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E.T.T.A. GET TOUGH

The E.T.T.A. are taking a tough line with foreign countries in future over the question of reciprocal visits. Unless they are prepared to play ball by sending exchange players here for the English Open at Brighton for February 27 to March 2 we will boycott their championships.

This matter has come to a head over Sweden, and, unless there is a change of heart, the Scandinavian Championships in Boras are out as far as our official teams are concerned.

The Swedes would like us to send our top players, and they are particularly keen to have Ian Harrison, but they are prepared only to send two girls to the English Open. This is not considered good enough.

The Swedish girls pretty as they are, would not be a big attraction from a playing point of view.

A FAIR EXCHANGE

A fair exchange would obviously be Hans Alser, the European champion, and their new star junior Carl Johan Bernhardt.

Moreover, Alser, when he was here for the recent tour, said he would like to come over for the English Open but his association has so far said "No."

Incidentally, last month's tour was in exchange for our players going to the Scandinavian last year, and nothing to do with the current season.

The E.T.T.A. cannot be blamed for taking this tough line for they have been let down in the past. There have been times when the draw has been made and blanks left for the names of overseas players to be inserted, because we have not known who was coming until the team actually arrived.

This is not going to happen again. If names are not known when the draw is made they will be left out.

There have been problems over the Hungarians coming for the English Open, but these appear to have been ironed out now and it has been tentatively agreed that our official team of Diane Rowe, Mary Shannon and Lesley Bell, who are going to the Yugoslavian Open in Skoplje from November 8 to 11, will travel on to the Hungarian Open in Budapest from November 15 to 18.

Overseas players are necessary to give an added boost to the English Open, which has generally been regarded as next in importance only to the World and European championships.

They are needed more than ever this time for a new innovation will be an international team event for team of two, played on Swaythling Cup lines.

This is planned as part of our preparation for the World Championships in Prague from April 5 to 14 and it is hoped that at least eight teams will take part, so that it can be run off in two groups.

However, the E.T.T.A. have to stick rigidly to the reciprocal arrangement for it all comes down to that sordid question of finance.

A RUSHED VISIT

West Germany are meeting England men at Guinness's Park Royal on November 24.

This is to be a rush affair for the same day the Germans will fly off to the Scandinavian Open.

B.E.A. are co-operating in allowing the Germans to get to London Airport at the last minute, and it is hoped to arrange for a police escort to see they do not get delayed in the traffic.

THE SWEDISH TOUR**NEW CENTRES PAY OFF****Harrison beats Alser**

by GEOFF HARROWER

From many aspects, the six-match tour by the Swedish team was a great success. Certainly the policy of playing two matches where Internationals had never been held before paid off; and in all centres civic dignitaries were mustered to the matches, official receptions were held, and the friendly spirit between all the players was extremely heartening.

Against this was the fact that the playing conditions in most centres did little to enhance England's reputation in this respect. Norwich must be exempted from this criticism, and Malvern, who had all too little time to organise the match, made every possible effort to reduce the slippery floor conditions. The precision broom sweepers at the magnificent Winter Gardens reminded one very much of the Wembley pre-ice hockey march.

Even with table tennis in its present low state, it should not be necessary to play matches on floors which are a danger to the players, neither should brand new tables be sent. The players hate them, and this does not make for top play.

Also, something must be done about the nets and posts supplied for

did much to satisfy the spectators and probably ensure increased audiences for future tours.

Glossing over the handful of spectators at the two London matches, very satisfactory numbers attended the four in the provinces. Indeed, Trowbridge was full to overflowing. Although this was only 400, nevertheless the atmosphere with a tightly packed hall is better than a larger arena more than half empty.

The undoubted outstanding success of the tour was the 16-year-old Swedish junior Carl Johan Bernhardt. Originally, the Swedes thought so lightly of us that they felt they could afford to send their Nos. 1 and 4 to win all the matches, and send their (approx.) No. 10, a 16-year-old

RESULTS**ENGLAND v SWEDEN****At Norwich:****England 2, Sweden 5**

I. Harrison lost to **H. Alser** 21-18, 10-21, 12-21; lost to **K. Bernhardt** 22-24, 17-21; bt **S. Bengtsson** 21-18, 21-17. **D. Creamer** bt **Bengtsson** 21-13, 13-21, 21-15; lost to **Alser** 18-21, 18-21. **B. Wright** lost to **Alser** 20-22, 13-21; lost to **Bernhardt** 14-21, 16-21.

At Wealdstone:**England 3, Sweden 5**

Harrison lost to **Bernhardt** 21-15, 14-21, 19-21; lost to **Bengtsson** 17-21, 11-21; bt **Alser** 22-20, 14-21, 21-19. **Creamer** bt **Bengtsson** 21-17, 22-20; lost to **Alser** 19-21, 19-21. **A. Rhodes** lost to **Alser** 12-21, 15-21; bt **Bernhardt** 18-21, 21-14, 21-19; lost to **Bengtsson** 21-19, 16-21, 8-21.

At Tottenham:**England 3, Sweden 5**

Harrison bt **Bengtsson** 5-21, 21-19, 21-8; bt **Alser** 21-15, 21-15. **Creamer** bt **Bengtsson** 21-11, 21-16; lost to **Bernhardt** 19-21, 22-20, 10-21; lost to **Alser** 15-21, 14-21. **Rhodes** lost to **Bernhardt** 19-21, 21-16, 20-22; lost to **Alser** 13-21, 15-21; lost to **Bengtsson** 6-21, 15-21.

At Trowbridge:**England 5, Sweden 2**

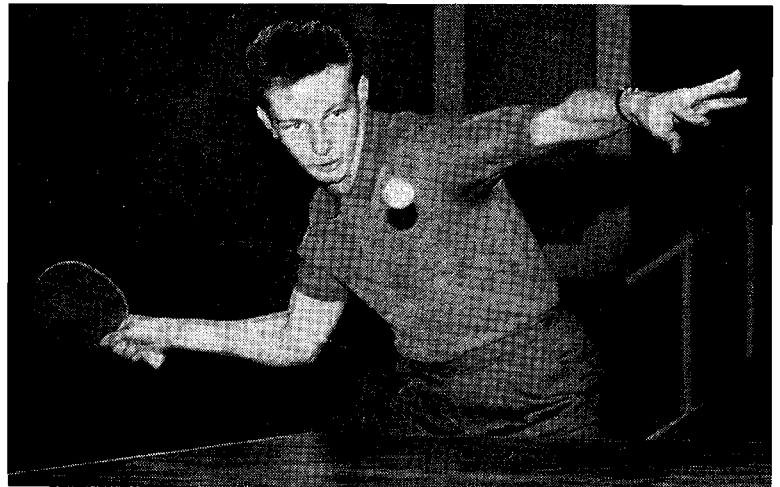
Harrison bt **Bernhardt** 21-19, 22-20, 22-20; bt **Bengtsson** 21-13, 19-21, 21-18; lost to **Alser** 13-21, 21-10, 14-21. **Wright** lost to **Bengtsson** 11-21, 17-21; lost to **Alser** 13-21, 18-21. **Rhodes** lost to **Bernhardt** 25-27, 13-21; lost to **Alser** 13-21, 13-21.

At Malvern:**England 3, Sweden 5**

Harrison bt **Bernhardt** 21-19, 22-20; lost to **Bengtsson** 15-21, 22-24; bt **Alser** 24-22, 21-10. **J. Ingber** bt **Bengtsson** 21-11, 17-21, 21-16; lost to **Alser** 13-21, 9-21. **A. Pid-dock** lost to **Alser** 9-21, 19-21; lost to **Bernhardt** 14-21, 13-21; lost to **Bengtsson** 10-21, 13-21.

At Nottingham:**England 3, Sweden 5**

Harrison lost to **Bernhardt** 18-21, 16-21; bt **Bengtsson** 21-13, 23-21; bt **Alser** 21-17, 21-17. **M. Symonds** lost to **Alser** 13-21, 12-21, lost to **Bernhardt** 13-21, 13-21. **Ingber** bt **Bengtsson** 21-17, 18-21, 22-20; lost to **Alser** 21-15, 14-21, 12-21; lost to **Bernhardt** 21-14, 8-21, 19-21.

**DAVID CREAMER**

international matches. Much time was spent in several centres vainly endeavouring to get a uniform 6 inch height. At Nottingham referee Geoff James's hair turned several shades greyer when he saw the net sent specially from London for the match. One light touch, and it sank gracefully upon the table, to be speedily replaced by a net brought by a helpful local official from his club!

Despite all this, play was of a good standard and, indeed, the open play favoured by most of the players

youngster, for valuable experience. Instead they found this untried boy a tower of strength throughout. Indeed, it is very likely that the tour would have been shared 3-all without his play.

Right from the very start he made an effective contribution; at Norwich he had to go on the table against Ian Harrison with his side one down. Bengtsson had unexpectedly lost to Creamer at 15-21 in the third after leading 14-12, a shattering experience, which appeared to affect

Bengtsson the whole tour. Nothing daunted, Bernhardt beat Harrison in straight games. His play went from strength to strength, culminating in a magnificent display in the final match at Nottingham, when he saved his side by winning all his three matches.

Throughout the tour he played 14 matches, winning 10 of them. Of the other four, one was lost after the match had been decided—and then only at 19 in the third. Two of the others were lost at 19 in the third and 20 in the third. His only straight games defeat, at Malvern, was to Harrison, and even then he scored 19 and 20.

We shall hear a lot of this very tall boy who is never afraid to play his strokes. Let him get on the attack and it is odds on he will win the rally. Give him a high ball and he puts it away better than many world champions I have seen.

Conversely, Stellan Bengtsson was disappointing. We had heard so much of this 21-year-old, who was expected to challenge for a place in the top three in Sweden—yet he won but seven of his 16 matches. However, he twice beat Harrison when a loss would probably have meant losing both those matches. Again, he is a magnificent putter away of the loose ball. I only remember him missing one the whole series.

Hans Alser did not look like a European champion. He is, of course, a very tight player who gives little or nothing away, yet I felt that, even apart from his four losses to Ian Harrison, he had not yet hit his peak form.

CREAMER'S PROGRESS

Although we lost all six matches we, too, had items on the credit side. Towering head and shoulders above all others was the form displayed by David Creamer. It is quite impossible to describe the advance he has made to those who have not seen him play since last season. Gone are those careless point losing strokes. He is fitter, faster, brainier and far, far more determined.

I seriously suggest that, notwithstanding anything else he does this season, David should be selected NOW for the Swaythling Cup, along with Harrison and Ingber.

Had he been available (and selected) for the final three matches, it is probable that we would have won two of them.

Ian Harrison continues to be an enigma. At times he is so good that you can see him challenging the very best, and at others so lackadaisical that he appears not to be really trying. I feel, however, that this tour has done him a lot of good. He was

clearly shaken by losing three in five to Bernhardt, and it may well be that he will in future give of his best all the time. Nothing can take away the fact that he scored four wins out of six against the current European champion.

Jeff Ingber played very well. He is never likely to be a world champion, but he is a good solid player—rubber bat and all—who doesn't make me ashamed of my England shirt. Alser could not understand why Jeff was not in all the teams, and this was before he had played him, not after!

The space allotted by your editor is running out, which is perhaps just as well for one or two of the other England players. We all know that Alan Rhodes does not appear to best advantage at the beginning of the season; Brian Wright, a solid county man, has yet to learn that little extra something to enable him to bridge the gap; while I really felt sorry for Tony Piddock. No doubt, some selectors may have felt that his consistent play had earned an Eng-

land badge, but it was embarrassing to see young Bernhardt practising his reverse backhand slice against Tony's service.

JUDGMENT RESERVED

Judgment must be reserved about Michael Symonds. He was unlucky to have to play Alser in his opening match, a class of player he had never previously met. He was equally unlucky that his only other game should be against Bernhardt on the Swedish youngster's best night of the tour. I still feel that Mike is our one young player who might make the grade. Certainly he could help himself a lot by a change of attitude. The spirit of youth is splendid, but tempered with realisation that others, too, know something about the game is better still.

Jeff Ingber came up to me at Nottingham immediately after Mike had lost to Bernhardt, and said . . . "The boy played well." Only those four words, but unsolicited praise for another is not an everyday happening in the sporting world.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	Alser	Bernhardt	Bengtsson	Total
	W L	W L	W L	W L
Harrison	4-2	2-3	4-2	10-7
Creamer	0-3	1-1	3-0	4-4
Ingber	0-2	0-1	2-0	2-3
Rhodes	0-3	1-2	0-2	1-7
Wright	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-5
Piddock	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3
Symonds	0-1	0-1	—	0-2

Swedish Summary: Alser played 18, won 14, lost 4. Bernhardt played 14, won 10, lost 4. Bengtsson played 16, won 7, lost 9.

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TALKING POINTS

Conducted by **LAURIE LANDRY**

TOO EARLY

THE first tournament of the season, the East of England at Skegness, was a success as usual. Although without the really top players there were, however, sufficient good players there to make it a tournament of a high standard. The fact that this tournament is over at 5.30 p.m. on the Sunday makes it all the more popular, for players coming from a distance can return in good time for work the next morning.

The Essex Open, which also suffered a lack of class players, has at last found a venue that could be permanent. There were one or two complaints about the checked pattern on the floor but when one is concentrating on the game such things should not be noticed.

A very high entry for the North of England led to it running a little late, but it finished in good time in the end. One talking point here was the draw for the men's singles. Jeff Ingber was top seed and Jack Clayton No. 2. Yet there did not seem to be many good players in Jeff's quarter, whereas in Clayton's section he had someone to worry him every round until he was defeated. Each

time Ingber has entered this tournament the draw has been similar to this year so they say "Luck of the draw, or what?"

Following so many players mentioning "Absent Stars" in the first two tournaments of the season, I have heard very little from those concerned.

Most of the players involved agreed that they thought it was too early to

start competitive play. Yet I did not hear of any players withdrawing from the Middlesex v Rest match at the beginning of August. A few others had legitimate reasons.

Harry Walker writes from Essex and says that he thinks players should be restricted to one County Closed. He further adds that this should also apply for League Closed championships. Players should decide where their allegiance lies.

On the question of competition for veterans, Walker points out they have two Veteran Divisions in the Inter-League Championships, while more and more leagues are now bringing this event into their closed championships, too.

FLO WRIGHT RETURNS

BACK to the table comes Flo Wright. In 1953 she was the youngest player at 15 to represent Yorkshire. She played for the county 22 times and represented England juniors against Germany.

Absent five years following her marriage to Mr. John Rollings, and now mother of two boys, she is one of two notable recruits for Barnsley North End. The other is Pat Dainty, the 15-year-old Yorkshire junior from Doncaster.

This gives Barnsley the impressive inter-league line-up of Lillias Hamilton, Eileen Starkie, Wright and Dainty, and they will be hoping to take the women's shield to South Yorkshire for the first time since 1949.

Between them they make up a North End team which is the first all-women's side to play in Barnsley's First Division.

Chief inter-league opposition is expected to come from Huddersfield, the champions, and Leeds, who will include Di Wright, the leading Cheshire player, now married to Eric Johnson, also of Cheshire fame.

Another newcomer to the Yorkshire scene this season will be a printed news sheet called "*The Yorkshire Rosette*." Information from and subscriptions to Mrs. C. Cook, 132 Wilthorpe Road, Barnsley.

Raymond Hinchliff, who caused a stir at Huddersfield by dropping into Division Five with Electric Sports while a Premier Division regular in 1958, has helped his team into Division Two. They will be without Mike Hancock, the Halifax junior, however, who is concentrating on studies. Richard Thwaites joins Ray and Graham Walker.

Lockwood Rovers, last season's



FLO WRIGHT

Division Two champions, have had to disband. Gordon Hinchliff and Bob Cratchley have joined Y.M.C.A. and dynamic Colin Butler is taking a rest.

Hull and Bradford are both 12 teams up on last season and Harrogate have an increase of seven.

Paul Rook, playing in Division Six of the Bradford League for Y.M.C.A. "D", had the remarkable experience of winning a set without the lose of a point. His opponent was a beginner filling in for the night but surely he felt entitled to at least one net or edge!

MALCOLM HARTLEY

RHODES KEEPS TITLE

TABLE TENNIS activity started in Middlesex this season with the closed championships. The fact that Alan Rhodes was the only holder to retain his title, the men's singles, shows how right the opposition in the finals, the results of which were:

Men's Singles: **A. Rhodes** bt A. Lindsay 21-17, 16-21, 21-15. Women's Singles: **M. Hicks** bt J. Redfearn 12-21, 21-19, 21-18. Men's Doubles: **S. Jacobson/Lindsay** bt B. Hodson/H. Creamer 21-13, 19-21, 21-17. Women's Doubles: **Hicks/L. Ogus** bt P. Venus/S. Light 21-18, 21-19. Mixed Doubles: **L. Landry/J. Redfearn** bt B. Wright/Ogus 21-10, 21-16. Boys' Singles: **A. Robinson** bt L. Gresswell 16-21, 21-16, 21-15. Girls' Singles: **S. Light** bt M. Hope 21-5, 21-10.

Entries for the School's Tournament are now coming in and with London included for the first time it promises to be bigger than ever.

In the Inter-League competition, there will be, this season, two second divisions instead of a second and third. Promotion will be possible for one team from each of the divisions.

ESSEX FOLLOW E.T.T.A. LEAD

ESSEX have once again produced the "Boy of the Year" in the NEWS OF THE WORLD tournament at Butlins. He is David Brown, of Barking, and for good measure, Keith Lawrence and Karenza Smith were among the runners-up.

Two years ago Essex took both major awards with Chester Barnes and Lesley Bell.

Essex have appointed a Development committee to look into all aspects of the furtherance of table tennis in the county. Members of the committee are Harry Walker (chairman), Ron Langner (Secretary), Johnny Leach, Brian Brumwell, and Roy Markwell.

The following ideas have been submitted so far:

1. THAT AN ESSEX HEADQUARTERS BE ESTABLISHED.
2. ORGANISE A COUNTY DANCE.
3. CLOSER CONTACT WITH LEAGUES.
4. ARRANGE PRACTICE PLAYING SESSIONS FOR THE PREMIER DIVISION TEAM WITH SELECTED OUTSTANDING PLAYERS OF PROMISE.
5. TO FORM A COUNTY COACHING COMMITTEE.

The go-ahead Romford League Club, "Gallows Corner" have just signed on former Spurs and England goalkeeper Ted Ditchburn. No transfer fee has been mentioned!

Lesley Bell heads both the senior and junior list in the new Essex rankings which are as follows:

Men: 1, R. STEVENS; 2, B. BRUMWELL; 3, C. BARNES; 4, R. RAYBOULD; 5, A. CONDON; 6, G. GOLDING; 7, H. COLLINS; 8, D. GARNER; 9, L. SAWYER; 10, R. DORKING; 11, P. PUDNEY; 12, A. CORNELL; 13, D. PRYOR; 14, F. FALLEN; 15, M. SWEETING.

Women: L. BELL; Mrs. J. McCREE; 3, B. SAYER; 4, S. HESSION; 5, Mrs. E. CARRINGTON; 6, G. SAYER; 7, Mrs. I. SAWYER; 8, P. MARTIN; 9, L. HENWOOD.

Boys: 1, C. BARNES; 2, D. BROWN; 3, J. BLACKMAN; equal 4, S. GIBBS and L. CROXON; 6, R. EDMONDSON; 7, S. LEVETT; 8, D. HURR; 9, D. JOHNSON; 10, S. WAND.

Girls: 1, L. BELL; 2, B. SAYER; 3, L. HENWOOD; 4, G. SAYER; 5, P. MARTIN; 6, S. WARN; 7, K. SMITH; 8, T. BURNELL; 9, D. GOODMAN.

A former East London League champion very much in the news at present is Terry Stamp, who received good notices for his performances in the film Billy Budd, with Peter Ustinov. As a member of the Plaistow Red Triangle Club, Stamp won the boys doubles in 1955-56 with John Bradford as his partner.

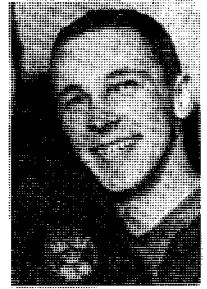
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PROFILE OF A CHAMPION

HANS ASLER

EUROPE'S No. 1

by JOHN CORSER



HANS ALSER

AT 22, Hans Alser, of Sweden, is the singles champion of Europe.

Although he won the title in the absence of the Hungarians, who boycotted Berlin, any suggestions that it was a hollow victory are entirely unfair.

For Alser had already gained a previous victory over Hungary's Zoltan Berczik, the former champion.

Like many fine players, Alser is slightly below average height, but he has a good physique and, with his crew cut hair and close-fitting track suit, he looks what he is . . . every inch an athlete.

He devotes his whole time to table tennis and is coach to the Swedish team. His home is at Boras, about 50 miles from Gottenburg, and he plays at a sports club nearby.

Alser has a well-balanced all-round game with no marked weakness. His concentration is very good and on defence, which he prefers, his anticipation is sometimes reminiscent of Bergmann. On both attack and defence his footwork is outstanding and he must be the fastest player in Europe.

His strokes are carefully made and he is rarely caught playing the ball off the wrong foot. After each backhand stroke he has a habit of loosening his grip on the bat.

Alser is very nearly the purists' idea of the perfect table tennis player. Certainly, as well as his beautiful stroke production, he is fit and fast, with the balance of a gymnast, concentration, anticipation and intelligence.

His one deficiency seems to be too great a readiness to go into his shell and push and defend.

Quite often he is forced to struggle grimly against much inferior opponents. Unfortunately this not only reduces his chance of building from his excellent attacking strokes the sort of combinative play which is necessary in world class, but it also makes him vulnerable against weaker players because he does not bring to bear his superior stroke play.

Alser has been playing in world class only two years and if he is to bid for the highest honours this may well be his year of destiny.

EAGLE/GIRL TOURNAMENT

AN ENTRY OF 12,000

THE popular EAGLE and GIRL tournaments, which have introduced so many youngsters to competitive table tennis, are continuing their good work again this season.

It is anticipated that the entries will top last season's 12,000, with its interest spreading over the whole of Great Britain.

The competitions are in two classes, under-15's and under-13's and in addition there is a top team award of a special match table.

Points towards the top team prize must be scored in Area finals.

Area finals will be held in Cardiff, Birmingham, London, Dublin, Glasgow and Leeds.

These will be followed by regional finals in the South (for area champions

of the South, Midlands and Wales), and in the North (for North, Scotland and Ireland). Winners of these will then come together for the Grand Finals. to be held in London, mid-April.

Winning teams in both regions will receive tables, while there are cups for the individual regional champions.

THE BISHOPSGATE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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has a few vacancies for members this season. The Club meets at 6.15 p.m. every Monday and Friday. Write to the Hon. Secretary, H. A. Packett, 6, Ravenscourt Road, Hammersmith, W.6.

THE NEW RANKING LISTS

Spectacular Jump for Creamer and Alma Taft

MEN

1. J. Harrison (Glos.) (1).
2. J. Ingber (Lancs.) (3).
3. D. Creamer (Middx.) (11).
4. A. Rhodes (Middx.) (2).
5. R. Stevens (Essex) (4).
6. B. Merrett (Glos.) (5).
7. B. Wright (Middx.) (6).
8. M. Symonds (Lancs.) (—).
9. A. Piddock (Kent) (9).
10. J. Clayton (Lancs.) (8).
11. S. Jacobson (Middx.) (7).
12. D. Baddeley (Warwick.) (12).

WOMEN

1. D. Rowe (Middx.) (1)
2. L. Bell (Essex) (3).
3. M. Shannon (Surrey) (2).
4. A. Taft (Herts.) (—).
5. J. McCree (Essex) (4).
6. J. Williams (Herts.) (5).
7. J. Fielder (Kent) (6).
8. D. Wright (Cheshire) (7).
9. M. Piper (Surrey) (8).
10. P. Mortimer (Warwick.) (9).
11. D. Fitzgerald (Lancs.) (10).

(Figures in parentheses denote previous ranking).



MARY SHANNON

Ian Harrison, of Gloucestershire, and Diane Rowe, of Middlesex, maintain the No. 1 positions in the new English Ranking List following the training session at Ultra Electronics on October 14.

The most spectacular improvement is that of David Creamer, of Middlesex, who rockets from No. 11 last season to No. 3. He is separated from Harrison by Jeff Ingber, of Lancashire, who was No. 3 in the previous list.

Alan Rhodes, last year's No. 2, falls back to No. 4.

The 19-year-old Creamer, who is now touring Nigeria with Victor Barna, is at long last living up to the promise he showed as a junior, and has improved out of all knowledge. He won the season's first two titles, made a successful international debut against Sweden, and promises to be a

serious challenger to Harrison before the season is over.

Creamer's promotion has meant a drop for almost every other player, for the same faces appear, with the exception of Mike Symonds, of Lancashire, last year's junior, who appears for the first time at No. 8.

The only newcomer to the women's list is the Hertfordshire teenager, Alma Taft, of St. Albans. She makes a spectacular debut at No. 4.

Miss Taft, who is now living at Wembley, has made a big impression in the early tournaments, being runner-up in the East of England and Essex, and winning the North of England title.

The rivalry between Mary Shannon and Lesley Bell is keener than ever with the selectors failing to separate them. They have been ranked joint No. 2, a place Miss Shannon held on her own last time when Miss Bell was No. 3.

The South's domination of the women's ranking is emphasised by the fact that the only ranked players from outside this area are Diane Wright (Cheshire) at No. 8, Pam Mortimer (Warwickshire) No. 10, and Diana Fitzgerald (Lancashire) No. 11.

EUROPEAN RANKINGS

THIRD PLACE FOR DIANE

ONLY two English players, Ian Harrison, at joint 14, and Diane Rowe, at No. 3, find places in the European Ranking list.

Hans Alser (Sweden) and Agnes Simon (Germany), the respective European singles champions, head the lists.

MEN: 1, Alser (Sweden); 2, Berczik (Hungary); Joint 3, Arndt (West Germany) V. Markovic (Ugos); 5, Peterfy (Hungary); 6, Roczas (Hungary); Joint 7, Scholar (W. Germany), Larsson (Sweden), Miko (Czech); 10, Stanek (Czech); Joint 11, Mellstrom (Sweden), Hrbud (Yugo), Negulescu (Rumania); Joint 14, Harrison (England), Averin (U.S.S.R.).

WOMEN: 1, Simon (W. Germany); 2, Koczian-Foldi (Hungary); 3, Rowe (England); 4, Alexandru (Rumania); 5, Mathe-Luksas (Hungary); Joint 6, Pitica (Rumania), Heidits-Hevesi (Hungary), Harst (W. Germany); Joint 9, Kerekes (Hungary), Balaischite (U.S.S.A.); 11, Matthias (W. Germany); 12, Alber (France); 13, Schwarzova (Czech); 14, Kunz (E. Germany); 15, Szmidd (Poland).

European Club Championship

Fifteen entries, headed by GSTK, Zagreb, last year's winners, have been received for the European Club team championship. England are not represented.

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Editor's Postbag . . .

Compulsory Purchase Objection

In Defence of Reverse Sandwich

Last month players were once again warned in this magazine that "the plain outer surface of 'reverse' (pimples inward) sandwich is often brightly reflecting" and that as this contravenes Law 4 it could not be allowed. I would like to dispute this on two counts.

Firstly, I think that the law is not

practical and cannot be upheld. "The bat's surface shall be non-reflecting." What is meant by reflecting? I know of two forms of reflection. Objects can reflect images as a mirror does or they can reflect light like a light shade.

If image reflecting is what the rule means reversed sandwich bats are not illegal for you cannot see your face in even the newest of Japanese reversed sandwich rubbers.

If light reflecting is what is meant it cannot be denied that the rubber reflects light, but is it not a fact that all objects reflect light unless they are invisible? Logically then "light reflecting" cannot be meant or all bats would be illegal. Therefore, as the surface of reversed sandwich is not "image reflecting" it can be used.

Of course I am not the first to think on these lines. The I.T.T.F. have charged their Equipment and Rules Committee to prepare a regulation that shall more clearly define the existing prohibitions of bat surfaces for 1963-64. They realise that the present rule is not practical and cannot be upheld. Fortunately, the officials, who make up their own interpretations of the law and insist on players playing the game their way, are the tiniest minority.

My second defence is simply—What difference does it make? I presume that the rule was made to prevent bats having mirror surfaces which could reflect the lights above the table into the eyes of the opponent and dazzle him. When the ball was near them such bats might also have made the opponent see both the ball and its reflection, which would have been disconcerting.

OBJECTION IS STROKES NOT REFLECTION

I have not yet met a player who has been worried by any form of reflection from a reversed sandwich bat. Of course, some players do object to the "reverse" bat but not because of reflection. They object to the strokes possible with this surface, particularly the loop drive. Some players, who cannot use or return the loop drive effectively, would like to have it banned.

Such players cannot get the stroke banned but some officials are giving these players a chance to achieve their aim by preventing the use of the best tool for producing the loop drive for a completely different reason.

To sum up I insist that this bat's surface is not illegal and that the extent of its reflection in itself worries nobody. Lastly, I request that in fairness players, officials must treat the problem of reflection and the problem of the loop drive separately. Let us not ban a bat surface because some players cannot play against the loop drive.

JOHN CORSER
(Watford)

L. S. GEORGE
(Southall)

In Reply to Carrington

I AM surprised that my comments in the May issue on the question of technical terms should have been so resented by Jack Carrington that he feels it is necessary to descend to personal criticism.

While appreciating the gratuitous lesson on definitions, I would point out that language is a means of communication and should not be misused to suit individuals whims, unless one is content to confine the communication to a very small number of people.

Since the job of a coach is to communicate I suggest that Jack uses a language which is intelligible to more than just his privilege coterie of student coaches.

Yes, it is a fact that I have not attended an official meeting of coaching students for some years. In 1956 I wrote in this magazine that coaches should meet regularly to discuss current theory. In the following issue Jack spent two pages explaining, among other things, why this was not desirable. The fact is I have not attended these sessions because I have not been invited. There must be a number of prominent table tennis people who have not attended these sessions also. Are they all out of date, too?

At the end of his article he writes: "Come and get the 'Topicalities on the Technicalities.'" Are we to assume that knowledge is now the monopoly of officials?

This is where we were in 1956. Then Jack would not accept that other coaches could contribute to the thinking of the game. The gospel as spoken by Jack Carrington is apparently the only possible truth!

The long discourse on Andreadis seems to me to agree with the points I made in May. Perhaps I assumed some intelligence on the part of the reader and did not attempt to explain what a slow controlled attack is, but otherwise he has only echoed my words.

For Jack Carrington to describe me as dogmatic is very much a case of the pot calling the kettle black. Only this Summer he said that he wished we all played with rubber bats. Inventing new terms is not a sign of openmindedness—accepting new ideas may be. Get with it, Jack, sponge has been with us ten years and is here to stay!

AS much as I appreciate the sterling work put in by your circulation manager to boost the sale of TABLE TENNIS, for my part I was sorry to learn that two leagues now insist on compulsory purchase of this magazine as a condition of entry.

I feel that the annual subscription for clubs entering leagues should be kept as low as possible, comprising E.T.T.A. and county affiliation fees, players' registration fees, plus reasonable expenses necessary for the running of a table tennis league.

An extra ten shillings a year may mean very little to the wealthier clubs, but I am sure there are many smaller clubs less fortunately placed financially that would have to think twice about entering a league should this additional subscription be insisted upon.

A few years ago I had a hand in the forming of a table tennis league. Even then, several clubs which at first seemed keen to take part, suddenly became disinterested when affiliation fees were mentioned.

TWO SUGGESTIONS

I would, however, like to put forward two suggestions which I consider would help in obtaining fresh followers to the sport, thus leading to increased sales of magazines.

First I would like to suggest the publication, through the auspices of your magazine, of a Table Tennis Annual. Following the lines of other sporting annuals, this would include highlights of the previous season, pen portraits of personalities and leading players, county news, articles on the sport, forthcoming important fixtures dates, etc. The publication date of such an annual would naturally be well before the season's start, the main point being that it would be available to the public at large by being on sale in bookshops and on bookstalls all over the country, instead of to subscribers only.

Secondly, I notice that other sporting associations take advantage of "WHAT'S ON IN LONDON" to advertise their fixtures. I find it somewhat ironic and perplexing to see St. Brides and Bishopsgate advertising their playing facilities in this useful weekly journal, yet no mention at all is made of any important table tennis matches in London or the Home Counties!

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(London, N.5)

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STILL GOING STRONG

AT the Hove club one September evening in 1959 a comment was made "It looks as if Bert has had it." Veteran Bert Fretwell, renowned for his attacking backhand, had hardly been able to get the ball on the table all night long.

But the speaker was wrong. Within ten days Bert had changed from the pimpled rubber to sandwich bat and had demolished leading Sussex players, including international Peter Shead, in the annual Champions v The Rest inter-league match. It was a typical fight back from the modest veteran.

Bert's long career started in 1940 at the Brighton Conservative club and he soon started to trouble the leading players.

He has represented Brighton on many occasions and has reached the final of the Sussex "closed" four times. But it was a doubles player that he really shone.

In partnership with his great rival, international Charlie Seaman, Bert won the Sussex "closed" men's doubles for 15 years. He also took the "mixed" once.

In 1937 and 1946 Bert played in final English Trials, which indicates he may well have reached the greatest heights had not the war intervened.

Despite Hitler, Fretwell found time to represent the Army against Egypt and won the Cairo Area Singles. He also took the Greek Invitation title and won the doubles, with Harry Rosen, in the Mediterranean "Open".

After the war Fretwell became a pillar of strength in the local game. He represented Sussex from 1946 to 1951 without a break, being a member of the team which won the Southern Division. He also found time to play one match for Surrey at an earlier date.

Although Fretwell has not played for Sussex since 1951, he still remains a thorn in the flesh for several of the county's leading players.

Bert has found time to help other players and carries out several coaching engagements. His flair for administrative work has found him taking on many posts of the committees of two local leagues and the county. He has been Brighton's chairman since 1956.

He has always believed that the average player does not give enough to the game and would like to see them prepared to give more time and money for the sports well being.

Bert, three times Worthing singles champion, still finds time to play in three leagues. He was still good enough to win the men's doubles in both the Sussex and Brighton "Closed" tournaments last season.

Retire! Bert aims to increase his record of 11 Brighton First Division Team championships medals. In ten years time I shall still be needing all the edges and nets I can get to beat him. In ten year's time Brighton will need him more than ever.

by Robin Pierce



BERT FRETWELL, making a presentation to CHARLIE SEAMAN, his great rival, and ROBIN PIERCE, author of this article.

Table Tennis Tomorrow

by TEDDY GRANT

FOR those who have been engaged in this fascinating sport for a considerable number of years the advent of a new season must always become a joy and thrill.

I often wonder at the mysterious power which compels us to continue to spread the gospel of table tennis by keeping alive locally and nationally an indoor recreational activity in which today almost every country competes for world honours.

Introduced internationally several decades ago by the English Table Tennis Association, it is strange and, perhaps, appropriate that a mighty eastern power has now adopted table tennis as its national game.

Let us never forget the peaceful purposes of the little white ball!

I am sure when respective nationalities face each other at table tennis, there is not the fear and uneasiness prevailing so often experienced at the conference table.

Fitness a Dedication

While table tennis is increasing rapidly in those far eastern lands to whom fitness of body becomes a dedication, the participation of vigorous exercise which for the young is one sure way to fitness, is declining in Britain and the United States and table tennis generally is not recruiting nearly enough players.

Unfortunately, although the time allocated to physical education in

schools has increased, large numbers of our young folk are conditional to the long car ride at week-ends and inactive late hours before the TV set during the week.

From America come warnings by its military department of the poor shape of its recent recruits and from Britain's medical men that less exercise in youth is a certain way to a shorter life.

I do not advocate that table tennis played correctly will make every player A1, but having derived immense enjoyment and amazingly good health over thirty years of play, I am naturally concerned with table tennis tomorrow.

Greatest Contribution

Perhaps the greatest contribution any coach can offer to the game apart from basic knowledge is enthusiasm, the magic word which makes us tick and induces others to follow. Never has opportunity been greater and youth so eager to receive the Message; that skill with a small racket controlling an even smaller light elusive ball in a restricted area nine feet by five feet, is effective mental and physical training for the high tension of modern life.

Let us therefore enter another season shining with enthusiasm to preserve table tennis for tomorrow in the land of its birth.

TEENAGE TOPICS

By BRIAN WRIGHT

An Exciting Month for Symonds

ENGLAND AMBITION

AT 11

PRETTY little Karenza Smith, from Clapton, East London, is an 11-year-old with ambitions—to play table tennis for England.

Those days may be a long way off, but Karenza, the latest in the long list of budding champions being produced by Essex, has already started on the road that could lead to such a dream being realised.

Despite her tender years she is already ranked No. 7 among the Essex junior girls, and she received a runners-up award in the News of the World "Girl of the Year" tournament.

Karenza, pictured here being coached by Bertie Kerr, the Scottish international, at Butlins, Clacton, has been a member of the Albion Club,



Bethnal Green, for the past 18 months, for ten of which she was under the personal guidance of national coach Jack Carrington.

Last season she had the distinction of being the youngest player ever to represent the East London League at Southend.

Undoubtedly little Karenza has a promising future ahead of her with nearly six years of junior play in which to build up the experience.

ENGLAND BADGE AND RANKING

OCTOBER has been an exciting month for last year's junior star, Mike Symonds, of Lancashire. Selection for the first of the season's training sessions organised by the E.T.T.A. was followed by his debut for England against Sweden at Nottingham, and a few days later he was picked for the Dutch championships along with Diane Rowe, Mary Shannon and Ian Harrison. Then to cap it all he was included in the new Senior ranking list at No. 8.

Unfortunately, the international was not a story book start for he lost both games, but he made up for this in the Dutch Open, where he just failed to reach the quarter-finals, losing 22-20 in the fifth game to the German, Berger.

David Creamer (Middlesex) is another teenager making the news. Promoted from No. 11 to No. 3 in national ranking, David made his debut against Sweden at Norwich. And what a debut. Playing brilliantly he completely demoralised the new Swedish star, 21-year-old Stellan Bengtsson, to give England a 1-0 lead.

Unfortunately England won only one of the next six games and were beaten 5-2.

Lesley and Chester March on

David is now in the wilds of Africa, coaching and playing exhibitions with Victor Barna.

For the third time in as many tournaments, the junior singles at the North of England were won by Lesley Bell and Chester Barnes. Chester also competed in the Portsmouth Open, where he annexed the men's singles and doubles titles, apart from the usual junior singles. This was his first senior singles success.

It will be interesting to see just how long Lesley's and Chester's run of junior tournament wins will last. Lesley has so far won three out of three and Chester four out of four.

On current form they both appear

way ahead on any other juniors and it will be one of the biggest shocks for a long time if they are not ranked No. 1 boy and girl after the junior trials.

Wembley and Harrow, winners of the Middlesex Junior Inter-League championship for the past two years are starting an extensive junior coaching programme on November 10. Some 40 players, ages ranging from 12 to 18 years, will be attending under the direction of E.T.T.A. coach Michael Close.

Congratulations to Wembley for introducing this scheme. It is a great idea which should benefit the game as a whole. I wonder if there are any schemes like this in other leagues?

High Ranking for Alma

The surprise of the new national rankings is the high placing of Alma Taft at No. 4. Alma, who is 19, originates from St. Albans (Herts) but is now living at Wembley.

During last summer she practised quite hard at Wembley institute, and her game is now much steadier.

Runner-up to Lesley Bell in the East of England and Essex tournaments, Alma made it third time lucky by winning the North of England title.

Miss Bell surprisingly fell to the little known Mrs. Starkie (Yorkshire), and Alma took her chance. She beat Mrs. Starkie in a later round, then beat Lesley Proudlock, last year's "News of the World" winner, in the final.

It was her first senior title, after being losing finalist on no less than seven previous occasions.

Alma is working as a statistical cartographer in advertising, which, for the uninitiated, is the preparing of art layouts for market research.

Her big ambition is to represent England in the Corbillon Cup and her new ranking brings her within striking distance of that aim.



DAVID BROWN

NEWS OF THE WORLD

The Pick of Twenty-five Thousand

BONUS POINTS DECIDE WINNERS

THE News of the World "Boy and Girl of the Year" coaching scheme, which runs at Butlin's Camps throughout the Summer, continues to go from strength to strength. The opening of two new camps, at Minehead and Mosney, sent the entry rocketing by another 5,524 to an over-all figure of just on 25,000.

It makes the biggest talent spotting and coaching scheme in the world and from this huge entry, 250 youngsters came through to the final week at Bognor, where **David Brown**, 14, of Forest Gate, London, and **Pat Dainty**, 15, of Doncaster, were chosen "Boy and Girl of the Year."

They received their awards from Ivor Eyles, chairman of the E.T.T.A. at a spectacular presentation in the camp theatre.

The ages of the contestants ranged from eight to 18, and with so many

youngsters taking part, rivalry was so keen that the coaches were presented with a giant-sized problem before making the final assessment.

The coaches, who had made the siftings throughout the summer, then came along for the final festival week, were **Bertie Kerr** (Clacton), **Louis Kerekes** (Bognor), **Alan Lindsay** (Skegness), **Ron Allcock** (Filey), **Helen Elliot** (Ayr), **Bryan Merrett** (Pwllheli), **Ian Barclay** (Minehead), **Tommy Caffrey** (Mosney). The whole scheme was, as usual under the direction of **Johnny Leach**, and the team were joined by **Diane Rowe** for the final week.

POINTS ASSESSMENT

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

And it was those bonus marks that eventually clinched the awards for **David Brown** and **Pat Dainty**.

The 18 marks received by Brown gave him a two points advantage over **Dennis Neale**, of Middlesbrough, who at 17, was on the scratch

by HARRISON EDWARDS

mark, while Miss Dainty had 12 bonus points, to gain a one point advantage over **Jacqueline Canham**, of Stevenage, who was also without the advantage of a bonus.

Both **Jackie Canham** and **Dennis Neale** received runners-up awards along with **Kay Stokes**, 13, from Folkestone, **Karenza Smith**, 12, from Clapton, London, **Maureen Billington**, 14, from Leamington Spa, **Keith Lawrence**, 12, from Manor Park, London, **Keith Jones**, 16, from Birming-

ham, and **Tony Robinson**, 15, from Enfield.

Miss Dainty was making her fifth attempt at the top honours, and has been runner-up for the past three years.

Diane Rowe was particularly impressed by this young Yorkshire girl, whom she regarded as having a promising future. After all, Miss Dainty still has another two years in the junior ranks.

David Brown belongs to the same Forest Gate Youth Club as **Chester Barnes**, who was "Boy of the Year" two years ago, and is now England's No. 1 junior and a member of the Essex first team.

It just goes to show how valuable in any club is the constant influence and example of a champion player. It sets a target for other youngsters to aim at.

David has been playing table tennis just three years, being introduced to the game by his father.

All the runners-up, with the exception of **Jackie Canham** and **Dennis Neale**, are young enough to bid for honours again next season.

The youngest pupil was eight-year-old **Carole Hopkins**, of St. Helen's, Lancs., who gained the distinction by just a few months from nine-year-old **Hadyn Thomas**, of Abergavenny. Both showed remarkable skill for their tender years and were more than capable of holding their own against much older players.

They created such a big impression that each was rewarded by a special prize to mark the occasion.

Bognor was a hive of activity throughout the festival week, as the 250 youngsters were put through their paces. The camp's other activities had little attraction as they concentrated on their table tennis.

Everything worked up to the grand climax of the presentation in the camp theatre, when all 250 paraded on the stage together. It was the moment for which all the Mums and Dads had been waiting—the announcement of the award winners.

KEPT SECRET

So well were the names kept secret that it was not until **Pat Dainty** and **David Brown** were called that anyone had any idea of the winners. It had kept everyone on their toes until the last moment.

There were naturally disappointments and heartbreaks from those who had failed to make the grade, but there could be no complaint about the eventual results. Both Miss Dainty and Brown had proved themselves consistent performers.

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

The scheme is rendering a great service to the game as a whole for the emphasis is on coaching and not competitive play, although the entrants get plenty of that.

Charts of the full assessment of every competitor at the festival week have been drawn up and the county of each pupil is shown, so that the county associations can follow up these discoveries and take over further coaching as they may think fit.

Many counties have taken advantage of this in the past and it has helped to bring new blood to their areas over the past eight years.

Apart from the actual coaching scheme there is also the "Coach and Pupil" tournament, in which the coaches choose a pupil from the



DENNIS NEALE and HELEN ELLIOT

opposite sex and play off against the other camps on the American tournament system of each playing each other.

For the second successive year **Helen Elliot** was the winner, this time with **Dennis Neale**. Representing Ayr, they went through their seven matches without defeat.

Their tightest match was against **Skegness** (**Alan Lindsay** and **Jackie Canham**), whom they beat 3-2. **Skegness** were the runners-up for this was their only loss.

The other camps in order of finish were **Pwllheli** (**Bryan Merrett** and **Judy Crafter**), **Bognor** (**Louis Kerekes** and **Kay Stokes**), **Clacton** (**Bertie Kerr** and **Karenza Smith**), **Minehead** (**Ian Barclay** and **Lorna Brown**), **Mosney** (**Tomy Caffrey** and **Rosemary Fords**), and **Filey** (**Ron Allcock** and **Patricia O'Brien**).

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The impressive parade of 250 youngsters for the presentations.

NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN

SHOCK DEFEAT FOR LESLEY BELL

By GEORGE R. YATES

BIGGER than ever was this season's entry for the North of England Open staged by the Manchester League at the Seymour Grove Drill Hall on October 11-13. And bigger than ever was the shock occasioned by Lesley Bell's defeat at the hands of Yorkshire's Mrs. Eileen Starkie, who triumphed 11-21, 21-16, 24-22 in the quarters of the women's singles.

Hardly surprising, therefore, was the inevitable reaction that set in for the penultimate stage encounter with a grimly determined Alma Taft, whose resolute countenance brooked no interference from the still flushed blonde warrior from Barnsley.

Sickness prevented Pam Mortimer from occupying second seed position in whose stead Lesley Proudlock came through with steady victories over Linda Gordon, Cynthia Blackshaw and Dorothy Deeley (née Worrall).

A see-saw final gave Miss Taft the edge if only by virtue of her greater steadiness at the vital stages.

Men's singles title holder Jack Clayton, admittedly drawn in a tough quarter, was out to show what he thought of the Lancashire county selectors in ranking him no higher than No. 4. Matt Shearer, Connie Warren and Oxford's E. Lloyd lay behind Clayton when Birmingham junior Keith Jones cut the ground from beneath his feet.

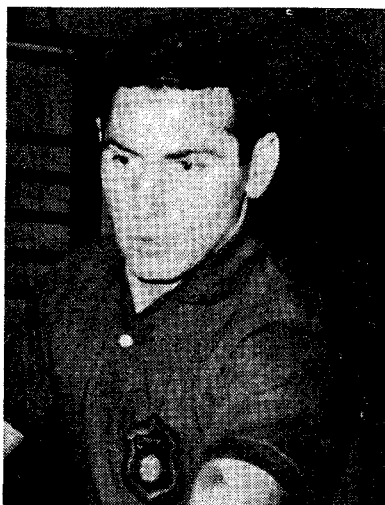
Jones disposed of Ralph Gunnion, too, at 19 in the third, but Derek Schofield stopped his gallop in the semis as he had that of Chester Barnes, albeit 23-21 in a tense second game in the quarters.

No. 2 seed Derek Baddeley had gone under to Barnes 16 and 9 but little had stood in the path of Schofield's progress up to his meeting with the Essex starlet.

Jeff Ingber, too, shed nary a game except to Ray Hinchliff accounting for David Backhouse in two straight to reach the final. The Staffordshire star had earlier impressed with wins over Ron Allcock, Scotland's new hope Jimmy Dow, Maurice Simpson and Bobby Raybould, the latter having cut down to size Brian Hill and Maurice Billington.

So the No. 1 antagonists from Lancashire and Cheshire came up for the final where Ingber proved altogether too purposeful for Schofield.

The best set of all was that in which the Forshaw/Crusham lethal



JEFF INGBER

combination whipped the men's doubles from Laurie Landry and Gunnion. Whipped was the word for how the Manchester boys belted in for that decisive third.

Lancashire's dominance of the senior events was again in evidence when Diane Fitzgerald and Connie Moore heaped further stress on the young shoulders of Miss Bell partnered by Miss Taft to take the women's doubles. Again in the mixed

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: J. Ingber (Lancs.) bt R. Hinchliff (Yorks.) 21-13, 20-22, 21-13; D. Backhouse (Staffs.) bt R. Raybould (Essex) 23-21, 21-12; D. Schofield (Cheshire) bt C. Barnes (Essex) 21-16, 23-21; K. Jones (Warw.) bt R. Gunnion (Warw.) 18-21, 21-12, 21-19.

Semi-Finals: INGBER bt Backhouse 21-15, 21-11. SCHOFIELD bt Jones 21-12, 21-18.

Final: INGBER bt Schofield 21-9, 21-15.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals: A. TAFT (Herts.) bt E. Starkie (Yorks.) 21-16, 21-9; L. PROUDLOCK (Yorks.) bt D. Deeley (Warw.) 21-15, 22-20.

Final: TAFT bt Proudlock 21-19, 12-21, 21-17.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: L. LANDRY (Middx.)/GUNNION bt Ingber/J. Clayton (Lancs.) 21-18, 21-17. K. FORSHAW/R. CRUSHAM (Lancs.) bt D. Baddeley (Warw.)/Backhouse 13-21, 21-11, 23-21.

Final: FORSHAW/CRUSHAM bt Landry/Gunnion 21-14, 16-21, 21-10.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: L. BELL (Essex)/Taft bt C. Blackshaw (Yorks.)/Proudlock 21-12, 21-19. C. MOORE/D. FITZGERALD (Lancs.) bt H. Grove (Warw.)/Deeley 21-10, 21-11.

Final: MOORE/FITZGERALD bt Bell/Taft 18-21, 21-16, 21-11.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: R. ALLCOCK (Lancs.)/Miss MOORE bt D. McGarry/Miss L. Hamilton (Yorks.) 17-21, 21-18, 21-18. FORSHAW/Miss W. SWIFT (Lancs.) bt Barnes/Miss Bell 21-19, 21-15.

Final: ALLCOCK/MOORE bt Forshaw/Swift 18-21, 21-13, 21-9.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: D. HOLLAND (Glos.) bt A. Robinson (Middx.) 21-16, 17-21, 23-21. BARNES bt A. Ransome (Durham) 21-11, 21-9.

Final: BARNES bt Holland 21-8, 21-12.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: J. CANHAM (Herts.) bt P. Dainty (Yorks.) 21-18, 21-12. BELL bt M. Billington (Warw.) 21-10, 21-14.

Final: BELL bt Canham 21-13, 21-17.

it was the home county all the way, Allcock and Miss Moore getting much the better of a spent Forshaw partnering Winnie Swift.

It was not expected that David Stanley would go out to Tony Robinson in the boys' event but out he went 19 and 14. Dennis Holland then ousted Robinson but token resistance was all the Gloucestershire youth could muster against Barnes in the final.

Similarly Lesley Bell took with ease the girls' title, despite resistance from Jackie Canham at the last hurdle.

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NETHERLANDS OPEN

ANOTHER WIN OVER SIMON FOR DI ROWE

DIANE ROWE would at last appear to have the measure of her "bogey" player, Agnes Simon, of Germany, the European champion. She beat her for the second time to win the Netherlands Open at Harlem on October 20-21.

Concentrating of a good defence, and waiting her openings to put the ball away, she won in straight games, 21-13, 21-17, 21-11.

Di beat Simon for the first time when the Germans visited here in September. That time she dropped a game, but despite this victory, she admits she was not particularly confident of winning this time.

But now that she has beaten Simon twice, Diane should never again have any undue worries and the way could be clear for her to go to the top in Europe.

Diane went through the women's singles without loss of a game, beating three Belgians, Stockhusen, Roland, and Cornelis, to reach the semi-final, where she then dealt effectively with Gomolla, of Germany.

She followed this up by winning the women's doubles in partnership with Mary Shannon and their victims in the final were Simon and Gomolla.

This brought Diane's total of Dutch titles to 13 since she made her debut there in 1952. She has now won the doubles at the last four times of asking, and each time with a different partner, Helen Elliot in 1956, Ann Haydon in 1959, Gomolla in 1961, and now with Mary Shannon.

Miss Shannon, after beating the Dutch girl, Wijnands, in her opening match, fell to Mohktari, of France, after taking a two games lead. She was within two points of victory in the third game, but lost it at 22-20, and never recovered the initiative.

EARLY EXIT

Ian Harrison made an early exit when he came up against the Swedish junior Carl Johan Bernhardt in the second round and was beaten 21-19, 9-21, 22-24, 27-29, a tight match.

It appears that the tall, young, fast hitting Swede, had learned well from his meetings with Harrison in the Swedish tour of England.

Mike Symonds, in his first overseas championship, played well to reach the third round of the men's singles, where he lost to Berger after an advantage fifth game. It was a good effort, for Berger is a widely experienced player.

Harrison and Symonds surprisingly went down to the Dutch pair Hummel and Wijnhoudt in the men's doubles, while both our pairs were eliminated in the quarter finals of the mixed doubles, Harrison and Rowe losing



DEREK GRANT, the former English junior international and Hampshire County player, was married to Miss Jill Denise Baldwin at the Congregational Church, Bitterne, Southampton, on September 1.

They have set up home at Watford where Derek has been appointed to a position in the magistrates court.

Derek will in future be playing for Hertfordshire and made his debut for that county in the Southern Division match with Essex.

to Berger and Kriegelstein, of Germany, and Symonds and Shannon to Vecko and Pyrc, of Yugoslavia.

Alser, the European champion was beaten by Vecko in the quarter finals of the men's singles, which were won by Gomolla.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: Gomolla (Germany) bt Gab (Germany), Vecko (Yugoslavia) bt Johansson (Sweden).

Final: GOMOLLA bt Vecko.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals: Simon (Germany) bt Pyrc (Yugos.), Rowe (England) bt Gomolla (Germany).

Final: ROWE bt Simons 21-13, 21-17, 21-11.

Men's Doubles: Finals: BEYSS/GABB (Germany) bt Vecko/Kern (Yugos.).

Women's Doubles Final: ROWE/SHANNON (England) bt Simon/Gomolla (Germany)

21-15, 21-17, 12-21, 21-15. **Mixed Doubles:**

Final: SCHOLER/SIMON (Germany) bt Berger/ Kriegelstein (Germany).

ENGLAND RESULTS

Harrison bt Gompelman (Holland) 21-12, 21-15, 21-17; lost to Bernhart (Sweden) 21-19, 9-21, 22-24, 27-29.

Symonds bt Schoonemeyer (Holland) 21-3, 21-16, 21-17; bt Mariotti (Switzerland) 21-12, 21-9, 17-21, 21-16; lost to Berger (Germany).

Rowe bt Stockhusen (Belgium) 21-6, 21-4, 21-10; bt Roland (Belgium) 21-4, 21-13, 21-10; bt Cornelis (Belgium) 21-12, 21-17, 21-18; bt Simon 21-13, 21-17, 21-11 (final).

Shannon bt Wijnands (Holland) 21-11, 21-15, 21-12; lost to Mohktari (France) 21-16, 21-7, 20-22, 16-21, 15-21.

Harrison/Symonds lost to Hummel/Wijnhoudt (Holland) 21-6, 21-16, 12-21, 18-21, 18-21.

Rowe/Shannon bt Artz/Kusters (Holland) 21-17, 21-6, 21-10; bt Pyrc/Zrimec (Yugos.) 21-17, 20-22, 21-12, 21-19; bt Simon/Gomolla (Germany) 21-15, 21-17, 12-21, 21-15.

Symonds/Shannon bt Wenninghof (Holland)/Laagland (Germany) 21-16, 20-22, 21-11, 21-19; bt Bengtsson/Bogmans (Sweden) 21-17, 21-8, 18-21, 21-11; lost to Vecko/Pyrc (Yugos.), 19-21, 11-21, 11-21.

Harrison/Rowe bt Jaminet (Luxembourg)/Groeneveld (Holland) 21-14, 21-15, 21-18; bt Juliens/Cornelis (Belgium) 21-7, 11-21, 21-12, 21-13; lost to Berger/Kriegelstein (Germany) 12-21, 17-21, 11-21.

ENCOURAGING BIRMINGHAM PERFORMANCES

THE county championship season has started with a bang for Warwickshire. Our first team, after losing heavily (8-1) to Middlesex at Leamington, redeemed themselves by beating Gloucestershire 6-3 at Nuncaton.

Both matches were excellently staged by the respective towns organisations, with packed houses for both matches.

Ralph Gunnion was outstanding and only David Creamer was able to cope with his fast all round game. Maurice Billington also played well and is at last showing some of the promise of his England junior days.

His win over Roy Morley in the Gloucestershire match provided the kind of table tennis that will bring back the crowds.

The "seconds" started well in the higher division (Second Midlands) with an 8-2 win over Worcestershire. But they lost 1-9 to Glamorgan, Bill Gallagher providing the only win.



KEITH JONES

The junior look like having another game average battle after drawing with their great rivals from Gloucestershire.

Performances of Birmingham players have been encouraging in open tournaments. Gunnion, Derek Backhouse and Keith Jones all reached the quarter finals of the North of England Open. Although Jones fell to Derek Schofield in the semi-final his wins over Roy Crushan, Jack Clayton and Gunnion were the best since the war for a Birmingham junior.

To sum up, Warwickshire appear to be consolidating their position in the table tennis world. Coaching schemes, Lilleshall courses and a new schools league, organised by Harry Levine should help further.

Roger Morris

"A Telly for a Tanner"

AS work forges ahead with the building of the L.C.C. two-million pounds Crystal Palace Sports Centre, due to open with the European Table Tennis Championships of 1964, an appeals committee moves into action to raise the necessary funds for the organisation.

Players from some 30 nations are expected to take part, and despite the sponsorship of Messrs. Gallaher Ltd., makers of Senior Service cigarettes, there will be a heavy strain on finances.

Mrs. L. R. Phillips (50 THE RIDGEWAY, LONDON, N.W.11. TELEPHONE SPEEDWELL 4047) has taken over as appeals organiser and between now and April 1964 will introduce several money-raising schemes.

The first of these is a country-wide draw for an Ultra 21-inch television set, and is already under way. Tickets are sixpence each and there are 24 in a book, for which the seller need return ten shillings only. The closing date is December 15, 1962.

LATE NEWS

Sussex Open

Ian Harrison and Diane Rowe, making their first tournament appearance of the season, swept all before them in the Sussex Open, winning three titles each.

Harrison took the men's singles, men's doubles with Brian Wright, and the mixed with Miss Rowe, who also won the women's singles and the women's doubles with Mary Shannon.

A full report will be carried in next month's issue.

Men's Singles: I. Harrison (Glos.) bt R. Stevens (Essex) 21-22, 15-21, 21-18.

Women's Singles: D. Rowe (Middx.) bt M. Shannon (Surrey) 21-16, 21-15.

Men's Doubles: Harrison/B. Wright (Middx.) bt S. Jacobson/A. Lindsay (Middx.) 21-10, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: Rowe/Shannon bt L. Bell/E. Carrington (Essex) 21-15, 21-16.

Mixed Doubles: Harrison/Miss Rowe bt Wright/Miss Shannon 21-18, 19-21, 21-19.

NATIONAL JUNIOR RANKINGS

BOYS: 1, C. Barnes (Essex); 2, D. Stanley (Yorks.); 3, A. Robinson (Middx.); 4, D. Holland (Glos.); joint 5, L. Gresswell (Middx.), G. French (Kent); 7, G. Presswick (Warwicks.); 8, S. Seaholme (Herts.); 9, K. Jones (Warwicks.); 10, P. Williams (Herts.).

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

GOODS FOR SALE

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So what about it . . . a "Telly for a Tanner", and at the same time a useful profit for your club and a contribution to the 1964 European Championships.

There has already been a tremendous demand for tickets and those still requiring some should contact Mrs. Phillips without delay.

Last month, by kind permission of the L.C.C., we were able to publish pictures of the Crystal Palace Centre in its skeleton stage. Throughout the season we hope to print more pictures to show progress in the work.

We will also bring you the latest news of the organisation of the Championships, which are second in importance only to the World Championships, and are being held in this country for the first time.

PROMOTION FOR BARNA

VICTOR BARNA has recently assumed additional responsibilities for promoting the export sales of all Dunlop Sports products.

He is here seen discussing the forthcoming Cologne Fair, with Herr Leipprand, Dunlop Sports Manager



in Germany, before embarking on a four weeks tour of West, South, and East Africa.

Dunlop's export a vast amount of table tennis equipment to Germany and are hoping to increase their share of the market following the Cologne Fair.

PORTSMOUTH OPEN

First Senior Title for Barnes

CHESTER BARNES, the 15-year-old Essex junior, captured his first senior singles title in the Portsmouth Open on October 21. Following a straight games semi-final win over H. Collins, he beat Terry Densham, the former international, in the final, also in straight games.

Then for good measure Barnes went on to win the men's doubles with R. Henderson, and the junior mixed singles, in which he beat D. Holman, also without loss of a game.

The women's singles provided a win for Gwen Robinson after a close final with Joan Woodford, the score being 22-20, 22-20, 21-16.

Miss Robinson also won the mixed doubles with Collins, while the women's doubles went to the Southampton twins Christine and Pam Holes.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: C. BARNES bt H. Collins 21-15, 21-7. T. DENSHAM

bt R. Henderson 21-17, 21-19. Final: BARNES bt Densham 21-8, 21-14.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: G. ROBINSON bt J. Canham 21-14, 11-21, 21-19. J. WOODFORD bt C. Holes 8-21, 21-12, 21-19.

Final: ROBINSON bt Woodford 20-22, 22-20, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: Final: BARNES/HENDERSON bt Densham/G. Taylor 21-16, 21-18.

Women's Doubles: Final: C. HOLES/P HOLES bt Mrs. D. Gray/Mrs. R. Ronaldson 21-12, 21-16.

Mixed Doubles: Final: COLLINS/MISS ROBINSON bt B. Midgley/Mrs. Ronaldson 21-11, 21-12.

Junior Mixed Singles: BARNES bt D. Holman 21-16, 21-14.

BABY FOR BETTY

Betty Bird, the former Surrey international, gave birth to a daughter—Deborah Lynn—in September.

It is her second child for she had another daughter, Nicolet Rae, in April, 1961.

THE NATIONAL CUPS

Entries for the **Wilmott Cup** and **Rose Bowl** national inter-league team championships shows a slight increase over last season. There are 91 for the men's event and 65 for the Rose Bowl.

Manchester, winners for the past five years are defending, and will again be led by Jeff Ingber, England No. 2. There the choice this season may well extend to Mike Symonds, England's newest international.

Sutton, who won the women's title for the first time are also defending and their key player is Mary Shannon, England's joint No. 2.

Among the newcomers from last year for the Wilmott Cup are Whitehaven, Mansfield, Salford, Bolton, Oldbury, Wellington, Kettering, Ipswich, Wisbech and Plymouth.

Now in England

Livia Mossoczy, the former Hungarian international is now resident in London. She is here with her husband, Laszlo Banhegyi, the Hungarian basketball international who is a representative of the Hungarian airline Malev.

Livia has already made herself known at the Putney International club. Let's hope we shall soon see her in the open tournament circuit.

Envious Headquarters

THE Lensbury and Britanic House Club, which commenced activities in 1935, is no more. It has dissolved to be replaced by a new club, Lensbury, which has its headquarters at the new Shell Centre in London.

If playing conditions can be taken as a guide the new club should quickly make its mark. Five tables will be available on three evenings a week, and there is at least 14 feet run back with nine feet between each table.

Each court will be partially divided and there are five lights over each table.

Changing rooms, showers, swimming pool and a club lounge are available for members, who must be the envy of all outsiders for, alas, this club is available only to employees of the Shell International Petroleum Co. and its consigning companies.

They should quickly emulate their predecessors, Lensbury and Britanic House, who in their 21 years of active life (they did not function during the war), ran 12 teams, played over 3,300 matches and had an average membership of 100.

SUNDERLAND VISIT TO BERGEN

ON September 24, 1962, a team representing the Sunderland and District Table Tennis Association sailed on the "Leda" en route for Bergen, a Trade Fair "Gateway to Britain Week" was being held there, and many sports and cultural events were being staged.

On arrival the party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Reay, E. Taylor, D. Gillon, K. Taylor, C. Eltringham and E. Cansfield, were met by Mr. Finn Schonberg, President of the Bergen Association, and the Chairman, Mr. Cjell Swernivick.

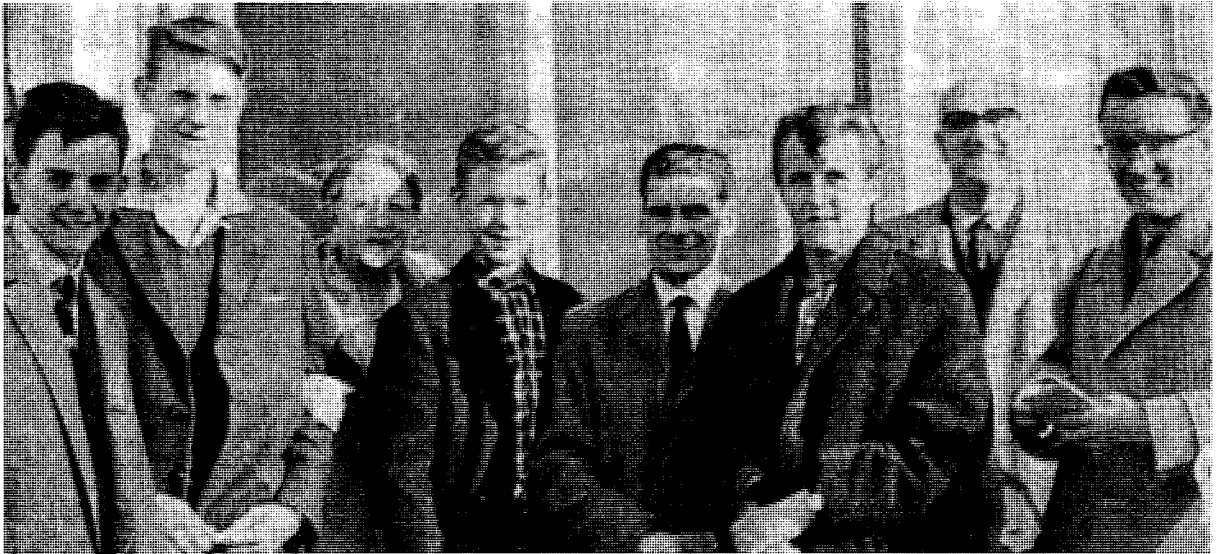
One representative match was played, Bergen winning 6-4, reversing the result when these two teams met in Sunderland in October, 1961. Scores: K. Taylor lost to A. Nessay —15, —20; lost to A. Anderson —19, —21. C. Eltringham beat A. Anderson 14, —16, —8; lost to A. Nessay 18, —14, —17. D. Gillon lost to K. Havag —17, —17; lost to T. Bergesen —19, —17: E. Taylor beat T. Bergesen 17, 18; and K. Havag —8, 17, 17. K. Taylor/C. Eltringham beat A. Anderson/A. Nessay —17, 12, 14. E.

Taylor/D. Gillon lost to K. Havag/T. Bergesen —20, 16, —14.

An Invitation Tournament was also arranged, twenty players took part, the outstanding game was in the semi-final between Knute Havag, the holder of the Norwegian Singles Championship for the past three years, and the former Champion, K. Hernes. Havag won three games to two in one of the best matches I have seen for some considerable time. In the final Knute Havag gained his revenge over Eddie Taylor winning in three straight games 24-22, 21-13, 21-15.

This was a most memorable visit, our thanks are due to Cjell Swernivick, Yan Anderson and Oystein Rodseth, who acted as guides to our party during our stay, and to the Bergen Association who were wonderful hosts. The Sunderland party were loathe to leave, the prospect of a Force 8 gale to face over the North Sea did not help, everyone had enjoyed their visit so much, and look forward to renewing acquaintances some time in the future.

E. REAY



The Sunderland and District party pose for this picture, with their hosts before leaving Bergen. Left to right: C. ELTRINGHAM, YAN ANDERSON, Mrs. J. F. REAY, a Norwegian, K. TAYLOR, E. TAYLOR, E. REAY, E. CANSFIELD.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

by **FRANK BATEMAN**

LOSING RETURN FOR ESSEX and CHESHIRE

ESSEX and Cheshire, the two promoted teams, made a losing start on their return to the Premier Division. Essex lost 5-4 to Surrey, while Cheshire were crushed 8-1 at Gloucestershire.

Essex were unfortunate in that they were without Bobby Stevens, who broke a nose playing cricket. His absence undoubtedly cost them the match, which developed into a thrilling finish with everything depending on the last rubber, in which Tony Miller beat Brian Brumwell.

Miller had previously lost to Chester Barnes, the junior who proved the best of the Essex men.

Surrey introduced two newcomers in Vic Ireland and Jimmy Moore, and both played their part in the Surrey win. Both beat Raybould, while Moore just got the edge over young Barnes at 17 in the third, in what was the best match of the tie.

The much-awaited clash between Mary Shannon and Lesley Bell, England's respective No. 2 and No. 3, was disappointing—except from an

Essex angle—Lesley winning so easily.

Raybould salvaged some consolation from his singles defeats when he won the mixed doubles with Miss Bell.

With Stevens back in the side, Essex looked a completely different team when they crushed Kent 9-1 later in the month. It was good to see the Raybould-Stevens combination playing in top gear again.

Doreen Schofield was the lone Cheshire winner in their match with Gloucestershire, who included both Ian Harrison and Bryan Merrett.

Merrett, with his dour defensive play, was once again involved in the time limit when he beat Walmsley 18-15, 6-5.

Middlesex, the champions, got away to their usual flying start with an 8-1 win over Warwickshire, whose lone success was scored by Ralph Gunnion when he beat Alan Rhodes at 24-22 in the third.

Cornwall would be a good "banker" in any draws pool for with a 5-5 score against Wiltshire in Second Division (West) they have now

shared the points in the last four matches they have played.

This was a memorable occasion for 18-year-old Bill Hocking, occupying the No. 2 spot. Using a loop top spin drive he broke up the strong defensive game of both A. Ward and A. Wolf and followed with some fine hitting down both wings.

John Bassett carried on as he left off last season by winning both singles, though he was fully extended by Ward and the hard-hitting Alexander.

This is the first time for many years that Cornwall have won four men's singles.

Possibly the most vital set was the mixed doubles where Bassett and Mrs. Hatton led Alexander and Mrs. Hazell 19-11 in the third, dropped nine points in a row and eventually lost 21-23.

Big Surprise

P. Ofield was the only unbeaten player when helping Devon to a 7-3 win over Somerset. The big surprise was the defeat of the Devon pair Joan Crosby and Doreen Spooner by Mrs. Pickett and Miss Bonner.

Glamorgan were too strong for Bedfordshire in the Second Division (Midland) and won 9-1. Norman Parker gave Bedford a good start against his former colleagues when he beat Bernard Dimascio in the opening set, but after that Bedford were given no chance. Paul Racey took a game off Alan Thomas but Chris Crowe lost in straight games to both Dimascio and George Evans.

Monmouthshire were harshly treated at their first appearance in the county championships for they were crushed 10-0 by Staffordshire.

Worcester crashed rather unexpectedly at 2-8 to Warwickshire.

In the Southern Division, Norfolk went down 3-7 to Buckinghamshire for whom brother and sister Leslie and Joan Wooding were most impressive. Norfolk sadly missed Betty Cassell who was ill. Miss Baker, coming in at the last minute for Miss Turner, who was also absent fought nobly. There were some good fighting games in the men's singles.

Essex had a shock when they visited Hertfordshire for included in their opponents ranks were Derek Grant (former Hampshire and England junior international) and Barbara

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION

- November 17 Cheshire v Kent.
Gloucestershire v Middlesex.
- December 1 Lancashire v Essex, Rubery Owen Ltd., Warrington. 7 p.m.
- Warwickshire v Lancashire, Mitchells and Butlers Ltd., Sports Pavilion, Portland Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 7.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

- November 10 Durham v Northumberland, Y.M.C.A., Bishop Auckland. 7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION WEST

- November 17 Cornwall v Dorset, Torpoint. 7.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

- November 15 Monmouthshire v Glamorgan, St. George's Church Hall, Sirhowy Bridge, Tredegar.
- November 17 Worcestershire v Oxfordshire, Geraldine Staff Club, Barnards Green, Malvern. 7.15 p.m.
- November 17 Bedfordshire v Staffordshire.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

- November 10 Sussex v Hertfordshire, A.P.U. Canteen, Industrial Site, Crawley. 7 p.m.
- November 17 Suffolk v Hampshire.
- November 24 Hertfordshire v Suffolk.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

- November 3 Hertfordshire v Suffolk, The Robert Gillan Hall, Eurford Street, Hoddesdon. 7 p.m.
- November 17 Huntingdon v Buckinghamshire, Bowling Club, St. Neots. 7 p.m.
- Berkshire v Essex, St. Mary's Hall, London Road, Newbury. 6.30 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION

- November 17 Nottinghamshire v Staffordshire.

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

- November 17 Yorkshire v Durham, Y.P.I., George Street, Hull. 2.30 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

- November 17 Kent v Berkshire.
- Sussex v Surrey, County Oak Club, Tushmore Lane, Crawley. 4 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

- November 10 Cambridgeshire v Middlesex, Y.M.C.A., Cambridge.

(Milbank) Andrews, late of Essex and Surrey.

Essex trailed 2-3 at the interval but never looked back afterwards and won 7-3. David Garner gave a most impressive performance to win both his singles and Danny Pryor, after a nervous start against Grant, beat Brian Sykes.

Sykes played brilliantly to beat Geoff Golding and also in the men's doubles with Grant. Beverley Sayer beat Mrs. Andrews 14 and 12.

The Second Division (Midland) match between Oxford and Bedford proved a first class battle between two very even sides, both of whom concentrated on attack to provide a tense, exciting draw.

Jackson and Lloyd gave Oxford a two-all lead but Racey brought Bedford back into the picture with a narrow win over Davies. Oxford, having a slight edge in the women's games, went ahead to 5-4 and it was left to Racey to make it 5-all when he beat Lloyd 21-19, 21-19 in a hard hitting game.

Hampshire were without their No. 1, Henderson, in their Second Division (South) match against Hertfordshire and lost 2-8. Brian Sykes made a fine senior debut by beating Bradley in the opening set and Hertfordshire quickly ran to a 5-0 lead before Christine Holes beat Judy Williams 13, —18, 18. Half the ten sets went to three games so the 8-2 margin was not quite so flattering to Hertfordshire as it would appear. Gwen Robinson and Alma Taft gained a good straight games win over the Holes twins in the doubles.

Knocking at the Door

The young Essex team followed up with a 10-0 win over Norfolk and judging by the play of Pryor and Garner they will need little more improvement to be knocking at the door of the first team. Tony Hiperson was the best of the Norfolk players, taking both Geoff Golding and Pryor to three games.

Despite an easy win for Berkshire, Huntingdon enjoyed their first ever match in the championships. Three of the first five sets were very closely contested and might have gone the other way. Holdroyd was Huntingdon's only winner.

Monmouthshire juniors made up for their seniors' shortcomings by beating Staffordshire 6-4 in the Junior Division (Midland). John Mansfield was unbeaten.

Despite Parsons winning the opening set, Oxfordshire were beaten 9-1 by Gloucestershire in this division.

In the Junior Division (South)

Hampshire went down 4-6 to Sussex, despite the Holes twins winning all their games.

The best set when Kent beat Surrey 6-4 was the final one between Roy Pettet and Graham French.

Roy was told not to worry about Graham's 100 per cent. record of last season and jumped and hit his way to a fine first game only to fall to an all obvious trap. He started the second game at an even faster pace but soon trailed 1-4. His only reply was to try and speed up still more and that ruined his timing.

French, sensing his opponent was getting rattled, improved steadily to level at one game all. There was plenty of excitement in the decider with Pettet hitting powerfully, often with lawn tennis type overhead smashes, and French making wonderful returns. Pettet eventually cracked leaving French the winner at 16-21, 21-14, 21-10.

DETAILED RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Essex 4, Surrey 5

R. Raybould lost to J. Moore -16, -14; lost to V. Ireland -6, -16. B. Brumwell bt Ireland 19, -16, 22; lost to A. Miller -13, -16. C. Barnes bt Miller 14, 14; lost to Moore -18, 14, -17.

Miss L. Bell bt Miss M. Shannon 15, 11.

Barnes / Brumwell lost to D. Lowe/J. Muranyi -20, -15.

Raybould/Miss Bell bt Muranyi/Miss Shannon 19, 19.

Warwickshire 1, Middlesex 8

M. Billington lost to D. Creamer -12, -14; lost to B. Wright -21, -14. D. Baddeley lost to Wright -7, -15; lost to A. Rhodes 20, -10, -16. R. Gunnion bt Rhodes -13, 10, 22; lost to Creamer -12, -16.

Miss P. Mortimer lost to Miss D. Rowe -12, -12.

Billington/Gunnion lost to Creamer/Rhodes -11, 21, -12.

Baddeley/Miss Mortimer lost to Wright/Miss Rowe -12, -16.

Gloucestershire 8, Cheshire 1

K. Edwards bt P. Walmsley 18, 13; bt A. Crossley 5, 16. I. Harrison bt Crossley 7, 7; bt D. Schofield 9, 15. B. Merrett bt Schofield 14, -19, 14; bt Walmsley 18-15, 6-5 (time limit).

Miss J. Collier lost to Mrs. D. Schofield -19, -13.

Edwards/Harrison bt Crossley/Walmsley 12, 13.

Merrett/Miss Collier bt Schofield/Mrs. Schofield 12, -17, 18.

Essex 8, Kent 1

Barnes bt K. Jarvis 14, 15; bt H. Buist 16, 19. R. Stevens bt Buist 15, 17; bt A. Pidcock 13, 12. Brumwell lost to Pidcock -13, -18; bt Jarvis 18, 19.

Miss L. Bell bt Miss J. Fielder 9, 12.

R. Raybould/Stevens bt Buist/Pidcock 17, 13.

Raybould/Miss Bell bt Jarvis / Miss Fielder -21, 13, 16.

Warwickshire 6, Gloucestershire 3.

M. Billington bt R. Morley 24, -17, 18; lost to K. Edwards 16, -15, -18. D. Baddeley bt Edwards 15, 11; lost to B. Merrett 14, -17, -11. R. Gunnion bt Merrett 12, -13, 19; bt Morley -19, 10, 11.

Miss P. Mortimer bt Miss P. Taylor 16, 17.

Hertfordshire were pleased with their new venue at the I.C.I. Canteen, Stevenage, for the Junior Division (East) clash with Essex, but went down 3-7.

The Surrey-Hampshire Junior (South) encounter was a poor affair, with all matches being too one-sided. One of the best prospects was Hampshire's Andrews, a good little penholder. David Mann and Stuart Shannon made their county debut in Suffolk's 10-0 win over Cambridge in the Junior (East) Division. It was the first time that Suffolk juniors have recorded a 10-0 win.

Hertfordshire juniors just had the edge in an interesting encounter with Middlesex, winning 6-4. Spencer, making his first appearance for Middlesex, lost 20-22, 20-22 to Clarey after serving a fault when leading 20-19 in the first game, and failing to hold a 15-10 lead in the second.

Billington/Gunnion lost to Merrett/Morley 13, -9, -19.

Baddeley/Miss Mortimer bt Edwards/Miss Taylor -13, 9, 16.

Cheshire 2, Lancashire 7

P. Walmsley lost to J. Clayton -17, -19; lost to K. Forshaw -18, -16. D. Schofield bt Forshaw 14, -11, 17; lost to J. Ingber -12, -15. A. Crossley lost to Ingber -12, -6; bt Clayton 14, -10, 21.

Mrs. M. Bradshaw lost to Miss D. Fitzgerald -19, -16.

Schofield/Walmsley lost to Clayton/Forshaw -12, -18.

Crossley/Mrs. Bradshaw lost to Ingber/Miss Fitzgerald -17, -14.

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Lincolnshire 5, Durham 5.
Yorkshire 3, Lancashire 7.

SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Devon 7, Somerset 3.
Cornwall 5, Wiltshire 5.
Dorset 5, Devon 5.

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Bedfordshire 1, Glamorgan 9.
Staffordshire 10, Monmouthshire 0.
Warwickshire 8, Worcestershire 2.
Staffordshire 8, Worcestershire 2.
Oxford 5, Bedfordshire 5.
Glamorgan 9, Warwickshire 1.

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Hampshire 2, Sussex 8.
Hertfordshire 8, Hampshire 2.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Norfolk 3, Buckinghamshire 7.
Hertfordshire 3, Essex 7.
Essex 10, Norfolk 0.
Huntingdon 1, Berkshire 9.

MIDLAND DIVISION

Yorkshire 8, Derbyshire 2.
Staffordshire 10, Worcestershire 0.

JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Staffordshire 4, Monmouthshire 6.
Gloucestershire 9, Oxfordshire 1.
Warwickshire 5, Gloucestershire 5.

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Hampshire 4, Sussex 6.
Surrey 4, Kent 6.
Surrey 4, Hampshire 6.

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Hertfordshire 3, Essex 7.
Suffolk 10, Cambridgeshire 0.

JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Durham 6, Lancashire 2.
Durham 5, Cheshire 3.

SCOTS CORNER

by **LESLIE BARRY****TOP MARKS JACK!**

AT long last the Scottish T.T.A. has the money to start coaching. This was announced by the president Mr. Jack Hillan at a meeting a few weeks ago. A grant has enabled the hard working executive to lay down a scheme which would have been impossible even last season owing to the drastic shortage of capital.

SCOTTISH PERSONALITY JOHN REILLY

SIX feet tall, 15 years of age, is the formula for the success of the probable No. 1 Scottish junior this season—John Reilly.

John was a finalist in the *Eagle* Tournament last season and lost to England's Chester Barnes.

He plays for Pressed Steel in the West of Scotland Second Division and had an average of 86 per cent., losing only five games all season. He has only been playing for 2½ years and although he concentrates on lawn



tennis in the summer months (he won the North Wales Open Junior Lawn Tennis Championships this summer) he is already making his mark on the T.T. scene in this country.

On asking John his plans for the coming season I was told that he would be all out to bring all the junior trophies home to Glasgow. He plans to attend all the tournaments and rates Willie Gibb of Edinburgh (another *Eagle* Finalist) his main rival.

After a season of waiting in the shadow of James Dow (now a senior) Reilly should take his chance and instead of being a regular semi-finalist be a regular winner.

As far as I understand it the idea is for volunteer coaches to come forward from each league. They will be coached by Scotland's top players then return to their respective districts to begin a weekly coaching class for young players of the league.

As far as this was concerned Mr. Hillan asked that each club should submit a list of youngsters interested as soon as possible. There will also be week-ends at Inverclyde House, Largs where the youngsters will be coached by Scottish Internationalists.

The only drawback of the scheme is that the expenses are for coaches only. The youngsters who are interested must pay for accommodation and travelling out of their own pockets. This will obviously present difficulties to those who are not earning a weekly wage yet, but the opportunity is there and it is up to every club to try to help finance their promising juniors.

To all who were behind this fine scheme must go the thanks of Scottish T.T. as only through coaching of young players will the future of T.T. in this country be assured.

The go-ahead S.C.W.S. (Glasgow), under the leadership of Bobby Jackson, is very much strengthened this season by the addition of Duncan Hogg from Hamilton, Ian MacPherson from Central, and Peter Cameron originally of Central youths. This team could present a strong challenge in 2B Division and could make first division this season.

Driven by lack of support from their old premises, this season **Casa d'Italia** will play as the International T.T.C. They will operate from Sikorski's premises.

It is notable that the only women's team in the West is run under the auspices of International T.T.C. by Mrs. Marie Anton.

Since the days when there used to be divisions of women players the West has gradually lost ground until there is only one team left. Let's have more women's teams! Well done, "Casa."

Springburn R.S.A.S. join the first division this season with young players George Anderson, Billy Livingstone and Charlie McNulty and the experienced services of Alec Metcalfe. Mr. John Hannah, who is behind this successful club, expects that both teams will do well this season. Last season both teams won their respective divisions and gained promotion.

GLASGOW SATURDAY MORNING LEAGUE v. DUNDEE HECKLERS T.T. CLUB

On Sunday, October 7th an A. and B. team from both sides thrilled spectators with a fine display of sportsmanship and ability. The teams were Glasgow: Hawkins, Gilroy, Sutherland, Scott, Groat, Kerr. Dundee: Marjory Murray, Wilma Nixon, I. McIntosh, D. McIntosh.

One spectator commented that he had never seen so much potential star material and I heartily agreed. Miss Bessie Dunbar must be very proud of her brilliant pupils. These boys and girls at the age of ten can enter senior tournaments and beat senior players.

While handing bouquets to the coaches I must mention that although this match was well publicised, only a handful of spectators turned up and the youngsters were disappointed at the lack of interest.

The tense matches ended satisfactorily with each side winning one match and over a very hearty tea a return match was fixed.

HAMPSHIRE HAPPENINGS

HANTS. EXTEND COACHING

AN extension of coaching activities throughout Hampshire should be the outcome of a special coaches' course held at the Southampton T.T.A. and Schools' coaching centre at Mount Pleasant School, Southampton, on September 29-30.

Conducted by Jack Carrington, the E.T.T.A. national coach, it was attended by 26 coaches from Aldershot, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, and

Southampton. Pupils from local secondary schools formed the basis of instruction.

Southampton continue to go forward with their school-leavers' courses, and a third course, under the supervision of T. W. Grant, the local coaching officer, got under way in October. It has 54 pupils from 11 secondary modern schools, who receive instruction at two-hourly sessions three times a week over a period of eight weeks.

AROUND EAST ANGLIA

SUFFOLK PLAYERS OVERSHADOWED

MRS. PAM ROGERS was the only Suffolk player to figure among the winners in the Ipswich Open invitation tournament on September 20. She shared the women's doubles with Mrs. T. Meakins, of Essex, and the mixed doubles with Colin Crowe, of Bedfordshire. The remainder of the local players were somewhat overshadowed.

An early disappointment was the decisive defeat of David Halliday by Leslie Wooding of Buckinghamshire, who was in turn beaten in the semi-final by the ultimate winner, Bedfordshire's Paul Racey.

Wooding's sister Joan, after disposing of three ranked Suffolk players, beat Linda Barrett (Suffolk) in an unexpected final between two 15 year olds. Joan Wooding reached two further finals, the junior singles where she lost to Alan Coby, of Norfolk, and the women's doubles, where, partnered by Jennifer

Racey, they led 19-16 in the third before going down to Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Meakins.

Colin Crowe won a second title in the men's doubles with Racey, who had beaten him in the singles final.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: C. Crowe (Beds.) bt M. Parker (Beds.) 21-19, 17-21, 21-18. P. Racey (Beds.) bt L. Wooding (Bucks.) 21-18, 13-21, 21-17.

Final: RACEY bt Crowe 21-16, 22-20.

Women's Singles. Final: J. WOODING (Bucks.) bt L. Barrett (Suffolk) 21-12, 21-14. **Junior Singles: A. COBY** (Norfolk) bt J. Wooding 21-11, 21-12.

Men's Doubles: CROWE/RACEY bt Coby/R. Turner (Norfolk) 21-17, 21-11. **Women's Doubles: Mrs. P. ROGERS** (Suffolk)/Mrs. T. MEAKINS (Essex) bt J. Racey/J. Wooding 19-21, 21-14, 21-19. **Mixed Doubles: CROWE/Mrs. ROGERS** bt D. Halliday/Mrs. B. Brown (Suffolk) 21-7, 19-21, 21-15.

The Top Ten and Leading Ladies competitions of the Suffolk Invitation Tournament assume greater importance now that selection for county matches is so open. The first events were due to be played at Beccles, the Top Ten on October 28 and the Leading Ladies on November 4.

Over the past few seasons the senior county team has practically picked itself, but successes at these tournaments could result in changes.

Incidentally it could be that the choice of Beccles for these competitions may have a bearing on entries for the Suffolk Inter-Town League. Entries from Ipswich, Lowestoft, Stowmarket, Beccles and Peasenhall have brought the senior division up to the strength it enjoyed two seasons ago.

Unhappily, things are different in the Junior Division, where Stowmarket and Manor House, the Ipswich club have withdrawn. It would be folly indeed if the opportunity for juniors to play representative table tennis were lost after so many people have laboured for so long to keep the division going.

**EXTRA DIVISION
FOR CAMBS.
LEAGUE**

CAMBRIDGESHIRE League have formed another division, making seven altogether, following an entry of 67 teams this season. Leading the way are Y.M.C.A. with eight teams, mostly composed of the younger generation. Their first team must hold a good chance of again annexing the First Division title.

The county trials at Cambridge in October produced some interesting play and fierce competition, but the team for the national county championships remains unchanged from last season with John Cornwall, John Thurston, Keith Chapman, Beryl Sekley and Mrs. Bumber.

There was much deliberation over the team for the South East Midlands League before Reg Dean, John Laker, Albert Jackson and John Constable were finally selected.

The women's team for the S.E. Midland League is Carol Chapman, Ruth Buttle and Sandra Grainger. Miss Grainger is a newcomer.

The Junior team which meets Middlesex on November 10 is Alan Pounder, Denis Collinson, Paul Chisnall, Ruth Buttle, and Carol Chapman.

Many young players are taking advantage of the weekly coaching sessions at the Y.M.C.A. and Chesterton Institute.

Maurice Beckford, the popular Cambridge League player who has been ill, is now fit once again.

LESLIE CONSTABLE.

NEW NORFOLK PRESIDENT

NORFOLK start the season with a new President to succeed Mrs. Betty Cassell. He is Mr. J. W. Meadows, the President of Wymondham and District League.

His sons, Peter and Roger, are leading players there. Peter is the Wymondham captain Roger, their men's singles champion. Together, the brothers won last season's men's doubles, and their team, Abbey A, won both the league championship and the President's Cup presented by their father.

Mr. Meadows has played much table tennis, and, from his maiden speech at the Buckinghamshire match at Norwich, it was clear that a new personality had entered the county arena.

Dereham League are proposing a continental tour, to embrace Belgium, Germany, France and Luxembourg. Four or five players will tour by car, meeting their own expenses.

Norwich sent a team to Leeuwarden, Holland some 12 or 14 years ago, but a four-country tour is unique! This prompts me to ask when will Norwich visit their twin town, Rouen, with whom fixtures have already been played in several other sports, including Rugger and swimming.

Dereham have a new side this season, the Hippos, who includes two well-known names, Douglas Craske and I. Vincent. A further item of note is that, at their A.G.M., Dereham voted for an annual subscription to TABLE TENNIS for each club in their lively league.

Great Yarmouth have a new assistant secretary, J. Barber, who succeeds his namesake, Reg Barber. They have also appointed a Magazine Secretary, Chris. Fields, reigning Norfolk junior champion.

The season started at Yarmouth with the Battle of Britain Tournament which proved another triumph for the Ewles family. John won the men's singles; his wife, Hilda, the women's; John and Maurice the doubles. In the latter, the young Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. pair, Alan Coby and J. Turner, beat Dave Halliday and Gordon Wood on the way to the final. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Harrison won the women's doubles and Ann Baldry and Derek Jenkinson the mixed, beating John and Hilda Ewles. D. Mann beat B. Buckle in the Junior singles.

Coby and Turner also reached the final of the Ipswich Y.M.C.A. invitation tournament, where Alan won the junior singles. He must be among the favourites for the Norfolk title.

Norfolk's championships will be at the Civil Defence H.Q., Cattle Market Street, Norwich, on November 24th.

At a recent meeting at North Walsham, the old Stalham and District League ceased to exist and the North Walsham and District League came into being, with six senior teams and twelve youth clubs. We must however, record that our Norwich Secretary, the doughty Harold Betts, enters this season on his 25th year of office. Congratulations!

In their first county match, Norfolk lost to Bucks. 3-7, and it was three Bucks. juniors, Les Wooding, his sister Joan, and Joy Dalton, who caught our eye. Norfolk were without Betty Cassell. Beryl Baker, winner of the Police Athletic Association's All-England Championship (Women's Singles) in 1950, deputised at the last moment. Norfolk have only one other home fixture this season, v Berkshire, at Wymondham on December 8.

J. S. Penny

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CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARINKO REACHES OPEN FINAL AND WINS CLOSED

MAX MARINKO, the former Czech Swaythling Cup star, showed his best form since 1957 in the Canadian Championships in Toronto on September 1. He won his eighth Canadian closed title, and also reached the final of the "open" with the loss of only one game.

Marinko's pen holder style troubled everyone until the "Open" final, where Erwin Klein, the 1961 United States champion, used his drives and top spin to prevent the Canadian taking the attack. Even so, Marinko won the opening game before the younger Klein got his full measure.

In taking his fourth "open" title back to Chicago, Klein, a former world's mixed doubles champion, opened the way for an American domination of the Canadian titles. They won eight of the nine titles the exception being the girls' singles, won by Helen Sabaliauskas.

The big shocks of the men's singles were the defeats of defending champion Robert Fields by little known Richard Hicks, and of fourth "seed" Sol Schiff by Canada's Nick Gadanyi. Both Gadanyi, in the quarter-finals, and Hicks, in the semi-final, were to fall victims to Marinko.

One of the best matches was in the second round when U.S. junior Ralph Childs took Klein to five games with his crisp all-out hitting. Childs is only 14!

Another top early match found Irish star Pete Kelly force Fields to five games.

Canada had plenty to cheer in the women's singles, when Jenny Marinko, Max's wife, beat defending champion Leah Neuberger in three straight games, only to fall to the powerful attack of Lona Flam Rubenstein, a New Yorker making a comeback after being a member of the 1956 U.S. World team. Mrs. Rubenstein went on to take the title after a five-games final with Barbara Chaimson Kaminsky.

JUNIOR CHAMPION

U.S. Junior champion Danny Pecora carried all before him in the junior men's singles, where Raouf Kamel, an Egyptian living in America while his father works at the United Nations, provided some fine play in stopping Chinese pen-holder Larry Lee, a member of Canada's junior international squad.

In the International team matches the American Swaythling Cup hopefuls, Robert Fields, Erwin Klein, Bernard Bukiet and Sol Schiff, had no trouble in smashing through a Canadian squad that lacked Marinko.



Picture by MALCOLM ANDERSON

MAX MARINKO

Mrs. Neuberger gained some revenge in the team play for women when she beat Mrs. Marinko in two straight games to pave the way for America's 6-1 victory.

In the Canadian Closed championships Harry Grossman showed the benefits of a recent stay in England, as he hit his way to the men's singles finals, where Marinko was too strong.

Mrs. Marinko made a big effort to make the singles a family affair and reached the final only to fall to Velta Adminis.

Defending champion Denise Hunnius lost her title when she went down in straight game to Joan Jessop, while the former Irish champion Joy Owens was beaten in the semi-final by Miss Adminis.

Many of the matches were played under the I.T.T.F. version of the "Expedite Rule", which the American entries found to be far less effective than the current U.S.A. method of applying it at the discretion of the chief referee.

CANADIAN OPEN

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: E. Klein (USA) bt C. Burns (USA) 21-19, 21-12, 22-20. B. Bukiet (USA) bt M. Doss (USA) 21-16, 21-13, 21-16. R. Hicks (USA) bt R. Fields (USA) 21-18, 21-18, 8-21, 18-21, 21-19. M. Marinko (Canada) bt N. Gadanyi (Canada) 19-21, 21-16, 21-12.

Semi-Finals: KLEIN bt Bukiet 12-21, 22-20, 21-18, 16-21, 21-17. MARINKO bt Hicks 21-13, 21-14, 21-18.

Final: KLEIN bt Marinko 17-21, 21-14, 21-11, 21-11.

Women's Singles: Quarter-Finals: Mrs. L. Flam Rubenstein (USA) bt D. Hunnius (Canada) 21-18, 21-10, 21-11. Mrs. J. Marinko (Canada) bt Mrs. L. Neuberger (USA) 23-21, 21-17, 21-14. P. Somael (USA) bt J. Owen (Canada) 21-14, 15-21, 21-17, 21-17. Mrs. B. Chaimson Kaminsky (USA) bt P. Resek (USA) 21-13, 21-14, 21-12.

Semi-Finals: RUBENSTEIN bt Marinko 19-21, 21-19, 23-25, 23-21, 21-13. KAMINSKY bt Somael 21-13, 9-21, 21-16, 17-21, 21-15.

Final: RUBENSTEIN bt Kaminsky 16-21, 20-22, 22-20, 21-12, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: Final: M. DOSS/H. HIRCHKOWITZ (USA) bt E. Klein/C. Burns (USA) 21-9, 13-21, 20-22, 21-19, 21-12.

Women's Doubles: Final: NEUBERGER/SOMAEI (USA) bt Owen/Hunnius (Canada) 21-17, 21-14, 21-15.

Mixed Doubles: Final: BUKIET/Mrs. KAMINSKY (USA) bt L. Cooperman/Miss D. Chaimson (USA) 21-18, 21-18, 21-15.

Junior Men's Singles: Final: D. PECORA (USA) bt R. Childs (USA) 21-16, 21-17, 21-17.

Boys' Singles: Final: CHILDS (USA) bt J. Johnson (USA) 23-25, 21-14, 21-14, 21-11.

Junior Miss Singles: Final: H. SABLIAUSKAS (Canada) bt C. Stace (USA) 21-19, 19-21, 21-15, 21-19.

Senior Singles (Over 35): Final: C. BURNS (USA) bt S. Schiff (USA) 21-13, 11-21, 9-21, 21-15, 21-13.

CANADIAN CLOSED

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: M. MARINKO bt M. Zulpis 21-8, 21-13, 22-20. H. GROSSMAN bt G. Germain 21-12, 21-19, 21-5.

Final: MARINKO bt Grossman 21-12, 21-17, 21-19.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: V. ADMINIS bt J. Owen 15-21, 21-19, 21-15, 21-17. J. MARINKO bt J. Jessop 21-12, 21-18, 21-8.

Final: ADMINIS bt Marinko 21-7, 21-10, 21-13.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

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Women: U.S.A. 6, Canada 1.
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**GRAND RE-UNION
AT N. of E.**

IN the provincial hinterland one feels the season is really under way when the curtain rises on the North of England Open for, like migratory birds, the flock returns to familiar surroundings.

So it was on October 13 for just inside the entrance sat, as though unmoved from twelve months back, the custodian of Manchester's purse strings, Wilkinson Marsden, awaiting the return of the migrants. Born 1882, "Pop" celebrated his 80th birthday in July and is now in his 29th season as Manchester League Treasurer—never having held a bat in anger!

Beyond the "pay-shy" barrier was to be found another old friend in G. Harry Jones, founder member and ex-chairman of the Manchester and District League, present Hon. Sec. of the Fallowfield Club which boasts the largest membership of the city's member clubs.

Harry has again completed a registration form for his 36th consecutive season to claim the "long player" record and is still enjoying life albeit now in lower grade play.

Busy marking up the wall charts was President Jack Livingstone, smiling benignly on all as he conveyed a welcome to Manchester.

No less affable was chairman Leslie Cohen in charge of the floor staff foremost of which body being Benny Casofsky who, when stood momentarily with self exiled Ken Stanley revived memories of a once formidable doubles pairing.

Up on control the eagle eye of Secretary/Referee Leslie Jones flanked by Mrs. Marshall on the charts and Harold Johnson on the mike making up a trio bent on pulling the strings of the kaleidoscopic scene beneath them.

Double Sortie

All indeed was well with Manchester, as indeed with the county, for hadn't Lancashire drawn it across the Tykes the previous weekend? A double sortie over the Pennines netted a bag of four points to vie well with P.M. Macmillan's grousing expeditions on those same bleak expanses of moorland the red rose parties had independently crossed.

Freshly entered in Division 2 (North), the second senior string cracked off with a 7-3 win over Yorkshire firsts at Sheffield, the juniors 5-3 winners at Doncaster. This was a piratry run riot.

Little wonder then the ready smile on the countenance of Norman Cook, but yet, was not it tempered by the almost complete eclipse of Cheshire's two county sides, the seniors 8-1 in the West Country, the juniors sunk without trace in the "broad acres."

Perhaps fortunate in having a double allegiance "Cookie" has another door to open as one closes, but sadly, Cheshire's door is very much on a creaking hinge—never more so in evidence than when exposed to the all out gales of the premier division.

George R. Yates

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
Nov. 8-11	YUGOSLAVIA OPEN Skoplje.		
9-10	Merseyside Open Dunlop Canteen, Speke, Liverpool, 24.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	Miss M. Lindner, Flat D1, Eaten Grange, Eaton Road, Liverpool, 12
10	Scottish Midlands Open Dundee.		
15-18	HUNGARIAN OPEN Budapest.		
17	Birmingham Open (Nov. 7) 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.
18	Bournemouth Open (A) Drill Hall, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth.	J.X.S.	B. Roberts, 45c, Porchester Road, Bournemouth.
18	Tigers Invitation St. Leonards.		
24	Yorkshire Open (Nov. 10) Railway Institute, York.	V.S.	K. Park, 7, Moss Rise, Leeds 17.
24	Cardiff Open Llandall North Drill Hall, Cardiff.		Mrs. Roy Evans, 1, Llwyn-y-Grant Road, Cardiff.
Nov. 25-27	SCANDINAVIAN OPEN Boras.		
Dec. 1-2	Newbury Open (Nov. 10) Corn Exchange, Newbury, Berks.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	A. A. J. Mosson, 29, Croft Road, Newbury, Berks.
2	West of Scotland Closed Glasgow		
7-8	QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT (England v Ireland v Scotland v Wales) Preston.		
7-9	POLISH OPEN Warsaw.		
15-16	Middlesex Open Hanwell Community Centre, Middlesex.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	Miss I. Moss, 49, Okehampton Road, London, N.W.10.
16	Scottish Closed Glasgow.		
Jan. 2-5	ENGLISH CLOSED Manor Place Baths, Walworth.		
5	Yorkshire Junior Open Under 15 Madeley Street Baths, Hull.		K. Park, 7, Moss Rise, Leeds.
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, BoBlton.	J.B.S. J.G.S. V.S.	A. Howcroft, 94, Bradford Street, Farnworth, Bolton.
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		

OFFICIAL NEWS

English Open Championships. Confirmation has now been received from the County Borough of Brighton that the English Open Championships will now be played in Brighton between February 27 and March 2, 1963. The Championships will be promoted and presented by the E.T.T.A. and the Brighton Corporation and will be staged in the Dome and Corn Exchange, Brighton. Further details as to tickets and prices, etc., will be included in the next issue, but it should be noted that tickets will only be obtainable from the Dome Box Office, New Road, Brighton.

Development Commission. The members of the Development Commission under the chairmanship of Mr. E. G. White are continuing their investigation into table tennis activities in this country and hope to finalise their report later in the season. At recent meetings oral evidence was given from the following E.T.T.A. members: Mr. J. Corsier, Mr. A. J. H. Wickens, Mr. K. Watts, Mr. C. Jaschke, Mr. D. Mitchell and Mr. T. Robinson.

The members of the commission wish to thank these members for their invaluable contributions.

Archives—Table Tennis Library. Mr. L. S. Woollard, the librarian, is still desirous of receiving any books on table tennis, which will help make the E.T.T.A. library the most comprehensive in the world. Any members who would like to donate a book to the library are asked to get in touch with Mr. Woollard at 50, Castle Road, Bedford.

Official Handbook 1962-63: It is hoped that the 1962-63 handbooks will be received from the printers by the middle of November, when they will be sent to members. Additional copies will be available at a cost of 2s. 6d. each, post free.

Junior Final Trials: These were held on October 27-28 at Ultra Electronics Ltd., Western Avenue, London, W.3. The junior players invited were:

BOYS: A. Robinson (Middx.), S. French (Kent), B. Copperwheat (Beds.), L. J. Cresswell (Middx.), P. J. Shirley (Bucks.), C. Barnes (Essex), P. M. Williams (Herts.), S. Sealholme (Herts.), D. Brown (Essex), D. S. Stanley (Yorks.), A. Ransome (Yorks.), C. Eltringham (Durham), R. Todd (Durham), D. Holland (Glos.), K. Gillans (Warwicks.), G. Pressick (Warwick.).

GIRLS: K. Stokes (Kent), S. M. Light (Middx.), J. Wooding (Bucks.), J. Dalton (Bucks.), L. Bell (Essex), C. Holes (Hants.), P. Holes (Hants.), B. Sayer (Essex), G. Sayer (Essex), J. Canham (Herts), P. Martin (Essex), L. Henwood (Essex), P. Dainty (Yorks.).

Training Session: The first of the season's training sessions was held at Ultra Electronics on October 14. The players invited were: I. Harrison (Glos.), B. Wright (Middx.), A. Rhodes (Middx.), M. Symonds (Lancs.), A. R. Piddock (Kent), D. O. Creamer (Middx.), R. J. Stevens (Essex).

H. Alser, S. Bengtsson and C. J. Bernhardt, the three members of the Swedish team, also joined in the training.

The E.T.T.A. would like to express their appreciation to Messrs. Ultra Electronics Ltd. for the use of their excellent premises and the facilities provided for the junior trials and training session.

Junior International: A junior match against Belgium has been arranged for Folkestone on November 3. The team was selected after the final junior trials.

Registered Members: The following have been approved as registered members for the season 1962-63.

L. G. Adams (Middlesex), R. Alcock (Lancashire), V. Barna (Middlesex), A. Brook (Middlesex), F. B. Brumwell (Essex), D. C. Burridge (Middlesex), D. F. Burton (Essex), J. H. Carrington (Essex), Mrs. E. Carrington (Essex), B. Casofsky (Lancashire), R. J. Crayden (Surrey), D. O. Creamer (Middlesex), R. A. Conquest (Kent), G. W. Elliott (Kent), D. G. Freer (Derbyshire).

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Team Selections: Corrections: In the recent matches against Sweden B. Wright (Middx.) replaced J. Ingber (Lancs.), who was unavailable, at Norwich, while A. W. C. Simmons replaced R. J. Crayden as non-playing captain for the matches at Trowbridge and Malvern.

v **Switzerland** (at Bevilard October 30 and at Berne October 31): I. Harrison (Gloucestershire) and J. Ingber (Lancs.). Ingber playing captain.

Yugoslavia Open Championships at Skopje on November 8 to 11 and **Hungarian Open** (Budapest November 15 to 18): Miss L. Bell (Essex), Miss M. Shannon (Surrey), Miss D. Rowe (Middx.). Non-playing captain L. G. Adams (Middx.).

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