-15, 21-11. K. LAWRENCE (Essex) bt M. Lane (Sussex) 21-15, 21-7. **Final:** FLEISCHFRESSER bt Lawrence 21-9, 21-16.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals:** L. HENWOOD (Essex) bt H. Price 21-2, 21-2. M. WATERS (Kent) bt D. Basden (Kent) 21-16, 21-18. **Final:** HENWOOD bt Waters 21-9, 21-6.

**Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals:** P. HARMER/THOMAS bt Funnell/Lane 21-11, 21-10. FLEISCHFRESSER/D. BAILEY (Sussex) bt Gilon/J. G. Lesquiere (Belgium) 21-13, 21-16. **Final:** HARMER/THOMAS bt Fleischfresser/Baily 21-8, 21-6.

**Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals:** HENWOOD/L. THOMPSON (Hants.) bt E. Brown (Kent)/Waters 21-6, 21-10. BASDEN/PRICE bt M. Stevens/R. Wilson (Kent) 21-12, 18-21, 21-17. **Final:** HENWOOD/THOMPSON bt Basden/Price 21-5, 21-10.

## UNDER 15's

**Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals:** W. GROBE (Germany) bt Fleischfresser 21-12, 21-12. S. SEAHOLME (Herts.) bt M. Heene (Germany) 21-19, 20-22, 25-23. **Final:** GROBE bt Seaholme 21-9, 21-8.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals:** C. LANG (Germany) bt E. Canham (Herts.) 21-12, 21-8. C. KEPPENNE (Belgium) bt Henwood 21-16, 12-21, 21-15. **Final:** LANG bt Keppene 21-15, 18-21, 21-17.

**Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals:** GROBE/HEENE bt D. Corbett (Kent)/S. Gibbs (Essex) 21-10, 21-13. J. BLACKMAN/D. BROWN (Essex) bt E. Edmondson/T. Cornell (Essex) 21-16, 21-12. **Final:** GROBE/HEENE bt Blackman/Brown 21-7, 21-9.

**Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals:** C. LANG/I. WALTER (Germany) bt E. Canham/P. Hemmings (Herts.) 19-21, 22-20, 21-16. HENWOOD/I. SYKES (Warwicks.) bt J. Dive/S. Sandy (Kent) 21-11, 21-8. **Final:** LANG/WALTER bt Henwood/Sykes 21-15, 19-21, 21-15.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals:** HEENE/WALTER bt P. Canus/C. Keppene (Belgium) 27-29, 21-15, 21-13. BLACKMAN/HENWOOD bt Grobe/Lang 21-17, 21-10. **Final:** HEENE/WALTER bt Blackman/Henwood 21-19, 21-14.

## UNDER 17's

**Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals:** GROBE bt P. Van Elewyk 21-18, 21-15. C. BARNES (Essex) bt Heene 21-7, 21-17. **Final:** GROBE bt Barnes 21-19, 20-22, 22-20.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:** L. BELL (Essex) bt B. Sayer (Essex) 21-14, 25-23. M. F. PETRE (Belgium) bt Lang 20-22, 21-8, 21-12. **Final:** BELL bt Petre 21-12, 21-15.

**Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BARNES/G. FRENCH (Kent) bt Van Elewyk/Canus 21-17, 19-21, 21-4. GROBE/HEENE bt J. Beasley/M. Green (Sussex) 21-13, 21-15. **Final:** BARNES/FRENCH bt Grobe/Heene 21-19, 22-20.

**Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BELL/P. MARTIN (Essex) bt D. Spice/J. Comford (Kent) 21-11, 21-12. SAYER/G. SAYER bt K. Stokes (Kent)/J. Canham (Herts.) 17-21, 21-19. **Final:** BELL/MARTIN bt Sayer/Sayer 21-19, 21-12.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BARNES/BELL bt P. Williams (Herts.)/P. Dainty (Yorks.) 21-11, 21-17. VAN ELEWYK/PETRE bt Seaholme/E. Canham 21-8, 20-22, 21-8. **Final:** BARNES/BELL bt Van Elewyk/Petre 21-8, 21-14.

## MORE NORTHERNERS

**R**OUND the tournaments brings us first to Portsmouth where Chester Barnes, who still has another year in the juniors, won his first senior title in the singles as well as the doubles. He also won the two junior titles, the singles being his fourth this season.

The tournament ran smoothly, by all accounts, and had its earliest finish for years.

The **Sussex Open** maintained its undoubted popularity. There were more

Northern players this year, although it is difficult for them to get home at a reasonable hour of the Sunday.

The **Hull and West Riding Open** saw Alan Tomlinson, the New Zealander who is staying in this country prior to going to the World Championships, in his second tournament. He had previously entered the **Sussex**. Alan followed up by beating Ingber in the **Merseyside** and winning the **Birmingham**.

The **Merseyside**, with the advantages of a wonderful venue, was also a success. The main cause for concern here is the small local entry. Speke, some say, is too far on the way out of Liverpool to be considered local.

**Birmingham** was more successful than for a number of years, but many feel it would help matters if each event were completed up to the final stage before the next was started. With all the events taking place in some stages concurrently, there was the inevitable position of a player holding up the tournament by still being left in more than one.

Back to the **North of England**. Last month I mentioned the draw for the men's singles in this tournament and due to the unfortunate wording, I could, quite possibly, have been taken as making an insinuation which was not intended. **I do apologise for this and am assured that, as every year, the draw for the North of England Open was done perfectly fairly.**

## THE NATIONAL CUPS

**M**ANCHESTER, winners for the past five years, made a convincing start in defence of the **Wilmott Cup** when they overwhelmed Oldham 8-1 to reach the final of Zone 3 where they will be opposed by Preston, who edged out Liverpool at 5-4. Birmingham, who promise a strong challenge from the Midlands, crushed Leicester 9-0.

Birmingham, who are bidding to regain the **Rose Bowl**, won last season by Sutton, received a strong test from West Bromwich before getting home 5-4. They will now meet Kettering in the final of Zone 5. Sutton beat Willesden 5-2 in the first round.

**WILMOTT CUP: FIRST ROUND:** Barnsley w.o. Northumberland; York 5, Bradford 4; Huddersfield 9, Whitehaven 0; Nottingham 5, Mansfield 4; Scunthorpe 4, Doncaster 5; Grimsby 3, Chesterfield 6. Sheffield 8, Lincoln 1; Salford 3, Liverpool 6; Leicester 9, Oldbury 0; Leicester 9, Oldbury 0; Wellington 0, West Bromwich 9; Great Yarmouth 3, Boston 6; Lowestoft 5, Ipswich 2; Wisbech 5, Norwich 2; Ilford 4, Sutton 5; Wandsworth 0, Willesden 9; Bromley 5, London Banks 4; Wembley 9, London Business Houses 0; Travel Trades 5, Basildon 4; London University 9, Nalco 0; Romford 8; Croydon 1; Insurance Offices 8, Dagenham 1; South London 1, East London 5; Aylesbury 3, Newbury 5; Chilton 1, Maidenhead 5.

**SECOND ROUND:** Barnsley 5, York 1; Nottingham 3, Doncaster 6; Manchester 8, Oldham 1; Liverpool 4, Preston 5; Mid-Chesters 2, Bolton 7; Birmingham 9, Leicester 0; Cambridge 3, Boston 6; Stevenage 0, Oxford 7; London Civil Service 5, Sutton 2; Crawley 5, Leatherhead 4; Beckenham 1, Willesden 8; Barking 3, Wembley 6; North Middlesex 5, Romford 4; Southampton 2, Bournemouth 5; Bognor 1, Worthing 5.

**ROSE BOWL: FIRST ROUND:** Ipswich 9, Wisbech 0; Croydon 0, East London 6; Willesden 2, Sutton 5; London Business Houses 5, Romford 4; Southend 3, Dagenham 6.

**SECOND ROUND:** Huddersfield 3, Grimsby 0; Barnsley 5, Sheffield 1; Oldham 2, Preston 7; West Bromwich 4, Birmingham 5; Lowestoft 2, Norwich 5; Oxford 2, Watford 5; Stevenage 8, Luton 1; Barking 1, Bromley 5; London Banks 0, Dagenham 9; Crawley 0, Portsmouth 9; Southampton 6, Brighton 3; Worthing 0, Bournemouth 9.

## NEW SPIRIT IN DORSET

**A**FTER so many seasons at the bottom of Division 2 (West) Dorset shook champions Devon in their first match by gaining a 5-5 draw at Dorchester. It was a pleasant surprise to see the County team fighting so hard against considerable odds and the players are confident of finishing in the best ever position—perhaps as champions.

The unorthodox Cyril Bush and stylist Ray Bassett each won their singles, with Bush and Mrs. Joyce Coop pulling off a good mixed doubles win. But for a bad spell mid-way through a thrilling match Dorset would have captured both points. They were given a great start and 1-2-1 after the men's singles, but Devon were vastly superior in the doubles and looked certain to win at 5-2, but it was Dorset who produced some excellent play to fight back and draw level.

Small wonder the players and officials were in a jubilant mood afterwards. Devon invariably inflict heavy setbacks on the county and their team was the same that won them the championship last season and beat Somerset 7-3 this season. In the last two seasons Dorset were beaten 9-1 and 8-2 by Devon.

Undoubtedly a new spirit in Dorset is responsible for the unexpected change of fortune. Another factor is the practice sessions by the county team and potential players which enables them to know each other's play and particularly benefits the Ladies, who get so little match practice in their Leagues.

## YOUNGER FORCE

The County Association was threatened with extinction at their A.G.M. when several leading officers resigned but a younger force has taken over and has been lucky in gaining the support of the clubs in the county.

The County League has increased its strength by the return of Poole, after a year's absence, and although Dorset's largest borough still finds it difficult to run, due to shortage of officers, they are making a big effort this season.

The Dorchester, Weymouth and Wimbome Leagues have maintained their strength—Weymouth re-forming a Junior League. There has been so much interest by ladies in Dorchester that the town is entering a team in the County League for the first time.

Barry Weller.

## FROM THE POSTBAG

### Have Players Ever Complained?

**T**HE question of light clothing and reflecting rackets is very much in the limelight. In the past I have seen a referee rebuke a player for wearing an "off white" shirt, while there was a "shining white" wall in the background.

**As an umpire I have never yet heard a player complain that he has been "put off" by the colour of his opponent's clothing or racket.**

I should like all players, whether they be of international, county, league

or club status, to write to the Editor of TABLE TENNIS stating whether or not they have ever been put off by an opponent's clothing or racket.

I am one of the first to agree that laws and regulations must be strictly observed. But no officials, however, praiseworthy they may be, can make the law operate without the full co-operation of the players.

FRANK BATEMAN  
(Essex).

## BIRMINGHAM OPEN

by Roger Morris

# KIWI'S FIRST SUCCESS

**ALAN TOMLINSON**, of New Zealand, won his first title in this country when he captured the men's singles in the Birmingham Open at the Friends Institute on November 17.

Playing in the typical "All Black" outfit of his country he disposed of Laurie Landry, David Bevan and Terry Densham to reach the final, where he proved too strong for Birmingham's Ralph Gunnion and won in straight games 21-16, 21-9. His closest match was in the quarter final against Bevan, where after losing the first game he recovered to win 13-21, 21-12, 21-19.

Gunnion went to the final via Brian Barr, George Livesey, and Joe Somogyi, whom he edged out at 23-21, 17-21, 24-22.

The local derby between Derek Baddeley (the only seeded player to reach the semi-finals) and Gunnion

through some tough games in the earlier rounds. In any case it was good to see them competing at Birmingham again after the unfortunate incident in last year's finals.

The boys' singles provided Keith Jones with his first open title when he easily beat club-mate Graham Pressick in the semi-final and Dennis Holland in a hard fought final, to completely upset the new English junior rankings.

Pam Mortimer and Audrey Bates, although taken to three in both the semi-final and final, eventually won the women's doubles. Miss Mortimer then partnered Baddeley to win the mixed doubles. After scraping through against the New Zealanders Tomlinson and Miss J. Crosby in the semi-final they beat David Lowe and Miss Williams in a final, which was one-way traffic of loop and smash.

In the absence of Lesley Bell, Judy Canham proved too much for the opposition in the girls' singles, and the tournament was rounded off with yet another veteran's win for Harry Spiers. He has now won the veteran's title for eight successive years.

## RESULTS

**Men's Singles: Semi-Finals:** A. TOMLINSON (New Zealand) bt. T. Densham (Herts) 24-22, 21-15; R. GUNNION (Warwicks.) bt D. Baddeley (Warwicks.) 21-14, 21-15.  
**Final:** TOMLINSON bt Gunnion 21-16, 21-9.

**Women's Singles: Semi-Finals:** C. D. BLACKSHAW (Yorks.) bt L. Proudlock (Yorks.) 21-19, 21-15; J. WILLIAMS (Herts) bt M. Cumberbatch (Staffs.) 21-8, 21-11.  
**Final:** BLACKSHAW bt Williams 21-19, 21-15.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** T. DENSHAM / M. CREAMER (Middx.) bt R. Gunnion/L. Landry (Middx.) 21-4, 12-21, 21-15; D. NEALE / P. DUNCOMBE (Yorks.) bt P. Bevan/G. Evans (Cardiff) 21-12, 21-16.  
**Final:** DENSHAM/CREAMER bt Neale/Duncombe 21-18, 21-19.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** I. OGUS (Middx.)/S. HESSION (Essex) bt P. Venus/J. Redfern (Middx.) 22-20, 21-15; P. MORTIMER (Warwicks.)/A. BATES (Wales) bt L. Proudlock/C. Blackshaw 16-21, 21-14, 21-5.  
**Final:** MORTIMER/BATES bt Ogus/Hession 11-21, 21-14, 21-14.

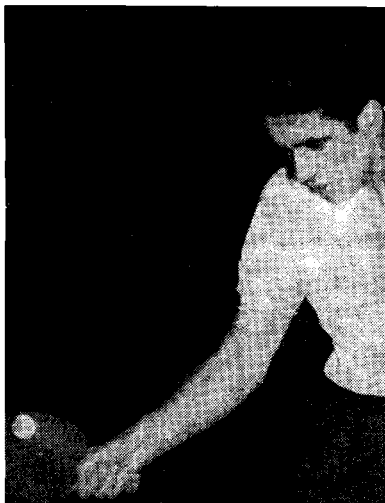
**Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BADDERLEY/Miss MORTIMER bt Tomlinson/Miss J. Crosby (N.Z.) 12-21, 21-8, 21-19; D. LOWE (W. London)/Miss WILLIAMS bt Densham/Miss A. Taft (Herts) 21-18, 12-21, 21-18.  
**Final:** BADDELEY/MORTIMER bt Lowe/Williams 21-19, 21-13.

**Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals:** D. HOLLAND (Glos.) bt J. Mansfield (Wales) 21-16, 21-15; K. JONES (Warwicks.) bt G. Pressick (Warwicks.) 21-8, 21-14.  
**Final:** JONES bt Holland 21-14, 20-22, 21-16.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals:** J. CANHAM (Herts) bt I. Sykes (Warwicks.) 21-11, 21-8; L. HENWOOD (Essex) bt M. Billington (Warwicks.) 21-17, 21-10.  
**Final:** CANHAM bt Henwood 21-11, 21-8.

**Junior Doubles: Semi-Finals:** JONES/PRESSWICK bt R. Heath/T. Boulton (Warwicks.) 21-10, 21-13; R. HAMPSON / M. JOHNS (Cheshire) bt P. Haydon/L. Brown (Warwicks.) 21-13, 21-9.  
**Final:** JONES/PRESSWICK bt Hampson/Johns 21-14, 16-21, 21-19.

**Veteran's Singles: Semi-Finals:** H. SPIERS (Warwicks.) bt N. Lusher (Yorks.) 21-15, 21-11; L. HOFFMAN (Middx.) bt R. Williams (Warwicks.) 21-12, 21-16.  
**Final:** SPIERS bt Hoffman 21-14, 21-19.



RALPH GUNNION

turned out to be rather a damp squib. Jack Clayton, the top seed, lost in the third round to George Muranyi, who was in turn beaten by Densham.

Seeded players also fared badly in the women's singles. Alma Taft, Audrey Bates and Pam Mortimer all went early, while Judy Williams went on to reach the final where she fell to Cynthia Blackshaw, who had beaten her Yorkshire compatriot Lesley Proudlock (conqueror of Miss Taft) in the semi-final.

It was pleasant to see the return of Marjorie Cumberbatch, the former English international. She was playing well and beat her old rival Miss Mortimer, before going out to Miss Williams in the semi-final.

Terry Densham and Mike Creamer brushed aside the opposition in the men's doubles semi-final and final, although they were fortunate to get

## JACK CARRINGTON'S NOTEBOOK

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broad acres (and of my birth) produce a few more broad minds to study coaching seriously?

**SUSSEX:** Enthusiastic meetings took place at Midhurst, Petworth, Bognor, Hailsham, Haywards Heath and East Grinstead. The Crawley and Reigate League coaches studied hard last summer, and have done great work at the neighbouring classes mentioned above.

**APOLOGIES:** To the many other, almost daily, gatherings, which I cannot mention here, and to the coaches who so cheerfully lend a hand.

**COACHING AS A CAREER?** 15-year-old Ann Howick, daughter of the Hertfordshire Coaching Secretary, confessed to me that she was passing on her coaching lessons to her class at school.

When I asked, "Is it hard work?" she replied, "Yes, but then I am excused the 2d. fee which they have to pay."

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## MERSEYSIDE OPEN

By GEORGE R. YATES

# WRIGHT WINS GREAT FINAL

**C**OMPARISONS are said to be odious yet all other events comprising the Merseyside Open, staged by the Liverpool League at Messrs. Dunlop's spacious Speke factory on November 9-10, pale significantly when assessed alongside the storm-rent men's singles won by Southern invader Brian Wright.

Undoubtedly the final between Wright and Mike Symonds was one out of the top drawer, but the shock ingredient of the whole event hailed from the further distance of the Commonwealth.

Fresher than the wind that whipped in over the Mersey Bar was the impact of New Zealand's No. 2 Alan Tomlinson, making his third tournament appearance in this country since arriving five weeks previously.

Tall and rangy, this 28-year-old Auckland newspaper agent commanded all eyes in bringing about the downfall of No. 1 seed Jeff Ingber in the quarters. Having previously disposed of Mike Creamer, Roy Morley and Derek Baddeley, the traveller was finally halted by Symonds in a swashbuckling semi that had the crowd thundering their applause.

Wright's progress was easily accomplished until his quarter encounter with Peter Duncombe, who is surely destined for Brian Kennedy's discarded mantle.

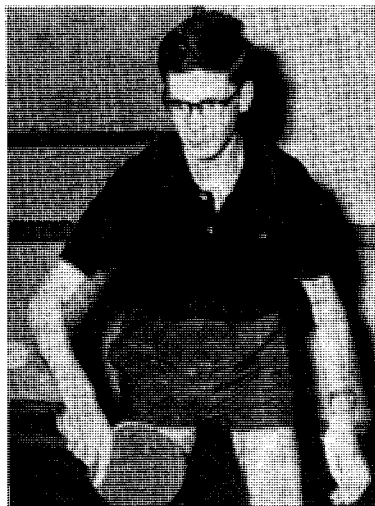
On the other hand Symonds, seeded No. 3, virtually scraped home in a tremendous fourth-round duel with Derek Schofield, "panic stations" being in evidence when, at a vital stage in the decider, play was held up for an umpiring decision, which was finally resolved by a let call.

More composed in his quarter set against Kevin Forshaw, Symonds laid his Mancunian bogey albeit his opponent was at pains to show his disapproval of the tactics employed—real or imaginary.

**Jack Clayton, holder and fourth seed, released his grip of the "W.T. Lancashire" Cup in losing to Brian Hill, who went on to beat Laurie Landry.**

Middlesbrough's unranked Alan Ransome, who performs for Durham county juniors, achieved fame in ousting the talented Chester Barnes in the second round at which hurdle Ralph Gunnion was also despatched by Forshaw.

Blackpool and Heywood have little in common but the leading female exponents of these two Lancashire towns, Ivy Kershaw and Connie Moore, were in unison in the final of the women's singles.



Picture by Michael McLaren

**BRIAN WRIGHT**

Both were intent on giving nothing away and a dour struggle ensued before the inscription of I. Kershaw was noted for adding beneath that of the undefending Mary Shannon on the "Mac" Cup.

National seed Pam Mortimer went out to M. Phillips; Di Fitzgerald made her curtsy to Mrs. Kershaw.

Admirably supported by Yorkshire's Mike Dainty, Tomlinson got himself on the prize list in the men's doubles, the Forshaw/Crusham combination not being allowed to wreak their North of England devastation in this final.

Predominantly local, both the women's and mixed doubles stayed within the home county, Moore/Fitzgerald and Allcock/Moore adding to their North of England successes.

True to form the boys' singles brought the seeds together, Barnes encountering no great difficulty in adding to his string of successes at David Stanley's expense.

Maureen Billington's scratching from the girls' event left but two

## RESULTS

**Men's Singles: Quarter - Finals:**  
A. R. Tomlinson (New Zealand) bt J. Ingber (Lancs.) 21-18, 21-16; M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt K. Forshaw (Lancs.) 21-14, 11-21, 21-9; B. Hill (Lincs.) bt L. F. Landry (Middx.) 17-21, 21-16, 21-19; B. D. Wright (Middx.) bt P. C. Duncombe (Yorks.) 22-20, 20-22, 21-12.

**Semi-Finals: SYMONDS** bt Tomlinson 21-17, 21-19. **WRIGHT** bt Hill 21-19, 21-18.

**Final: WRIGHT** bt Symonds 13-21, 21-16, 21-19.

**Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: C. MOORE** (Lancs.) bt M. Phillips (Wales) 21-15, 21-14; I. KERSHAW (Lancs.) bt J. Abraham (Middx.) 21-14, 21-12.

**Final: KERSHAW** bt Moore 21-10, 15-21, 22-20.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: TOMLINSON/M. DAINTY** (Yorks.) bt M. Creamer (Middx.)/R. Morley (Glouc.) 21-18, 21-14; FORSHAW/R. CRUSHAM (Lancs.) bt R. Smith/P. Turtle (Lancs.), 21-12, 21-17.

**Final: TOMLINSON/DAINTY** bt Forshaw/Crusham 21-17, 14-21, 21-15.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: MOORE/FITZGERALD** (Lancs.) bt F. Dainty/F. Rolling (Yorks.) 23-25, 21-17, 21-18; M. LEIGH/W. SWIFT (Lancs.) bt P. Mortimer (Warwicks.)/Phillips 21-13, 15-21, 22-20.

**Final: MOORE/FITZGERALD** bt Leigh/Swift 21-12, 21-18.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: R. ALLCOCK** (Lancs.)/Miss Moore bt D. Baddeley (Warwicks.)/Mortimer 21-19, 21-19; SYMONDS/Miss L. PROUDLOCK (Yorks.) bt Duncombe/C. Blackshaw (Yorks.) 21-14, 21-13.

**Final: ALLCOCK/MOORE** bt Symonds/Proudlock 21-23, 21-15, 21-18.

**Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: C. BARNES** (Essex) bt G. Presswick (Warwicks.) 21-14, 21-16; D. STANLEY (Yorks.) bt D. Holland (Glouc.) 21-18, 16-21, 21-14.

**Final: BARNES** bt Stanley 21-14, 21-16.

**Girls' Singles: Final: P. DAINTY** (Yorks.) bt J. Harrison (Lancs.) 21-14, 21-13.

**Veterans' Singles: Semi-Finals: H. G. SPIERS** (Warwicks.) bt Gould (Lancs.) 21-10, 21-10; H. M. NIXON (Lancs.) bt H. Greaves (Lancs.) 21-19, 12-21, 21-11.

**Final: SPIERS** bt Nixon 21-12, 21-18.

contestants remaining—a truly shocking state of affairs and a poor reflection on the North. Pat Dainty took the title.

Birmingham's Harry S. Spiers, in the veterans' event, was the only title holder to retain a trophy.

## WELSH CORNER

## GLAMORGAN . . . 29-1

Glamorgan have made a good start in their chase for championship honours in the Second Division Midland of the county championships and have dropped only one event in three matches.

They started with an away win against Bedfordshire by 10-0, followed with a 9-1 win over Warwickshire at Neath, then, in that eagerly awaited clash with Monmouthshire, which had quite a bit of "needle," again won 10-0.

Monmouthshire have found it tough going in their first season in this competition and came a cropper in their debut match against Staffordshire, failing to win a game. Weakened by the withdrawal of their No. 1, Donald Norris, the Gwent team found Staffordshire's "looping" not at all to their liking.

However, the Monmouthshire junior made some amends, when, led by John Mansfield, they gained a good win over the Staffordshire juniors.

For their match with Monmouthshire, Glamorgan "fielded" George Evans, Alan Thomas, Ron Davies, Margaret Phillips and Sandra Morgan, while the opposition was provided by Norris, Brian Everson, Mansfield, Elizabeth Gray and Stella Jones. Despite the support of their home crowd, Monmouthshire went downhill steadily.

## CARDIFF SET THE PACE

CARDIFF, with ten points from four matches lead the First Division of the Welsh League. They are followed by Swansea with 9 from 3, Abergavenny 8 from 4, Newport 7 from 3, Aberdare and Eastern Valley each with 5 from 3 and Bridgend 4 from 4.

In the second division Cardiff and Swansea seconds share the lead with 15 points from 5 matches. Barry 13 from 5, Bridgend seconds 11 from 5, Aberdare 8 from 6, Merthyr 7 from 5, Milford Haven 6 from 6, and Rhondda 5 from 3 follow in that order.

Aberdare head the junior division with 16 points from 6 matches, followed by Eastern Valleys 12 from 4, Newport 10 from 4, Abergavenny 9 from 5, Cardiff 7 from 5 and Milford Haven 4 from 4.

Phil Bevan (Cardiff) with ten wins to two losses heads the First Division individual records followed by Graham Williams (Aberdare) 9 wins 3 losses, Roy Fowler (Cardiff) and Johnny Mansfield (Abergavenny) 8 and 4, Michael Prosser (Aberdare), Ken Bull (Cardiff) and Tony Huish (Newport) 7 and 5.

Mansfield also heads the junior records with a hundred per cent, from his 12 matches, and close behind are J. Buck and G. Trenchard (both Eastern Valleys) who have won 11 each and lost 1.

Doug Green with 14 and 1, makes the pace in the second division, followed by Graham Cogbill (Barry) 13 and 2, Fraser Anderson (Barry) and Ray Lewis (Swansea) 11 and 4, and George Davies (Cardiff) 10 and 5.

**NORTH WALES**  
Enthusiastic officials of the Llandudno, Rhyl and Wrexham Leagues are investigating the possibility of forming a Northern Counties Association.

If, as we hope, this takes the place of the defunct North Wales Association and really becomes a strong body, Bangor and Anglesey may rejoin and North Wales will flourish again.

## WELSH TEAM FOR PRAGUE

The Welsh Association has agreed to the aim of sending teams to the World Championships in Prague in April 1963 and to this end a Prize Draw is to be held.

All enthusiasts are asked to help have Wales represented.

## CARDIFF PROVIDE THREE

Cardiff provide three of the five players to represent Wales in the Quadrangular International Championship against England, Scotland and Ireland at Preston on December 8-9. The full team is:

George Evans (Barry), Ron Davies (Pontypridd), Alan Thomas (Cardiff), Audrey Bates (Cardiff) and Margaret Phillips (Cardiff).

## SWANSEA OPEN

## Triple Crown for Audrey

THE Swansea Open on November 3 attracted a good entry and provided some interesting table tennis. Among the "foreign invaders" were Stan Jacobson and Derek Baddeley, both "loopers" with more than a bit of trouble for the Welshmen. They went through to fight out the men's singles final, with Jacobson, the defending holder, winning comfortably.

Jacobson beat the Bristol youngster Bernard Brady in the semi-final, while in the quarters he was opposed by Ron Davies, whose attack was neither accurate nor sustained enough to subdue the Middlesex international.

Baddeley was given a good run by Roy Fowler, who also found attack the best weapon against the loop, but in the semi-final Alan Thomas defended and hit occasionally to take Baddeley to three good games. George Evans was surprisingly beaten by Brady.

In the women's singles, Margaret Phillips played well to beat Elizabeth Gray, then produced her best ever performance to crush Betty Gray after losing the first game. However, she found Audrey Bates, who had little trouble with Sandra Morgan, much too dominating in a straight games final.

Miss Bates gained a second title in the women's doubles, where she partnered Betty Gray to beat Miss Phillips and Margaret Jones, who was making a welcome return to the game.

Betty Gray formed a scratched pairing with Ron Davies to beat the favourite, George Evans and Miss Phillips in the mixed doubles.

Davies was another to collect a second title, partnering Evans to come from behind and win the men's doubles against Jacobson and the "exile" David Jones, who had beaten Baddeley and Everson in the semi-final. Davies and Evans beat Alan Morris and Glyn Morgan in the other semi-final.

David McGarry, of Bristol, beat off a Welsh challenge to overcome T. Buck, of Blaemavon, and win the boys' singles.

## SWANSEA OPEN

Men's Singles: S. JACOBSON (Middx.) bt D. Baddeley (Warwicks.). Women's Singles: A. BATES bt M. Phillips.

Men's Doubles: R. DAVIES/G. EVANS bt Jacobson/D. Jones. Women's Doubles: BATES/B. GRAY bt Phillips/M. Jones. Mixed Doubles: DAVIES/Miss GRAY bt Evans/Miss Phillips.

Boys' Singles: D. McGarry (Bristol) bt T. Buck.

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**HULL OPEN**

By R. Bamford

**A DOUBLE FOR NEALE**

**HIGHLIGHT** of the Hull and East Riding Open Tournament, held at Madeley Street Baths on November 3, was the sparkling men's singles final in which Middlesbrough's 18-year-old Denis Neale took the title with a 21-15, 22-20 win over South African No. 1 Derek Wall.

The young Teessider, using a powerful forehand attack, interspersed with a delicate drop shot, proved just too good for Wall, whose brilliant retrieving brought repeated bursts of applause from the spectators.

In the semi-final Wall had overcome Ralph Gunnion (Birmingham) with surprising ease, the Birmingham player never really hitting his true form, while Neale's victim at the same stage was former Junior International George Livesey (Burnley).

Neale took a second title when he partnered Doncaster's Peter Duncombe to a comfortable men's doubles win over Eric Johnson and Maurice Pitts. The latter pair were rarely troubled until the semi-final, where they took three games to dispose of another Yorkshire pair Ray Hinchliff and Maurice Simpson. The winners, however, came through the hard way, putting out Colonials Wall and Tomlinson, as well as A. Coby and R. Turner, an East Anglian team who had gained a shock victory over Livesey and Farnworth.

The ladies' events were dominated by young South Yorkshire pair Cynthia Blackshaw (Doncaster) and Lesley Proudlock (Sheffield), with Cynthia taking all three titles. She beat Lesley in a straight-sets singles final before pairing up with the Sheffield



DENIS NEALE

girl to take the doubles.

Cynthia's third title came in the mixed doubles with Peter Duncombe, for whom it was as previously.

Two local players figured in the finals of the junior events, but neither surmounted the final hurdle. Paul Canham, ranked No. 2 in Yorkshire, fell to John Keys (No. 3), while Irene Allon failed to do herself justice against Joan Wooding (Bletchley).

**RESULTS**

**Men's Singles: Semi-Finals:** D. NEALE (Middlesbrough) bt G. Livesey (Burnley) 15-21, 21-17, 21-15. D. WALL (South Africa) bt R. E. Gunnion (Birmingham) 21-12, 21-1, 21-9.  
**Final:** NEALE bt Wall 21-15, 22-20.

**Women's Singles: Semi-Finals:** C. D. BLACKSHAW (Doncaster) bt L. Hamilton (Barnsley) 15-21, 21-11, 21-16. L. S. PROUDLOCK (Sheffield) bt C. Judson (Sheffield) 21-18, 21-15.  
**Final:** BLACKSHAW bt Proudlock 21-12, 23-21.

**Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals:** J. E. KEYS (Doncaster) bt A. Ransome (Middlesbrough) 21-15, 21-11. P. C. CANHAM (Hull) bt R. Todd (Sunderland) 21-14, 21-18.  
**Final:** KEYS bt Canham 15-21, 21-12, 21-12.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals:** J. WOODING (Bletchley) bt J. Downes (Sunderland) 21-12, 21-12. I. ALLON (Hull) bt W. Clarkson (Northumberland) 21-13, 21-17.  
**Final:** WOODING bt Allon 21-9, 21-12.

**Men's Double: Semi-Finals:** NEALE/P. C. DUNCOMBE (Doncaster) bt A. Coby/J. Turner (Norwich) 21-18, 21-17. M. J. PITTS (Bradford)/E. T. JOHNSON (Leeds) bt R. Hinchliff (Huddersfield)/M. H. Simpson (Sheffield) 21-23, 21-4, 21-14, 21-11.  
**Final:** NEALE/DUNCOMBE bt Pitts/Johnson 21-13, 21-10.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BLACKSHAW/PROUDLOCK bt C. Judson (Sheffield)/J. Jones (Bradford) 21-17, 21-13. L. NISBET (Leeds)/J. WOODING (Bletchley) bt K. Morritt/S. Tomlinson (Hull) 21-7, 21-8.  
**Final:** BLACKSHAW / PROUDLOCK bt Nisbet/Wooding 21-11, 21-7.

**Mixed Doubles, Semi-Finals:** DUNCOMBE / Miss BLACKSHAW (Doncaster) bt Neale/Miss L. Hamilton (Barnsley) 21-15, 7-21, 21-14. PITTS/Mrs. M. DYSON (Huddersfield) bt Simpson/Miss Proudlock 22-20, 14-21, 21-17.  
**Final:** DUNCOMBE / BLACKSHAW bt Pitts/Dyson 21-19, 21-10.

**LANCS. and CHESHIRE****SYMONDS CHOOSES BOLTON**

Both Blackpool and Liverpool Business Houses, the two promotees to Division 1 of the Lancashire and Cheshire League, travelled for nil returns in their opening matches. Of the two, the seiders, as opposed to the riversiders, made the greater impression taking four sets from Burnley, who were fully represented by George Livesey, Jack Keogh and Arthur Hartshorn.

David Frolick brought off a shock in defeating Livesey, who was again hard pressed in disposing of Gordon Beardsworth, whose only loss this was. More will be heard of this young man with the captivating smile who also plays in the Bolton and Preston Leagues.

Roy Jones was the only singles winner for the Merseysiders at the expense of Eric Duthie, a doubles success giving the visitors two sets to Stockport's eight.

In Division 2 (East) Manchester "A" were torn asunder by Burnley "A", led by Bob Wright, a triple winner.

Opting again for Preston, despite removal to Blackpool, Fred Kershaw led his newly promoted team to a 10-0 defeat of relegated Southport in Division 2 (West). Aiding and abetting the former Essex man were Barry Hodson and Peter Dixon.

Liverpool's Moya Jones outshone her league's closed champion, Judy Crafter, in beating both Manchester's Connie Moore and Winnie Swift.

The Mancunians, best served by Mary

Leigh, a treble winner, triumphed 7-3. Miss Swift surrendered a second set to Muriel Wilcox.

Newly constituted this season the Youths Division comprising seven teams saw four of them—Blackpool, Burnley, Preston and Wirral—open up with 10-0 wins.

Contrary to Manchester's possible inclusion of Mike Symonds in their Wilcott Cup team, as reported under the heading "The National Cups" in the November issue, this will not be so. Mike has opted for the Bolton League being again a registered member of the "Trotters" inter-league team, which finished second to Manchester last term.

Symonds is a co-member of both leagues, No. 1 for Pyramid in Manchester and Farnworth Boys' Club in Bolton.

George R. Yates.

**SAVED**

The North East of England Open, the popular Scarborough Easter tournament which was in danger of being discontinued this season, is to be held after all.

W. Mitten informs us that a new venue has been found at the Wallis Holiday Camp, Cayton Bay, which is approximately two miles out of Scarborough. It will as usual be held over Easter.

## IRISH SCENE

By NEIL HURLEY

## CAFFREY BEATS INGBER

AT last Ireland appear to have a player capable of at least extending the best in the home countries. I refer to Tommy Caffrey, our brightest star for many years, who excelled himself in the recent Leinster Open by beating Derick Burridge, and the current England No. 2, Jeff Ingber to take the men's title for the fourth successive year.

## INTER-PROVINCIAL CONTESTS

Ulster retained the **Robert Greer Shield** with victories against Munster and Leinster at the Triangular Inter-provincial Contests, at Ballymena, Co. Antrim on November 16-17.

As holders, the Northerners were favourites, but few expected they would have wins over the Leinster No. 1 players Tommy Caffrey and Violet Lambert.

Caffrey's defeat was a big shock, for he was expected to go through unbeaten but Carrell McBride stopped him with a clearcut straight games victory. Elizabeth Reid did likewise in her top ladies clash with Violet Lambert. Thus McBride and Mrs. Reid emerged as the heroes of the Ulster side.

**Summary of Results:** Ulster bt Munster 14-1; bt Leinster 8-7. Leinster bt Munster 11-4.

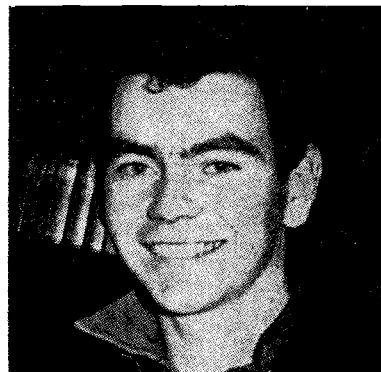
**Teams:** Ulster: C. McBride, E. Allen, C. Thompson, Mrs. E. Reid, Miss J. Stinson. Leinster: T. Caffrey, W. Pappin, G. A. Duffy, Miss V. Lambert, Miss B. Butler. Munster: D. Foley, T. Seacy, N. Hurley, Miss F. Dawkins, Miss B. Harris.

It is heartening to note that the Management Committee of the Irish Association are taking steps to reorganise the game in the West of Ireland. With this in mind Mr. Clare Moore, the Irish Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Billy Kidd, a member of the management, went to Sligo recently to help in the formation of a Connaught Branch.

If their efforts are successful then it is almost certain that a Connaught team will participate in next year's Inter-provincial contests.

## IRISH OFFICERS

**Mr. Norman M. Wilson** is again President of the Irish T.T.A. for this season. The other officers are: **Chairman:** E. N. Seymour. **Hon. Secretary:** C. A. Moore, 78 Orby Drive, Belfast 5. Phone 59923. **Hon. Treasurer:** R. I. Gill, 4, Oaklands Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. **Branch Hon. Secretaries:** **Leinster:** J. A. Marsh, 67, Grove Park Rathmines, Dublin 6. **Munster:** T. A. Seacy, Dinglewood, Rhodaville Estate, Douglas, Cork. **Ulster:** W. Kidd, 65, Breda Road, Belfast 8.



TOMMY CAFFREY

Caffrey opened up to give a dazzling display of power table tennis. In his semi-final clash with Burridge, and again the final against Ingber, the Balbriggan, Co. Dublin man suffered heavy reverses in his first games but recovered to win magnificently.

In his short, but highly impressive, career, Tommy has done much to put Ireland on the table tennis map, and judging from his recent displays—he

also won the Ulster Open singles and had similar success at the Co. Dublin Open—he is likely to cause many upsets in the future.

## The Irish Open

**THE Irish Open** has been arranged for Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, the home town of Tommy Caffrey, on February 1-2.

Johnny Leach hopes to defend the title and the organisers are hoping that the organisers are hoping that the E.T.T.A. will give permission for Diana Rowe and Mary Shannon to compete.

The Championships are being sponsored by **SMYCO** of Balbriggan. Entry forms are now available from **Leslie Cashell, Glendale, Seapoint, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin** or from the office of the E.T.T.A. The closing date is **January 19**.

Other Sanctioned Irish tournaments are: **Dec. 10-15:** Ulster Co. Singles (Preliminary Rounds). **Dec. 28-29:** Leinster Open (Junior events). **Jan. 5.** Ulster Co. Singles (Finals). **Jan. 12.** Limerick Open. **Jan. 18-19.** Co. Down Open. **Jan. 26.** Limavaddy Open and Tipperary Open. **Feb. 1-2.** Irish Open. **Feb. 8-9** Co. Antrim Open. **Feb. 15-16.** Fermanagh Open. **Feb. 16-17.** Goulding Invitation Open, Cork. **Feb. 18-23.** East of Ireland Open. **March 8-9.** Irish Closed, Limerick. **March 22-23.** North/West Open. **March 30.** Laoighis/Offaly Open.

## IRISH RANKINGS

**THE** latest Irish rankings lists are:

**MEN:** 1. T. Caffrey (Leinster). 2. C. McBride (Ulster). 3. E. Allen (Ulster). 4. H. O'Prey (Ulster). 5. D. Foley (Munster). 6. W. Pappin (Leinster).

**WOMEN:** 1. V. Lambert (Leinster). 2. E. Reid (Ulster). 3. B. Butler (Leinster). 4. J. Johnson (Ulster). 5. A. Mahony (Leinster). 6. F. Dawkins (Munster).

## CHECK YOUR SCORE

(See page 6)

**SCORE** three points for every (a), two points for a (b) and one point for a (c).

33 to 36:

*You're a rare bird. Nothing rattles you. You're always calm, polite and pleasant. You won't get far in this game though—no fight.*

24 to 35:

*You're quite a decent type too. Probably fly off the handle now and again but then we all do, except the 33-36 group, of course. You're quite a good player, aren't you?*

18 to 23:

*Come now, it's only a game! From where you are it's only a short step to a flick-knife in the handle of your bat. Relax . . . that's why you lose so many games.*

0 to 17:

*Shouldn't you be playing some other game? You obviously don't get much fun out of this one.*

## AROUND EAST ANGLIA

## DO YOU KNOW REGION 7?

HOW MANY NORFOLK PLAYERS have heard of REGION 7? This is E.T.T.A.'s Eastern Region (Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex). Our Elected Member on the National Executive Committee is Mr. Harry Walker.

The pride of the Eastern Region is, of course, Essex. They have taken their Juniors to Open Tournaments all over England and helped to make Chester Barnes, Lesley Bell and the Sayers twins household names. I ask, can this type of help be extended to counties further afield?

Suffolk have produced several Junior Internationals—Peter Cole, John Collins, Dave Halliday. Shall we ever see one from Norfolk?

Credit, then, to five Norfolk youngsters, who, on their own initiative, started for the Hull Open at 5.30 one morning, returned at 4 a.m. the next. Their names? "Jock" Wilson and David Skedge (who shared the driving), Alan Coby and J. Turner, who splendidly reached the semi-finals of the doubles, and Tony Cooper.

Norwich Coach, Les. Holdom, has 20 pupils at Tuesday classes, including

six girls. Girls we must have before Norfolk can enter the Junior County Championships. At Yarmouth Mrs. Joan Rodwell restarts coaching (on Mondays) for girls from 8 to 15 at Bauleah House, St. Nicholas Road.

Welcome, as a new subscriber to TABLE TENNIS, to Miss J. C. Leman, Norwich Youth Officer. At the first Norwich Youth Day, an evening tournament was run by Mr. A. Lancaster at Lakenham Youth Centre. Four tables (more accurately, "tops") and a boy's entry of 32, contested merrily with what Knotty Point 8 refers to as "a continuous sound of even volume"—"pop" music from the other end of the hall. David Blanch (16), of Norwich Lads' Club, beat his twin brother 21-18, 21-8 in the final, and 17-year-old Lesley Hanton beat Elizabeth Veness (16) in the Girls'. These girls are dangerously near the age limit for juniors. We must start by encouraging earlier play in schools.

Messrs. G. F. Rix, E. J. Fairhead, Bill Minors and Tony Hipperson went to Cromer to give a talk and demonstration to re-arouse interest in that area.

Norfolk lost 10-0 to Essex and 9-1 to Hertfordshire. Tony Hipperson won the one. But a pleasing feature was a 5-4 win for Norfolk Juniors (C. Fields and R. Sandall of Yarmouth Panthers, and David Blanch) in a friendly versus Herts at Hatfield.

Wisbech unexpectedly beat Norwich in the Wilmott Cup. Slight, Osborne and Frost won 5-2. Holdom won one, and also Malcolm Clarke. "Jock" Wilson just lost his three. With two newcomers, this was not our strongest team. Afterwards, it was announced that 16 players would attend trials in an attempt to strengthen Norwich teams.

C.E.Y.M.S., St. Barnabas and Gothic lead the league, and it looks like three teams in Division I for C.E.Y.M.S. next season. St. John's at home went down 4-6 to Tankards, one game between Curson and Eames going to 34-32. Is this a record?

Jack Carrington's visits and Douggie Clutton's coaching are bearing fruit at Yarmouth. Wesley Haydock, Philip Tye and Graham Edwards show promise. A victory over Lowestoft was the first for many seasons. But Boston were too strong for Yarmouth (6-3) in the Wilmott Cup. Wymondham went down 10-0 to Norwich B in their first E. Anglian League match, after a good game.

Dereham's Dinner is on Friday, January 11. Book the Date!

King's Lynn continue to play on their own. But Mr. K. E. Hooke, 15 Cedar Way, West Lynn, will be glad to hear from Lynn players who wish to take this magazine.

This is the first birthday of our East Anglian page. May I thank some who have written in appreciation. Please let me have photographs, so that others may know our leading players.

## IPSWICH DISAPPOINT

Suffolk's twin tournaments, the "Top Ten" and "Leading Ladies", are now under way, and the first leg of each provided some surprise results.

Pam Rogers was a notable absentee from the ladies event, and Lowestoft's Ann Baldry was a surprise winner after a series of matches that utterly confounded the County ranking list. Brenda Brown lost two in rapid succession to Doris Fon and Ann Pearson, the latter player going on to win group A.

Group B proved a three-cornered battle between Hazel Hawkes, Linda Barrett and Ann Baldry, who beat each other in turn, with Hazel Hawkes winning the play-off for the group. She went on to beat Ann Pearson in the inter-group, taking a total of ten points for the singles events. However, luck deserted Hazel in the doubles in which she failed to win a point, and she ended as joint-second with Linda Barrett, one point behind Ann Baldry.

The Top Ten followed a similar pattern, Howard Osborne losing two in his group, which was won by Hans Fleck, who crowned a consistent display of table tennis by defeating an off-form Dave Halliday two straight in a disappointing inter-group final. At the end of the proceedings; Fleck was left with a three points lead over Halliday, his nearest rival.

Yet another visit by Jack Carrington added a fillip to the coaching scene during October. Evening Sessions were held at Ipswich and Saxmundham, and Beccles pupils attended morning and afternoon on the Saturday.

Strangely enough, Ipswich, where the Youth Officer and League have laboured so hard, proved a disappointment. Only nine pupils turned up compared with approximately 30 at each of the other three sessions!

Suffolk Juniors commenced their programme with a 10-0 home win over Cambridgeshire. In fairness to the opposition, three of the sets could have gone the other way, and they were much improved compared with the corresponding clash between the two sides last season.

In the Rose Bowl, Ipswich Ladies passed through to the next round without having to play Wisbech, but the men's team crashed unexpectedly to defeat against Lowestoft by 2-5 in the Wilmott Cup. Lowestoft were without Peter Cole and John Collins, and on paper, the match was a certain win for Ipswich.

## RAF CHAMPIONSHIPS

AT the R.A.F.T.T.A. Championship Finals at R.A.F., Stanmore Park, Middlesex, the Station Pairs Championship was won by R.A.F., Tringham, Norfolk, who beat R.A.F. Lymington in the final on November 9. Congratulations for this boost to Norfolk prestige to Cpl. E. James and S.A.C. P. Thorne, who also play for Norwich Y.M.C.A. We hope shortly to include regular R.A.F. news, if Norfolk Stations will appoint a Magazine Secretary.

J. S. Penny.

## CAMBS. IN FULL SWING

THE Cambridgeshire League is now in full swing and already it is clear that Y.M.C.A. I and New Chesterton Institute I are going to be chief contestants for First Division honours. They drew five-all at their first meeting and the return could well decide the issue.

Newly promoted Wesley and Wilburton, have had varied fortunes. Wesley beat Great Ouse River Board but lost to Pest Control, while Wilburton lost their first encounter against Impington I.

Other matches in this Division show that Y.M.C.A. II, who have the services of John Cornwell, still playing as well as ever, are likely to be a force, even though they lost to Y.M.C.A. I.

Young John Ashman, of Wilburton achieved the finest performance of his career when he beat Ron Nunn, of Press, although this did not stop Press from winning.

Nunn scored a great win over John Thurston in the match against New Chesterton Institute, which ended in a thrilling draw.

Cambridge City have made a great start in the South East Midlands League, beating both Bedford and St. Neots 6-4. John Laker and Reg Dean have been the mainstays, while Albert Jackson has helped in his usual dour way.

The juniors John Constable and Brian Wilkin have acquitted themselves well. Wilkin had a good win against Webb of St. Neots, displaying some fine stroke play.

The ladies lost 3-7 to Bedford (after leading 2-0) but overwhelmed St. Neots 9-1. Carol Chapman, Beryl Sekley and Sandra Grainger all played well.

Cambs. junior lost their county match to Suffolk 10-0 but the score was flattering to the winners.

Empiring is a vexed question in Cambridgeshire at the moment and the next Executive Meeting may see some "spring cleaning."

Leslie Constable.

J. S. Penny.

# OFFICIAL NEWS

**County Secretaries Conference:** The conference of county secretaries and representatives was held at the Royal Commonwealth Society, Northumberland-avenue, London on December 1, 1962. The meeting started at 10.15 a.m. and continued until the afternoon, with a break for lunch.

**Official Handbook** has been received from the printers and copies are being distributed to all leagues and members. Extra copies can be obtained from the E.T.T.A. at 2s. 6d. each post free.

**Quadrangular Home Internationals:** It is the turn of the E.T.T.A. to stage the Home Internationals this year and they have been arranged for Atkinsons Vehicles Ltd. at Walton-le-Dale, Nr. Preston on December 7 and 8. The order of play is: December 7 (7 p.m.), England v Ireland; Scotland v Wales. December 8 (2 p.m.), England v Wales; Ireland v Scotland. (7 p.m.), England v Scotland; Ireland v Wales.

The Association wish to express their sincere appreciation to the directors and management of Atkinsons Vehicles Ltd. for all the kindness shown and help given regarding the staging of this event.

**Germany D.T.T.B. Junior Tour of England:** Arrangements are now in hand for the tour of German D.T.T.B. junior players during the period February 27 to March 6, 1963. Besides taking part in the English Open Championships the Germans will play three international matches as follows: February 28 at Bexhill Athletic Club, Bexhill; March 4: Y.M.C.A. Leicester; March 5, St. Lukes Youth Club, London, E.16.

Further details will be given in the next issue.

**English Closed Championships:** These championships will be played at Manor Plac Baths, London, S.E.17 from January 2 to 5, 1963. The times of the various sessions are Wednesday, January 2 (6 p.m.) qualifying. Thursday, January 3 (6 p.m.) Men's Singles first two rounds; Friday, January 4 (10 a.m.) Men's doubles first two rounds, (2 p.m.) men's doubles third

round and women's singles first two rounds. (6 p.m.) men's singles third round and quarter-finals, women's singles quarter- and semi-finals and men's doubles quarter-finals. Saturday January 5 (9.30 p.m.) mixed doubles first three rounds (1.30 p.m.) women's doubles up to semi-finals, men's singles and doubles and mixed doubles semi-finals, (7 p.m.) finals of all events.

Entries close on December 7, 1962.

**English Open Championships:** These will again be held at Brighton (February 27 to March 2) this time both the Corn Exchange and the Dome will be used. The following information may be of interest. All enquiries for tickets must be made to the Dome Box Office, New Road Brighton 1. **FOR THE FINALS OF SATURDAY EVENING ALL SEATS WILL BE NUMBERED AND RESERVED.**

With entries expected from Hungary, Yugoslavia, Sweden, West Germany, Belgium, Australia and New Zealand, it is anticipated there will be a big demand for tickets. Members should therefore book their tickets early in the new year to save disappointment. On Thursday February 28, Mr. G. James, the referee, hopes for the first time ever in the history of the championships to stage an international team competition, for teams of two playing four singles and one doubles.

**World Championships:** Two bulletins have now been received from the Czechoslovakian T.T.A. giving details of the 27th World Championship to be staged in Prague from between April 5 and 14, 1963. It is known that a number of our members are interested in attending the championships and any enquiry for accommodation should be made to Cedok Agency, Prague, as the E.T.T.A. will only be able to make arrangements for the official party.

**Team Selections:** v Germany D.T.T.B. at Guinness Sports Club, London, N.W.10. **I. Harrison** (Gloucestershire)

## English Table Tennis Association

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**Quadrangular Home Internationals:** **I. Harrison** (Gloucestershire), **J. Ingber** (Lancashire), **R. J. Stevens** (Essex), **M. Symonds** (Lancashire), **Miss L. Bell** (Essex), **Miss M. Shannon** (Surrey). Non playing captain **R. J. Crayden** (Surrey).

**Registered Players:** The following have been approved as registered.

**R. Glazier** (Essex), **E. W. Harvey** (London Business Houses), **F. Holman** (Kent), **J. Ingber** (Lancashire), **F. Johnson** (Essex), **L. W. Jones** (Lancashire), **B. A. Kallinka** (Kent), **N. W. Kercher** (Surrey), **L. F. Landry** (Middlesex), **J. A. Leach** (Essex), **A. G. Lindsay** (Middlesex), **Mrs. J. F. McCree** (Essex), **R. Markwell** (Essex), **Hon. I. G. S. Montagu** (Herts.), **J. W. Murphy** (N.A.L.G.O.), **A. R. Payne** (Kent), **Miss B. J. Phillips** (Sussex), **W. A. Reeves** (Derby), **E. J. Rumjahn** (Lancashire), **T. E. Sears** (Middlesex), **Miss M. Shannon** (Surrey), **K. Stanley** (Yorkshire), **G. A. Starke** (London Banks), **M. N. Sugarhood** (London Banks), **P. F. Taylor** (Kent), **R. A. Warner** (Warwickshire), **B. D. Wright** (Middlesex), **V. Barna** (Middlesex), **R. A. Conquest** (Kent), **D. O. Creamer** (Middlesex), **I. Harrison** (Gloucestershire), **Miss P. Mortimer** (Warwickshire).

## HARRISON EXCELS

**IAN HARRISON** came into his own against West Germany at Park Royal on November 24. He won all three of his matches, including fine wins over Erich Arndt and Eberhard Scholer, who rank 3 and 7 respectively in Europe.

However, Jeff Ingber and David Creamer were unable to lend sufficient support and the Germans ran out winners at 3-3.

A motorcycle police escort then cleared the way to rush the Germans to London Airport, bound for Sweden. The normal 30 minutes' journey took them 17 minutes.

### DETAILED RESULTS

**I. Harrison** bt **E. Arndt** 21-15, 17-21, 21-12; bt **E. Scholer** 21-18, 21-12; bt **D. Michalek** 21-18, 17-21, 21-11. **J. Ingber** lost to **Scholer** 17-21, 8-21; lost to **Michalek** 13-21, 21-23; lost to **Arndt** 21-23, 18-21. **D. Creamer** lost to **Michalek** 19-21, 10-21; lost to **Arndt** 11-21, 21-17, 16-21.



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**WARWICKSHIRE NOTES**

**JUDY JOINS BIRMINGHAM**

**BIRMINGHAM** and Leamington are now embarking on the first round of the Wilmott Cup. As Birmingham have the service of Ralph Gunnion and Derek Backhouse I expect them at least to beat Leamington **this** year. But you can never tell—they were beating Leamington last year and the year before, and eventually lost both matches 5-4.

Birmingham should not only have a chance of beating Leamington but of winning the cup (what about it Manchester?) so adding that cup to the string of "Rose" bowl victories. In any case as Britain's second city it is time, they did win it.

The Birmingham "Rose" bowl team is also strengthened this year by the inclusion of Judy Williams. As St. Albans will now not be in a position to beat Birmingham, this trophy could also come "home" again.



**JUDY WILLIAMS**

Our County first team again look like having a fight to retain their Premier Division place. With Cheshire and Essex, recently promoted counties both winning, we shall need at least another four points before we can consider ourselves safe.

Warwickshire did well in the Birmingham Open, taking or sharing six of the nine events and reaching the semi-final and final of two more. Admittedly it was a national County weekend, but the trend for the better continues.

If the players did well, the officials did better! Under the guidance of Fred Smith and Jim Sykes the Tournament ran very smoothly. It is not only the work on the day, but all the effort in getting the place ready and clearing up afterwards that is not thought about. It would help matters if more assistance was forthcoming from some of our local league players. There seems to be a feeling of antipathy towards administrative work in general. So come along you Club Secretaries, lets back up Maurice Goldstein and his small band of workers.

**OVER-SUBSCRIBED**

The day's coaching course on December 1 was over-subscribed. In fact these courses are proving so popular that it is intended to run one each month. Details from **M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham 13** (January course).

Any Birmingham, Coventry or General Warwickshire Club Secretary, who has any interesting news, views, or information should forward the same for my attention at the address mentioned above.

**Roger Morris.**

**FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS**

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of Venue</i>	<i>Extra Events</i>	<i>Organising Secretary</i>
<b>Dec. 7-8</b>	<b>QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT</b> (England v Ireland v Scotland v Wales) Preston.		
<b>7-9</b>	<b>POLISH OPEN</b> Warsaw.		
<b>15-16</b>	<b>Middlesex Open</b> Hanwell Community Centre, Middlesex.	<b>J.B.S.</b> <b>J.G.S.</b>	Miss I. Moss, 49, Okchampton Road, London, N.W.10.
<b>16</b>	<b>Scottish Closed</b> Glasgow.		
<b>Jan. 2-5</b>	<b>ENGLISH CLOSED</b> Manor Place Baths, Walworth.		
<b>5</b>	<b>Yorkshire Junior Open</b> Madeley Street Baths, Hull.	Under 15	K. Park, 7, Moss Rise, Leeds.
<b>11-12</b>	<b>WELSH OPEN</b> (Jan. 2) Llandaff North Drill Hall, Cardiff.		Mrs. Roy Evans, 1, Llwyn-y-Grant Road, Cyncoed, Cardiff.
<b>12</b>	<b>Lancashire Open</b> (Jan. 3) De Havilland Aircraft Co., Lostonk, Bolton.	<b>J.B.S.</b> <b>J.G.S.</b> <b>V.S.</b>	A. Howcroft, 94, Bradford Street, Farnworth, Bolton.
<b>19</b>	<b>Pontefract Open</b> (A) (Jan. 10) Assembly Rooms and Town Hall, Pontefract, Yorks.	<b>J.B.S.</b> <b>J.G.S.</b>	T. Horrocks, 4, Bondgate, Pontefract, Yorks.
<b>19</b>	<b>Bath Open</b> (Jan. 7) Drill Hall, Lower Bristol Road, Bath.	<b>J.B.S.</b>	J. A. Butcher, 1, South View Road, Bath.
<b>25-27</b>	<b>GERMAN D.D.R. OPEN</b>		
<b>Feb. 1- 2</b>	<b>IRISH OPEN</b> (Jan. 19) Balbriggan, Nr. Dublin.	<b>J.B.S.</b> <b>J.G.S.</b>	L. Cashell, Glendale, Seapoint, Balbriggan, Co Dublin.
<b>16-17</b>	<b>South of England</b> (A) (Jan. 30). I.C.T., Welfare Hall, Aurelia Road, Croydon.	<b>J.B.S.</b> <b>J.G.S.</b>	S. H. Buchan, 124, Portnells Road, Coulston, Surrey.
<b>23</b>	<b>Cheshire Junior Open</b> (Feb. 9) Livingstone Street Baths, Birkenhead.		R. A. Bissell, 75, Southdale Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead. Cheshire.
<b>23-24</b>	<b>GERMAN DTTB OPEN</b>		
<b>Feb. 27- March 2</b>	<b>ENGLISH OPEN</b> The Dome and Corn Exchange, Brighton, Sussex.		E.T.T.A. Office, 652, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.
<b>Mar. 9-10</b>	<b>Bucks, Open</b> (Feb. 16) Slough Community Centre, Farnham Road, Slough.	<b>J.B.S.</b> <b>J.G.S.</b>	L. Thompson, "Auchmead," The Avenue, Sunnymeads, Wraybury, Bucks.
<b>17</b>	<b>Sussex Junior Open</b> (Feb. 16) Assembly Hall, Worthing, Sussex.	<b>U.17</b> <b>U.15</b> <b>U.13</b>	M. J. Joyes, 42, Livesay Crescent, Worthing, Sussex.
<b>22</b>	<b>Stevenage Open</b> (Feb. 25) No. 1 Canteen, English Electric Ltd. Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts.	<b>J.B.S.</b> <b>J.G.S.</b>	J. Thompson, 268, Chertsey Rose, Stevenage, Herts.

## SUSSEX OPEN

## Referee Waived the Rules

says FRANK BATEMAN

**THE** Sussex Open at Hastings on October 27-28 attracted its usual large entry, including most of England's ranked players. But it is doubtful if 25 per cent. of them would have been allowed to compete if the referee had adhered rigidly to the rule concerning dark coloured and non-reflecting rackets.

This is a problem that has confronted the referee at every open tournament I have attended this season. And no referee is going to sabotage his own tournament with wholesale disqualification of the rackets.

The players are also confused. They claim that there has been no complaint about their racket at other tournaments or even international matches. It is a tricky question and I am wondering whether some form of colour chart could be used to assess the eligibility or otherwise of rackets.

Ian Harrison, making his first open tournament appearance of the season took the men's singles, while Diane Rowe won the women's title for the third successive year. Both went on to take three titles each. Harrison won the men's doubles with Brian Wright, Miss Rowe took the women's with Mary Shannon, and they combined to win the mixed.

## RESULTS

**Men's Singles: Semi-Finals:** R. STEVENS (Essex) bt A. Rhodes (Middx.) 13-21, 21-18, 21-16. I. HARRISON (Glos.) bt B. Merrett (Glos.) 21-15, 21-14. **Final:** HARRISON bt Stevens 21-12, 15-21, 21-18.

**Women's Singles: Semi-Finals:** D. ROWE (Middx.) bt L. Bell (Essex) 21-12, 21-5, M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt J. Fielder (Kent) 21-16, 22-20. **Final:** ROWE bt Shannon 21-16, 21-15.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** A. LINDSAY/S. JACOBSON (Middx.) bt H. Venner (Surrey)/L. Landry (Middx.) 21-18, 21-9. HARRISON/B. WRIGHT (Middx.) bt K. Forshaw/M. Symonds (Lancs.) 21-19, 21-19. **Final:** HARRISON/WRIGHT bt Lindsay/Jacobson 21-10, 21-16.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** ROWE/SHANNON bt J. Williams (Herts.)/I. Ogus (Middx.) 21-17, 21-19. BELL/Mrs. E. CARRINGTON (Essex) bt Fielder/Mrs. J. Beadle (Kent) 21-14, 21-8. **Final:** ROWE/SHANNON bt Bell/Carrington 21-15, 21-16.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals:** WRIGHT/Miss SHANNON bt A. Piddock (Kent)/Mrs. Beadle 20-22, 21-13, 21-9. HARRISON/Miss ROWE bt M. Thornhill (Middx.)/Mrs. Carrington 21-6, 24-22. **Final:** HARRISON/ROWE bt Wright/Shannon 21-18, 19-21, 21-19.

**Veteran Singles: Semi-Finals:** R. ETHERIDGE (Kent) bt L. Hoffman (Middx.) 21-19, 18-21, 21-7. R. CRAYDEN (Surrey) bt R. Evans (Sussex) 21-13, 21-15. **Final:** ETHERIDGE bt Crayden 19-21, 21-12, 21-19.

Alan Rhodes, the defending men's holder had a tough time in the top quarter, being taken to three games by Kiki Khana, Mickey Thornhill and Mike Symonds before losing an exciting, hard-hitting semi-final to Bobby Stevens.

Young Jimmy Moore did well in the second quarter disposing of Kevin Edwards and Tony Piddock before losing to Joe Somogyi, who in turn fell victim to Stevens. Bryan Merrett, playing his first open—apart from the English—for 18 months, won his quarter but found Harrison too strong in the semi-final. Harrison had previously beaten Terry Densham, Bobbie Reybould and Brian Wright.

**Harrison and Stevens were well matched in the final. In the first game Harrison raced away from a 16-11 lead, but it was Stevens all the way in the second. Harrison built up an early lead in the third but had to fight off a great recovery from Stevens, who pulled up from 14-19 to 18-19 only to lose the next two points and the match.**

Diane Rowe beat both her major rivals in taking the women's title, accounting for Lesley Bell in the semi-final, and Mary Shannon in the final.

Seeded Alma Taft went out to Mary Hicks, who was in turn beaten by Joyce Fielder, victim of Miss Shannon in the semi-final.

Pierre Julians, of Belgium, the only foreign entry, figured in one of the many upsets in the men's doubles

when he partnered Thornhill to beat Raybould and Stevens. But they went out in the next round to Khana and Lowe. Rhodes and Muranyi lost to Venner and Landry leaving Harrison and Wright the only seeds to win through and they made no mistake in taking the title.

Miss Rowe and Miss Shannon, after being taken to three games by Mary Hicks and Alma Taft, had little further trouble in winning the women's doubles.

Harrison and Miss Rowe had to call on all their wide experience in the mixed doubles final before getting the better of Wright and Miss Shannon, who threatened a major upset when they changed over leading 10-8 in the third with the order of service in their favour. Wright's forehand became erratic under pressure otherwise they may well have won.

"New" veteran Ron Etheridge won the veterans singles after a close final with Ron Crayden.

## ACTON TAKING OVER

**WITH** the season barely started, there are indications of a new champion league in Middlesex. Acton, with the Creamer brothers and Ken Craigie, beat the reigning champions, Wembley, 6-3, and Willesden, champions for the four previous years, 5-4. Acton last won in 1956.

The county side have made a bright start with wins over Warwickshire and Surrey 8-1. These were followed by a close call against Gloucestershire, where it was only the defeat of Merrett by Brian Wright and Alan Rhodes that gave us the match 5-4.

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