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LINDA HENWOOD,
an exciting 13 years old
prodigy from Essex, with
every promise of an
international future. See
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LOOKING TO YOUTH

SO many rumours and conflicting reports have circulated since the Conference of County Secretaries, on the subject of the Association's future policy for youth, that it is perhaps appropriate to discuss the matter in these columns.

The Conference was asked to approve a proposal that National Selection Committees should be elected at the Annual General Meeting and it was also asked to discuss the question of selection, particularly the need for an all out youth policy. In the event the proposal about the election of selection committees was rejected, and the Conference approved a modified proposal about future youth policy, recommending that the Association should accelerate its present activities in this sphere.

Clearly, the concept of an all out youth policy is impracticable. Would it be sensible, for example, to send a team of inexperienced teenagers to represent England in the World Championships at Prague?

Stretch the Budget

Just because we are fortunate enough to have teenagers at numbers 2, 3 and 4 on the women's ranking list what selector in his right mind would omit Diane Rowe? On the other hand who would deny the right and need for young players, if they earn their places, to join Di Rowe and Ian Harrison on the plane to Hungary. And if one or two young players would be likely to profit from the experience, yet they do not quite qualify for the team, then the Association would do well to stretch the budget to include them in the party.

Similarly, the Association should do everything within its power to afford to send young players to participate as often as possible in the many

youth tournaments of various kinds which are held all over Europe.

But there is more to a youth policy than the selection of teams and participation in internationals. If the E.T.T.A. is to pursue a productive policy for the encouragement of youth — which it must if the game is to be preserved from greater slump—it must be made simple for the promising young player to make his way to the top through progressive stages, at as early an age as he is able and with the maximum assistance, including financial if necessary.

Facilities have to be provided at all stages, at schools and youth clubs, at league, county and national level—first to find the likely stars and then to encourage and assist them step by step.

Key Factors

The counties voted for an accelerated youth policy and in so doing should remember that they are key factors in helping to develop it. The schools and youth clubs are focal points at which a start must be made. One or two Counties have made a start: most have done nothing.

Schools Leagues, schools knockout tournaments, inter-Borough competitions and the like should be encouraged by every county in the country. And it is at county level that this can best be done because educational and youth organisation throughout the country is on a county basis, and, since the internal organisation varies considerably, it is the county associations which are best placed to set the wheels in motion.

It is they, also, who are best placed to organise area coaching either on a county or league basis with the help, if they require it, of the Director of Coaching, and using the administrative services of the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

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Also more must be done at national level, although the National Executive Committee has not been idle.

In October it set up a sub-Committee to look into the question of the future policy for encouraging table tennis in schools and youth organisations.

Additionally, the attention of the Development Commission has repeatedly been drawn to need for providing the facilities and organisation for encouraging the young player and it is not anticipating the Commission's report to forecast that recommendations in this aspect will figure large in it.

The recommendations of the Conference of County Secretaries are not binding on the National Executive Committee, but the N.E.C. owe it to the membership and the future of table tennis in England to heed this call for extension of youth activities.

There is little doubt that the N.E.C. will answer the call aided by the recommendations of the Development Commission and my the findings of the sub-Committee.

But it must be repeated that the counties also have a duty to pay this subject more than lip service. The strength of English table tennis tomorrow lies in the strength of the organisation for encouraging youth today.

Rhodes Rebuffed

By Harrison Edwards

ALAN RHODES, currently ranked No. 4, has apparently been written off as a candidate for England's World Championships team. At any rate he is not among the eight men and five women for the training session arranged at Ultra Electronics, Acton, on January 20 to assist selectors in choosing England's team.

At 30, it may be that they consider Rhodes is now too old, particularly when there is a growing tendency for emphasis on youth.

But a youth policy would not account for the omission of Brian Wright, 19, of Middlesex, ranked No. 7.

Could it be just coincidence that Rhodes and Wright were the two players involved in the "Expenses Mistake" over the Champion County v. Rest match?

Rhodes has taken the rebuff in the right spirit. "I've been dropped before and come back, so it is up to me to try and do so again," he said, adding "at least it gives me something to fight for."

The players taking part are: **MEN:** Ian Harrison (Glos.), Bryan Merrett (Glos.), Mike Symonds (Lancs.), Jeff Ingber (Lancs.), Chester Barnes (Essex), David Creamer (Middx.), Bobby Stevens (Essex) and Alan Lindsay (Middx.). **WOMEN:** Diane Rowe (Middx.), Lesley Bell (Essex), Mary Shannon (Surrey), Alma Taft (Middx.) and Jean McCree (Essex).

Barnes, who is junior No. 1 and has recently been beating the top seniors, and Lindsay are the only two unranked players taking part.

Three more ranked players passed over are Jack Clayton (Lancs.), Stan Jacobson (Middx.) and Derek Baddeley (Warwicks.).

SHOTS FROM NEWBURY

by Michael Maclaren



Top: Tony Mosson, the organiser, with Ian Harrison and Brian Wright, the doubles winners. Centre: Diane Rowe and Alan Lindsay each try to make a point. Bottom: Alma Taft, beaten semi-finalist.

NEWBURY OPEN

by TONY MOSSON

CREAMER AND BARNES PROVIDE SHOCKS

THE shock result of the Newbury Open, held in the Corn Exchange on December 1-2, was the defeat of Ian Harrison in the men's singles final by David Creamer. The England No. 1 had come through an easy quarter and then beaten Alan Lindsay in a cracking game in the semi-final, whereas Creamer, who started rather rustily, survived against Ralph Gunnion, Brian Brumwell, Brian Wright and Chester Barnes, and came into his own in the final.

He played untouchable table tennis to take the first game at 9. Harrison revealed his class in a great fight back, which gained him the second game, but Creamer came out like a tiger in the decider and with some lightning hits took the first five points. Although he faltered slightly near the end when Harrison almost caught up, Creamer finished in a blaze of glory, winning 21-17.

Earlier in the day Chester Barnes had made a name for himself by knocking out in straight sets ranked players in Derek Baddeley, Alan Rhodes and Bryan Merrett.

The women's singles, with a strong entry, including for the first time some Northern challengers, ran true to form. Diane Rowe, after an early set back when she lost her first game to Christine Holes, sailed through, beating Alma Taft in the semi-final. Judy Williams had an auspicious debut at Newbury, beating Peggy Piper and Jean McCree before going out to Miss Rowe.

In the second half, Lesley Bell and Mary Shannon worked their way through to meet one another and the Essex star was successful in straight sets.

Miss Rowe was an easy winner in the final.

Both junior finals went to three. Jackie Canham played well to level the scores in her match with the favourite Lesley Bell, and went down fighting in the third, which Miss Bell won 21-16.

Dennis Holland had just pipped Tony Robinson in the semi-final at 19 in the decider, to win a place in the final where he met Chester Barnes.

Holland banked on attack, a move which came off and gave him the second game at 22-20. He was, however, unable to keep up the pressure, and Barnes was a comfortable winner at 13 in the decider.

Top seeds Harrison and Wright had little difficulty in reaching the final of the men's doubles, winning all their matches, including that against M. Creamer and Rhodes in the semi-final, two straight. D. Creamer and Merrett were equally impressive in the other half, their closest rivals being Lindsay and Jacobson, whom they defeated 24-22, 21-18.

Teamed together for the first time, Creamer and Merrett were unable to get much joy out of Harrison and Wright in the final and went under 18 and 13.

The women's doubles was a colourful affair with Peggy Piper and Jean McCree doing particularly well to take the second game off Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon. The top pairing hit form in the third though and won game 11.

The mixed doubles produced some enthralling contests, none more so than the semi-final battle between the up and coming Barnes and Miss Bell and the experienced Harrison and Miss Rowe. The seniors wore a frown or two as the Essex pair crashed and smashed their way to a game nine win in the opener, but pooled their tactical resources to pull back the second at 11.

Barnes and Miss Bell stuck to it and were leading 18-17 on the third only to lose the next four points.

Merrett and Miss Williams had a good run in the second half beating Wright and Miss Shannon and M. Ellis and Miss Fielder before going out to R. Stevens and Mrs. McCree in the semi-final.

Diane Rowe made it a hat trick of wins in the finals when she partnered Harrison to beat Stevens and Mrs. McCree 21-17, 21-14.

RESULTS

Men's Singles, Semi-Finals: I. HARRISON (Glouc.) bt A. Lindsay (Midxx.) 21-15, 16-21, 21-13; D. CREAMER (Midxx.) bt C. Barnes (Essex) 15-21, 21-18, 21-12.

Final: D. CREAMER bt I. Harrison 21-9, 12-21, 21-17.

Women's Singles, Semi-Finals: D. ROWE (Midxx.) bt A. Taft (Herts) 21-19, 21-4; L. BELL (Essex) bt M. Shannon (Surrey) 21-18, 21-17.

Final: ROWE bt Bell 21-15, 21-14.

Boys' Singles, Semi-Finals: BARNES bt S. Seaholme (Herts) 21-10, 21-8; D. HOLLAND (Glouc.) bt A. Robinson (Midxx.) 21-16, 16-21, 21-19.

Final: BARNES bt Holland 21-17, 20-22, 21-11.

Girls' Singles, Semi-Finals: BELL bt P. Holes (Hants) 21-13, 21-3; J. CANHAM (Herts) bt C. Holes (Hants) 21-12, 21-14.

Men's Doubles, Semi-Finals: HARRISON/B. WRIGHT (Midxx.) bt M. Creamer/A. Rhodes (Midxx.) 21-14, 23-21; D. CREAMER/B. MERRETT (Glouc.) bt A. Lindsay/S. Jacobson (Midxx.) 24-22, 21-18.

Final: HARRISON/WRIGHT bt Creamer/Merrett 21-18, 21-13.

Women's Doubles, Semi-Finals: ROWE/SHANNON bt J. Redfearn/M. Hicks (Midxx.) 21-14, 21-17; M. PIPER (Surrey)/J. MCCREE (Essex) bt Bell/J. Fielder (Kent) 21-14, 21-19.

Final: ROWE / SHANNON bt Piper/McCree 21-14, 21-23, 21-11.

Mixed Doubles, Semi-Finals: HARRISON/ROWE bt Barnes/Bell 9-21, 21-10, 21-18; R. STEVENS (Essex)/ MCCREE bt B. Merrett/J. Williams (Herts) 21-10, 10-21, 21-15.

Final: HARRISON / ROWE bt Stevens/McCree 21-17, 21-14.

THE NATIONAL CUPS

WILMOTT CUP: SECOND ROUND: Chesterfield 2, Sheffield 7; Lowestoft 4, Wisbech 5; Bishop's Stortford 0, Letchworth 9; Bedford 0, Watford 6; St. Albans 4, Luton 5; Insurance Offices 0, East London 8; Eastbourne 1, Portsmouth 5; Huddersfield 7, Leeds 2.

ZONE FINALS: Doncaster 3, Sheffield 5; Manchester 8, Preston 1; Burnley 2, Bolton 5; Birmingham 8, Leamington 1; Oxford 5, Letchworth 0; Watford 3, Luton 5; London Civil Service 7, Crawley 2; Wembley 8, Travel Trades 1; North Middlesex 1, East London 5; Gloucester 9, Plymouth 0.

ROSE BOWL: SECOND ROUND: York 4, Bradford 5; Stevenage 8, Luton 1; Basildon 0, Sutton 6; N. Middlesex 4, N.W. Kent 5; Maidenhead 3, Staines 5; Gloucester 6, Bristol 3.

ZONE FINALS: Bradford 2, Leeds 5; Grimsby 0, Barnsley 5; Liverpool 0, Manchester 6; Burnley 2, Preston 7; Kettering 0, Birmingham 9; Watford 2, Stevenage 7; St. Albans 5, Letchworth 4; East London 0; Sutton 8, London Civil Service 1; Bognor 3, Portsmouth 6, Southampton 4, Bournemouth 5.

THE QUADRANGULAR

ENGLAND WIN EASILY

THE fourth in the series of international matches between England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales proved a fitting climax to the end of the cycle, a climax contrived by Northern hospitality, and long to be remembered by the players and officials of all four countries.

It was a more than happy thought when the E.T.T.A. enlisted the help of Atkinson Vehicles Ltd., Walton-le-dale, Preston. The enthusiastic management at this go-ahead concern had previously shown their capacities in the organising of county matches, and now, entrusted with the running of the Quadrangular, they surpassed all previous efforts. The staging of the two simultaneous matches at each of the three sessions, the provision of meals for a large number of players and officials, and the more than generous hospitality were all accomplished with slick efficiency.

From chairman down, Atkinsons showed tremendous determination to do well, and the thanks of all are due to the many who worked so hard, and in particular to Mr. E. J. Brewer, Mrs. A. Clitheroe, and Mr. S. Husband. A special vote of thanks to the hard-working kitchen staff under Mr. Perkins's most able management.

Inspiration from the E.T.T.A. came through Norman Cook, Tom Blunn and Kay Benson, all of whom were much in evidence, and from the local league in the persons of Messrs. Butters and Stokes.

At Saturday's final session there was a good audience, and quite a large number of V.I.P.s with their ladies, all contributing to a highly successful occasion.

HIGH STANDARD

Game management, umpiring etc., all under the able control of Les Jones, was at its usual high standard, and playing conditions were first class.

The matches themselves were somewhat mixed. England, as was to be expected, came through without dropping a single event. In their opening encounter with Ireland on the Friday evening, only one event went to three games—that between Mary Shannon and Violet Lambert, when the latter more than surprised the English girl. Mary eventually recovered, but was within an ace of losing two straight.

Meanwhile, the match between Scotland and Wales proceeded slowly to a 6-4 win for Wales. Play rarely reached a high standard, and both

sides looked a little out of touch.

On Saturday afternoon, Ireland beat Scotland 8-2. Only Bertie Kerr played well for Scotland, having a hand in their two successes. He beat Carol McBride, and partnered Ian Barclay to success over McBride and Caffrey.

On the other table, England were having a much harder tussle with Wales, and nearly all the matches were spiritedly contested by the losers. In particular the Alan Thomas/Jeff Ingber clash produced some really fine table tennis, while George Evans started well against Harrison.

POOR AFFAIR

It was perhaps unfortunate that the England/Scotland match was chosen for the V.I.P. court on Saturday night, for this proved to be poor affair, with the Scots well below par, offering little or no resistance. All the events were over in straight sets, some with very low scores.

The struggle for second place was going on on the other table where Wales, after losing the first event, forged steadily ahead. The Irish show little liking for the loop drive, presumably having not before come across it, and though the Welsh are far from good at it yet, George Evans in particular showed its value. All the Welsh team played well, and their gaining of second place was a just result.

Through the early end of the England/Scotland match, Ron Davies of Wales and Carol McBride played their event in the V.I.P. arena and produced a highly entertaining ending. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed the bubbling spontaneity of both these players.

Unfortunately, however, the excitement and applause there had its effect on the last match on the other table, where the respective No. 1's, Tommy Caffrey and Alan Thomas, had a game which lacked real concentration.

On Saturday morning, officials of the four countries were entertained by the Mayor of Preston, and the Chairman of the Council of Walton-le-dale. Afterwards, at the usual meeting between the four countries,

a decision was taken to continue the series for another four years, the E.T.T.A. delegates promising to keep the other Associations informed of impending tours and visits by foreign players, so that efforts can be made to co-ordinate visits to Ireland, and Wales.

All players and officials were accommodated at the Metropole Hotel in Blackpool, and on Saturday night an entertainment was laid on which kept most people out of bed until the early hours of Sunday, thus rounding off what had been a grand week-end.

QUADRANGULAR RESULTS

England beat Ireland 10-0: Symonds bt McBride 14, 8; bt Allen 10, 13. Harrison bt Allen 9, 20; bt Caffrey 12, 13. Stevens bt Caffrey 17, 13; bt McBride 6, 14.

Shannon bt Lambert —16, 19, 6.

Bell bt Reid 12, 9.

Shannon/Bell bt Reid/Lambert 14, 13.

Harrison/Stevens bt Caffrey/McBride 9, 20.

Wales beat Scotland 6-4: Davies lost to Laidlaw 19, —12, —20; bt Barclay 8, 21, Evans lost to Kerr —18, —13; bt Laidlaw 14, 14. Thomas bt Barclay 16, 15; bt Kerr 15, 19.

Phillips bt Barrie 8, 15. Bates lost to Hawkins —18, —17.

Bates/Phillips bt Hawkins/Barrie 15, 13.

Evans/Davies bt Kerr/Barclay —20, 13, 18.

Ireland beat Scotland 8-2. Allen bt McMichael 10, 17; bt Laidlaw 14, 20.

Caffrey bt Laidlaw 12, —14, 13; bt Kerr 14, —15, 20. McBride lost to Kerr —12, —19.

Reid bt Barrie 5, 19. Lambert bt Hawkins 19, 10.

Lambert/Reid bt Barrie/Hawkins 19, 16.

Caffrey/McBride lost to Kerr/Barclay —20, —19.

England beat Wales 10-0: Symonds bt Davies 13, 15; bt Evans 20, 15. Harrison bt Evans —19, 14, 8; bt Thomas 12, 12.

Ingber bt Thomas —18, 7, 14; bt Davies 11, 12.

Bell bt Phillips 6, 15. Shannon bt Bates 16, 10.

Bell/Shannon bt Bates/Phillips 19, 15.

Harrison/Symonds bt Evans/Davies —18, 11, 11.

Wales beat Ireland 7-3. Davies lost to Allen —23, —15; lost to McBride —21, 20, —19. Evans bt Caffrey 18, 8; bt Allen 9, 17. Thomas bt McBride 19, 15; lost to Caffrey —15, 10, —13.

Phillips bt Reid 11, 13. Bates bt Lambert 10, 15.

Bates/Phillips bt Lambert/Reid 18, 17.

Davies/Evans bt Caffrey/McBride 17, 10.

England beat Scotland 10-0: Stevens bt McMichael 16, 17; bt Barclay 9, 16.

Harrison bt Barclay 13, 16; bt Kerr 15, 12. Ingber bt Kerr 6, 8; bt McMichael 17, 13.

Shannon bt Barrie 7, 10. Bell bt Hawkins 4, 10.

Shannon/Bell bt Hawkins/Barrie 10, 5.

Ingber/Stevens bt Barclay/Kerr 12, 9.

WELSH CORNER

CARDIFF OPEN TITLES CROSS BORDER

WELSH players sadly saw all the Cardiff titles disappearing across the border into England, with Vic Ireland, the new Surrey star, pocketing two of them. His best win was his semi-final victory by 21-12, 21-19, over Chester Barnes, who had had little trouble winning the Junior event.

In the other half Alan Thomas defeated Brian Everson in a hard tussle, before facing Ireland in the final. Alan usually shapes quite well against the loops, but against Ireland, when he moved into position to attack, he failed to get over the ball enough, and hit out too often. George Evans unexpectedly went out to Kevin Edwards, who eventually lost to Barnes, whilst Ron Davies lost to Ireland in the quarters.

The women's singles was a twins' affair, Christine Holes beating her sister Pauline in the third game of the final. Audrey Bates lost the first game to Christine, but then fell away in the second. Surprise of this event was the form of Pam Rainsbury, who, since moving to London and having an operation, appears to have improved a lot. She convincingly beat Margaret Phillips, and gave Pauline Holes a good game in the semi-final. Sandra Morgan did well to take a game from the winner.

Terry Spokes, whilst in the other half Margaret Phillips and Margaret Jones produced a surprise by beating the Holes twins. In the final, however, the two Margarets just could not get going against Spokes and Collier.

Terry Spokes won a second title in the mixed doubles with Vic Ireland, beating Barry Brady and Joan Collier in a three-game final.

In the Junior event, Chester Barnes's opponent in the final was Dennis Holland, who just scraped home 25-23 in the third against Johnny Mansfield in the semi-final. Johnny himself was somewhat fortunate to beat Jeff Buck of Eastern Valleys.

TWO UNBEATEN

E. BRIERLEY (Barry), in the Second Division, and **Johnny Mansfield** (Abergavenny) in the Junior Division, are the only Welsh League players with a 100 per cent. record. Mansfield also has an average of 53.3 per cent. in the First Division, which is headed by **Don Norris** (Newport) with 91.7 per cent.

Leading averages are: **Div. I:** **D. Norris** (Newport) 91.7%, **A. Morris** (Swansea) 88.9%, **P. Bevan** (Cardiff) 86.7%, **B. Everson** (Newport) 83.3%, **R. Fowler** (Cardiff) 73.4%, **G. Williams** (Aberdare) 73.4%.

Div. II: **E. Brierley** (Barry) 100%, **D. Green** (Cardiff) 95.3%, **A. Gibson** (Barry) 91.7%, **G. Coghill** (Barry) 90.5%, **M. Darlington** (Cardiff) 83.3%, **G. Davies** (Cardiff) 76.2%.

Junior Div.: **J. Mansfield** (Abergavenny) 100%, **M. Davies** (Aberdare) 91.7%, **J. Buck** (Eastern Valleys) 88.8%, **G. Trenchard** (Eastern Valleys) 88.8%, **B. Bird** (Aberdare) 72.2%, **D. Samuel** (Aberdare) 73.4%.

VETERANS IN FINAL

In the men's doubles, the "veteran" combination of **Glyn Morgan** and **Alan Morris** played well to reach the final, but they were all at sea against the looping **Morley** and **Kevan Edwards**, who had had a very impressive passage.

The women's doubles was a curious affair. **Audrey Bates** and **Betty Gray** were comfortably beaten by **Joan** and

CARDIFF OPEN

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: **V. IRELAND** (Surrey) bt **C. Barnes** (Essex) 21-12, 21-19. **A. Thomas** (Wales) bt **B. Everson** (Wales) 22-20, 21-23, 21-17.
Final: **IRELAND** bt **Thomas** 21-14, 21-16.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: **C. HOLES** (Hants.) bt **A. Bates** (Wales) 22-20, 21-13. **P. HOLES** (Hants.) bt **P. Rainsbury** (Wales) 21-18, 21-19.
Final: **C. HOLES** bt **P. Holes** 15-21, 21-16, 21-13.

Men's Doubles: Final: **F. MORLEY/K. EDWARDS** (Glos.) bt **G. Morgan/A. Morris** (Wales) 21-7, 21-12.

Women's Doubles: Final: **T. SPOKES/J. COLLIER** (Glos.) bt **M. Phillips/M. Jones** (Wales) 21-14, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: Final: **IRELAND/Miss SPOKES** bt **B. Brady/Miss Collier** 15-21, 21-16, 21-18.

Boys' Singles: Final: **BARNES** bt **D. Holland** (Glos.) 21-16, 21-15.

WELSH LEAGUE

(Positions at December 8th)

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	P.
Cardiff	5	4	1	13
Newport	4	3	1	10
Swansea	4	3	1	10
Aberdare	4	2	2	8
Abergavenny	5	2	3	9
Eastern Valleys	4	1	3	6
Bridgend	4	0	4	4

SECOND DIVISION

Cardiff II	7	7	0	21
Barry	7	6	1	19
Swansea II	7	6	1	19
Bridgend II	7	4	3	15
Eastern Valleys II	5	3	2	11
Tredegar	6	2	4	10
Aberdare II	7	1	6	9
Milford Haven	7	1	6	9
Merthyr	6	1	5	8
Rhondda	5	1	4	7

JUNIOR DIVISION

Eastern Valleys	6	5	0	18
Aberdare	6	5	1	16
Newport	6	4	2	14
Abergavenny	6	2	4	10
Cardiff	6	1	5	8
Milford Haven	5	1	4	7
Tredegar	5	1	4	7

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YORKSHIRE OPEN

by **MALCOLM HARTLEY**

TOMLINSON AGAIN

THE new face in English table tennis crinkled into a smile of satisfaction.

Its owner had just won an event for the third tournament in succession. Alan Tomlinson, 28-year-old New Zealander, is in England to see his relatives, to see the country, and to see how he gets on in tournament table tennis.

In his third objective he is doing so well that he is going to make his name remembered.

Free hitting Kevin Forshaw and the tall Kiwi in all-black organised the one major upset of the Yorkshire Open at York Railway Institute when they upended the singles finalists, Rhodes and Wright, in the quarters of the men's doubles.

Bertie Kerr and Ian Barclay, who travelled from Edinburgh to make a welcome appearance at an English tournament, had their highland fling in this event. They surprised those Essex Bobbies in blue, Stevens and Raybould, and the Clayton-Symonds partnership, but crumpled against Tomlinson and Forshaw in the final.

So Tomlinson, who represented New Zealand in the 1961 world championships and beat Bryan Merrett, tagged another success on to his Merseyside doubles and Birmingham singles.

The other events ran largely to form, except that Bobbie Raybould and Jean McCree found the right combination as quickly as an expert safe breaker and stole the mixed



ALAN TOMLINSON

Picture by Michael Maclaren

doubles after overpowering both seeds, Stevens and Rowe and Wright and Shannon.

The women's doubles provided a spot of practice for Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon and with Diane competing, the singles' was similarly about as wide open as a clam.

Miss Rowe streamed immaculately to the title without dropping a game.

Jean McCree almost snatched a final place but fell to Miss Shannon after leading by a game and 20-18.

None of the men's singles seeds were uprooted before the semi-finals, where the wiles of Alan Rhodes were too much for crisp-hitting Mick Symonds and sturdy Stevens lost a spectacular clash to slender Brian Wright.

Rhodes retained his title with an experienced and confident display.

Tailpiece: Bobby Stevens was disappointed to go home with a clean shirt and pair of socks. During the tournament he went through four shorts and seven pairs of socks. "I saved one in case I reached the final," he explained. Bobby is more particular in his turn-out than most men.

Women players tend to make more changes and Mary Shannon, for instance, went one better than Stevens. She used five shirts in the tournament.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: A. RHODES (Middx.) bt M. Symonds (Lancs.) 21-18, 21-9; B. WRIGHT (Middx.) bt R. Stevens (Essex) 14-21, 21-9, 21-11.

Final: RHODES bt Wright 21-15, 21-14.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. ROWE (Middx.) bt A. Taft (Herts.) 21-7, 21-10; M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt J. McCree (Essex) 12-21, 25-23, 21-16.

Final: ROWE bt Shannon 21-8, 21-16.

Men's Doubles. Semi-Finals: A. R. TOMLINSON (New Zealand)/K. FORSHAW (Lancs.) bt D. McGarry/M. Dainty (Yorks.) 23-21, 21-16; B. KERR/I. BARCLAY (Scotland) bt J. Clayton/M. Symonds (Lancs.) 26-24, 15-21, 21-15.

Final: TOMLINSON/FORSHAW bt Kerr/Barclay 21-14, 21-10.

Women's Doubles. Semi-Finals: ROWE/SHANNON bt L. Hamilton/E. Starkie (Yorks.) 21-10, 21-12; MCCREE/TAFT bt C. D. Blackshaw/L. Proudlock (Yorks.) 21-18, 21-18.

Final: ROWE/SHANNON bt McCree/Taft 21-17, 21-18.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: R. RAYBOULD/Mrs. MCCREE (Essex) bt Stevens/Miss Rowe 21-15, 20-22, 21-15; WRIGHT/Miss SHANNON bt Barclay/Miss J. Crafter (Lancs.) 21-14, 21-11.

Final: RAYBOULD/MCCREE bt Wright/Shannon 21-18, 21-12.

Veterans' Singles: Final: E. ANDERSON (Goole) bt H. Shaw (Leeds) 15-21, 21-10, 21-16.

Cambridge Set the Pace

THE South East Midlands League has got away to a good start and Cambridge City are the present leaders with four successive wins, which put them in a strong position.

The new Ladies' Section is well under way and from recent results, Kettering show distinct supremacy over the other teams. Bedford are quite a strong force, with Cambridge and Huntingdon not far behind.

Recent results are Cambridge City 6, Bedford 4; Cambridge City 6, Huntingdon 4; Kettering 2, Cambridge City 8; Cambridge City 6, Northampton 4; Kettering 2, Northampton 8; Huntingdon 5, Northampton 5; Bedford 5, Kettering 5.

Men's Section

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Cambridge City	4	4	0	0	26	14	26
Northampton	4	2	1	1	23	17	23
Hunts. T.T.C.	3	0	2	1	14	16	14
Kettering	4	0	2	2	14	26	14
Bedford	3	0	1	2	13	17	13

Ladies' Section

Kettering	3	3	0	0	27	3	27
Cambridge City	3	1	0	2	12	18	12
Bedford	2	1	0	1	10	10	10
Hunts. T.T.C.	2	0	0	2	1	19	1

Staffs. Going Well

STAFFORDSHIRE have reached the half-way stage in the county championships without dropping a point, and are in fact enjoying one of their best post-war seasons.

Although Derek Backhouse has left West Bromwich for Birmingham, he is still turning in some good performances as the county No. 1. Beryl Broad, who has been missing from the county scene through illness, is expected to be fit by the end of January.

The Wolverhampton and Walsall Associations recently held two successful exhibitions on the "loop." Birmingham's Derek Baddeley and Ralph Gunnion proved to local players that this shot has come to stay.

Each year the entries for the Woodfield tournament in Wolverhampton continue to grow and as all proceeds go to charity one hopes this success will continue. All club sides in the county will soon be receiving details about this season's Beattie Cup matches.

I would welcome news and information from officials in the North of the county. Your comments to me at the Express & Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, will then ensure your activities reaching TABLE TENNIS for inclusion in the February edition.

John Pike.

TEENAGE TOPICS

by BRIAN WRIGHT

Barnes and Creamer March On

DAVID CREAMER, the 19-year-old Middlesex player, and 15-year-old **Chester Barnes**, of Essex, vied with each other for the outstanding teenager performances of the past month to wind up the 1962 season. David, maintaining his winning tournament sequence, became the first home player of the season to beat Ian Harrison, England's No. 1, in winning the Newbury Open, while Chester also claimed Harrison's scalp in the Middlesex Open.

ANY OFFERS

DAVID CREAMER has recently purchased a second-hand bubble car. For his maiden run he decided to take it to the Newbury Open and quite an eventful trip it proved.

He lost his way near Gerrard Cross but luckily another table tennis player David Jones, of Bucks, came by and was able to direct him. It meant that Creamer arrived a little late at the tournament, but he played all day and went on to win the men's title.

Then came more of the joys of motoring when the time came to leave for home. He found his battery flat and the bubble car refused to start. Fortunately one of the officials kindly put him up for the night while he left the car at a garage for the battery to be charged. So it was an early start the next morning and David arrived at work on time.

David says that although the car is comfortable he is going to buy some carpets for the floor and make a few minor repairs which will leave him needing only a partner—preferably of the female kind—to share his luxury.



DAVID CREAMER

Creamer has undoubtedly reaped great benefit from his West African trip with Victor Barna and is fast establishing himself as a future Swaythling Cup player.

And what of Barnes? He goes from strength to strength. At Newbury he beat Alan Rhodes (England's No. 4) in the last 16, then Bryan Merrett (England's No. 6) in the next round before falling to Creamer in the semi-final. Even here Barnes threatened another upset when he won the first game and took a 7-1 lead in the second, before David took command with his fierce shots.

SEASON'S SHOCK

Barnes has already this season gained wins over three other ranked seniors, Bobby Stevens (No. 5), Mike Symonds (No. 8) and Derek Baddeley (No. 12). But it is that win over Harrison in the second round of the Middlesex Open that has set the whole sport talking. Indeed, it will probably go down as the shock result of the 1962-63 season.

And to think he still has another year ahead as a junior. Well done, Chester.

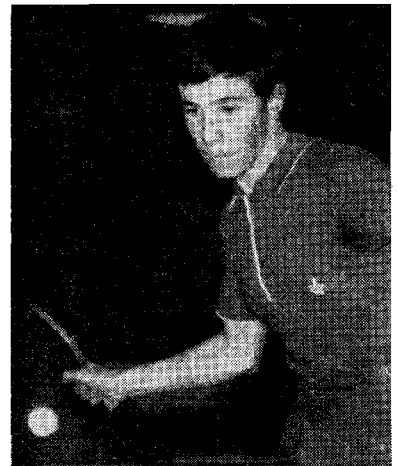
Barnes' giant killing in the Middlesex Open was ended by Alan Lindsay, who won at 19 in the third.

And what of our junior girls? Lesley Bell, who, like Barnes, hails from Essex, has been having her share of success and at Newbury and Middlesex reached the women's singles finals, where Diane Rowe again proved too strong for her on both occasions.

Christine Holes also did well at Newbury, taking a game from Miss Rowe in an earlier round.

Barnes and Miss Bell have, naturally, been dominating the junior titles, and were winners at both Newbury and Middlesex.

Jackie Canham, of Hertfordshire, gave Miss Bell a good run in the Newbury title, winning the middle game. At one time at the start of the third she appeared to be getting on top, until Lesley, concentrating on



CHESTER BARNES

her newly found top spin loop, steadied herself and went ahead to win.

The best game in the boys singles was the semi-final between Tony Robinson, of Middlesex, England No. 3 junior, and Dennis Holland, of Gloucestershire, the No. 4. Dennis won at 19 in the third and also took a game from Barnes in the final.

In the Middlesex junior events, Lesley Bell disposed of the twin challenge of the Holes sisters, beating Pauline in the semi-final and Christine in the final. Tony Robinson reached the boys final, and extended Barnes to 21-17, 21-17.

MIDDLESEX GO WELL

SO far, this season has been quite successful for Middlesex with the county side winning all of the first five matches, though not without difficulty against Kent and Gloucestershire, both of whom were beaten 5-4. Only Lancashire and Cheshire are now between Middlesex and the title.

The Bernard Crouch team have won against both Surrey (8-1) and Kent (6-3), but lost 3-6 to Essex. Laurie Landry and Jackie Redfean are both unbeaten in this competition.

The Middlesex Schools competition is now well under way after receiving a record entry of 73 teams from 53 schools. The Inter-Borough Youth competition will also be held in the New Year.

The Middlesex Open once again went off successfully with an extremely large entry as usual. The entry of 21 for the junior girls singles was something of a record, while the other events came well up to the phenomenal entry of last year. The only holders to win again were the juniors, Lesley Bell and Chester Barnes.

MIDDLESEX OPEN

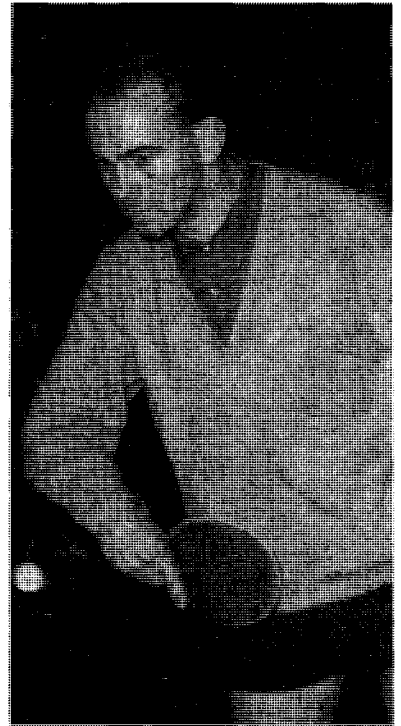
By Michael Maclaren

Barnes beats Harrison

WITH a total entry of over 350 players, the Middlesex Open at Hanwell on December 15-16 turned out to be a tournament of upsets with many of the men's seeds losing in the early stages. Referee Geoff James' crackdown on brightly reflecting bats resulted in only one withdrawal from the singles. Players were co-operative in bringing a spare bat and in making use of James' thoughtful stock of glass-paper.

Gloucestershire's Bryan Merrett emerged the victor in an event where the main seeds were eliminated before the semi-finals. First to fall was Brian Wright, who lost in the cold early morning hours to Bob Bradstreet (Edmonton) 18, -16, 16. Bradstreet then lost in straight games to Bobbie Raybould who, in turn, fell to Surrey's Connie Warren.

At No. 1 position in the draw an off-colour Ian Harrison, looking forward to his third successive win at Hanwell, fell to eager Chester Barnes, the brilliant young Essex player, -11, 18, -18. Chester was then outpaced by the incredible Alan Lindsay at 21, -15, -19, who was unable to make any impression on Merrett in the semi-final.



BRYAN MERRETT

have developed into a psychological battle with Lesley having the advantage.

MEN'S DOUBLES

The Johnny Leach/David Creamer pairing, combining experience with youth, proved superior with wins over Jacobson/Lindsay -14, 16, 20, Harrison/Wright 13, 21, and finally Rhodes/Thornhill 11, 16. The unusual team of Merrett and Bobbie Raybould did well to reach the last four with many good wins.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Di Rowe annexed her second title of the tournament, ably assisted by Mary Shannon. The losing finalists, Peggy Piper and Jean McCree, whose style of play one would hardly call consistent, won an earlier game against a county standard pair by the amazing score of 21-0, but were unable to reproduce this form in the final.

MIXED DOUBLES

Those popular inseparables Brian Wright and Mary Shannon gained another mixed title with a careful win over unseeded Gordon Chapman and Mary Hicks. A good lead in the third game helped Brian and Mary to keep several points ahead of their consistent opponents and thereby

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MIDDLESEX OPEN RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: B. MERRETT (Glouc.) bt A. Lindsay (Middx.) 21-12, 21-11; J. SOMOGYI (Surrey) bt A. Piddock (Kent) 21-9, 21-19.

Final: MERRETT bt Somogyi 16-21, 21-15, 21-14.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. ROWE (Middx.) bt J. McCree (Essex) 16-21, 21-16, 21-14; L. BELL (Essex) bt M. Shannon (Surrey) 21-18, 21-19.

Final: ROWE bt Bell 12-21, 21-8, 21-15.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: A. RHODES / M. THORNHILL (Middx.) bt R. Raybould (Essex) / B. Merrett (Glouc.) 21-12, 21-11; D. CREAMER (Middx.) / J. Leach (Essex) bt I. Harrison (Glouc.) / B. Wright (Middx.) 21-13, 23-21.

Final: D. CREAMER / J. LEACH bt A. Rhodes / M. Thornhill 21-11, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: J. McCree (Essex) / M. PIPER (Surrey) bt L. Bell / F. Martin (Essex) 11-21, 21-9, 21-19; D. ROWE (Middx.) / M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt A. Taft / J. Williams (Herts) 21-13, 21-15.

Final: ROWE / SHANNON bt McCree / Piper 20-22, 21-12, 21-13.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: B. WRIGHT (Middx.) / M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt L. Landry / J. Redfeare (Middx.) 21-9, 24-22; G. CHAPMAN (Surrey) / M. HICKS (Middx.) bt D. Lowe (Surrey) / J. Williams (Herts) 21-15, 18-21, 21-19.

Final: WRIGHT / SHANNON bt Chapman / Hicks 21-17, 18-21, 21-15.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: A. ROBINSON (Middx.) bt P. Williams (Herts) 22-24, 21-14, 21-9; C. BARNES (Essex) bt L. Gresswell (Middx.) 9-14, 21-9, 21-14.

Final: BARNES bt Robinson 21-17, 21-15.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: L. BELL (Essex) bt P. Holes (Hants) 21-12, 21-10; C. HOLES (Hants) bt J. Canham (Herts) 14-21, 21-17, 24-22.

Final: BELL bt C. Holes 21-6, 21-11, 6-11.

Merrett had earlier scraped by Michael Creamer (Middlesex) -19,16, 18, and Alan Tomlinson (New Zealand) 16, -19, 19, following up with a comfortable victory over Alan Rhodes (Middlesex) 11, 13.

Kent's Tony Piddock emerged from a weak section of the draw due to the withdrawal of Bobby Stevens (Essex) but was outplayed by Surrey's Josef Somogyi in the semi-final. Somogyi had a touch-and-go win over David Creamer (Middlesex) 14, -13, 25, after accounting for Ralph Gunnion 19, 20 and Warren 14, 12.

TOO CONSISTENT

The final between Merrett and Somogyi commenced slowly with the ex-Hungarian executing brilliant kills on either wing to finish the point. After winning the first game at 16, Somogyi found Merrett's relentless defence too consistent and could do no more than gain 15 and 14 points in the next two games.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Results in this event came out as expected with Diane Rowe overcoming a bad start before finding the answer to Lesley Bell (Essex) in the final. This was an interesting match with Lesley unable to offer anything more than speed in reply to Di's judicious mixture of heavy chop, angled punches and the occasional telling drive.

Mary Shannon (Surrey), for the third time this season, lost to Bell at 18, 19 after enjoying a 4 or 5 point lead in each game. With these two equally ranked nationally at No. 2, their matches together seem to

A BUDDING INTERNATIONAL

By JOHN OAKLEY

of THE EVENING NEWS

JUST over four years ago a small girl of eight tried her hand at table tennis at a holiday camp. She had never played before yet in less than two weeks—before her holiday ended—she had proved she had a natural flair for the game.

The little girl was Linda Henwood and now—she was 13 on November 10—she is rapidly climbing the ladder of success.

Already this eager teenager, who lives in Cranham, Essex, is being talked about as a future Corbillon Cup player. True she has a long way to go to reach this high status but if she continues to improve at her present rate she could emulate her county colleague, Lesley Bell, and become a senior international by the age of 16.

Her enthusiasm for the game is unlimited. In four regular seasons she has won 23 tournaments, has a side-board full of cups and trophies and now plays regularly for the Essex junior second team.

At present she is ranked three among Essex juniors. But remember that the county with Lesley Bell at number one have the strongest girls in the country.

ALL-OUT ATTACK

What I like most of all about young Linda is the fact that her game is based on all-out attack. Though under the shrewd coaching of Harry Venner she is learning to defend as well it is her hitting on which she relies.

Unlike many youngsters she doesn't favour one wing. She prefers to kill on her forehand but her backhand is just as reliable. So a defensive player gets little rest against her.

Her first competitive table tennis was for the Railway Club, Stratford, in the East London League, when she was nine, but for the past two years she has played for Romford Co-op in the Romford and Dagenham Leagues.

Constantly playing against men has

sharpened her natural talents and last season she won both the Romford senior singles and mixed doubles titles.

Last season, too, he won the GIRL and EAGLE Under-13 championship of Great Britain, but her greatest feat was in the comparatively unpublicised Sittingbourne Invitation tournament.

She entered so many events in this annual affair and was so successful that in one day she played 23 matches. No wonder she slept like a log that night.

Linda favours an ordinary sandwich bat. She did attempt to play with a reversed sandwich for a time but found she was losing control so reverted to a more orthodox bat.

She should be a big hit in more ways than one.

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avoid what may have been a very close finish.

David Lowe and Judy Williams had an excellent win over Ian Harrison and Di Rowe -8, 19, 19 but fell to the Chapman/Hicks combination -15, 18, -19.

JUNIORS

Lesley Bell and Chester Barnes were clear winners in their respective events and in fact were the only players in the tournament to hold on to their titles.

FOOTNOTE

An amusing incident occurred while Stanley Jacobson, originator of the loop followed by extended left hand technique, was having a knock-up with a youngster from the Midlands. The lad, after playing a few rallies, was heard to say, "Oh! I see you can do the loop quite well." Stan's reply was not recorded, if indeed he made any, but his inexperienced opponent was reported to be last seen climbing about the rafters of the hall "getting back me balls, mister."

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

FRENCH TOUR FOR ALLENS CROSS

THE most exciting County match for years in Birmingham! The Premier League team lost 4-5 to Lancashire with both sides playing attacking attractive table tennis. A small audience was kept on the edge of its seat until the last shot of the match when Jeff Ingber 'edged out' Ralph Gunnion 22-20 in the third. Previously Derek Baddeley had had the revenge on Ingber for the defeat at his hands in last year's County Match. Maurice Billington again played well but the opposition was just slightly too good on this occasion.

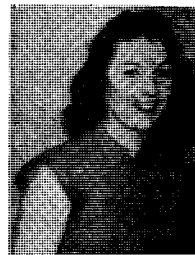
Pam Mortimer also had her revenge by beating Diane Fitzgerald (who is currently ranked level with Pam in the English list) 24-22 in the third.

The County Second team had a good win against Bedfordshire. Two players were making their debut, Graham Pressick and Keith Jones. They won three out of their four singles. A very satisfactory performance for these two young players who are after all still Juniors. The Policy of playing the two youngsters together with the experienced Bill Gallagher will be further pursued by the County Selectors.

Another satisfactory performance was the return to form of Mrs. Barbara Carless. She won her singles comfortably and teamed with Nora Turgoose to take the women's doubles.

The local Birmingham Club, Allens Cross, who are going from strength to strength in the league, are organising a tour to play some French League Clubs. They are something of pioneers in this

field in Birmingham, as they have for a few years past, played a series of matches in North Wales. This type of enthusiasm if spread could push up the standard and enjoyment of local table tennis a great deal. We can foresee one of our clubs first to tour Siberia. In fact, we have had various suggestions for such a tour.



PAM MORTIMER

The local "Blue Mail" Tournament for non-representative players is again running this season and has attracted quite a good entry. As the past two seasons this has been won by young players who might be included in certain league players this is another system of helping to keep up the interest. Is it time that this tournament was extended to include a Junior event as well as a men and women? With the local schools league now in operation this may prove a very worthwhile venture.

Birmingham women had a shock in the Rose Bowl when they only just managed to beat West Bromwich 5-4. Fortunately Judy Williams was in good form and managed to win all her games.

The next match against Kettering should be somewhat easier for the Birmingham side.

Roger Morris

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AROUND THE WORLD

16,000 SEE JAPAN BEAT CHINA

SIXTEEN THOUSAND spectators saw Japan score a great double in their recent home internationals with China, when they won both the men's and women's matches. And the crowd would have been even larger had the hall been able to hold them, for many had to be turned away.

It was fitting of such a large audience that they should witness an exceptionally close contest in the men's event where four of the nine rubbers went to advantage third sets before Japan won 5-4.

The tightest match of the series was when world champion Chuang Tse-tung beat Ichiro Ogimura, former Japanese world champion, 19-21, 21-19, 27-25.

Such was the tenseness of this world championship preview that no player came through unbeaten. Tse-tung met defeat at the hands of K. Kimura, who won in straight sets 21-19, 21-14. Kimura, in turn lost to Li Fu-jung.

While the Chinese made such great efforts in the men's match their women lost 3-0 to Japan.

Detailed scores (Japanese names first):
MEN: K. Miki lost to Hsu Yin-sheng 18-21, 17-21; lost to Chuang Tse-tung 12-21, 21-18, 17-21; bt Li Fu-jung 21-16, 21-19. I. Ogimura bt Fu-jung 22-20, 18-21, 24-22; bt Yin-sheng 21-10, 14-21, 25-23; lost to Tse-tung 21-19, 19-21, 25-27. K. Kimura bt Tse-tung 21-19, 21-14; lost to Fu-jung 15-21, 21-18, 22-24; bt Yin-sheng 24-22, 22-20.

WOMEN: M. Seki bt Liang Lizhen 23-21, 21-15. K. Matsuzaki bt Wang Chien 21-11, 21-16. Seki/Matsuzaki bt Lizhen/Wang Chien 21-13, 21-18.

The Chinese also visited U.S.S.R. where they won all three internationals at Kaunas, Moscow and Leningrad.

Suspended

Angelica Roseanu, the former Rumanian world champion, who now plays for Israel, and the French players Michel Haguenaer and Marcel Barouh, have been suspended by their associations following a tour of South Africa in the summer.

West Africa: Okine Quaye, the 15-year-old Ghana boy who was over here two seasons ago, sprang the big surprise of the West African championships in Nigeria when he beat his elder brother Emanuel in the final. Emanuel Quaye, who holds the African title, who has also been runner-up the

two previous years, had set his heart on winning the title and the trophy that goes with it. Now his young brother has proved the stumbling block.

France: Alex Ehrlich, former winner of the English Open has gone to Portugal for a two months' coaching and demonstration tour. He will train Portuguese coaches.

Hungary: Zoltan Berczik won the men's singles and doubles with Fahazi in Hungary's first tournament of the season at the CSEPEL sports club. Fahazi lost in the singles quarter-finals to Pignitzky, who went on to reach the final where he lost in three sets.

Eva Foldi completed a similar double in the women's events, partnering Miss Hevesi in the doubles final.

Fahazi successfully defended his title as "Top Ten" champion, being undefeated in nine matches. Berczik was runner-up with eight wins. Mrs. Foldi was also unbeaten to win the women's title.

Jugoslavia: Villim Harangozo, who has done so well coaching in Jugoslavia, producing some very good players, such as Veeko, runner-up in the Scandinavian Open, is continuing the good work, while his brother Tibor is doing a similar service in Saarbrucken.

Germany: The West German Association have announced they will not select any players whose bat does not conform one hundred per cent. with international regulations.

Austria: Victor Hirsch, who migrated to Melbourne, in 1960, and quickly became Australia's No. 1 player, is now back in Austria. He should strengthen the line-up for international competitions.

Egypt: Zeljko Hrbud, of Jugoslavia, spent the summer in Egypt coaching the national team.

East Africa: The three national associations of Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika have been formed and although the game is fairly new to them it is already gaining great popularity.

BERGMANN QUILTS ENGLAND

RICHARD BERGMANN, that likeable rebel of table tennis, whose solid beliefs in professionalism have often left him on the outside, has decided to quit England. He is tendering his resignation to the English T.T.A. and is joining the American Association instead.

Bergmann has made this decision just a few months after the E.T.T.A. lifted the suspension slapped on him four years ago because of his exhibition tours with the Japanese former world champion Narikaza Fujii, who was under suspension by his own country for commercialising his talents.

Behind this move to America is Bergmann's determination to play a lone hand with his tours.

He regards the English rules as much too strict. They require him to give advanced notice of all his exhibition matches and since he is now touring in America with the Harlem Globetrotters he finds this impracticable.

The Americans are much more lenient and do not require this prior notification, so Richard is changing his allegiance.

In any case it is hardly likely that Bergmann would play in this country again, apart from perhaps exhibitions for he has plans ahead which may mean him settling in Australia.

There has been a suggestion that he may take over the Australian club



RICHARD BERGMANN

formerly run by the late Mike Szabados, but that cannot be until at least the end of 1963 for he is already committed to some extensive touring.

He is with the Globetrotters until the end of April then plans a tour of the West Indies and South America with Chou Lin-Chen, from Formosa, who is now a member of the U.S.T.T.A.

Chou Lin-Chen won the last so styled world professional championship in which he beat both Bergmann and Fujii.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UPby **FRANK BATEMAN****NEVER HAD IT SO EASY**

MIDDLESEX have never had it so easy. With ten points from five matches before Christmas they are almost certain to win the Premier Division once again.

The only county who can possibly get more than 10 points are Surrey, who, if they win their last five games can total 12. The relegation problem is most intriguing. I reckon that five points is the safety margin and so far no other county has collected more than four.

Kent have been particularly unlucky losing their last three matches 5-4—but this may stand them in good stead should games average be taken into account in the final table. They did particularly well to take Middlesex so close in a match which was played out of order through several competitors arriving late from the Newbury Open.

GOOD FOR BUIST

Henry Buist beat both Alan Rhodes and Brian Wright; Tony Pidcock also beat Rhodes, while Dennis Whittaker accounted for David Creamer—no mean performance by a player whom most of us thought was past his best several years ago.

Their match against Gloucestershire, well staged by the Aquila Club, Bromley, was very tense, but even without Ian Harrison the visitors had the edge in the men's games. Joyce Fielder was too strong for Mrs. Golding and combining with Mike Ellis had a comfortable mixed doubles win.

The Warwickshire v Lancashire

struggle was one of the best encounters seen in Birmingham for many years. Warwickshire were rather unfortunate to lose the men's doubles and Maurice Billington to Mike Symonds, but were lucky to win the women's singles where Pam



TONY PIDDOCK

Mortimer scraped home against Diane Fitzgerald 23-21 in the third.

The deciding set between Ralph Gunnion and Jeff Ingber was a gem. Ingber took the first game 21-16 and led 17-12 in the second. Gunnion then put on the pressure to save the game at 21-18 and go to 14-10 in the final game. Ingber levelled at 14-

all and it was then point for point until 20-all when Ingber had a magnificent edge ball.

"Unlucky" Essex were once again without Bobby Stevens for their match against Middlesex. Bobbie Raybould played extremely well to beat an off-form Alan Rhodes and played well with Brumwell to take the men's doubles.

It was a match of "ifs" and "mights" and every Essex supporter, including myself, was convinced that Essex would have won if Stevens had been able to play. On second thoughts, however, Middlesex always seem to keep something up their sleeve.

Lesley Bell fought pluckily against Diane Rowe.

Durham had a very good match against Yorkshire in the Second Division but lost 4-6. Durham made the best of the chances offered and Eddie Taylor played brilliantly to beat both Mike Dainty and Maurice Simpson. Wilf Barber was unable to control Peter Duncombe's loop drive while Dennis Neale was surprisingly beaten by Simpson.

The game between Barber and Dainty was one of the best. Barber defended well against Dainty's strong attack, but lost 21-23 in the third.

VERY OPEN

Devon, Dorset and Wiltshire all won their matches in the Second Division (West), which now appears very open.

Warwickshire introduced two juniors, Keith Jones and Graham Pressick for their Second Division match with Bedfordshire and between them they won three out of four singles and just lost the doubles in a 7-3 win.

Norfolk met with another narrow defeat when they lost 4-6 to Berkshire in the Southern Division at Wymondham. It was the first county match ever staged by the local league and they made a good job of it. Norfolk tried out two youngsters, Coby and Coe, and although they marked up only one win between them, both showed promise.

The Junior Division (East) appears to be a walk-over for Essex. They crushed Suffolk 10-0 and now have only Cambridgeshire to play. And Cambridgeshire lost 0-10 to Suffolk earlier in the season!

COUNTY DIARY**PREMIER DIVISION**

January 19 Warwickshire v Surrey, West Orchard Congregational Church Hall, Cheylesmort, Coventry. 7.15 p.m.

January 19 Kent v Lancashire, V.C.D. Athletic Club, Oakwood, Old Road, Crayford. 7.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

January 19 Northumberland v Lincolnshire, Hadrian School, Willington Square, Wallsend. 7.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

January 5 Worcestershire v Glamorgan.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

January 19 Essex v Huntingdonshire, Crittalls, Witham. 7 p.m.

January 19 Buckinghamshire v Hertfordshire, St. John's Hall, Woodside Road, Amersham. 7.15 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION

January 19 Derbyshire v Staffordshire, Police Station, New Beetwell Street, Chesterfield. 7.15 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

January 12 Middlesex v Suffolk.

January 19 Suffolk v Hertfordshire.

DETAILED RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Warwickshire 4, Lancashire 5
 M. Billington lost to M. Symonds —17, —21; lost to K. Forshaw —13, —12; R. Gunnion bt Forshaw 13, —17, 17; lost to J. Ingber —16, 18, —20. D. Baddeley bt Ingber —15, 14, 14; lost to Symonds —12, —14.
 Miss P. Mortimer bt Miss D. Fitzgerald 16, —13, 21.

Billington/Gunnion lost to Symonds/Forshaw 19, —9, —19.
 Baddeley/Miss Mortimer bt Ingber/Miss Fitzgerald —10, 19, 18.

Kent 4, Gloucestershire 5

D. Whittaker lost to R. Morley 20, —11, —21; lost to B. Merrett —14, —9. A. Piddock lost to Merrett —7, 17, —18; bt K. Edwards 10, —18, 17. H. Buist lost to Edwards 15, —15, —18; bt Morley 11, 23. Miss J. Fielder bt Mrs. J. Golding 10, 14. Buist/Whittaker lost to Merrett/Morley —16, —17.
 Piddock/Miss Fielder bt Edwards/Mrs. Golding 10, 19.

Middlesex 5, Kent 4

B. Wright bt D. Whittaker 19, —19, 15; lost to H. Buist 14, —15, —17. A. Rhodes lost to Buist —19, 8, —18; lost to A. Piddock —17, —14. D. Creamer bt Piddock 12, 12; lost to Whittaker 14, —19, —21.

Miss D. Rowe bt Mrs. J. Fielder —17, 16, 13.
 Rhodes/Creamer bt Piddock/Buist 8, —13, 15.
 Wright/Miss Rowe bt M. Ellis/Miss Fielder 12, 6.

Middlesex 7, Essex 2

B. Wright bt B. Brumwell 17, 17; bt R. Raybould —18, 20, 16. A. Rhodes lost to Raybould 15, —20, —18; bt C. Barnes

18, 17. D. Creamer bt Barnes 16, 8; bt Brumwell 15, 17.

Miss D. Rowe bt Miss L. Bell 17, 18. Rhodes/Creamer lost to Brumwell/Raybould —11, —16.

Wright/Miss Rowe bt Barnes/Miss Bell 14, 9.

PREMIER DIVISION

Cheshire 1, Warwickshire 8

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Hampshire 10, Cambridgeshire 0.

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Lancashire 7, Lincolnshire 3.

Yorkshire 10, Northumberland 0.

Durham 4, Yorkshire 6.

SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Somerset 3, Wiltshire 7.

Devon 10, Cornwall 0.

Dorset 8, Somerset 2.

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Warwickshire 7, Bedfordshire 3.

Glamorgan 8, Oxfordshire 2

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Hertfordshire 8, Huntingdonshire 2.

Norfolk 4, Bedfordshire 6.

MIDLAND DIVISION

Staffordshire 0, Yorkshire 10.

Worcestershire 0, Yorkshire 10.

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Hampshire 3, Kent 7.

Sussex 9, Berkshire 1.

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Essex 10, Suffolk 0.

Hertfordshire 10, Cambridgeshire 0.

DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Middlesex	5	5	0	32	12	10
Gloucestershire	4	2	2	20	16	4
Essex	4	2	2	19	17	4
Warwickshire	4	2	2	19	17	4
Lancashire	3	2	1	16	11	2
Surrey	2	1	1	6	12	2
Cheshire	4	1	3	9	27	2
Kent	4	0	4	13	23	0

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Hertfordshire	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Hampshire	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Sussex	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Suffolk	2	0	0	2	1	19	0
Cambridgeshire	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Lancashire	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Durham	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Lincolnshire	2	0	1	0	8	12	1
Northumberland	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Devon	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Dorset	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Wiltshire	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Cornwall	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Somerset	2	0	0	2	6	14	0

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Glamorgan	4	4	0	0	36	4	8
Staffordshire	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Warwickshire	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Oxfordshire	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Bedfordshire	4	0	1	3	11	29	1
Worcestershire	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
Monmouthshire	2	0	0	2	0	20	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Essex	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Buckinghamshire	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Berkshire	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Hertfordshire	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Norfolk	4	0	0	4	8	32	0
Huntingdonshire	2	0	0	2	1	19	0

MIDLAND DIVISION

Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Staffordshire	3	1	1	2	15	15	3
Derbyshire	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Nottinghamshire	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Worcestershire	2	0	0	2	0	20	0

JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Yorkshire	4	3	0	1	22	10	6
Durham	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Lancashire	2	1	0	1	7	9	2
Cheshire	2	0	0	2	3	13	0

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Sussex	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Kent	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Hampshire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Surrey	3	0	0	3	9	21	0
Berkshire	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Essex	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Hertfordshire	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Middlesex	2	1	0	1	14	6	2
Suffolk	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Cambridgeshire	3	0	0	3	0	30	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

TALKING POINTS

Conducted by LAURIE LANDRY

Expenses—Let's Be Fair

FOLLOWING the trouble that has been caused by the payment of expenses, by mistake, for playing in a match which was televised, this particularly aspect of expenses has been much under discussion.

Normally players are not paid for playing in matches and also matches are not normally televised.

The match in question was the annual challenge match between the Champion County and the Rest of England. As this was played in August for the benefit of television, those taking part were asked to play nearly two months earlier than in most of the season. They were, therefore, not only put out, but also had to play in an afternoon.

This meant in some cases either

- (a) *having to work overtime to get the necessary leave;*
- (b) *having to take the time as part of holidays; or*
- (c) *losing pay.*

In the case of both (a) and (b) it meant that the person concerned has had to use some of his own spare time to play table tennis, which presumably he or she wants to do. Thus they can have no real cause for complaint as, after all, spare time is used for interests and hobbies.

In the unfortunate event of (c), it is very difficult to do anything as the problem is to know who is losing pay and who is not.

Players are of the opinion that one

has got to be fair about expenses whether playing for club (where presumably expenses are not given at all, one hopes) for leagues or for county.

In a league match or county match it is often the case that the fare to the venue is less than the fare home. To charge the league or county for this would not be in the right spirit.

It is organisations of this sort that allow table tennis to be played in an orderly manner up and down the country and it would hardly be fair to make them pay for your enjoyment. Only a very few counties and leagues have sufficient money to be so liberal with expenses.

News from U.S.A. and an entry form for a typical tournament came from David House, former England international, who went out there a few years ago with his wife, formerly Shirley Jones, dynamic Welsh international star. The particular tournament is called the "Masters' Open" and was played at the Chicagoland Table Tennis Club.

Altogether there were 21 different events, ranging from Midget (under 13), boys and girls (under 15), Juniors (under 18), men's singles, Seniors (over 40) and Esquire (over 50). There are also doubles and various graded events from men's singles open to anyone, to Grade "D" for players who have never won a match in any men's event.

It is quite a lot to get through but they appear to manage.

Editor's Postbag . . .

I WAS PREPARED TO BE SUSPENDED

IN reply to the article that appeared in last month's magazine regarding expenses paid to me by the E.T.T.A. for the Middlesex versus Rest match in August.

This match was organised on a Thursday afternoon with the express purpose of making a profit from Television, and I claimed, from an E.T.T.A. official, my afternoon's loss of earnings. Three months later I was told the association had made a mistake and would I return the money.

I refused, feeling that while the association had made a calculated profit from this match I was not going to be out of pocket.

During the discussions that followed with three E.T.T.A. officials, suspension was mentioned and I was told I had broken **Rule 1c of the Registered Member Regulations**, where it states, no other expenses will be paid except for return fares, hotel accommodation and meals.

Nevertheless, I still felt I was in

the right and I was prepared to be suspended in the interests of a just cause.

It was only after speaking to the E.T.T.A. secretary, who said more could be achieved by sending the money back and hoping to obtain a



ALAN RHODES

change in the rules (which it clearly needs) by discussion, that I did so.

It takes a lot of money and time to become an international class player and England will never again regain her place in world table tennis while the up-and-coming players, who sacrifice their careers for the game, are troubled by such a niggling attitude regarding expenses.

It would be interesting to hear other players' views on this subject.

ALAN RHODES

(Wembley).

NEVER PUT OFF IN 16 YEARS

IN response to Frank Bateman's letter I have never been put off, in 16 years of table tennis, by an opponent's clothing or racket. Even when practising against someone dressed in all-white, I have noticed no adverse effect.

And I have never been conscious while actually playing of the colour of my opponent's racket or to the degree to which it reflected light.

I have, however, often been put off by dazzling lighting and by reflections from highly polished tables.

UNFAIR TO LOSERS

I NOTICE from the National Press that many of the Rose Bowl and Wilmot Cup matches end as soon as a winning lead is reached by one of the teams. Although this is in order under the rules of the competition, I cannot help feeling it is a little insulting to the losing side.

My team was recently involved in similar circumstances, having been drawn at home against a particularly strong side in the Rose Bowl. We were soon in arrears to the tune of 0-5, and although we were keen to continue, our opponents said they had to go, although eventually they did agree to play one more event, so we each had two games. Having been provided with playing facilities and refreshments, I feel it would have been courteous to have played the match out. We could not insist, so there was no alternative but to end at 0-6.

To be fair, our opponents did have a long journey ahead of them, but if the match had reached 4-4 then it would have been finished.

In this particular case the winners were considerably superior but we "lesser" players seldom have the opportunity of meeting the top players, and despite defeat being the inevitable result, the games are looked forward to.

It is understandable that the good players cannot relish playing against lower standards, but there are a multitude of "lesser" players who are the back-bone of table tennis and should, I feel, receive more consideration.

One wonders what would have been the case if the fixture had been reversed and the home team reached 5-0. Would the visitors have been told "Thanks for the game" and then sent packing?

M. JONES

(Prittlewell).

IT'S INSULTING

THE 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 success coming from Vic Ireland who cannot truthfully be described as a premier division player, says Frank Bateman in the "Championship Round-up."

Vic Ireland, a dedicated table tennis player, has improved a great deal since last season. In my opinion he is a force to be reckoned with. He is proud of being chosen for the Surrey team and no doubt still has hopes of attaining even greater honours. I'm sure Jacobson, Raybould and Barnes consider him fairly good as they have been beaten by him this season. Had I spoken to Vic I expect there would have been a few more names to mention, as he can play the game.

Anyway best of luck Vic, I consider you a good premier division player, "Truthfully."

Frank Bateman in another article mentions reflecting bats and light clothing. These points only seem to worry officials, like Frank, I have never heard anyone complain about this.

ALAN LINDSAY

(West Acton).

The worst conditions I have ever played under in this respect were at an open tournament where the sun was shining directly into my eyes at one end.

Personally I favour the abolition of rules dealing with the colour of the racket and clothing. As for reflection, common sense would surely suggest that referees take action only when the degree of reflection is such as to inconvenience the players.

LAURIE JONES

(Balham, London).

AROUND EAST ANGLIA

Cambridgeshire Get Tough

THE Cambridgeshire Executive, concerned at the number of County Umpires who are not pulling their weight, are planning tough measures in a few cases. They are to review the matter at a later meeting with a view to penalising the defaulters.

It is felt that the "faithful few" have performed far too long and that action must be taken quickly.

Cambridge City, eliminated 6-3 by Boston in the second round of the Wilmott Cup can blame their defeat on two players, Hill and Stanley. Both were unbeaten and between them provided the six Boston wins.

The Cambridge players found Hill's sandwich bat most disconcerting. John Cornwell could not cope with it at all, but he did better against Stanley.

Keith Chapman was the best of the City players and came close to toppling Hill when Boston were leading 4-3 at the crucial stage of the match.

Cambridge City have, however, met with better fortunes in the South East Midland League, where, with successive

wins over Huntingdon, Bedford, Kettering and Northampton, they now lead the way.

Albert Jackson, John Laker, Reg Dean, John Constable and Brian Wilkin are the players who have put City in this strong position.

Cambridgeshire Juniors crashed 10-0 to Middlesex, fighting an uphill battle all the way. Dennis Collinson did best when he took Spencer to three sets.

Y.M.C.A. I (R. Hsu, Laker and Jackson) lead the Cambridgeshire League First Division, but are being strongly challenged by Press 1, Pest Control I and New Chesterton Institute. Newmarket are doing well in the Second Division with Sammy Mitchell (who is also on trial as an umpire) and Keith Piddock helping them into a challenging position for the leadership.

Competition is intense in the other five divisions and teams like Kerridge's, Civil Service, Y.M.C.A. (they have eight teams) and Impington Village College are all in line for promotion.

Coaching classes have been successfully held at Y.M.C.A. Chesterton Youth Club, and Swavesey Village College, while coaching is already underway at Milton.

Leslie Constable.

SUFFOLK SETBACK

SUFFOLK'S hopes for the new year receive a further set-back when David Halliday enters the Navy, leaving Howard Osborne as the sole representative of last year's automatic choices for the singles positions. The chances of survival in Division II (South) appear exceedingly slim, and much will depend upon the match with Cambridgeshire, now assuming the aspect of a local "derby."

Halliday, meanwhile, celebrated his departure from the local scene by winning the second event of the Top Ten, notching 13½ points against 10½ by Bob Cooper (Lowestoft) his nearest rival on the day. He also snatched the overall lead from Hans Fleck, the table now reading:—D. Halliday 24, H. Fleck 23, R. Purnell 16, H. Osborne 11, R. Cooper 10½, J. Keeble 9.

It is rumoured that Norwich are somewhat cock-a-hoop with their 7-3 win over Lowestoft in the East Anglian League, and now fancy their chances of taking the title from Ipswich. Secret weapon of the win was apparently the "loop." The first clash at Ipswich was won 6-4 by the home side, a margin that considerably flattered the visitors, and they will need to improve upon that performance.

The ladies of the two leagues are due to clash in the Rose Bowl shortly, and a close match should ensue. In the second round, Ipswich, who were without Pam Rogers, beat Yarmouth by 6-3 while Norwich passed through at the expense of Lowestoft.

The Suffolk Inter-Town League programme is now getting under way. Early casualties were Beccles and Peasenhall, who lost their opening matches to Ipswich and Stowmarket by 1-9 and 0-10 respectively. The Beccles-Ipswich match was considerably closer than the score suggests, but apart from the ladies' singles, the home players were unable to clinch vital points in the closing stages of each set.

First Division sides in the Ipswich Tournament have found the handicap too great, and only Derek Morley's Orwell Works B team have reached the last eight of the competition. Of the other seven teams, Castle Hill A must at this stage be regarded as strong favourites for the trophy. They will not find the task easy, for clubs from the lower regions of the league have been concerned in the finals in recent years.

D. J. Barrett.

NORFOLK NOTES

TRIPLE CROWN FOR MARY TURNER

IT was double three for Mary Turner at the Norfolk Closed—three titles and her third successive singles win. John Ewles retained his laurels, and, with brother Maurice, again won the doubles.

David Blanch removed Chris Fields, but fell to Alan Coby in the Junior final while Lesley Hanton (Norwich High School) beat Stella Mayhew (Denton) in the Girls'. Maurice Ewles won the Consolation Singles from J. Williams (Norwich British Railways); Bob Perry doubled as administrator and men's singles finalist while Wilf Mathews, of Dercham Jentique and R.A.F., Watton, gave Dereham their first county title when he beat holder Dick Morley in the veterans'. Bill Minors and Marion Harrison were Mary Turner's partners in her doubles triumphs, the latter partnership beating Edna Allen and Hilda Ewles for the first time.

The new venue, Civil Defence H.Q., provides excellent amenities, and thanks are due to their staff. Our own band of helpers provided hot lunches and ran an all-day canteen. But only six tables and a large entry in the consolation singles meant that it was 11.30 p.m. when Mr. J. W. Meadows presented the last trophy. We must improve on this next season!

The Norwich and Yarmouth juniors should not have their stamina tested too severely, for they are the best for years.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: J. EWLES (Y) bt R. Perry (N) 21-17, 21-18. **Women's Singles: Miss M. TURNER (N)** bt Mrs. M. Harrison (N) 27-25, 21-17.

Youth's Singles: A. COBY (N) bt D. Blanch (N) 22-20, 21-6. **Veterans' Singles: M. MATTHEWS (D)** bt R. Morley (N) 21-17, 21-18. **Girls' Singles: Miss L.**

HANTON (N) bt Miss S. Mayhew (Dn.) 21-18, 14-21, 21-14.

Men's Doubles: J. EWLES/M. EWLES bt A. Coby/J. Turner (N) 21-14, 21-17. **Women's Doubles: TURNER/Mrs. HARRISON (N)** bt Mrs. H. Ewles/Mrs. E. Allen (Y) 21-17, 21-14. **Mixed Doubles: W. MINORS/Miss TURNER (N)** bt M. Ewles/A. Ewles (Y) 21-18, 21-17.

Consolation Singles: M. EWLES (Y) bt J. Williams (N) 21-14, 21-23, 21-15.

IT was three more for Mary, one each for Marion Harrison and Stella Perry, when Norwich bundled Lowestoft out of the Rose Bowl. Yarmouth (Edna Allen, Joan Rodwell, Brenda Wright) lost, however, 6-3 to Ipswich in this national team knock-out.

GREAT YARMOUTH'S Handicap Singles was again won by Brian Taylor of Halvergate, a wooden batter who reached the semi-finals of the Norfolk Closed, and Joan Rodwell, Norfolk's first lady champion, took the Women's. The Doubles winners were L. Steventon and R. Needham who beat Tony Atkins and B. Brister. League leaders are:—**Premier:** Halvergate A, Northend A, R.A.F.A.; **I:** Freethorpe A, Northend C, G.P.O. A; **II:** Matthes B, Panthers B, National Assistance Board; **III:** St. Andrew's A, Erie Resistor, and Freethorpe B. Maurice Ewles and D. Clutton both sport coaches' badges and Maurice may shortly become Yarmouth's first registered player.

NORWICH LEAGUE sees C.E.Y.M.S. undefeated, having beaten Gothic, Bullards and St. Barnabas, and their C team are 100 per cent. in Division II, followed by Ex-Choristers and Jewsons. County Arts are unbeaten in Division III, also Lads' Club (with the Blanch twins and Macdonald) in Division IV.

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YORKSHIRE NOTES

Hartley Turns to Coaching

DENNIS HARTLEY, a former Leeds second-teamer, has never played for Bradford since he moved in 1957. He was selected once—but slipped a disc and was actually in hospital with his back in plaster when he was told.

He is now giving a more valuable service to the league, by taking the first regular coaching sessions for several years.

Sheffield are inter-league favourites after beating Doncaster 6-4, despite two from Pete Duncombe.

Their second team had a vital victory over Hull. One set came from a player with an unusual Christian name, Cleve Judson. He says: "I don't know how it originated but I had an uncle of that name. Most of my friends call me Cleve."

Huddersfield, the champions, opened with two defeats and two draws. David Hirst is adding some attacking punch to his steady defence and he had good wins over McGarry and Starkie in the draw with Barnsley.

At Leeds, Hirst met David Bevan in the first set. Seventy minutes later he lost at deuce in the third. In the following 70 minutes six sets were played! Stuart Sykes won two and Malcolm Mear gave Huddersfield a point in the last event.

Two Bradford players did well in lost matches. Against Sheffield John Page, the new No. 4, stormed to victory against Oglesby and Coward; and at Doncaster Hans Soova overcame Duncombe and Taylor.

York's Bagshaw Trophy was retained by David Lamb, the Dewsbury player at

St. John's College, York. He is the first to win twice since the competition became a handicap in 1956. In the final Lamb beat the other scratch man, Clive Pollard, 31-29, 31-28.

The first issue of the *Yorkshire Rosette* was a cleanly printed news-sheet giving inter-league tables, county match details, grading scheme positions, etc.—excellent value for threepence.

Form fluctuates. York women travelled to Bradford for an inter-league match, crashed 10-0. One week later in the Rose Bowl at York they led 4-5 and lost only when Bradford's Betty Clough, who was unbeaten, pipped Iris Pollard 21-19 in the third game of the last set after losing the first game 21-5.

Harrogate's youngsters, on the other hand, did better on travel. At home to Hull in the inter-league series they lost 7-3. But a week later their best three, playing for Wanderers in a youths' inter-club tie, beat a stronger-looking Hull Y.P.I. on their own table 5-4. Eric Hall was unbeaten in both matches.

I conclude with the tale of the team that was beaten by a burglar.

In the Bradford League Tong "B" were nearing the end of a neck-and-neck struggle with Clayton Heights when a friend arrived to tell Alan Goldsbrough that his home had been burgled. Goldsbrough had to leave immediately and concede his last vital set—and Tong lost 6-4. No wonder they claimed: "*We was robbed!*"

Malcolm Hartley.

"CAPPED"

THE man in the black cap is causing comment at Bradford. He is the Rev. Aubrey Rosenberg, who has signed for Jewish Institute. As minister of the Bradford Hebrew Congregation, he goes about with his head covered and plays in a little black cap.

He formerly played in the Oldham and Manchester leagues.

Two Moravian ministers, the Rev. R. S. Burd and the Rev. W. J. Mortimore, are past playing-members of Lower Wyke in the Bradford League.

SHEER LUXURY

COMPETITORS in the North East of England Open, the popular seaside holiday tournament, are promised better conditions this season.

As mentioned in last month's issue, it looked at one time as if the tournament would not be played; no accommodation seemed available when the Burniston Barracks were divided into offices.

Following Press publicity, however, an offer came from the Wallis Holiday Camp at Cayton Bay on the outskirts of the town and the tournament will now go on there next Easter.

Walter Mitton, Yorkshire secretary, says: "It will be held in a pavilion, which is sheer luxury after the barracks. There will be modern changing facilities, a canteen and licensed bars and we may be able to run a dance during the weekend."

HERTS. LOOK TO THE FUTURE

HERTFORDSHIRE, for so long an "in between" county in table tennis, looks to the future. Currently heading the Second Division South of the County Championships with an analysis of played 3, won 3, 26 games for, 4 against, and 6 points, they appear to be outclassing the opposition.

The various component leagues of the association are realists, however, and do not consider that the full potential of the county's resources have been fully developed.

Established players will not be permanently available and it is, therefore, creditable that E.T.T.A. coaches, led by Len Howick, and working in collaboration with Jack Carrington, have started to develop the young eager and promising talent in which the county abounds. Cheshunt is the beehive of this activity.

The upward leap of interest in table tennis in Hertfordshire is tremendous and the blend of good coaching, sound guidance and the development of the "killer" instinct will, I predict, make Hertfordshire a county to be feared in the not too distant future.

New names, new faces, and new techniques, are not too far away.

G. E. Foster.

NORFOLK NOTES

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Calvert St. Methodists head this latter Division, and Park Lane O.B. and Spruston C and Young Socialists. We should not forget Boys' Brigade, who run their own competition, and Youth Clubs and Centres throughout the county, and Y.M.C.A., who continue with their Schoolboys' Tournament. League players in their vicinities would find it well rewarding to help them with coaching, as some already do.

A Norwich side defeated Cambridge University in a friendly, and the first county match at Wymondham (v Berkshire) saw C.E.Y.M.S. players fill all three men's places. For Tony Hipperson, Tim Coe and Alan Coby this is not a record, since Loong, Fox and Hipperson (then Y.M.C.A.) preceded them in 1957.

At CROMER, Mr. Chesterfield of Melton Lodge, Holt Road, who runs the Youth Club, is busy following the visit of county officials. We hear of teams being formed. Norwich exiles, George Armstrong and Roger Harper, are there; also Mr. P. R. Mindham. There must be players in the Swaffham and Thetford areas who would like a league, too!

J. S. Penny.

HAMPSHIRE YOUTH INNOVATION

THE Hampshire Youth Service introduced table tennis into its physical education activities in a recent senior members week-end course at Avon Tyrrell, the National Association of Youth Clubs Centre in the New Forest.

Mr. T. W. Grant, E.T.T.A. and Southampton coach, participated with 12 club members in two sessions of basic coaching.

Southampton L.E.A. continue their year old venture with the local association of organised coaching for schools and youth clubs, and two eight-week courses have concluded with tournaments, where the singles prizes were Jack Carrington's coaching books.

Councillor Russell, chairman of the Youth Club Committee presented these, supported by the Youth Officer, Mr. W. T. Bennett.

Two Southampton boys, Michael Andrews, a Hampshire County junior, and Anthony Grant, fought out the senior boys' final of the Eagle/Girl Tournament (Preliminary Round) at Porchester Road Boys' School, Bournemouth, on December 14. Andrews' wider experience carried him through for the trip to London for the next stage in January.

WEST OF SCOTLAND CLOSED

COYNE'S GREAT DAY

JIM COYNE (P.O. Rec.) had a great day at the Fifth West of Scotland Closed Championships at the Headquarters Club, Glasgow, on December 2, when he carried off the men's singles crown, and was runner-up in the men's doubles.

Coyne provided the big surprise of the tournament in his opening match, beating international Jim Dow, the No. 2 seed 21-12, 25-23, and maintained this form to the end with wins over Jimmy Cook, Eddie Latham and, in the final, Fred Ireland, whom he beat 21-19.

Upset followed upset in the men's singles and only two of the seeded players, Davie Simpson, the defending champion, and John Campbell reached the last eight, where both fell. Simpson was beaten by Ireland 21-16, 21-17, while Campbell went out to Eddie Latham.

Seeded Jim Carswell lost to Joe Mitchell; Junior winner John Reilly beat Bobby Jackson; and former holder Ian Cochrane found George Anderson too strong.

Dow and Carswell made up for their singles failure by winning the men's doubles, beating Coyne and Latham 20-22, 21-19, 21-16, in the final.

Mrs. Olive Hawkins, twice previously runner-up, won the women's singles for the first time, beating Mrs. Doreen Robertson 21-13, 22-24, 21-16, in a final of fluctuating fortunes.

Scotland's newest international Lesley Barrie, who had been seeded

No. 2 to Mrs. Hawkins, lost at 23 and 18 in the quarter-finals to Sadie Forbes, who was beaten in the next round by Mrs. Robertson.

Mrs. Hawkins had a tight "quarter" against Mrs. Marie Coats with both games going to 20, while Mr. Robertson was fully extended by Mrs. May Mattinson, the West Open holder, before getting home at 18,—23, 16.

The mixed doubles provided a consolation win for Eddie Latham and Lesley Barrie when they beat Dow and Mrs. Hawkins, the West Open holders, at 19 in the third game of the final.

John Reilly maintained his winning sequence in the junior title when he beat the other seeded player Duncan Warren at 17 and 12 in the final.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: F. Ireland bt D. Simpson (Cent.) 16, 17. J. Mitchell (Ham X) bt G. Anderson (S'burn R.S.A.S.) 13,—18, 17. E. Latham (Cent.) bt J. Campbell (Cent.) 18, 12. J. Coyne (P.O. Rec.) bt J. Cook (Kn'wood) 13, 16.

Semi-Finals: F. IRELAND bt J. Mitchell 16, 14. J. COYNE bt E. Latham 13, 9. **Final:** COYNE bt Ireland 19, 11.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: COYNE/LATHAM (P.O. Central) bt Arthur/Ireland (Univ.) 14,—16, 11. CARSWELL/DOW bt Cameron/Jackson 16, 14. **Final:** CARSWELL/DOW bt Coyne/Latham —20, 19, 16.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: O. W. HAWKINS (Hillington) bt M. Anton (Inter.) 19, 11. D. ROBERTSON (Brighter Hols.) bt S. Forbes (P.O. Rec.) 6, 8. **Final:** HAWKINS bt Robertson 13,—22, 14.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: LATHAM/Miss L. BARRIE (Central) bt Coyne/Mrs. Robertson (P.O. Rec./Brighter Hols.) 15, 13. DOW/Mrs. HAWKINS (Cent./Hill) bt Anderson/Miss Coates (S'burn/Cent.) 10, 10. **Final:** LATHAM/BARRIE bt Dow/Hawkins —13, 13, 19.

Juniors: Final: J. REILLY (Pressed Steel) bt D. Warren (N. West Y.C.) 17, 12.

NEW BABY

CONGRATULATIONS to Tony Wickens, secretary of the E.T.T.A. Rules Committee, and his wife, on the birth of their son, Anthony Simon Harrison, who arrived on December 12 weighing 5lb. 8oz.

LANCS. TUMBLE

LANCASHIRE'S fond hopes of winning the Premier Division championship of the N.C.C. took a tumble at Warrington where promotees Essex won 5-4, nor were those hopes further enhanced by the scrape-home at Birmingham against Warwickshire.

Coinciding with the debacle at Warrington, Cheshire came up trumps against Kent at Stockport but this was of little consolation to the Lancastrians, who would have preferred them to beat Middlesex but such dreams are in the realms of fantasy.

Nothing abashed Lancashire's second string are going great guns in Division II (North). Following their initial success over Yorkshire 7-3, a repeat of the score was enacted to the bitterness of Lincolnshire, who were hopeful of a home write-up in keeping with the Boston tea party. No less than four of the Imps were registered with the Boston League and the subsequent report would have to be reclassified under obituary notices—such are the fortunes of war.

As with Lancashire in the Premier Division so with Bolton in the first division of the Lancashire and Cheshire League. Their hopes of dethroning Manchester from a nine-year championship reign were strewn along St. Annes Promenade after Blackpool, with Dave Frohlick supreme, had brought off a shock win. Admittedly the Boltonians were without Mike Symonds, on county duty, but this is not to detract from the merit of the seaiders' success.

In the national Wilmott Cup competition Preston, heading for promotion from Division II (West), sprang a major surprise in ousting top division Liverpool. Their reward was a home draw with Manchester, a dubious honour indeed.

Champions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Junior division, Liverpool repeated their success over Burnley in late November and must now rate firm favourites for a retention of the title. Gordon Birch was the Merseyside star, his three victims including Brian Marsden his fellow county player.

Word comes from the Lancaster and Morecambe League, newcomers to the Lancashire Association this year, of their top club Williamson's who only joined them last season but throughout the last, and so far this, are unbeaten nor lost a doubles set in all that time. Players responsible are Messrs. Knott, Meadows, Norcross and Spavin.

George R. Yates.

ESSEX MISS STEVENS

IT was a tragedy that Bobby Stevens was struck down by 'flu just before Essex met Middlesex in the premier division match at Tottenham.

His absence allowed Middlesex to run out comfortable winners 7-2.

Chester Barnes, who was promoted to No. 1, has done well recently with wins over Harrison, Rhodes, Symonds, Merrett, Baddeley and Forshaw.

The newly formed Junior Division of the Basildon League is proving so

successful that there is talk of it being divided into two sections . . . under 15 and under 17.

There are still three teams in the Chelmsford League with 100 per cent. records. Y.M.C.A. "A" in Division I, and Hanway "B" and Roseberry "C" in Division V.

The Romford League hold their finals at the Red Triangle Club on Saturday, January 12—7.30 start.

Frank Bateman.

WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

BUCKLEY WINS THREE

RAMON BUCKLEY, formerly of Bristol, won all three of his matches to help Weston to a convincing 7-2 home win over West Wilts, for whom J. Cleveland and D. Taylor each beat Ray Philpott in close games.

Cardiff, last year's champion, represented by B. Dimascio, A. Thomas and R. Davies, crushed Bristol Seconds 9-0, while Newport, after losing the first two games, just scraped home at 5-4 against Weston when D. Norris beat Buckley in the last match of the evening.

Swindon crashed 8-1 in the home match with Bath, but several of the matches were closer than the final score suggests.

R. Clode, a newcomer to Bath caught the eye with a good all-round performance. His tight defence and killing of the loose ball was always apparent. Swindon's lone win was provided by E. Howell in beating H. Jeffries.

Cheltenham easily accounted for Abergavenny 9-0, and also beat Swindon 6-3. Kevin Edwards was unbeaten in both matches. Cheltenham now lead the table, but only by virtue of having played more matches than Cardiff, Newport and Bristol, who are also unbeaten.

Grove Motlow

GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S NEW SECRETARY AN ASSET

WHEN Mrs. Pat Rowe resigned as county secretary at the end of last season, the prophets of gloom forecast a dire future for Gloucestershire. In stating that the executive is still in firm control it is not intended to imply that she has not been missed.

Anyone of Pat's efficiency was bound to be missed and we all regretted her decision. Credit must, therefore, be given to Ray Harris for continuing the high standard set by all previous occupants of the secretarial chair.

Ray has been interested in the executive side for more years than, perhaps, he cares to remember, and with his wealth of experience he is proving more than an asset to the county executive.

HAD EVERYTHING

Memories of table tennis in its heyday were well to the fore when Middlesex visited Gloucestershire in November. Practically all the talent in England, an enthusiastic crowd, first-class umpiring, and the thrills and tension engendered by the all-out efforts of the two teams. What more could any devotee of the game ask?

Unfortunately for Gloucestershire, Middlesex were the winners at 5-4 after Brian Wright had beaten Brian Merrett at 23-21 in the third to put Middlesex 5-3 up in the crucial match of the evening.

Merrett's change to sponge has not, as yet, been in any way to his advantage, but in spite of this he still takes a lot of beating.

Congratulations are due to the Gloucestershire City League for the splendid way in which they staged the match.

David McGarry is slowly making a name for himself in junior table tennis. Win or lose this young likeable player retains quiet control of himself and his manner is almost always impeccable. Well done young McGarry, you are a credit to Gloucestershire and your native city of Bristol.

"Onlooker."

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FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

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

Date	Title of Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
Jan. 11-12	WELSH OPEN (Jan. 2) Llandaff North Drill Hall, Cardiff.		Mrs. Roy Evans, 1, Llwyn-y-Grant Road, Cyncoed, Cardiff.
12	Lancashire Open (Jan. 3) De Havilland Aircraft Co., Lostock, Bolton.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	A. Howcroft, 94, Bradford Street, Farnworth, Bolton.
Jan. 18-19	CO. DOWN OPEN (Jan. 7) Dufferin Hall, Bangor, Co. Down, N. Ireland.	J.B.S. V.S.	T. Huggins, 18, Fairview Gardens, Bangor, Co. Down, Northern Ireland.
19	Pontefract Open (A) (Jan. 10) Assembly Rooms and Town Hall, Pontefract, Yorks.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	T. Horrocks, 4, Bondgate, Pontefract, Yorks.
19	Bath Open (Jan. 7) Drill Hall, Lower Bristol Road, Bath.	J.B.S.	J. A. Butcher, 1, South View Road, Bath.
25-27	GERMAN D.D.R. OPEN		
26-27	Kent Open (Jan. 5) Marine Pavilion, Folkestone.	Y.S.B. Y.S.G.	F. G. Mannooch, 216, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
Jan. 27	Scottish West Open Glasgow.		
Feb. 1-2	IRISH OPEN (Jan. 19) Balbriggan, Nr. Dublin.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	L. Cashell, Glendale, Seapoint, Balbriggan, Co Dublin.
Feb. 2	SOUTH YORKSHIRE OPEN (Jan. 27) Somme Barracks, Sheffield, Yorks.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	A. Head 1, Poplar Avenue, Beighton, Nr. Sheffield, Yorks.
Feb. 9	MIDLAND OPEN (Jan. 30) Friends' Institute, 220, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.	J.B.S. J.G.S. J.B.D. V.S.	M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.
Feb. 10	Scottish Midlands Closed Dundee.		
16-17	South of England (A) (Jan. 30). I.C.T., Welfare Hall, Aurelia Road, Croydon.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	S. H. Buchan, 124, Portnells Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.
23	Cheshire Junior Open (Feb. 9) Livingstone Street Baths, Birkenhead.		R. A. Bissell, 75, Southdale Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Cheshire.
23-24	GERMAN DTTB OPEN		
Feb. 27- March 2	ENGLISH OPEN The Dome and Corn Exchange, Brighton, Sussex.		E.T.T.A. Office, 652, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.
Mar. 9	Welsh Closed Llandaff North Drill Hall, Cardiff.		Mrs. Roy Evans, 1, Llwyn-y-Grant Road, Cyncoed, Cardiff
Mar. 9-10	Bucks. Open (Feb. 16) Slough Community Centre, Farnham Road, Slough.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	L. Thompson, "Auchmead," The Avenue, Sunnymeads, Wraysbury, Bucks.
17	Sussex Junior Open (Feb. 16) Assembly Hall, Worthing, Sussex.	U.17 U.15 U.13	M. J. Joyes, 42, Livesay Crescent, Worthing, Sussex.
22	Stevenage Open (Feb. 25) No. 1 Canteen, English Electric Ltd. Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	J. Thompson, 268, Chertsey Rose, Stevenage, Herts.

OFFICIAL NEWS

THE National Executive Committee met in the Council Room, Royal Commonwealth Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2., on Saturday the 1st December, 1962, with Mr. I. C. Eyles in the chair. The meeting lasted for 5 hours and some of the items discussed were:—

Officers meetings with the membership. It was noted that the officers had met the members of the Sussex County Association and that further meetings were being arranged. On the 12th January, 1963, the officers will travel to Newcastle to meet the Association's members in the North of England and in February, 1963, it is hoped to meet the members of the West Country at Exeter and also the East Anglia members at Norwich.

Annual General Meeting 1963. It was agreed that the 1963 Annual General Meeting of the Association should be held on Saturday, 6th July, 1963, in the Bishop Partridge Hall, Church House, Westminster, London, S.W.1., commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Future of Middlesex as a County. The question of Middlesex as a County was discussed in view of the Government's forthcoming Greater London plan. Conversations had been with the Women's All England Hockey Association and also the Middlesex County officials of Golf and Lawn Tennis regarding this matter and it was agreed that the E.T.T.A. should keep in close touch with all other sports bodies on this particular matter.

It is now learned that Middlesex County Cricket Club will retain their title, whether or not the Government's Greater London plan comes into being or not.

It was also noted that other parts of the country might become affected at a later date in view of the Government's present proposals to Parliament.

Basic Coaching Diplomas and Teaching Theory Certificates. The following recommendations of the National Coaching Committee were agreed:—

COACHING DIPLOMAS: A. Wolff (Wilts.), B. Champion (Ireland), K. Taylor (Durham), D. Baddeley (Warwicks.), K. A. Barrett (Sussex), D. Clutton (Norfolk), S. Denton (Northumberland), L. F. Landry (Middx.), A. G. Lindsay (Middx.), A. G. Green (Sussex).

TEACHING THEORY CERTIFICATE: B. W. Sargent (Surrey), G. Ponting (Surrey), P. C. Carter (Surrey).

E.T.T.A. Tour of Jersey. It was noted that the Jersey T.T.A. had invited the E.T.T.A. to send players for a tour of the island. The dates of the tour have been agreed as the 14th-17th February, 1963, and the following players will be making the trip, which it is hoped will help to stimulate interest in the game in the island: J. A. Leach (Essex), Miss D. Rowe (Middx.), Miss M. Shannon (Surrey), C. G. Barnes (Essex) and D. Stanley (Lancs.).

The tour of Jersey has been sponsored by a well known wine merchant, C. Le Masurier, Ltd., on the island and the Jersey Association specifically asked that the above players should be sent from the E.T.T.A.

Registered Members Applications. The following further members have been approved as Registered Members for the 1962/63 season: R. E. Etheridge (Kent), T. W. Grant (Hants.), B. Jeffery (Glos.), K. S. Lipscomb (Middx.), D. M. Robson (Northumberland), W. R. Spry (Devon), C. Booth (Lancs.), E. G. Evans (Kent), F. R. Kershaw (Lancs.), A. G. Lindsay (Middx.), P. H. Norman (Derbys.), J. Somogyi (Surrey), J. K. Kennerley (Cheshire), G. H. Savage (Insurance Offices).

County Secretaries Conference. As reported last month, this Conference was held on the 1st December, 1962. Representatives of the following Counties attended: Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Durham, Devonshire, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Lancashire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Northumberland, Somerset, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire. Also in attendance was a representative of the London Federation.

The minutes of the conference have now been circulated to Counties and the various matters raised will be considered by the National Executive

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Committee at their next meeting, on the 2nd February, 1963.

Training Session. The next training session will be held on the 20th January, 1963, at Messrs. Ultra Electronics, Ltd., Western Avenue, London, W.3. The players invited to attend are as follows: C. Barnes (Essex), D. O. Creamer (Middx.), I. Harrison (Glos.), J. Ingber (Lancs.), A. G. Lindsay (Middx.), B. Merrett (Glos.), R. J. Stevens (Essex), M. Symonds (Lancs.), Miss L. Bell (Essex), Mrs. J. McCree (Essex), Miss D. Rowe (Middx.), Miss M. Shannon (Surrey), Miss A. Taft (Middx.).

Play will commence at approximately 10.30 a.m.

English Open Championships. As announced in the December issue, these championships will be staged at The Dome and The Corn Exchange, Brighton (in conjunction with the Brighton Corporation) between the 27th February and the 2nd March, 1963. Final details are now being agreed with the Brighton Corporation regarding ticket prices and all details will be inserted in the FEBRUARY issue of the magazine.

L.T.A. Co-operate: The Lawn Tennis Association, in agreement with the E.T.T.A., have sent a document to their affiliated clubs suggesting they might increase their activities by introducing table tennis, where this is not already being done.

Some 4,000 copies were circulated with the L.T.A. annual report and league secretaries may soon be getting enquiries from Lawn Tennis clubs in their areas asking for information.

We know all our member league secretaries will co-operate to the full with the lawn tennis clubs in this matter.

Should any of our own members like to have copies of the document, they can be obtained from the E.T.T.A. office.

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JACK CARRINGTON'S NOTEBOOK

For Advanced Young Players

Now that we have laid a wide "carpet" of Basic Coaching meetings around the country, we plan to arrange some special meetings for youngsters, irrespective of age, who show definite "quality."

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There will be no weak players in these sessions, only a little coaching, but a lot of hard practice with good tournament players.

Some part of the expenses will have to be paid by the pupils, but very concentrated development practice will be given to each pupil.

The first two Advanced Young Players' sessions will be at:

- Stafford: March 9 and 10;
- Clacton: March 16 and 17.

We aim before long to build up a wide network of such meetings to assist the "Drive to Perfection" of our young "Cadets."

We believe parents, leaders, and League officials will welcome this "quality" stage in the National Scheme. Please let us have your enquiries, recommendations, or suggestions.

"OPERATION STAFFS"

We apologise for the misprint in last month's TABLE TENNIS quoting a February date for the E.T.T.A. Coaching Rally in Staffordshire.

The correct dates are:

Saturday, March 9, and Sunday, March 10, 1963.

By courtesy of the Staffs. Service of Youth, this big event will take place at the Ward End Schools, Wednes-

field, near Wolverhampton. Programme will include:

1. **Basic Coaching** for some 200 Youth Members from Staffordshire and surrounding counties.
2. **Special Training for Advanced Young Players** (Restricted to 12 players, under 16, who must be nominated as "advanced" by their Leagues).
3. **Intermediate Invitation Tournament** (Restricted to 8 men, 4 girls, under 21, who must be nominated by County).
4. **Conference of League Secretaries (Region 7) with E.T.T.A. Officers.**

I shall be pleased to hear from Leagues or Counties, wishing to nominate players for events 2 or 3. These may come from any part of the country. Intermediates accepted by E.T.T.A. will receive a grant towards expenses.

COACHES AND HELPERS: It is clear that a large team of coaches and helpers will be needed, and volunteers for either Saturday and Sunday, or both, will be welcomed. Please apply to:

Director of Coaching,
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Ilford, Essex.

SPECIAL NOTE TO DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

1. Will you please advise me if your address has changed since first enrolment.

2. We would like to hear of any meetings or functions which you may organise in your areas, so that such information may be circulated and co-ordinated with our general programme.

NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS FOR SPRING

- Jan. 8: Coaches' Meeting, Meadhurst (B.P.) Club, Sunbury-on-Thames.
- Jan. 12: Bexhill Athletic Club: Juniors' Coaching Rally.
- Jan. 13: Haywards Heath Youth Club: Club Coaching Rally.
- Jan. 19/20: Tunbridge Wells (Sandown Court School): Club and Junior Coaching Rally.
- Jan. 26 or 27: Coaches' Study Sessions and Practical.
- Feb. 5/6/7: Blackpool-Blackburn area.
- Feb. 9/10: Manchester area.
- Feb. 9: Southend—Junior Rally.
- Feb. 16: Melton Mowbray—General Coaching.
- Feb. 17: Nottingham—Coaches Study Sessions.
- Feb. 23: Woodbridge, Suffolk: Junior Rally.
- Mar. 9/10: **"OPERATION STAFFS"** (See special note).***
- Mar. 16/17: Butlin's Camp, Clacton: Young Players Coaching Weekend: A. Advanced Group; B. General Group; AND Adults' Practice Weekend.
- Apl. 26/27: Dartford Y.M.C.A. General Coaching Rally.

Other Meetings: Courses and Rallies are also being planned for the following areas: Barrow-in-Furness, Leicester, Durham, Bradford, Slough, Basildon, Isle of Wight, Gloucester, Bath, Torquay, Lilleshall, etc. Enquiries from anybody wishing to participate or to help will be welcomed.

For further details of any of the events mentioned in these Notes, apply to:
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24 Worcester Gardens,
Ilford, Essex.

Stop Press

CHESTER BARNES and Mary Shannon were shock winners of English Closed titles on January 5.

Results: Mens Singles: Barnes bt Rhodes 10, —15, 19, 22. Womens Singles: Shannon bt Rowe 16, 16, 18. Mens Doubles: Raybould/Stevens bt Jacobson/Lindsay —21, 11, 24, 14. Womens Doubles: Rowe/Shannon bt Bell/Martin 15, 15, —12, 8. Mixed Doubles: Wright/Shannon bt Barnes/Bell 16, 18, 10. Full report next month.

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