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Home in triumph. England's women's team with the bouquets presented to them on arrival at London Airport from their successes in the European Championships. Left to right **DIANE ROWE**, holding the Women's Doubles Cup, **MARY SHANNON**, **RON CRAYDEN**, the non-playing captain with the team trophy, **IRENE OGUS** and **LESLEY BELL**.

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Memo to the Young and Venturesome

By RON CRAYDEN

IT is a characteristic of our race to proceed cautiously when there is a hint of change in the wind, or even to bury our heads in the sand when something arises that tends to conflict with our traditional beliefs and methods. At the moment such a crisis confronts us in the world of table tennis and we all seem to be emulating the ostrich by burying our heads as deeply as possible. I refer to the take-over by the pen-holders of world supremacy.

I thought the lessons of Peking, when twelve out of the first fourteen players in the world used the pen-grip, would have had a startling effect. But no, not a single home player, as far as I can ascertain, has given it more than a passing thought.

After Peking came Prague and again the Asian pen-holders swept the board. If anything, the gap between East and West had widened. Another World's is almost upon us and a clairvoyant is not needed to pinpoint the type of player who is going to be on top.

Why then this apathy of our players to get on the band waggon? Most seem to believe that it is not necessary to change the grip and that the "Western" or "shake-hands" grip is superior.

I am certain that as long as we believe this, then we will always be also-rans and the Chinese and Japanese will go on laughing up their oriental sleeves.

FACE FACTS

We must face facts. For a decade the Swaythling Cup and all the men's singles titles have been won by pen-holders. It must also be realised that there are great numbers of players in the East who favour the Western style of play, and although some of them are fantastic performers they still run second best to the pen-gridders.

With the modern power game, the attacker holds most of the aces and as I see it the pen-grip affords

definite advantages to all would-be attackers. It allows for a greater variety of spin services; for a more controlled and deceptive forehand hit; and for the attack to be kept up without the thought of having to chance the face of the bat.

As regards the backhand, may it suffice to say that world champion Chuang-Tse-Tung hits a backhand kill with the same authority as Sido used to.

RUSSIAN EXAMPLE

It is voiced by many that the pen-grip would not suit us as those of the East have a different physical make-up. I was prepared to accept this as a valid argument, until the emergence of Russia's Rudnova.

A big strong girl with much determination, she plays pen-holder in the modern style without frills, without any pretence of loop, but with a single-minded purpose of battering the ball and her opponent into submission. At the European Championships, Rudnova reached the semi-finals only to lose deuce in the fifth to the world ranking Jurik.

I have instanced this to illustrate two points. Firstly, she is not a product of the East and has no special flexibility of the wrists developed by using chopsticks, and secondly, she was the only pen-holder in the tournament, a lone outsider against the field. The latter surely has some bearing on the potential of the grip.

All styles are good for the game and both "Western" and "Eastern" must be encouraged. It is my personal opinion that the modern pen-holder game has great advantages over our orthodox grip. It is essential that we do something about it—and soon!

In my travels around Europe, I have noticed young players already quite useful with the pen-grip and I shudder to think that we are going to be left behind again, as we were in the early days of sponge. Let us raise our heads from the sand, for it does not need a discerning eye to notice that the sands are already shifting.

Editor's Postbag . . .

THAT SERVICE ACTION

MR. KAYES makes several good points in his letter "95% Foul." I do, however, feel that were he to attend more functions he would realise that he is guilty of some gross exaggeration. In particular, I would describe his statement that "it is almost impossible (to serve out of the cupped hand) without getting some spin on the ball" as complete nonsense.

Following the recent circular from the N.U.R.C., Middlesex took action at the Open on December 12, 13 and at the county matches with Surrey and Kent on 18 and 19 to tighten up on bad serving and I think it will be generally agreed that the serving here was improved. One player in particular found great difficulty in complying with the flat hand requirement and was faulted several times in the county match with Kent. Despite his really determined efforts to comply with the laws he found it almost impossible to do this and it shows how serious the matter has become when a player of this quality finds himself suddenly stopped from doing something he has always done and is unable to rectify the matter.

Tom Blunn is, of course, quite right when he says that the umpire is allowed no discretion in interpretation of the service law (exactly as he is allowed no discretion in the "volley ball" law). In my opinion if a law is on the books it must be observed—it is quite wrong to ignore it just because it is unpopular. I sincerely hope that all other counties will make a real effort to follow the N.U.R.C. line and stamp out illegal services. Should the remainder of this season show that the law in its present form cannot be enforced then the only honest thing to do is to change the law to something which can be enforced, but an unobserved law can bring the whole game into disrepute.

JOHN M. WRIGHT.
(Hon. C.U. Secretary.)

FAIR SERVICE?

AT Middlesex v Kent county match recently Brian Wright and Diane Rowe (among others) were warned for so-called breaches of the service law. It seemed that the ball was not being thrown up straight. This is no breach, according to the wording of Law 10:

"The service shall begin by the server projecting the ball by hand only, without imparting of spin, up into the air."

Thus the ball can be projected forwards, backwards, or sideways as long as it goes upwards—i.e., above the horizontal plane which would be formed by an imaginary extension of the player's hand.

No service which complies with Law 10 in full can go anywhere but up, unless the hand is dropped away from the ball, which in itself seems to be a failure to project the ball.

Most players will agree with Mr. Kayes (December letter) that umpires

are inconsistent.

One example: Middlesex v Surrey county match took place on the evening before the Kent match mentioned earlier. Surely Brian and Di were using the same service actions, which satisfied all umpires for all games then? Yet during the Kent match these service actions received differing treatments from different umpires, ranging from passing to penalising, to the confusion of most people present!

UNFAIR SERVICE?

Who was responsible for the fiasco at Tottenham on December 12? **Advertised and ticket time of start of England v Hungary International Team Matches—2 p.m. Actual start 1 p.m.**

Most spectators were just in time to see the last games of the final singles in the men's match, and missed Neale beating Berczik in the first singles.

This treatment of the paying public, caused by the Association's servile acquiescence to the whims of the TV planners, will (if it continues) certainly kill any remaining public support. Could we now have a public apology from whoever is responsible?

G. E. HARRIS.

TAKING heed of the November editorial, "In Which We Serve" I was amazed at the Birmingham Open at the lackadaisical way players apply the service rule.

Umpiring one match, I applied the "ball off the hand" rule, but told the players I would call a "let" if they served off their fingers. One county's player had nine "lets" called in his first five services for serving off his fingers. When informed he would lose the point if he did it again he served every service legally.

In another match between two ranked players, one of them having reached 20-15 in the second game lost four match points on his own service.

Faced with the next one he put the ball on the palm of his hand, threw it on the bat, bounced it and caught it. He did this seven times then suddenly on throwing it up again forced it wide on backhand of his opponent who reacted automatically (after probably being mesmerised by the repeated bouncing) and put the ball in the net.

What a way to win!!!

"RUGBY JOE."

Editor's Note: Names of the players concerned have been deleted to save them embarrassment but it is to be hoped they will learn to serve legally.

JACK CARRINGTON'S NOTEBOOK

NATIONAL COACHING COMMITTEE—Additional Member

In accordance with the views expressed at the annual general meeting the National Council agreed that one member of the National Coaching Committee should be nominated by free vote of the National Coaching Liaison Officers.

These liaison officers are the senior coaches who deputise for the Director in various matters, and act as the link between the committee and the rank-and-file of the coaches.

As a result of this vote, **Mr. A. G. (Gordon) STEGGALL** of 276 Northridge Way, Hemel Hempstead, was duly appointed to the National Coaching Committee.

BEST-TRAINED YOUTH GROUP COMPETITION

We received many compliments upon the smart appearance of the

winning team, Blackpool, on the cover of TABLE TENNIS for October.

At the same time we received some justifiable complaints that the magazine made no mention of the runners-up in this national competition.

Our apologies to **CESHUNT and District League** (Coaches were Gordon Steggall, Bill Dale, Gerry Kasza) who came second, and to **LETCH-WORTH and District League** (Coaches were Len Howick, Joan Williamson and Norman Taylor, who came third in a very closely contested final at Dunlop's, Coventry. Our thanks are due to Coventry and District League for staging this final.

The winners' cup and individual trophies were presented by Chester Barnes; in addition the winning league received a tournament table.

Entries for this season's "B.Y.T.G." competition are due by January 15.

NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME—FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(Director of Coaching may be contacted at these)

1965			
Jan. 5	*Crystal Palace		School Pupils
Jan. 10			Inter-County Under-16 Meeting
Jan. 23	*Southend	Highlands School	School Rally
Jan. 24	*Harlow	Sportcentre	Young Players' Day
Jan. 30-31	*Matlock	Lea Green	Teachers' and Leaders' Course
Feb. 20-21 or 27-28	*Manchester		L.E.A. Mass Rally

*Coaches interested to assist on these, please apply for details as below. **NOTE:** Other sessions will take place in various areas, on the intervening dates; enquiries from pupils, advancing players, organisers or coaching students will be welcomed by: **E.T.T.A. Director of Coaching, 24 Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex. Tel. VAL 5838.**

AROUND THE WORLD

A NEW JAPANESE STAR

NINETEEN - YEAR - OLD Naoko Fukazu looks like being Japan's latest threat for the women's singles title in the World Championships at Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, next April. She swept through Japan's tour of China without defeat when she beat Liang Li-chen, world's No. 10, in the match against the China Youth team at Canton on November 8.

This was the last match of the tour and a crowd of 6,000 saw the Japanese men win 5-3; the women 3-1 and the Junior Boys 3-0. Chinese Youth won the Junior girls 2-1.

Crowds of 5,000-strong watched previous matches against Shanghai and China Youth team on October 31 and November 1.

Detailed results:

v **SHANGHAI**, Shanghai, October 30.

MEN, won 5-1. Kimura bt Hua Lin-hsiao 11, 19; Konaka bt Yu chang-chien 9, 19; Kawase bt Yu Yung-nien 17, —7, 11; bt Yu Yi-tse 17, —17, 11; Nohira lost to Yu Yi-tse —19, —22; bt Chiang Shih-hsiang 11, —18, 20.

WOMEN, drew 3-3: Seki lost to Hui-ching 16, —18, —17; Fukazu bt Chao Yueh-li 12, 10; Yamanaka lost to Cheng Min-chik —14, —4; lost to Litto-nan —19, —13; Nakayama bt Cheng Min-chik 18, 20; bt Li Ho-nan —16, 19, 13.

JUNIORS, Boys, lost 1-2: Kawahwa lost to Yao Chen-hsu —19, —19; bt Liu Ming-chuan 8, 17; N. Hasegawa lost to Chang Fu-hsuan —19, 13, —20.

JUNIORS, Girls, lost 1-2: Ono lost to Hsu To-wei —11, —8; bt Wu Ai-fang 9, 19.

v **CHINA YOUTH TEAM**, Shanghai, November 1.

MEN, lost 2-5: Kimura lost to Chou Lan-sun —12, —17; lost to Yu Yi-tse —19, —23; bt Yu chang-chun 9, 19; Konaka lost to Chou Lan-sun —15, —19; bt Yu Yi-tse 12, 19; Kawase lost to Chou Lan-sun 17, —21, —12; lost to Yu Chang-chun —14, 16, —16.

WOMEN, won 3-2: Seki lost to Lui Hui-cheng —21, 18, —9; bt Ti Chiang-hua —18, 10, 8; Fukazu bt Lui-cheng 17, 19; bt Ti Chiang-hua —15, 20, 18; Seki/Fukazu lost to Li Ho-nan/Han Yu-chen 17, —17, —11.

JUNIORS, Boys, won 3-0: N. Hasegawa bt Yao Chen-hsu 11, 20; bt Lu Hsien-chao —18, 10, 15; Kawahara bt Chang Fu-hsuan 12, 18.

JUNIORS, Girls, lost 1-2: Ono bt Chu Chieh-jen 16, —16, 16; Naka lost to Hsu

Jo-wei —17, —16; lost to Hu Hsin-chen —17, —20.

v **THE CHINA YOUTH TEAM**, Canton, November 8.

MEN, won 5-3: Hu Tao-pen bt Nohira 10, 19; Kawase 19, —18, 15, and Konaka 13, —16, 19, but Konaka won 2, Nohira 2 and Kawase 1 against Wu Hsiao-ming and Su Kuo-hsi.

WOMEN, won 3-1: Fukazu bt Liang Li-chen 13, 19; Nakayama bt Liang Li-chen 20, 15; lost to Han Yu-chen —11, —15.

JUNIOR BOYS, won 3-0: Hasegawa won 2 and Kawahara 1 against Wang Wiewing, Wang Wen-hua and Chen-Chin-tang.

JUNIOR GIRLS, lost 1-2: Naka lost to lin Mei-chun and liang Yu-chuan; Ono bt Wu Chin.

Triangular Tournament in Hanoi, November 9 (1,000 spectators).

MEN: Cambodia bt Indonesia 5-2, and N. Vietnam 5-3; Indonesia bt N. Vietnam 5-2. **WOMEN**: N. Vietnam bt Indonesia 3-2, N. Vietnam "B" bt Indonesia 3-1.

The best players are said to have been.

MEN: Cambodia: Yang Chhor and Khan Bou; Indonesia: Achmad Djaya; N. Vietnam: Duong Quoc Tuan.

WOMEN: N. Vietnam: Nguen Thi Mai; Indonesia: Isnoora and Imeyati.

MATSUZAKI OUT

JAPAN: Kimiyo Matsuzaki, the women's singles champion, will not be included in the Japanese team for the World Championships at Ljubljana Yugoslavia, in April. The Japanese have asked the International Federation not to include her in the ranking list.

SOUTH AMERICA: "Biriba," or to give him his full name Ubraci Rodrigues do Costa, the brilliant young Brazilian teenager who has been showing his paces for at least six years, is not the only champion in his family. Sister **Bartirisa** has now achieved similar status. They won the men's and women's singles in the South American Championships where Brazil captured all the titles except the junior singles, won by Ecuador, and the junior doubles which went to Chile.

Eight nations took part and in the team event Brazil finish top with Chile second and Peru third.

BARNA — WORLD TRAVELLER

JUST a few weeks after returning from a tour of Scandinavia Victor Barna is off on his travels again. This time it is to South America and the West Indies.

He starts in Bermuda on January 17, then goes via the Bahamas, Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad, Venezuela, Columbia, Peru, Bolivia,

finishing up in Argentina on February 20.

As Export Sales Executive of Dunlop Sports Company, Barna will be selling British goods but he will be taking his bat with him for already he has had plenty of requests to play.

"It seems I am going to be on the go all the time," said Barna.

Peru have recruited the services of **Ladislav Stipek**, the Czech international, as coach. He is likely to be there for two years.

U.S.A.: Doubts that U.S.A. may not take part in the World Championships have now been dispelled. They will definitely be sending a team to Yugoslavia.

The American Championships will be held in Detroit on March 19-21. England's Mike Symonds may be invited to take part.

SCANDINAVIA: Table tennis is making tremendous progress throughout Scandinavia, except in Norway.

A young Dane to watch is **Niels Ramberg**. Top Europeans are already learning to treat him with respect.

ALL-AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Only four nations took part in the All-African Championships at Accra from September 2-9. U.A.R. were well on top, providing the singles winner in **Galal Ezz.**

MIDDLESEX NOTES

THE Middlesex Open once again proved a big success with Hungarians providing an international flavour. They were sent away empty handed, but Middlesex successes were restricted to a share in two doubles, Brian Wright partnering Connie Warren (Surrey) to win the men's and taking the mixed with Mary Shannon (Surrey).

Les Haslam gained his first singles title in the Portsmouth Open and has been promoted to the No. 3 spot in the Premier Division team to play Surrey and Kent. Much will depend on him.

The Middlesex closed championships will be at Fulham Town Hall on February 27-28.

Equipment for Tournaments
a Correction

SEVERAL rumours are being bandied about to the effect that Mr. Godfrey Decker, the well known equipment expert, will not be able to organise the supply of tables and lighting gear for tournaments after the end of this present season. These rumours are quite wrong but are due to a misunderstanding.

Our good friends, Messrs. Jaques, ask us to state that Mr. Decker has not the slightest intention of giving up this work with which he has been connected for so many years. As he laughingly told our reporter last week, "I feel fine—good for ten years yet."

We know that all tournament secretaries will be very relieved to learn this, and will wish him many more active years of participation in T.T. affairs.

MICHAEL MACLAREN'S GLAMOUR CHOICE—JENNY LANDRY

JENNY LANDRY is not a tournament or even a league player, but she very much enjoys playing table tennis purely for its own sake. She is 21 years old, 5ft. 7in. high, and 34in., 24in., 36in. wide at various interesting places—and she is unmarried—a spinster in fact.

Her brother is the very famous Laurie Landry and when poor Laurie was recovering from a motor accident some while ago, she would play Mini-Ping with him to improve his fitness. What a nice way to recuperate!

Jenny is a professional model attached to the renowned Lucie Clayton Model Agency and her charming face has been observing us from various posters, magazines and brochures for about three years now. She entered the modelling profession by simply answering a newspaper advertisement and then, not so simply, being chosen out of 200 applicants.

Her main pastime is painting and when I visited her flat in Hampstead recently I thought her work revealed a very sensitive nature.

I asked Jenny what stroke she was doing in my photograph and she told me it was her special over-arm smash which she learnt from playing against Laurie's high defence!

HAMPSHIRE

OUT INTO THE COUNTRY

FEW county coaching officers come more dedicated than **Teddy Grant, of Hampshire.** He believes in getting out into the country districts as well as the towns, making certain that all youth can receive the advantages of basic training.

Already he has courses of between six and twelve weeks organised at North Baddesley, Hedge End and West End and shortly he expects to see similar activities in the Ringwood and Fawley areas of the New Forest.

Meanwhile, the first six weeks' course for student teachers has been successfully completed at the Catholic Teachers' Training College, Southampton. Ten women students took part, receiving instruction from J. Waterhouse and T. Grant assisted by student coach J. Potheary.

Waterhouse and Potheary will be coaching Hampshire Association of Youth Club members at Crystal Palace

at a weekend course arranged by the C.C.P.R.

Sixteen schoolchildren are being coached by student coach D. Cartridge at the Mount Pleasant Centre, where the general play and turn out of the league team shows a marked improvement on last season.

MORE PROMINENT

Bournemouth have become more prominent in the coaching field with student coaches A. Wetstein and A. Robinson giving the lead and organising youth groups with local education authority support.

Following their double success over Bournemouth, Southampton continue their Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl campaign outside the county.

KINGSTON'S FIRST SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

BRIAN WRIGHT and Mary Shannon presented the prizes at the first Kingston Schools Tournament at Kingston G.S. on December 21st.

RESULTS

UNDER 14: Girls' Singles: Patricia Linnell (Surbiton High) bt Judith Petty (Burlington) 21-7, 21-5. Boys' Singles: Richard Miller (Beverley) bt Stephen Carrig (Richard Challenor) 21-16, 16-21, 21-19.

UNDER 16: Girls' Singles: Deborah Wood (Surbiton High) bt Sally Barber (Tolworth) 21-19, 17-21, 21-17. Boys' Singles: Stephen Murton (K.G.S.) bt David Hill (K.G.S.) 21-16, 21-13.

Open Singles: Girls: Barbara Trace (K.C.F.E.) bt Norma More (Tolworth) 21-11, 21-11. Boys: Ken Sheath (Tiffin) bt John Herman (K.G.S.) 21-10, 17-21, 21-13.



JENNY LANDRY

TABLE TENNIS PHOTOGRAPHS

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Photographs can also be taken specially.

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NATIONAL CUPS

THERE have been few upsets in the National Team Competitions and most of the top sides have survived to the Zone finals.

Acton, East London, Bolton, Manchester, and Gloucester, the holders, looked well poised in the Wilmott Cup, while Sutton, Plymouth and Birmingham are prominent in the Rose Bowl.

Will secretaries please give the Rose Bowl players their correct titles and also properly initial the men in the Wilmott Cup.

Leslie Davis.

WILMOTT CUP RESULTS

FIRST ROUND:

Sunderland bt Whitehaven 9-0. Stockport bt Mid-Cheshire 6-3. Leamington bt Wellington 8-1. N. Middlesex bt Wandsworth 7-2.

SECOND ROUND:

Sunderland bt Carlisle 9-0. Northumberland w.o. Barrow. Huddersfield bt Barnsley 5-2. Harrogate bt Leeds 5-4.

Doncaster bt Sheffield 6-3. Chesterfield bt Notts 5-4. Bolton S.S. bt Liverpool 7-2. Blackburn bt Salford 6-3.

St. Albans bt Hemel Hempstead 8-1. Oxford bt L. Buzzard 9-0. E. London bt Travel Trades 9-0. London C. Service bt Beckenham 8-1.

N. Middlesex bt Barking 7-2. Willesden bt Ilford 9-0. Wembley bt London Banks 7-2. Acton bt S.W. Middlesex 6-0. Croydon bt Basildon 6-1.

Stockport bt Chester 6-3. Manchester bt Nelson 5-0. Birmingham bt Coventry 8-1. Leamington bt Leicester 6-3.

Cambridge bt Boston 5-4. Norwich bt Peterborough 8-1. Bedford bt Hertford 7-2. Luton bt N. Herts 5-2. Woolwich bt Chelmsford 9-0.

Eastbourne bt Crawley 5-4. Brighton bt Worthing 5-1. Southampton bt Bournemouth 6-3. Portsmouth bt Basingstoke 6-3.

Slough bt High Wycombe 5-4. Staines bt Newbury 5-4. Gloucester bt Stroud 9-0. Bristol bt Plymouth 5-4.

Zone Finals

ZONE 1A: Sunderland v Northumberland. ZONE 1B: Huddersfield v Harrogate.

ZONE 1 FINAL: Winner of Zone 1A plays winner of Zone 1B.

ZONE 2: Doncaster v Chesterfield. ZONE 3: Bolton S.S. v Blackburn. ZONE 4: Stockport v Manchester.

ZONE 5: Birmingham v Leamington. ZONE 6: Cambridge v Norwich. ZONE 7: Bedford v Luton. ZONE 8: St. Albans v Oxford.

ZONE 9 E. London v London C. Service. ZONE 10: N. Middlesex v Willesden. ZONE 11: Wembley v Acton. ZONE 12: Croydon v Woolwich.

ZONE 13: Eastbourne v Brighton. ZONE 14: Southampton v Portsmouth. ZONE 15: Slough v Staines. ZONE 16: Gloucester v Bristol.

ROSE BOWL

RESULTS

SECOND ROUND:

Northumberland w.o. B. Auckland. Barnsley bt Sheffield 6-3. Chesterfield bt Huddersfield 5-4. Liverpool bt Chester 8-1. Manchester bt Stockport 7-2.

Blackburn withdrew. Birmingham bt Coventry 9-0. West Brom. bt Kettering 7-2. Cambridge bt Norwich 6-3. Hertford bt

Harlow 5-4.

N. Herts bt St. Albans 8-1. Bletchley bt L. Buzzard 9-0. Oxford bt Hemel Hempstead 9-0. Willesden bt S. W. Middlesex 5-4.

E. London bt Insurance Offices 9-0. N.W. Kent bt Beckenham 5-1. Sutton bt N. Middlesex 5-2. Woolwich bt Ilford 8-1. Romford bt London B. Houses 6-3.

Wembley bt Basildon 7-1. Hastings bt Crawley 8-1. Eastbourne bt Worthing 9-1. Portsmouth bt Brighton 9-0.

Southampton bt Bournemouth 7-2. Staines bt Newbury 5-0. Slough bt Maidenhead 5-3. Plymouth bt Bristol 8-1.

Zone Finals

ZONE 1: Sunderland v Northumberland. ZONE 2: Barnsley v Chesterfield. ZONE 3: Liverpool v Burnley. ZONE 4: Manchester, bye.

ZONE 5: Birmingham v West Bromwich. ZONE 6: Cambridge v Great Yarmouth. ZONE 7: Hertford v N. Herts. ZONE 8: Bletchley v Oxford.

ZONE 9: Willesden v East London. ZONE 10: N.W. Kent v Sutton. ZONE 11: Woolwich v Romford.

ZONE 12: Wembley, bye. ZONE 13: Hastings v Eastbourne. ZONE 14: Portsmouth v Southampton. ZONE 15: Staines v Slough. ZONE 16: Plymouth is Zone winner.

SUSSEX JUNIOR OPEN

WORTHING and District have arranged the **Sussex Junior Open** for March 14 at the Assembly Hall, Worthing.

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WESTERN COUNTIES

EQUIPMENT

by **MICHAEL MACLAREN**

BOTTOM AND TOP

BRISTOL, 7-2 masters of Plymouth, followed with an 8-1 win over Bath to lead the Western Counties League on games average from Newport, who beat Weston 7-2 to edge them out of second place, also on games average.

Bristol and Newport are both unbeaten.

Morley Mordécai and Barry Brady scored maximum points for Bristol against both Plymouth and Bath. Bob House scored Bath's only success but the match was much closer than the score suggests, five of the matches going to three sets.

Peter Cruwys and Tony Smith captured two vital games against D. Swift and T. Anson to turn a 3-4 deficit into a 5-4 win for Cheltenham against Plymouth, who, like Exeter, beaten 5-4 at Bath, have yet to mark up their first win.

Positions are reversed in the women's division with unbeaten Exeter—6-3 winners over Newport—leading on games average from Plymouth who beat Swindon 6-3 but slipped up 4-5 against Newport after leading 4-3.

Mrs. Vera Rowe and Mrs. Betty Gray turned defeat into victory for Newport.

Mrs. Kathleen Milliere has been showing good form for Exeter while Barbara Pearson has been Plymouth's outstanding player.

Grove Motlow.

League Tables to Date		P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Bristol	.....	2	2	0	15	3	4
Newport	.....	2	2	0	13	5	4
Weston	.....	3	2	1	12	15	4
Bristol 2nds	.....	1	1	0	5	4	2
Cheltenham	.....	2	1	1	9	9	2
Bath	.....	3	1	2	9	12	0
Cardiff	.....	1	0	1	4	5	0
Exeter	.....	2	0	2	8	10	0
Plymouth	.....	2	0	2	6	12	0

Ladies' Division		P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Exeter	.....	2	2	0	13	5	4
Plymouth	.....	3	2	1	18	9	4
Weston	.....	3	2	1	16	11	4
Newport	.....	4	2	2	17	19	4
Bristol	.....	1	0	0	1	8	0
Swindon	.....	3	0	3	7	20	0

Making the Table

We all take the table tennis table as a matter of course, but I wonder how many of us stop to think how they are made and what goes into the production of the table.

To satisfy my curiosity I recently took my camera along to a firm in South London that has been making tables since the days when they re-named the game PING PONG in 1902-3 from its former title of GOSSIMA.

The head of the firm, Mr. Jaques, told me that in 1907-8 Parker Bros. of U.S.A., bought the rights to use the name Ping Pong in America for the sum of 1,000,000 Ping Pong balls. Since then his business has concentrated on the careful manufacture of all grades of tables.

All kinds of materials have been tried and wood is by far the best surface for the various demands required by the Table Tennis player. Scandinavian wood is specially imported . . . 18-ply Finnish Birch being used for the table top and Beech or Norwegian Pine for the undercarriage.

My pictures on the adjoining page show the various processes up to the time the tables leave the works.

Illustration 1 shows the already tapered leg having a mortice hole cut to take the cross rail as in **Illustration 2** where the undercarriage is being assembled.

The next step is the selection of the wood for the table top and **Illustration 3** shows the craftsmen carefully carrying a piece of plywood for preparation where, in **Illustration 4**, the filler in the tiny cracks and indentations is cleaned off.

When this has been done the frame rails are screwed to the back and the rough edge of the ply is sanded down.

At this point, both table top and trestle are spray painted in a special room, **Illustration 5**.

This is perhaps the most highly skilled operation in the process as only the experience of the sprayer tells him how long to spray and how many coats of paint to apply.

Special health precautions are employed due to the atmosphere of the spraying rooms.

White lines are also sprayed on, a mask being used to keep them to regulation dimensions.

After spraying, the trestle is assembled to the top as shown in **Illustration 6** (Mr. Jaques can be seen in the background) and the finished table is then ready for inspection.

CRITICAL INSPECTION

Surface inspection is especially critical, the top being viewed against the light, **Illustration 7**. It is only at this stage that any flaws in the surface can be spotted and any tables that do not come up to the very high standard demanded (they are surprisingly few) are completely cleaned off and go back to start the whole process again.

Illustration 8 shows the tables being loaded for dispatch.

Mr. Jaques is the sixth generation of his family to be in control of the business, which has engaged in the manufacture of sports equipment since 1795 when Thomas Jaques, the founder, commenced the turning of billiard balls and woods for the bowling green.

So, players, when you are next shaping up for a loop-drive, which will send the ball accelerating and kicking off the table, spare a thought for the skill and craftsmanship that has made the game possible. And if that same ball comes back as though chopped in half, it's not the table's fault. You will have to get a better loop.

R.A.F. TOURNAMENT

JUNIOR Technician **Dick Clode** firmly established himself at the Royal Air Force No. 1 when he came through the Inter-Command Tournament unbeaten. But despite his eight wins his team, Transport Command, had to be content with third place behind Bomber Command and Technical Training Command.

Bomber Command, who were firm favourites, were badly shaken when Fl./Lt. Alan Dovey was injured after four rounds, but they managed to hold out and win all their seven matches, inflicting the only defeat on Technical Training, who were crushed 5-0.

Cpl. Brian Mayfield, second only to Clode with eight wins and two losses, and S.A.C. "Mac" McMurraugh, were outstanding in Bomber Command's

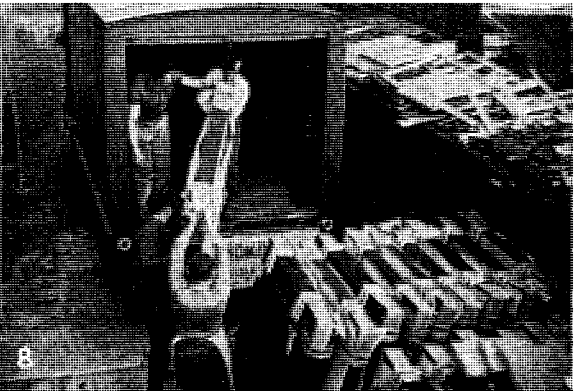
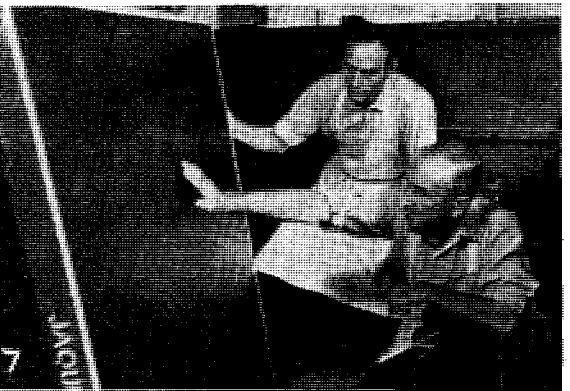
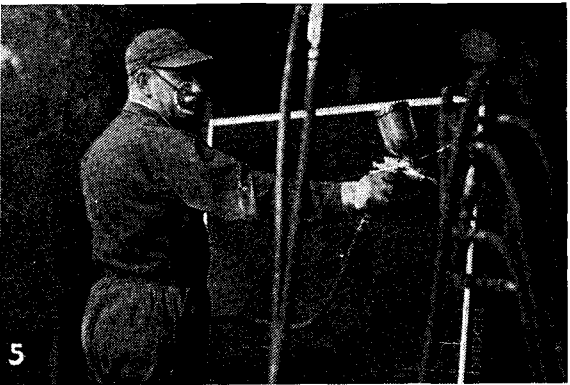
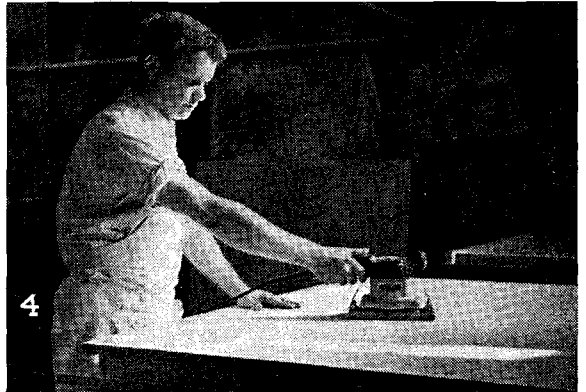
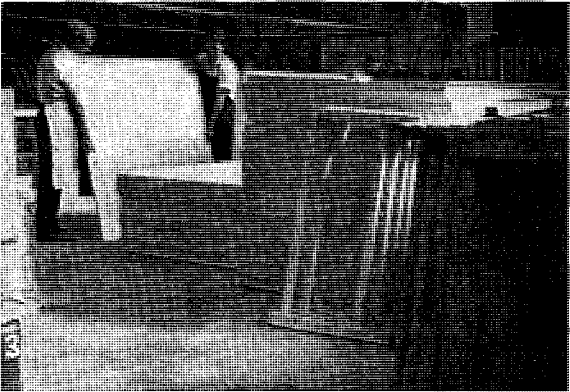
success.

Bomber Command provided the outstanding player of the W.R.A.F. tournament in S.A.C.W. **June Gadsden**, who won all 15 of her matches. But she had little support and Bomber Command could finish no higher than sixth.

The winners were Transport Command, unbeaten in all six of their matches.

The final positions were:
R.A.F.: Bomber Command 6-0; 2 Tech. Training 6-1; 3 Transport 5-2; 4 Fighter 4-3; 5 Maintenance 3-4; 6 Flying Training 2-5; 7 Signals 1-6; 8 Coastal 0-7.

W.R.A.F.: 1 Transport 6-0; 2 Signals 4-2; 3 Tech. Training 4-3; 4 Fighter 3-3; 5 Flying Training 2-4; 6 Bomber 2-4; 7 Coastal 0-6.



YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Malcolm Hartley

THE VALUE OF INSURANCE

LIKE his famous footballing namesake, Wakefield's Denis Law hit the headlines. The case of the 19-year-old inter-league player illustrates the value of Wakefield's compulsory insurance scheme.

Lew put his arm through a window in going for a shot at practice and needed 28 stitches in it.

He was off work for five weeks and has drawn £30 compensation. All Wakefield players pay sixpence on top of their registration fee to be covered for any accident during match play or practice.

YORKSHIRE CLOSED

GIANT KILLING FROM KEYS and KEDGE

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD John Keys threw off his customary mask of grim determination and bounded in the air with delight after battling to a surprise victory in the Yorkshire Closed at Bradford (writes Malcolm Hartley).

With his quickfire hitting and half volleys he knocked out top-seed Peter Duncombe in the semi-final and allowed John Kedge minimum use of his favourite loop in the final.

Kedge (16), like Keys unseeded, accounted for No. 4 seed Eric Hall in the quarters and No. 2 seed Alan Hydes in a gripping semi-final (21-19, 21-18) after earlier losing to Hydes in the youths' final (12-21, 17-21).

MISSED HAT-TRICK

Peter and Cynthia Duncombe failed in their bid for three successive mixed titles (21-19 in the third game of the semi-final to Hall/Pat Dainty) but after a tremendous struggle with Les Proudlock, Cynthia became women's champion for the third season running.

Men's Singles: J. KEYS bt J. Kedge 21-18, 10-21, 21-17. **Women's Singles:** Mrs. C. D. DUNCOMBE bt Miss L. S. Proudlock 20-22, 22-20, 21-18.

Youths' Singles: A. HYDES bt Kedge 21-12, 21-17. **Girls' Singles:** P. DAINTY bt L. Forkes 21-15, 16-21, 21-14. **Veterans' Singles:** N. LUSHER bt A. Roebuck 21-11, 21-17.

Men's Doubles: P. DUNCOMBE/M. J. PITTS bt E. Hall/R. Ridge 18-21, 21-12, 21-18. **Women's Doubles:** DUNCOMBE/PROUDLOCK bt Miss Dainty/Mrs. F. Rolling 21-13, 21-17. **Mixed Doubles:** HALL/Miss DAINTY bt R. Hinchliff/Mrs. Rolling 21-17, 22-20.

LLANDUDNO CLOSED RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: M. SHONE bt H. T. Williams 14-21, 21-16, 21-19; G. MYNOTT bt D. Hobbs 18-21, 21-16, 22-20. **Final:** SHONE bt Mynott 21-14, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: D. HOBBS/H. T. WILLIAMS bt P. Wright/G. Mynott 14-21, 21-16, 21-19; Z. BRIERLY/M. SHONE bt D. J. Collier/P. Townley 21-10, 21-19. **Final:** HOBBS/WILLIAMS bt Briery/Shone 21-10, 21-11.

Junior Singles: Semi-Finals: P. HARPIN bt R. Jones 21-19, 21-18; A. COE bt N. Kempton 21-14, 19-21, 21-18. **Final:** HARPIN bt A. Coe 21-16, 21-17.

Denis, his brother John and Ken are keeping champions Slazengers at the top of the league again.

Marjorie Lightfoot, who has represented Leeds over 100 times in an illustrious career spanning 26 years, has retired from inter-league play following a leg injury. She continues to represent Moor Allerton in Division II of the Leeds League, however. Miss Lightfoot played for Yorkshire 51 times, achieved a record number of 16 Yorkshire Closed wins, is a county umpire, and has held several positions with the Y.T.T.A.

Another experienced player in the news is Maurice Simpson (Sheffield), the former Premier Division player, who has returned to the game after 18 months' absence. He has linked with Rod Truman, Norman Rodgers and Ken Foster at Wadsley Bridge to form a strong team which is jostling with Albion and Y.M.C.A. for the championship.

Alan Fletcher has earned a regular place in Hull youths' second team at the age of 12. He won 20 of his first 24 sets in Hull's Division II for Priestman's, who are battling for the leadership with Beverley O.M.A., Vikings "A" Transfiguration "C," and University.

York's annual Bagshaw Handicap Trophy went to George Walls, who received 21 points in 31-up. He won the final 31-16, 31-23, from scratch man George Psorakis, who had conceded starts of 20, 13, 17 and 21, to get there.

MORE SEVERE

The handicappers became more severe last year and despite the subsequent absence of some leading players this time there was a record entry of 110.

Denis Norburn, the Halifax inter-league player, has moved to York and in his first match for Combined Hospitals won all three against champions Boothman, his victims including the previously unbeaten Psorakis.

In the county inter-club tourney, Milnsbridge Y.M.C.A. surprised Hull Police 5-4. Although Dave Bartlett was invincible Ken Burgess and David Barber secured two each and

Brian Jackson added another.

Pegler's won Division IV of the Doncaster League last season with an unbeaten record over 28 matches. Now Mike and Pat Dainty, Alec Bowie and sometimes Terry Wood have taken them to the top of Division II with the loss of only five games in the first nine matches.

Playing for Leeds, where local league teams now have three players instead of four with a consequent expansion to 12 divisions, is Ray Swain, formerly of Doncaster. He has joined Moor Allerton's Division I side.

LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS FOR KENT

THE Kent Management Committee are recommending the creation of Life Vice-Presidents for outstanding service to the county. They will be asked to undertake special constitutional tasks such as advising on the appointment of a president and vice-presidents.

The first three recommendations for this new honour are Mr. F. Betts, chairman of the Folkestone League, Mr. Conrad Jaschke, President of the North West Kent League, and Mr. F. G. ("Jimmy") Mannooch, President and secretary of the Sittingbourne League.

Mannooch was founder-secretary of Kent, and is a Life Member of the E.T.T.A. Betts has been Kent's non-playing captain since 1951, while Jaschke is Kent's National Council member.

For the fourth successive year Kent membership has shown a big increase with 58 new clubs now taking the total over the 500 mark and giving a team strength of over 1,000.

Kent's individual membership approaches 40,000 and is the largest in England. Two-thirds of these are school children who are affiliated free of charge to the County Association.

Joyce Ellis and Betty Bird, Kent's two leading women players who have been absent from the county side this season, are the latest table tennis Mums. Mrs. Bird gave birth to her fourth daughter in November, while Mrs. Ellis, the former Joyce Fielder, presented her husband Mike, also a county player, with a daughter, Katie, last month.

Mrs. Bird has already started playing again while Mrs. Ellis is expected back shortly.

Meanwhile Mrs. Joan Beadle, who has rendered Kent such sterling service over many years, continues to deputise in the match with Staffordshire at Crayford on January 23. She came near to a major upset in the match with Middlesex when she took Diane Rowe to 19 in the third.

PUZZLE ANSWERED

Leslie Bromfield, whose article "The Three Survivors" appeared in the May issue of Table Tennis has now found the answer to the problem that has puzzled him for 24 years. It appears that Joan Crosby won the Consolation Singles at the 1940 English Open and not Betty Blackburn who was shown in the records.

Slowly, but surely, Table Tennis is being fostered in the schools and the drive by the E.T.T.A. in this direction is gaining ground not only in England, but also in the other home countries. Belcamp College, Dublin, whose coach T. J. Nolan holds a Teaching Theory Certificate awarded under Jack Carrington, have set the pace by running their own Summer School in Table Tennis. This took place last August and was spread over four days with lectures on the history of the game and tactics from Joe Veselsky, the Irish non playing captain, and films on coaching and previous world championships, loaned by Carrington.

At the end of the course the pupils were asked to write an essay on what they had read, seen and learned on Modern Table Tennis.

FRANK McGLYNN, 15-year-old, certainly absorbed much from his attendance for here is his prize winning effort.

THE COUNTY COACHING SECRETARY

by Teddy Grant

THE encouraging response to the work of the National Coaching Scheme under Jack Carrington has prompted many counties to show greater interest in local coaching. They are keeping abreast of the national policy by more fully supporting the varied event promoted by the scheme.

An important development of this is the appointment of a County Coaching Secretary, whose main function will be to organise coaching within his own area in co-operation with the National Coach and his Area Liaison Officer by bringing schools, youth services and local leagues closer together.

It is an assignment that can be full of interest for the senior coach, who, by meeting new personalities, especially in the educational sphere, can spark off fresh ventures.

His initial task is the building of a team of coaches ready to take over in every corner of his area whenever a favourable opportunity occurs.

County Secretaries generally welcome the appointment of a coaching secretary for it reduces their own varied work. Also it means that local coaching problems can often be solved much more quickly without waiting for a large committee to meet.

My own home quite frequently serves as a reception centre for interviews with principals of further educational centres, schools physical education organisers, youth leaders, and teachers as the requests for coaching increase.

To every appeal "Can you help us with table tennis instruction," the answer must be "YES."

The extension of the game in this country, especially in the next decade, may well depend upon the organising ability and administrative skill of the County Coaching Secretary in his diplomatic task of giving table tennis a new look in competition with all the other sports seeking the increased leisure hours of a rapidly rising population.

A SCHOOLBOY'S VIEW OF MODERN TABLE TENNIS

by FRANK McGLYNN

IN the past ten years table tennis has changed quite a lot, mainly due to the entrance of the Eastern penholders into the game. The game was slow and graceful and tactical up to then but it has now become fantastically fast, an almost savage fighting spirit is needed to get to the top.

Although the game is still played with great sportsmanship you cannot win if you play the game in a flippant manner. You must either do or die in your effort

to win. In that way if your opponent is not mentally fit, you have already gone a long way towards beating him.

The most important things to my mind which are necessary for anyone who wants to get to the top are:

(1) **Will power**, which enables you to have full control over yourself on the table. This is most important as you can then think clearly and devise tactics. You should never let an opponent's luck or a wrong call get you down as it will affect your play afterwards, and that is giving your opponent an unfair advantage.

(2) **Determination**: You should go out in every game with the idea that you will win or bust in the attempt. Table tennis is not a game for weaklings, and even if we are matched against someone of a higher class, remember we are doing him a favour by giving him a good game. And if we are determined and fierce enough we can beat him and this would not be a fluke because table tennis is not all stroke play. There is a certain amount of luck attached—but usually it falls equally on both players during a game. Far more important is the outlook and guts of a player who can bring off a surprise win.

(3) **Practice**: Most games are won on the practice table, not on the day of play—only materially—since most of us under stress usually do things automatically and our automation is decided on the practice table. Practice should always be taken seriously, and one should never be satisfied with one's play until he becomes world champion—then and only then can he say that he is a master.

Before a game we should always be cool, knowing exactly how we are going to play and prepared to play that way. We must have confidence in ourselves. Then in the game fight like a tiger but still keep control of ourselves and keep thinking one step ahead of our opponent all the time. Never give in, and even if we are being beaten make his last point the hardest he ever won.

By winning wholeheartedly one gains honour; by losing sportingly one gains respect.

In playing table tennis we should always have an object in view: whether it is the honour of our school or club or just reaching the top as an individual. Being without an object renders getting anywhere impossible unless one has exceptional talent. Table tennis is something which can form a man's life by what it demands.

GUNNERSBURY SHOW THE WAY

THE introduction of table tennis to the Gunnersbury Triangle Lawn Tennis Club has met with startling results for the management committee. In just a few short weeks numbers have jumped over the 50 mark.

So many requests are coming along from people anxious to join that it looks as though they will soon have to have a waiting list.

This popularity has received quick encouragement from the management committee, who have agreed to buy a further table, extend table tennis nights from three to five, and grant one Sunday each month for a Monthly Members' Tournament.

And matters are not being allowed to stop there. Leo Thompson, one of the foremost coaches in the South is taking charge of special Saturday morning coaching sessions, at which the youngest pupil is Jeremy Lowen, the eight-year-old son of E.T.T.A. secretary Peter Lowen, whose drive and persuasion has been largely responsible for Gunnersbury's new interest in table tennis.

With this coaching of youngsters it appears that Gunnersbury are not content to just keep their tables occupied. They will be developing their own teams for entry in the league competitions.

The enterprise of Gunnersbury has already been noted by the Internationals Club, which was inaugurated with the object of spreading the gospel of table tennis.

They chose Gunnersbury as the venue for their representative match against Middlesex on December 20.

Other lawn tennis clubs whose activities almost die in the winter, should make a note of Gunnersbury's success.

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NEALE'S RAPID RISE

RRANKED last season for the first time, Denis Neale of Middlesbrough has stolen the limelight on the men's side of the game this season. He has become a menace to the top Europeans and must now be knocking at the door for the position of England's No. 1.

THE GIRLS SHOW THE WAY

ENGLAND tasted success and defeat in the international with Hungary at Tottenham on December 12. We won the women's match 5-0 but went down 2-3 in the men's event despite the achievement of Denis Neale in becoming the first English player to beat Zoltan Berczik, the ex-European champion.

It is a pity that the men's and women's events were separated otherwise England would have come out top. But with combined scores of 7-3 England can sit back on a moral victory.

England surprisingly kept Diane for the doubles only, entrusting the singles to Mary Shannon and Lesley Bell. They did not let us down with both defeating European champion Eva Foldi. Mary in straight games and Lesley over three.

Both beat Erzsébet Jurik by similar margins.

It was Miss Bell's best international performance and the first time the bespectacled Essex girl has beaten the reigning European champion.

Miss Shannon and Miss Rowe were back as a team for the doubles and as befits European champions crushed the Hungarian pair 21-8, 21-14.

England's men made a bold effort to follow the example of the girls but despite his win over Berczik Neale went down to Lazlo Pignitski in straight games. However, he paired with Brian Wright for a good win over Berczik and Pignitski to keep the match alive. Unfortunately Wright lost both his singles, although he did take a game from Berczik.

MEN: England 2, Hungary 3: D. Neale bt Z. Berczik 21-17, 19-21, 21-12; lost L. Pignitski 16-21, 19-21. B. Wright lost Berczik 17-21, 21-15, 19-21; lost Pignitski 17-21, 12-21. Neale/Wright bt Berczik/Pignitski 21-13, 21-19.

WOMEN: England 5, Hungary 0: L. Bell bt E. Jurik 17-21, 21-12, 21-15; bt E. Foldi 21-19, 18-21, 21-18. M. Shannon bt Foldi 22-20, 21-10; bt Jurik 24-22, 21-12. D. Rowe/Shannon bt Foldi/Jurik 21-8, 21-14.

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It is doubtful if any other home player since Johnny Leach was at the peak of his career, could boast such a record against leading Europeans.

Neale started his giant-killing in the team events at the European Championships, beating Sweden's Kjell Johansson, who was a few days later to become the new European champion; Dorin Giurgiuca, Rumanian holder of the English Open title; and Anatoly Amelin of Russia.

FIRST TO BEAT BERCIK

He made a disappointing first-round exit to Peter Rozsas in the individual events, but immediately on his return, beat Eberhard Scholer, in the international against West Germany, and followed this with a win over Zoltan Berczik in the match with Hungary.

He was the first English player to beat the Hungarian who was twice European champion. And to show this was no flash in the pan he beat Berczik again in the match between the Internationals Club and Hungary.

Neale, just 20, appears to play much better against top foreign opposition than against home players.

His explanation of this is that against foreign stars he has nothing to lose and feels free to have a go. Against home players, with rankings and international selection at stake, he feels much more tense and nervous.

Neale is a very determined young man who knows where he wants to go—he is leaving no stone unturned to get there. He is prepared to sacrifice and to travel to get the competition to help lift his own standard. Indeed he regularly travels to Harrogate, a distance of some 60 miles to play so that he could come before the Yorkshire selectors. For his home town of Middlesbrough is tucked away in a far corner of the county, a long way from the heart of the Yorkshire game. He is of course much nearer to Co. Durham, which is just the other side of the River Tees.



DENIS NEALE

ENGLAND WIN EASILY

A TREMENDOUS performance by Denis Neale helped England to a 7-2 win over West Germany at Cheshunt on December 5. Although the Germans had a weakened team they did include their No. 1 Eberhardt Scholer, but he could make little impression on Neale who swept to victory at 21-19, 21-17.

The strength of Neale's achievement can be judged by the fact that Scholer, considered the best defensive player in Europe, was a semi-finalist in the European Championships.

Neale went through the German team unbeaten, dismissing Heinz Harst 21-18, 21-16, and Elmar Stegmann 21-13, 21-12.

Scholer made no mistakes against England's top two players, beating Chester Barnes 21-13, 14-21, 21-19, and Ian Harrison with plenty to spare.

Harst and Stegmann who ranked No. 7 and No. 10 in their country were no match for the English players.

England 7, West Germany 2 (English names first): D. Neale (Yorks.) bt E. Scholer 21-19, 21-17; bt E. Stegmann 21-13, 21-12; bt H. Harst 21-18, 21-16. G. C. Barnes (Essex) bt Stegmann 21-11, 21-11; bt Harst 21-13, 12-19; lost to Scholer 13-21, 21-14, 19-21. I. O. Harrison (Glos.) bt Harst 22-20, 21-16; bt Stegmann 15-21, 21-11, 21-19; lost to Scholer 13-21, 16-21.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIAL

DIANE and MARY ARE TOPS

• ONLY HOLDERS TO RETAIN A TITLE • JOHANSSON CAPTURED MEN'S SINGLES

by **GEOFF HARROWER**

whose articles appear regularly in the Daily Telegraph

WITH the glorious exception of the women's doubles, the individual events in the European Championships at Malmo were a big disappointment as far as home players were concerned. Admittedly we had not expected to win any men's events . . . but ! ! ! !

In the women's doubles, **Diane Rowe** and **Mary Shannon** once again demonstrated they are Europe's best pair as they weathered the storm in both the semi-final and final. Perhaps the semi-final against the Hungarians **Sarolta Lukacs** and **Angela Papp** was their hardest match for they were never at their best at the same time and eventually won 21-14, 17-21, 21-11, 24-22.

Mary and Diane were also nervous in the final against the Rumanians **Maria Alexandru** and **Ella Constantinescu**, but a fortunate net cord at deuce in the second game enabled both English girls to relax and after that there was only one pair in it as they went through to win 21-23, 23-21, 21-14, 21-10.

When Diane and Mary are both at their best together they are the perfect machine and if only they can strike this form at important times in the world's next April we may yet "bring home the bacon."

The untried pairing of **Lesley Bell** and **Irene Ogus** did extremely well to take a game from **Alexandru** and **Constantinescu**, and, in the previous round, to defeat the strong Czech pair, **Bosa** and **Luzova**. Irene played her best ever game, and some of her flat hits had to be seen to be believed. The two Welsh girls, **Margaret Phillips** and **Sandra Morgan**, never looked like taking a game from a Danish pair.

UP IN SMOKE

Our main hopes went up in smoke—red variety—at an early stage. Don't dismiss these defeats by the Russian girls as just one of those things. Their three girls, **Svetlana Grinberg**, **Zoja Rudnova** and **Signe Paisjarv**, are already among the best women players in Europe, and in another couple of years they may be even

more difficult to beat. Consider their record in the women's singles: **Grinberg** first of all just outlasted our own **Diane Rowe**, in four very hard games; crushed the East German, **Lemke**, scored a 3-0 win over **Sarolta Lukacs**, of Hungary—who later won the mixed doubles title—and finally lost the semi-final in four hard games against the eventual winner, **Eva Foldi**.

PENHOLDER BOGEY

Paisjarv first of all beat **Lesley Bell**—the first game was close but the Russian was well on top in the next two. Then came two good wins against the top Pole, **Czeslava Noworyta**, of whom more will be heard, and the East German **Zalweit**, before losing to **Foldi** over five games in the quarter-final.

Rudnova, alas, beat **Mary Shannon**, but even through the most rose coloured of spectacles I have to admit that she was the better player on the day. Mary is not at her best against penholders—frankly she hasn't had enough practice against them—but the Russian on this occasion hit with positive ferocity. **Ron Crayden** gave Mary good advice just before she went on the table. "You've got to be prepared to lose five points in a row when she turns on the heat," he said. But it was ten points in a row at one point in the fourth game, when Mary looked like winning. What smashes!

Margaret Phillips could not be expected to make any impression upon the powerful Czech, **Marta Luzova**, but **Sandra Morgan** disappointed in losing in straight games to the French girl, **Martine Le Bras**.

The Swedish authorities took their lives in their hands when they consigned the final, between **Eva Foldi** and **Erzsbet Jurik**, to an outside table. Fortunately, as this was between two Hungarians, **Sido** did not

CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL

MEN'S SINGLES

KJELL JOHANSSON
(SWEDEN)

WOMEN'S SINGLES

EVA FOLDI
(HUNGARY)

MEN'S DOUBLES

JAROSLAV STANEK
VLADIMIR MIKO
(CZECHOSLOVAKIA)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

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PETER ROZSAS
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(HUNGARY)

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protest, and thus the audience were spared the spectacle of these two girls pushing to 6-all in 15 minutes before the Expidite rule was mercifully introduced.

Eva told me the night before that she intended to push it out, as she knew she was the stronger player under Expidite. Her confidence was not misplaced. She won in three straight games, a remarkable performance by Mrs. Foldi, who also won in 1958 and 1960 and was prevented from playing in 1962.

Nearly all the British players made early exits from the men's singles. Brian Wright fought gallantly against the Yugoslav, Hrbud, only to lose 22-20 in the fifth. He should have won three straight, but dropped the second game after having a winning lead. Graham Gear was right off against the Frenchman Secretin and never looked like winning a game.

Michael Symonds also had a five setter with the Russian, Vardanian, and he, too, could have won by 3-1. But on balance Vardanian was just the better player. Dennis Samuel, 15, had a bye, then met an East German, Pornack, who was much the better player.

Ian Harrison had by far the best draw, beating a Finn, and then having a walk-over, to play Christer Johansson, older brother of Kjell. Sorry to say that Ian did not play at his best, although credit must be given to Johansson, who was particularly accurate on the counter attack.

Chester Barnes, also had a bye, then had the one really good win from our party in the men's singles, beating Janos Fahazi in four games. He played very confidently, and when he went on to beat the good Swiss, Mariotti—who had crushed Howel Morgan in the first round—we did hope for a place in the last eight.

The next day, however, he appeared listless against the seeded Istvan Korpa. Exchanges were fast and short, and after losing the first game 22-20, Chester seemed to resign himself to defeat. George Evans tried hard, but failed to get a game from Jaroslav Kunz.

Denis Neale, our big hope after his performances in the team event, just failed against Peter Rozsas. After a poor first game, he just lost the second 26-24, then came back with some really powerful counter hitting to level the match at 2-all. Rozsas, however, played really well in the decider, and was a worthy winner.

IN PERSPECTIVE

To put Denis's performance into perspective, it must be remembered that Rozsas later defeated the current English Open champion, Giurgiuca, before falling to Kjell Johansson, the eventual winner.

Eberhard Scholer, with a really tough draw, showed that defence is still a power, at least in Europe. In successive rounds he beat Bernhardt, Miko and Korpa, before losing to Johansson 22-20 in the fifth, having to play not only the Swede but the enormous home crowd as well. Scholer's recoveries are famous, but to win two games against Miko after being, successively, 16-9 and 17-8 down, is still worthy of mention.

Stanek did very well to beat Markovic, but was outthit by Zoltan Berczik. The latter had disappointed the home crowd by uprooting their favourite, Hans Alser, but he was given no chance in the final. Every expert present plumped for Johansson and, unusually, they were right. It was not a good final, but one good judge said to me that it was probably as good as finals of the past. The usual too much tension.

My outstanding recollection of the men's doubles was the play of Michael Symonds. It had not been a good tournament for Mike, and he had a scratch partner, the Russian Zigmund Kalnin, who apparently spoke only one word of English—"topspen" it sounded like! This unlikely pair, between rounds busy drawing diagrams in the dressing room, reached the last eight, on the way outitting the powerful Germans, Arndt and Ness. Admittedly they made no impression on the eventual winners, Stanek and Miko, but a jolly good performance, all the same.

Wright and Neale got through two rounds, then lost to the Germans, Scholer and Gomolla, in four games, but Barnes and Harrison were listless against Fahazi and Pignitzki, failing to win a game. Samuel and Morgan were the first victims of Symonds and Kalnin, but Evans and Gear gave a worthwhile performance for Wales by winning one round and nearly beating the Russians, Dmitrov and Vardanian.

Two English pairs reached the last eight of the mixed, a better performance than we had expected after the other events. Brian Wright and Mary Shannon had a fine win over the Russians, Dmitrov and Paisjarv, Brian hitting three winners when 16-19 down in the fifth. But in the quarters against Rozsas and Lukacs, they lost, 18, 19 and 20, being so near to winning two of these games.

Barnes and Diane Rowe had two first class wins. After a walk-over, they beat the Hungarians, Pignitzki and Papp three straight, then overcame Scholer and Agnes Simon after dropping the first game. Hopes of a place in the semi-final were dashed when they went down with astonishing ease to the East Germans, Pleuse and Kalweit. This latter pair were the surprise of the event, having earlier beaten the seeded Giurgiuca and Mrs. Constantinescu 21-8 in the fifth.

The consolation singles, where we



A big hug from RON CRAYDON, the non playing captain for England's team of IRENE OGUS, LESLEY BELL, MARY SHANNON and DIANE ROWE after they had won the team championship. And right a special hug for Mary from BRIAN WRIGHT after her doubles success.



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were strongly represented, brought no joy to England (the Welsh players, unexpectedly, did not enter).

Denis Neale, after two easy wins, was extended by a Greek penholder, who rejoices under the name of Christodoulatos, but then lost in the quarters to Erich Arndt, in straight games. Very disappointing.

Brian Wright and Michael Symonds also had a series of easy wins, before Mike lost to Kunz by a wide margin

in the third round, and Brian just losing to the eventual winner, the Hungarian Harangi.

We all thought that Lesley Bell would win the women's consolation but she unaccountably lost to Marie-France Petre, the Belgian girl who has played several times in the Kent Junior Open. This was in the quarter-final, and Petre was beaten by the eventual winner, Bosa of Czechoslovakia, by 17 and 13 in the semis.

RESULTS IN FULL

MEN'S SINGLES

FIRST ROUND:

H. Alser (Swe.)—Bye. S. Harangi (Hun.) bt W. Stein (E. Ger.) —19, 13, 17, 12. S. Kollarowitz (Czech.) bt A. Domicz (Pol.) w.o. J. Ibanez (Spa.) bt M. Lalne (Fin.) —18, —20, 19, 13, 19. B. Helm (Neth.)—Bye. Z. Kalnin (U.S.S.R.) bt A. Reti (Rum.) 12, 17, —8, 12. Z. Hrbud (Yug.) bt E. Wright (Eng.) —17, 21, —12, 19, 20. S. Luthje (Den.) —Bye.

N. Novikov (U.S.S.R.)—Bye. J. Secretin (Fra.) bt G. Gear (Wales) 16, 6, 11. F. Boden (Lux.) bt N. Pewny (Swz.) —18, 10, 16, —22, 18. T. Sehl (Nor.)—Bye. C. Heyerdahl (Swe.) bt B. Gowin (Pol.) 12, —18, 9, 17. M. Ness (W.Ger.) bt E. Nielsen (Nor.) 12, 14, 13. P. Kunnas (Fin.) bt C. Christodoulatos (Greece) 9, 18, 14. Z. Berczik (Hun.)—Bye.

J. Stanek (Czech.)—Bye. G. Chergui (Fra.)—Bye. L. Pignitski (Hun.) bt S. Plakantinakos (Greece) 13, 10, 17. R. Negulescu (Rum.)—Bye. H. Moerth (Aus.) bt O. Lygre (Nor.) 12, 10, 12. G. Vardanian (U.S.S.R.) bt M. Symonds (Eng.) —18, 17, 17, —19, 15. B. Pornack (E. Ger.) bt L. Oden (Swe.) —16, 16, 17, 21. D. Samuel (Wales)—Bye.

I. Harrison (Eng.) bt L. Langstedt (Fin.) 11, 11, —16, 12. C. Johansson (Swe.) bt P. Zoidis (Greece) 17, —13, 18, 17. G. Bakker (Neth.)—Bye. Z. Calinski (Pol.) bt J. Salvia (Spa) 12, 20, 11. M. Grimm (Swz.) bt A. Cussac (Bel.) 16, —13, 21, 13. A. Arndt (W. Ger.) bt G. Krecke (Lux.) 11, 17, 13. V. Markovic (Yug.)—Bye.

E. Scholer (W. Ger.)—Bye. P. Tuominen (Fin.) bt I. Mandials (Greece) 17, 15, 18. J. Papp (Hun.)—Bye. K. J. Bernhardt (Swe.) bt R. Kowalski (Pol.) 7, 10, 7. V. Purkark (Fra.)—Bye. V. Miko (Czech.) bt K. Dmitrov (U.S.S.R.) 17, 5, 15. P. Juliens (Bel.) bt O. Nielsen (Nor.) —18, 13, 16, 14. D. Surbek (Yug.)—Bye.

C. Barnes (Eng.)—Bye. J. Fahazi (Hun.) bt M. Olivar (Spa) 20, 17, —17, 16. M. Mariotti (Swz.) bt H. Morgan (Wales) 12, 5, 7. V. Langehegermann (Lux.) bt E. Valasti (Fin.) w.o. N. Bamberg (Den.)—Bye. P. Fahrnick (E. Ger.) bt N. Vandewalle (Bel.) 16, 18, 19. M. Bodea (Rum.) bt K. Wegrath (Aus.) —18, 13, 23, 22. I. Korpa (Yug.)—Bye.

K. Johansson (Swe.)—Bye. L. Pleuse (E. Ger.) bt T. Penttila (Fin.) 11, 13, 12. J. Kunz (Czech.) bt G. Evans (Wales) 18, 13, 18. A. Amelin (U.S.S.R.) bt K. Hernes (Nor.) w.o. B. Petersen (Den.)—Bye. J. Fales (Spa.)—Bye. J. Kusinski (Pol.) bt J. Sedelmayer (Aus.) 18, —15, —20, 9, 22. C. Jaminet (Lux.)—Bye.

C. Duvernay (Swz.)—Bye. E. Lyttik (Den.) bt F. Schoofs (Neth.) —21, —25, 19, 13, 19. P. Rozsas (Hun.) bt D. Neale

(Eng.) 10, 24, —17, —17, 9. P. Evrard (Fra.)—Bye. E. Gomolla (W. Ger.)—Bye. E. Vecko (Yug.)—Bye. K. Havag (Nor.)—Bye. D. Giurgiuca (Rum.)—Bye.

SECOND ROUND:

Alser bt Harangi 13, 12, 12. Kollarowitz bt Ibanez 8, 17, 9. Kalnin bt Helm 11, 15, 18. Hrbud bt Luthje 22, 14, —19, 16. Novikov bt Secretin 17, 16, 13. Boden bt Sehl 13, 19, 11. Ness bt Heyerdahl 11, 17, 13. Berczik bt Kunnas —18, 10, 8, 12.

Stanek bt Chergui 11, 23, 9. Pignitski bt Negulescu 21, 9, —17, 17. Vardanian bt Moerth 11, 15, 9. Pornack bt Samuel 10, 18, 9. Harrison—Bye. Johansson bt Bakker 12, 8, —15, 16. Calinski bt Grimm 12, 15, 17. Markovic bt Arndt 11, —17, 17, —21, 15.

Scholer bt Tuominen 11, 17, 9. Bernhardt bt Papp —17, 23 19, 12. Miko bt Purkart 18, 19, 18. Surbek bt Juliens 10, 5, 20. Barnes bt Fahazi 15, —10, 18, 18. Mariotti bt Langehegermann 13, 16, 12. Ramberg bt Fahrnick —18, 9, 12, 7. Korpa bt Bodea 12, 20, 16.

K. Johansson bt Pleuse 17, 14, —12, 18. Amelin bt Kunz —15, 15, —16, 10, 14. Petersen bt Pales 16, 14, —17, —17, 17. Kusinski bt Jaminet 16, 23, 16. Lyttik bt Duvernay 9, 17, 13. Rozsas bt Evrard 10, 8, 12. Gomolla bt Vecko 12, 18, 16. Giurgiuca bt Havag 8, 10, 9.

THIRD ROUND:

Alser bt Kollarowitz —18, 12, 12, 11. Kalnin bt Hrbud 8, 16, —16, —18, 9. Novikov bt Boden 9, 15, 16.

Berczik bt Ness 18, 18, 15. Stanek bt Pignitski 19, 19, 14. Pornack bt Vardanian 19, 13, —9, —14, 16. Johansson bt Harrison 19, —15, 18, 15. Markovic bt Calinski 10, 10, 10.

Scholer bt Bernhardt —16, 18, 20, 19. Miko bt Surbek 18, —15, 17, 10. Barnes bt Mariotti —19, 9, 13, 13. Korpa bt Ramberg 16, —18, 14, 18.

K. Johansson bt Amelin —17, —8, 15, 14, 16. Kusinski bt Peterssen —16, 19, —19, 17, 11. Rozsas bt Lyttik 11, —18, 10, 11. Giurgiuca bt Gomolla —17, 14, 18, 16.

FOURTH ROUND:

Alser bt Kalnin 8, 9, —15, 11. Berczik bt Novikov 7, 20, 15. Stanek bt Pornack 11, 16, 13. Markovic bt Johansson 13, —17, 17, 15.

Scholer bt Miko 16, —13, —20, 19, 17. Korpa bt Barnes 20, 11, 17. K. Johansson bt Kusinski 8, —22, 10, 10. Rozsas bt Giurgiuca 15, —22, —16, 24, 15.

QUARTER FINALS:

Berczik bt Alser —17, 17, 13, 11. Stanek bt Markovic —20, 22, 21, 12.



RON CRAYDEN holds the European women's team championship trophy as he poses with England's happy quartet of LESLEY BELL, MARY SHANNON, DIANE ROWE and IRENE OGUS.

Scholer bt Korpa —16, 19, —14, 18, 16. K. Johansson bt Rozsas 9, 7, 18.

SEMI-FINALS:

Berczik bt Stanek 20, 12, 15. K. Johansson bt Scholer 15, —7, —14, 13 20.

FINAL:

K. JOHANSSON bt Berczik 19, 18, —18, 9.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

FIRST ROUND:

G. Kahns (Den.) bt M. Lisowska (Pol.) 16, 11, —15, 12. R. Borgmans (Neth.) bt T. Jaskari (Fin.) 16, —11, 15, 17. J. Karlokoava (Czech.) bt R. Knutsen (Nor.) 13, 15, 9.

SECOND ROUND:

M. Alexandru (Rum.) bt G. Kahns (Den.) 9, 14, 11. M. Le Bras (Fra.) bt S. Morgan (Wales) 14, 19, 17. K. Dauphin (W. Ger.) bt R. Anic (Yug.) —15, 12, 14, 9. S. Lukacs (Hun.) bt A. Wegner (Lux.) 9, 14, 13.

L. Rundstrom (Swe.)—Bye. I. Lemke (E. Ger.) bt L. Nikander (Fin.) 18, 8, 9. S. Grimberg (U.S.S.R.)—Bye. D. Rowe (Eng.) bt F. Petre (Bel.) 13, 10, 13.

E. Buchholz (W. Ger.) bt I. Bosa (Czech.) 15, —14, 17, 19. D. Kalweit (E. Ger.) bt M. Jaquet (Swz.) 17, 11, 20. C. Noworyta (Pol.) bt R. Blasen (Lux.) 5, 15, 11. S. Paisjarv (U.S.S.R.) bt L. Bell (Eng.) 22, 14, 14.

E. Mihalca (Rum.) bt B. Ommedal (Nor.) 6, 9, 9. S. Petersson (Swe.) bt N. Lucic (Yug.) —19, 9, 11, 19. L. Ramberg (Den.) bt L. Skrivanou (Greece) 9, —17, 13, 14. E. Foldi (Hun.) bt R. Bogmans (Neth.) 18, 15, 16.

M. Shannon (Eng.) bt J. Crisinel (Swz.) 8, 5, 10. G. Geissler (E. Ger.) bt N. Reinert (Lux.) 12, 5, 12. Z. Rudnova (U.S.S.R.)—Bye. M. Niemenon (Fin.)—Bye.

B. Henriksen (Den.) bt P. Kitsia (Greece) 9, 18, 6. A. Papp (Hun.) bt B. Tegner-Larsson (Swe.) —18, 19, —12, 18, 20. M. Luzova (Czech.) bt M. Phillips (Wales) 8, 9, 11. A. Simon (W. Ger.) bt M. Boiteux (Fra.) 13, 9, 15.

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E. Juric (Hun.) bt **M. C. Lecler** (Fra.) 14, 16, 14. **M. Stas** (Bel.) bt **Stulemeyer-Artz** (Neth.) 18, 22, 11. **C. Pirc** (Yug.) bt **C. Andre** (Swz.) 16, 13, 13. **I. Kriegelstein** (W. Ger.) bt **L. Jarvenpaa** (Fin.) 12, 16, 3.

D. Szmit (Pol.) bt **E. M. Hansen** (Den.) 15, 12, 14. **D. Lukina** (U.S.S.R.) bt **E. Richter** (E. Ger.) 13, —18, 20, 9. **I. Ogus** (Eng.) bt **B. Wiktorsson** (Swe.) —19, 18, 11, 8. **E. Constantinescu** (Rum.) bt **J. Karlikova** (Czech.) 12, 12, 16.

THIRD ROUND:

Alexandru bt **Le Bras** 8, 9, 14. **Lukaacs** bt **Dauphin** 14, —13, —17, 19, 14. **Lemke** bt **Rundstrom** 11, 17, 15. **Grinberg** bt **Rowe** 17, —12, 18, 21.

Kalweit bt **Buchholts** —14, 17, 19, 12. **Paisjarv** bt **Noworyta** —15, 9, 19, 8. **Petersson** bt **Mihalca** —15, 9, 14, 19. **Foldi** bt **Ramberg** 15, 18, 16.

Shannon bt **Geissler** 12, 17, 15. **Rudnova** bt **Nieminen** 8, 12, 4. **Papp** bt **Henriksen** 14, 12, 10. **Simon** bt **Luzova** 21, 8, —19, 15.

Jurik bt **Stas** 15, 14, 12. **Kriegelstein** bt **Pirc** 10, 19, —20, 21. **Szmit** bt **Lukina** 17, 13, 15. **Constantinescu** bt **Ogus** 18, 12, 12.

FOURTH ROUND:

Lukaacs bt **Alexandru** 14, 12, —13, 7. **Grinberg** bt **Lemke** 11, 17, 14. **Paisjarv** bt **Kalweit** —19, 14, —20, 13, 14. **Foldi** bt **Petersson** 10, 11, 11.

Rudnova bt **Shannon** 15, 11, —18, 14. **Simon** bt **Papp** 10, 10, —17, 13. **Jurik** bt **Kriegelstein** —19, 7, 9, 15. **Constantinescu** bt **Szmit** 11, 18, 14.

QUARTER FINALS:

Grinberg bt **Lukaacs** 19, 16, 15. **Foldi** bt **Paisjarv** 14, —16, —13, 16, 9. **Rudnova** bt **Simon** 15, —18, —21, 10, 16. **Jurik** bt **Constantinescu** —22, 14, 12, 18.

SEMI-FINALS:

Foldi bt **Grinberg** —19, 16, 18, 18. **Jurik** bt **Rudnova** 19, —17, —19, 21, 21.

FINAL:

FOLDI bt **Jurik** 17, 14, 10.

MEN'S DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND: **Korpa/Vecko** (Yug.)—Bye. **Purkart/Chergui** (Fra.) bt **Plankantakakis/Zoidis** (Greece) 13, —19, 19, 11. **Fahazi/Pignitski** (Hun.) bt **Barnes/Harrison** (Eng.) 14, 15, 18. **Amelin/Novikov** (U.S.S.R.)—Bye.

Cussac/Ramberg (Bel./Den.) bt **Kunnas/Tuominen** (Fin.) 15, 20, 11. **Bernhardt/C. Johansson** (Swe.) bt **Bakker/Helm** (Neth.) 13, 13, 10. **Gowin/Kovalski** (Pol.) Bye.

Arndt/Ness (W. Ger.)—Bye. **Boden/Langerhegermann** (Lux.) bt **Duvernay/Grimm** (Swz.) 12, —15, —16, 12, 16. **Symonds/Kalnin** (Eng./U.S.S.R.) bt **Samuel/Morgan** (Wales) 13, 5, 6. **Vandevalle/Julien** (Bel.) bt **Moerth/Schoofs** (Aus./Neth.) —17, —5, 17, 18, 20.

Giurgiuca/Negulescu (Rum.) bt **Olivar/Ibanez** (Spa.) 12, 10, 15. **Pleuse/Stein** (E. Ger.) bt **Langstedt/Valasti** (Fin.) w.o. **Lyttik/Neilsen** (Den.) bt **Lygre/Hernes** (Nor.) 9, 10, 7. **Stanek/Miko** (Czech.)—Bye.

Rozsas/Berczik (Hun.)—Bye. **Secretin/Evrard** (Fra.)—Bye. **Heyerdahl/Oden** (Swe.) bt **Mariotti/Pewny** (Swz.) 13, 10, —17, 20.

Sedelmeyer/Wegrath (Aust.)—Bye. **Wright/Neale** (Eng.) bt **Hrbud/Surbeck** (Yug.) 10, —12, 13, 13. **Scholer/Gomolla** (W. Ger.) bt **Kunz/Kollarowitz** (Czech.) 20, —12, 18, 18. **Kusinski/Calinski** (Pol.)—Bye.

Dmitrov/Vardinian (U.S.S.R.)—Bye. **Evans/Gear** (Wales) bt **Pales/Salvia** (Spa.) 14, —23, 20, 13. **Fahnrich/Pornack** (E.

Ger.) bt **Havag/Sehl** (Nor.) 21, —17, 15, 9. **Reti/Bodea** (Rum.)—Bye.

Christodoulatos/Mandilas (Greece)—Bye. **Laine/Penttila** (Fin.) bt **Jaminet/Krecke** (Lux.) 18, —15, 19, 14. **Papp/Harangi** (Hun.) bt **Luthje/Peterssen** (Den.) 18, 17, 17. **Alser/Johansson** (Swe.)—Bye.

SECOND ROUND: **Korpa/Vecko** bt **Purkart/Chergui** 14, 25, 18. **Fahazi/Pignitski** bt **Amelin/Novikov** 18, 17, 17. **Cussac/Ramberg** Bye. **Bernhardt/C. Johansson** bt **Gowin/Kowalski** 14, 12, 15. **Arndt/Ness** bt **Boden/Langehegermann** 16, 14, 12. **Symonds/Kalnin** bt **Vandevalle/Julien** 9, 20, —19, 19. **Giurgiuca/Negulescu** bt **Pleuse/Stein** —19, 12, —21, 19, 13. **Stanek/Miko** bt **Lyttik/Nielsen** 13, 18, 18.

Rozsas/Berczik—Bye. **Heyerdahl/Oden** bt **Secretin/Evrard** —19, 17, —12, 22, 17. **Wright/Neale** bt **Sedelmeyer/Wegrath** 10, —18, 11. **Scholer/Gomolla** bt **Kusinski/Calinski** —20, 14, 18, 17.

Dmitrov/Vardinian bt **Evans/Gear** 12, —20, 17, —14, 14. **Fahnrich/Pornack** bt **Reti/Bodea** 17, —13, —9, 13, 20. **Christodoulatos/Mandilas** bt **Laine/Penttila** 9, 14, 18. **Alser/K. Johansson** bt **Harangi** 11, 11, 17.

THIRD ROUND: **Fahazi/Pignitski** bt **Korpa/Vecko** 17, —19, 18, 16. **Bernhardt/C. Johansson** bt **Cussac/Ramberg** 11, 14, —19, 11. **Symonds/Kalnin** bt **Arndt/Ness** 15, 14, 9. **Stanek/Miko** bt **Giurgiuca/Negulescu** 13, 14, —20, 12.

Rozsas/Berczik bt **Heyerdahl/Oden** 23, —19, 19, 16. **Scholer/Gomolla** bt **Wright/Neale** 10, 20, —22, 20. **Dmitrov/Vardinian** bt **Fahnrich/Pornack** 15, 15, 17. **Alser/K. Johansson** bt **Christodoulatos/Mandilas** 12, 18, 9.

QUARTER-FINALS: **Fahazi/Pignitski** bt **Bernhardt/C. Johansson** —17, 6, —15, 19, 17. **Stanek/Miko** bt **Symonds/Kalnin** 15, 11, 12. **Rozsas/Berczik** bt **Scholer/Gomolla** —15, 14, 14, 12. **Alser/Johansson** bt **Dmitrov/Vardinian** 14, —16, 17, 17.

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FINAL: STANEK/MIKO bt Alser/Johansson 19, 20, —21, —19, 14.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND: Shannon/Rowe (Eng.)—Bye. Lemke/Geissler (E. Ger.) bt Niemen/Jaskari (Fin.) 10, 8, 10. Rudnova/Paisjarv (U.S.S.R.) — Bye. Rundstrom/Tegner-Larsson (Swe.) bt Wegener/Reinert (Lux.) 13, 8, 14.
 Henriksen/Kahns (Den.) bt Andrel/Jaquet (Swz.) 16, —15, 17, 16. Pirc/Anic (Yug.) bt La Bras/Lecler (Fra.) 13, 19, 11. Lukacs/Papp (Hun.) bt Stulemeyer-Artz/Bogmans (Neth.) 20, 14, 14. Buchholz/Dauphin (W. Ger.) bt Karlikova (Czech.)/Mihalco (Rum.) 12, 13, 13.
 Jurik/Foldi (Hun.) bt Simon/Kriegelstein (W. Ger.) 12, —12, —21, 11, 20. Grinberg/Lukina (U.S.S.R.) bt Szmil/Novoyta (Pol.) —16, 9, 13, 16. Ramberg/Hansen (Den.) bt Phillips/Morgan (Wales) 8, 14, 14. Stas/Petre (Bel.) bt Jarvenpaa/Nikander (Fin.) 14, 19, 14.
 Bosa/Luzova (Czech.) bt Skrivanou/Kotsia (Greece) 8, 9, 11. Bell/Ogus (Eng.) bt Boiteux/Lucic (Yug.) 14, 14, 17. Kalweit/Richter (E. Ger.) bt Ommedal/Knutsen (Nor.) 15, 10, 15. Alexandru/Constantinescu (Rum.) bt Wiktorsson/Petersson (Swe.) 19, 18, 14.

SECOND ROUND: Shannon/Rowe bt Lemke/Geissler 16, 15, 11. Rudnova/Paisjarv bt Rundstrom/T-Larsson 8, 11, 11. Pirc/Anic bt Henriksen/Kahns 11, 19, 14. Lukacs/Papp bt Buchholz/Dauphin 18, —21, 12, —20, 14.
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QUARTER-FINALS: Shannon/Rowe bt Rudnova/Paisjarv 16, 15, 16. Lukacs/Papp bt Pirc/Anic 13, 20, 10. Grinberg/Lukina bt Ramberg/Hansen 9, 18, 13. Alexandru/Constantinescu bt Bell/Ogus —20, 14, 9, 13.

SEMI - FINALS: Shannon/Rowe bt Lukacs/Papp 14, —17, 11, 22. Alexandru/Constantinescu bt Grinberg/Lukina —13, —21, 13, 21, 18.
FINAL: Shannon/Rowe bt Alexandru/Constantinescu —21, 21, 14, 10.

MIXED DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND: Mandilas/Skrivanou (Greece) bt Penttila/Nikander (Fin.) 20, —14, —19, 14, 19. Kunz/Karlikova (Czech.) bt Grimm/Jaquet (Swz.) 13, 15, 17. Purkart/Lecler (Fran.) bt Duvernay/Crisinel (Swz.) 13, 13, 13.

SECOND ROUND: Rozsas/Lukacs (Hun.) bt Mandilas/Skrivanou 13, 17, 13. Mariotti/Andre (Swz.) bt Lygre/Ommendal (Nor.) 8, 9, 10. Ness/Dauphin (W. Ger.) bt Heyerdahl/T. Larsson (Swn.) 19, 16, 15. Stanek/Bozsa (Czech.) bt Kusinski/Szmil (Pol.) 13, 7, 14.
 Evans/Phillips (Wales) bt Helm/Bogmans (Neth.) —20, —13, 15, 11, 16. Dmitrov/Paisjarv (U.S.S.R.) bt Luthje/Henriksen (Den.) 18 17, 17. Stein/Geissler (E. Ger.) bt Evrard/Le Bras (Fran.) 18, —13, 13, 16. Wright/Shannon (Eng.) bt Krecke/Reinert (Lux.) 8, 15, 19.
 Kowalske/Lisowska (Pol.) bt Laine/Jaskeri (Fin.) —17, 15, 17, 9. Fahazi/Jurik (Hung.) bye. Gomolla/Buckholtz (W. Ger.) bt Pornack/Richter (E. Germ.) 20, 11, 18. Amelin/Rudnova (U.S.S.R.)—Bye.
 Hrbud/Anic (Yug.) bt Juliens/Stas (Bel.)

14, —5, 18, 19. Bernhard/Wiktorsson (Swe.) bt Luttik/Kahns (Den.) —14, 14, 17, 16. Neale/Bell (Eng.) bt Langehegermann/Blasen (Lux.) 15, 3, —21, 6. Negulescu/Alexandru (Rum.) bt Kunz/Karlikova (Czech.), 18, —16, 10, 11.
 Berczik/Foldi (Hun.) bt Cussac/Petre (Bel.) 20, 15, 17. Chergui/Boiteux (Fran.) bt Langstedt/Nieminen (Fin.) —20, 11, 14, 13. Miko/Luzova (Czech.) bt C. Johansson/Petersson (Swe.) 14, 5, 18. Bodea/Mihalca (Rum.) bt Fahnrich/Lemke (E. Ger.) 18, 13, —15, 14.
 Novikov/Grinberg (U.S.S.R.) bt Arndt/Kriegelstein (W. Ger.) 17, —14, —18, 18, 12. Schoofs/Stulemeyer-Artz (Neth.) bt Harrison/Ogus (Eng.) —18, 19, —17, 17, 18. Vecko/Pirc (Yug.) bt Jaminet/Wgener (Lux.) 15, 13, 14. Peterssen/Hansen (Den.) bt Havag/Knutsen (Nor.) 21, —15, 10, 12. Gowin/Noworyta (Pol.) —Bye. Scholer/Simon (W. Ger.) bt Korpa/Lucic (Yug.) —14, 15, 17, 19. Pignitzky/Papp (Hun.) bt Ramberg/Ramberg (Den.) —19, 14, —15, 13, 18. Barnes/Rowe (Eng.) bt K. Johansson/Rundstrom (Swe.) w.o.
 Pleuse/Kalweit (E. Ger.) bt Gear/Moegan (Wales) —17, 12, 9, 7. Kalnin/Lukina (U.S.S.R.) bt Christodoulatos/Kotsia (Greece) 17, 13, 13. Tuominen/Jarvenpaa (Fin.) —Bye. Giurgiua/Constantinescu (Rum.) bt Purkart/Lecler (Fran.) 7, 10, 15.

THIRD ROUND: Rozsas/Lukacs bt Mariotti/Andr 9, 11, 11. Ness/Dauphin bt Stanek/Bosa —14, 17, 15, 16. Dmitrov/Paisjarv bt Evans/Phillips, 14, 13, 14. Wright/Shannon bt Stein/Geissler 20, —14, 13, —17, 9.
 Fahazi/Jurik bt Kowalski/Lisowska 18, 17, 13. Amelin/Rudnova bt Gomolla/Buchholtz —19, 19, 18, 22. Bernhard/Wiktorsson bt Hrbud/Anic 12, 19, 7. Negelescu/Alexandru bt Neale/Bell —17, 18, 18, 13.
 Berczik/Foldi bt Chergui/Boiteux 14, 19, 21. Miko/Luzova bt Bodea/Mihalca 14, 19, 21. Novikov/Grinberg bt Snoofs/Stulemeyer-Artz 17, 11, 13. Peterssen/Hansen bt Vecko/Pirc 10, 15, —12, 19.
 Scholer/Simon bt Gowin/Noworyta 13, 12, —16, 11. Barnes/Rowe bt Pignitski/Papp 10, 18, 7. Pleuse/Kalweit bt Kalnin/Lukina 13, 21, 17. Giurgiua/Constantinescu bt Tuominen/Jarvenpaa 14, 11, 15.

FOURTH ROUND: Rozsas/Lukacs bt Ness/Dauphin 15, 10, —16, 8. Wright/Shannon bt Dmitrov/Paisjarv 19, —10, 11, —16, 22. Fahazi/Jurik bt Amelin/Rudnova 18, —7, —13, 12, 16. Negelescu/Alexandru bt Bernhard/Wiktorsson —19, 13, 13, —13, 14.
 Miko/Luzova bt Berczik/Foldi 14, 12, 15. Novikov/Grinberg bt Peterssen/Hansen 11, 13, 12. Barnes/Rowe bt Scholer/Simon —18, 14, 18, 17. Pleuse/Kalweit bt Giurgiua/Constantinescu 10, —8, 18, —20, 8.

QUARTER-FINALS: Rozsas/Lukacs bt Wright/Shannon 18, 19, 20. Fahazi/Jurik bt Negelescu/Alexandru 15, 16, 12. Miko/Luzova bt Novikov/Grinberg 11, 15, 12. Pleuse/Kalweit bt Barnes/Rowe 12, 14, 13.
SEMI-FINALS: Rozsas/Lukacs bt Fahazi/Jurik —19, 19, —11, 15, 16. Miko/Luzova bt Pleuse/Kalweit 7, 14, —12, 13.
FINAL: Rozsas/Lukacs bt Miko-Luzov 11, —12, —19, 17, 20.

WOMEN'S CONSOLATION

FINAL: I. BOSA (Czech.) bt J. Karlikova (Czech.) —16, 13, 14.

MEN'S CONSOLATION

FINAL: S. HARANGI (Hun.) bt E. Vecko (Yug.) 12, —17, 21.

SUSSEX

CHANDLER TAKES OVER

OVER the years Sussex have nearly always possessed one outstanding player. The 1950 to 1960 period was dominated by Peter Shead who rose to international status. Since then he has been slowly eclipsed by the brilliant Roger Chandler, also of Brighton.

Chandler's emergence to the top class was proved when he never looked outclassed by Chester Barnes in the Sussex open semi-finals in October. Any further progress by Chandler must bring him in line for a national ranking.

Crawley has been the breeding ground for a number of fine players in the past and it may well be that the New Town is holding a future ace of trumps in the 15-year-old Sussex No. 1 junior Terry Riley. His list of senior scalps recently has included three ex-county players, Len Gunn, Robin Pierce and Bert Fretwell, an outstanding performance for one so young.

Brighton remains the top town in Sussex with another win in the Sussex inter-league division competition over Crawley. Brighton and Crawley will also clash in the final of the Division II event. There was a shock defeat by 5-4 for Crawley against Eastbourne in the Wilmott Cup, where the zone finalists will probably be Brighton and Eastbourne.

In the women's field only two Sussex teams, Hastings and Eastbourne are left to contest the zone final.

In Division II (South) of the N.C.C. the defeat of Hertfordshire by Sussex means high hopes of Sussex spending a season in the Premier Division.

John Woodward.

SYMONDS FOR LONDON?

MIKE SYMONDS, the Lancashire international, is going to a Teachers' Training College in January of next year. This leaves him with 1965 free and he may come to London to devote more time to table tennis.



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MIDDLESEX OPEN

by ROGER MORRIS

HUNGARIAN CHALLENGE REBUFFED

MARY SHANNON, playing fine attacking table tennis, took all three titles in the Middlesex Open at Hanwell on December 13. She won all her semi-finals and finals in straight games.

Chester Barnes clinched the men's singles with a magnificent display of controlled hitting and held off the Hungarian challenge by beating Lazlo Pignitski in the semi-final and Zoltan Berczik in the final.

The Hungarians were sent home empty handed and it would appear that our top players are gradually catching up on the leading Europeans.

ON TOUR IN U.S.A.

RALPH GUNNION and **DAVID CREAMER**, who have sacrificed the home season tour America, are finding little in the way of competitive play. But they are doing a good job for the sport by taking it into the schools and colleges with exhibitions and lectures.

It appears that they have started something which could be adopted over here, particularly with the current drive being made in the schools.

But let Gunnion tell us himself about this enterprising tour.

c/o National Schools
4717 Laurel Canyon
North Hollywood, California
Friday, Nov. 27

TABLE tennis is not played competitively out here on the West Coast of America, although it is played quite a lot in schools and homes for fun. However, we get a very good reception in the schools, sometimes hysterical, mainly because the girls are Beatle fans I think.

We do about a 35 minute programme, starting with trick shots, then a talk on how table tennis started, a game between David and myself, a game against one of the students, a demonstration of the basic strokes, and finish off by answering questions. It is quite good fun, and the students generally ask intelligent questions and show a lot of interest in the programme.

This type of programme would be a very good idea in England, particularly as we are trying to create more interest in table tennis in the schools. They would show children how table tennis should be played, and at the same time introduce table tennis to a lot more people.

We are not getting any competitive play, but around 16 exhibitions a week, keeps us in trim. There are occasional exhibitions outside our schedule, but these are private functions.

We have been in six states so far, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Wyoming, and now California, where we stay for a month. Later we will be giving a private exhibition in Vancouver, Canada.

Extract from letter to **Michael Maclaren** from **Malcolm R. Anderson**, Official Photographer to the United States Table Tennis Association.

" . . . Your glamor column seems like an excellent idea—here I've been wasting all my time on action shots . . . I'm an old fashioned player without a loop. Very few players here have the shot yet, but already a few of our top defensive players have quit playing . . ."

the Sayer twins in an earlier round.

An early upset in this event was the defeat of Lesley Bell and Irene Ogus by Jackie Canham and Elsie Carrington.

Mary partnered her fiancé **Brian Wright** to win the mixed doubles, where in the final her hitting repeatedly got the better of **Berczik's** defence.

Ex-Hungarian **George Muranyi** paired with **Neale** to win the men's doubles, where the outstanding match was in the semi-final when **Wright** and **Connie Warren** enthralled the large crowd with their see-saw win over **Pignitski** and **Berczik**.

Stuart Gibbs revealed himself as a great prospect of the future with his brilliant display to beat **Mike Johns** in the boys' final. But he was given a close call by **Purnell**, an Essex colleague in the quarter-final, winning 21-15, 22-24, 21-17.

Pauline Hemmings won the girls' singles as expected but there were shocks from the two Buckinghamshire youngsters **Jill Shirley** and **Jackie Napper** when they respectively beat **Linda Henwood** and **Maureen Heppell**, England's No. 2 and 3 juniors.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: B. Berczik (Hungary) bt A. Lindsay (Mid dx.) 19-21, 21-18, 21-12; I. Harrison (Gloucs.) bt D. Schofield (Cheshire) 21-16, 17-21, 21-11; L. Pignitski (Hungary) bt D. Neale (Yorks.) 22-20, 18-21, 21-12; C. Barnes (Essex) bt B. Merritt (Gloucs.) 21-17, 21-19.

Semi-Finals: BER CZIK bt Harrison 21-14, 21-17; BARNES bt Pignitski 21-16, 21-19.

Final: BARNES bt Berczik 14-21, 21-19, 21-18.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. ROWE (Mid dx.) bt E. Foldi (Hungary) 21-14, 21-11; M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt J. Jurik (Hungary) 21-11, 21-12.

Final: SHANNON bt Rowe 21-18, 22-20.
Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: C. WARREN (Surrey)/B. WRIGHT (Mid dx.) bt Berczik/Pignitski 22-20, 19-21, 24-22; G. MURANYI (Surrey)/NEALE bt Barnes/Harrison 24-22, 12-21, 21-18.

Final: MURANYI/NEALE bt Warren/Wright 22-20, 21-15.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/Miss SHANNON bt Harrison/Miss L. Bell (Essex) 26-24, 21-14; BERCZIK/Mrs. FOLDI bt Barnes/Miss Rowe 21-9, 21-19.

Final: WRIGHT/SHANNON bt Berczik/Foldi 21-12, 21-19.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: ROWE/SHANNON bt Mrs. E. Carrington (Essex)/Miss J. Canham (Herts.) 21-19, 21-16; FOLDI/JURIK bt Mrs. J. McCree (Mid dx.)/Miss P. Piper (Surrey) 18-21, 21-9, 21-10.

Final: ROWE/SHANNON bt Foldi/Jurik 21-19, 21-12.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: S. GIBBS (Essex) bt G. Salter (Surrey) 21-18, 25-23; M. JOHNS (Cheshire) bt D. Brown (Essex) 21-17, 21-19.

Final: GIBBS bt Johns 21-15, 19-21, 21-18.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: P. HEMMINGS (Herts.) bt E. Canham (Herts.) 21-18, 21-19; J. SHIRLEY (Bucks.) bt J. Napper (Bucks.) 21-17, 21-13.

Final: HEMMINGS bt Shirley 21-13, 21-13.

WONDERFUL TUSSLE

Barnes was given a wonderful tussle by **Roy Morley**, who actually led 16-12 in the third only to lose 18-21. But he made up for this with his wins over **Pignitski** and **Berczik**.

Berczik had to pull out all the stops to survive at 21-19, 18-21, 21-12, against **Lindsay** who led 18-17 in the second game.

Ian Harrison, who reached the semi-finals with very little trouble, was never in the game against **Berczik**.

Diane Rowe turned in her best performance ever against **Eva Foldi**, hitting far more than usual against her old adversary. But yet again **Diane**, who always looked as though she would win, had to bow to **Mary Shannon** in the final. She looked unduly worried by **Mary's** loop at the end of each game.

Erzsbet Jurik gained revenge for her international match defeat by **Lesley Bell** in the quarters, winning 21-17, 21-17.

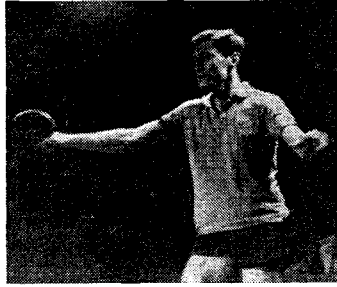
As befitting their status of European champion, **Mary** and **Diane** took the women's doubles with a final win over **Foldi** and **Jurik**, who dropped a game in the semi-final, and also to

Michael Maclaren's Photo-coverage of the Middlesex Open

What is it that Mary Shannon and Brian Wright find so amusing about the back of Lou Hoffman as he arranges trophies for the Middlesex Open? Look to the bottom of the page for the answer.

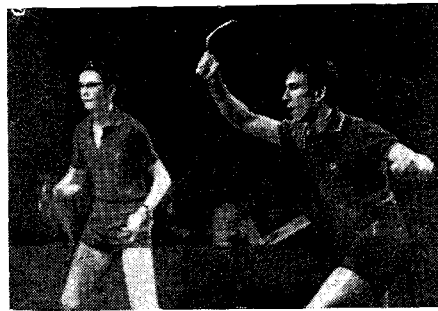
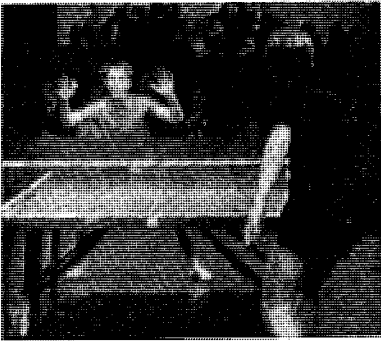


Above: Diane Rowe and Jean McCree. Below: Ian Harrison defends vainly against Berczik.

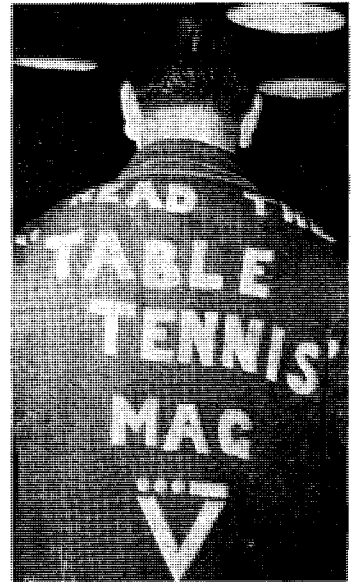
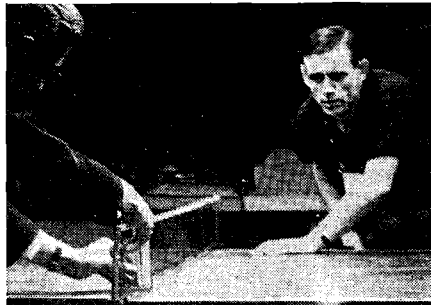


Below, left: The moment of victory for Chester Barnes, and right: Brian Wright and Connie Warren, conquerors of Berczik and Pignitski.

Above: Little Linda Henwood finds the way to see over the heads of the crowd by climbing on the back of Stuart Gibbs.



Below: Laslo Pignitski makes sure the net is correct. Left: Zoltan Berczik and Eva Foldi in the mixed doubles final.



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CUMBERLAND OPEN

by GEORGE R. YATES

HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Lancashire Take All

RON RIGG, of Whitehaven, was the inspiration behind the inaugural Cumberland Open, successfully, although protractedly, staged at Messrs. High Duty Alloys Ltd., Distington, on November 28.

Confined to four male events, an exception was made for Miss Maureen Heppell, who attracted quite a gallery for her unsuccessful joust with the home county's No. 1, Ron Batty, in the 103-strong men's singles won by George Livesey of Lancashire.

Indeed, Lancastrians carried off all the winners' prizes despite a strong Northumbrian representation who challenged hardest in the persons of Brian Burn and Joseph McLeod.

Based in this far off corner of northern England, the Cumbrians are to be complimented in tackling such a project, which, despite teething troubles, could well become an accepted part of the tournament programme which hitherto stretched no further to the north-west than Lostock, Bolton.

DISLOCATED SHOULDER

One player who "fell" for the venture in a big way was Roland Hutchinson of Barrow-in-Furness. He, in going for a Keith Yates' kill in the doubles, sustained a dislocated shoulder when he crashed to the blocked floor. Trust you are now fully recovered Rolly.

Playwise the disappointing feature was the uninspired play of the juniors, especially the doubles in which singles winner Jack Frankland, of Preston, paired with Bolton's John Clarke. Their pushing marathon with Sunderland's Robert Todd and David Shaw, of Harrogate, was in the nature of a mist down on the hills—a blot on an otherwise fair landscape.

Set of the whole day was the singles duel between county players Jack Keogh and Brian Burn. Good stuff this as was the doubles final between Livesey and Bryn Farnworth against the self same Burn partnered by McLeod.

All-in-all a good day's outing but, for me, an even later return home than the North of England. This time 4 a.m., and still with Burnley's Jack Keogh and Doug Hodgson to tuck up in bed before I could get my head down. Heaven bless an understanding wife—she also made the trip.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: A. Chilvers (Northumb.) bt J. Clarke (Lancs.) 5-21, 21-19, 21-15; G. Livesey (Lancs.) bt S. Lennie (Northumb.) 21-13, 14-21, 21-9; J. McLeod (Northumb.) bt B. Farnworth (Lancs.) 21-19, 21-15; J. Keogh (Lancs.) bt J. W. Frankland (Lancs.) 14-21, 21-12, 21-10.

Semi-Finals: LIVESSEY bt Chilvers 21-8, 21-6; KEOGH bt McLeod 21-17, 21-10.

Final: LIVESSEY bt Keogh 21-14, 21-14.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: LIVESSEY/FARNWORTH bt Keogh/D. Hodgson (Lancs.) 21-11, 19-21, 21-10; B. BURN (Northumb.)/MCLEOD bt K. Gilmour/A. Fay (Lancs.) 21-14, 21-12.

Final: LIVESSEY/FARNWORTH bt Burn/McLeod 21-18, 21-13.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: FRANKLAND bt M. Saunders (Cumb.) 21-19, 21-17; R. TODD (Durham) bt Clarke 21-19, 21-17.

Final: FRANKLAND bt Todd 21-11, 20-22, 21-13.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: FRANKLAND/CLARKE bt Burn/McLeod 21-16, 20-22, 21-10; TODD/D. SHAW (Yorks.) bt M. Carney/B. Turbeville (Lancs.) 21-12, 21-11.

Final: FRANKLAND/CLARKE bt Todd/Shaw 22-20, 14-21, 21-18.

WIDER SCOPE FOR SELECTION

HUNTINGDONSHIRE have lost the services of Peter Holroyd, now living in King's Lynn, and Ivan Twigden, but on the brighter side is the affiliation of the Peterborough League.

They give a wider scope for county section and judging by their keenness when narrowly losing in a match against the county side David Obee and his colleagues will bid strongly for places.

Huntingdon's first county game against Norfolk was a personal triumph for Alan Albon, who won both his singles at his debut, Fred Clayton, a member of the R.A.F. national team, was included against Hampshire when we suffered a 10-0 defeat and travelled home from Southampton in thick fog. Further disappointment was to lose 2-8 to Cambridgeshire.

Peterborough, Huntingdon Central and St. Neots, the three leagues within Huntingdonshire, are competing in the South East Midlands League.

Chairman Map Webb sets a fine example of encouragement to youth by spending many evenings coaching in the outlying villages.

A. C. Olvar.

LANCS. and CHESHIRE

CHESHIRE MARCH ON

CHESHIRE have done it again in Division 2 (North) of the N.C.C. and with all due respect to Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Durham and Cumberland, I cannot see them failing to gain promotion with Lancashire II and Yorkshire II already slain. (Writes George R. Yates).

To have beaten such opponents despite Derek Schofield having so far failed to open his singles account, speaks volumes for the advancement of Roger Hampson and the tempestuous Mike Johns, not to mention Diane Johnson whose return has considerably strengthened the team.

Match secretary John Kennerley could well finish up the season treating us all to a demonstration of the cha-cha, such will be his exhilaration and it should be worth watching.

In the Lancashire and Cheshire League Oldham have duly thrown in the junior sponge and Widnes should now be all set to take over the fixtures.

Up top Manchester's ladies devoured their Liverpool counterparts 10-0, the Misses Fitzgerald, Moore and Leigh proving far too strong for the Merseysiders whose county player, Judy Crafter, was also snuffed out in the onslaught.

Liverpool's men are having it little better—out to Bolton in the Wilmot

Cup and down to Burnley in a first division inter-league match on successive nights at home.

Two Liverpoolians to smile, however, were wood bat man Ted Mandaluff, conqueror of Bryn Farnworth and Peter D'Arcy, who also succeeded against a county second teamer—Jack Keogh.

Putting aside certain of last season's issues of the magazine Jimmy Green was also made to grin by the antics of Bolton's Clive Heap, whose style and demeanour could well be put to use by Brian Epstein and no guitar needed. Ten per cent on this lad would be an investment.

BOLTON S.S.S. LEAGUE

In the individual divisional championships of the Bolton S.S.S. League, which attracted an entry of 177, George Livesey (Silcoms) won the first division title, beating his club-mate Bryn Farnworth, the holder, 15-21, 22-20, 21-16.

Feature of the second division championship was the victory of junior inter-league player Stephen Williams (Bolton Lads' Club). Last season, his first in competitive play, Williams won the sixth division title, a credit mark to Laurie Landry who spotted the boy's potential at Butlin's, Bognor, two summers ago. Thank you, Laurie.

NEWBURY OPEN

by **LAURIE LANDRY**

MARY WINS THREE AND BEATS HER BOGEY

FRESH from her successes in the European Championships, Mary Shannon collected the triple Crown in the Newbury Open on December 5. Most significant, however, was that she beat Lesley Bell, her bogey player, in the final of the women's singles 21-19, 21-12. Indeed, Mary went through the singles without loss of a game.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: C. Barnes (Essex) bt K. Baker (Kent) 21-13, 21-13; C. Warren (Surrey) bt B. Wright (Middx.) 19-21, 21-15, 21-19; R. Morley (Gloucs.) bt B. Merritt (Gloucs.) 21-14, 16-21, 21-13; I. Harrison (Gloucs.) bt A. Lindsay (Middx.) 21-15, 21-18.

Semi-Finals: BARNES bt Warren 21-12, 21-17; HARRISON bt Morley 21-19, 21-10.
Final: BARNES bt Harrison 21-15, 21-17.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt J. McCree (Essex) 21-11, 21-15; L. BELL (Essex) bt I. Ogus (Middx.) 21-7, 21-8. **Final:** SHANNON bt Bell 21-19, 21-12.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: WARREN/WRIGHT bt L. Cooklin/O. Haslam (Middx.) 21-16, 21-16; S. JACOBSON/LINDSAY (Middx.) bt R. Chandler (Sussex)/M. Billington (Warwicks.) 21-14, 9-21, 21-18.
Final: WARREN/WRIGHT bt Jacobson/Lindsay 27-25, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: A. TAFT (Middx.)/SHANNON bt B. Sayer/G. Sayer (Essex) 22-20, 21-17; BELL/OGUS bt C. Carter (Kent)/J. Heaps (Berks.) 21-16, 21-23, 21-8. **Final:** TAFT/SHANNON bt Bell/Ogus 16-21, 21-13, 21-15.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/SHANNON bt M. Johns (Cheshire)/B. Cassell (Norfolk) 21-13, 24-22; LINDSAY/BELL bt S. Gibbs/L. Henwood (Essex) 21-8, 21-18.

Final: WRIGHT/SHANNON bt Lindsay/Bell 21-14, 21-10.

Veteran's Singles: R. ETHERIDGE (Kent) bt G. Brown (Essex) 21-8, 21-5; L. POPE (Surrey) Bye.

Final: ETHERIDGE bt Pope 21-18, 21-14.

Boys' Singles: GIBBS bt D. Brown (Essex) 21-12, 21-18; G. SALTER (Surrey) bt M. Johns 23-21, 21-19.

Final: GIBBS bt Salter 21-19, 26-28, 21-12.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: HENWOOD bt K. Smith (Essex) 21-11, 21-12; M. HEPPELL (Northumberland) bt P. Hemmings (Herts.) 14-21, 21-11, 21-17.

Final: HENWOOD bt Heppell 13-21, 21-16, 21-13.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: GIBBS/BROWN bt M. Hart/M. Lazarus (Surrey) 2-10, 21-16; A. WOLFF/W. SILTO (Wilts.) bt R. Allen (Middx.)/Salter 21-13, 21-17.

Final: GIBBS/BROWN bt Wolff/Silto 21-18, 13-21, 21-18.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: HEAPS/HEMMINGS bt C. Shergold/P. Shergold (Berks.) 21-14, 21-9; SMITH/D. SIMPSON (Essex) bt Henwood/Heppell 21-14, 16-21, 21-14.

Final: HEAPS/HEMMINGS bt Smith/Simpson 21-15, 21-18.

Junior Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: GIBBS/HENWOOD bt Johns/Hemmings 18-21, 21-16, 21-15; BROWN/HEPELL bt Allen/Simpson 21-12, 21-15.

Final: GIBBS/HENWOOD bt Brown/Heppell 21-9, 17-21, 21-12.

Everything pointed to Miss Bell winning the first game, but once Mary got on top there was no holding her. This could well prove the big breakthrough against her great rival.

In the semi-final Mary beat Jean McCree, while Lesley crushed Irene Ogus, another member of the European championship team, who had earlier scraped through 23-21 in the third against Betty Cassell.

NEW PARTNER

In the absence of Diane Rowe, Mary teamed up with Alma Taft to win the women's doubles against Miss Bell and Miss Ogus. Her third title came in the mixed doubles with Brian Wright. Here Lesley experienced her third losing final, this time in partnership with Alan Lindsay.

Chester Barnes got back among the titles in the men's singles, beating Ian Harrison 21-15, 21-17, in the final.

Barnes had a comfortable passage through his quarter while Connie Warren, his semi-final victim, just about made it against Brian Wright in a scrappy game.

Bryan Merrett brushed aside Haslam, Basden and Cornish to reach the quarter-final where he found Roy Morley just too strong on the day and was beaten at 18 in the third.

Morley in turn crashed to Harrison when he unaccountably lost 15 points in a row to be 0-9 down in the second after leading 19-15 in the first.

Harrison was nearly surprised by Barry Meisel who won the first and led 17-14 in the second before Harrison pulled it off.

Warren and Wright paired to beat last year's champions, Alan Lindsay and Stan Jacobson, in the men's doubles final.

JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

NEWBURY MAY RUN SEPARATE JUNIOR OPEN

THE tremendous success of the Newbury Open and the popularity of the five junior events, which helped swell the entries to the biggest ever, may lead to a separate Junior Open next season (writes Laurie Landry).

There was tremendous keenness among the young players, but there was no stopping Stuart Gibbs, who came away with three titles. He won a very good final against Geoff Salter, who had beaten Mike Johns in the semi-final, and in the boys' doubles teamed up with David Brown—his own semi-final victim—to beat Wolff and Silto, of Wiltshire.

His third title came in the junior mixed doubles with Linda Henwood, who made it a good day for Essex by also winning the girls' singles.

TOP FOUR

England's top four girls lined up in the semi-finals where Maureen Heppell (No. 3) upset the rankings by beating Pauline Hemmings (No. 1). Miss Henwood (No. 2) beat Karenza Smith (No. 4), then went on to beat Maureen over three games.

Pauline had the consolation of winning the girls' doubles with Judith Heaps.

Pauline came back into her own to win the girls' singles in the Middlesex Open which provided the biggest surprise of junior circles.

Jill Shirley, 13, and Jackie Napper, 15, two members of Slough British Legion turned giant-killers with wins over Linda Henwood and Maureen Heppell respectively.

Jill won the semi-final encounter between these two only to find the greater experience of Pauline Hemmings too much for her.

Jill, winner of the Under-13 singles and doubles, and Under-15 doubles, at the Kent Junior Open, is undoubtedly a player to watch.

Table tennis runs in the family for big brother Paul is a Bucks County player.

Jackie, who was featured last April as Michael Maclaren's Glamour Girl, also has a table tennis playing brother . . . young Robin, a 12-year-old of great promise.

Gibbs followed up his Newbury success by winning the singles at the Middlesex Open the following week. Geoff Salter gave Stuart cracking games at both Newbury and Middlesex.

The big event that most juniors are looking forward to is the English Open when West Germany will be sending a strong team. There will also be a couple of junior internationals against the Germans.

LEICESTERSHIRE**FIRST DRAW**

IT has not been a very active period for representative matches but elsewhere enthusiasm has been high. The only matches in the Midland League have been three ladies' matches with Leicester losing to Coventry, Nottingham and Birmingham. There appears a dearth of promising girl players in Leicester at the moment with the notable exception of Margaret Hainsworth.

In the Leicestershire Towns League the first-ever draw was recorded when Leicester "B" played Loughborough and the championship of this league is wide open. Currently showing excellent form are Ralph Clements (Leicester "B"), Ted Dixon (Loughborough) and P. Chell (Coalville). Coalville, in fact, look a much more polished outfit this season.

The Junior Division is clearly going to be a battle between Leicester and District and Loughborough, who both have maximum points. T. Barker has been Loughborough's "find of the season" and could soon be in the running for a place in the county team.

The Rose Johnson Bowl provided its first-ever tie when British Railways and Nazarenes second-round match ended with both scoring 633 points! With one game to go Nazarenes (Rec. 150) led by 9 points but only for John Corral to lose 12-21 to Harold Clark. Nazarenes won the replay by 25 points.

David Arterton has successfully taken the written part of the county umpire examination and will be a big help in the Loughborough area, where he plays for Garendon. Coaching sessions, organised by Glyn Thatcher and John Grimley are proving very popular in Loughborough.

Many of the divisions in the **Leicester and District League** are obviously going to be closely contested throughout the season. Knighton Park II, with John Ellis, John Thompson and Stan Ford in their side, look likely to be strong enough to win the 2A championship. Westminster Bank I, led by Leicester's best penholder, Roy Tester, are currently leading 2B but it is far from clear cut. Soccer Pools I, with Ken Hathaway, back from Coventry, in their side, are top of 3A with maximum points but with Spinney Hill W.M.C. I and Westminster Bank II right on their heels they cannot afford to slip up. Syston W.M.C. lead in 3B with Westminster Bank III hot on their heels. Eric Jackson and B. Clarke are both playing well for Syston. Parmeko have established a big lead in 4A and will need some stopping. Similarly with Clive Crookes and Mike Weston on form for Wyvern II in 4B their prospects of third division play next season are very rosy.

In the **Loughborough League** Shephed lead the First Division, but Garendon Stags are playing well and in with a good chance. Donington Hall have a splendid chance of topping the Second Division with Garendon once again championship contenders.

PHILIP REID.

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.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title and Venue</i>	<i>Extra Events</i>	<i>Organising Secretary</i>
1965			
Jan. 14-15	Co. Down Open Assembly Hall, Downpatrick, N. Ireland	J.B.S. J.G.S.	J. Ellis, 7, Patrick Drive, Downpatrick, Co. Down, N. Ireland.
16	Lancashire Open Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Ltd. Lostock, Bolton. Closing date: Jan. 7, 1965	J.B.S. J.G.S. V.S.	A. F. Jones, 13, Moss Bank Close, Astley Bridge, Bolton, Lancs.
16-17	Essex Open (Harlow)		G. Wenham, 55, North Road, Brentwood, Essex.
30-31	Kent Open (Folkestone) Marine Pavilion, Folkestone. Closing date: Jan. 13, 1965.	Y.S.(B) Y.S.(G)	F. G. Mannooch, 216, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
30	Gloucestershire Junior Open Closing date: Jan. 16, 1965. (Under 17's B. & G.S.) (Under 15's B. & G.S.)	J.B.D. J.G.D. J.X.D.	J. R. Chalkley, 17, Woods Orchard Road, Gloucester.
30	West of Scotland Open		Gwilliam Brown, 9, Edzell Gardens, Bishopbriggs, Scotland.
Feb. 6	Midland Open		M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham, 12.
6-7	Hythe (R) Open The Institute, Prospect Road, Hythe, Kent. Closing date: Jan. 19, 1965		R. J. Weaver, 68a, High Street, Hythe, Kent.
12-13	Quadrangular International (England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales) Milford Haven, West Wales		
13	Suffolk Closed Stowmarket		
12-14	South of England (R) Open I.C.T. Ltd., Aurealia Road, Croydon. Closing date: Jan. 27, 1965	J.B.S. J.G.S.	Miss D. M. Plater, 3, Moorson Way, Coulsdon, Surrey.
13	Cheshire Junior Open Birkenhead. Closing date: Feb. 1, 1965.	J.B.S. J.G.S. J.B.D. J.G.D. J.X.D.	R. A. Bissell, 8, Nurse Road, Thingwall, Heswall, Cheshire.
20	Yorkshire Open York Railway Institute, Closing date: Feb. 10, 1965. (Under 15's B.S.) (Under 15's G.S.) (Under 17's B.S.) (Under 17's G.S.)	V.S. B.D. G.D. X.D.	B. Warley, 2, Thornfield Avenue, Muncaster, Yorkshire.
27-28	GERMAN (WEST) OPEN		
27-28	Middlesex Closed Fulham Town Hall		
Mar. 3-6	ENGLISH OPEN (Brighton) (The Dome and Corn Exchange) Closing date: Feb. 8, 1965.		E.T.T.A. Office.
13	North Middlesex Open Municipal Hall, Knights Lane, Edmonton. Closing date: Mar. 8, 1965.		Louis Hoffman, 33, Grove Avenue, London, N.10.

BOURNEMOUTH OPEN

by LAURIE LANDRY

Survived Six Match Points

ALAN LINDSAY won the Bournemouth Open yet again on November 15. But he had to save a total of six match points and was taken to three games four times. The final turned out to be one of his easiest matches when he beat Les Haslam, who came through a rather less difficult half in an unseeded tournament.

Lindsay's first escape was in an early round against Derek Basden, who held two match points, only to lose 22-24 in the third.

Lindsay then beat Laury Landry over three and avenged his Sussex defeat with a similar win over Roger Chandler.

The semi-final was the match that Lindsay should have lost, for after sharing the first two games with Roy Morley he trailed 16-20 in the third.

He dug in defensively and waited for Morley to make the hitting mistakes, which eventually he did.

Morley had the misfortune to break his bat when 15-17 down in the second and finished the match with his reserve.

The final was an anti-climax but Haslam was able to show that very soon he will be a force to be reckoned with.

The women's singles produced three early surprises when Pauline, the right hander of the Holes twins, beat tenth ranking Beverley, left hander of the Sayer twins; local favourite J. Coop outlast Christine Holes, and Jean Williams of Buckinghamshire beat Pauline Martin, winner of the Merseyside Open.

Mrs. Coop completed a double over the Holes twins by beating Pauline to

reach the final where she found Betty Cassell too strong.

Mrs. Cassell stopped the run of Jean Williams, then beat Gloria Sayer in the semi-final.

Morley gained some consolation for his singles defeat by winning the men's doubles with Connie Warren, who missed the singles because of an injured shoulder, and the mixed doubles with Beverley Sayer.

The upset of the men's doubles was the defeat of Stan Jacobson and Lindsay by Gordon Chapman and Jimmy Moore, of Surrey.

The women's doubles was a twin affair with Beverley and Gloria Sayer beating Christine and Pauline Holes over three games.

Eleven girls and 14 boys contested the junior singles which went to Geoff Salter. With numbers like this the time has surely come to hold separate events.

Good cash value prizes were given this year instead of the usual trophies and this is something that could well lead to a better entry.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: A. LINDSAY (Middx.) bt R. Morley (Gloucs.) 17-21, 21-17, 22-20; L. HASLAM (Middx.) bt J. Moore (Surrey) 21-14, 21-19. **Final:** LINDSAY bt Haslam 21-15, 21-18.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: B. CASSELL (Norfolk) bt G. Sayer (Essex) 21-19, 21-14; J. COOP (Hants.) bt P. Holes (Hants.) 19-21, 21-13, 21-17. **Final:** CASSELL bt Coop 21-17, 21-17.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: C. WARREN (Surrey)/MORLEY bt D. Jones/J. Hetley (Bucks.) 21-19, 21-10; G. CHAP-

MAN/MOORE (Surrey) bt S. Jacobson/Lindsay (Middx.) 21-10, 15-21, 21-10. **Final:** WARREN/MORLEY bt Chapman/Moore 22-20, 21-11.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: B. SAYER/G. SAYER (Essex) bt W. Rutnerford/J. Baker (Hants.) 21-10, 21-16; C. HOLES/P. HOLES (Hants.) bt A. Mills (Hants.)/P. Bonner (Somerset) 21-9, 21-12. **Final:** SAYER/SAYER bt Holes/Holes 21-11, 21-23, 21-16.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: MORLEY/Miss B. SAYER bt P. Leckie/Miss J. Williams (Bucks.) 21-13, 21-11; WARREN/Miss P. MARTIN (Essex) bt D. Basden (Kent)/Miss L. Gordon (Yorks.) 21-13, 20-22, 21-12. **Final:** MORLEY/B. SAYER bt Warren/Martin 21-14, 18-21, 21-17.

Junior Singles: Semi-Finals: G. SALTER (Surrey) bt S. Brook (Hants) 21-12, 14-21, 21-16; R. ALLEN (Middx.) bt M. Hart (Surrey) 19-21, 21-17, 21-9. **Final:** SALTER bt Allen 21-19, 13-21, 21-16.

Internationals Club beat Hungary

THE objective of the Internationals Club is to spread the gospel of table tennis and they certainly succeeded in this in their first representative fixture against Hungary at Wafford Y.M.C.A. on December 4 (writes Laurie Landry).

The fact that they won 5-3 was not of particular importance. What did matter was the friendly spirit of the match and the wonderful entertainment they provided for the capacity crowd.

At times the exhibition aspect was carried a little too far, particularly in the women's doubles when the Hungarian pair led 20-16 in the third. But the crowd loved it.

Ferenc Sido, the Hungarian captain and former world singles champion, turned out for the Internationals Club as an honorary member, and showed that he is still a great player, partnering Denis Neale to beat Zoltan Berczik and Lazlo Pignitski in the men's doubles, and helping Mary Shannon win the mixed.

Although Ian Harrison lost his two singles he was in superb form and his match with Pignitski, who produced some amazing shots, was the highlight of the evening.

Another terrific match was that in which Neale beat Berczik, with some wonderful hitting which the Hungarian could do little about.

Detailed results: (Internationals Club names first): D. Neale bt Z. Berczik 21-14, 12-21, 21-14. I. Harrison lost L. Pignitski 22-20, 18-21, 16-21; lost Berczik 21-9, 17-21, 21-23.

Miss D. Rowe bt Mrs. E. Foldi 20-22, 21-18, 21-19. Miss M. Shannon lost E. Jurik 14-21, 20-22.

F. Sido/Neale bt Pignitski/Berczik 22-20, 19-21, 21-18. Sido/Miss Shannon bt Pignitski/Mrs. Jurik 15-21, 21-17, 22-20. Miss Rowe/Miss Shannon bt Mrs. Foldi/Mrs. Jurik 18-21, 21-10, 24-22.



Seen at the Bournemouth Open are, left to right, ALAN LINDSAY, the winner of the men's singles, STAN JACOBSON, his doubles partner, DIETER SEEGER, German student from Bonn who plays for Bournemouth, Mrs. JOYCE COOP, secretary of the Bournemouth Association women's singles finalist, and Mr. IVOR BAKER, president of the Bournemouth Association and tournament referee.

AROUND EAST ANGLIA

East Anglian Nearer

THE prospect of that long-hoped-for East Anglian Open looms ever brighter for next season. It will have to be a joint Norfolk-Suffolk effort and Ipswich have taken the lead over Norwich in this respect.

Dennis Barrett, the Suffolk secretary, has found the Local Education Authority most co-operative in his search for a venue. Once this has been found and the application made by the stipulated time, will come the necessary step of raising money for prizes and general expenses.

This might well be the first aim of the newly started Friends of Norfolk Table Tennis.

Congratulations to Betty Cassel on beating Joyce Coop, of Dorset, to win the Bournemouth Open, and on dis-

posing of Gloria Sayer, one of the Essex twins, in the quarter-finals.

The search of Alan Coby for competitive experience beyond the county borders has taken him over two thousand miles so far this season. He has played at Letchworth, Manchester, Hull, Liverpool, Bournemouth, and Birmingham.

Last season his travel total around the opens was 2,500 miles.

Further evidence of widening interest in the national scene by Norfolk players was the visit of Chris Fields and Wesley Haydock to the Merseyside Open. Already their play shows the benefit of this.

The inauguration of an East Anglian

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

COACHING DEMAND

A GROWING in the demand for coaching in Cambridgeshire is creating a problem. Officials are beginning to be hard pressed as to where to find the local coaches to staff the various centres which require attention.

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Alan Ponder, showing greatly improved form, was outstanding when Cambridgeshire beat Huntingdonshire 8-2 for their first win of the season. Paul Chisnall, Keith Chapman, Ron Nunn, Valerie Gillam and Carol Chapman completed the side, and all played well.

Ponder also won all four of his singles when Cambridge City beat Boston in the Wilmott Cup. The City team, which welcomed the return of John Thurston, looked good from the start and only Brian Hill provided any problems.

City Women also had a splendid 6-3 win over Norwich in the Rose Bowl, where reserve Mrs. Gent came in to support Valerie Gillam and Sandra Grainger.

Cambridge City also scored wins over Peterborough and Huntingdon Central in the South East Midlands League, where newcomers Ely and District gained their first win at the expense of St. Neots.

Y.M.C.A. I are already wearing the look of champions in the First Division of the Cambridgeshire League. So far they have not dropped a match, thanks to the fine combination of Ponder, Chisnall and Albert Jackson.

New Chesterton Institute, last season's champions, have been finding the going tough and are slipping behind.

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SUFFOLK

UNFAIR TO THE LADIES

ALTHOUGH the Suffolk Association and attendant leagues are often accused by more go-ahead fashionable regions of sticking in the well-trodden rut of past decades and degrading the work of national officialdom, the Association's latest quibble appears, not without foundation.

Briefly, the point which has aroused indignation has been the decision to rearrange the playing order of an N.C.C. fixture—which necessitates that one lady must sit out until event six—a proposal which, to say the least, is not congenial to good health, in a number of halls.

Nothing can be more discouraging for the lady when making her first visit to the table to know that her team is already 5-0 down. Would it not be much better to allow the ladies' doubles to be played as event four thereby ensuring that every player is able to play at the earliest opportunity?

It has been argued that with the current system the encounter between the respective No. 1's is likely to be played while interest is still alive in the final match result, but this often causes the last two sets to provide an anticlimax to an otherwise interesting fixture. Why not leave the contest between the top players until last, ensuring a fitting finale for the spectators and to the match?

Other Counties have intimated their distaste at the so-called improvement, and Suffolk would like to unite with these in condemning the new system in favour of the original.

B. C. Buckle.

Open would certainly make it easier for players from this part of England to start their tournament careers.

Norfolk, with three county wins behind them, had high hopes of taking a point from Buckinghamshire. But it was not to be. They lost 3-7. The juniors also went down 4-6 to leave Bucks, who once again demonstrated their superior defensive play, with a double.

The Norfolk Closed Championships provide this month's high spot at the Civil Defence H.Q., Norwich, on January 25.

Represented by Tony Hipperson, Phillip and Neville Graver, Norwich, had a decisive win over Peterborough in the Wilmott Cup, but the ladies were less successful in the Rose Bowl, losing 3-6 to Cambridge, despite a return to form by Mary Turner. The men now meet Cambridge in the Zone final.

In the East Anglian League, Norwich gained a 9-1 win over Ipswich, who had previously beaten Yarmouth 7-3. Stowmarket drew 5-5 with Lowestoft, who went down 2-8 to Yarmouth.

Cromer lost 4-6 to Dereham and 3-7 to Yarmouth B in the Second Division. Wymondham went down 3-7 to Lowestoft B and failed to win one of the ten games against Norwich B. There were mixed fortunes for Norwich in the Junior Division when they beat Lowestoft 6-3 but lost 4-5 to Yarmouth.

CEYMS consolidated their lead in the Norwich League with a 10-0 win against Bullards. Yarmouth League leaders are: Premier Division: Halvergate A; Div. I: Birds Eye; Div. II: Shrublands B and N.A.B.; Div. III: Nalgo A; Junior Div.: Waveney and Congregational.

It is good to see that Tom Blunn's leading article on enforcing good serving has been quoted in the Norfolk Press. I was especially pleased that it was suggested that coaching should make more of this attacking weapon.

J. S. Penny.

BEDFORD MOVE ON

BEDFORD are making great strides in the South East Midlands League, with a substantial lead in both the men's and women's divisions and holding second place to newcomers Peterborough in the junior section.

Such is their progress that even at this stage of the season there are prospects of them gaining a triple success.

The big test in the men's division may well be the clash with Cambridge City, who also have a good record with their young team.

Cambridge City are also lying second in the women's section, but Bletchley could be Bedford's biggest danger here, despite being held to a draw by St. Neots, when they were without Joan Wooding and Jean Dalton.

Cambridge are the only unbeaten side in the junior section and look likely to retain their title with Alan Ponder, Stuart Andrews and Tony Gee. However, Peterborough and Bedford have a good margin in hand, even though they have played more matches.

WELSH CORNER

WELSH OPEN POSTPONED

WE start 1965 with a disappointment—the Welsh Open has had to be postponed! It seems that the alteration in our usual date, although made a long time ago, has brought complications, and to go on with the event on January 22/23 would mean doing it without most of our visiting “stars.”

The West Germans, who had promised to come again, have their own Closed Championships on that date, England has accepted an invitation to play in the Russian Championships that weekend, there is a full National Counties programme on the Saturday. Then on the Sunday top ranking English players will be required to attend a Masters Tournament. All in all, a clash in events which we had thought could not take place.

Our performances in the European Championships have already been well covered, and there is little else that can be said. Once again we suffered disappointing results, but on this occasion there is at least a glimmer of hope. Both Graham Gear and Dennis Samuel made debuts which were amongst the best I have seen. It is perhaps ironic that the looping game which they have learned well and is still good enough to keep them at the top in Wales, is not as potent a weapon in the top European class, and certainly will not be in the World Championships.

NOT THE TIME

The truth is there is not the time to make these strokes against the hitters, and all out hitting with short sharp strokes is definitely the order of the day. The loop is used to set up an attack, and has to be used against the best defensive players, but it's a lower more top spun stroke than we use. And looping in itself doesn't often win points in that company.

Both Graham and Dennis saw these things for themselves and I look to them to put them into practice at an early date. George Evans started disappointingly, and although during the summer he learned to hit, he falls back into his old negative game too easily when under pressure. Fortunately he realised this fairly soon and went all out to hit the ball in the later matches, thus producing better results.

George is very much at the crossroads of his career, for the game which has stood him in good stead in the past is no longer good enough, and he will have to sacrifice immediate success in the task of building a more positive game.

Margaret and Sandra played well in patches, but they, too, are getting left behind in the modern advance of the game. The European women's game is much too defensive, and our girls could well say that their game is not dated in this respect. But the fact is that whilst the game in Europe still tends to be dominated by the defenders, there is an

ever increasing band of younger girls coming on who do hit the ball.

Mary Shannon's success is an inspiration to them all, and unless our girls get into this upsurge they will find themselves powerless as neither good attackers nor good defenders. Lack of real purpose is still their greatest weakness.

With the Welsh Open removed from the calendar temporarily, the Welsh selectors will have nothing to give them a further guide before the Quadrangular Internationals at Milford Haven in February. Our usual programme results do not suggest any new stars clamouring for recognition, and the Welsh League programme goes much as expected.

NORTH WALES

Short-lived Marathon

THE marathon record established by Pembroke College, Cambridge, as part of the Armistice Day Collection, has been short-lived. New claimants to the title of longest players are Rhyl Labour Club with a time of 40 hours 4 minutes.

Rhyl were unaware that Pembroke had raised the time to 40 hrs. 1 min. when they set out at 7 a.m. on December 12 to attack the previous record of the Exmouth League. Fortunately they set a target of 40 hours, which gave them a margin of some five hours to play with. Even so they achieved their success by a mere three minutes and only because they completed a doubles match which wound up the attempt.

The successful quartet were **Roy Williams** with 153 wins and 4,145 points, **Ron Kings** (136 and 3,925), **Bob Harrison** (79 and 3,843) and **Geoff Silver** (70 and 4,029). A total of 442 games were played.

P. Overson, was in charge of the team of 16 umpires and records, while C. Parry and G. Roose kept a watchful eye on the players to check the continuity of games.

Mr. S. Shone, the North Wales T.T.A. chairman, presented a plaque to each player to mark the occasion, which helped raise £25 for the Rhyl Old Age Pensioners Fund.

Some 500 spectators were present at the end and with the event being televised it helped give the game a boost in North Wales.

But what a shock and the relief for all concerned when three days after the attempt the TABLE TENNIS Magazine arrived with news of the Pembroke achievement. It certainly gave Rhyl cause to thank goodness that they completed the final doubles.

Cardiff and Barry, with most of the best Welsh players between them, were both undefeated until their all important first clash gave Cardiff a 5-4 win and the leadership.

Swansea, Newport and Aberdare “A” each have three victories. Eastern Valleys are not doing as well as would have been expected, but Bridgend and Aberdare “B” are definitely struggling.

Tredegar are unbeaten in Division 2, but are only in second place to Swansea who have four wins and one defeat. Merthyr are behind Tredegar, with equal wins and losses, but Bridgend “B” and Cardiff “B” have each only one victory and Abergavenny none.

With Dennis Samuel and Jeff Morgan so outstanding, it is to be expected that Aberdare lead the juniors. They are followed by Swansea, Barry and Bridgend.

Cardiff lead the women's section, Newport now strongest challengers since Swansea lost to Tredegar.

LANSDOWNE CRASH

LANSDOWNE Llandudno entertained Chirk in the North Wales counties club championship and were beaten 6-3. Wrexham's other representatives, Border Breweries, were soundly beaten at Greenfield by Courtaulds 7-2. Towyn, the Rhyl champions beat Rhyl Methodist 7-2. Crossville Llandudno made sure of a semi-final place with a good win over I.E.P. Sandycroft. The semi-final places are now filled with a team from each league.

The North Wales Inter-Town League has provided some interesting matches to date. In Division I Llandudno “A” defeated East Flintshire “A” 8-1. Rhyl “A” beat Wrexham “A” 7-2 at home and Llandudno 5-4 away, after being 4-3 down. R. Williams and E. Kane were unbeaten for Rhyl.

Results in Division II were: Llandudno “B” 6, East Flintshire “B” 3; Rhyl “B” 5; Wrexham “B” 4; Llandudno “B” 5, Rhyl “B” 4.

Rhyl Ladies scored a 7-2 win over Wrexham, Miss E. Williams winning all her matches.

Wrexham, eager to improve, played friendly fixtures with Montgomery. The “A” team won 9-1, but the “B” team were beaten 7-3. Return matches have been arranged at Welshpool.

LLANDUDNO CLOSED

Max Shone retained the Llandudno closed singles with a good win over G. Mynott (Penmaemawr). Mynott reached the final after beating top-seed Don Hobbs in the semi-finals.

(Results page 12)

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

By John Wright

UNBEATEN ESSEX GO TO THE TOP

ESSEX, with victories over Yorkshire and Lancashire, surge into the lead in the Premier Division and are now the only undefeated Premier County.

A huge audience at Bolton saw Lancashire crushed by Essex for whom Stuart Gibbs in particular was in form. Even though Mike Symonds took Chester Barnes to a third game he never really looked as if he would win.

The following night at Bradford Barnes crashed in straight games to Yorkshire's Dennis Neale who also accounted for Bobby Stevens. Both Peter Duncombe's sets could, with a little luck, have gone to Yorkshire. An odd spot in this match was the mixed doubles which the Yorkshire pair won after losing the second 3-21 to Gibbs and Miss Bell.

Middlesex had a tight see-saw match with Surrey. Alan Lindsay and new boy Les Haslam, who had not paired before, unexpectedly won their doubles, but Haslam seemed to have difficulty with return of service in the singles and lost to both Dave Lowe and George Muranyi. Di Rowe put up a good fight before going down to Mary Shannon, and with Brian Wright spoiling Connie Warren's clean sheet, Middlesex are still in with

a hope of the title.

The following night Middlesex disposed of Kent, for whom Tony Piddock was at his best. Wright seemed upset by being faulted several times on service and trailed 9-16 in the third to Piddock, fought back to 21-20, but then lost. Diane found Joan Beadle tough opposition in a hard set in which neither made an attacking backhand shot although both made occasional penetrating forehand drives. Lindsay and Haslam again won their doubles.

In the other Premier match Gloucestershire were untroubled by Staffordshire and dropped only the mixed doubles. Glen Warwick took Roy Morley to three, but managed 15 points in the remaining two games.

In the Second South, Hertfordshire fought back from 1-3 to 4-3 against Hampshire only to lose 4-6. The victories by Trevor Smith over Terry Tensham and by Derek Holman over Eddie Hodson were most praiseworthy. Kent won their first match against Bucks, by 6-4, but Paul Shirley for the visitors is still unbeaten. Surrey gave Bedfordshire no encouragement at all.

With four counties with 4 points in

the Second Division North, Cheshire look best placed, particularly as they have beaten both Lancashire and Yorkshire. Derek Schofield has yet to open his account.

The rule change last season giving second teams an opportunity to challenge for promotion if the first team is due for relegation could still help Yorkshire who will now desperately want to win this division. But with Alan Hydes now committed to the Premier side this will be a difficult task.

Lincolnshire, having difficulty in getting Brian Hill and Wendy Eanor to turn out, had both in the side which fell 4-6 to Durham and these players featured in all four sets won by Lincolnshire. Without this pair they were unable to extend Lancashire. While Durham did well to beat an improved Northumberland.

LADIES EXCEL

In the most exciting match Oxfordshire has ever seen, the home team held powerful Warwickshire. Oxfordshire ladies Mair Davies and Mrs. Wingent excelled themselves whilst for the visitors Maurice Billington, after a shaky start against Stan Hahn gave a great all-round performance while Derek Baddeley's loop drive and spin service saw him through. Oxfordshire won three excellent doubles matches. A week earlier Oxfordshire had beaten Worcestershire 7-3 after leading 5-0. Their position at the head of the table is due in no small measure to Hahn with six singles wins out of eight and, with Cecil Jackson, all four doubles.

Cornwall lead in Second West and look capable of taking Devon in which case the division will depend on the outcome of their match in Somerset. The Cornwall team, after crushing Dorset 8-2, is quietly confident of its first ever title. Cornwall's Bill Northcott trailed badly against both Cliff Diffey and Cyril Bush and did well to win both.

I hear that Mike Maclaren should travel to take a "Glamour Girl" shot of Dorset's Joyce Coop, the best looking girl in the group.

The other undefeated County, Somerset, had a long close match with Wiltshire, with 15-year-old Pat Bonner keeping her unbeaten singles record for Somerset.

Bucks will take some catching in the Southern and with the whole side playing well Huntingdon were no match for them. Suffolk scored their first win since February 1963 by beating Cambridgeshire, who also provided their last win.

Worcestershire made Oxfordshire fight hard for this 4-0 lead in the Midland match and then pulled back to 2-4. Oxfordshire, however, ran out 7-3. Derbyshire beat Staffordshire by the same margin.

John Kedge, Paul Canham, and Linda Forkes have taken Yorkshire to a strong Junior North position. Nice to have a reserve like Alan Hydes, who has yet to play Lancashire's Jack Faulkland, played

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION

- January 23 Lancashire v Gloucestershire, Lecture Hall, Four Lane Ends, Thornton Cleveleys, Blackpool 7.30 p.m.
- January 23 Surrey v Yorkshire, Crusader Insurance Sports Club, Woodhatch, Reigate 7 p.m.
- January 23 Kent v Staffordshire, Vickers Sports Club, Crayford 7.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

- January 23 Kent v Hertfordshire, Rowing Clubhouse, Marina, Deal 7.30 p.m.
- January 23 Buckinghamshire v Sussex

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

- January 23 Lincolnshire v Yorkshire, Boston Grammar School, Rowley Road, Boston 7 p.m.
- January 23 Durham v Cumberland, Sunderland Table Tennis Club, Burdon Road, Sunderland

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

- January 16 Monmouthshire v Worcestershire
- January 16 Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire

SECOND DIVISION WEST

- January 23 Dorset v Somerset, Broadstone Athletic Club, Broadstone 7 p.m.
- January 23 Devon v Cornwall, St. Sidewells Parish Church Hall, Acland Road, Exeter 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

- January 22 Buckinghamshire v Cambridgeshire
- February 6 Hampshire v Buckinghamshire, St. James Institute, Stourbridge Road, Pokesdown, Bournemouth 7 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION

- January 16 Oxfordshire v Warwickshire, St. Margaret's Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford 7 p.m.
- January 23 Staffordshire v Worcestershire, Methodist Church Hall, Victoria Road, Shifnal, Shropshire 7 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

- January 23 Durham v Cumberland, Sunderland Table Tennis Club, Burdon Road, Sunderland 3 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

- January 23 Sussex v Surrey (Crawley) 4 p.m.
- January 23 Berkshire v Hampshire, C.W.S. Printing Works, Elgar Road, Reading 3 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

- January 23 Staffordshire v Leicestershire, Woodfield Sports Club, Penn Road, Wolverhampton

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH WEST

- January 23 Gloucestershire v Wiltshire
- January 23 Monmouthshire v Glamorgan

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

- January 9 Suffolk v Hertfordshire
- January 23 Essex v Buckinghamshire, Leyton High Road Y.C., Crawley Road, Leyton, E.10 2.30 p.m.

well to beat both Canham and Kedge, but Lancashire could get no more. This was the first defeat for Kedge as he beat Cheshire's Mike Johns in a drawn match. Northumberland still challenge here although both Brian Burn and Joe McLeod lost to Durham's Robert Todd.

In the only Junior East match Essex beat Hertfordshire 7-3. Stuart Seaholme took the first game from Gibbs who then proved too consistent. Ray Cocks and Paul Harmer won a tight doubles at 23-21 in the third and Pauline Hemmings found Linda Henwood well below her best and won with ease.

Worcestershire's Junior Midland team recorded their first victory by any Worcestershire side in 15 matches played since March 1963 when they beat Oxfordshire 6-4. All six boys' singles went to Worcestershire in straight sets. Warwickshire, however, disposed of the same Oxfordshire team 9-1.

Due to an oversight, County Associations were not reminded about nominations for the 1964-5 Leslie Forrest Award. These should now reach me not later than January 31 at 124 Russhall Avenue, Bedford Park, London, W.4.

DETAILED RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Lancashire 1, Essex 8
M. Symonds lost to C. Barnes —12, 23, —17; bt R. Stevens 9, —14, 15. J. Ingber lost to C. Barnes —19, —12; lost to S. Gibbs —16, —19. K. Forshaw lost to R. Stevens —14, 17, —12; lost to S. Gibbs —15, —18.
Miss C. Moore lost to Miss L. Bell —10, —10.
Symonds/Ingber lost to Barnes/Stevens —12, —17.
Forshaw/Miss Moore lost to Gibbs/Miss Bell —16, —20.
Middlesex 5, Surrey 4

B. Wright bt C. Warren —19, 17, 14; bt D. Lowe 14, 14. A. Lindsay lost to C. Warren —15, —19; bt G. Muranyi 18, —19, 15. L. Haslam lost to D. Lowe —14, —16; lost to G. Muranyi —15, 18, —15.
Miss D. Rowe lost to Miss M. Shannon 22, —15, —15.
Lindsay/Haslam bt Warren/Muranyi 17, —16, 16.
Wright/Miss Rowe bt Lowe/Miss Shannon —16, 17, 13.

Yorkshire 3, Essex 6
D. Neale bt C. Barnes 16, 17; bt R. Stevens 17, 19. P. Duncombe lost to C. Barnes 18, —15, —19; lost to S. Gibbs —15, 20, —18. A. Hydes lost to R. Stevens —18, —12; lost to S. Gibbs —16, —18.
Mrs. C. Duncombe lost to Miss L. Bell —19, —16.
Neale/Hydes lost to Barnes/Stevens —16, —10.
Duncombe/Mrs. Duncombe bt Gibbs/Miss Bell 16, —3, 17.

Middlesex 6, Kent 3
B. Wright lost to A. Piddock 12, —17, —22; bt D. Basden 15, 15. A. Lindsay lost to A. Piddock 10, —20, —17; bt H. Buist 18, 9. L. Haslam lost to D. Basden —14, —19; bt H. Buist 14, 15.
Miss D. Rowe bt Mrs. J. Beadle —19, 13, 19.

Lindsay/Haslam bt Piddock/Buist 17, 19. Wright/Miss Rowe bt Basden/Mrs. Beadle 19, 14.
Staffordshire 1, Gloucestershire 8
S. Ward lost to I. Harrison —11, —12; lost to B. Merrett —8, —10. G. Warwick lost to I. Harrison —8, —13; lost to R. Morley 16, —6, —9. B. Lowe lost to B. Merrett —8, —10; lost to R. Morley —17, —17.
Mrs. M. Massey lost to Miss P. Taylor —20, —19.
Ward/Lowe lost to Harrison/Merrett —13, —10.
Warwick/Mrs. Massey bt Morley/Mrs. Taylor —16, 17, 7.

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)
Surrey 10, Bedfordshire 0
Hampshire 6, Hertfordshire 4
Kent 6, Buckinghamshire 4
SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)
Cheshire 6, Yorkshire 4
Lincolnshire 4, Durham 6
Lancashire 10, Lincolnshire 0
Durham 7, Northumberland 3
SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)
Worcestershire 3, Oxfordshire 7
Oxfordshire 5, Warwickshire 5
Glamorgan —, Nottinghamshire —
SECOND DIVISION (WEST)
Cornwall 8, Dorset 2
Somerset 6, Wiltshire 4

MIDLAND DIVISION
Worcestershire 3, Oxfordshire 7
Derbyshire 7, Staffordshire 3
SOUTHERN DIVISION
Suffolk 6, Cambridgeshire 4
Huntingdonshire 1, Buckinghamshire 9
JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)
Cheshire 4, Yorkshire 4
Lancashire 2, Yorkshire 6
Durham 2, Northumberland 6
JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)
Kent 8, Berkshire 2
JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND
Worcestershire 6, Oxfordshire 4
Oxfordshire 1, Warwickshire 9
Leicestershire 7, Nottinghamshire 3
JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH WEST
Gloucestershire 2, Glamorgan 8
Gloucestershire 3, Monmouthshire 7
JUNIOR DIVISION EAST
Hertfordshire 3, Essex 7

MIDLAND DIVISION
Oxfordshire 4, 3, 1, 0, 27, 13, 7
Warwickshire 3, 2, 1, 0, 21, 9, 5
Glamorgan 2, 1, 0, 1, 13, 7, 2
Nottinghamshire 2, 0, 1, 1, 6, 14, 1
Worcestershire 3, 0, 1, 2, 8, 22, 1
Monmouthshire 2, 0, 0, 2, 5, 15, 0
SECOND DIVISION WEST
Cornwall 2, 2, 0, 0, 14, 6, 4
Somerset 2, 2, 0, 0, 13, 7, 4
Wiltshire 3, 1, 0, 2, 14, 16, 2
Dorset 3, 1, 0, 2, 12, 18, 2
Devonshire 2, 0, 0, 2, 7, 13, 0
SOUTHERN DIVISION
Buckinghamshire 4, 4, 0, 0, 32, 8, 8
Norfolk 4, 3, 0, 1, 22, 18, 6
Hampshire 3, 2, 0, 1, 21, 9, 4
Hertfordshire 3, 2, 0, 1, 17, 13, 4
Cambridgeshire 4, 1, 0, 3, 17, 23, 2
Suffolk 4, 1, 0, 3, 15, 25, 2
Huntingdonshire 4, 0, 0, 4, 6, 34, 0

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Junior Singles: Semi-Finals: Miss EVANS bt P. Roberts 21-19, 21-16; D. ROBERTS bt A. Hill 21-19, 21-16. Final: D. ROBERTS bt Miss Evans 21-19, 18-21, 21-17.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: S. EVANS bt P. Batten-Jones 21-18, 21-17; E. WILLIAMS bt S. McManus 21-16, 21-13. Final: EVANS bt Williams 21-11, 21-16.
Men's Doubles: Final: R. WILLIAMS/G. SILVER bt J. Bradbury/D. Mattison 21-16, 13-21, 21-16. Mixed Doubles: Final: H. McEVOY/Miss E. WILLIAMS bt G. Hay/Miss Evans 21-12, 21-17.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: R. WILLIAMS bt E. Kane 21-10, 21-7; M. WILLIAMS bt K. Vickery 21-19, 19-21, 23-21. Final: R. WILLIAMS bt M. Williams 21-11, 21-11.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: S. EVANS bt P. Batten-Jones 21-18, 21-17; E. WILLIAMS bt S. McManus 21-16, 21-13. Final: EVANS bt Williams 21-11, 21-16.
Men's Doubles: Final: R. WILLIAMS/G. SILVER bt J. Bradbury/D. Mattison 21-16, 13-21, 21-16. Mixed Doubles: Final: H. McEVOY/Miss E. WILLIAMS bt G. Hay/Miss Evans 21-12, 21-17.

DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Essex	4	4	0	0	26	10	8
Middlesex	4	3	0	1	23	13	6
Surrey	3	2	0	1	18	9	4
Gloucestershire	3	2	0	1	17	10	4
Lancashire	3	1	0	2	10	17	2
Kent	3	1	0	2	10	17	2
Yorkshire	3	0	0	3	11	16	0
Staffordshire	3	0	0	3	2	25	0

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Surrey	4	3	1	0	29	11	7
Sussex	3	2	1	0	23	7	5
Buckinghamshire	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Kent	3	1	2	0	16	14	4
Hampshire	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Hertfordshire	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Bedfordshire	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Lancashire	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Cheshire	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Durham	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Northumberland	3	1	1	1	18	12	3
Lincolnshire	3	0	1	2	9	21	0
Cumberland	2	0	0	2	0	20	1

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

Oxfordshire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Warwickshire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Glamorgan	2	1	0	1	13	7	2
Nottinghamshire	2	0	1	1	6	14	1
Worcestershire	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Monmouthshire	2	0	0	2	5	15	0

SECOND DIVISION WEST

Cornwall	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Somerset	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Wiltshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Dorset	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Devonshire	2	0	0	2	7	13	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Buckinghamshire	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
Norfolk	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Hampshire	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Hertfordshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Cambridgeshire	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Suffolk	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Huntingdonshire	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

MIDLAND DIVISION

Warwickshire	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Derbyshire	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Oxfordshire	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Staffordshire	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
Worcestershire	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

Kent	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Surrey	2	1	1	0	13	7	3
Sussex	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Hampshire	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Berkshire	3	0	0	3	8	22	0

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

Yorkshire	4	3	1	0	25	7	7
Northumberland	2	2	0	0	14	2	4
Cheshire	2	1	1	0	9	7	3
Lancashire	2	0	0	2	5	11	0
Durham	2	0	0	2	3	13	0
Cumberland	2	0	0	2	0	16	0

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

Warwickshire	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Staffordshire	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Worcestershire	3	1	1	1	11	19	3
Leicestershire	2	1	0	1	7	13	2
Oxfordshire	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Nottinghamshire	3	0	1	2	11	19	1

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

Essex	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Buckinghamshire	2	2	0	0	12	8	4
Middlesex	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Hertfordshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Norfolk	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Suffolk	3	0	0	3	7	23	6

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH-WEST

Glamorgan	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Wiltshire	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Monmouthshire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Gloucestershire	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

OFFICIAL NEWS

English Closed Championships. These will be the first championships held by the E.T.T.A. at the Crystal Palace Recreation Centre. Prices of admission are: Thursday, January 7, evening, 2s. 6d.; Friday, January 8, all day, 5s.; Saturday, January 9, all day (except finals) 5s.; finals (reserved seats) 5s. Crystal Palace is the nearest S.R. station from London Bridge or Victoria) and the Centre is also served by buses 154 and 157 (to Anerley Road) and 2, 3, 49, 63, 108, 137, 186 and 227 (to Crystal Palace Parade). Car park entrance is in Ledrington Road off Anerley Road.

Team Selections

▼ **W. Germany,** at Cheshunt Boys' Club, Waltham Cross, December 5, 1964: C. Barnes, I. Harrison, D. Neale, R. J. Crayden (non-playing captain). England won 7-2.

▼ **Hungary,** at Tottenham Municipal Hall, December 12, 1964: M. Shannon, J. Bell, D. Rowe, R. J. Crayden (non-playing captain). England won 5-0.

▼ **Hungary,** at Tottenham Municipal Hall, December 12, 1964: D. Neale, B. Wright. Hungary won 3-2.

▼ **U.S.S.R., World Championships 1965.** The National Council at their meeting on December 5 agreed that

teams of a maximum of four men and three women should be sent to this event in Yugoslavia, plus two non-playing captains (Johnny Leach having offered to pay his own expenses). The E.T.T.A. chairman and secretary were nominated to attend the I.T.T.F. Congress at the same time.

G. C. Barnes. The National Council recorded a vote of thanks for the way the Appeals Committee (under the chairmanship of Tony Wickens) had dealt with Barnes's appeal, and endorsed the subsequent action taken by the Management Committee.

Official Magazine. Conrad Jaschke was appointed as the National Council's liaison officer with the official magazine Table Tennis.

M.P.S. The National Council accepted the resignation of Geoff James (E.T.T.A. Deputy Chairman) from the post of chairman to the Master Points sub-committee, and appointed M. Lijinsky to take his place. Len Adams was appointed secretary.

Standing Orders. Keith Watts was appointed as an additional member to serve on this sub-committee, with George White and Tony Wickens.

1965 A.G.M. The National Council confirmed that the A.G.M. would be held in Birmingham on July 3, 1965.

Senior Selection Committee. Ivor Eyles (chairman, E.T.T.A.) was asked to continue as chairman of the senior selection committee for the rest of the season.

Registered Members. The following applications were endorsed: G. C. Barnes (Essex), M. Bradley (Derby), D. Clutton (Norfolk), R. E. Etheridge (Kent), G. Goucher (Derby), R. Gunnion (Warwicks), L. Howick (Herts), Hon. I. Montagu (Herts), F. W. Moss (Kent), A. G. St. C. Lindsay (Mddx.), M. N. Parker (Derby), A. R. Payne (Kent), B. J. Phillips (Sussex), S. Pearson (Suffolk), Diane Rowe (Mddx.), A. W. C. Simons (Glouc.), R. J. Stevens (Essex), M. Symonds (Lanes.), A. Warents (Northumberland), B. D. Wright (Mddx.).

European Champions. The E.T.T.A. wishes to express sincere thanks to the following firms who supplied items free to the England teams for this event: Umbro shirts, Humphrey Bros. Ltd.; ladies' skirts, Fred Perry Sportswear Ltd.; men's shorts, Louis Hoffman (Clothing) Ltd.; shoes, Dunlop Sports Company; track suits, R. C. Hough, Horsford & Terry Ltd.

CARDIFF OPEN

MORE PLUNDERING OF WELSH TITLES

GLOUCESTER'S small contingent went away well pleased with their plundering of Welsh titles in the Cardiff Open.

Bryan Merrett met Roy Morley in the men's final, and reversed recent results. Still basically defensive in the traditional pimple rubber style, Bryan remains a very good tournament player indeed, and although Roy played well enough to take the first game, and only narrowly lost the second, he went well down in the third.

Morley had his revenge on Graham Gear who beat him at Swansea, Graham started too loosely in the third game of the semi-final and found the handicap of 2-9 telling too much.

Dennis Samuel beat Brian Everson but offered little fight against Merrett. Ron Davies beat Wayne Smith and John Prosser, only to lose to Pat Crowley, who also beat John Spencer before going out to George Evans.

Alan Thomas, after a good win over Graham Coghill, had no answer to Morley, while Jeff Spencer beat Pipe and Howard Lewis, then lost to Dennis Holland, who in turn was beaten by Graham Gear.

The women's event was a great disappointment for Wales. The final, a dull uninteresting game, with no local appeal being contested by Connie Moore (Liverpool) and Pat Taylor (Cheltenham). In the junior event there was a good boys' final. Wayne Smith beat Jeff Morgan and Robert Bishop to reach the final where he lost to Dennis Samuel after leading 17-13 in the third. Helen Price raised Welsh hopes in the girls' singles by beating Denise Smith (Glos.) only to lose in the final to Jennifer Eatough.

Men's Singles: Semi - Finals: B. MERRETT bt G. Evans 21-11, 21-15; R. MORLEY bt G. Gear 21-15, 14-21, 21-17. **Final:** MERRETT bt Morley 14-21, 21-19, 21-11.

Men's Doubles: Final: MERRETT/MORLEY bt Gear/Anderson 21-11, 21-12.

Women's Singles: Final: C. MOORE bt P. Taylor 21-15, 21-19.

Women's Doubles: Final: M. PHILLIPS/MOORE bt S. Morgan/Taylor 21-19, 21-11.

Mixed Doubles: Final: MORLEY/Miss TAYLOR bt Bevan/Miss Moore 23-21, 22-20.

Boys' Singles: Final: D. SAMUEL bt W. Smith 9-21, 21-15, 21-18.

Girls' Singles: Final: J. EATOUGH bt H. Price 21-17, 21-19.

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