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Government Aid Just Around the Corner

MORE than three years have elapsed since the publication of the Wolfenden Report raised bright visions of the future with its recommendation that the Government should spend ten million pounds a year on sport. Indeed, so much time has gone by that many have given up hope of seeing anything happening in our time.

But the wheels of Government machinery have been turning slowly and at last it looks as though something is brewing.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the C.C.P.R., Lord Hailsham — now Mr. Quinton Hogg — the minister appointed to look into the question of grants to sport, gave a broad hint that aid is just around the corner.

He said that the Government are anxious to do something to help British athletes at international events and he was glad to say plans would be announced shortly for giving help in suitable cases, but without discouraging the help of voluntary contributions which were so important to amateur sport.

Just what form that aid will be is something that all sports bodies are anxious to know. It is assumed, however, that there will be some financial assistance in sending teams abroad. This is something that is urgently needed.

So far, by various money raising funds and help from the manufacturers, the E.T.T.A. have always managed to support the World Championships but the problem will be when they take place in Australia in 1967.

Australia, who point out they have always sent a team to the Mother Country, naturally expect us to reciprocate, but where is the money coming from? It is a far bigger problem than sending a team to Europe.

There was a time when World Championships were always held in Europe, but this has now altered as the game has grown and spread to the four corners of the earth.

When the next Congress is held it is expected that more than a hundred associations will be in membership of the International Federation, so that every alternate world championships are likely to take place outside of Europe.

Already they have been held in Bombay, Tokyo, and Peking. Now comes Australia in 1967 and at sometime in the future South America will be asking for their turn. Thus it can be seen how travelling costs are bound to increase.

Having help themselves in the past the E.T.T.A. must surely have every consideration if the time does come for Government subsidies with travelling. **It is not a question of table tennis suddenly enlarging their field of travel because there is a suggestion of aid.**

Problem facing the E.T.T.A. is how to seek this aid. Should they ask for help year by year, or only on specific occasions like the trip to Australia.

Everyone is in the dark as to how they go about seeking such help for Lord Hailsham, in a reply to a question from Peter Lowen, the E.T.T.A. secretary has said that no machinery is as yet in operation, but information would be given as soon as something is being done.

Let us all hope that the Government wheels turn a little faster and that the minds of all sports bodies can be put at rest, instead of being kept dangling on a string of expectation.

COVER CAPTION

MARY SHANNON with her growing collection of trophies. Mary's recent form, including the winning of the Yugoslav Open against the best players on the Continent, suggests she will be challenging for the position of Europe's No. 1 before the end of the season.

Picture by MICHAEL MACLAREN

COACHING BULLETIN**"ORTHODOX" versus "PENHOLDER"**

by JACK CARRINGTON

(E.T.T.A. DIRECTOR OF COACHING)

MOST coaching events this season have been well attended, examples being:

Grantham: 45 pupils; 14 coaches.
Norwich: 30 pupils; 10 coaches.
Cheshunt Coaches' Sessions: Average 24 coaches.

Berwick-on-Tweed: 60 pupils, 9 coaches.

North-Eastern Tour: Average 30 pupils and 5 coaches each evening.

Derby Rally Conference: 71 pupils; 28 coaches.

St. Austell: 55 pupils; 8 coaches.

Worcester Rally: 130 pupils; 15 coaches.

Matlock Coaches' Course: 23 coaches.

Matlock General Course: 28 pupils; 10 coaches.

Speke Rally and Conference: 110 pupils; 35 coaches and intermediates.

The high proportion of coaches means that the pupils receive close personal attention at our official events. The trouble taken by many of our coaches to improve their knowledge and usefulness is obviously of great benefit to young players in their "home" groups.

The National Coaching Liaison Officers have already plunged into their work for the E.T.T.A. Scheme. As they can be of great help to local organisers, or local coaching students, the list of liaison officers is reprinted here:

Dennis Burton, 5 Alley Road, London, S.E.21.

Mrs. Elsie Carrington, 24 Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

Sydney Frohlick, 20 Rosemary Avenue, Blackpool, Lancashire.

Len Howick, 5 Paddocks Close, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Bryan Jeffery, 17 Monmouth Road, Bishopston, Bristol, 7.

John Kennerley, 31 Townsend Road, Lostock Gralam, Northwich, Cheshire.

Philip Reid, 47 New Fields Avenue, Braunstone, Leicestershire.

Gordon Steggall, 7 Lux Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Peter Taylor, 87 Burnell Avenue, Welling, Kent.

Peter Taylor, well known for "going everywhere" to help coaching activities, is temporarily indisposed, but expects to be back in action soon after Christmas.

Technique:

As Director of Coaching I am often asked to deliver a verdict on "Orthodox" versus "Penholder"—or possibly between Victor Barna and

Johnny Leach if one studies recent issues of TABLE TENNIS! Impossible! We do not officially "choose" techniques but try to understand them. Most of our coaches' sessions include examination of "penholder" systems, and we encourage the few accomplished young performers we discover to exploit their skill. It would be unrealistic to suggest that there is any strong feeling amongst our players to adopt the Oriental style—should it indeed be called "orthodox" style nowadays?

However, there is great interest in the Oriental *policy* of maintaining an attacking initiative, an attitude which can help "tennis style" as well as penholder.

Our coaching lays great emphasis on developing agility, flexibility, tenacity, quick thinking and calm control.

If these are carried to perfection, it seems probable that the mere set of the bat in the hand is only incidental to such essential qualities in the winning of world honours.

We are indeed most interested to help anybody who wants to develop penholder play or players. I must say that so far I have not seen many putting it to the test. What I have seen is two players standing almost still, trying out "penholder" against each other. What can they learn like this? The only sensible test is for *one* to play penholder against normal opposition.

PRIVATE SUMMING UP

So much for official caution. Some readers may still be interested in my *private* summing up. Here it is:

1. With sandwich bat, any "style" will get you there, if you are a "superior-enough" man.

2. The top Chinese and Orientals are superior men, table tenniswise; chiefly by dint of natural and acquired agility, fortitude, and mental attitude.

3. Their education and organisation leads to a continuity of such superior table tennis athletes.

4. We have not seen the last word. After all, Bergmann was supreme for years; this superiority covered the fact that he was playing the wrong game! He ought to have been attacking—if we accept today's lessons.

It is entirely possible that the Chinese "superior men" are playing wrongly. If so, I rather suspect it will be Chinese "tennis-style" challengers who will prove the point!

OFFICIAL COACHING SCHEME EVENTS
(Director in attendance except where marked*)

1963

December 9th, **Coventry**, Dunlop Works,

Coaches' Study.

December 13th (Prov.), **Leamington**,

Coaches' Study.

December 14th, **Kidderminster**, Coaching of

Juniors.

December 15th, **Stevenage**, Nobel Grammar

School, Chells, Development Meeting

(Herts., Essex, Norfolk, Bucks., etc.).

December 28th/31st, **Lilleshall**, C.C.P.R.

Centre, Young Players' Course.

1964

January 5th, **Yeovil**, General Coaching.January 6th, **Coventry**, Dunlop Works,

Coaches' Study.

January 7th (Prov.), **Leamington/Evesham**,

Coaches' Study.

January 12th, **Cheshunt**, Drill Hall,

Coaches' Advancement.

January 25th*, **Matlock**, Lea Green Centre,

Youth Coaching (non-resident).

February 1st/2nd, **Clacton**, Butlin's Camp,

Young Players' Course.

February 7th/8th, **Lyncham**, R.A.F.,

Rally.

February 14th, **Coleshill**, F.E. College,

Coaching Demonstration.

February 15th, **Cheshunt**, Drill Hall,

Coaches' Advancement.

February 16th, **Hereford**, R.A.F. Creden-

hill, Quadrangular Under-16 Develop-

ment Meeting.

March 7th/8th, **Matlock**, Lea Green, Derby-

shire Youth and E.T.T.A. Best-Training

Group Competition.

March 9th, **Newbury**, Youth Centre, Youth

Coaching.

April 18th/19th (Prov.), **Preston**, Lancs.

County Mass Rally.

April 25th/26th (Prov.), **Manchester**, Man-

chester E.C. Mass Rally.

May **Slough**, Community Centre,

Under-16 Quadrangular Development

Meeting.

June 1st, **West Ham**, Teachers' Course.July 17th/23rd, **Lilleshall**, C.C.P.R. Centre,

General Course.

August 22nd/28th, **Crystal Palace**, Young

Players' Course and Coaches' Conference.

Ogimura to Coach Americans

JAPAN'S Ichiro Ogimura, twice former world champion, has accepted a U.S.T.T.A. offer to tour and coach in the United States during January.

Mal Kraus, Bill Guilfoil, Gerald Crumley and Robert Lupo have been suspended by the U.S.T.T.A.

NEW NUMBER

Geoff. Harrower's Telephone
Number has now been changed
to: LUTON 32313

BERGMANN TEAMS UP WITH SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPION

by Conrad Jaschke

FOUR times world singles champion Richard Bergmann has started another tour with the Harlem Globetrotters. This time his opponent is 18-year-old "Biriba" DaCosta, twice singles and twice doubles champion of South America.

The Brazilian follows in the steps of leading Asian, European and African champions who have been signed by Bergmann for tours in recent years.

When his present engagements end next August, Bergmann will bring a team of champions from different Asian countries, to tour Europe. Arrangements with several European associations are already in hand, and Bergmann is anxious to include England in his itinerary if the co-operation of the E.T.T.A. can be obtained.

The Asians will play challenge matches against full international as well as specially selected teams in various countries, and should prove a tremendous attraction.

Bergmann had planned this tour for some time, and was finally persuaded to enter definite commitments on hearing that the E.T.T.A. Development Commission considered this type of tour as particularly important in order to re-awaken interest in table tennis.

Bergmann himself will act as manager and promoter, and is also making himself available to strengthen any of the teams opposing the Asians, whenever the local Association would like to include him.

Bergmann has, of course, been more successful against Asians than any other European champion, and has recently proved that he can still hold his own against the topflight today.

ST. BRIDES

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Bride Lane, Fleet Street, E.C.4

has some vacancies. The Club meets at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Write to Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Robins, 129a Green Wrythe Lane, Carshalton, Surrey.

THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE

by Geoff Harrower

THE Master Points Scheme continues to prosper. Support grows each week, at a much faster rate than was thought possible by its sponsors. When a revolutionary scheme is introduced, the usual reaction is to "wait and see." This, indeed, is the attitude of many leagues and some counties. Many know little or nothing about the scheme. A few already decided not to support it for the first season, preferring to put the matter before their Annual General Meeting after a sea-

son's evidence of working can be seen.

Salute, then, the "first 25." The first 25 leagues to enter can look back, in my view, in years to come and say that they were the first to support a scheme which I am convinced is not only here to stay, but will do untold good for the game. Here, then, is a list, in alphabetical order, of these first 25 pioneer Leagues:—

ACTON, BATH, BILLERICAY, BOGNOR REGIS, BOLTON S.S.S., BRISTOL, CENTRAL, CITY OF LONDON, COVENTRY, DEWSBURY, EASTBOURNE, EAST LONDON, ILFORD, LEEDS, LETCHWORTH, NEWBURY, PORTSMOUTH, SOUTHAMPTON, STAINES, STEVENAGE, SUNDERLAND, WALTHAMSTOW, WEMBLEY & HARROW, WORCESTER AND YEOVIL.

If we accept the Players' Levy as a true guide to the actual membership, then these leagues, on last year's figures, cover slightly more than 14% of the total senior playing membership of the E.T.T.A. Before entries close for this season, on the 31st January, 1964, I expect that many more leagues will be joining. Who will figure in the next 25?

Individual clubs are now sending in results of club competitions, from very scattered areas. First in was from the Resilia Sports Club, of Letchworth, who are holding a regular monthly competition, right through the year. They were followed by the Newton Toney Club—you learn every day, I am ashamed to confess that I had to look up where this was. It is not always the big boys who lead, for others to follow!

Maybe your club is too small to run individual competitions? Step forward Mr. A. J. Leigh, the very able administrator from Newbury, with the idea of himself organising clubs in his area, if necessary grouping together to form competitions.

Now, a pat on the back for the first six Club Masters. Here they are: CHESTER BARNES (Essex), LESLEY BELL (Essex), BRIAN WRIGHT (Middlesex), RALPH GUNNION (Warwickshire), CYNTHIA BLACKSHAW (Yorkshire) and TONY PIDDOCK (Kent).

One or two others have since qualified, but haven't sent in their certificates. Expect a spate of new Masters after the Newbury and the Middlesex Opens.

STAFFS FIRST OPEN WINNER

HISTORY was made in the Birmingham "Open", when, for the first time ever a Staffordshire player won a major event. This long overdue honour was brought to the county by Dorothy Deeley of West Bromwich who on her way to be coming the new women's singles champion accounted for Ivy Ogus. Joyce Ellis, a very good win this, and Doreen Griffiths.

The women's singles title was not the only trophy to go back to West Bromwich for Dorothy, partnered by Ann Charman, also won the women's doubles after being given a hard fight in the final by the Sayer twins.

Because the county 'B' team included an unregistered player at Oxford their 8-2 win has now been narrowed to 6-4. By winning their opening two matches in convincing style the 'A' team is now sitting pretty on top of the second division.

It was with interest that I read Mac Evans' article in last month's issue. Mac who was a regular member of the county second team is certainly doing the rounds in the tournaments "down under."

Staying with the November issue for a moment I feel I cannot let Leslie Woolard's "This is your life" on Maurice Goldstein go by without comment.

It is because of men like Maurice and indeed our own Malcolm Scott, who put endless hours into the game every week, that table tennis in the Midlands goes on ticking season after season. To you both, a good job well done.

Looking around the county it is strange that Walsall with no qualified coaches can produce juniors at will and yet other towns where coaches are plentiful there is a dire shortage of youngsters.

Another reminder to clubs in the north of the county. If you have any news for the magazine please send it to me at the *Express and Star*, Queen Street, Wolverhampton.

John Pike.

Realistic Points for English Open

THE Master Points Committee held a meeting in London on the 20th November, when all suggestions and criticisms which had been put forward by counties, leagues, clubs and individuals were considered. Some of the decisions reached will no doubt be of interest to readers.

ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS. In view of the exceptionally strong overseas entry which is again expected this season, it was resolved to award Master Points on a suitably high scale. Indeed, the principle was accepted that if an English player proves good enough to win the men's or women's singles, then they are entitled to become National Masters. Therefore, the awards will be:—

	Men	Women
Points		
For winning through the qualifying competition	32	24
For reaching the last thirty-two	50	40
For reaching the last sixteen	200	150
For reaching the last eight	500	375
For reaching the semi-final	2,000	1,500
For reaching the final	5,000	3,750
FOR WINNING THE TITLE	15,000	10,000

It is hoped that these realistic awards will be a big incentive.

BADGES. It was decided to proceed with the provision of cloth badges, for the various grades of Master. After considering quotations and samples, the committee awarded the contract to Messrs. Bromfield Sports, of Shoreham-by-Sea. Samples of badges were shown to players and officials at the Birmingham Open, and without exception were well received. Players attaining the grades of Club or League Master can purchase these badges, at the very nominal cost of 2s., including postage. They can, of course, order them when sending their Master Points Certificate through.

In order that badges can be worn as well as ordinary club, league or county badges, they have been made 2in. in diameter. The Club Master badge is on a red background with white lettering. In an outer circle appears the wording "E.T.T.A. CLUB MASTER," and in the centre a single star. The League Master badge has a gold background with green lettering, with the wording "E.T.T.A. LEAGUE MASTER" in the outer circle, with two stars in the centre. The County Master has of course the wording "E.T.T.A. COUNTY MASTER" in the outer circle, and three stars in the centre. This latter badge is on a blue background, with gold lettering and stars.

INCLUSION OF JUNIOR EVENTS. There was considerable correspondence, all in favour of the inclusion of Junior events in the scheme, in some form or another. The Committee therefore asks all organisations, and indeed individuals, how best Junior events can be included from the beginning of next season. Some of the ideas will be examined next month.

INCLUSION OF VETERANS' EVENTS. Several tournaments have taken it for granted that the Veterans' singles are included, whilst a somewhat larger number have assumed that they are not! Whilst the Committee had, frankly, not considered that this event should come within the scope of the Scheme, they are bound to admit that it has not been made specifically clear. Therefore if any tournament organisers wish to include this event this season, they are free to do so. For future seasons, however, the Committee would be pleased to hear from interested parties.

INCLUSION OF DOUBLES EVENTS. Several organisations have written asking for doubles to be included. The Committee, however, are not satisfied that a case has been made out for their inclusion next season, but they are nevertheless keeping an open mind, and would welcome opinions.

LARGE LEAGUES. Several very large leagues have written stating that they do not consider the ratio of 3 points per win in the 1st division, 2 points in the second division and 1 point in all lower divisions to be correct. The Committee readily see this point, but are reluctant to increase the number of points for the first division, for this would correspondingly mean an increase all round in other competitions, and thus a raising of the number of points needed to become various grades of Master.

They are not, however, against the idea in principle of awarding 3, 2½, 2 1½ and 1 points, it being appreciated that no player would actually receive half a point, as this would be rounded off to the nearest higher mark. The main problem is that, whilst some leagues may have, say, 15 sections with one first division, two second divisions, and four

THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CLUB

PRELIMINARY meetings have now been held in Stanmore, Manchester and Hastings, attended by some 40 English Internationals. Letters have also been received from a further 40 Internationals, many of them pre-war.

In all cases bar one support has been received for forming the International Club, so it must be assumed that when the inaugural meeting is held, the Club will come into being.

International players are reminded that this meeting will be held, during the English Closed Championships, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 4th, 1964, at the Manor Place Baths, Walworth, London, S.E.17.

each in the third, fourth and fifth divisions, other leagues rank their divisions from one to fifteen. Both the London Civil Service and the North Middlesex Leagues have suggested a percentage basis. The Committee have an open mind, and would like to hear from all interested parties.

LEAGUES PLAYING FOUR A SIDE. Another problem concerns leagues who play four a side, usually with the respective Nos. 1 and 2 playing one another, and the Nos. 3 and 4 similarly opposing each other. Should the number of points be higher for the Nos. 1 and 2 than the Nos. 3 and 4? And if so, how? Here again, the Committee have an absolutely open mind, and again appeal for suggestions.

In order that all these points may be resolved, and decisions made and announced in good time for all member organisations to consider the scheme as a whole before their next A.G.M., please write to the Administrator, Mr. G. R. Harrower, 11, Lyneham Road, Luton, Bedfordshire. In this way the M.P.S. will be shaped as you want it to be. We would like to hear from you, either as representing an organisation, or personally. Thank you.

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Editor's Postbag . . .

Shining Bats and Sensitive Boys

THIS season's unhappy ending to the Portsmouth Open has prompted me to write concerning the public behaviour of two of our younger international players.

While other countries have in recent years raised considerably the level of play and professional status has inevitably come to the benefit mainly of the older established players, in Britain most people play table tennis for pleasure in

Fortunate Schools

I WAS pleased to see the article by Trevor Fiend referring to a crying need for schools' leagues.

We are fortunate in Manchester, because there has been such a T.T. league since 1960. It has been "smiled on" by authority and has been growing strong ever since.

The matches are on a home and away basis between teams of the usual five players. In the main, we follow the English Table Tennis Association rules, but not too rigorously on dress and services. The friendly spirit prevailing overcomes any difficulty arising. One point of view is that this is poor training for more serious table tennis in 'later life, but one must remember these are only schoolboys, just starting, and to be too strict at this stage may do more harm than good.

Our official title is "The Manchester Schools' Table Tennis League" and the champions hold a handsome cup trophy for one year. We also hold our individual tournament each year, the prize for which is a membership to the Manchester Y.M.C.A. The idea of this is to encourage a sustained interest in table tennis after school.

The other annual event is a match of strong friendly rivalry between organising masters from each school against the top boys from each team.

We deliberately avoid playing in a senior league, since this would involve too much time for boys seriously bent on studies. The obvious disadvantage is that we do not get the improvement which comes from playing in a better class and we do not meet county players.

It would be helpful to have some demonstrations by experts, but finance is a problem here. It is essential to keep any subscriptions within the pockets of schoolboys, so we never carry a balance. But we really could do with advice and help on this, say, from Jack Clayton or Jeff Ingber (an old boy of Manchester Central Grammar School, who have won the trophy twice in three years). We will have to get in touch with Mr. L. Jones, the secretary of Manchester and District T.T.A.

A. G. DOBBINS

(Secretary, Manchester Schools T.T.L.)

their leisure and what better indoor athletic pursuit could they adopt?

Alas! There was little pleasure for anyone at the Portsmouth Open men's singles final as a capacity crowd watched two young internationals stubbornly refusing to participate any further in the competition because of a shining bat controversy, really a minor technical point against the major issue, "To play or not to play."

Those who commenced their long playing careers with sand-papered bats know full well there are by far too many varieties of colour and texture on the market today, and none regrets this more than the coaches.

The well trained player, if he really is a player, can and must be able to play with most bats and under worse conditions remembering always the game comes first and whatever the personal cost the show goes on.

I sincerely hope the Portsmouth folk will overlook this unhappy episode in their association's long history and forgive these very young internationals who can have such a splendid future before them.

TEDDY GRANT

(Southampton).

What Type of Bat?

WHEN reporting tournaments and ranking lists, would it be feasible to indicate what type of bat the various top players are using?

K. O. RIORDAN

(Dublin).

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is regretted that this information is not always readily available in reports from Correspondents.

WILTS PLAN COACHING RALLY

MUCH activity by Frank Williams (Swindon) and John Ford (West Wilts) has resulted in the calling of an important meeting at Trowbridge between representatives of all leagues and Youth Service Officers throughout the county with a view to holding the first ever County Coaching Rally early next season. Jack Carrington, the National Director of Coaching was hoping to address the meeting.

Already Wiltshire possesses two holders of the Coaching Diploma in Swindon's Frank Williams and Ernie Howell, while Tony Morris and Gwen Hazell (also from Swindon) are probationers.

County Umpire Secretary Arthur Catchpole is pleased to have seven full umpires—including one lady—and two probationers on his panel, but more are needed.

With a view to encouraging more interest in umpiring West Wiltshire are running a League Umpire Scheme.

Although Swindon gained a valuable

Why Not Doubles First?

WHILST waiting for my name to be called out for the singles event at any major tournament, I go through the process of shaking, quaking, in fact, I have the perfect symptoms for the latest craze "The Twitch."

In all tournaments, etc., it is the custom for the singles events to be played off first. Is this a set rule by the E.T.T.A.? If not, would it not be possible to play the double events off first, as I am sure that when the singles event is due to be played, the majority of people, having played already in the tournament atmosphere, will have lost most of their nervousness, gained confidence and approach the singles game in a completely happier frame of mind.

I am certain I am not the only person entirely alone in thinking this, and I don't doubt that, if tried, you would find many more names gradually establishing themselves as first class players.

MISS S.P.

(Finchley).

A Service Query

I NOTICED whilst viewing the Britain v Holland match that one of the Dutchmen, in serving, brought his left hand up high, thus hiding the ball from his opponent at the point of service.

I remember Johnny Leach talking about this malpractice after his match against one of the Czech team at the "Player's" European Invitation Tournament here in Dublin a couple of years ago.

Perhaps Johnny would give us his views on this matter.

NOEL INGRAM

(Affiliation Secretary, Leinster Branch Irish T.T.A.).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Johnny Leach does not recall anything wrong with services in the Dutch match and suggests that the angle of the camera may have given a false impression that the free hand was covering the ball.

point with a 5-5 draw away to West Wiltshire 'A' when Tony Wolfe beat Wiltshire No. 1 and 2 in Alexander and Clode, the tables were turned in the return match at Swindon with both Alexander and Clode unbeaten.

RANKING LIST

Men—(1) A. Alexander (W. Wilts.), (2) R. Clode (W. Wilts.), (3) E. Howell (Swindon), (4) T. Wolfe (Swindon), (5) A. Ward (Salisbury), (6) J. Cleveland (W. Wilts.), (7) J. Ford (W. Wilts.).

Women—(1) G. Hazell (Swindon), (2) I. Sherman (Swindon), (3) D. Onslow (Swindon), (4) K. Waters (Salisbury).

County Closed

The provisional date for the Wiltshire Closed is Sunday, February 2, 1964, at Bulford Camp, with Salisbury once again the staging league.

Arrangements are under way for the annual County Dinner and Presentation evening when the National President, Mr. Montague, hopes to be present.

Don Hillier

ESSEX OPEN DATE FIXED

AT last the difficulties which have been holding up preparations for the Essex Open Tournament have been overcome and the competition will be held on 18/19 January, at the Ekco Canteen, Southend, the scene of last season's tournament. Entry forms are available from Harry Walker, 80 Derham Gardens, Upminster, Essex.

All of the county teams are still unbeaten. Following their win over Warwickshire, the Premier Division team scored a 6-3 victory over Surrey, for whom Connie Warren was in top form. For this match, Jean McCree returned to the First Team, deputising for Lesley Bell, who was on International duty, and had a good win over Peggy Piper. A big feature of the evening was the number of Essex supporters who travelled to Leatherhead.

Although the Second Team, consisting of Brian Brumwell, Ray Dorking, Tony Condon, Jean McCree and Shelagh Hession, was far too strong for Suffolk, in the Second Division (South), the evening was thoroughly enjoyable. The team does not, however, underestimate the task facing it if we are to win the Division, which includes some very strong First Teams.

The Juniors are still riding high, in their attempt to win the Junior Division

(East) for the third successive season. Having beaten Hertfordshire, 7-3, they defeated Middlesex by a similar margin, and both these without either Chester Barnes or Lesley Bell. Middlesex shone in places but could not match the all-round strength of the Essex youngsters.

Highlight of the Junior activities was the grand show put up by Stuart Gibbs in the final National Junior Trials. Unbeaten throughout the Trials, Stuart is now ranked second only to Chester and had his first game for the England Junior team, against France, during the Folkstone Tournament.

The County inter-league championships started during November, although some secretaries were rather late in arranging their first matches. East London look set to win the First Division once again but may not have things all their own way in the Junior Division. Barking, with Stuart Gibbs and Ted Purnell, are determined to win this season and could well pull off a surprise.

Entrants in the Knock-out Cup competition have now been reduced to sixteen and, once more, it looks like resolving itself into a battle between St. Michael's, the holders, and Fellows Cranleigh.

A number of leagues are now making arrangements for their individual

championships. The East London finals will be played on Tuesday, 10th December, at the G.U.S. Sports' Pavilion, Spring Hill, Clapton, E.5.

Four Essex Leagues, Billericay, East London, Ilford and Walthamstow, have now entered the Master Points Scheme and it is expected that more will be following suit shortly. With two of the country's most prolific points winners in Lesley Bell and Chester Barnes, there is considerable enthusiasm among players throughout the county.

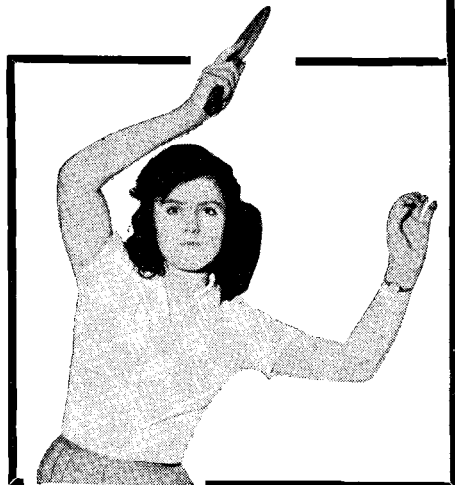
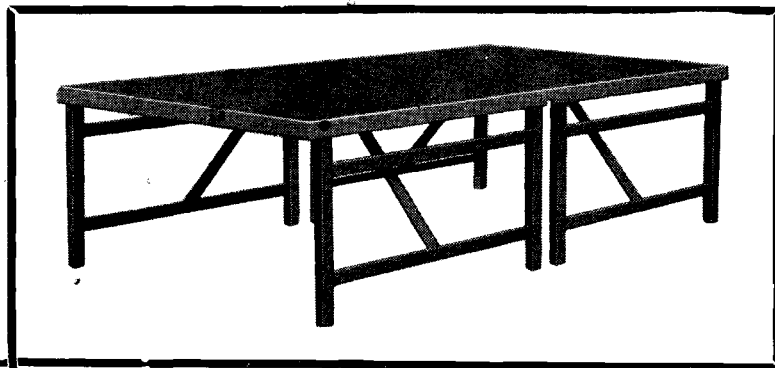
The London Qualifying sections of the nation-wide *Eagle / Girl* Tournament, played on 16th November, were well supported by Essex Officials and a very tough programme was completed without a hitch. Winners, who now go forward to the Southern Area finals, included Dennis Bysouth (Romford), Linda Henwood (Romford) and Karenza Smith (East London).

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JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

by LAURIE LANDRY

Gibbs Runs Barnes Close in Kent Junior

STUART GIBBS, fresh from his international debut came close to providing a sensational upset in the Kent Junior Open when he led his Essex colleague Chester Barnes 17-13 in the third. Unfortunately for Gibbs he was unable to keep up the pressure and suddenly cracked, failing to win another point.

EASIER THIS TIME

ENGLAND'S 7-2 win over France in the junior international at Folkestone on November 1 is an encouraging sign of growing strength. Having just scraped home at 5-4 in the previous encounter with the French in West Germany in the Summer, we had expected a hard fight, particularly as the side included a new international in Stuart Gibbs.

But Gibbs stood his international baptism well, winning two of his three rubbers. It was perhaps fitting that he should give England the winning margin with a straight games win over Streit, who gained one of the two French victories by beating Tony Robinson.

Gibbs lost his opening rubber to Bardet, but it was a close affair, with the French boy eventually breaking away after being held to 12-all in the third.

Tony Robinson set England off on the right foot by beating Secretin in the opening match, to avenge his defeat by the same player in the Summer. Moreover Secretin was playing well enough to extend Chester Barnes to a final game.

Robinson also beat Bardet but after the winning margin had been gained he lost to an inspired Streit, who lost to both other English boys.

Barnes went through the match unbeaten.

Scores: England 7, France 2: (Barnes bt Bardet 4, 15; bt Secretin 19, —19, 14; bt Streit —17, 16, 10, **Robinson** bt Bardet —18, 21, 21; bt Secretin 16, 16; lost to Streit —18, —19, Gibbs lost to Bardet —19, 15, —16; bt Secretin 14, —14, 19; bt Streit 14, 23.

FINAL TRIALS

THE junior trials were organised on a slightly different line to previous years, and in the main players found they actually played against those who were eventually ranked close to them.

JUNIOR RANKINGS

BOYS

1. Chester Barnes (Essex).
2. Stuart Gibbs (Essex).
3. Anthony Robinson (Middx).
4. Alan Hydes (Yorks).
5. Michael Johns (Cheshire).
6. Glenn Warwick (Staffs).
7. Alan Ransome (Durham).

GIRLS

1. Lesley Bell (Essex).
2. Pat Dainty (Yorks).
3. Beverley Sayer (Essex).
4. Gloria Sayer (Essex).
5. Joan Wooding (Bucks).
6. Linda Henwood (Essex).
7. Pauline Hemmings (Herts).

Kay Stokes (Kent).

Recovering from this "let-off" Barnes went on to win the under 17's singles title, beating the French boy Secretin in the semi-final then Tony Robinson by 17 and 13 in the final. In the semi-final Robinson avenged his international defeat by Streit.

Gibbs had some measure of revenge over Barnes in the doubles when he paired with David Brown to beat Barnes and Robinson, but the title was denied them when they found the French pair, Streit and Bardet, too strong in the final.

Not to be denied, Gibbs reached yet another final in the mixed doubles with Beverley Sayer and this time was successful beating Robinson and Kay Stokes 13-21, 21-18, 21-16.

Pauline Hemmings provided the upset of the girls' singles with successive wins over the Sayer twins beating Gloria in the semi-final and Beverley in the final. Miss Hemmings gained another title when she paired with Evelyn Canham to win the girls' doubles.

Curiously Miss Hemmings was less successful in the under 15's events, losing to Linda Henwood, the eventual winner, in the singles semi-final and to Miss Henwood and Ingrid Sykes in the doubles final, where she was partnered by Karenza Smith. But Miss Hemmings was successful in the mixed with Ray Cocks.

Secretin provided a victory for France in the boys' singles in this age group and made it a double by winning the doubles with Bekaert of Belgium.

Paul Harmer beat Haydn Thomas in the under 13's final, after the Welsh boy had scraped into the final by saving three match points against Michael Ward of Bucks. Harmer and Thomas teamed up to win the boys' doubles.

Miss J. Heaps did well to win the under 13's singles beating Miss Smith, who won the girls' doubles with Miss H. Price, of Wales.

UNDER 17's

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: C. BARNES (Essex) bt J. Secretin (France) 21-13, 21-9; A. ROBINSON (Middx.) bt J. Streit (France) 21-15, 21-17. **Final:** BARNES bt Robinson 21-17, 21-13.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: P. HEMMING (Herts.) bt G. Sayer (Essex) 21-17, 13-21, 22-20; B. SAYER (Essex) bt M. Campbell (Kent) 21-17, 21-11. **Final:** HEMMING bt B. Sayer 21-17, 21-8.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: STREIT/A. BARDET (France) bt B. Hill/G. Salter

(Surrey) 21-17, 21-11; S. GIBBS/D. BROWN (Essex) bt Barnes/Robinson 18-21, 21-16, 22-20. **Final:** STREIT/BARDET bt Gibbs/Brown 23-21, 21-16.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: GIBBS/G. SMITH (Kent) bt M. Campbell/J. Cornford (Kent) 21-8, 21-15; E. CANHAM/HEMMINGS (Herts) bt Sayer/Sayer (Essex) 21-18, 21-15. **Final:** CANHAM/HEMMINGS bt Stokes/Smith 21-14, 21-16.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: GIBBS/B. SAYER bt M. Johns (Cheshire)/I. Sykes (Warwicks.) 24-22, 21-19; ROBINSON/STOKES bt Streit/J. Viala (France) 21-8, 21-14. **Final:** GIBBS/B. SAYER bt Robinson/Stokes 13-21, 21-18, 21-16.

UNDER 15's

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: J. SECRETIN (France) bt H. Thomas (Wales) 21-10, 21-14; F. BEKAERT (Belgium) bt D. Corbett (Kent) 21-14, 21-14. **Final:** SECRETIN bt Bekaert 21-12, 21-17.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: L. HENWOOD (Essex) bt P. Hemmings (Herts.) 21-16, 21-14; I. SYKES (Warwicks.) bt J. Napper (Bucks.) 21-12, 21-13. **Final:** HENWOOD bt Sykes 16-21, 21-19, 21-17.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: SECRETIN/BEKAERT bt K. Lawrence (Essex)/J. Nevin (Cheshire) 21-11, 21-11; R. COCKS/T. WILBY (Herts.) bt P. Godechal/J. Rahier (Belgium) 21-15, 21-13. **Final:** SECRETIN/BEKAERT bt Cocks/Wilby 21-14, 21-14.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: K. SMITH (Essex)/HEMMINGS bt S. Basketter (Hants.)/J. Heaps (Berks.) 21-12, 21-5; HENWOOD/SYKES bt D. Basden/M. Waters (Kent) 2-13, 21-16. **Final:** HENWOOD/SYKES bt Smith/Hemmings 21-15, 22-20.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: COCKS/HEMMINGS bt Secretin (France)/R. Wilson (Kent) 21-14, 17-21, 21-14; JEAN THONNART (Belgium)/M. Brown (Essex) bt G. Salter/S. Bond (Surrey) 21-13, 22-20. **Final:** COCKS/HEMMINGS bt Jean Thonnart/Brown 21-14, 21-14.

UNDER 13's

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: P. HARMER (Beds.) bt T. Denman (Sussex) 21-18, 21-13; H. THOMAS bt M. Wald (Bucks) 14-21, 21-17, 22-20. **Final:** HARMER bt Thomas 18-21, 21-13, 21-18.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: HEAPS bt K. Smith (Essex) 12-21, 21-18, 21-19; M. STEVENS (Kent) bt C. Dale (Herts.) 21-6, 21-12. **Final:** HEAPS bt Stevens 14-21, 21-8, 21-7.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: HARMER/THOMAS bt I. Stevens/A. Wilson (Kent) 21-1, 21-3; R. NAPPER/M. WILD (Bucks.) bt B. Gilon (Belgium)/M. Sykes (Warwicks.) 21-13, 21-19. **Final:** HARMER/THOMAS bt Napper/Wald 21-14, 18-21, 21-13.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: K. SMITH/H. PRICE (Wales) bt S. Sandy (Kent)/J. Shirley (Bucks.) 21-19, 16-21, 21-17. M. STEVENS/R. WILSON (Kent) bt C. Dale/J. Heaps 15-21, 21-14, 21-15. **Final:** SMITH/PRICE bt Stevens/Wilson 21-14, 21-14, 21-15.

UNDER 11's

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: B. GILON bt A. Peters (Hants.) 21-9, 21-8; THOMAS bt A. Wilson (Kent) 21-7, 21-15. **Final:** GILON bt Thomas 21-9, 21-15.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: J. WOOLF (Hants.) bt C. Henwood (Essex) 21-16, 21-11; B. MCGRORTY (Kent) bt J. Morrison (Hants.) 21-16, 21-16. **Final:** WOOLF bt McGrorty 22-20, 21-15.

HULL OPEN

by R. BALMFORD

**BEVAN RECOVERS AND
WINS TITLE**

FEATURE of the finals of Hull and E.R.T.T. Association's Open Tournament held at Madeley Street Baths on Saturday was a fighting rally by Leeds University student and Yorkshire County player David Bevan, who pulled back a 12-18 deficit in the second game against No. 2 seed Mick Symonds (Lancs) to take nine of the next ten points and the title at 21-18, 21-19.

The unseeded Bevan put out fourth-ranked Peter Duncombe in straight sets in the second round and went on to a runaway semi-final victory over Derek Schofield (Stockport), who had earlier toppled top seed Brian Hill (Lincs).

Symonds, who had to struggle for a three-set win over Hull's Colin Gray, had a comfortable run to the semi, where he made short work of Surrey player Connie Warren, who had dethroned Denis Neale (Middlesbrough), the defending champion, in the quarters.

Triple title-holder Cynthia Blackshaw (Doncaster) retained the women's singles and doubles crowns,

but went down in the final of the mixed, where, with Duncombe, she was beaten in straight sets by Symonds and Lesley Proudlock (Sheffield).

Surprise finalist in the singles event was Betty Cassell (King's Lynn) who had accounted for the seeded Miss Proudlock. The young Tyneside pair Stuart Lennie/Maureen Heppell did well to reach the mixed semi-final before going down to Duncombe/Blackshaw.

The final of the men's doubles was also highlighted by a tough fight-back from the brink of defeat, by the Yorkshire pair Neale/Duncombe, who dropped the first game to Hill/Symonds before retaining the title they won last year.

On the junior side, young Barnsley pair Alan Hydes and Pat Dainty were rarely troubled, neither dropping a game on their way to the boys' and girls' singles titles.

The newly instigated veterans' event went to Tyneside, H. Dignan. He beat former Cheshire player Bill Devine (Beverley) in three.

HULL RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. BEVAN (Leeds) bt D. Schofield (Stockport) 21-10, 21-7. M. SYMONDS (Lancs.) bt C. Warren (Surrey) 21-11, 21-13.

Final: BEVAN bt Symonds 21-18, 21-19.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: C. D. BLACKSHAW (Doncaster) bt P. E. Dainty (Barnsley) 17-21, 22-20, 21-14; B. CASSELL (King's Lynn) bt F. Rolling (Barnsley) 23-21, 23-21.

Final: BLACKSHAW bt Cassell 21-9, 22-20.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: A. HYDES (Barnsley) bt P. C. Canham (Hull) 21-13, 21-17; B. BURN (Newcastle) bt G. Birch (Hull) 21-17, 21-17.

Final: HYDES bt Burn 21-12, 21-11. **Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals:** P. E. DAINTY bt L. Twidale (Hull) 21-9, 21-19. M. HEPPELL (Newcastle) bt J. Huzzard (Hull) 21-9, 21-8.

Final: DAINTY bt Heppell 21-18, 21-12. **Veterans' Singles: Semi-Finals:** H. DIGNAN (Newcastle) bt G. Watts (Hull) 21-22, 17-21, 21-12; W. Devine (Hull) bt L. Heppell (Newcastle) 21-16, 21-14.

Final: DIGNAN bt Devine 21-14, 21-19. **Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** D. NEALE (Middlesbrough)/DUNCOMBE bt G. Livesey/B. Farnworth (Lancs.) 21-15, 21-14; B. HILL (Lincs.)/SYMONDS bt Bevan/D. McGarry (Sheffield) 16-21, 21-17, 21-17. **Final:** NEALE/DUNCOMBE bt Hill/Symonds 19-21, 21-12, 21-17.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: BLACKSHAW/L. S. PROUDLOCK (Sheffield) bt L. Gordon/M. Browning (Leeds) 21-17, 21-9; DAINTY/ROLLING bt Cassell/I. M. Pollard (Hull) 21-16, 21-16.

Final: BLACKSHAW/PROUDLOCK bt Dainty/Rolling 21-15, 21-14.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: SYMONDS/PROUDLOCK bt Neale/Rolling 21-19, 21-15; DUNCOMBE/BLACKSHAW bt S. Lennie (Newcastle)/Heppell 27-25, 23-21.

Final: SYMONDS/PROUDLOCK bt Duncombe/Blackshaw 21-13, 21-10.

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YUGOSLAV and HUNGARIAN OPENS

DIANE and MARY GIVE ENGLAND THREE TITLES

by LEN ADAMS

ENGLAND can look back with satisfaction on the Yugoslav and Hungarian Opens, winning three titles, and figuring in three more finals. But once again it was the girls, Mary Shannon and Diane Rowe who maintained our prestige.

Top honour goes to Miss Shannon, who, now that she has mastered the technique of the loop, is one of the most improved players in Europe.

She won the singles in Yugoslavia, and, paired with Miss Rowe, won the doubles at both Opens as well as reaching both team finals. Miss Rowe reached the mixed doubles final in Hungary with the Swede Hans Alser.

YUGOSLAV OPEN RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: MARKOVIC (Yugo.) bt Korpa (Yugo.) 16-21, 22-20, 21-18, 19-21, 21-16; SCHOLLER (W. Germany) bt Bernhardt (Sweden) 21-12, 21-15, 22-20.

Final: MARKOVIC bt Scholler 23-21, 21-12, 22-24, 21-14.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: SHANNON (England) bt Constantinescu (Rumania) 21-16, 21-12, 21-19; RUDNOVA (USSR) bt Luzova (Czech.) 21-23, 21-9, 21-12, 21-16.

Final: SHANNON bt Rudnova 21-23, 21-18, 21-15, 13-21, 21-17.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: VECKO/KORPA (Yugo.) bt Negulescu-Giurgiuca (Rumania) 8-21, 15-21, 21-18, 21-17, 21-15; MIKO/STANEK (Czech.) bt Stipancic/Surbek (Yugo.) 16-21, 21-18, 21-17, 21-17.

Final: VEKO/KORPA bt Miko/StaneK 21-16, 24-22, 21-10.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: ROWE/SHANNON (England) bt Lukacz/Foldy (Hungary) 21-15, 25-23, 21-12; ALEXANDRU/CONSTANTINESCU (Rumania) bt Calynska/Noworyta (Poland) 21-12, 21-16, 21-10.

Final: ROWE/SHANNON bt Alexandru/Constantinescu 17-21, 21-18, 19-21, 21-11, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: GUIRGUICA/CONSTANTINESCU (Rumania) bt Alser (Sweden/Harst (Germany) 21-17, 7-21, 21-15, 21-17. NEGULESCU/ALEXANDRU (Rumania) bt StaneK/Luzova (Czech.) 21-17, 21-17, 21-18.

Final: NEGULESCU/ALEXANDRU bt Giurgiuca/Constantinescu 21-18, 20-22, 21-10, 21-15.

Men's Team: Semi-Finals: SWEDEN bt Yugoslavia II 3-1; YUGOSLAVIA bt U.S.S.R. 3-0.

Final: SWEDEN bt Yugoslavia 3-1.

Women's Team: Semi-Finals: RUMANIA bt W. Germany 3-0; ENGLAND bt Hungary 3-0.

Final: RUMANIA bt England 3-0.

Luzova after running her to 19 in the second game.

England's men did not set the same high standard. David Creamer, tactically wrong in being too defensive, was hit off by Stipancic, a tiny Yugoslav boy who looks even younger than his 15 years, while Ralph Gunnion lost to another Yugoslav, Tomazic. He played well but was unable to consolidate a two games lead and lost at 18 in the fifth.

A remarkable feature of the Yugoslav Open was that Hungary, despite having their strongest players, failed to reach a final. It must be a long while since they had such a disastrous experience.

Markovic provided a home success when he won the men's singles, beating Scholer (W. Germany) in the final 23-21, 21-12, 22-24, 21-14. Berczik fell to Bernhardt (Sweden) in the fourth round, while European champion Alser went out to Korpa in the quarters.

Yugoslavia collected another title



RUDNOVA

Most noticeable was her ability to change her tactics to suit the opposition. She used the loop to get the ball up and hit her way through three of the top defensive players in Harst, Foldy and Constantinescu. It was unbeatable form and before the season is out she will be knocking at the door as Europe's No. 1.

Against Rudnova, who has accounted for Heiritz, Rowe and Luzova, Mary, was given no option but to defend. She chased and chased, making miraculous returns to eventually overcome the Russian after five fluctuating games.

Mary should have won the first game when she led 19-12 but lost narrowly at 21-23. She won the next two, only to lose the fourth, but came right back to the top in the decider.

Miss Rowe won through two rounds, then slipped up against the hard hitting Rudnova, after appearing to have the match well won in the fourth game when she held two match points at 20-18.

Miss Bell, our third girl, gave one of her best overseas performances to beat Dauphin of West Germany, but could not contain the quick silver

in the men's doubles with Veko and Korpa, while Negulescu and Alexandru won the mixed for Rumania. Sweden won the men's team.

It was a bitter disappointment for England when they lost the team final to the home country in the Hungarian Open for we were 2-1 and a game up before Foldy stepped in to kill our hopes by beating Miss Shannon 11-21, 21-10, 21-17. That made it two-all and Heiritz secured the title with a straight games win over Miss Rowe in the decider.

Miss Shannon was unable to repeat

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her Yugoslav form in the singles and lost in the third round to Alexandru. Miss Rowe failed to survive her opening match and was beaten by the Polish girl Noverita. Miss Bell, after beating Czoke (Hungary) lost to Seidel (W. Germany).

Fortunately Miss Rowe and Miss Shannon had recovered their form for the women's doubles and swept through to the title with the loss of only one game, that was in the final where they beat Alexandru and Constantinescu 21-15, 15-21, 21-17, 21-17.

Creamer and Gunnion made first round exits in both the men's singles and doubles. Miss Rowe enjoyed a successful run in the mixed doubles with Alser and had high hopes of taking the title when they led the Rumanians Guirciua and Constantinescu 2-1, only to lose over five games.

SO NEAR

Bell and Gunnion came near to a sensational win in the mixed when

they led Berczik and Foldy 19-13 in the fifth, but failed to win another point.

The highlight of the meeting was the achievement of the Swedish junior Johansson in winning the men's singles. He was also undefeated in helping Sweden win the team event and on this form must stand out as the leading player in Europe. His victims included Scholer, Rozsas, Fahazi and in the all-Swedish final, Alser, whom he beat 21-19, 27-25, 21-17.

Alser and Johansson teamed up to win the men's doubles, beating Berczik and Rozsas in the final.

Foldy won the women's singles beating Heiritz 20-22, 21-16, 21-17, 21-7.

Sandwiched between the two Opens England played two friendly matches in Hungary against local sides. At Kaposvar the women won 5-0 and the men 3-1, while at Pecs the women were again 5-0 winners but the men lost 3-2.

ENGLISH RESULTS

YUGOSLAVIA

Men's Singles: D. Creamer lost to Stipanec (Yugo.) —17, —15, —18; R. Gunnion lost to Tomazic (Yugo.) 18, 14, —14, —17, —18.

Women's Singles: M. Shannon bt Petrac (Yugo.) 7, 10, 14; bt Harst (W. Germany) 14, 9, 19; bt Foldy (Hungary) 11, 17, —16, —11, 11; bt Constantinescu (Rumania) 16, 12, 19; bt Rudnova (USSR) —21, 18, 15, —13, 17 (final).

D. Rowe bt Noworyta (Poland) 14, —11, 17, 18; bt Foley (Rumania) 12, 13, —14, 20; lost to Rudnova (USSR) —19, 11, 16, —20, —14.

L. Bell bt Dauphin (W. Germany) —17, —17, 20, 4, 19; lost to Luzova (Czech.) —12, —19, —14.

Men's Doubles: Creamer/Gunnion bt Gacic/Kalajdzewski (Yugo.) 15, —12, 15, 19; lost to Markovic/Teran (Yugo.) —19, —16, —15.

Women's Doubles: Rowe/Shannon bt Virant/Skerij (Yugo.) 5, 11, 6; bt Rudnova/Grinberg (USSR) 21, 21, 19; bt Lucacz/Foldy 15, 23, 12; bt Alexandru/Constantinescu (Rumania) —17, 18, —19, 11, 17 (Final).

Bell/Foley (Rumania) lost to Rudnova/Grinberg —17, —19, 16, —16.

Mixed Doubles: Rowe/Markovic (Yugo.) bt Scharfegger/Phla (Austria) 19, 14, 17; bt Balajste (USSR)/Harczar (Hungary) 13, 17, 17; lost to Harst (W. Germany)/Alser (Sweden) 19, —15, —9, —13.

Bell/Gunnion bt Mikec/Jazvic (Yugo.) 21, 11, 21; lost to Rudnova/Amelin (USSR) —19, 17, 17, —17, —14.

Shannon/Creamer lost to Grinberg/Novikov (USSR) —12, —17, 18, —15.

Men's Team: bt Poland 3-0 (Gunnion bt Kusinski —20, 16, 14; Creamer bt Calinski 20, 17; Creamer/Gunnion bt Kusinski/Calinski 19, —11, 14) lost to Yugoslavia 0-3 (Gunnion lost to Markovic —17, —10; Creamer lost to Hrbud —11, —17; Gunnion/Creamer lost to Teran/Markovic —14, —15).

Women's Team: bt Austria 3-1 (Shannon bt Scharfegger 18, 10; bt Willinger —20, 14, 14; Bell bt Willinger —20, 16, 13; lost to Scharfegger —17, —14. Shannon/Rowe lost to Scharfegger/Willinger —12, —18); bt Hungary 3-0

(Rowe bt Foldy 16, —12, 11; Shannon bt Heiritz 14, 22, Rowe/Shannon bt Foldy/Lukacz 8, 15); lost to Rumania 0-3 (Final). (Rowe lost to Alexandru 11, —12, —15; Shannon lost to Constantinescu —13, —19; Rowe/Shannon lost to Alexandru/Shannon 14, —19, —16).

HUNGARY

Men's Singles: Creamer lost to Surbek (Yugo.) 9, —19, —16, —7.

Gunnion lost to Calinski (Poland) 18, —22, —24, —17.

Women's Singles: Shannon bt Poor (Hungary) 9, 12, 14 bt Kerekese (Hungary) —17, 13, 16, 10; lost to Alexandru (Rumania) 15, —19, —17, —15.

Rowe lost to Novorita (Poland) —20, —7, —14; Bell bt Csoke (Hungary) 13, 14, 3; lost to Seidel (W. Germany) 11, —19, 14, —14, —22.

Men's Doubles: Creamer/Gunnion lost to Negulescu/Reti (Rumania) 0-3.

Women's Doubles: Rowe/Shannon bt Schwartzova/Karlikova (Czech.) 20, 11, 13; bt Luzova/Karlikova (Czech.) 10, 19, 20; bt Legner/Richter (E. Germany) 19, 6, 13; bt Alexandru/Constantinescu (Rumania) 15, —15, 17, 17 (Final).

Mixed Doubles: Creamer/Shannon bt Jansco/Pusztai (Hungary) 3-2; lost to Rozsas/Lukacs (0-3).

Gunnion/Bell lost to Berczik/Foldy 2-3 Alser (Sweden)/Rowe bt Lipovics/Szekely (Hungary) 3-0; bt Miko/Luzova 3-0; bt Fahazi/Kerekese (Hungary) 3-0; bt Scholer/Lanterman (W. Germany) —17, 15, 19, 10; lost to Guirciua Constantinescu —8, 16, 16, —10, —13.

Women's Team: bt Bulgaria 3-0; bt Rumania 3-1 (Shannon bt Constantinescu 19, 16; bt Alexandru 15, 19, Rowe lost to Alexandru 20, —19, —19, Rowe/Shannon bt Constantinescu/Alexandru 18, 10); lost to Hungary 2-3 (Rowe lost to Foldy —10, —18; lost to Heiritz —17, —15; Shannon bt Heiritz 18, 13; lost to Foldy 11, —10, —17; Rowe/Shannon bt Foldy/Lukacs 10, 15).

Men's Team: lost to Hungary 'B' (Creamer lost to Pigniczsky —13, —18; Gunnion lost to Harangi —20, —21; Creamer/Gunnion lost to Pigniczsky/Harangi —16, —14).

HUNGARIAN OPEN RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: ALSER (Sweden) bt Berczik (Hungary) 3-1; JOHANSSON (Sweden) bt Fahazi (Hungary) 3-1.

Final: JOHANSSON bt Alser 21-19, 27-25, 21-17.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: FOLDY (Hungary) bt Constantinescu 3-2; HEIRITZ (Hungary) bt Alexandru (Rumania) 3-1.

Final: FOLDY bt Heiritz 20-22, 21-16, 21-17, 21-7.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: BERCZIK/ROZSAS (Hungary) bt Korpa/Vecko (Yugo.) 3-2, ALSER/JOHANSSON (Sweden) bt Fahazi/Pigniczki (Hungary) 3-1.

Final: ALSER/JOHANSSON bt Berczik/Rozsas 13-21, 21-15, 21-18, 15-21, 21-17.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: ROWE/SHANNON (England) bt Legner/Richter (E. Germany) 21-19, 21-6, 21-13; CONSTANTINESCU/ALEXANDRU (Rumania) bt Heiritz/Poor (Hungary) 3-0.

Final: ROWE/SHANNON bt Constantinescu/Alexandru 21-15, 15-21, 21-17, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: GUIRGUICA/CONSTANTINESCU (Rumania) bt Rozsas/Lukacs 3-2; ALSER (Sweden)/ROWE (England) bt Scholer/Lanterman (W. Germany) 17-21, 21-15, 21-19, 21-10.

Final: GUIRGUICA/CONSTANTINESCU bt Alser/Rowe 21-8, 16-21, 16-21, 21-10, 21-13.

Men's Team: Semi-Finals: RUMANIA bt Hungary 3-0; SWEDEN bt Yugoslavia 3-1.

Final: SWEDEN bt Rumania 3-1.

Women's Team: Semi-Finals: ENGLAND bt Rumania 3-1; HUNGARY bt Czechoslovakia 3-0.

Final: HUNGARY bt England 3-2.

WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

CRUSHED 0-9 at home by Cardiff,

Weston made some amends with a 5-3 win over Newport. Young Tony Kinsey played well to win two matches but found Brian Everson too strong. Ray Philpott, genial Weston captain and secretary, showed his attacking versatility to claim two victims but he too went down to Everson.

Plymouth, newcomers to the league, went down 2-7 to Bristol, who with Mordecai, Brady and McGarry have probably the youngest team.

Ian Harrison, playing his first and last match for Cheltenham before leaving for Sweden, helped them to a 9-0 win over West Wiltshire.

Everson and Huish were both unbeaten in Newport's 8-1 win over Bath, whose lone success was gained by Bob House.

Penny Bonner, a 14-year-old, was impressive, with two wins in Weston's 6-3 victory over Newport in the women's division. Miss Bonner, with the right temperament and keen to improve, should benefit from her experience of playing alongside Mrs. Pettifer (the former Adele Wood) and Mrs. Bull.

Beaten 8-1 by Bristol, Plymouth Ladies returned to win by the same margin at Swindon. Miss B. Pearson, who gained the only win against Bristol, was unbeaten against Swindon as was Miss Hollywood.

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S.O.S. French Methods are Out of Date

By PIERRE CECCALDI
(PRESIDENT, FRENCH T.T.A.)

WHAT is in danger? French Table Tennis. The cause? Government economies, the inadequacy of our talent and resources, the obstacles to our slow expansion? No. These questions, serious though they are, do not justify a cry for help.

The S.O.S. that I send to all French fans concerns the game if Table Tennis itself. Players, coaches, officials, listen to me: our method of play is out of date; if we do not adapt ourselves to modern Table Tennis we shall be relegated bit by bit to the level of the weakest countries.

This is the conclusion that I came to in Prague as I watched the play in the 27th World Championships and especially our matches in the team and individual events.

When, from the day I arrived, I saw players of the 51 nations engaged, most of them youngsters, letting themselves go in non-stop attack; when I saw burst out on us in the immense Palace of Sport a new, fast, vigorous and murderous game; when I reckoned the strength of our adversaries, I was scared stiff, particularly for the men's team which was in danger of coming last in the very strong group in which it was drawn.

Thank heaven our players, thanks to their determination and fitness, did as much as they were able; the women's team and the men's team each gained a fair fifth place in their respective groups which enabled them both to be classified as second category by the I.T.T.F.

Here is the problem, intentionally set out in outline.

BASED ON ATTACK

Modern Table Tennis is deliberately, frankly, systematically based on attack; everything is attack, transition to attack or preparation for attack; the game is fast, aggressive, perforce requiring a peak of physical fitness; the player "lifts", imparting a curved path to the ball; in defence he resorts as a normal course to top-spin; without sparing his opponent he uses cunningly the various spins made possible by the new racket surfaces in attack, defence and service.

French Table Tennis has stuck in the classic tradition of the pimpled rubber racket game. The players who use sandwich do not exploit its advantages; they do not know how to exploit the loop, and use it rarely in defence or even as a counter; they lack the knack of top-spin; they use plain services, hardly ever varied. The

French game is relatively slow and usually passive; the player lets his opponent play, waits for his mistakes, waits for a chance to attack. When he changes over to attack—often because being thwarted in defence he is forced to do so—he goes for a flat kill hoping for a decisive result from his first stroke.

NOTHING IS NEW

Perhaps our seniors, some of whom were able to anticipate the modern game, will be surprised to read what I am saying. Isn't all this well known, old stuff? Nothing is new, certainly, since Table Tennis exists and so do the laws of ballistics. What is new today is the speed with which the strokes are made, both in attack and defence; the ball is struck by the better players on the half-volley, with their full weight of arm and body put into the stroke. What is new likewise is the way in which the player who is attacked defends close to the table and, if he cannot avoid retreating, loops and then counter-attacks; that is what we saw in the match between the World Champion, Chuang Tse-tung, and the Swede, Alser, which was the climax of the Championships at Prague. What is new is the fact that reverse sandwich enables one to get much more powerful and subtly varied spins than in the past.

The new racket has transformed the game of Table Tennis in its essential elements: trajectory, spins, speed. Table Tennis today is attack, toward which everything trends. Even if in the pimpled rubber era one could argue theoretically in favour of defence based on chop (this has always been debatable however) today the chopper is in difficulty from the moment lift is used against him

and his powerlessness is evident against the smashes effected by players using sandwich. In this unequal battle it looked to me as though it was the defender and not the attacker who was taking risks.

Belief in the magic value of chop, supported by the success of exceptionally gifted players, was a mistake in the past; today it has become disastrous. The chop maintains its usefulness in the full arsenal of Table Tennis strokes and those who are lucky enough to know how to use it effectively would be wrong to stop using it. We saw in the final of the Swaythling Cup a Chinese "chopper," Chang Shih - lin, demolish the Japanese; but he did not have a chop only, he was ready at any moment to change to attack and he attacked extremely suddenly. Here I would make an important remark; the Chinese, who lead World Table Tennis at the moment, have surpassed the Japanese, who were their teachers, because they realised that the latter's game using solely forehand attack was incomplete. Their own game uses the whole gamut of Table Tennis strokes, especially attack on the back-hand side.

Today the scholastic distinction between defence and attack has no further sense in practice. Whether he attacks or whether he "answers attack," a player has to show the same aggressiveness. Defence, whether chop or loop, is only a preparation for attack, for an attack which must not be delayed for whoever first launches a flat-out attack wins the point.

PLACING IS NEGLECTED

One thing remains just as important as it ever was: placing. Placing has been and still is neglected by French players. Our players in Prague lost many points over the table because they were not sufficiently trained in such tactics and for reasons I shall not go into here because it would mean entering into technical details.

The new racket has given, I insist, an important role to "lift," this term being understood in its broadest sense, the "loop" being only a vicious variation of lift. There are degrees of lift and its extremest instance is with heavy topspin.

The lift today differs from what it was formerly by the speed of the arm movement and the effect of "stroking" on the ball. A slow lift with little spin on it should be used only with discretion because it sets up too easy a ball for the attack of the opponent. On the other hand the modern game has brought the high-pathed ball back into use. The shot with a high-curved path has advantages over the shot that skims the net just as, in certain circumstances, the mortar has advantages over the machine-gun.

The flat hit is much more risky than in the days of pimpled rubber. Our players have had bitter experience with it, so have others. I have seen few besides the best Chinese who could use it with a minimum of errors.

The new racket covering gives considerable importance to spin. Hence the necessity for the player to put stuff on the ball or stuff on the service. I have underlined the feebleness of our players' game in this respect. We used to say at one time, after the ban on finger-spin services: "The service should be only a putting of the ball in play." This was always highly questionable because spin can be put on with the racket only. Today in any case it is no longer permissible to ignore the fact that the service is a weapon. The service serves to (1) prepare the attack; (2) put the opponent in a difficulty; (3) at least prevent him from attacking himself, as good players, especially the Asians, attack any service they can with a minimum of error.

IMPORTANCE OF FOOTWORK

It is evident that footwork must be reconsidered in relation to the evolution of table tennis. The player normally moves in a limited area close to the table but can be made to leave that space by quick alternate placing of the ball. Mobility and speed of execution are the primary requirements for effective strokes.

After having noted all this, after having discussed it with the players themselves, after having consulted experts of other countries, I have formed the opinion that we need a complete remodelling of our French style of play.

Under the general direction of Alex Agopoff, the youngsters who have begun their coaching during these last two years have been systematically orientated toward attack and the lessons they have received have been based on the conceptions I have set out here. But it is not enough to give them blackboard teaching; they must be initiated into the actual execution of lift and the other novelties. To this end, we must

get over here players from other countries who have these strokes in their repertoire.

The training of these youngsters must take a certain time. How are we going to make use of the two years that separate us from the World Championships of 1965 in Ljubljana?

I suggest to the seniors who form the present top-class of our sport and to the mass of ranked players—without of course insisting on anything—that they reconsider their game. Those who were in Prague will understand me, let the others reflect. Pimpled-rubber players can either continue to use pimpled rubber or change to sandwich. Let each ponder the advantages and drawbacks of the old-type racket or the new so far as his own game is concerned. If he feels he ought to change, let him use the between season period to get used to sandwich, though with full realisation that his results when the season restarts in October will risk being below his normal results. Will players want to change in these circumstances, will their clubs agree? I told you at the beginning: the problem concerns you all.

We must organise initiation training stages, for both old players and young, on an association basis and on a regional basis. Especially, must we have periodic get-togethers to reassess and train our national players;

only if this is done will the final stages of international training on the eve of a big event be properly worth while.

This leads me further to pose a question to the management committees of leagues and clubs: will you agree to decrease the schedule of team and individual championships to make room for such training? If you answer this question in the affirmative I think that the transformation of our game will be possible. It will be possible because it will then pose only the technical problem of getting to know the new game and adapting to it.

There are a certain number of things that the players can teach themselves if they wish. This includes placing (using the whole table surface) and lift (the loop, the top-spin drive, etc.). There are other things that they will only be able to learn at training sessions specially organised for the purpose. These we shall organise. But it is clear that in this matter, as in others, the role of the clubs will be primary.

Perhaps between now and then an effective counter to top-spin will have been found, or something else entirely new, who knows? The certainty of the movement is this: we are swimming against the stream. There is grave danger in staying in that position. SOS.

SUSSEX NOTES

Chandler Loses Great Fight

THE long-awaited clash between the two leading Sussex players Peter Shead and Roger Chandler took place in the final of the Charlie Seaman trophy for the top eight men players

in the county. Shead was the victor, 21-18, 15-21, 15-21, 21-19, 21-12, in a tremendous battle that saw Chandler run out of steam in the fifth. But the fact that the younger player would have won over three sets has been duly noted.

With all county-sponsored events and Crawley, Eastbourne and Bognor leagues having joined the Master Points Scheme, it is regretted that Brighton have rejected the scheme and have not allowed the Sussex Closed on February 23 to be included. This will probably prevent several players from gaining their Club Master's certificates this season.

Although Brighton, who run the Sussex Closed, have every right to opt out for their own league, it is not easy to see why they have to deny the majority of the other players the opportunity of gaining further points in a county event.

In the junior field, the two leading Sussex boys, Mick Green (Crawley) and John Beasley (Eastbourne), have been joined by Hertfordshire's Peter Williams who is now resident in Sussex and a regular player in the Central London League. With the exception of the National County Championships, Williams is expected to be a prominent contender in the Sussex Junior Closed, Men's and Juniors' inter-league and other events.



ROGER CHANDLER

AROUND EAST ANGLIA

by J. S. PENNY

Norfolk Trebles for Betty and Alan

MRS. ELIZABETH ADELAIDE CASSELL, former Norfolk president and undoubtedly the finest player the county has produced, was again prominent on the playing side in the Hull Open.

After beating Lesley Proudlock, the third seed, she reached the women's singles final, before going down to Cynthia Blackshaw, of Yorkshire, England's sixth ranking player.

Mrs. Cassell then paired with Alan Coby, of Norwich, to score a straight games win over the seeded Brian Hill and Pat Dainty to reach the mixed quarter-finals, while she also reached the semi-finals of the women's doubles with Mrs. I. Pollard of Hull.

Norfolk's men, Coby, Tony Cooper, Chris Fields and Wesley Haydock did not do so well and made an early exit from the singles.

Mrs. Cassell was again to the fore with a triple success in the Norfolk Closed Championships, staged under ideal conditions at the Civil Defence H.Q., Norwich, on November 9.

Her singles final against Edna Allen, of Great Yarmouth, was one of the finest in the history of the championships. She followed this by winning the women's doubles with Miss M. Turner, and the mixed doubles with Alan Coby, who also collected a triple crown, with the men's singles and doubles.

Neville Graver was in fine form in the youths' final, while his elder brother Philip gave a good account of himself against Coby after beating Maurice Ewles in the senior semi-final. John Buck of Wisbech did well, reaching the mixed final with Mrs. M. Bamber.

Men's Singles: A. COBY bt P. Graver 14, 20. **Women's Singles:** B. CASSELL bt E. Allan —19, 15, 20.

Men's Doubles: COBY/A. COOPER bt J. Turner/J. Barrett 19, —15, 20. **Women's**

Doubles: CASSELL/M. TURNER bt J. Rodwell/B. Wright 12, 14. **Mixed Doubles:** COBY/ Mrs. CASSELL bt J. Buck/Mrs. M. Bamber 17, 7.

Youth Singles: GRAVER bt W. Haydock 16, 16. **Girls' Singles:** P. KELF bt P. Fox 19, 16. **Veteran Singles:** W. MATHEWS bt A. Munn 19, 19.

Dereham League have a new chairman, Dougie Craske; a new secretary, Peter Fern (who plays for the Hippopotami and in the summer hits sixes on the cricket field), and a new treasurer, A. Rawlings.

They are now running two divisions, a Premier, with six teams, playing home and away twice; and an A Division of nine teams, playing each other once.

Friday night is table tennis night in this lovely Norfolk town.

An event eagerly awaited for the past

two years was celebrated when Norfolk played their first Junior County Championship match against those other newcomers, Buckinghamshire, at the A.H.W. Youth Club, Bletchley, on October 19. The team of Bob Mitcham, Wesley Haydock, David Blanch, Neville Graver, Pat Fox and Pat Kelf, smartly turned out in the royal blue shirts presented by vice-president Tom Stevenson, found the defensive play of the Bucks side too strong and were beaten 7-3.

Bucks completed a double when they also won the senior match 8-2.

Norfolk will shortly be following Bucks in providing lapel badges for players in all leagues. A design for these was displayed at the championships and met with general approval, as did a special badge for junior championship colours. This incorporates our junior motto, "Fit surculus abor," or "the young shoot becomes the big tree." Our juniors show every promise of living up to this and their smart turn-out was a credit to themselves and their coaches.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

by LESLIE CONSTABLE

Jumble Sales Help Juniors

CAMBRIDGESHIRE, determined that nothing shall stop their juniors getting wider experience outside county play, have organised a series of jumble sales to raise funds so that the youngsters and other players can be sent to Open tournaments throughout the country.

Several players took part in the Portsmouth Open and, although they failed to reach any finals, they gave a good account of themselves.

Bill Green has relinquished his post as Umpires' secretary for health and business reasons. Peter Silk and Margaret Cornwell are carrying on temporarily. President Bill Rogerson has now recovered from his recent operation and is attending executive meetings once again.

Competition is keener than ever in the Cambridge League and the eight divisions are providing some thrilling matches. New Chesterton Institute, the First Division champions, met with a shock 7-3 defeat by N.A.L.G.O., despite John Thurston winning his three matches. Y.M.C.A.'s three teams in this division are all doing well, particularly the third team, which is composed of last season's juniors, with Alan Ponder as the spearhead. Impington lead this division.

Fire Brigade, led by League secretary Tony Brochie, head the Second Division, but Torchbearers, with Valerie Gillam, Martin Brown and John Constable are offering a strong challenge.

Robert Sayle and Impington III are the pacemakers in the Third Division, while Great Ouse River Bowd III and British Welding Research are battling it out at the head of Division IV. C.I.B.A. (Arc) head of the Fifth Division, with Y.M.C.A. VI close behind. Both teams are unbeaten, as are Impington VI and Northern Employers II in Division Six.

SUFFOLK NOTES

by D. J. BARRETT

SUFFOLK'S "TOP TEN"

THE absence of many Suffolk stalwarts from the first leg of the county "Top Ten" competition was amply compensated by the number of young players taking part, including several who have figured prominently in the junior side in recent years.

Brian Buckle and David Mann, each with identical records, were the group winners and their final yielded one of the best matches in the event since its inception. It was an example to all that a match is never lost until it is won.

Having won the first game, Mann reached match point at 20-18 in the second only to let it slip from his grasp as Buckle took the next four points. The decider was wide open until Buckle clinched it at 25-23!

So the leading positions after the first leg are. B. Buckle 14, D. Mann 13, H. Fleck and B. Wigg 7, C. Tucker 6.

Illness has struck down county coach Derek Morley and he is expected to be out for most of the season. All will wish him a complete recovery.

Coaching proceeds in Ipswich with sessions at local schools and youth clubs. East Suffolk Education Committee continue with their weekends, and the first was held on November 29-30 under the direction of Gordon Steggall. Unfortunately it will not be possible to take part in the Four Counties or Coaching Group competitions.

Despite a 10-0 defeat by Essex in the County championship there has been no slacking of team spirit. The Juniors were held to a draw in their first appearance against Norfolk, who were stronger in the boys events, taking four of the six singles and gaining a clear cut win in the doubles.

The Suffolk Closed Championships take place on January 11, at the well-equipped St. Margaret's Institute, Lowestoft. Unfortunately entries are considerably down on last year and a loss will arise. The committee face the prospect stoically and hope to make it good in other directions.

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LANCASHIRE and CHESHIRE**Lancashire Just Scrape Home**

YORKSHIRE'S inclusion of both David Bevan and Denis Neale against Lancashire at Warrington on November 16 most certainly revitalised the Yorkists' representation to say nothing of the havoc wrought on the nerves of the Lancastrian onlookers.

It was by the narrowest of margins that the home county made it, ironically enough in the men's doubles, contested by Bevan and Neale, who allowed Jeff Ingber and Roy Crusham to raise themselves from the floor to take a vital set that had seemed beyond grasp.

Throughout, the match was a thriller, and one which spectators will look back on perhaps with eager anticipation of the next, for the current series of county fixtures, on the evidence of this encounter, can rightfully be classified as of the cliff-hanger variety.

Cheshire's yo-yo existence could well have been halted as a result of their tumble at Bolton in opposition to Lancashire II.

Crashing 8-2, their wheatsheaf emblems were well nigh flattened in this engagement as a result of which an interesting state of affairs could ensue in the promotion stakes in which both Durham and Lincolnshire will take renewed interest.

In, out, in, could well be the call of a boat race stroke but no racing eights are to be found in Burnley whose inter-league teams in the Lancashire and Cheshire League have been entered, withdrawn and reinstated in the still troubled waters of the East Lancashire township.

Whilst out, because of venue difficulties, their first round Wilmott Cup tie was conceded to Manchester. Yet now, with their initial troubles resolved, resignations of officials and committeemen alike are much in vogue and one can only hope that survival of the sport itself will prevail.

JOLT FOR BOLTON

Another club to hit trouble in the Lancashire and Cheshire League was Bolton whose bright prospects of winning the premier division championship received a severe jolt when only represented by two players against Stockport, to whom they conceded three sets and dropped a point through the absence of Mike Symonds.

Surprise inclusion of Benny Casofsky in Manchester's "A" team opposed to Nelson in Division II (East) speaks

volumes for the former Swathling Cup player's allegiance to his league.

Another whose ties remain steadfast to the same league is president Jack Livingstone who was the surprised recipient, "This is your life" fashion, of a pair of silver candlesticks in recognition of attaining his 70th birthday on November 5, whilst continuing in office.

Mr. "Peter Pan" Livingstone lived up to his nick-name in winning a shipboard tournament returning home from a holiday trip to Israel.

One older, currently playing with Vantona Textiles S.C. in the fifth division of the Bolton League, is Sammy Roscoe, a former Lancashire county wicket-keeper. Sammy celebrated his 71st birthday on Monday, November 25.

Lancaster Y.M.C.A., backbone of the Lancashire and Morecambe League, have this season entered six teams in the local competition. Their first team have not been beaten in a league match for two years and look like making it three with Ron Holland, Maurice Capstick and Derek Olde at the helm.

Forms are in circulation for the Lancashire Open Championships to be held at Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Lostock, Bolton on January 11. A good countrywide entry would be appreciated as for the Cheshire Junior Open on February 22.

A change of venue for the latter event this season to Byrne Avenue Baths, Birkenhead. Forms can be had from the tournament secretary Mr. R. A. Bissell, 75, Southdale Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Cheshire.

By George R. Yates

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

by FRANK BATEMAN

Lancashire Still in the Lead

LANCASHIRE keep their lead in the Premier Division following a 5-4 win over Yorkshire, but it was a close affair, with a notable performance from David Devan who beat both Jeff Ingber and Roy Crusham in straight games.

It appears likely that the championship will not be decided until that vital week-end in March when Lancashire meet Essex, Surrey and Middlesex.

Anyone who thought that Essex would have a walk-over in their visit to Surrey were promptly disillusioned in the first game of the even-

ing when Bobbie Raybould once again found Connie Warren his bogey, despite winning the first set 26-24.

Vic Ireland brought the Surrey supporters to their feet with expectations of a two-love lead after winning the second game 21-11 against Bobby Stevens with some storming counter hitting. However, the Essex man, moving like greased lightning weathered the storm to run up a comfortable winner in the third game.

Essex are lucky to have such a good "stand-in" for Lesley Bell as

Jean McCree, who may play a big part in determining the winner of this division. She beat Peggy Piper, standing-in for Mary Shannon.

Chester Barnes won both his matches for Essex, but Raybould suffered another defeat at the hands of Tony Miller.

Gloucestershire, without Harrison and Merrett, beat both Hertfordshire and Warwickshire 6-4. Barrie Brady made a winning debut in the Premier Division by outgeneralling both Sykes and Barr, of Hertfordshire, while against Warwickshire he beat Keith Jones and only lost 20-22, 20-22 to Derek Badderley. A fine performance indeed.

Lancashire also lead Second Division North after an 8-2 win over Cheshire, whose wins were scored by Schofield and Crossley. Yorkshire surprised themselves with a 10-0 win over Durham, Eric Hall, making a successful debut. The Durham side were well below their best, but this does not detract from the convincing way Yorkshire played.

Lennie, beating Sheader in the singles and partnering Miss Heppel to victory in the mixed doubles, figured in the only Northumberland successes when they went down 2-8 to Lincolnshire.

Derbyshire beat Worcestershire 7-3 in the Midland Divisions, while in the Southern Division Norfolk thrashed Huntingdon 10-0. So complete was their victory that they dropped only one game, when Fields beat Holland at 18 in the third.

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION

December 14 Warwickshire v Yorkshire, Flavells Ltd., Leamington Spa. 7 p.m.

December 20 Hertfordshire v Gloucestershire.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

December 14 Sussex v Essex, North Mundham Village Hall, Chichester. 7.30 p.m.

December 14 Suffolk v Kent.

December 14 Hampshire v Bedfordshire.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

December 14 Yorkshire v Lincolnshire, Thorne Secondary Modern School, North Eastern Road, Thorne, Nr. Doncaster

December 14 Lancashire v Northumberland, Montague Burton's Helliwell Clothing Factory, Wapping Street, Bolton 7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION WEST

December 14 Devonshire v Wiltshire, Torbay Chalet Hotel Holiday Camp, Paignton 7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

December 7 Warwickshire v Staffordshire, S.V. Carburettor Co., Wood Lane, Erdington, Birmingham 24 7 p.m.

December 14 Oxfordshire v Monmouthshire, Corn Exchange, Witney 7 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION

December 14 Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire, Athletic Club, Evesham 7 p.m.

December 14 Staffordshire v Derbyshire

SOUTHERN DIVISION

December 14 Norfolk v Cambridgeshire

December 14 Berkshire v Huntingdonshire, C.W.S. Printing Works, Elgar Road, Reading 6.30 p.m.

December 14 Hertfordshire v Buckinghamshire

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

December 14 Nottinghamshire v Staffordshire

December 14 Leicestershire v Warwickshire, Y.M.C.A., Granby Street, Leicester 4 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

December 14 Surrey v Berkshire, Higgs & Hill Canteen, Vauxhall 4 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH WEST

December 14 Oxfordshire v Monmouthshire, Corn Exchange, Witney 3.30 p.m.

December 14 Glamorganshire v Gloucestershire, Y.M.C.A., Brigend 7 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

December 14 Hertfordshire v Buckinghamshire

December 14 Middlesex v Norfolk

December 21 Hertfordshire v Suffolk

December 28 Suffolk v Essex

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

December 7 Durham v Northumberland, Y.M.C.A., Dovecot Street, Stockton-on-Tees 6 p.m.

December 14 Durham v Cheshire, T.L.F. Welfare Institute, Fullwell Road, Sunderland 3 p.m.

December 14 Durham v Lancashire, T.L.F. Welfare Institute, Fullwell Road, Sunderland 7 p.m.

December 21 Yorkshire v Cheshire; Yorkshire v Lancashire, Y.M.C.A., Wood Street, Doncaster 3 p.m., 7 p.m.

DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Lancashire	3	3	0	0	20	7	6
Essex	2	2	0	0	14	4	4
Gloucestershire	3	2	0	1	12	15	4
Middlesex	1	1	0	0	7	2	2
Surrey	3	1	0	2	15	12	2
Yorkshire	3	1	0	2	11	16	2
Warwickshire	2	0	0	2	5	13	0
Hertfordshire	3	0	0	3	5	13	0

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Lancashire	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Yorkshire	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Lincolnshire	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Cheshire	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Northumberland	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Durham	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Essex	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Bedfordshire	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Kent	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Sussex	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Hampshire	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Suffolk	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

Staffordshire	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Warwickshire	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Glamorgan	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Monmouthshire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Oxfordshire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Worcestershire	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

SECOND DIVISION WEST

Dorset	2	1	1	0	14	6	3
Cornwall	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Devonshire	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Wiltshire	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Somerset	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

MIDLAND DIVISION

Nottinghamshire	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Derbyshire	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Staffordshire	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Oxfordshire	2	0	0	2	6	14	0
Worcestershire	1	0	0	1	3	7	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Buckinghamshire	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Hertfordshire	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Norfolk	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Cambridgeshire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Huntingdonshire	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

Yorkshire	2	2	0	0	13	3	2
Durham	2	0	0	2	3	13	0
Cheshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancashire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

Sussex	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Hampshire	2	1	0	1	14	6	2
Surrey	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Kent	2	0	1	0	7	13	1
Berkshire	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

Essex	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Buckinghamshire	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Middlesex	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Suffolk	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
Norfolk	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Hertfordshire	1	0	0	1	3	7	0

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

Warwickshire	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Nottinghamshire	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Leicestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staffordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH-WEST

Monmouthshire	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Glamorgan	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Gloucestershire	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Oxfordshire	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

of keeping the Junior Division East title, with a 7-3 win over Middlesex. However, the score does not reflect what might have happened if things had gone in favour of the home county in one or two vital stages.

Reg Allen had Essex supporters biting their nails when he took the first game at 16 against John Blackman and in the decider pulled the Essex boy back from 15-9 to 19-all. Blackman, to his credit, steadied himself to take the next two points.

Although David Brown found junior international Tony Robinson too fast, losing at 8 and 16, he ensured an Essex win by beating Allen 15 and 14. Stuart Greenberg

put up a good fight for Middlesex against Stuart Gibbs, unsettling his opponent with some nice passing shots in the second game. Although Gibbs comfortably won the deciding game, he was unable to match the strength of Robinson in the last game of the evening and went down 14 and 12.

Gloria Sayer, making her singles debut for Essex quickly disposed of Margaret Walker at 13 and 10.

Oxford, without their top two boys, went down 1-9 to Glamorgan in the Junior Division South West. Monmouthshire continued their winning way, beating Gloucestershire 10-0 to lead this division.

DETAILED RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Gloucestershire 5, Hertfordshire 4
 B. Brady bt H. Sykes 19, —20, 15; bt B. Barr —14, 12, 13. R. Morley bt Barr —21, 14, 13; lost to T. Densham —16, 11, —16. D. Holland lost to Densham —17, 18, —13; bt Sykes —14, 11, 18.
 Mrs. S. O'Brien lost to Miss J. Williams —17, —16.
 Morley/Holland bt Barr/Sykes 15, —23, 13.
 Brady/Mrs. O'Brien lost to Densham/Miss Williams —13, —12.

Surrey 3, Essex 7

C. Warren bt R. Raybould —24, 17, 14; bt R. Stevens 14, 19. V. Ireland lost to Stevens —18, 11, —10; lost to C. Barnes —18, —15. A. Miller lost to Barnes —14, —13; bt Raybould 13, 13.
 Miss P. Piper lost to Mrs. J. McCree —11, —12.
 J. Moore/Warren lost to Raybould/Barnes —21, —12.
 Moore/Miss Piper lost to Stevens/Mrs. McCree —10, —18.

Lancashire 5, Yorkshire 4

R. Crusham lost to D. Neale —25, —16; lost to D. Bevan —22, —17; J. Ingber lost to Bevan —15, —18; bt P. Duncombe 7, 10; M. Symonds bt Duncombe 11, 17; bt Neale —20, 19, 13.
 Miss D. Fitzgerald bt Miss C. Blackshaw 16, 16.
 Ingber/Crusham bt Bevan/Neale 19, —13, 19.

Symonds/Miss Fitzgerald lost to Duncombe/Miss Blackshaw —21, —18.

Gloucestershire 5, Warwickshire 4

D. Holland bt K. Jones 10, 10; bt D. Backhouse 12, 18. R. Morley lost to Backhouse —19, —20; bt D. Baddeley —17, 21, 14. B. Brady lost to Baddeley —20, —20; bt Jones 11, 20.
 Mrs. M. O'Brien lost to Mrs. D. Griffiths —19, —17.
 Morley/Holland bt Jones/Baddeley 16, —17, 19.
 Brady/Mrs. O'Brien lost to Backhouse/Mrs. Griffiths 17, —13, —19.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Lincoln 8, Northumberland 2
 Yorkshire 10, Durham 0
 Lancashire 8, Cheshire 2.

MIDLAND DIVISION

Derbyshire 7, Worcestershire 3.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Norfolk 10, Huntingdonshire 0
 Cambridgeshire 2, Hertfordshire 8.

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

Yorkshire 2, Durham 0.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

Hampshire 10, Berkshire 0
 Sussex 8, Kent 2.

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

Middlesex 3, Essex 7
 Norfolk 5, Suffolk 5.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH-WEST

Monmouthshire 10, Gloucestershire 0
 Glamorgan 9, Oxfordshire 1.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Singles: M. J. WILCOX bt C. McDonald. Women's Singles: S. JAVOR bt N. Davis (New Zealand).
 Men's Doubles: WILCOX/McDONALD bt Morgan/Thomson. Women's Doubles: JAVOR/BANHIDY bt Curyer/Mark. Mixed Doubles: WILCOX/SHEPHERD bt Thomson/Mark.

SOUTH EAST

MIDLANDS LEAGUE

CAMBRIDGE CITY head all three divisions of the South East Midlands League, but only in the men's and junior divisions are they in a strong position.

The men lead their section by 15 points from Northampton and Kettering, both of whom they have beaten, and have a games average of 25-2.

The juniors set an even hotter pace, having beaten Northampton 10-0, Hunts Central 9-1, and Kettering 8-2, for a total of 27 points.

Points are awarded on the basis of the games won instead of the more customary two points for winning and match and it is this which gives Cambridge a slender two points lead over both Bletchley, for whom Miss Wooding is proving a tower of strength, and Kettering.

Both these teams beat Cambridge women by the same margin of 6-4, but they have played a match less, and will probably overhaul the leaders.

The League's individual championships are to be played at Cambridge Corn Exchange on April 19.

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WITH our treasurer now in a position to open the purse strings just sufficiently to modestly subsidise a limited number of our juniors; and with generous officials and players willing to put their cars at our disposal, we have commenced, as a county, "touring" the "opens" having junior events.

Four boys and one girl, escorted by three officials—Junior selectors—went to the Kent Junior. Geoff Salter and Susan Bond exceeded expectation in reaching the semi-final of the under-15 mixed doubles.

Salter, making a swift departure from the under-15 singles came back magnificently to win the consolation in this event. Of the six boys in the Liege team, Geoff met four, having his hardest game with Jaques Thonnart to whom he was 15-20 down in the third and beat 25-23. The only English opponent in his run was K. Lawrence (Essex) who also took him to three.

Salter and Barry Hill reached the semi-final of the Boys' Junior Doubles, departing in two straight, to the eventual winning French pair, Stret and Bardet.

A second Boys' Junior Trials was held on November 9 and the ranking lists were amended as follows:

Boys: G. Salter, P. McCarthy, M. Hart, B. Hall, C. Foley, M. Watts, J. Woodcock, P. Kingham, G. Harrison, R. Penfold.

Girls: S. Light, S. Bond, A. Scott-Malden, J. Pattison, B. Gough, L. Scales.

SENIORS IN TROUBLE

Our Seniors, with two defeats to date, are verging on dire trouble. Unusual (unique?) was the playing of three different girls in three successive matches for the ladies' singles. Unhappily Peg Piper against Essex failed to upset the England rankings of herself and Jean McCree, and became the first of the three to lose.

Connie Warren gained an impressive win over Bobby Stevens, while Tony Miller beat Bobbie Raybould.

Jim Forrest.

Back Numbers

THE five years of back numbers of TABLE TENNIS offered by England selector Len Adams in the November issue have gone to Father Goose for use of members at the St. Luke's Club, Canning Town.

"I have been surprised at the number of people who wrote for the magazines," said Adams. "There is undoubtedly a big interest and if anyone else has back numbers they wish to dispose of I would be prepared to act as a clearing house for same."

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 (R) are Restricted. 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
Dec. 7	Glamorgan Open		
7-8	Middlesex Open Hanwell Community Centre, Middlesex.		Miss I. Moss, 49, Okchampton Road, London, N.W.10.
10	East London League Finals G.U.S. Sports Pavilion, Spring Hill, Clapton, London, E.5.		
1964			
Jan. 1-4	ENGLISH CLOSED Manor Place Baths, Walworth, London, S.E.17.		
4	Yorkshire Junior Open Madeley St. Baths, Hull.		A. B. Wood, 45, Calverley Garth, Leeds 13.
10-11	WELSH OPEN Drill Hall, Dumfries Place, Cardiff.		Mrs. N. Roy Evans, 1, Llwyn-y-Grant Road, Cardiff.
11	Lancashire Open Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Ltd. Sports Club, Lostock, Bolton.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	A. F. Jones, 13, Moss Bank Close, Astley Bridge, Bolton.
18-19	ESSEX OPEN Ekco Canteen, Southend.		H. Walker, 80, Dereham Gardens, Upminster, Essex.
24-26	GERMANY (EAST) OPEN		
25	Gloucester Junior Open (Jan. 11th) Public Baths, Gloucester.	Under 17's Under 15's	J. R. Chalkley, 17, Woods Orchard Road, Gloucester.
25-26	KENT OPEN Marine Pavilion, Folkestone.		F. G. Mannoch, 216, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
Feb. 1-2	Hythe Invitation Hythe Institute, Hythe, Kent.		R. J. Weaver, 68a, High Street, Hythe, Kent.
8	Midland Open Friends Institute, 220, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.		M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham.
14-16	South of England Open (R) I.C.T. Ltd., Croydon.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	S. H. Buchan, 124, Portnalls Road, Coulston, Surrey.
22-23	Staines Closed		
23	Sussex Closed Brighton.		
Mar. 7	PONTEFRACT OPEN Assembly Rooms, Town Hall, Pontefract, Yorks.		T. Horrocks, 4, Bondgate, Pontefract, Yorks.

SUSSEX OPEN

by **LURIE LANDRY**

MARY TAKES ALL THREE

TOP marks to Mary Shannon on winning all three titles in the Sussex Open at Hastings on October 26-27. A dropped game to Cynthia Blackshaw was her only irregularity up to the thrilling final in which she scored a great win over Diane Rowe.

Mary showed her calmness in a crisis by fighting off three match points in the second game, where she trailed 17-20, after having lost the first game. After this splendid recovery Mary did not put a foot wrong and was well on top in the decider to win 17-21, 22-20, 21-12.

Miss Rowe conceded a game to Lesley Bell in the semi-final, while the only major ranking upset was when Judy Williams (No. 7) beat Jean McCree (No. 4).

Mary and Diane, as expected won the women's doubles although there was a time when they looked as though they might lose the first game

of the final against Jackie Canham and Elsie Carrington, who in the previous round had scored a fine win over Judy Williams and Joyce Ellis.

Mary's third title was with her regular partner Brian Wright in the mixed doubles. Here again Diane Rowe, partnered by Johnny Leach, was on the losing end in the final.

Johnny and Diane accounted for Juliens, of Belgium, the only foreign entrant, and Mrs. Carrington in the semi-final.

BARNES BEATEN

The men's singles provided the major upset when Gordon Chapman ended Chester Barnes' series of tournament successes. Barnes could not acclimatise to looping an unchopped ball.

Chapman's success was shortlived for he then lost to the unranked Alan Cornish, who eventually went out to Michael Symonds in the quarter-finals.

Brian Wright had a good run in beating David Creamer, Peter Shead and George Muranyi, but his progress was stopped in the quarters by Ralph Gunnion, who beat him in a close, straight game and went on to win the title. Gunnion beat Michael Symonds in the semi-final where both were playing well and neither was prepared to give ground.

Roy Morley came through unexpectedly in the other half and the final provided a thriller of fluctuating fortunes. Gunnion had to save a match point in the second game and went to 13-7 in the decider only to be pulled back to 16-all, before emerging the winner at 15-21, 22-20, 22-20. It was a fast exciting match; just what the public wants to see!

Morley had earlier put a stop to a run by Alan Lindsay, who had beaten Harry Venner and Terry Kirby. He also had a good semi-final win over Bobby Stevens, who had accounted for Derek Wall, winner over Alan Rhodes.

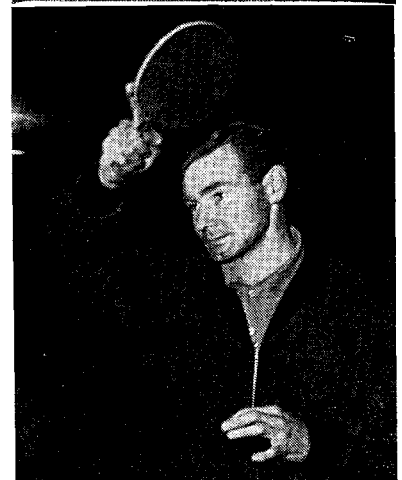
Johnny Leach was among the winners when he partnered David Creamer to retain the men's doubles, when their final victims were the new partnership of Alan Rhodes and Terry Densham, both of whom have gained many successes in the past, but with other partners.

Rhodes and Densham, who fitted in well together, were successful over Stevens and Raybould, and Lindsay and Jackson.

Although Leach and Creamer won the final in straight games they were given a close call in the semi-final by Henry Buist and Tony Piddock before winning at 22-20 in the third.

Harry Venner moved up into the Veterans class to win this title when he beat Ron Etheridge 21-13, 21-16.

MICHAEL MACLAREN PHOTO-COVERAGE of Sussex Open. Top: triple winner, **MARY SHANNON**. Centre: **RALPH GUNNION**, men's winner. Bottom: **ROY MORLEY**, men's runner-up.



RESULTS

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: R. Gunnion (Warw.) bt B. Wright (Middx.) 23-21, 21-18. M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt A. Cornish (Kent) 26-24, 21-8. R. Morley (Gloucs.) bt R. Raybould (Essex) 21-9, 19-21, 21-19. R. Stevens (Essex) bt D. Wall (London) 21-10, 21-14.

Semi - Finals: GUNNION bt Symonds 21-15, 21-19; MORLEY bt Stevens 21-18, 9-21, 21-11.

Final: GUNNION bt Morley 15-21, 22-20, 22-20.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt J. Williams (Herts) 21-10, 21-16; D. ROWE (Middx.) bt L. Bell (Essex) 21-19, 23-25, 21-13.

Final: SHANNON bt Rowe 17-21, 22-20, 21-12.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: J. LEACH (Essex)/D. CREAMER (Middx.) bt H. Buist/A. Piddock (Kent) 13-21, 21-18, 22-20; A. RHODES (Middx.)/T. DENSHAM (Herts) bt A. Lindsay/S. Jacobson (Middx.) 21-18, 21-18.

Final: LEACH / CREAMER bt Rhodes/Densham 21-15, 21-15.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: ROWE/SHANNON bt A. Taft (Middx.)/J. Crosby (N. Zealand) 21-12, 21-14; J. CANHAM (Herts)/B. CARRINGTON (Essex) bt J. Ellis (Kent)/Williams 7-21, 21-8, 21-11.

Final: ROWE/SHANNON bt Canham/Carrington 21-18, 21-12.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: B. WRIGHT (Middx.)/SHANNON bt Stevens/J. McCree (Essex) 21-19, 21-16; LEACH/ROWE bt P. Juliens (Belgium)/Carrington 18-21, 21-7, 21-12.

Final: WRIGHT/SHANNON bt Leach/Rowe 19-21, 21-18, 21-15.

Veteran's Singles: Semi-Finals: H. VENNOR (Surrey) bt L. Howick (Herts) 21-8, 21-3; R. ETHERIDGE (Kent) bt V. Ralls (Essex) 21-13, 21-6.

Final: VENNOR bt Etheridge 21-13, 21-16.

MERSEYSIDE OPEN

by GEORGE R. YATES

Symonds Outrocks All for Triple Crown

GIVING a command performance all his own, Lancashire's Mike Symonds produced a version of the Mersey beat which outrocked all opposition in the Merseyside Open, splendidly staged by the Liverpool League at Messrs. Dunlop's Speke factory on November 9.

Strutting his way to an uninterrupted series of two-straight victories, the rangy Lancastrian stood head and shoulders over a not too impressive company including the defending champion, Brian Wright, who struck a minor key in his duel with Tony Piddock.

PORTSMOUTH OPEN

OBJECTION GIVES
BARNES TITLE

CCHESTER BARNES figured in yet another controversial situation in the Portsmouth Open and it robbed the tournament of the men's singles final. He raised objections, which were upheld, to the shiny surface of the bat being used by Brian Wright, who had come through to meet him in the final.

Wright refused to change his bat or have the surface treated and withdrew, leaving Barnes to keep the title on a walk-over.

Barnes also won the junior singles and collected a third title in the men's doubles with C. Burman.

Mary Hicks carried off the women's singles with a comfortable 21-16, 21-15 final win over Christine Holes, after having dropped a game to Pauline Holes in the semi-finals.

The Holes twins, however, had the consolation of winning the women's doubles. Miss Hicks gained a second title in the mixed with Brian Wright.

PORTSMOUTH

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: C. BARNES bt S. Hahn 21-14, 21-17; B. WRIGHT bt P. Shirley 21-8, 21-9.

Final: BARNES walk-over. Wright scratched.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: M. HICKS bt P. Holes 19-21, 21-14, 21-16. C. HOLES bt A. Woodford 21-19, 32-30.

Final: HICKS bt C. Holes 21-16, 21-15. **Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BARNES/C. BURMAN bt Hahn/D. Harse 21-15, 21-12. G. CHAPMAN/J. MOORE bt L. Gresswell/A. Robinson 21-13, 17-21, 21-5.

Final: BARNES/BURMAN bt Chapman/Moore 21-17, 15-21, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: B. CASSELL/L. HENWOOD bt J. Butler/Y. Wilson 21-16, 21-13. C. HOLES/P. HOLES bt S. Foster/D. Gray 20-22, 21-16, 21-13.

Final: HOLES/HOLES bt Cassell/Henwood 21-19, 21-9.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: D. DAVIES/Miss C. HOLES bt A. Coby/Mrs. Cassell 21-17, 18-21, 21-15. WRIGHT/Miss HICKS bt R. Chandler/Miss Henwood 21-9, 21-13.

Final: WRIGHT/HICKS bt Davies/C. Holes 21-19, 21-15.

Junior Mixed Singles: Semi-Finals: BARNES bt W. Silto 21-10, 21-13. ROBINSON bt J. Beesley 21-12, 21-12.

Final: BARNES bt Robinson 21-13, 21-15.

Much concerned at having to meet Symonds in the first round, Derek Baddeley fared no better with his "paddy" up than did Londoner D. L. Bloy, C. Gray (Hull), Derek Schofield, Alan Cornish, George Livesey or Piddock, all with prior knowledge of the tune the new champion was hammering out.

Piddock's arrival in the final left two seeds, Brian Hill and Wright, floundering as was Yorkshire's new capture Denis Neale, ignobly toppled by Derek Basden.

Surprise turn up in the quarters was young Roger Hampson with victories over Eric Ford and Peter Dixon. Hampson, together with Mike Johns—out to Bryn Farnworth—looks a good bet for Cheshire's county team any time.

Other results of note include Wright's defeat of Billington. Livesey's defeat of David Lowe and Schofield's success over D. W. Wall.

NO MERCY

Attacked by cramp in her final encounter with Jackie Canham, Cynthia Blackshaw held on to her lead in the second game to level, but was shown no mercy by the Hertfordshire lass in the decider with a higher ranked head on the block.

Ivy Kershaw, the holder, was no match for the new champion either, despite her earlier defeat of Lancashire second teamer Connie Moore. Red rose first team regular, Di Fitzgerald, quickly lost sail in going under to Pat Dainty, who subsequently lost to Winnie Swift, the Wigan girl having a real day out.

Carrying on his good work in the singles forward, Symonds partnered Maurice Billington and Lesley Proudlock to victories in the men's and mixed doubles to record a notable treble, whilst Miss Proudlock took a second title, with Miss Blackshaw in the women's doubles.

In the junior boys', Johns gave evidence of his class, always carrying

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt A. G. Cornish (Kent) 21-15, 21-19; G. Livesey (Lancs.) bt D. S. Basden (Kent) 21-9, 21-10; B. D. Wright (Middlesex) bt R. Hampson (Ches.) 21-16, 21-10; A. Piddock (Kent) bt B. Hill (Lincs.) 21-14, 22-20.

Semi-Finals: SYMONDS bt Livesey 21-7, 21-16; PIDDOCK bt Wright 21-17, 21-18.

Final: SYMONDS bt Piddock 21-7, 21-16.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: C. BLACKSHAW (Yorks.) bt W. Swift (Lancs.) 21-15, 17-21, 21-11; J. CANHAM (Herts) bt I. Kershaw (Lancs.) 21-12, 21-17.

Final: CANHAM bt Blackshaw 22-20, 13-21, 21-8.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: SYMONDS/M. BILLINGTON (Warwicks.) bt W. Allanson (Lancs.)/P. Hurworth (Lancs.) 21-18, 22-20; PIDDOCK/H. BUIST (Kent) bt D. Neale (Yorks.)/P. Duncombe (Yorks.) 21-18, 21-13.

Final: SYMONDS / BILLINGTON bt Piddock/Buist 19-21, 21-18, 22-20.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: BLACKSHAW/L. S. PROUDLOCK (Yorks.) bt Kershaw/L. M. Gordon (Yorks.) 21-16, 18-21, 21-13; M. LEIGH (Lancs.)/SWIFT bt B. Broad (Staffs)/J. Lloyd (Wores.) 21-16, 9-21, 21-16.

Final: BLACKSHAW / PROUDLOCK bt Leigh/Swift 21-12, 18-21, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: SYMONDS / PROUDLOCK bt D. Schofield (Ches.)/Broad 21-14, 20-22, 21-16; DUNCOMBE/BLACKSHAW bt Hill/J. Crafter (Lancs.) 21-14, 21-19.

Final: SYMONDS / PROUDLOCK bt Duncombe / Blackshaw 21-18, 14-21, 21-18.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: A. HYDES (Yorks.) bt P. Canham (Yorks.) 19-21, 21-19, 21-16; M. JOHNS (Ches.) bt J. Frankland (Lancs.) 21-17, 21-16.

Final: JOHNS bt Hyde 21-18, 21-13.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: P. DAINTY (Yorks.) bt M. Heppell (Northumb.) 21-12, 21-11; S. D. CROWE (Yorks.) bt C. Buckles (Lancs.) 21-6, 21-13.

Final: DAINTY bt Crowe 21-7, 21-4.

Veteran Singles: Semi-Finals: H. G. SPIERS (Warwicks.) bt A. E. Gould (Lancs.) 21-11, 21-12; J. K. KENNERLEY (Ches.) bt L. Heppell (Northumb.) 21-19, 21-7.

Final: SPIERS bt Kennerley 21-10, 21-19.

the fight against Alan Hydes in the final in which attack paid off against a defence, although good, was not enough.

Pat Dainty had no trouble in retaining her girls' singles title, but Harold Spiers was much harder pressed in defence of his veteran crown by John Kennerley.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by MALCOLM HARTLEY

An Infant Prodigy

ALAN FLETCHER represented his city six weeks after his 11th birthday and is thought to be Yorkshire's youngest ever inter-league player. He started playing at a holiday camp two years ago.

In Division Three of the Hull League he won eight of his first ten sets and when two others were unavailable for Hull youths' second team he stepped in for a rapid first honour. And he won a set in an 8-2 victory over Doncaster.

Alan Hydes, three years older, started the season in Barnsley's senior second team—and beat those experienced campaigners Peter Simpson and Len Browning in a drawn match against Leeds.

He also did well at the national junior trials to earn his first ranking as No. 4. Pat Dainty came out on top in the girls' section to be No. 2 to Lesley Bell, and with these and several other youngsters improving all the time and a Premier Division side with an average age of 20, Yorkshire face a happy future.

By the way, Hyde's selection as Boy of the Year completed a notable treble for Yorkshire, who provided the Girl of the Year in 1961 (Lesley Proudlock) and 1962 (Pat Dainty).

Doug McGarry, who was in Barnsley's championship side last season, is now playing for Sheffield and was unbeaten in a 7-3 success against Bradford. He also helped Albion tip Huddersfield Y.M.C.A. out of the inter-club tourney 5-4, after they had been 3-0 behind.

Wadsley Bridge, the Sheffield champions, have been weakened by the departure of Cleve Judson to Oxford.

Caroline Cook made her 70th appearance for Barnsley women and was unbeaten at No. 4 in an 8-2 victory over Sheffield.

In the Huddersfield women's team which stopped Hull 6-4 was Joyce Dyson, Ray Hinchliff's sister, who was the town's No. 1 before the first of her three boys arrived. Joyce, who is not related to Stuart and Mavis, is turning out in the league for one of the R.A.F.A. teams.

IN FIRST DIVISION

Raymond, meanwhile, is back in Division One—though only just. He caused a stir in 1958 when he dropped into Division Five to represent Electric Sports. They have moved steadily upwards since then, though their finish to last season was as exciting as can be imagined. Richard Thwaites beat Gary Moss (Kirkburton Congs) 26-24 in the deciding game of the last set of the last match to give Electric a 6-4 victory and promotion.

White Rose Annual is once again superb value and presents 72 pages of facts about the game and personalities in Yorkshire. It can be obtained from Mr. or Mrs. A. P. F. Cook, 132, Wiltthorpe Road, Barnsley (1s. 6d. plus 6d. postage).

Keen couple in the north-east are Walter and Betty Mitton. Walter, who became a member of the N.E.C. this summer, is in his eighth season as Yorkshire secretary and seventh as Scarborough League secretary, while his wife is in her seventh season as Scarborough match secretary. Walter says that the Selby League, whose organisation impressed him on a recent visit, are wanting to fix friendlies with inter-league sides.

SUCCESSFUL DEBUTS FOR WARWICKSHIRE

DEREK BACKHOUSE and **Doreen Griffiths** made successful debuts for Warwickshire in the Premier Division but could not prevent a narrow 4-6 defeat by Gloucestershire. Backhouse won his singles against Roy Morley, and the mixed doubles with Miss Griffiths, who also won her singles.

Miss Griffiths has taken over from



DOREEN GRIFFITHS

Pam Mortimer, who is now living in Devon and is no longer available.

Warwickshire came near to victory when they led 4-3 and again when Derek Baddeley held a good lead in the final set against Morley.

As this followed on a 1-8 loss to Essex, Warwickshire will need a big effort to maintain their place in the Premier Division.

The position is more heartening with the second team who have beaten both Glamorgan and Monmouthshire and it could be that their meeting with Staffordshire will decide the Division.

The Juniors, with an entirely new team, made a great start, beating Nottinghamshire 7-3. Most encouraging was the play of Maureen Billington, sister of county first teamer, Maurice. She was unbeaten.

The Birmingham Schools' League is stronger than ever, with approximately 150 teams. A problem for the future is where will we place these up and coming youngsters when they leave school. Serious thought must be given to this by the Association.

Roger Morris.

BOURNEMOUTH HEAD FOR HANTS. TITLE

TABLE tennis figured in Southampton's National Education Week, when 20 local schools teams and a team from the coaching centre played before the public at Taunton's School.

The Holes twins, Pauline and Christine, also gave an exhibition, all events being arranged by Mr. V. Davies, Southampton Schools physical training officer.

Bournemouth "A" inflicted their heaviest ever defeat on Southampton by 10-2 in the Hampshire League and now look almost certain to retain the First Division championship. They are unbeaten with a games average of 41-7 from their four matches. Bournemouth "B" are in second place, having lost only to their "A" side.

Basingstoke head the Second Division with maximum points from three matches, while Southampton, also unbeaten, are top of the Junior Division.

Teddy Grant.

SET BACK FOR LEICESTER

LEICESTER'S hopes of topping the Midland League (North) zoomed when they played Walsall. Both the men's teams lost their unbeaten record when each lost 7-3. The Intermediates and Veterans, however, kept up the good work to retain their 100 per cent record. The Juniors lost again and look to be in for a hard season. Two of the team, though, have two more years as Juniors and one player one more year so they can look forward to better things in the future.

In the County Junior trials John Wells beat everybody in straight games to be ranked number one. The positions are: 1, J. Wells; 2, D. J. Randall; 3, M. Grainger; 4, R. Geary; 5, D. Jones; 6, T. Kurys; 7, T. Spring; 8, S. Orzechowski; 9, D. Hull; 10, H. Bielefeld; 11, W. Kendzierski.

The Leicestershire League has got under way. Leicester "A" beat Melton Mowbray and Leicester "B" beat Loughborough, both by close margins. Outstanding for their respective teams were Fred Day and Nick Smith (Leicester "A"), Dennis Smith and T. Watson (Melton), Noel Tailby and John Geschke (Leicester "B") and Dick Johnson and Roger Morley (Loughborough).

In the Loughborough League Shephed have got off to a good start and look likely winners of the first division. With a team consisting of John Grimley, Phil Jacques and Mick Brooks this is hardly surprising. Rolls Royce look favourites for the second division.

Leicester T.T.C., favourites for the first division of the Leicester and District League have suffered a set-back by the premature retirement, for business reasons, of their captain, Graham Newby. Graham has been a tower of strength in the Leicester T.T.C. for several years.

Philip Reid.

WELSH CORNER

ABERDARE OPEN HERE TO STAY

TWO good events marked the opening of the Welsh Tournament season, the first of these, a brand new championship of Aberdare, getting off to the sort of start which would indicate that it is here to stay. The unlikely venue, the Aberdare Council's Bus Depot, turned out in the event to provide good conditions and a tournament which produced some excellent table tennis.

Eddie Thomas, the Aberdare League secretary, and his band of hard workers are to be congratulated on organising what proved to be a very popular event.

Only in respect to Welsh results could there be any disappointment, for like so many Welsh tournaments it was a happy hunting ground for English players.

Once again it was Vic Ireland who made the successful trip to Wales and once again it was Johnny Mansfield who provided him with the only real test. Mansfield had done extremely well to beat young Wooding, the Welsh exile from Buckinghamshire, and, as in two tournaments last year, gave Ireland a hard battle.

In the other semi-final George Evans after beating Alan Thomas defeated Phil Bevan, whose quarter-final victim was Gerald Cooklin, the other Welsh exile, who regularly plays in Welsh tournaments. The final clash was between Ireland and Evans and saw the latter play very disappointingly.

The women's singles final was excellent with Margaret Phillips showing a welcome return to form. She and Audrey Bates had a ding-dong battle with hit and counter hit, victory going eventually to Audrey's greater penetration.

GAINED REVENGE

Margaret, however, gained her revenge in the mixed doubles, partnering George Evans to beat Audrey Bates and Glyn Morgan. She also won the women's doubles with Margaret Jones, beating Sandra Morgan and Stella Jones.

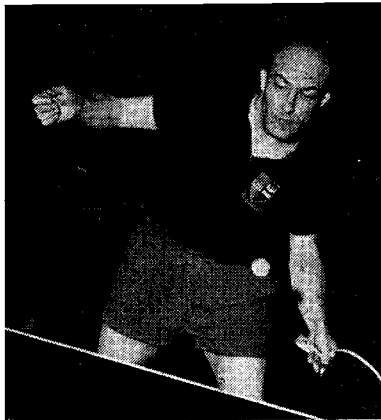
The boys' singles produced some excellent table tennis with Dennis Samuel showing something of his true form at last, to beat Wayne Smith in a good final. Patricia Smith, of Dinas Powis, showed that she has already gained some experience when she met Sandra Hindley in the final of the girls' event, and although the latter won comfortably enough, Pat's form has improved.

The Swansea Open event, a fortnight later, was pretty well an all English

affair, and Roy Morley, no stranger to Welsh Tournaments, took three titles.

In the men's singles after a good win over his last year's rival Alan Thomas in the quarter finals, he went on to beat Ron Davies in the semi-final, the latter registering a surprising win over George Evans. In the other half Stan Jacobson, the holder, after beating Collins of Middlesex in the quarters, lost to Dennis Holland in the semi-final, the latter having disposed of Cooklin who had previously eliminated Brian Everson.

Morley eventually won a splendid final then partnered Holland to victory over George Evans and Ron Davies in the doubles semi-finals, and Jacobson and David Jones in the final.



Picture by M. Mac

VIC IRELAND

The women's singles was a triumph for Margaret Phillips, who comfortably beat Elizabeth Gray after the latter had narrowly beaten her namesake Betty Gray. Sandra Morgan was Margaret's semi-final victim.

The mixed doubles produced a pleasing result in that Morley's partner was Pam Rainsbury (London) who played table tennis in Cardiff a year or so ago. Other final victims were the Woodings, Welsh born brother and sister.

In the women's doubles final Margaret Jones and Margaret Phillips repeated their Aberdare success over Sandra Morgan and Stella Jones. Dennis Samuel took the boys' event. This time his opponent was Alan Jewell of Eastern Valleys, who beat clubmate Wayne Smith in the quarter-final before having trouble in beating Miss Joan Wooding, who had created some problems for boys earlier in the event.

Conditionwise, the Swansea was a much better event than it has been in the past.

A SAD LOSS

The Welsh table tennis scene has been darkened by the sudden death of Jack Price. A much closer friend, Pat Arkell of Aberavenny, has written an obituary, but one cannot let the opportunity

pass without paying sincere tribute to the tremendous enthusiasm and devotion Jack Price displayed in the cause of Junior table tennis.

In another context it could be said that he "died in the saddle," for it is true that although he knew he was desperately ill he took some juniors all the way to the Kent Open and back some days before his sudden death.

It was perhaps fitting that the last event he attended was the one to which the Welsh Association sent four of its best junior as the beginning of a campaign for which Jack had fought so hard over the years.

Initial games in the Welsh League have produced the following league positions:

WELSH LEAGUE TABLES

(Up to November 16)

DIVISION I

	P.	W.	L.	P.
Cardiff 'A'	4	4	0	12
Newport	5	3	2	11
Barry	4	3	1	10
Aberdare 'A'	5	2	3	9
Swansea 'A'	5	2	3	9
Cardiff 'B'	4	2	2	8
Eastern Valls 'A'	3	1	2	5
Aberavenny	5	0	5	5

DIVISION II

Cardiff 'C'	6	5	1	16
Eridend 'A'	5	5	0	15
Aberdare 'B'	5	3	2	11
Eastern Valls 'B'	5	3	2	11
Merthyr	6	2	4	10
Tredegar	5	2	3	9
Bridgend 'B'	4	0	4	4
Milford Haven	4	0	4	4

JUNIOR DIVISION

Aberdare	4	4	0	12
Barry	4	3	1	10
Bridgend	4	3	1	10
Eastern Valls	3	3	0	9
Newport	4	1	3	6
Tredegar	4	1	3	6
Milford Haven	4	0	4	4
Cardiff	3	0	3	3

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Cardiff	2	2	0	6
Swansea	2	2	0	6
Newport	2	0	2	2
Tredegar	2	0	2	2

QUAYE BROTHERS CONTEST FINALS

Brothers Emanuel and Okine Quaye, of Ghana, were in opposition in both the men's singles and mixed doubles final in the West African Championships at Accra. Emanuel won the singles 12-21, 21-8, 21-19, 21-11, and in the mixed paired with Miss Jacks, the women's singles winner, to beat Okine and Miss Akuetteh.

Emanuel and Okine then won the men's doubles, which Jacks and Akuetteh took the women's doubles, for Ghana to sweep the board.

Emanuel also beat his brother in the men's singles final of the Ghana Championships, where Miss Jacks also won the women's singles.

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OBITUARY

JACK PRICE

(A tribute from PATRICK ARKELL)

WITH the premature death at the age of 43 of Jack Price, Welsh table tennis has suffered a blow that it can ill afford.

He was chairman of the Monmouthshire County Association and also its chief coach. In addition, he was a Welsh selector and has held posts with the Brecon, Abergavenny and Tredegar Leagues.

Mr. Price was best known as a coach and was a familiar figure at junior events in both Wales and England. His passing comes at a time when he was on the threshold of winning his ever persistent battle for more recognition and better coaching facilities for juniors in Wales.

Many players who have represented Wales as juniors have been his protégés and the entire present successful Monmouthshire County junior team are the product of his tireless efforts. It was one of his biggest regrets that none of his potentially good youngsters stayed in the game to revive the drooping fortunes of Welsh table tennis.

On two occasions he was non-playing captain of the Welsh junior team and on many occasions of both the County senior and junior teams.

Had Mr. Price not been dogged by illness over many years he may well have reached heights as a player. He could claim to have beaten almost all of the best players in Wales in post-war years.

A dynamic personality and natural sportsman he played rugby for Monmouthshire and conceivably it was illness that prevented him reaching the pinnacle of achievement in Welsh sport, a rugby cap. During his short span he was also an above average cricketer, hurdler, long jumper and boxer.

Born in the village of Talgarth, Breconshire, he spent much of his young life in Western Australia before returning to his beloved South Wales. By profession a quantity surveyor his last post was with the Tredegar Urban Council.

He is survived by a widow, three daughters and a son.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**A CLEAN SWEEP BY WILCOX**

M. J. WILCOX made a clean sweep of the Australian championships when he beat C. McDonald in the singles final; partnered McDonald to win the men's doubles, then took the mixed title with Miss C. Shepherd.

Chasing him for the honour of "player of the tournament" was Susy Javor with a brace of titles, holding off the challenge of New Zealander

TWO NEW HUNGARIAN HOPES

by TIBOR HAMORI

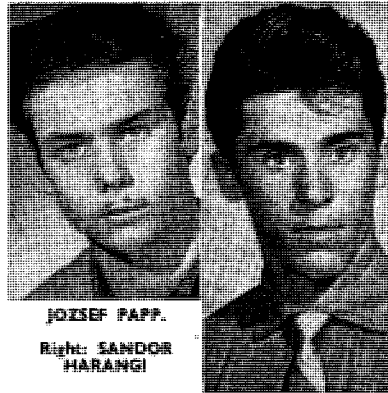
HUNGARY, for many years one of the leaders of European table tennis, are concerned about their future in the sport. As the past champions grow old and approach the end of their careers, there is the need for replacements.

This has been the greatest worry of the Hungarian officials so that it gave them the greatest pleasure when two bright young hopes came forward at the "Top Ten" Tournament. They are 18-year-old Sandor Harangi and 16-year-old Jozsef Papp.

Let me, therefore, introduce you to these two new hopes.

SANDOR HARANGI:

Of medium build, strong muscled and quick moving, "Sanyi" as he is known, was keen on football before



JOZSEF PAPP.

Right: SANDOR HARANGI

he turned to table tennis. He originates from Eger but moved to Budapest four years ago to become a pupil of international player Elemér Gyetvai.

No youngster has so many strokes as "Sanyi," and he quickly attracted attention with his powerful hitting on both backhand and forehand.

This year he has begun to show the fruits of his hard work and devotion to the game. He won the

Budapest Junior championship and this was followed by the Hungarian Junior title. It was not surprising then that he should be earmarked for the international squad and so find himself playing in the "Top Ten" event.

There were some who thought that Harangi was being launched into the top ranks too soon, but he quickly dispelled this by finishing fifth in the "Top Ten" where, although losing to Zoltan Berczik, he gave the champion a great tussle.

Ferenc Sido, Hungary's outstanding post-war player, was full of praise of Harangi's play and expressed the opinion: "Among Hungarian players Harangi has the most chance of being my successor. He has shown how the modern game should be played."

JOZSEF PAPP:

A modest youngster, Papp started to play table tennis at the age of 12 in a miner's team and his career has advanced smoothly. He was a boy champion and a succession of good results led to an invitation to the "Top Ten" tournament.

Like Harangi he has more than one stroke, but generally he likes to hit, and his sudden attacks win him a lot of points.

He is diligent, quick learning and works hard at the game. Now that he is playing with the top seniors everyone believes that his enthusiasm and talent will take him to future international honours.

These, then, are the two players who have gladdened the hearts of Hungarian officials, with the prospects of brighter days ahead. And Hungary certainly needs a boost, particularly after failing to reach a final of the Yugoslav Championships.

SOUTH AFRICA

IVOR MONTAGU, President of the International Federation, has pointed out that the South African Championships reported in the last issue were in fact the South African Union Championship.

The South African Union is not a member of the I.T.T.F.

WEDDING BELLS



EDDIE HODSON, former England and Middlesex player was married on September 7 at Enfield, to Miss Sandra Burkett.

The Best Man was Brian Turner, while among the table tennis players were Ian Harrison and Mrs. Harrison, Terry Densham, Dave Hope, Peter Madge and Michael Maclaren.

ERSZEBET HEIRITZ, Hungary's No. 2 woman player, has married Josef Jurik, and will in future play under her married name.

BIRMINGHAM OPEN

WRIGHT RETURNS TO FORM

BRIAN WRIGHT, of Middlesex, showed a welcome return to form to win the men's singles in the Birmingham Open and also the mixed doubles in a scratch partnership with little known Miss B. Hallett, of Kent.

It was a tournament of upsets. Derek Wall, the South African, accounted for the seeded Joe Somogyi; George Muranyi beat Derek Baddeley; and Roy Morley disposed of Mike Creamer.

Wright beat Vic Ireland, Wall in the

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Entries to the E.T.T.A. Office, Room 652, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2, by December 6.

TEAM SELECTIONS:

Netherlands Open, Utrecht, October 5-6. **D. CREAMER** (Middlesex), Miss **D. ROWE** (Middlesex) (captain), Miss **M. SHANNON** (Surrey).

v. Netherlands at Guinness Sports Club, London, N.W.10, November 2. **D. CREAMER** (Middlesex), **A. RHODES** (Middlesex), **J. INGBER** (Lancashire). Non-playing captain: **R. CRAYDEN** (Surrey).

Yugoslavia and Hungarian Opens: November 7 to 17. **D. CREAMER** (Middlesex), **R. GUNNION** (Warwickshire), Miss **D. ROWE** (Middlesex), Miss **M. SHANNON** (Surrey), Miss **L. BELL** (Essex). Non-playing captain: **L. ADAMS** (Middlesex).

Scandinavian Open, November 30 to December 2. **I HARRISON** (Gloucestershire), **D. CREAMER** (Middlesex), Miss **D. ROWE** (Middlesex), Miss **M. SHANNON**

semi-final, and Tony Piddock in the final.

Biggest shocks were in the women's singles, where **Mrs. D. Deeley**, the former Dorothy Worrall, became the first Staffordshire player to win an open singles.

Following an early win over Mrs. Joyce Ellis, the No. 2 seed, she went on to beat Irene Ogus in the semi-final and Doreen Griffiths in the final.

Men's Singles: **B. WRIGHT** (Middlesex) bt A. Piddock (Kent) 21-15, 17-21, 21-17. **Women's Singles:** **A. DEELEY** (Staffordshire) bt D. Griffiths (Warwickshire) 22-24, 21-9, 21-18.

Men's Doubles: **M. CREAMER** (Middlesex)/**J. T. DENSHAM** (Hertfordshire) bt V. Ireland/G. Muranyi (Surrey) 21-16, 15-21, 21-15. **Women's Doubles:** **DEELEY/A. CHARMAN** (Staffordshire) bt B. Sayer/G. Sayer (Essex) 21-18, 21-17. **Mixed Doubles:** **WRIGHT/Miss B. HALLETT** (Kent) bt K. Baker/Mrs. J. Ellis (Kent) 21-18, 21-17.

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Ranking Meeting. The following players took part in the second Ranking Meeting at the R.A.F. Sports Arena, Stanmore, Middlesex, on November 24:

MEN: **C. Barnes** (Essex), **D. Creamer** (Middlesex), **A. Rhodes** (Middlesex), **R. Stevens** (Essex), **J. Ingber** (Lancashire), **R. Gunnion** (Warwickshire), **D. Neale** (Durham), **B. Hill** (Lincolnshire), **A. Lindsay** (Middlesex), **D. Bevan** (Gloucestershire), **K. Jones** (Warwickshire), **M. Billington** (Warwickshire), **P. Duncombe** (Yorkshire), **B. Wright** (Middlesex), **C. Warren** (Surrey).

WOMEN: **D. Rowe** (Middlesex), **M. Shannon** (Surrey), **L. Bell** (Essex), **J. McCree** (Essex), **J. Ellis** (Kent), **C. Blackshaw** (Yorkshire), **J. Williams** (Hertfordshire), **J. Canham** (Hertfordshire), **A. Taft** (Middlesex), **M. Hicks** (Middlesex), **P. Piper** (Surrey), **D. Fitzgerald** (Cheshire), **C. Holes** (Hampshire), **L. Proudlock** (Yorkshire).

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