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IAN HARRISON and his
bride **ELIZABETH PURVES**
at their Wedding in June
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INTERNATIONAL SEND OFF

AT last after four months of rest table tennis is with us once again. And what better send off to a new season than an international tour.

A Swedish men's team including Hans Alser, the European champion, is due here this month and from October 11 to 18 will play a series of six internationals against England.

The matches are not being confined to London or the usual centres but will break new ground in places like Norwich, Trowbridge and Malvern. They should create an entirely new public and it is up to the organisers and the players to see that they are not disappointed. Slick presentation and top class play could win many new followers, who will want to see more.

And table tennis has got to win back its following otherwise it could drift into the doldrums.

Remember England are to stage the European Championships at the new National Recreation Centre at Crystal Palace next season and over the next 18 months there must be a wholehearted drive by everyone to win public support and make this meeting a success.

Sweden have not toured here as an international side since the war so that this trip should excite a lot of interest.

The Swedish team will be chosen from Hans Alser, Stellan Bengtsson, and Karl Johan Bernhardt, under the captaincy of Rune Manzon.

CHANCE FOR YOUNGSTERS

Selectors have wisely chosen some of our up and coming young players to provide the opposition, blending youth with experience. Ian Harrison, our No. 1, will play in all six matches, but also given their big chance will be David Creamer, the young Middlesex player, who has won the first two tournaments of the season, and Mike Symonds of Lancashire, who was one of our top juniors last season.

They should benefit considerably from the experience of playing against the Swedes.

The full tour is: Oct. 11 at Norwich Lads' Club, Norwich; Oct. 12 at Kodak Recreation Hall, Wealdstone, Oct. 13 at Municipal Hall, Tottenham, Oct. 16 at the Town Hall, Trowbridge, Oct. 17 at the Winter Garden, Malvern, Oct. 18 at the Raleigh Canteen, Nottingham.

While Table Tennis the game seeks to win more public support, so TABLE TENNIS, the magazine, seeks new customers. And in this direction Lou Hoffman, our circulation manager, has been doing some sterling work.

He has not been idle in the summer, but has been attending annual general meetings of many leagues explaining schemes whereby they can help increase the circulation and also help themselves financially.

ONE PER TEAM

Hoffman's aim is one magazine per team in a league and as he explained to the 20 odd leagues he visited, they can do very nicely out of the rebates they will receive by bringing this about.

He so won over Willesden League that they have now made it compulsory for each team to purchase a copy of the magazine, while the Wembley League have made it compulsory for each club to have one.

These then are the pioneers of a circulation drive, which may one day become an accepted principle in all Leagues.

Other leagues, although not going quite so far for the present, have promised to do all they can, for they realise only too well the value of a national magazine, which is held in high esteem abroad.

Hoffman would like to see more clubs like St. Lukes, of Canning Town, who run five teams and take 26 copies each month, and the Goffs Oak Comrades, from the Cheshunt and District League, who have 12 copies for their seven teams.

I PLAN TO MEET THE REGION

Says IVOR EYLES

(NEW CHAIRMAN of the E.T.T.A.)

IT is with some fear and trepidation that I pen these few notes on assuming the responsibility of your Chairman. To follow in the footsteps of such great administrators as Ivor Montagu and Bill Vint is no easy task, more so as looming ahead are the 1964 European Championships, the changes which are being pressed by young County administrators, and the Report of the Development Commission.

However, I have never shirked responsibility, from my early days as Secretary of the Bristol Association, Founder Secretary of the Gloucestershire Association, Secretary of the National County Championships and now your Chairman. I am very heartened that both Ivor Montagu and Bill Vint will still be there as President and Treasurer respectively of the International Federation and only too willing to give from their vast experience any help I may require.

One of my first tasks, as far as finance will permit, is to visit each Region of the Association and meet as many of the local league Officers as possible. It has been stated that the Officers and National Executive Members are much too aloof from the rank and file and do not in any way understand their problems and they in turn have very little knowledge of what the E.T.T.A. does and its many problems.

Some of this is gradually disappearing by the yeoman task our Director of Coaching, Jack Carrington, is doing, but I feel that a meeting of the Officers with the local leagues gives one the opportunity of making friends and we all know that to write to a person one knows is a much more easy task than simply to a name in a handbook.

A first meeting has already been held, when some 20 representatives from Region 4 (Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, and South Yorkshire) met at Skegness and a most interesting informal talk of

some 3 hours took place. To say that this meeting was like the bracing breezes encountered at this resort in September would be very much an under-statement and the Officers and I were amazed at the go-ahead outlook of this Region.

I look forward to several more such meetings and to producing a document for the National Executive at the conclusion of the series summing up the views expressed.

I also look forward to the County Secretaries' Conference in December and am convinced that the "knotty" points of Regional Representation and Finance can, by a spirit of co-operation, be settled so that we can concentrate on the vital problems of improving the administration and playing of the game in this country.

So to you all, players and Officials alike I thank you for the confidence



GEOFF JAMES (Vice-Chairman), JACK CARRINGTON (Director of Coaching), NORMAN REEVE (Press Officer), TOM BLUNN (Treasurer), and IVOR EYLES (Chairman) seen at Skegness when members of the Executive met Region 4.

REST SWAMP MIDDLESEX

IAN HARRISON and Diane Rowe, England's two top players, were both unbeaten when The Rest crushed Middlesex 6-3 in the annual challenge match against the County Champions at Guinness Sports Club, Park Royal, on August 9.

Harrison, playing for The Rest, who were composed entirely of England's European Championships team, beat Brian Wright 21-9, 21-13, and Alan Rhodes 21-19, 21-13, then teamed up with Jeff Ingber to beat Rhodes and Stan Jacobson 18-21, 21-15, 22-20.

Miss Rowe, playing with a sandwich bat for the first time in competition, was the only Middlesex player to stand firm. She won her singles against Mary Shannon and the mixed doubles with Wright.

Ingber and Harrison gave The Rest a flying start with respective straight sets wins over Jacobson and Wright but Rhodes, with a narrow win over Stevens after being within two points of a straight sets defeat, and Miss Rowe, who proved too strong for Miss Shannon, levelled the match at two-all.

The Rest recovered the lead when Harrison beat Rhodes only for Miss Rowe, this time with Wright, to keep the Middlesex flag flying when they beat Stevens and Miss Shannon to make it 3-all.

Jacobson and Rhodes then made a determined effort in the doubles to give Middlesex the lead but after getting within two points of victory they were eventually beaten 21-18, 15-21, 22-20, by Harrison and Ingber. That was the end of the Middlesex resistance for Ingber and Stevens wasted little effort in winning the two remaining matches.

Rest 6, Middlesex 3

(Rest names first): I. Harrison (Glouc.) bt B. Wright 21-9, 21-13; bt R. Rhodes 21-19, 21-13. J. Ingber (Lancs.) bt S. Jacobson 21-12, 21-17; bt Wright 21-13, 21-14. R. J. Stevens (Essex) lost to Rhodes 21-15, 20-22, 12-21; bt Jacobson 21-12, 21-14.

Miss M. Shannon (Surrey) lost to Miss D. Rowe 14-21, 17-21.

Ingber / Harrison bt Rhodes / Jacobson 18-21, 21-15, 22-20.

Stevens/Miss Shannon lost to Wright/Miss Rowe 21-17, 17-21, 12-21.

you have placed in me and I assure you that any of your problems, however small, will receive from me any help which you so desire. Do please write. Together there is nothing that we cannot accomplish.

PRESS HANDOUTS

IF any County or League Press Officer, or any other member of the Association who contributes table tennis news to the Press, would like copies of the official E.T.T.A. press handouts by the same post as they are released to the Press, Norman Reeve, the Press Officer, will be pleased to supply them on request. Write to him at the E.T.T.A. Office, 652 Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, W.C.2.

DIANE CONQUERS HER "BOGEY" BUT ENGLAND LOSE

DIANE ROWE conquered a six-year "hoodoo" when she gained her first win over Agnes Simon in the women's international against Germany D.T.T.B. on September 3, but failed to prevent England slipping to a 2-3 defeat.

Miss Rowe experienced both dismal failure and success in the same match. Playing with her newly-acquired "sandwich" but she lost the opening match, mainly by her own mistakes, to Ilse Lantermann, a most unimpressive defensive player.

She never found a true length with her forehand, hitting far too many losers and slumped to defeat at 15-21, 17-21.

Lesley Bell, the 16-year-old Essex junior, had surprisingly been preferred to Mary Shannon for the open singles and she quickly went down to Mrs. Simon.

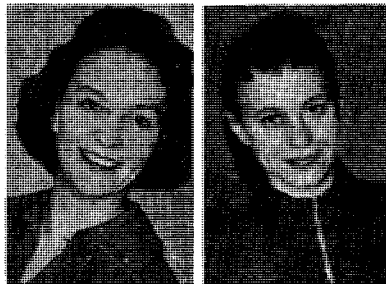
Miss Shannon came in to partner Miss Rowe in the doubles and her quick, clean hitting, bolstered England's dwindling morale as they marked up a straight set win. It was just the tonic Miss Rowe needed for her encounter with the European Champion.

With grim determination she dug her heels in with a tight defence.

The records of past meetings with Mrs. Simon were all against her, and this looked like going the same way when she lost the opening game. Stubbornly Miss Rowe refused to give in as she fought her way through the "see-saw" second game to win it

at 22-20 after missing two game points.

Miss Simon was visibly shaken by this turn of events and she became over anxious losing her edge when under pressure. She hung on to 7-all then came almost complete collapse



DIANE ROWE

AGNES SIMON

as Miss Rowe sailed on to take the set at 21-11 for the match.

England were back in the match at two-all and the whole responsibility on victory rested on Miss Bell.

Bundle of Nerves

She was not equal to it and became such a bundle of nerves that Miss Lantermann had only to keep the ball going to win 21-16, 21-16, and so give Germany victory.

Promising though she may be it would appear that selectors erred in choosing Miss Bell over Miss Shannon. More stable experience was needed in that vital decider.

England 2, Germany D.T.T.B. 3

English names first): D. Rowe lost to I. Lantermann 15-21, 17-21; bt A. Simon 13-21, 22-20, 21-11. L. Bell lost to Simon 17-21, 19-21; lost to Lantermann 16-21, 16-21.

Rowe/M. Shannon bt Simon/Lantermann 21-9, 21-14.

Book Review

WESTERN GRIP BEST

says Johnny Leach

THE Western "shake hands" grip is far superior to the "pen-holder" grip that has enabled Asiatic players to dominate the world championships.

Johnny Leach, England's ex-world champion, is most emphatic about this in his contribution to "SEEING SPORT," a new book based on the popular television programme of the same name, presented by Peter Lloyd.

Leach does, however, point out that we can learn a lot from the Asians regarding footwork, more quickly produced harder hits and more accurate and attacking shots and better training methods to produce both superior fitness and more certain ball control.

He also explains that as the Orientals are used to using chopsticks the "pen holder" grip is more natural to them and is helped by their faster footwork.

It has its limits though and the Japanese realising this are encouraging school children to adopt the Western style.

The article, one of a series by experts on a variety of sports, is well illustrated, gives valuable tips on the type of bat and stroke production and also has a word on dress.

The "SEEING SPORT" TV programme believes that through the eyes of the camera it has enabled young people to take a much wider and enjoyable interest in sport. Now the book puts it on permanent reference.

Priced at 15s. it is an ideal book for the young sportsman—and holds plenty of interest for the not so young.

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By Ken Stanley. 112 pages, frontispiece, 24 photographs, line illustrations, 10s. 6d.

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SUSPENSION LIFTED



RICHARD BERGMANN

RICHARD BERGMANN is free to play once again. Following a written application from the former world champion, the E.T.T.A. have now lifted the suspension they placed on him four years ago.

It is unlikely that he will be seen in this country in the near future for he is now living in Australia and is registering with the New South Wales Association. He should be a big asset to the Australians, both as a player and coach.

Bergmann was suspended for playing an exhibition tour with the suspended Japanese player Narikaza Fujii.

TEENAGER TOPICS

By BRIAN WRIGHT

LESLEY and CHESTER START WELL

JUNIOR Spotlight has now been changed to Teenager Topics to include those players who have grown out of the under 17's group and join that in-between brigade who are now taking their first steps into the senior grade. I feel that this will help to create a wider interest and will also be pleased to hear of your activities.

The first two tournaments of the season ran true to form. The two Essex starlets Lesley Bell and Chester Barnes easily won the junior titles at Skegness and Lesley also took the women's singles back home to Romford.

This process was repeated the following week-end in their home tournament, the Essex Open at Southend, where they again won the junior titles and Lesley the women's singles.

The only surprise at Skegness was the defeat of fancied Tony Robinson by his Middlesex colleague Leslie Gresswell, thus repeating his win over Tony in the Middlesex trials a few days earlier.

Lesley Bell beat Jackie Canham, of Herts. in the girls' final and in the senior event beat ex-junior international Alma Taft, who has now moved from Hertfordshire to live in Middlesex.

Lesley was in danger of dropping her first game of the season in the Essex girls' final when she trailed 9-15 to Christine Holes, but recovered to win 21-18, 21-10. Alma Taft was again Lesley's victim in the women's final.

Chester Barnes apart from winning the boys' singles also did well to reach the men's quarter-finals at Skegness, and Southend, losing to Laurie Landry and Arun Khanna respectively.



LESLEY BELL



CHESTER BARNES

Top juniors are now practising for the final England junior trials at Ultra Electrics, London, on October 27. Who will come out on top? Lesley Bell is a certainty to retain the No. 1 spot among the girls. She is so far ahead that one wonders if she will be required to play through the trials.

Most of last season's ranked girls are still juniors, so keen competition is expected. Twins Christine and Pauline Holes (Hants.) and Beverley and Gloria Sayer (Essex) should be prominent along with Pauline Martin and Linda Henwood of Essex, and Jackie Canham of Herts. The only northern girl with a chance appears to be Doncaster's Pat Dainty.

I understand that the North will not hold junior trials, and that their few players of promise will automatically go through to the final trials.

On the boys' side the top spot promises a battle between the present No. 1 David Stanley (Lancs.) and Chester Barnes. The remainder of last season's ranked boys have moved up to the senior grade. Successors should come from Dennis Holland

(Gloucs.), Grahame French (Kent), Tony Robinson and Leslie Gresswell (Middx.) and Peter Williams of Hertfordshire, but remember every new season provides new names and surprises, from the batch of unknowns. Two years ago it will be recalled Leamington's Maurice Billington appeared from nowhere to take No. 1 position.

A topic of interest among the juniors at the Essex Open was whether or not Chester Barnes is the best junior ever. I am not qualified to answer that as I have only experience over the past four or five seasons. I can only supply the facts. As far as I can gather only three juniors—all in season 1955-56—have represented England's senior team. These were Eddie Hodson and Laurie Landry of Middlesex and Ian Harrison of Gloucestershire. That same season Landry created a record of winning 14 out of 18 tournaments entered.

Coach Harry Venner is among the many who are of the opinion that Chester has the ability to play for England seniors while still a junior.

David Creamer, ex-Middlesex junior international, has been selected by Victor Barna to accompany him on a three weeks' coaching trip to Nigeria, starting this month.

Dave, who started the season by winning the men's singles at both Skegness and Southend, had a proud boast in his junior days that he never lost a singles while playing for England.

If anyone has any interesting news or grouses, especially from the North, I shall be interested to hear from them. Please write to me at: **69 Tubbs Road, Harlesden, London, N.W.10.**

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Saturday Morning League

By LESLEY BARRIE

IT has long been realised in West of Scotland T.T. circles that there are insufficient facilities available to youngsters. In an attempt to alleviate this state of affairs last season special Saturday morning coaching sessions were organised for children up to the age of 16.

Thirty members, ages ranging from ten to 16, took part under the guidance of volunteer coaches Joe Failes, Jimmy McIsaac, and Eric Cramb. A league was organised with eight teams competing and Glenwood, represented by Carmichael, Watson and Sanderson, were the winners.

These boys were undefeated and were presented with medals, while the coaches donated a T.T. shirt to the two players with the best averages.

Jack Hillan, the Scottish T.T.A. president, made the presentation and was astonished at the standard of play. He complimented the coaches on their perseverance and patience.

Preparations are being made to attract even more youngsters this season and many Glasgow schools have been contacted with a view to encouraging young talent.

We older players, who have not the patience of perseverance to dedicate the time to developing interest and appreciation like these coaches, wish the innovation every success in the future.

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Dates of Scottish Tournaments this season are: October 27: **North**

of **Scotland Open** (Aberdeen); November 10: **Midlands Open** (Dundee); December 2: **West Closed** (Glasgow); December 16: **Scottish Closed** (Glasgow); January 27: **West Open** (Glasgow); February 10: **Midlands Closed** (Dundee); March 29-31: **Scottish Open** (venue still to be decided).

English players took part in the West and Scottish Opens last season and we were glad of the opportunity of playing against new faces and new strokes. We therefore extend a warm invitation to all who would consider making the long journey North of the Border in the coming season.

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David Simpson, last season's West confined champion and secretary of the Central T.T.C. is unable to play league T.T. this season. He will be sadly missed in the First Division and the Central club will find him difficult to replace.

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Rumour has it that Harry Baxter of Hamilton Club is relinquishing First Division T.T. this season to play with his son Robbie in the Second Division.

Harry, who was Scotland's non-playing captain for last season's Quadrangular Tournament against England, Ireland and Wales, in Glasgow, is an ex-Scottish champion and international. He has played in the First Division for many years.

SCOTTISH PERSONALITY

JAMES DOW

SEVENTEEEN-year-old Jimmy Dow, Scotland's No. 1 junior last season, is now rated No. 1 senior in the West of Scotland and is expected to win at least one open tournament.

A member of Central T.T.C., Dow is reputed to have the best two-wing attack in Scotland, and rightly so. He



JAMES DOW

won the First Division Championships, all but one of the Junior titles, and rounded off the season by beating Scotland's No. 1, Bertie Kerr, in the Scottish Cup.

Dow made a rather unfortunate debut in the Quadrangular Tournament last season when he and Malcolm Sugden, of Edinburgh, easily lost their doubles in Scotland's match against Wales. However, many regarded it as folly to field two new caps in doubles where experience is so essential.

This defeat has a brighter side for Dow and Sugden have now teamed up to make a strong doubles partnership on the Scottish scene.

It may well be Dow's season if not in singles, then in doubles.

Selection Policy

By A. W. C. SIMONS

(Chairman of the National Selection Committee (Senior))

D*URING the coming season the Senior International Selection Committee will once again be endeavouring to choose the best men and women available to represent us in all International events.*

Although we shall always select what we think is the best team for the job in hand, it goes without saying that we are at all times keen to select and encourage the younger players if we feel that the honour is deserved.

As always the long table tennis season is packed with many events—Tournaments, International, County and Town matches—and this season we have the extra fillip of a visit from the Swedes in early October. However, it is our intention to hold as many training sessions as possible to give our leading players and the best of our young players the opportunity of top class practice under excellent playing conditions.

All players will realise that although we should like to be able to offer many more opportunities for travelling abroad to play in the many events held in order to gain valuable experience under foreign conditions we are at all times governed by a limited budget, and it is our duty to use this money to the best possible advantage to all.

Ron Crayden will again be officiating as Non-Playing Captain at nearly all the International matches and, as players who have played under him know, he is always available to give as much advice and help as possible. The rest of the Selection Committee—Margaret Fry, Len Adams and myself—will attend County matches, Tournaments, etc., and we hope you will approach us with any table tennis problems where our advice may be of help.

May I take this opportunity of wishing all players an enjoyable and successful season.

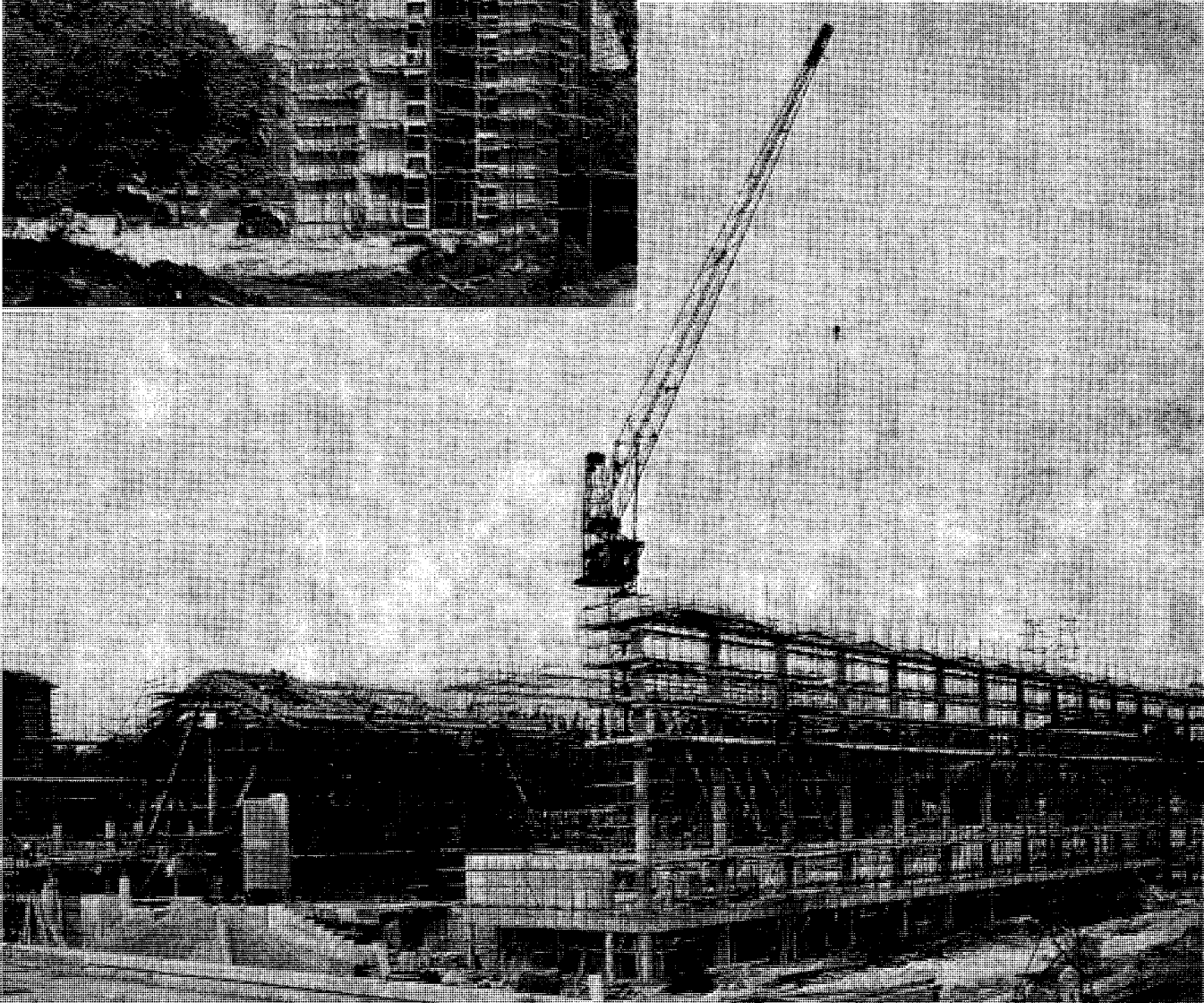
CRYSTAL PALACE TAKES SHAPE

BBRITAIN'S new National Recreation Centre, due to be open early in 1964 with the European Table Tennis Championships, is rapidly taking shape. Our pictures show: left, the hostel block, which will house the competitors; and, below, a towering crane hovers over the skeleton in the main arena.

The centre, which will cost some £2,000,000 is being built on the site of the old Crystal Palace, which was destroyed by fire in 1936, and covers an area of 16 acres.

From time to time we hope to bring you further pictures showing the development of the buildings.

Meanwhile, a big drive is under way to raise the necessary funds for bringing the "Europeans" to England for the first time.



A NEW WELSH CHALLENGE

To Welsh Table Tennis this season comes the added piquancy of having two teams in the National Counties Championship.

The new Constitutional set-up adopted by the Table Tennis Association of Wales allows for the formation of County Associations and Monmouthshire, where the leagues of Abergavenny, Eastern Valleys, Newport and Tredegar have banded together, are the first to take advantage of this new regulation.

The results of this move have been most interesting. The T.T.A. of Wales at present finance Glamorgan in the County Championship, and until such time as other arrangements are made must perforce also finance Monmouthshire's activities at least to a like degree.

This has been done, but, in addition Monmouthshire will also, at their own expense, run a junior side in the N.C.C.

The Monmouthshire senior side are in the Second Division (Midland) along with Glamorgan so that in addition to competition with the English counties there will be keen local Welsh rivalry.

Monmouthshire Juniors, with Abergavenny and Tredegar boys and girls as the backbone, should more than make their presence felt in England.

There are also interesting developments in the Welsh League, where, for the first time, second teams playing in the Second Division, will be eligible for promotion.

For years it was considered correct to stop the large leagues monopolising the First Division to the disadvantage of smaller leagues, but this has resulted in some leagues being able to remain in Division I while stronger second teams have been denied promotion.

OLD RULE UNFAIR

Whatever the virtue of the old rule, it was obviously unfair and stultifying to progress, but now, second teams may, if they win promotion, supplant weaker first teams of other leagues.

As a further inducement to all players in the Welsh League to give of their best, an individual competition within the league programme has been inaugurated. There will be a trophy in each of the four divisions for the players with the best record. This has become a practical possibility now that the rules provide for every player meeting everyone else.

To allow for occasions when international or county commitments prevent a player participating in the Welsh League, records will be calculated on a percentage basis, the

qualifying figure being approximately 75 per cent of the full programme.

TOURNAMENT DATES

The new season's tournament programme is as follows: SWANSEA OPEN (November 3); CARDIFF OPEN (November 24); WELSH OPEN (January 11-12); NEWPORT OPEN (February 23); WELSH CLOSED (March 9).

The Quadrangular Tournament between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales has been arranged for December 7-8 at Preston, while the World Championships are in Prague from April 5 to 14.

Close season coaching has been quite successful, and Swansea have been more than pleased with their twice weekly sessions for around 50 players.

Welsh training of the best seniors and selected young players has pro-

ceeded every Monday at the Llandaff North Drill Hall with undoubted benefit to many. The Association's week-end course for would-be coaches and promising young players conducted by Harry Venner at Lilleshall was an unqualified success.

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

THE Development Commission, which was set up last season to examine the factors affecting the development of table tennis in England and to make recommendations about measures which should be taken for the betterment of the cause, are on the point of completing the collection and sifting of evidence and drafting of the report has commenced.

Anyone wishing to offer comments, information, or suggestions, or to give evidence, should write without delay to the Secretary of the Commission, c/o The E.T.T.A. Office, 652 Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, W.C.2.

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PLAYERS TALKING POINTSConducted by **LAURIE LANDRY****THE ABSENT STARS**

THE non-appearance of most of the leading players from the first two tournaments of the season, the East of England and the Essex Open, is the main talking point this month. Only two ranked players, Stan Jacobson (No. 7) and David Creamer (No. 11), played in both tournaments, while Derek Baddeley (No. 12) was at the East of England.

Every year very few of the top ranking players enter the early tournaments but now other players are commenting because of the early international matches against Sweden.

While not suggesting that the absentees are purposely avoiding the early tournaments, the fact remains that those who are selected will sadly lack the match practice they obviously need for the battles against the Swedes.

Most players say they play table tennis for the enjoyment and I am sure this is so. One tends to think again, however, when certain players deprive themselves of a week-end of

enjoyment because of considerations of performance.

Perhaps some of the players would like to comment next month.

The general opinion is that the Senior Selection Committee should have announced a short list of possibles for the Swedish matches and asked the players concerned to enter the two early tournaments. Arranging practice sessions, while of great benefit, is hardly the same thing.

Closed Championships

The subject of County Closed championships has caused quite a bit of argument in the past. Some counties have rules excluding certain players from competing. Last season Devon had a rule barring all players who had earlier played in the Cornwall Closed from the Devon Closed. In fact this is interfering with the domestic activities of another county.

From Sussex both Keith Watts and

Charles Wyles think that players should be restricted to one closed championship. Other Home Counties have different rules. Middlesex lay down that anyone who played for a club in a Middlesex League may enter their closed championships providing they have not played for another county for at least two seasons.

Are there any other suggestions?

Keith Watts is fighting the cause for a national rule which would restrict players to one closed championship meeting in any one season.

There is a growing demand from the over 40's for Veterans' Singles to be included at all Open Tournaments. At the moment only a few cater for this class of player.

There are an increasing number of veterans who still have a big interest in the game but feel that Open tournaments can mean a pointless trip as they are beaten fairly early. Veteran singles, however, would help to keep their interest alive.

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YORKSHIRE NOTES

FATHERS TAKE OVER

THE late Les Forrest did not exaggerate when he said his table tennis work frequently kept him up until 2 a.m. Ken Park, his successor as N.C.C. secretary, soon found that being responsible for the organisation and administration of three county teams was a job for a superman.

"There was far more to it than I realised," admitted Ken, "and I just can't afford the time."

So after one season of hard work and praiseworthy efficiency, Ken has

abandoned the post to return to his former rôle of tournament secretary.

No one else was willing even to attempt the job so the problem has been solved by splitting it three ways.

Kenneth Proudlock (Sheffield), father of Lesley, becomes N.C.C. secretary in charge of the first team, but he has two assistant secretaries. They are Alec Head (Sheffield) who takes over the second team in the Midland Division, and Herbert Dainty (Doncaster) father of Pat and Mike,

who will look after the juniors.

Their election completes the swing of the pendulum from the West Riding to South Yorkshire, which now supplies most of the leading players and key officials.

At the annual meeting two well-known Huddersfield players stepped into administrative circles. Stuart Dyson was elected to the tournament committee and Ray Hinchliff became a west region member of the executive.

Colin Slater, former editor of the *White Rose Annual* and a journalist now in Nottingham, was elected a vice-president.

Lillias Hamilton and Eileen Starkie (Barnsley) did well to capture the women's doubles title for Yorkshire at the East of England tourney.

Since, owing to pressure of space, Yorkshire Notes did not appear in the May issue, here is a round-up of late 1961-2 results for the record.

Stuart Dyson won the Yorkshire Closed from Norman Rodgers (Sheffield), a surprise finalist, and Lesley Proudlock pulled off the women's singles; Doug McGarry and Lillias Hamilton took the principal titles in the Barnsley Closed; Maurice Pitts was the Bradford champion for the tenth time, and Jean Jones, formerly of Essex, won the women's singles.

Peter Duncombe and Mavis Dyson gained the major inter-league merit awards; David Stanley was the first winner of the Forrest Memorial Trophy for outstanding contributions to the game in Yorkshire.

Wiltshire's tragic loss

IT is with deep regret that I report the sudden death, on 4 August, of Mr. Geoff Pickett, of Swindon.

Geoff, who was 56, had been associated with the game for upwards of 37 years, during which period he held the following posts: Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Swindon & District League 1947-61, also Treasurer for another three seasons, Chairman of the Wilts Association since 1958. At the time of his death he was County Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer of the Swindon League.

Only a year ago Geoff was knocked off his cycle in a road accident which brought to a halt his active participation in the First Division of the Swindon League for Garrards and he was only just regaining his former fitness when he collapsed and died immediately after taking part in a tennis match.

In addition to his very active table tennis life Geoff found time to be Hockey Secretary for Garrards during the past 20 years.

One of Geoff's last jobs as County Chairman was the organisation of the very successful County Dinner held at Swindon last May when the Principal

Guests were the Chairman of the E.T.T.A., Mr. A. K. (Bill) Vint, O.B.E., The National Secretary, Mr. Peter Lowen and the President of the Somerset Association, Mr. Henry Whitmore.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

The West Wilts League easily qualify for the title of Wiltshire's most go-ahead league and as such have been rewarded with the honour of staging an international match against Sweden on October 16.

With 48 teams the West Wilts League is running 4 divisions, the first time for six years, while the entries are the highest for seven years.

Miss Monica Foreman was re-elected Secretary of the Warminster and District League for the 14th consecutive season, with Mr. E. G. Cowles (President), Mr. R. H. L. Rees (Chairman) and Mr. G. Curtis (Hon. Treasurer) also re-elected.

Belated congratulations to Wilts Secretary Tony Ward who won the Wilts Closed Men's Singles Tennis Title at Trowbridge recently. As the reigning Wilts Men's Singles T.T. Champion Tony qualifies as a Wilts Fred Perry!

Don Hillier.

Malcolm Hartley.



Left to right: R. H. L. Rees, T. Ward, J. Cleveland, Mrs. J. Hillier, J. Ford, Miss B. Parker, Peter Lowen, Bill Vint, the late G. Pickett, Oliver Tarrant, D. Hillier at the Wiltshire dinner.

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THE MATCH I REMEMBER

Triumph of Will Power and Concentration

by FERENC SIDO



FERENC SIDO

SURREY PRUNE UMPIRES

SURREY, thanks to the efforts of Fred Joyce, with his football card raising fund, and Peggy Piper, for the refund due to her efforts as magazine pusher, go into the new season with a bank balance. Thanks to our supporters for grateful administration.

Under Sid Morton the list of umpires has been ruthlessly pruned. Those remaining have proved over recent seasons their ability and keenness.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future to Mrs. Lewis, who missed the county trials for the very good reason of her wedding the following day. It needs but a short memory to recall behind this name, Wendy Threlfall, who led the junior girls.

Due to the date of the first county matches trials were held at a time when holidays caused absence. The junior selectors however came up with a ranking list.

Boys: R. Pettet, K. Glass, M. Watts, D. Pettet, B. Whale, G. Salter. **Girls:** J. Harrison, A. Scott-Malden, M. Seven, S. Bond, J. Grimble.

The seniors were completely blocked by the absence of Somgyoi, Muranyi, Miller, and Maclaren.

Somgyoi will be unavailable until November; Shirley Prior will not be available this season, and Clarric Rose, while not completely severing the tie, has intimated that she would be obliged if she were passed by. Both ladies have given fine and loyal service to the county.

The Surrey Closed Championships are taking place at the Putney Club on October 18, 19 and 21.

Jim Forrest

WHEN I emulated Victor Barna by winning all three individual titles in the 1953 world championships in Bucharest, I was left with a burning desire to follow his footsteps and repeat the feat at the English Championships. Victor in 1938 had been the only player to have won the triple English Open crown.

My big chance came in 1958 when I reached the finals of all three events. I was in good form and after defeating the Yugoslav Vogrinc in the singles, I partnered Berczik to win the men's doubles. So I felt very close to the fulfilment of my dream when I took the table for the mixed final with Eva Koczian.

Our opponents were England's Ann Haydon and Hrbud of Yugoslavia. We were rather self-confident and playing so well that after one game—all we had a lead of 20-15 in the third.

At that score came near tragedy. Going for a wide return I made a wrong jump and fell to the ground with an agonising pain in my left knee.

I was unable to get up or make the slightest movement of my leg.

I was helped to the umpire's chair and it took about 20 minutes before I could return to the table with my knee heavily bandaged.

We quickly won the next point to take the game at 21-15. This gave us the right to claim a rest, but I did not want to use the whole of the rest time as I was afraid my knee would continue to swell.

Eva and I quickly decided the tactics to follow. I was to stand on the same spot and Eva to run around me. Considering my size this was not an easy job for her and the plan did not work well. So we lost the fourth set and it was two-all.

IN GREAT PAIN

I was in great pain and had it been any other match I would have given up. But not this one. I just had to win. Setting my teeth I made an effort in the fifth set and tried to kill the ball at the first hit. Fortunately Eva also succeeded better in "circulating" around me and we finally won the set and match to leave me triple champion.

I was extremely proud to have repeated Victor Barna's outstanding

achievement. So can you wonder that this is the match I always remember most.

I paid the penalty afterwards for I had to stop playing and spend almost six months in bed.

Maybe I was foolish to carry on, but throughout those last two sets the thoughts of the triple crown was the goal that carried me through difficulties and pain to the final victory.

BIG ESSEX INCREASES

WE are very proud in Essex that

Bobby Stevens should be the 1962 winner of the VICTOR BARN AWARD for his great display in winning the English Closed Championships. Congratulations also to our chairman, George Eagle, for gaining the CORTI WOODCOCK AWARD for administration services in the county.

More people seem to be playing organised table tennis. Secretary Harry Walker tells me that he has now received 1962-63 details from eight leagues. The increase in clubs is 30, the increase in teams 56!! We hope the other 12 leagues will also show an upward trend.

The experiment of playing under-25's in the BERNARD CROUCH TROPHY was not really a success. They were not strong enough for the powerful Middlesex and Surrey seconds.

This season Essex will run two second teams and the younger players will be competing in the Southern Division of the National County Championships.

Frank Bateman.

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WEDDING BELLS FOR HARRISON



(Picture by Michael MacLaren)

IAN HARRISON, England's No. 1, turned his back on bachelorhood, when he married Miss Elizabeth Purves, daughter of a Cheltenham F.C. director, at the Parish Church Cheltenham, on June 30. Peter Madge was best man.

Ian and his wife originally met at a Jazz Club in their home town of Cheltenham and have known each other for several years. They have gone to live in Buckinghamshire, where Ian is a trainee manager in a departmental stores.

Although away from his home county, Ian remains

loyal to Gloucestershire and will be available for their county matches this season.

Mrs. Harrison does not share Ian's keenness for table tennis, but is nevertheless his greatest fan, and often goes to see him play.

Our picture shows some of the table tennis personalities who were present at the wedding.

Top Row: STANLEY JACOBSON, LAURIE LANDRY, BRIAN WRIGHT, MICHAEL MACLAREN. *Bottom Row:* PETER MADGE, MR. and MRS. HARRISON, MARY SHANNON.

LANCS. and CHESHIRE

SYMONDS CAN HOLD THE KEY

DEPENDANT on whether Mike Symonds can make the same progress in senior company, as he undoubtedly did in junior circles, could well be the eventual answer to Lancashire's fond hopes of winning, for the first time ever, the premier division championship of the N.C.C. Make no mistake this young man from Warrington knows precisely where he is going and a similar indicator board is carried by Manchester's Kevin Forshaw.

Jeff Ingber has already made his mark in the Champions versus The Rest encounter and with Diane Fitzgerald poised on the brink of a successful career, the red rose positively glistens in the dew of a bright new season.

Jack Clayton is the enigma, who would appear to be at the crossroads, undecided as to his route. With a possible permutation of any three from four, the selection committee could have a problem others may envy.

Lancashire's newly-entered second team in Division 2 (North), wherein Yorkshire will be bent on a quick return, adds additional spice for close on the heels of the aforementioned male

quartet come Gordon Beardsworth, Roy Crusham, Bryn Farnworth, Jack Keogh, George Livesey, and Arthur Taylor. What a headache this array will present to the selectors.

No less complex a problem appertains among the women with Moya Jones, Ivy Kershaw, Mary Leigh, Connie Spencer, Winnie Swift, and the up and coming Liverpool closed champion Judy Crafter seeking consideration.

CHESHIRE RETURN

Cheshire's return to the exalted company of the premier division could do much for Alan Crossley, Eric Duthie, and Peter Walmsley, to name but three eagerly awaiting "blast off" and anxious to get into "orbit."

Wedding bells chimed for the county's leading lady, Diane Wright, when she entered a permanent mixed doubles partnership with Eric Johnson, so following in the footsteps of Derek and Doreen Schofield (nee Ridgeway). Problem facing Cheshire, however, is where do the Johnsons settle with Eric working in Leeds — enemy territory.

Lancashire have added the Liverpool League's president, Ken Hyde, to their list of county vice-presidents. Ken is now domiciled in Hertfordshire.

Liverpool chairman A. E. Upton has also moved into county circles being elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bolton's A. Howcroft.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Parry, whose husband, Jack, Blackpool League Press Secretary for the past three seasons, collapsed and died on August 24. Jack will not only be mourned by his wife and three children but by all who came into contact with him.

Growing from strength to strength, the Lancs. and Cheshire League will have six inter-county men's divisions, two ladies', one youths', and a junior comprising its 1962-3 formation, the youths' division being the innovation.

Entirely new are the entries of Lancaster and Morecambe and the Oldham and District Youth Service Leagues. Old friends welcomed back after varying lapses are Crewe, Ellesmere Port, and Radcliffe. The only league departing is St. Helens.

George R. Yates

AROUND EAST ANGLIA

SWEDES COMING TO NORWICH

NORWICH has never had a more exciting event to look forward to at the start of the season than the England-Sweden international at Norwich Lads' Club on Thursday, October 11.

Secretary Harold Betts hopes to seat 950 for this enormous attraction, which will draw fans from all over Norfolk, and, indeed, East Anglia. Tom Stevenson, of Swan Lane, Norwich, has charge of the ticket arrangements, and we are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the teams.

Since the last European Championships, no country has been more in the news than Sweden. To our visitors we say, "*Välkommen!*" (Welcome!).

At the third European Championships, held in West Berlin in April, Sweden's No. 1, Hans Alser, won both men's singles and mixed doubles titles. Alser, Tony Larsson (a singles quarter-finalist), and Bjorne Mellstrom formed their men's team which beat England's Ian Harrison, Jeff Ingber and Alan Rhodes in the only match lost by England in the team event. Sweden went on to the final.

Sweden's women are also in the top flight. Their doubles pair, Brigitta Tegner and Britt Andersson, lost only in the quarter-finals to Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon, who went on to give England her first European individual title. In the women's team event, England beat Sweden 3-1, the same players clashing again.

Last season, Norfolk bought over 1,000 copies of this magazine. They were awarded a two guinea prize for their efforts and raised over £15 for their juniors. This season, we hope to see our subscribers top the hundred mark, and to beat Cambridgeshire for the main prize. For this, our target will be one magazine per team per month from our Norfolk Leagues, Norwich and District, Great Yarmouth and District, Dereham and District, and Wymondham.

These, together with Lowestoft and Ipswich, comprise the East Anglian League of Leagues, whose hon. secretary, Marion Harrison, tells me that enquiries have also been received

from Clacton-on-Sea. Mr. G. F. Rix of Norwich succeeds Mr. J. Keeble of Ipswich as president.

Norfolk do not yet feel quite strong enough to enter a team in the National Junior Championship. Yarmouth and Lowestoft are, however, to give three lads and two lasses their chance in a competition run on similar lines. When the second division of the East Anglian League was formed, it was hoped that at least three juniors would play in each team.

Good wishes to Robin Wickens, a tower of strength both to Norfolk and to Norwich and District League and our first magazine secretary, who leaves with his family for Buckinghamshire. There must be something in the Buckinghamshire air to attract Norfolk players!

If reports are true, Norfolk and Norwich are also to lose two leading players, Tony Fox and Roy Culyer, neither of whom will be playing this season. County and League news will be given more fully next month; at present, all roads lead to our international at King Street!

J. S. Penny.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

CAMBS. RESUME JUNIOR COACHING

THE Cambridgeshire Summer League once again provided keen competition. Winners of the four divisions who play off semi-finals and a final, are E. C. Netherall I. Impington, Wilburton and Y.M.C.A. IV.

Cambridge City "A" are entering both a men's and women's team in the South East Midlands League, which has now started its second season.

Junior coaching sessions are again being held at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday afternoons and there will be new faces among the "old" juniors. Coaching sessions will also be held at Chesterton Youth Centre on Wednesday evenings.

Cambridgeshire League matches start this month and the selectors will be anxiously watching youthful talent for inclusion in he county teams. The old firm of John Cornwall and John Thurston will again be doing service and I am sure will maintain their magnificent records in the league.

Young Alan Poudel will be a force this season and other juniors such as Alan Chisnall, Mick Reeve, John Constable and Brian Wilkin will be keen to challenge for places in the junior side.

Leslie Constable

SUFFOLK SELECTION PROBLEMS

WITH the new season scarcely begun, Suffolk selectors find themselves facing a set of problems, some of them old, some new. One of the less palatable concerns last year's skipper, Peter Cole, and his doubles partner John Collins, both of whom are unlikely to be available for representative play.

Similarly, promising junior Chris Lipscombe is caught in his G.C.E. year, and it is doubtful whether he will be wearing the green shirt either.

On the credit side, juniors Brian Buckle and David Mann are showing vast signs of improvement. It remains to be seen, however, whether their progress is sufficient to lift Suffolk from their usual position at, or near, the tail-end of their division.

First event of the season here is the Ipswich Y.M.C.A. Open invitation tournament, which will be over by the time these notes appear. In the past it has been well supported by East Anglian players, and has proved a well-run, happy event. The organisers do exhibit some surprise at the unaccountable lack of interest by local players, who have once again failed to enter in the numbers one might have expected.

One particularly bright spot is caused by a great interest in coaching following Jack Carrington's successful sessions last season.

The East Suffolk Education Committee have arranged sessions all over their area, and the Ipswich Committee are now in the process of arranging facilities for weekly courses at a new school in the borough.

The "kitty" is not bottomless, but the pupils concerned will at least start serious practice on tables that are somewhat superior to the type often used in some of the less fortunate clubs in the county.

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An Exercise in Definitions

By JACK CARRINGTON

MY April article was called *Technicalities on Topicalities* because it discussed the topical "Loop Drive" strokes. It mentioned in very brief form, how we are trying—at the frequent official coaches' meetings now held—to clarify the terms used in analysing and describing stroke movements and situations.

This was followed in May by comment from John Corser, under the heading *Confusing Terms*.

We are giving to our current coaching students a flexible system of definitions to facilitate clear thought and discussion; there is no room in a magazine article to describe flexible forms of instruction—there never is, in print, hence my insistence on frequent gatherings of our coaching students.

It is a fact and NOT a theory, that Mr. Corser has not attended an official meeting of coaching students for some years (nor indeed have others who are not slow to comment in the magazine). This may be why he is still rather dogmatic about certain old-fashioned terms. This is not to say that he is wrong, or indeed that the terms are wrong, but just to make the point that there are trends in instructional usage and debating slogans, just as there are in stroke usage and tactical methods.

All Welcome

It is open to any interested person, coach, organiser, commentator, player, or just a person who likes putting his words into print, to attend and join discussions at our Coaching Meetings. At these we are making continual progress in standardising, not ideas, but their expression in terms.

We also study analysis of situations very closely, and I think most of our current coaching students would avoid the pitfall into which Mr. Corser has fallen, viz, that of confusing the "state of the ball" with the "actions of the player."

For example, "pace" (Mr. Corser's term) is an attribute of the ball at any one time. Two players applying the same initial pace to similar balls may have to use quite different degrees of "thrust." Even one player in the same rally may have to use *differing* thrusts to apply the same *pace*. Current coaching students study *why*, which is helpful in their "communication" to players.

Mr. Corser's article betrays signs

of the habit—thinking which our coaches are trying to weed out of our young English players.

Example: "Surely all topspin drives depend for effect on pace." What, then of Direction, Length, Flight, and Context not to mention the Spin itself? All these are attributes of the state of the ball, not the players' stroke, and are therefore subjects for mental study by the player rather than muscular repetition.

Pace ("Speed" to us) is produced mainly by Thrust. You can use another word, but we are trying to attain some uniformity, and the delightful democratic policy of printing individual's suggestions for variation of terms just means we end up in the same delightful democratic state as we always have been—Chaos.

But in some conditions the Spin itself actually contributes to the Speed of the ball, as on a rough-surfaced table. Some players, knowingly or otherwise, gain from this because the Speed deriving from the Spin is not easily seen.

A classic example of this was

Andreadis—described by John Corser in the same May magazine as "The Supreme Stylist." I quote: "the unhurried ease makes his attack look rather soft." Very true, but when you have been on the receiving end of Andreadis' soft attack, you come to realise that the difficulty springs partly from the Length, the Direction (i.e., placing), and the ever-surprising kick of extra speed on landing, from the Spin. There was apparently slow air-speed and faster ground-speed, if I may temporarily use some everyday terms.

The meaning of my term, "Context of the play" may be conveyed by two extreme examples. Thus if two players exchange chop-pushes for 10 minutes, *just one, slow* topspin drive may win a point. If returned, the context of the play has been changed, and a second topspin drive is more likely to win by *speed*.

Let us get this clear; the first slow drive won by Surprise; the second drive would win not by surprise but by Speed.

Now consider Andreadis controlling the Context of the play, just as described by Mr. Corser: "Occasionally he cuts loose with a powerful forehand drive . . ." The slow drives in his case created no surprise—that was created by the fast one.

Pressure Context

What did the slow (relative to world class) drives achieve? As an ex-victim I can tell you they achieved a context of Pressure, and by their accuracy and the ever-present threat of the fast drive, caused the opponent to make mistakes when he tried to change the context to his advantage.

It is interesting to recall that most Europeans tried to change the Andreadis pressure context by varying of chop, floating, and counter-attacking. All these he turned to his advantage in maintaining his attack. Even less willing to give ground was Tereba, the other Czech star, who won one match against chop-specialist Amouretti of France with a total of

Drives 188 (backhand and forehand);

Pushes 12;

Chop-retrieves 4!

Tereba's drives had more obvious Speed than Andreadis', but also carried a nasty spin-kick on landing. Continuity and frequent change of direction clinched nearly as many points at the actual speed of Tereba's hitting.

The Japanese came on the scene, and could rarely overcome the Andreadis pressure—springing, as you can all see from our films, not from

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Oct.	
10	Dartford Y.M.C.A.
12-13	Leeds-Bradford.
14	Ultra Club.
15-16	Sussex.
22-23	Redhill.
25-27	Suffolk.
28	Hastings.
Nov.	
3-4	Boston-Spalding.
7-10	Leicestershire T.T.A.
14	Lowestoft.
16	N.E. Area.
22-25	Notts.
Dec.	
1	County Secs.' Conference.
7-9	Kent (T. Wells, etc.).
2-4	Letchworth.
28-31	Lilleshall
1963	
Jan.	
25-27	Kent.
31-	Manchester (and
Feb.	Lancs.-Cheshire
1-3	T.T.A.).
28-	
March	Brighton (English
1	Open, etc.).
2-3	Lilleshall.
8-10	Stafford (Mass Rally).

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"pace" but from control. They tried to change the "context" a different way, by high topspin looping. They were younger and quicker but Andreadis still won more matches against them than any European.

Now to revert to the Coaches' viewpoint. Were the Japanese intelligent to try this new method of breaking down Andreadis?

Not especially . . . to them it was habit, but it happened to be useful (it was more useful against Sido, until he broke out of his own habit-thinking to deal with it).

Conversely, when *Europeans* tried the new method against such as Andreasis, that was intelligence. And when Ogimura developed his chop-pushes after some horrible moments against the Rumanian chop-defenders, he showed intelligence. The same tactics by Berczik would probably have been due to habit-thinking.

Which brings me to the second reminder of habit-thinking in Mr. Corser's article: "Each player . . . making his 'usual' drive." We would like to see more players having a "usual" drive, and more having an *understanding* of a range of attacking drives, to be used according to the context of the play.

I hope some readers have been amused by this exercise in brain-bashing, in which no difference of opinion is involved, only difference of seeing and describing. It proves only one thing, namely, that theoretical concepts cannot be fairly discussed in a magazine, where everybody has forgotten what was said previously.

If more of you are encouraged to come and hear how we are looking at coaching and training today, please contact me, c/o E.T.T.A., or as I travel. **COME AND GET THE "TOPICALITIES ON THE TECHNICALITIES!"**

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CUPID BUSY IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

CUPID, that ever busy little fellow, has worked overtime during the close season in Gloucestershire; and the cry of "Love All" has linked together in the larger game of life some of the notable county stars.

Congratulation and best wishes are

overdue to: Mr. and Mrs. IAN HARRISON, and Mr. and Mrs. DAVID GRIFFITHS.

It is nice to know that Ian will be playing for Gloucestershire again this season. The county scene would not have been the same without the presence of Harrison, automatic choice for number one.

Veteran Cheltenham player **Johnny Mower** has also taken the plunge and, in spite of being brought low by appendicitis, has joined the ranks of the happily married.

Not to be left out, **Bob Griffin** was due for the matrimonial stakes September 22.

The energetic press secretary of the Gloucester City league, Bob Ward, has resigned and wedding bells will be heard in the near future.

And now, regrettably, a few brickbats. The Gloucestershire junior team comprising Morley Mordecai, Dennis Holland and Barry Brady were the subject of disciplinary action at the end of last season. Misbehaviour at some matches brought the wrath of the executive down upon them. Holland and Brady were severely reprimanded and Mordecai suspended.

The suspension ends on October 31 and we feel sure that the young resilient Mordecai, talented as he is, will quickly reinstate himself and will be considered by the selectors for county and, it is hoped, international honours.

In conversation with Allan Haines, the industrious outspoken chairman of the Gloucestershire City league, "Onlooker" was left in no doubt about the feelings of the many officials concerned regarding the lowly positioning of Gloucestershire in the tournament ranking list.

"My colleagues and myself put in a colossal amount of hard work to ensure a smooth running tournament and I feel that our efforts deserved more than a slap in the face. It is difficult to know how the points are allocated and on what basis. For instance, I was particularly proud of our umpiring arrangements as only qualified County Umpires officiated and for this we get 53 points. In fact Margaret Fry congratulated me on such a smooth well run tournament and I anticipated that we would be among the top in the rating list."

Onlooker agrees with the sentiments expressed by Allan Hains and would suggest that Laurie Landry who conducts the feature in the TABLE TENNIS magazine 'Tournament Talking Points' should try and be impartial and fair in his assessment of future ratings.

'Onlooker'

Editor's Note: There is no question of Laurie Landry being biased over Tournament Ratings. This is a statistical chart drawn up from players' views given by both letter and personal interview.

Landry has merely reported the findings. If Gloucester officials, or other tournament organisers are not satisfied with their rating, then it seems obvious there is room for improvement.

ASIAN GAMES

JAPAN made a clean sweep of all titles in the table tennis section of the Asian Games in Djakarta from August 27 to 30. So overwhelming was their superiority, in the absence of the Chinese, that they provided all four semi-finalists for the men's singles and mixed doubles, and three of the semi-finalists in the women's singles.

The only final not an all-Japanese affair was the women's doubles where the Koreans Hwang Yool Ya and Lee Yung Hi were beaten by Masako Seki and N. Yamanaka 3-1.

Men's Singles. Semi-Finals: ICHIRO OGMURA (Japan) bt Ken Konaka (Japan) 3-2; KIICHI MIKI (Japan) bt Koji Kimura (Japan) 3-1.

Final: MIKI bt Ogimura 3-1.
Ranking: 1, Miki; 2, Ogimura; 3, Kimura; 4, Konaka (all Japan); 5, Huynh Van Ncoc (Vietnam); 6, Cheong Ching Cheong (Malaya).

Women's Singles. Semi-Finals: KIMIYO MATSUZAKI (Japan) bt Choi Kyung Ya (Korea) 3-1; KAZUOKO ITOH (Japan) bt Masako Seki (Japan) 3-0.

Final: MATSUZAKI bt Itoh 3-1.
Ranking: 1, Matsuzaki; 2, Itoh; 3, Seki (all Japan); 4, Choi Kyung Ya (Korea); 5, Wong Bik Yui (Hong Kong); 6, Lee Sin Ya (Korea).

Men's Doubles. Semi-Finals: OGMURA/KIMURA bt Le Van Tiet/Le Van Inn (Vietnam) 3-0; MIKI/KONAKA bt S. Patnavirana/T. Sutivets (Thailand) 3-0.

Final: MIKI/KONAKA bt Ogimura/Kimura 3-2.

Ranking: 1, Miki/Konaka; 2, Ogimura/Kimura; 3, Le Van Tiet/Le Van Inn; 4, Patnavirana/Sutivets; 5, Lee Dal Yoon/Chung Yung Moon (Korea); 6, D. Kasmara/L. Kasmara (Indonesia).

Women's Doubles. Semi-Finals: HWANG YOOL YA/LEE YUNG HI (Korea) bt Matsuzaki/Itoh (Japan) 3-0; SEKI/N. YAMANAKA (Japan) bt M. Dhamayanti/M. Gurmiresmi (Indonesia) 3-0.

Final: SEKI/YAMANAKA bt Hwang Yool Ya/Lee Yung Hi 3-1.

Ranking: 1, Seki/Yamanaka; 2, Hwang Yool Ya/Lee Yung Hi; 3, Matsuzaki/Itoh; 4, Dhamayanti/Gurmiresmi; 5, Choi Kyung Ya/Lee Sin Ya (Korea); 6, Wong Bik Yui/Fan Sin Kwan (Hong Kong).

Mixed Doubles. Semi-Finals: OGMURA/MATSUZAKI (Japan) bt Konaka/Yamanaka (Japan) 3-1; KIMURA/ITOH (Japan) bt Miki/Seki (Japan) 3-0.

Final: OGMURA/MATSUZAKI bt Kimura/Itoh 3-2.

Ranking: 1, Ogimura/Matsuzaki; 2, Kimura/Itoh; 3, Miki/Seki; 4, Konaka/Yamanaka; 5, Tan Hung Borr/Fa Sin Kwang (Hong Kong); 6, Kang Hi Yung/Choi Kyung Ya (Korea).

Men's Team: 1, JAPAN; 2, Korea; 3, Singapore; 4, Hong Kong; 5, Philippines; 6, Indonesia.

Women's Team: 1, JAPAN; 2, Hong Kong; 3, Korea; 4, Indonesia; 5, Malaya; 6, Philippines.

MILES AND SHAHIAN TAKE TITLES IN U.S. OPEN

By NORMAN L. KILPATRICK

THE 32nd U.S. Open National Championships, held April 27-29 in New York City, saw two new stars come forward, but veteran players won the major titles nevertheless. Richard Miles, playing in shorts for the first time in a U.S. Open, took the men's singles crown for the tenth time, while Mildred Shahian won the ladies' championship for the second time.



RALPH CHILDS

Miles, who won the world Mixed Doubles title in 1948, never looked better as he stopped the crisp drives of 22 year old Norbert Van de Walle in the Expedite Rule final, and came back with some hard driving of his own.

Miss Shahian, a member of the U.S. Corbillon Cup winners in 1949, used her block and push game to put out defending champion Mrs. Leah Neuberger easily in the quarters, and completely mastered young Barbara Chaimson's attacking game in the finals.

While Miss Shahian uses pimped rubber, Miles has finally switched to regular sandwich rubber, to help his attack, but Van de Walle continues to stay with the pimped material.

New Faces

Two new faces to the top ranks stirred much excitement at the tourney, Van de Walle and Ralph Childs, of Detroit, Michigan. Van de Walle upset second seeded Robert Fields in the semis of the men's singles, after trailing 14-19 in the fifth game, and then won the men's doubles in partnership with Miles. While Norbert was on the 1959 U.S. World Team, and defeated Biriba Costa at the world event, he has made only occasional tournament appearances for the past few years. However, in a tournament held shortly before the U.S. Open, the former Belgium national defeated 1961 U.S. Champion Erwin Klein.

Ralph Childs is a 14 year old sandwich using attacker who is ranked #2 in the men's division in his home state of Michigan. At the U.S. Open he was only allowed to enter the youth events, but in the junior singles he met Canadian Junior Champion Guy Germaine, who is one of Canada's top four men's players. Childs defeated Germaine 21-14, 21-9, 21-12 then lost by four points to junior winner Danny Pecora. In the boys' singles the slender youth easily defeated favoured Ronald Hobson in the finals.

Martin Reisman, a former English Open Champion, easily stopped

U.S. OPEN RESULTS

Men's Singles. Semi-Finals: R. MILES bt M. Reisman 21-17, 21-5, 21-23, 21-17. N. VAN DE WALLE bt R. Fields 18-21, 21-13, 21-16, 19-21, 23-21.

Final: MILES bt Van de Walle 22-20, 19-21, 22-20, 21-11.

Women's Singles. Semi-Finals: M. SHAHIAN bt V. Smith 10-21, 15-21, 22-20, 21-10, 21-19. B. CHAIMSON bt B. Chotras 14-21, 21-22, 21-15, 21-19.

Final: SHAHIAN bt Chaimson 21-13, 21-16, 21-16.

Junior Men's Singles. Final: D. PECORA bt P. Hudson 21-19, 21-12, 21-19.

Boys' Singles. Final: R. CHILDS bt R. Hobson 21-16, 21-16, 21-12.

Senior Singles. Final: S. SCHIFF bt T. Hazi 22-20, 19-21, 21-17, 21-17.

Esquire Singles. Final: L. BELLAK bt J. McLennan (Canada) 21-4, 21-14, 21-16.

Men's Doubles. Final: MILES/VAN DE WALLE bt R. Gusikoff/ E. Klein 18-21, 21-15, 21-12, 20-22, 21-16.

Women's Doubles. Final: CHAIMSON/ SMITH bt Chotras/L. Rubenstein 15-21, 21-16, 21-11, 15-21, 21-15.

Mixed Doubles. Final: B. BUKIET/Miss CHAIMSON bt Schiff/Mrs. L. Neuberger 21-9, 21-10, 15-21, 20-22, 21-15.

Canadian champion Max Marinko in straight games, but found the Miles defence too much for his attack in the semis of the men's event.

The Jamaica champion Fuarnado Roberts showed good form in defeating former U.S. International John Somael but was later outclassed by Miles.

In the women's singles, Petal Lee Loy, champion of Trinidad, proved to be a big surprise when she easily upset Canadian champion Denise Hunnius, who was 8th seeded. However, New York's Bernice Chotras proved to be too strong for the southern entry in the quarters, winning in three straight games. Outside of Miss Shahian's return to form, the young Washington D.C. product Barbara Chaimson dominated the women's events, by reaching three finals, and winning two of them. Soon to be married Miss Chaimson uses reversed sandwich rubber for a very effective chop and counter drive game, and was in fine form against Mrs. Pauline Somael and Mrs. Chotras, her quarter and semi-final opponents. Much is expected of this young lady in the 1963 World event.



NORBERT VAN DE WALLE

WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

SWINDON and West Wilts. have returned to the Western Counties League this year, bringing the total competing teams up to ten. The others are Abergavenny, Bath, Bristol (two), Cheltenham, Cardiff, Newport, and Weston.

Unfortunately the women's division has not materialised. Only Newport, Bristol and Swindon were able to accept invitations to enter. All member leagues are asked to reconsider the possibility of entering a women's team so that a knock-out competition can be arranged.

It is with regret that I heard of the tragic death of Geoff Pickett, the genial secretary of Swindon. Mr. F. S. Williams is carrying on as match secretary.

At the recent annual meeting Ivor Eyles and Grove Motlow were elected chairman and secretary/treasurer respectively. Members congratulated Mr. Eyles on his appointment as chairman of the English T.T.A. and Motlow on being elected chairman of the newly formed Monmouthshire County T.T.A.

Western Counties League matches get under way this month.

Grove Motlow

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UPby **FRANK BATEMAN****TWO NEW COUNTIES**

Two new counties, Huntingdonshire and Monmouthshire, make their debut in the National County Championships this season. They help to swell the entries to a record of 60 teams representing 34 counties.

Monmouthshire, who became the second Welsh county in the championships—the other is Glamorgan—have entered two sides, a senior team in

the Second Division West, and a team in the Junior Division West.

Huntingdonshire go into the Southern Regional Division.

Essex, who along with Cheshire, return to the Premier Division at the expense of Yorkshire and Hertfordshire, have also entered a second team in the Southern Division.

Berkshire, after a season's absence,

also make a welcome return with teams in the Southern Division and Junior Division (South), and there is a second team from Lancashire to contest Second Division (North).

Lancashire, runners-up to Middlesex for the Premier Division last season, now have so many players challenging for first team places, that the entering of a second team was the obvious answer. It will provide the extra competition to keep them all on their toes.

The Red Rose County are determined to try to break the Middlesex hold on the title, and, led by Jeff Ingber, will undoubtedly be a powerful force. But Middlesex, with an apparent never ending wealth of talent to plug any gaps, even when their stars are not available, will take a lot of shifting from the title which they have held 13 of the 15 times since its inception.

COUNTY DIARY**PREMIER DIVISION**

October 5	Essex v Surrey, Eastern Electricity Board, Ashton Road, Harold Hill, Romford	7.15 p.m.
October 6	Warwickshire v Middlesex, St. Peter's Club, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa	7 p.m.
	Gloucestershire v Cheshire	
October 19	Essex v Kent, Products Works, Beckton, London, E.6	7.15 p.m.
October 20	Cheshire v Lancashire, Lyme Green Settlement, Macclesfield	7.15 p.m.
	Warwickshire v Gloucestershire, Parish Church Hall, Nuneaton	7 p.m.
October 24	Middlesex v Surrey, Petters, Staines	7.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

October 6	Staffordshire v Monmouthshire	
	Bedfordshire v Glamorgan, Crysexo Canteen, Woburn Road, Kempston	7.30 p.m.
October 13	Warwickshire v Worcestershire, Allens Cross S.C., Shenley Lane, Northfield, Birmingham	7.15 p.m.
October 20	Staffordshire v Worcestershire	
	Oxfordshire v Bedfordshire, St. Margaret's Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford	7 p.m.
	Glamorgan v Warwickshire, Cardiff	7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

October 6	Yorkshire v Lancashire, Edgar Allen Staff Canteen, Shepcote Lane, Sheffield	7 p.m.
	Lincolnshire v Durham, Grammar School Gymnasium, Rowley Road, Boston	7.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

October 6	Hampshire v Sussex, Johnson and Johnson Canteen, Cosham, Portsmouth	7 p.m.
October 20	Hertfordshire v Hampshire.	

SECOND DIVISION WEST

October 6	Cornwall v Wiltshire, Docks Canteen, Falmouth	7.15 p.m.
	Devon v Somerset, Pitts Memorial Hall, Gibbon Street, Plymouth	7.15 p.m.
October 20	Dorset v Devon, Boys Brigade H.Q., North Square, Dorchester	7.30 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION

October 20	Yorkshire v Derbyshire Y.M.C.A. Cleveland Street, Doncaster	
	Staffordshire v Worcestershire	7 p.m.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

October 6	Norfolk v Buckinghamshire C.E.Y.M.S. Rooms, Norwich	7 p.m.
October 13	Hertfordshire v Essex	
October 20	Essex v Norfolk	
October 20	Huntingdonshire v Berkshire, St. Neots	7 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

October 6	Hertfordshire v Essex, I.C.T. Gunnelswood Road, Stevenage	6 p.m.
October 19	Middlesex v Hertfordshire, Johnsons, Hendon Way, London, N.W.4	7.15 p.m.
October 20	Suffolk v Cambridgeshire, Manganese Bronze S.C., Hadleigh Road, Ipswich	

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

October 6	Gloucestershire v Oxfordshire	
October 6	Staffordshire v Monmouthshire	
October 20	Warwickshire v Gloucestershire, Parish Church Hall, Nuneaton	2.30 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

October 6	Yorkshire v Lancashire, Technical School Hall, George Street, Doncaster	2.30 p.m.
	Yorkshire v Cheshire, Technical School Hall, George Street, Doncaster	6.30 p.m.
October 20	Durham v Cheshire, T.L.F. Welfare Institute, Fulwell Road, Sunderland	3 p.m.
	Durham v Lancashire T.L.F. Welfare Institute, Fulwell Road, Sunderland	7 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

October 6	Hampshire v Sussex, Johnson and Johnson Canteen, Cosham, Portsmouth	3 p.m.
October 13	Surrey v Kent, Higgs and Hill Ltd., Vauxhall	4 p.m.
October 20	Surrey v Hampshire, Higgs and Hill Ltd., Vauxhall	2.30 p.m.

BOTH GO DOWN

Yorkshire's second team, who were edged out of the Second Division (North) title on games average by Cheshire last season, find themselves dropping down to the Midland Regional Division. This follows the relegation of Yorkshire's first team from the Premier Division. No county is allowed two teams in the same division.

Yorkshire are determined that their stay in the lower grade will not be for long. So it could well follow that both their sides will move up next season.

Hertfordshire, the other side relegated from the Premier Division should be serious contenders for the Second Division (South) title, where Cambridgeshire will be making their first appearance.

Some keen competition is expected in the junior divisions, and none more so than in the East Section where Essex and Middlesex are rivals. Essex still have available several of last year's winning side including Lesley Bell and Chester Barnes, who stake strong claims for permanent places in the county's first team.

I like to include as many matches as I can in these notes so would ask team captains to please send a short report on the back of the results sheets that come to me.

The line up for season 1962-3

PREMIER DIVISION

Essex:

GLoucestershire, Kent, Lancashire, Middlesex, Surrey, Warwickshire.

SECOND DIVISION

Midland:

Bedfordshire, Glamorgan, Monmouthshire, Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire.

North:

Durham, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Yorkshire.

South:

Cambridgeshire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Suffolk, Sussex.

West:

Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire.

REGIONAL DIVISIONS

Midland:

Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire.

Southern:

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk.

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

East:

Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Suffolk.

Midland:

Gloucestershire, Monmouthshire, Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire.

North:

Cheshire, Durham, Lancashire, Yorkshire.

South:

Berkshire, Hampshire, Kent, Surrey, Sussex.

Fifteen players, ten girls and five men, came through last season with hundred per cent. averages. Pride of place, however, goes to **Lesley Bell**, the young Essex international, for she achieved this feat in two divisions, Second (South) and Junior (East). She played four matches without defeat in each section.

The only Premier Division player to go through the full season with full marks was Surrey's **Mary Shannon**, who achieved the outstanding performance of the season when she beat Diane Rowe.

The other hundred percenters were **Brian Brumwell** (Essex) in Second Division South; **Joan Crosby** (Devon) and **Mrs. B. Hatter** (Cornwall) in Second Division West; **A. Thomas** (Glamorgan); **J. Robbins** (Staffordshire), **Mrs. D. Deeley** (Staffordshire) in Second Division Midland; **Diane Wright** (Cheshire) in Second Division North; **Doreen Griffiths** (Warwickshire) in Midland Division; **J. Bell** (Worcestershire) and **Betty**

Cassell (Norfolk) in Southern Division; **Pat Dainty** (Yorkshire) in Junior North; and **G. French** (Kent) in Junior South.

Lancashire's **Jeff Ingber** topped the men's averages in the Premier Division, where his only defeat was by Stan Jacobson (Middlesex) early in the season. Lancashire's good record was reflected in the averages with the inclusion of **Kevin Forshaw**, **Jack Clayton** and **Diane Fitzgerald**.

Derek Baddeley (Warwickshire) had a successful first season in top company, for among his victims were **Alan Rhodes**, **Jacobson**, **Bryan Merrett** and **Clayton**.

Peter Shead, in his only county outing for Sussex, stopped **Bobby Stevens** (Essex), achieving a 100 per cent in Second Division (South). Curiously this was the only match that **Brumwell**, the Essex 100 per center, missed.

THE AVERAGES

(Qualification minimum of 50 per cent appearances)

PREMIER DIVISION

	W.	L.	%
J. Ingber (Lancs.)	11	1	92
B. Wright (Mid dx.)	9	1	90
K. Foreshaw (Lancs.)	7	1	87
B. Merrett (Glouc.)	8	2	80
D. Baddeley (Warwicks.)	11	3	79
I. Harrison (Glouc.)	6	2	75
J. Clayton (Lancs.)	10	4	71
S. Jacobson (Mid dx.)	10	4	71
A. Rhodes (Mid dx.)	10	4	71
G. Muranyi (Surrey)	6	4	60
H. Buist (Kent)	8	6	57
A. Miller (Surrey)	8	6	57
A. Piddock (Kent)	8	6	57
J. Somogyi (Surrey)	8	6	57
Miss M. Shannon (Surrey)	4	0	100
Miss D. Rowe (Mid dx.)	6	1	86
Miss J. Williams (Herts)	5	2	80
Miss D. Fitzgerald (Lancs.)	3	1	75

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

	W.	L.	%
A. Thomas (Glam.)	6	0	100
J. Robbins (Staffs.)	4	0	100
D. Backhouse (Staffs.)	5	1	83
G. Evans (Glam.)	5	1	83
J. Bell (Wores.)	3	1	75
C. Crowe (Beds.)	5	3	62
A. Davies (Oxon.)	5	3	62
Mrs. D. Deeley (Staffs.)	3	0	100
Mrs. J. Lloyd (Wores.)	2	1	67

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

	W.	L.	%
D. Neale (Durham)	5	1	83
W. Barker (Durham)	6	2	75
D. McGarry (Yorks.)	3	1	75
D. Stanley (Yorks.)	3	1	75
D. Schofield (Cheshire)	5	2	71
P. Duncombe (Yorks.)	4	2	67
B. Hill (Lincs.)	5	3	62
E. Johnson (Cheshire)	5	3	62
M. Shearer (Lincs.)	5	3	62
A. Crossley (Cheshire)	4	3	57
Miss D. Wright (Cheshire)	4	0	100
Mrs. P. Clark (Northumberland)	2	1	67

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

	W.	L.	%
B. Brumwell (Essex)	6	0	100
R. Stevens (Essex)	7	1	87
C. Barnes (Essex)	6	2	75
P. Cole (Suffolk)	5	3	62
G. Whalley (Sussex)	5	3	62
Miss L. Bell (Essex)	4	0	100
Mrs. A. Woodforde (Sussex)	3	1	75

SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

	W.	L.	%
J. Bassett (Cornwall)	5	1	83
R. Bassett (Dorset)	3	1	75
F. Ofield (Devon.)	3	1	75
B. Davis (Devon.)	4	2	67
D. Smith (Somerset.)	4	2	67
R. Bowles (Somerset.)	5	3	62
C. Bush (Dorset.)	5	3	62
Miss J. Crosby (Devon.)	3	0	100
Mrs. B. Hatter (Cornwall)	2	0	100

MIDLAND DIVISION

	W.	L.	%
M. Billington (Warwicks.)	5	1	83
H. Spiers (Warwicks.)	5	1	83
A. Saunders (Notts.)	8	4	67
A. Barrett (Notts.)	4	2	67
A. Hunt (Derbys.)	4	2	67
B. Martin (Staffs.)	7	5	58
K. Shaw (Notts.)	7	5	58
Miss D. Griffiths (Warwicks.)	6	0	100

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W.	L.	%
J. Bell (Wores.)	4	0	100
J. Cornwall (Cambs.)	7	1	87
J. Thurston (Cambs.)	7	1	87
K. Chapman (Cambs.)	5	1	83
G. Bett (Herts)	6	2	75
J. Healey (Bucks.)	4	2	67
B. Sykes (Herts)	5	3	62
Mrs. B. Cassell (Norfolk)	4	0	100
Miss J. Williams (Bucks.)	2	1	67

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

	W.	L.	%
C. Barnes (Essex)	7	1	87
R. Sykes (Herts)	7	1	87
I. Gilts (Mid dx.)	6	2	75
D. Prvor (Essex)	6	2	75
A. Robinson (Mid dx.)	6	2	75
P. Williams (Herts)	6	2	75
R. Wright (Mid dx.)	6	2	75
S. Seaholme (Herts)	5	3	62
Miss L. Bell (Essex)	4	0	100
Miss J. Canham	4	1	75

JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

	W.	L.	%
D. Holland (Glouc.)	9	1	90
M. Mordecai (Glouc.)	10	2	83
B. Brady (Glouc.)	8	2	80
G. Presswick (Warwicks.)	10	2	80
S. Hahn (Oxon.)	9	3	75
Miss H. Grove (Warwicks.)	5	1	83
Miss R. Daniels (Oxon.)	3	1	75

JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

	W.	L.	%
M. Symonds (Lancs.)	11	1	92
D. Neale (Durham)	10	2	83
P. Dixon (Lancs.)	5	1	83
D. Stanley (Yorks.)	6	2	75
E. Hall (Yorks.)	6	4	60
Miss P. Dainty (Yorks.)	4	0	100
Miss J. Crafter (Lancs.)	2	1	67

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

	W.	L.	%
G. French (Kent)	10	0	100
R. McKeown (Surrey)	10	2	83
L. Moore (Surrey)	10	2	83
D. Davies (Hants)	7	5	58
J. Irish (Hants)	7	5	58
Miss P. Holes (Hants)	5	1	83
Miss J. Harrison (Surrey)	3	1	75
Miss K. Stores (Kent)	3	2	60

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.

EAST OF ENGLAND OPEN

By LAURIE LANDRY

CREAMER STARTS WELL

DAVID CREAMER, the 19-year-old Middlesex player, became the first tournament winner of the season when he won the men's singles in the East of England Open at Skegness on September 8-9. It was a tournament of upsets as far as the men's singles were concerned and his opponent in the final was Mike Symonds, last year's junior.

Symonds provided the biggest surprise when he beat Derek Baddeley, England's new No. 12, 21-19, 21-18. He went on to beat Bobby Raybould, the Essex international in the semi-final, but found Creamer far too tight in the final and was beaten 21-10, 21-9.

Another early shock was the defeat of Stan Jacobson, the top seed, by Ian Redfearn who won 21-17, 21-17. Jacobson had previously had a tight match with Ralph Gunnion, scraping through at 19 in the third.

Redfearn also had a good win over Roy Crushaw, of Lancashire at 19 in the third before falling to Symonds in the quarter-finals.

Chester Barnes, who won the boys' singles comfortably, did well to reach the quarter-finals of the senior event before losing to Laurie Landry, who had previously edged out Mike Creamer at 24-22, 22-20.

David Creamer dropped only one game in taking the men's title. That was when he beat Roy Morley 21-16, 17-21, 21-7. He went on to beat Alan Lindsay in the quarters and Landry in the semi-final. Lindsay, who

has been coaching at Skegness all Summer, seemed to have lost his bite.

Landry, who could not find sufficient penetration against Creamer's defence, had the consolation of winning both doubles, the men's with David Creamer and the mixed with Jackie Redfearn.

Chester Barnes and Bob McKewon were the losing doubles finalists, after having beaten the favourites, Lindsay and Jacobson. Landry and Creamer were hard pressed by Pete Duncombe and Eddie Taylor in the second round losing the middle game, and were also taken to three games by Tony Robinson and Leslie Gresswell.

Seeds Fail

Mike Creamer—David's elder brother—made his mark in the mixed doubles where he reached the final with Alma Taft before losing to Landry and Miss Canham. The favourites, Raybould and Lesley Bell fell to a fellow Essex partnership, Mr. and Mrs. Condon, who were in turn beaten by Landry and Miss Redfearn. The other seeds, Jacobson and Irene Ogus, went out to Roy Morley and Conny Moore, who were semi-final victims of Mike Creamer and Miss Taft.

Miss Bell won the women's singles without dropping a game. Alma Taft reached the final following a good win over Elsie Carrington.

The big surprise on the women's doubles was the final defeat of Miss Bell and Mrs. Carrington by the Yorkshire pair Mrs. E. Starkie and Lilia Hamilton, who slowed the game down and won mainly on their opponents' errors.

Miss Bell also won the girls' singles where she beat Jackie Canham in the final.

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: D. Creamer (Middx.) bt A. Lindsay (Middx.) 21-16, 21-16. L. Landry (Middx.) bt C. Barnes (Essex) 21-17, 12-21, 21-15. M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt I. Redfearn (Middx.) 21-9, 16-21, 21-9. R. Raybould (Essex) bt D. Gilbert (Surrey) 21-15, 21-19.

Semi-Finals: CREAMER bt Landry 21-15, 21-13. SYMONDS bt Raybould 21-16, 21-17.

Final: CREAMER bt Symonds 21-10, 21-9.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals: L. BELL (Essex) bt J. White (Herts.) 21-11, 21-11. A. TAFT (Herts.) bt E. Carrington (Essex) 21-11, 16-21, 21-14.

Final: BELL bt Taft 21-13, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: LANDRY/CREAMER bt R. Gunnion/D. Baddeley (Warwick.) 20-22, 21-9, 21-15. Barnes/R. McKewon (Surrey) bt Lindsay/S. Jacobson (Middx.) 21-16, 21-23, 21-18.

Final: LANDRY/CREAMER bt Barnes/McKewon 21-16, 21-11.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: L. HAMILTON/E. STARKIE (Yorks.) bt P. Condon (Essex)/P. Thomas (Kent) 21-9, 21-16. BELL/CARRINGTON bt L. Froudlock/C. Blackshaw (Yorks.) 19-21, 21-18, 21-3.

Final: HAMILTON/STARKIE bt Bell/Carrington 18-21, 23-21, 22-20.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: LANDRY/Miss J. REDFEARN (Middx.) bt P. Duncombe/Miss Blackshaw (Yorks.) 21-16, 21-19. M. CREAMER (Middx.)/Miss TAFT bt R. Morley (Glouc.)/Miss C. Moore (Lancs.) 21-17, 21-17.

Final: LANDRY/REDFEARN bt M. Creamer/Taft 21-17, 17-21, 21-10.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: BARNES bt K. Jones (Warwicks.) 21-4, 21-10. L. Gresswell (Middx.) bt P. Williams (Herts.) 13-21, 21-13, 21-16.

Final: BARNES bt Gresswell 21-7, 21-10.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: BELL bt L. Henwood (Essex) 21-13, 21-13. J. CANHAM (Herts.) bt E. Wyles (Sussex) 21-8, 21-11.

Final: BELL bt Canham 21-11, 21-11.

Ann Haydon Married

ANN HAYDON, England's top woman table tennis player until she turned to lawn tennis, where she ranks among the world's best, was married on August 30, to Mr. "Pip" Jones, President of the Warwickshire Lawn Tennis Association.

There had been rumours for several months about their intended wedding but they managed to keep it secret until the last second. Only a few close friends were present at the ceremony at Hampstead registry office, but Ann's parents were not there.

Ann is 23 and her husband, director of a big paint company is 55.

Ann, who played in five world table tennis finals, without winning one, has often been described as the champion runner-up. It is a tag that has followed her into lawn tennis for she has been on the losing side in three Wimbledon finals.

Her greatest and unluckiest year in table tennis was 1957 when she reached the world finals of the women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles in Stockholm.

SON FOR JOY

Joy Williamson, the New Zealand player, who is married to Gwynne Evans, the Crystal Palace footballer, gave birth to a son, Daryl Philip, on August 3.

ESSEX OPENBy **GEORGE WENHAM****CREAMER and BELL AGAIN**

THE Essex Open, at Southend on September 15-16, was, in the main, a triumph for the younger brigade, with Lesley Bell, Gloria Sayer, Pauline Martin, David Creamer, and Mike Symonds, all appearing in the finals.

Miss Bell and Creamer repeated their successes of the previous week in the East of England Open, by winning the singles titles, while Creamer's partnership with Laurie Landry once again proved successful in the men's doubles.

The men's final proved a family affair with Creamer beating his elder brother Mike 21-16, 21-11.

Mike Creamer dethroned Arun Khanna, last year's title winner, in the semi-final, with a score of 21-16, 21-18, after having previously beaten Stan Jacobson, the top seed.

Khanna never found the going easy for an edge ball at the right time in the third enabled him to survive after three advantage games against Symonds in the second round. This was immediately followed by another tough fight against Geoff Golding, then in the quarters he lost the opening game to young Chester Barnes at 10-21, before recovering to win the next two at 13 and 14.

The first upset of the men's singles saw Bobbie Raybould lose in the first round to Dave Jones, who then lost to Golding. The second round saw the departure of Laurie Landry to C. Burman at 21 in the third; and Ralph Gunnion at 15 in the third to Connie Warren. Another good match in this round was Derek Schofield's win over Alan Cornish at 15 in the third.

Warren then beat Schofield for a place in the semi-

final, where he found David Creamer much too consistent.

The women's singles ran true to form until the "quarters" where Alma Taft started her own wrecking campaign against the "seeds." She beat Christine Holes in two advantage games, then Joyce Fielder at 21-16, 22-20, for a place in the final, where once again she found Miss Bell much too strong, and was beaten 21-10, 21-7.

The previous week they had fought out the final of the East of England. Miss Bell was taken to three games by Doreen Schofield in the semi-final.

The four seeded pairs took their appointed places in the men's doubles semi-final although the Warwickshire partnership of Gunnion and Morris took three games over each of their matches. In the final Schofield and Symonds played well but found David Creamer and Landry too formidable.

There were plenty of shocks in the women's doubles with the seeded Holes twins losing to Miss Bell and Pauline Martin, and the holders, the Sayer twins, going down to Mrs. Schofield and Joyce Fielder, who went on to take the title.

The scratch partnership of Symonds and Gloria Sayer carried off the mixed final at the expense of Raybould and Miss Bell. The Expedite Rule was enforced in all three games of the long drawn out veterans' final in which E. Prowen beat G. Wheeler; Chester Barnes was too strong for Tony Robinson in the boys' final; and Miss Bell, after trailing 5-14 against Christine Holes in the girls' final, recovered to win 21-18, 21-10.

NIGERIAN COACH

OWEN BAKER, ex-Sussex and Wembley player, has been appointed honorary coach to the Nigerian T.T.A. He is in Nigeria as an employee of the National Cash Register (W.A.) Company.

Baker has been most impressed by the enthusiasm of Nigerian players but makes an appeal for better playing premises. He is convinced that the Nigerians have the potential to climb up to top world standards, but they must have a suitable hall for practice.

Maybe the visit of Victor Barna, accompanied by David Creamer, to Nigeria this month, will lead to better facilities and equipment becoming available.

Belated Thanks

The Editor wishes to express his thanks to Messrs. Kenways, of Upper Tooting Road, London, S.W.17, for the Harry Venner bats awarded in last season's competitions. Due to a misunderstanding their name was omitted from the list of donors.

Men's Singles. Semi-Finals: D. CREAMER (Middlesex) bt C. Warren (Surrey), 21-10, 21-12. M. CREAMER (Middlesex) bt A. Khanna (Middlesex) 21-16, 21-18.

Final: D. CREAMER bt M. Creamer, 21-16, 21-11.

Women's Singles. Semi-Finals: A. TAFT (Herts) bt J. Fielder (Kent) 21-16, 22-20. L. BELL (Essex) bt D. Schofield (Cheshire), 14-21, 21-16, 21-14.

Final: BELL bt Taft 21-10, 21-7.

Men's Doubles. Semi-Finals: D. CREAMER/L. LANDRY (Middlesex) bt R. Gunnion/R. Morris (Warwickshire), 20-22, 21-16, 21-14. D. SCHOFIELD (Cheshire)/M. SYMONDS (Lancashire) bt C. Barnes/L. Raybould (Essex), 21-16, 21-14.

Final: CREAMER/LANDRY bt Schofield/Symonds, 22-20, 21-18

Women's Doubles. Semi-Finals: J. FIELDER (Kent)/D. SCHOFIELD (Cheshire) bt E. & G. Sayer (Essex), 21-14, 23-21. L. BELL/P. MARTIN (Essex) bt C. Carter/M. Pinner (Kent), 21-18, 21-13.

Final: FIELDER/SCHOFIELD bt Bell/Martin, 19-21, 21-16, 21-19.

Mixed Doubles. Semi-Finals: M. SYMONDS (Lancashire)/Miss G. SAYER (Essex) bt D. Jones (Buckinghamshire)/Miss P. Franks (Essex), 21-14, 21-18. R. RAYBOULD/Miss L. BELL (Essex) bt S. Jacobson/Miss I. Ogas (Middlesex), 23-21, 21-14.

Final: SYMONDS/SAYER bt Raybould/Bell, 18-21, 22-20, 21-19.

Boys' Singles. Semi-Finals: A. ROBINSON (Middlesex) bt P. Williams (Herts), 21-9, 21-18. C. BARNES (Essex) bt L. Cresswell (Middlesex), 21-5, 21-13.

Final: BARNES bt Robinson, 21-9, 21-14.

Girls' Singles. Semi-Finals: C. HOLES (Hampshire) bt E. Sayer (Essex), 22-20, 21-15. L. BELL (Essex) bt P. Holes (Hampshire), 21-16, 21-6.

Final: BELL bt C. Holes, 21-18, 21-10.

Veterans' Singles. Semi-Finals: G. WHEELER (Essex) bt T. Warr (Essex), 21-19, 21-3. E. PROWEN (Middlesex) bt G. Brown (Essex), 21-17, 21-11.

Final: PROWEN bt Wheeler, 21-14, 17-21, 25-23 (all Expedite Rule).

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

BIRMINGHAM
RE-ORGANISED

BIRMINGHAM, the largest town association in the country, have completely reorganised their district leagues during the closed season. Instead of the seven districts of the past there are now four, with the city being divided geographically by a diagonal cross into North, South, East and West leagues.

This has followed the falling off in the number of teams and it is felt that instead of several weak leagues, it will provide better table tennis and also lead to easier organisation.

Derek Baddeley, at No. 12, is the first Birmingham player to obtain England ranking for a number of years. He did



DEREK BADDELEY

well in the county championships with a 79 per cent record and rounded the season off by winning the North of England Open.

Baddeley's strong attacking game, combined with his heavy loop drive, is causing all the better players a great deal of trouble and we expect further improvement this season.

Warwickshire have again entered three teams in the County championships. The first team have retained their place in the Premier Division and the "seconds" are in the Second Division (Midland), where they play the first teams of a number of other counties, which should provide an inspiration to the younger players. The Juniors are confident of winning the Midland Junior title this season.

The success of the county teams and the influx of certain players from outside Birmingham is creating a greater interest and more of our players are now entering tournaments.

Warwickshire are again organising an Inter-Town League and Inter-Club knock-out competitions.

Roger Morris.

FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

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

Date	Title of Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
Oct. 11-13	North of England Open (September 29) Drill Hall, Seymour Grove, Old Trafford, Manchester, 16.	J.S.B. J.S.G.	L. W. Jones, 261, Mauldeth Road, Burnage, Manchester, 19.
11	England v Sweden, Norwich.		
12	England v Sweden, Harrow.		
13	England v Sweden, Tottenham.		
16	England v Sweden, Trowbridge.		
17	England v Sweden, Malvern.		
18	England v Sweden, Nottingham.		
18-19-21	Surrey Closed		Putney Club, London, S.W.
20-21	NETHERLANDS OPEN Harlem.		
21	Portsmouth Open (A) (October 5) South Parade Pier, Southsea, Hants.	J.X.S.	P. Goldring, 52, Winter Road, Southsea, Hants.
Oct. 27-28	Sussex Open (October 13) White Rock Pavilion, Hastings.	V.S.	D. N. Tyler, "Bracondale", 23, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.
27	North of Scotland Open Aberdeen.		
27-28	Final Junior Trials London.		
Nov. 2-4	AUSTRIAN OPEN Innsbruck.		
3	Hull and East Riding Open (October 24) Madeley Street, Baths, Hessle Road, Hull, Yorkshire.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	N. H. F. Jordan, "Burnlea", Skillings Lane, Brough, E. Yorkshire.
3-4	Kent Junior Open (October 20) Marine Pavilion, Folkestone, Kent.	Under 15's Under 13's Under 11's	F. G. Mannoch, 216, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
3	Swansea Open (October 26)		Alan Morris, 76, Wimmerfield Crescent, Killay, Swansea.
8-11	YUGOSLAVIA OPEN Skopje.		
Nov. 9-10	Merseyside Open Dunlop Canteen, Speke, Liverpool, 24.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	Miss M. Lindner, Flat D1, Eaton 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.

OFFICIAL NEWS

Annual General Meeting: Twenty-two counties and 72 Leagues were represented at the annual general meeting at the Bonnington Hotel, London, on June 30. I. C. EYLES was elected chairman, G. JAMES vice-chairman, and T. BLUNN, Honorary Treasurer.

Regional Members of the National Executive Committee were elected as follows: 1, E. REAY; 2, J. SENESCALL; 3, N. COOK; 4, L. W. JONES; 5, M. E. SCOTT; 6, M. GOLDSTEIN; 7, H. WALKER; 8, L. THOMPSON; 9, M. K. REEVE; 10, C. J. CLEMMETT; 11, Mrs F. JARVIS (following a further election after the a.g.m.); 12, C. JASCHKE.

L. F. LANDRY and L. S. WOOLLARD were elected on a national basis, and Miss M. FRY as the woman member.

The Hon. I. G. S. MONTAGU was re-elected President of the Association, and Messrs. Spain Bros. as Auditors.

Members Levy: A new suggested basis of affiliation proposed by the N.E.C., and other alternative proposals, were lost when put to the vote and it was decided to carry on for a further year with the E.T.T.A. Members' Levy of 6d. per member registered with a League.

One exception proposed by the N.E.C. and duly accepted was "Schools Leagues and Schools Clubs shall be affiliated without subscription."

County Conference: A new rule was agreed whereby the annual County Conference shall be convened by the N.E.C. The details read as follows:

COUNTY CONFERENCE

(a) A County Conference shall be convened annually in March or April, on a date decided by the N.E.C., who shall give at least 28 days' notice to all County Secretaries.

(b) All County Secretaries shall be entitled to attend the Conference, and in addition each County may at its discretion send a second representative, whose name shall be notified in writing to the Secretary of the E.T.T.A. by the County concerned.

(c) All members of the N.E.C. shall be entitled to attend the Conference.

(d) The N.E.C. shall decide if all or part of the County representatives' expenses are to be borne by the E.T.T.A.

(e) The N.E.C. shall draw up the agenda of the Conference, taking due consideration of items which Counties request to be included.

(f) The N.E.C. shall present to the Conference a verbal or written report on the current season's activities, included in the agenda.

(g) At the commencement of the meeting the Counties present shall choose a Chairman to conduct the meeting. If there is more than one nomination, the Chairman shall be chosen by a poll of the Counties present, each County having one vote.

(h) The Chairman shall, at his discretion, take a poll of the Counties present on any matter under discussion. The voting in any poll thus taken shall be for the purpose of guidance and shall not be binding on the N.E.C. or on the Counties.

(i) A report of the proceedings of the

County Conference shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting. This may be included in the Annual Report of the N.E.C. or may be given separately to the A.G.M. in writing, by the N.E.C.

(j) The County Conference shall be an advisory and consultative assembly and not a policy-making body.

(k) For the purpose of this rule any specially affiliated body representative of 5 or more Leagues exempted from County affiliation under Rule 20(a) (vi) shall be deemed to be a County.

(l) Any items submitted by a County Association, which the N.E.C. decide not to include, shall form a supplementary Agenda and the Conference shall decide whether to allow the items to be discussed.

The N.E.C. have agreed that the County Conference for 1962/63 shall be

IMPORTANT

MEMBERS will doubtless recall the communication which this Association received last season from the INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION dealing with discussions which took place at the I.T.T.F. Congress in Peking, China. It has been noted that there is still some confusion in the minds of some of the members regarding the question of the experimental regulation regarding "PUSHING PLAY" and also the question of "LIGHT COLOURED AND REFLECTING RACKETS", and therefore, the details received from the I.T.T.F. are again quoted below for members information:—

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

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

The player shall be permitted to hit the ball 12 times excluding the service stroke, and if all such strokes are safely returned by the opponent, one point shall be scored by the opponent.

The Server for the point interrupted shall serve for the first point after the interruption, and thereafter the service shall alternate after each point whilst this rule is in force.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

held in London on December 1, 1962.

Individual Members: An addition to Rule 3 of the Constitution was agreed whereby persons having attained the age of 45 at the time of application should become members of the E.T.T.A. on the payment of the £1 ls. fee as laid down in Rule 6(c).

Disputes: A new rule (20f) was agreed upon whereby clubs in dispute with their league may appeal to the County body, whose decision shall be binding to both, and that leagues having dispute with the County body may appeal to the N.E.C. for arbitration.

County Rebate: Rule 20 (h) was altered and for the coming season reads:

"County Associations shall be entitled to 1½% rebate, to be claimed on the official form by 31st March in each year, in respect of subscriptions paid to the Association by that date by Leagues and Directly Affiliated Clubs in membership with them."

Handbook Changes: The N.E.C. has been authorised to re-number the Rules of the Association and the changes will appear in the new handbook.

N.E.C. Meetings: The N.E.C. have met twice since the A.G.M. and made the following appointments: **Honorary Press Officer and Liaison Officer to the Official Magazine "Table Tennis":** N. K. REEVE. **National Selection Committee, Senior:** A. C. W. SIMONS (Chairman), D. P. LOWEN (Secretary), R. J. CRAYDEN (captain), L. G. ADAMS, Miss M. FRY.

Junior: E. REAY (chairman), N. COOK (Honorary Secretary), L. F. LANDRY (captain), A. THOMPSON, Miss M. FRY.

Official approval was given to the following balls: **Dunlop 3 Crown and 2 Crown; Halex 3 Star and 2 Star; Haydon Tema 3 Star and 2 Star; Spalding Villa XXX and XX.**

Victor Barna Award for 1961/2 had been made to R. J. (BOBBY) STEVENS for his enterprising display in winning the English closed championship.

Permission was given to Victor Barna and David Creamer to make a tour of Nigeria from October 15 for approximately three weeks.

Following a request from Richard Bergmann the N.E.C. lifted the suspension imposed on him four years ago. He is now entitled to renew his membership of the Association.

Team Selections for the matches against Sweden are: **October 11 at Norwich:** I. Harrison (Gloucestershire), D. Creamer (Middlesex), J. Ingber (Lancashire). **October 12 at Kodak Recreation Hall, Wealdstone:** Harrison, Creamer, A. Rhodes (Middlesex). **October 13 at Municipal Hall Tottenham:** Harrison, Creamer, Rhodes. **October 16 at Town Hall, Trowbridge:** Harrison, Rhodes, B. Wright (Middlesex). **October 17 at Winter Garden, Malvern:** Harrison, Ingber, A. Piddock (Kent). **October 18 at Raleigh Canteen, Nottingham:** Harrison, Ingber, M. Symonds (Lancashire). R. J. Crayden will be non-playing captain at all six matches.

The team for the **Netherlands Open** at Haarlem on October 20-21 will be: Harrison, Symonds, Miss D. Rowe (Middlesex), Miss M. Shannon (Surrey).

NEWS OF WORLD WINNERS

DAVID BROWN, 14, of Forest Gate, London, and **PAT DAINTY**, 15, of Doncaster, were chosen Boy and Girl of the Year at Bognor on September 28, following the competitions organised by the News of the World at Butlin's Camps throughout the summer.

Runners-up were: **Girls:** JACKIE CANHAM (Stevenage), KAY STOKES (Folkestone), KARENZA SMITH (Clapton, London), MAUREEN BILLINGTON (Leamington). **Boys:** KEITH LAWRENCE (Manor Park, London), KEITH JONES (Birmingham), TONY ROBINSON (Enfield).

HELEN ELLIOT and **DENNIS NEALE** (Middlesbrough) won the Coach and Pupil championship.

A full report will be featured in the November issue.

INCREASED KENT ENTRIES

THIS year has seen a surge of enthusiasm throughout Kent, the like of which has not been experienced since "the good old days" pre-war. So far every Association in the county has reported increased membership. N.W.K. for example have reported an increase from 74 to 82 teams this year while Sittingbourne now have 71 teams compared with 66 last season.

Playing standards, too, have improved in the close season and competition for places in all the County teams will be intense, especially with so many youngsters radiating keenness. In fact, one of the big problems will be to ensure that Kent's vast potential talent is kept in full match practice.

The Junior Trials were held at Kent County Police Headquarters, Maidstone, on September 16 and, although there were no great upsets of form, the future potentialities of one or two of the players caught the selectors' eye. Max Newby (Maidstone), who started playing only last season, has improved out of all recognition to gain the number five boys' ranking.

For the girls Denise Basden played far above her tender age of twelve to appear in the ranking lists for the first time, while J. Carter followed in sister Christine's footsteps to gain eighth place in the charts.

The junior rankings are as follows:

BOYS—(1) G. FRENCH (Woolwich), (2) D. HURR (N.W.K.), (3) D. CORBETT (Woolwich), (4) A. BOYER (Folkestone), (5) M. NEWBY (Maidstone), (6) I. CLARK (Sittingbourne), (7) D. WILTON (Folkestone), (8) B. CLARK (Folkestone), (9) B. WHINCUP (Woolwich), (10) C. HOOPER (Folkestone).

GIRLS—(1) K. STOKES (Folkestone), (2) D. SPICE (Sittingbourne), (3) J. CORNFORD (Sittingbourne), (4) M. CAMPBELL (Sittingbourne), (5) G. SMITH (Deal), (6) M. WHITTINGTON (Sittingbourne), (7) (7) D. BASDEN (Woolwich), (8) J. CARTER (Woolwich).

Competition for Kent's Premier Division team in the N.C.C. will be keen especially for the third men's place. There is so much talent available that it is possible players may find themselves playing one week in the Under-23 team in the Bernard Crouch Memorial Trophy and the following week in the Premier team.

Mike Grady.

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