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## IN WHICH WE SERVE

**T**HE question of services has again cropped up and it is, perhaps, time to take stock of the position.

The present service rule is clearly defined and permits neither latitude nor discretion; an umpire can even call upon a line judge to attend to one aspect of the service, the question of serving within the side lines. The other two important points, resting the ball on the palm of the hand and projecting the ball upwards, is a question of fact.

What seems apparently simple to us becomes a matter of deep complexity to foreign associations. Not only is the rule flagrantly abused but in many cases it is not even understood.

Many players in this country deliver foul services from time to time, but a word from a competent umpire can usually remedy the matter. But most foreign players are not even taught the correct service and they are at a complete loss when attempts are made to correct them.

### LAUGH AT US

The E.T.T.A. members have made a genuine attempt to work the rule correctly although it is much easier to serve incorrectly. As leaders in the table tennis administration the E.T.T.A. command great respect, but when it comes to complying with the rules it seems as though the rest of the world just laugh at us.

In the recent international match against Sweden the question of illegal services was highlighted by the continued breach of the rules by the Swedes who persistently served off the fingers and outside the line.

The fact that they were never faulted by the umpires indicates the ridiculous extent to which we are

by **TOM BLUNN**

prepared to go in order to keep the peace.

It is not a question of stretching the rules or accepting an alternative interpretation. There is no latitude whatsoever. The interpretation of palm and fingers is the same in any country, and the width of the table is standard. There is no more difficulty in detecting a foul service than there is in detecting the hand

pliance with the rules is only for the E.T.T.A. so that whenever our players meet foreign players they are required to play them at a disadvantage.

This is an intolerable position and one which should not be allowed to continue. Our players have every right to expect to meet opposition on equal terms and it is up to the administration to see that they get it. Their task is hard enough as it is and a disadvantage of two or three points per game is usually that little bit too much.

The answer could be for our players to be told to break the rule and play tit for tat, but the better solution would be for our administration to start the uphill battle at international level to either alter the rule or see that it is obeyed.

There is another aspect of the service which is a material factor in the sometimes disappointing results of our players. This is the lack of attention paid to the delivery of an effective service by some of the top ranking English players.

### START AT BOTTOM

The service is the only point in the game where a player has time to think. This fact seems to be overlooked by players, coaches and officials alike and in this case the answer lies in our own hands. We should start at the bottom and teach the service as the first and most important stroke, one that can win matches.

Again in the recent match against Sweden our younger players lost vital points through slack and hurried services. It may well be said, on reflection, that this particular

#### LAW 10

#### A GOOD SERVICE

The service shall begin by the server projecting the ball by hand only, without imparting of spin, up into the air. The ball shall then be struck so that it touch first the server's court and then, passing directly over or around the net, touch the receiver's court.

The free hand, while in contact with the ball in service, shall be open, with the fingers together, thumb free, and the ball resting on the palm without being cupped or pinched in any way by the fingers.

At the moment of impact of the racket on the ball in service, the latter shall be behind the end line of the server's court and between an imaginary continuation of the side lines.

on the table or a double bounce point.

Foreign players have found that it is easier to serve a foul service and that a more difficult service can be delivered in the bargain. So to them the obvious policy is to obtain the greatest advantage as often as possible.

Their officials condone their actions because they put the need to win as their first priority. The com-

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## NETHERLANDS OPEN

**NO HOLIDAY**Says **JOHNNY LEACH**

**T**HOSE who think that the chance to represent England abroad is a glorified holiday for our top players should take a look at the Netherlands Open Programme:—

**Thursday, October 15th:** 3.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m., practice and training at the National Recreation Centre. 8.30-10 p.m., travelling home. 10.30 p.m., bed.

**Friday, October 16th:** 7 a.m., wakey-wakey, pack bags, breakfast, etc. 9 a.m., depart for Southend Airport. 12.45 p.m., arrive Rotterdam Airport after very rough flight. 1.30 p.m., arrive Rotterdam Table Tennis Centre. 1.30-2.30 p.m., lunch. 2.30-5.15 p.m., practice. 6.45 p.m., arrive Utrecht by train (packed like sardines). 6.45-10 p.m., unpack, dinner, game of cards, etc. 10 p.m., bed.

**Saturday, October 17th:** 8 a.m., wakey-wakey. 9 a.m., breakfast. 10 a.m., arrive Julianahal. 10 a.m.-noon, practice. Noon-11.45 p.m., tournament play (no break for food—supplied with pack lunch). 12.45 p.m., bed.

**Sunday, October 18th:** 8.30 a.m., wakey-wakey. 9.30 a.m., breakfast. 10.30 a.m., arrive Julianahal. 10.30-noon, practice. Noon-6.30 p.m., tournament play (pack lunch). 8.30 p.m.-11.30 p.m. tournament finals. 1 a.m., bed

**Monday, October 19th:** 8.45 a.m., depart for home.

**HOW ABOUT THAT!!!**

**IN WHICH WE SERVE**

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match was lost through bad serving. This was really tragic, as the Swedes had virtually handed it to us on a plate, and a win at this stage of the season and before a few million TV viewers would have been a wonderful boost to the game in this country.

It is only fair to say that the National Selection Committee has noted the deficiency in serving and will be taking steps to remedy this in future.

Just a personal note. I have spent a considerable amount of time and effort in preparing, drafting and proposing rules and rule changes, some of which I have not agreed with, but if a rule is passed then I feel it is everyone's duty to accept it and to make a genuine attempt to make it work. In this respect I just cannot tolerate half-measures.

Despite this hectic programme our team came through with credit. We won only one title, the women's doubles through Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon, but there was sufficient evidence that we could provide a few upsets in the European and World Championships, given the right training.

Denis Neale confirmed his early promise in his first major tournament abroad by outhitting and outsmarting Kjell Johansson, the Swedish star whom Europe had regarded as unbeatable this season.

Denis did the trick in three straight games, 21-9, 21-19, 21-19. He showed a complete absence of nerves, refusing to be over-awed by reputation, and when he did fall it was to the Czech Vladimir Miko in the quarter-final.

**And even there he put a tremendous fight, going down narrowly over a five-set thriller which could have gone either way.**

Chester Barnes was both the most brilliant and disappointing player of the whole tournament and will not fulfil his tremendous promise until he learns to value and fights for every point.

While Onnes (Holland), his second-round conqueror, played above himself, Barnes toyed with him for the first two games then appeared to lose concentration, then his fighting spirit.

**INJURED LEG**

Diane Rowe withdrew from the singles with a pulled tendon in the left leg and saved herself for the doubles.

Mary Shannon did not hit her top form in this meeting. Her footwork was too hurried and her favourite forehand stroke appeared to have deserted her.

However, she did manage a good win over Marta Luzova, the young Czech before narrowly losing in the fifth game to Erzsébet Jurikne (Heirits) of Hungary in the semi-final.

Mary and Diane raise high hopes of winning the European title by the way in which, despite the handicap of Diane's injured leg, they were able to deal with Eva Foldi and Mrs. Jurikne at 21-14, 19-21, 21-14, 21-17, in the final.

The titles were well shared around with Hans Alser of Sweden winning the men's singles, Eva Foldi of Hungary the women's singles, Miko and Stanek of Czechoslovakia the

men's doubles and Miko and Marta Luzova the mixed doubles.

**ENGLAND RESULTS**

Mary Shannon bt L. Remmen-Marijnisse 21-6, 21-8, 21-5; bt R. Seidel 21-17, 15-21, 24-22, 18-21, 21-13; bt M. Luzova 21-19, 21-13, 15-21, 21-18, lost to Jurikne (semi-final) 18-21, 17-21, 21-17, 21-16, 15-21.

Diane Rowe bt I. Tessensohn 21-11, 21-15, 21-15 retired hurt (strained tendon left groin).

Chester Barnes bt D. Springer 21-13, 21-12, 21-10; lost to A. Onnes 21-13, 21-16, 16-21, 19-21, 13-21.

Denis Neale bt M. Coltof 21-15, 21-17, 21-17; bt K. Johansson 21-9, 21-19, 21-19; bt M. Ness 21-16, 21-18, 11-21, 21-8; lost to Miko (quarter-final) 10-21, 17-21, 21-17, 21-16, 13-21.

Chester Barnes/Neale bt Swart/Luteijn 21-19, 21-19, 13-21, 21-18; lost to Alser/Johansson 13-21, 21-23, 21-19, 21-15, 13-21.

Barnes/Rowe bt Swart/Pastoor 21-16, 21-9, 21-12; lost to Scholer/Simon 8-21, 19-21, 21-9, 16-21.

Shannon/Rowe bt Bakker Ham/M. Kusters (3-0), 21-11, 21-11, 21-14; bt Stulemeijer/Bogmans 21-12, 21-14, 21-10; bt Lucarne/Luzova (3-2) 18-21, 21-11, 17-21, 21-13, 21-17; bt Jurikne/Foldi (final) 21-14, 19-21, 21-14, 21-17.

Neale/Shannon bt Luthje/Hendriksen 21-8, 21-9, 21-8; bt Alser/Larsson 21-19, 21-17, 16-21, 5-21, 21-12; lost to Gommolla/Buchholz (quarter-final) 19-21, 18-21, 21-16, 18-21.

Winners: Men's Singles: **HANS ALSER** (Sweden). Women's Singles: **EVA FOLDI** (Hungary). Men's Doubles: **MIKO/STANEK** (Czech). Women's Doubles: **MARY SHANNON/DIANE ROWE** (England). Mixed Doubles: **MIKO/LUZOVA** (Czech).

**SURREY NOTES****THREE FOR MARY**

**T**HE Surrey Closed, with entries 20 up on last season, once again had to act as county trials owing to venue problems.

Mary Shannon dominated the championships with a triple crown, winning the singles, the women's doubles with Jean Head and the mixed with Vic Ireland.

Men's Singles: **Semi-Finals:** C. Warren bt J. Moore 23-21, 21-13; G. Muranyi bt V. Ireland 21-18, 21-13. **Final:** WARREN bt Muranyi 21-16, 21-13.

Women's Singles: **M. SHANNON** bt M. Piper 21-13, 21-7.

Men's Doubles: **IRELAND/MURANYI** bt Warren/Brabrook 21-15, 27-25. Women's Doubles: **SHANNON/J. HEAD** bt Piper/P. Venus 21-18, 21-16. **Mixed Doubles:** **IRELAND/Miss SHANNON** bt Warren/Miss Piper 19-21, 23-21, 21-18.

Boys' Singles: **G. SALTER** bt M. Hart 22-20, 21-19. Girls' Singles: **L. SCALES** bt S. Bond 21-17, 13-21, 21-18.

Terry Law, whose knowledge of organisation was first used in the early days of the Putney Club by Bob and Doris Atherton and whose experience comes from his own play, sharpened by a wealth of tournament play, including world's and English Championships, has been elected a new senior selector. His specific rôle will be secretary/non-playing captain of the Bernard Crouch team.

Tony Miller has been a mainstay of coaching at Kingston Grammar School where plans are afoot for a school's knock-out tournament later in the season.

# Selectors, Selection, and Policies

By **RON CRAYDEN**

(Selector and Captain)

**I**N all sports the lot of the Selector is not a happy one, he is a sitting duck from the moment he takes office and is expected to achieve the impossible in the shortest possible time.

Fully aware of these hazards and in spite of them, a "new" Selection Committee has accepted office, a committee who, with optimism and zeal, intends to tackle the urgent problem of raising England's status on the International scene.

Who then make up this Committee and what are their immediate plans and policies?

The Chairman of the Association, **Ivor Eyles**, has taken over the reins and under his guidance he has an International team who have had a wealth of experience both at home and abroad. They are: **Len Adams** (Middx.), **Jeff Ingber** (Lancs.), **Johnny Leach** (Essex) and **Ron Crayden** (Surrey)—**CAPTAIN**.

## PLANS AND POLICIES

First and foremost it is the intention of the New Committee to co-operate with the players and in turn to receive co-operation from them. To go forward, co-operation on all sides is essential.

**Those who wish to detach themselves from this stream and to go their own individual ways will jeopardise their chances of selection.**

Immediate steps are being taken to increase training facilities and to provide a balanced programme. Limited funds may hinder initially, but they will not deter. Immediately, therefore, it is a question of priorities and the following plans are on the drawing-board.

- (1) To provide the players with as much foreign competition as possible.
- (2) To expand the home training programme.
- (3) To provide a venue in four or more sections of the country where selected players can attend on at least one evening a week, to train and practise under supervision.
- (4) To fix up a week's concentrated training before both the European and World's Championships.
- (5) To proceed with the "CIRCUIT TRAINING" programme so that the physical condition of our representative players is equal to the demands of International competition.

- (6) To assess the form of players on results obtained in National "Open" Championships, International matches, "Open" Tournaments, The English Closed, County Championships, the Wilmott Cup, and J. M. Rose Bowl competitions, and any official E.T.T.A. events (e.g. Master Points Tournaments).
- (7) To select the best possible team for the job in hand and to encourage young players with an eye to the future.

## FURTHER COMMENTS

With both the European and World's taking place in the same season, some of the top ranked countries are dispensing with their National Open Championships. Circumstances, therefore, may not allow us to make as many trips abroad as we would like. Every opportunity, however, will be taken to oppose foreign teams and players who are in the top strata.

**To expand the home training programme it is planned to improve upon the present Master Points Tournaments. In lieu of the scheduled Sunday Tournaments it is intended to have full weekend practise and training sessions which will culminate in a tournament for a smaller number of selected players.**

In an endeavour to help top players, who live in what might be

termed "fringe areas" it is intended to provide venues in various parts of the country, where they can attend on at least one evening a week to train and practise. These sessions will come under the control of the selection committee with co-operation from the Director of Coaching—**Jack Carrington**.

The importance of absolute physical fitness cannot be stressed too strongly, and so the benefits and results of the Circuit Training Programme will be under constant examination. Only with the mind and body working in full accord can players expect to reach world class.

## CONCLUSION

The object of the "new look" policies is to make for higher standards of performance and to keep abreast of the methods and developments of our rivals in the international field. No longer do we wish to go haphazardly into European and World Competitions. Much of course will depend on the players themselves. Sights must be set high and a course set for "A" level perfection.

By seeking to improve, players may be faced by what seem insurmountable obstacles. Let us then face them together. On any problems where the advice of the selectors may be of help, please single out any member of the committee for a heart to heart chat. If you are one who finds difficulty in talking over things, then please do not hesitate to write to me personally. You have my assurance that you will receive fair and sympathetic treatment.

Go to it then and good luck. For 1964 and the future I can only conclude by wishing you all great success.

## DORSET

### CHANGE OF NAME

**DORCHESTER** have adopted a complete new set of Standing Orders and Rules, plus a change of name from Dorchester Table Tennis League to **DORCHESTER AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**.

This designation change has been made necessary by the wider scope of activities and the great increase of teams—from 14 to 31—in the last few years, including teams from far-flung villages. There is a five-strong Junior Division.

The Association honoured **Mr. W. H. Swain** at the A.G.M. **Mr. Swain** was resigning after many years as an official, first as Secretary and lately as Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, and it was decided to make him a Life Vice-President of the Association. Although **Mr. Swain** has resigned from an official position he will remain working hard for the game in keeping his four Boys' Brigade teams running smoothly.

D. A. Dolphin

# MARY AND DI CARRY MAIN HOPES

**E**NGLAND'S best prospects of titles in the European Championships at Malmo, November 22-29, once again rest with Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon.

Favoured with a draw that keeps

## LEICESTERSHIRE

### HINCKLEY WITHDRAW

**A** GOOD start is reported in all six leagues. There have been good entries in all the team competitions with 64 in the **Rose Johnson Bowl**; 36 in the **Rose Johnson Cup**; and 40 in the **Saracen Cup**.

In the **Leicester and District League** the withdrawal of Hinckley Y.M.C.A. is the season's major opening shock. Regular participants since 1945, Hinckley have topped the first division on two occasions besides winning the **Rose Johnson Cup**.

Johnny Burraston—the most consistent player the county has ever produced—will shortly be moving to Nottingham and his absence at both club and representative level will be missed.

**Garendon** have made a good capture in **Glyn Thatcher**, who is at **Loughborough College** for a year. **Glyn**, a representative player from **Bishop Auckland**, should be an outstanding player in the **Loughborough First Division**.

The County Junior trials produced a high standard of play with all six boys playing each other. **Bob Geary** emerged undefeated, the wins being **Geary 5**, **David Randall 4**, **Dennis Hull 2**, **Peter Main 2**, **Richard Payne 1**, **Stachu Zasinski 1**.

The **Leicestershire Towns League**, which had a good first season, operates again with the same number of teams—five—in the senior section. Additionally, however, there will be a junior section. **Leicester and District**, **Leicester Y.O.C.** and **Loughborough** will definitely participate and confirmation is awaited from **Hinckley Youth League** that they will enter.

them away from the strongest rivals, Hungarians **Eva Foldy** and **Ezsbet Jurik**, and the Rumanians **Maria Alexandru** and **Ella Constantinescu**, until the final, they have every prospect of keeping their doubles title.

Their semi-final rivals are likely to be the Germans **Edith Buchholz** and **Heide Dauphin**.

**Alexandru** and **Constantinescu** are top seeds for the women's singles. **Miss Roe** should clash with **Mrs. Alexandru** in the quarters while **Miss Shannon**, in the opposite half, should meet **Agnes Simone** at the same stage.

**Chester Barnes** receives a first round bye then runs into **Fahazi**, of Hungary, a tough match. **Brian Wright** opens against **Hrbud** (Yugoslavia), while **Mike Symonds** is in the same section as **Stanek** (Czech.) and **Negulescu** (Rumania).

Defending champion **Hans Alser** (Sweden) and **Giurciuca** (Rumania), holder of the English Open, are the top seeds. Rumania could well be the top nation.

## Editor's Postbag

### DISGUSTING

**T**HE recent omission of **Jean McCree** from the England team of four women for the European Championships is nothing short of disgusting. For someone who gives everything for Table Tennis and who has been in the top four for the last four seasons—and *still is*, this is the most blatant of the many kicks in the teeth that she has received in recent years.

BOB McCREE.

### A NEW LOOK

**D**URING last season **Mr. Louis Hoffman** pioneered a new style of dress for our lady players—a fashion which had the hearty endorsement of every male!

I was delighted, nay over-joyed, to see in your October issue a photo of none other than **Diane Rowe** fully (?) clad in the Hoffman manner. Great news! Now we can foresee the "House Full" notices up at every Open Tournament, and a vast revival of interest from those who have retired from our sport. (Car parks for bath chairs?)

It will probably help individual clubs, who will be able to charge admission for club ladies' matches.

Grateful thanks to **Louis and Diane** for their pioneering work in this hitherto unexplored field.

JAMES R. GREEN  
(Liverpool).

# NO CHANGE AT THE TOP

The first Ranking List of the new season finds little change in the top brackets from where last season finished. **Chester Barnes** and **Mary Shannon** still lead the respective men's and women's lists.

**Ian Harrison**, who shared the joint No. 2 position with **Brian Wright**, has pulled slightly ahead to hold the position on his own, with **Wright** at No. 3 and **Bryan Merrett** at No. 4.

Then comes the first change with **Denis Neale** promoted from No. 8 to 5, with **Mike Symonds** slipping a place to No. 6, and **Connie Warren** jumping three places to No. 7.

Two old faces returning to the list are **Tony Piddock** at 9 and **Brian Hill** at 10, with a newcomer **David Lowe** at 11.

**Lesley Bell**, despite her wins over **Miss Shannon** and **Diane Rowe** in the first of the Masters Tournaments, has once again to be content with third place behind these two players.

And still at No. 4 is **Jean McCree**, although selectors passed her over in favour of **Irene Ogus** (No. 5) for the European Championships.

**Mrs. McCree** has been in the top brackets for a number of years but has yet to receive international recognition.

The only newcomer to the women's list is **Beverley Sayer**, the stronger of the **Walthamstow** twins.

### MEN

1. **G. C. Barnes** (Essex) (1)
2. **I. O. Harrison** (Glos.) (2)
3. **B. D. Wright** (Middx.) (2)
4. **B. R. Merrett** (Glos.) (4)
5. **D. Neale** (Yorks.) (8)
6. **M. Symonds** (Lancs.) (5)
7. **C. Warren** (Surrey) (10)
8. **A. G. St. C. Lindsay** (Middx.) (6)
9. **A. R. Piddock** (Kent) (—)
10. **B. Hill** (Lincs.) (—)
11. **D. Lowe** (Surrey) (—)
12. **R. J. Stevens** (9)

### WOMEN

1. **M. Shannon** (Surrey) (1)
2. **D. Rowe** (Middx.) (2)
3. **L. Bell** (Essex) (3)
4. **Mrs. J. McCree** (Essex) (4)
5. **I. Ogus** (Middx.) (8)
6. **Mrs. C. Duncombe** (Yorks.) (6)
7. **J. Williams** (Warwicks.) (7)
8. **L. Proudlock** (Yorks.) (12)
9. **A. Taft** (Middx.) (10)
10. **B. Sayer** (Essex) (—)
11. **J. Canham** (Herts.) (5)
12. **D. Fitzgerald** (Lancs.) (9)

(Figures in parenthesis denote position in previous list)

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## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP

by JOHN WRIGHT

**STRONG ESSEX CHALLENGE**

**WITH** only two matches played in the Premier Division it is rather early to make predictions. It is safe to say that Essex will again make a strong challenge since even without Chester Barnes they whipped Kent 7-2.

Essex took the first six sets in this match before Tony Piddock broke the run with a convincing straight win over Bobby Stevens. Derek Basden followed this with a victory over Henry Buist but Kent could do no more.

The chief feature of this match was Stuart Gibbs' two fine wins against Piddock and Buist.

With Ian Harrison absent in London on international duty,

Gloucestershire were in serious trouble at 2-4 down in their match with Yorkshire. Although Bryan Merrett's wrist was causing him some discomfort this does not detract from Peter Duncombe's excellent victory and when Bryan came on for his second singles, against Denis Neale, few people would have given him much chance.

Bryan decided to take a chance and attacked; Neale was completely demoralised. He had no answer to these unexpected tactics, and Bryan received revenge for his expedite defeat in the Masters tournament a fortnight earlier.

Dennis Holland rose to the big occasion with good wins over Dun-

combe and Alan Hydes, who had a rather disappointing match.

Roger Chandler was in good form for Sussex in their 2nd South match with Kent II, winning both singles and the mixed doubles with Mrs. Baroutini. No Kent player was outstanding, but all put up good performances. Surrey II proved too strong for Hertfordshire with Jimmy Moore in first class form. Terry Densham was unable to record a success for Hertfordshire.

Shirley and Healy were on target for newly promoted Buckinghamshire against Hampshire and the newcomers thoroughly deserved their 7-3 win. Crowe won both his singles and doubles for Bedfordshire against Hampshire but the rest of the Bedfordshire team was no match for Hampshire for whom Christine Holes has yet to drop a game.

Roy Crusham starred for Lancashire II against Durham, but the rest of his team failed to reach peak form. Alan Ransome and 14-year-old Margaret Cole were impressive for Durham. Poor Cumberland found Northumberland far too good in their first ever N.C.C. match. Jenkins raised their hopes when he took the first game from Lennie at 16, but Northumberland denied them any further success. They did no better in their match with Yorkshire II, crashing 0-10, but there is time.

Warwickshire, strengthened by the acquisition of Judy Williams, started their campaign for promotion back to the Premier Division with a 7-3 win against Glamorgan, which sounds convincing, but seven of the sets needed a deciding game.

Oxfordshire, although 1-3 down to Monmouthshire, recovered well to win 6-4, and Worcestershire's draw with promoted Nottinghamshire gets them off the mark, something they did not manage last year.

**DISAPPOINTING START**

Devon made a disappointing start against an improved Somerset side who took six of the first seven sets, whilst Wiltshire saw their 3-1 lead over Dorset change to a 3-4 deficit but finished strongly, snatching the last three sets for a 6-4 win.

Derbyshire, with A. Hunt in fine form, made short work of Worcestershire II, and Warwickshire II were not really troubled by Staffordshire II.

**COUNTY DIARY****PREMIER DIVISION**

November 1	Staffordshire v Middlesex.	
November 7	Yorkshire v Kent, Mechanics' Institute, Bradford	7.15 p.m.
November 21	Essex v Staffordshire	

**SECOND DIVISION SOUTH**

November 7	Hertfordshire v Buckinghamshire, Hollybush J.M.I. School, Fordwich Rise, Sele Farm, Herts.	7 p.m.
November 21	Hertfordshire v Sussex	
November 21	Hampshire v Surrey, Tanners Brook Infants' School, Mill Brook, Southampton	7 p.m.
November 21	Bedfordshire v Buckinghamshire	

**SECOND DIVISION NORTH**

November 21	Northumberland v Lincolnshire	
November 21	Durham v Yorkshire, Sunderland T.T.C., Burdon Road, Sunderland	7 p.m.
November 21	Cheshire v Lancashire, Cornbrook Chemical Co., Newbridge Lane, Stockport	7 p.m.
November 28	Cheshire v Yorkshire, County Offices Sport and Social Club, Newton Lane, Hoole, Chester	7 p.m.
December 5	Lincolnshire v Durham	

**SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND**

No fixtures

**SECOND DIVISION WEST**

November 21	Cornwall v Wiltshire, City of Truro Boys' Club (Gymnasium)	7.15 p.m.
November 21	Dorset v Devon, Activities Centre, The Marsh, Weymouth	7 p.m.

**MIDLAND DIVISION**

November 14	Warwickshire v Worcestershire, Solihull District Youth H.Q., Tudor Grange Park, Blossomfield Road, Solihull	7 p.m.
November 21	Staffordshire v Oxfordshire	

**SOUTHERN DIVISION**

November 21	Cambridgeshire v Huntingdonshire, Y.M.C.A., Cambridge	7 p.m.
November 21	Norfolk v Buckinghamshire, C.E.Y.M.S., Norwich	6.45 p.m.

**JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH**

November 21	Durham v Yorkshire	
November 21	Cheshire v Lancashire, Lostock Alkali Social Club, Works Lane, Lostock, Northwich	2 p.m.
November 28	Cheshire v Yorkshire, Lostock Alkali Social Club, Works Lane, Lostock	2 p.m.

**JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND**

November 15	Staffordshire v Warwickshire, West Bromwich Y.M.C.A.,	3 p.m.
November 21	Staffordshire v Oxfordshire	

**JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH**

November 21	Sussex v Berkshire, Albemarle Centre, Haywards Heath	4 p.m.
November 21	Surrey v Kent, Higgs Hill Canteen, Vauxhall Bridge Road	4 p.m.

**JUNIOR DIVISION EAST**

November 21	Norfolk v Buckinghamshire, C.E.Y.M.S., Norwich	3 p.m.
November 21	Middlesex v Suffolk, Squires Lane Meal Centre, Finchley, N.12	4 p.m.
November 28	Hertfordshire v Essex, Hillshott School, Ridge Avenue, Letchworth	6 p.m.

**JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH-WEST**

November 21	Monmouthshire v Wiltshire	
November 21	Gloucestershire v Glamorgan	

L. Wooding and A. Watson were largely responsible for the 7-3 win by Buckinghamshire II over Suffolk, who crashed 2-8 to Hertfordshire II. Hertfordshire II, with D. Grant, S. Seaholme, and Barbara Andrews, all playing well, also hammered Cambridgeshire 8-2 and look a prospect for honours in this division. The young Hampshire II team had a 4-6 defeat at the hands of Norfolk and a 7-3 victory over Cambridgeshire, whilst Norfolk have also beaten Huntingdonshire. Berkshire have withdrawn their team from this division.

Cumberland's new side in the Junior North is having no more success than their senior side, and have failed to take a game off either Northumberland or Yorkshire.

In the Junior Midland, Warwickshire proved far too strong for Leicestershire, bottom of this division last year. Ingrid Sykes was particularly impressive for Warwickshire, while M. Yeates was outstanding for the new Worcestershire team in their drawn match with Nottinghamshire.

Wiltshire's 9-1 Junior South-West win over Gloucestershire was not as convincing as it might appear as J. Charles went down at deuce in the third in both his singles. Glamorgan beat Monmouthshire by the same score.

## DETAILED RESULTS

### PREMIER DIVISION

Gloucestershire 5, Yorkshire 4  
B. Merrett bt D. Neale 14, 10; lost to P. Duncombe 16, —18, —20. R. Morley lost to D. Neale —18, —15; beat A. Hydes 10, 12. D. Holland bt P. Duncombe —19, 18, 18; bt A. A. Hydes 10, 11. Miss P. Taylor lost to Mrs. C. Duncombe (Miss Blackshaw) —12, —12. B. Merrett and R. Morley bt D. Neale and A. Hydes 18, 18. D. Holland and Miss P. Taylor lost to P. Duncombe and Mrs. C. Duncombe —13, —18.

### Essex 7, Kent 2

R. Stevens lost to A. Pidcock —12, —19; bt D. Basden 8, 18. S. Gibbs bt A. Pidcock 19, —14, 20; bt H. Buist 18, 15. B. Brumwell lost to D. Basden 15, —20, —12; bt H. Buist 17, 14. Miss L. Bell bt Mrs. J. Beadle 11, 6. R. Stevens and B. Brumwell beat A. Pidcock and H. Buist —14, 19, 15. S. Gibbs and Miss L. Bell bt D. Basden and Mrs. J. Beadle 13, 11.

### SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Sussex 5, Kent II 5  
Surrey II 7, Hertfordshire 3  
Buckinghamshire 7, Hampshire 3  
Bedfordshire 3, Hampshire 7

### SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Lancashire II 7, Durham 3  
Cumberland 0, Northumberland 10  
Yorkshire 10, Cumberland 0

### SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Glamorgan 3, Warwickshire 7  
Monmouthshire 4, Oxfordshire 6  
Nottinghamshire 5, Worcestershire 5

### SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Devon 3, Somerset 7  
Wiltshire 6, Dorset 4

### MIDLAND DIVISION

Worcestershire II 2, Derbyshire 8  
Warwickshire II 8, Staffordshire II 2

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

Suffolk 3, Buckinghamshire II 7  
Hertfordshire II 8, Cambridgeshire 2  
Huntingdonshire 3, Norfolk 7  
Hertfordshire II 8, Suffolk 2  
Norfolk 6, Hampshire II 4  
Cambridgeshire 3, Hampshire II 7

### JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Cumberland 0, Northumberland 8  
Yorkshire 8, Cumberland 0

### JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Warwickshire 10, Leicestershire 0  
Nottinghamshire 5, Worcestershire 5

### JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH-WEST)

Wiltshire 9, Gloucestershire 1  
Glamorgan 9, Monmouthshire 1

### JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Norfolk 2, Middlesex 8  
Essex 10, Suffolk 0  
Middlesex 3, Hertfordshire 7

## PETERBOROUGH JOIN

## S. E. MIDLAND LEAGUE

The men's section of the South East Midland League has an extra team this year, Peterborough coming in to join Cambridge, Bedford, Northampton, St. Neots, Hunts Central and Kettering.

Peterborough have also entered teams in the women's and junior section, Hunts Central have dropped out of both these sections while Bletchley have withdrawn their women's team.

The line up for these sections is: WOMEN: Cambridge, Bedford, Northampton, Peterborough, St. Neots, Kettering.

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## AROUND EAST ANGLIA

## NORFOLK NEED TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE

THE majority of Norfolk players were still making the most of a perfect late summer when competitive play restarted with the annual "Battle of Britain" tournament at Great Yarmouth. **Gordon Wood** (Norwich) beat **S. Cooper** (Ipswich) 24-22, 19-21, 21-16, 21-17 to win the men's singles, while the doubles went to **Wilson and Graver** (Norwich) who beat **King and Tye** (Yarmouth) 21-17, 21-15. **Neville Graver** was too strong for **Miss J. Youngs** (Lowestoft) in the junior final winning 21-10, 21-13, while the Consolation singles went to **S. Sharman** (Lowestoft) with a 21-12, 21-14 win over **D. Clutton** (Yarmouth).

Alan Coby gave Norfolk early-season encouragement by winning the doubles at Letchworth with **Brian Hill** of Boston.

**Norfolk players are receiving a lead from him by his showing us all that Norfolk will get nowhere unless local officials insist that their best league players gain experience in Open tournaments. Local league play is hardly enough. The standard in some clubs can only be described as old fashioned.**

It is obvious that leading players must now master the very much more subtle game produced by the sponge bat, if progress is to be made. Club secretaries must come in full strength to watch the play of modern players. Demonstrations of this are freely available to them at all County matches.

Norfolk Juniors looked a very much more experienced side against Middlesex at Norwich. **Neville Graver** and **Wesley Haydock** won two matches for us and, with a little more steadiness, two doubles could have finished in our favour.

## SALES COMPETITION

The TABLE TENNIS magazine sales competition continues this season. The season before last Norfolk finished first in the "Under 100 Clubs" Section with a record percentage of 563% of their quota. Last season, owing to the loss of one large order, Norfolk dropped to third place behind Hunts, (400%) and Cambridgeshire. This time, Norfolk must regain the supremacy. Schools help is especially required.

Will all subscribers please "renew" and try to obtain new friends for the magazine. Five or six years ago, Norfolk table tennis was never mentioned. It is a measure of progress made that we now take our monthly East Anglian page almost for granted.

The Master Points scheme has taken root in Norwich. **Andrew Sibson** is the enthusiast who will run it there. A three-a-side competition has been suggested, to augment league play.

At Cromer, **J. Roberts** has offered to help with magazine sales. He tells me that some of their players are interested in Open tournaments. His team, Methodist Y.C., finished top of the league there last season. This season they will be known as Young Methodists, since they have passed the Youth Centre age.

The East Anglian League has a fixture card for the first time. Stowmarket will be a new contender in Division 1

J. S. Penny.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE

## POPULAR CENTRE

SEVERAL new clubs make their debut among the 78 teams entered for the eight divisions of the Cambridgeshire League. As the first results come in it is obvious that the First Division will provide some keen competition and New Chesterton Institute, last season's champions, will be hard pressed to keep their title.

The Cambridgeshire Open has been arranged for April 4 at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. The Cambridgeshire Closed championships are at the same venue on January 24, when for the first time they will be run off on the one day. Previously the Closed has been spread over four days and it is hoped that the change will make it easier for players to attend.

Cambridge Corn Exchange will also be the venue for the South East Midland League championships on April 11. The choice of Cambridge for the second successive year follows the success of last year's event.

**Valerie Gillam** scored a fine win over **Keith Chapman** in the Cambridgeshire League, a healthy sign for the ladies in their bid for honours.

It is hoped that a better response by umpires this year will lighten the burden of those few who performed so well last season.

Leslie Constable.

## ESSEX

## HEALTHY PICTURE

NEWS from the affiliated League creates a very healthy picture of Essex Table Tennis with many reports of increased membership. One new League is the **Brentwood Youth**, run by **Jim Smith**, who is generating a lot of local interest.

Entries are up for the inter-Leagues' championships so that extra divisions are necessary. The veterans will play in three divisions each of five teams and it is good to see West Essex back in the senior competition.

Newcomers in the junior section are **Harlow** and **Thurrcock** and, with a number of good coaches, including **Ron Carle**, **Tony Condon** and **Dick Frost**, operating in the area, Harlow could well spring a few surprises.

Notable absentee from the junior championship is **Romford**, normally strong in the junior department, and we hope they soon return to the fold.

East London League hold their closed championships from 7th to 10th December, with the finals being played, on Tuesday, 15th December, at G.U.S. Sports' Pavilion, Spring Hill, Clapton, E.5. Those eligible can obtain entry forms from **Arthur Carpenter**, 192 Crownfield Road, Stratford, E.15.

Ron Hayes

## SUFFOLK

## STOWMARKET TO THE RESCUE

SUFFOLK are experiencing problems in the administration field, and were faced with a bleak outlook with three or four posts left unfilled at the annual meeting.

Fortunately volunteers have come forward with offers of help. Not the least of these is the offer by the STOWMARKET LEAGUE to organise the Suffolk Closed Championships, which at one time looked like drifting into the obscurity of the record books.

The Stowmarket offer depends on them being able to secure a suitable venue.

It is to be hoped that this lack of interest is only temporary and that by next season there will be an influx of young enthusiastic promoters on the county committee to discuss ways of improving standards in this outpost of English Table Tennis.

One encouraging sign has been increased attendance at the county junior trials and a higher all-round standard of play.

But there were complications for selectors as young hopefuls beat each other without throwing up anyone particularly outstanding.

**SIMON HORNE** and **ROBERT SHADE**, both of Lowestoft, eventually emerged as the top two boys with **PHILIP CLARKE**, of Stowmarket at No. 3.

**JEAN** and **DIANE YOUNG** found no difficulty in establishing their superiority among the girls.

**DAVID MANN**, Suffolk's leading player last season, had to miss the senior trials because of a broken thumb. He has, however, been ranked No. 3 behind **BRIAN BUCKLE** and **REG PURNELL**. **LINDA BARRETT** and **BRENDA BROOM** lead the women's ranking.

The Suffolk Association and Ipswich and Stowmarket Leagues are entering their league programmes and competitions in the Master Points Scheme, which is rapidly growing in popularity as the average players obtain their first marks.

B. C. BUCKLE

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## THE NATIONAL CUPS

**ENTRIES** for the National League competitions are up on last year with 101 for the Wilmott Cup (men) and 67 for the Rose Bowl (women). The respective entries last year were 95 and 64.

Because of the influx of new teams into the Wilmott Cup there has been a slight alteration to the Zone position, the most important being the dividing of Zone 1 (the most northerly) into two sections, A and B.

N. Rushton, of Leeds, who has ably organised this zone in the past has declined the invitation to do so this season and it is left to each league to organise.

The Master Points Scheme is being operated for both competitions and liaison is being made with Geoff Harrower to enable certificates to be posted to leagues as soon as possible.

Participants have the option to reverse venues in accordance with Rule 8.

Except as provided in Rule 12, the league drawn first in each tie except the final shall play at home unless both leagues agree to reverse the fixture or unless a combination is drawn that has occurred previously in the same competition, when the league playing away on that occasion may claim the right to play at home.

Should any league have difficulty over this or any other point will they please contact Leslie Davies, Hon. Sec., National Team Competitions, 31 Old Church Road, Clevedon, Somerset.

### WILMOTT CUP

**Zone 1A:** Sunderland v Whitehaven; Carlisle, Northumberland, Barrow byes. **Zone 1B:** Leeds, Barnsley, Harrogate, Huddersfield byes. **Zone 2:** Sheffield v Scunthorpe; Lincoln v Doncaster; Chesterfield v Grimsby; Sheffield Works v Notts. **Zone 3:** Liverpool v Lancaster; Bolton S.S., Salford, Blackburn, byes. **Zone 4:** Chester v Harwich; Stockport v Mid-Cheshire; Nelson bye; Manchester v Burnley.

**Zone 5:** Walsall v Birmingham; Kettering v Coventry; West Bromwich v Leicester; Wellington v Leamington. **Zone 6:** Gt. Yarmouth v Boston; Cambridge v Stowmarket; Peterborough, Norwich byes. **Zone 7:** Harlow v Bedford; Hertford, Luton, N. Herts. byes. **Zone 8:** St. Albans, Hemel Hempstead, Oxford, Leighton Buzzard, byes.

**Zone 9:** Travel Trades v Romford; Leatherhead v East London; Southend v Beckenham; London Civil Service bye. **Zone 10:** Barking v Dagenham; N. Middlesex v Wandsworth; Bromley v Ilford; Willesden bye. **Zone 11:** Sutton v London Banks; Wembley v London Insurance Offices; Acton v North Acton; S.W. Middlesex bye. **Zone 12:** Billericay v Basildon; Croydon v London Business Houses; Wool-

wich, Chelmsford byes.

**Zone 13:** Crawley v Hastings; Bognor Regis v Eastbourne; Brighton v Canterbury; Worthing bye. **Zone 14:** Andover v Bournemouth; Southampton, Basingstoke, Portsmouth byes. **Zone 15:** Maidenhead v High Wycombe; Slough, Newbury byes; Staines v Chiltern. **Zone 16:** Bristol, Gloucester, Stroud, Plymouth byes.

### ROSE BOWL

**Zone 1:** Bishop Auckland, Sunderland, Northumberland byes. **Zone 2:** Barnsley v Leeds; Sheffield Works v Sheffield; Chesterfield v Grimsby; Huddersfield bye. **Zone 3:** Liverpool, Chester, Burnley byes. **Zone 4:** Manchester, Stockport, Blackburn byes. **Zone 5:** West Bromwich, Coventry, Kettering, Birmingham byes. **Zone 6:** Cambridge, Norwich, Gt. Yarmouth byes. **Zone 7:** Luton v Hertford; Harlow, St. Albans, N. Herts. byes. **Zone 8:** Bedford v Bletchley; Leighton Buzzard, Oxford, Hemel Hempstead byes.

**Zone 9:** East London, Insurance Offices, Willesden, S.W. Middlesex byes. **Zone 10:** Sutton, N.W. Kent, N. Middlesex, Beckenham byes. **Zone 11:** Ilford v Southend; London Business Houses, Romford, Woolwich byes. **Zone 12:** London Civil Service v Croydon; Wembley, London Banks, Basildon byes.

**Zone 13:** Hastings, Crawley, Eastbourne, Worthing byes. **Zone 14:** Bournemouth v Bognor Regis; Southampton, Portsmouth, Brighton byes. **Zone 15:** Staines v High Wycombe; Newbury, Slough, Maidenhead, byes. **Zone 16:** Bristol, Plymouth byes.

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## NEWS OF WORLD SCHEME

By HARRISON EDWARDS

## A FANTASTIC DEAD HEAT

A RECORD of 28,000 entries and a dead heat. That was the remarkable climax to this year's *News of the World* Table Tennis Coaching Scheme when **Jimmy Langan**, of Dublin, and **Stuart Gibbs**, of East Ham, finished joint **Boy of the Year**.

**Girl of the Year**, by the narrow margin of one point, was **Pauline Hemmings**, of Baldock, Herts.

It is the first time in the ten years' history of this popular and ever growing event that two competitors have tied for the premier award. But that is how it turned out when all the points were added up at the end of the Festival Week at Butlin's Camp, Bognor—not even a fraction of a point between them.

The only variation in their markings was that on the backhand Gibbs was given 21 points for attack and 22 for defence, whereas Langan had 22 for attack and 21 for defence.

In all other aspects they were equal, even to the number of bonus points awarded on a ration of six for each year under the age of 17.

Langan and Gibbs are both 16 and are of a similar slight build.

Langan, recent winner of the Butlin's first All-Ireland finals, is undoubtedly the finest prospect in Ire-

land and is already poised to challenge his coach, **Tommy Caffrey**, for No. 1 Irish ranking.

He is a hard hitter and is clever with the placing and disguise of his shots. He could well be the top Irish player by the end of the season. Such is his undoubted promise.

Langan works in his father's Dublin stores, where he will sell you anything from a TV set to a bicycle. He is a remarkably mature young man for his 16 years and to many of those enthusiasts at Butlin's he has earned the title of "Lucky Jim." But it was not luck that brought him his award, just sheer skill on the table.

## STEP FORWARD

For young Gibbs the shared title is a one step improvement on last year when he was narrowly beaten for the top award by Alan Hydes. Since then he has improved both his speed and accuracy to a remarkable degree.

All-out attack is the policy of this Stock Exchange runner, who in his whole approach to the game brims over with confidence.

Gibbs could well overhaul his Essex colleague **Chester Barnes**, a former "Boy of the Year," in the next season or two.

It was another of last year's runners-up who took top honours when **Pauline Hemmings** was chosen

"**Girl of the Year.**" Only 15, she is a determined young lady who makes no secret that her ambition is to become a world champion. She is certainly setting the right way about it.

Last year, when **Pauline** was runner-up to **Linda Henwood**, she partnered **Mike Symonds** to win the Coach and Pupil competition, and it is significant that her chief challenge should come from **Karenza Smith**, of Clapton, this year's winner of the Coach and Pupil title with **Alan Lindsay**. It could be that **Karenza** is following in **Pauline's** footsteps.

The standard of play in the Festival Week was staggeringly high and those youngsters who just missed out should not be disappointed.

Runners-up among the boys were **Keith Lawrence**, of Manor Park, London, age 14; **Michael Johns**, of Weaverham, Cheshire, age 17; and **Haydn Thomas**, of Abergavenny, Mon., age 11.

The girl runners-up were **Karenza Smith**, of Clapton, London, age 14; **Maureen Heppell**, of Hexham, Northumberland, age 15; and **Evelyn Canham**, of Stevenage, age 15.

Two special "Tiny Tots" awards were made to **Elaine Smith**, of Blairgowrie, Scotland, and **Peter Taylor**, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, both nine years old.

All contestants were assessed for ball control, forehand attack and defence, backhand attack and defence and general play, with a maximum of 25 points for each. In addition six bonus points were awarded for each year under the age of 17.

The siftings started last May at eight Butlin's Camps, where the coaches in charge selected their Boy and Girl of the Week, who went forward to the Festival Week.

The whole scheme is under the direction of former world champion **Johnny Leach** with **Diane Rowe** as his assistant, while the camp coaches were **Laurie Landry** (Clacton), **Denis Neale** (Bognor), **Ralph Gunnion** (Skegness), **David Creamer** (Filey), **Ian Barclay** (Minehead), **Alan Lindsay** (Pwllheli), **Tommy Caffery** (Mosney) and **Janet Crosby** (Ayr).

All the coaches are players of international repute and two of them, **David Creamer** and **Denis Neale**, are two former pupils who have stepped up to the status of coach.

**Creamer** was Boy of the Year in 1959, while **Neale** was a runner-up just two short years ago when he also won the Coach and Pupil Challenge Cup with **Helen Elliot**.

Those two years have seen a tremendous uplift in his game and he was hoping this year to again win the challenge cup in the capacity of coach with **Evelyn Canham** as his pupil. They put up a tremendous fight, finishing third behind **Pwllheli** (**Lindsay** and **Karenza Smith**) and **Ayr** (**Diane Rowe** and **Charles Vesco**).

**Pwllheli** were unbeaten, but were given their toughest match by **Bognor**, winning at 14 in the fifth.



PAULINE HEMMING receives the "Girl of the Year" Trophy from Mr. F. BARCY, Director of the "News of the World."  
ALAN LINDSAY and KARENZA SMITH, winners of the Coach and Pupil Competition.



## ENGLAND v. SWEDEN

## HARRISON WINS ALL THREE

IAN HARRISON made a spectacular return to his best form when he won all three of his matches against Sweden in the international at the Duke of Yorks Headquarters, London, on October 3. He was our only winner, for **Chester Barnes** and **Brian Wright** flopped badly, leaving what was little more than a Swedish second team to win 6-3.

It was a big disappointment for an early season win could have given the game a big boost, particularly in view of the European Championships later this month.

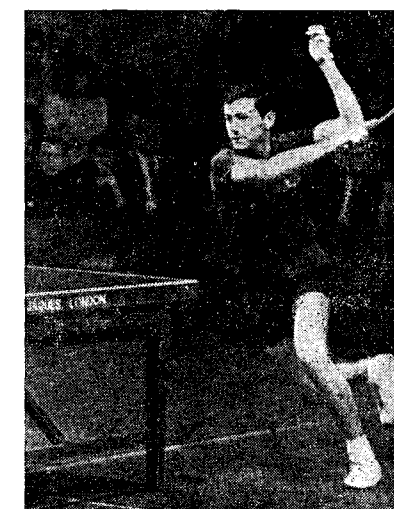
**Barnes** has not had a very happy start to the season for he had also been beaten in the Master Points Tournament by **Mike Symonds** and **Denis Neale**. Against the Swedes **Barnes** won only one game, that was against **Karl Bernhardt** who beat him 27-25, 17-21, 21-17. Both **Christer Johansson** and **Bjorne Mellstrom** beat him in straight games.

## BAT STOLEN

Unfortunately for **Barnes** he had his favourite bat stolen the night before the match and it meant playing with one which had a different cover thickness.

**Wright** took games of both **Mellstrom** and **Johansson**, but was never able to implant his game on the Swedes.

Our one bright spot was the brilliance of **Harrison**, who carried the attack to the Swedes and let them see that he had certainly learned something about their play during his stay in that country last season.



IAN HARRISON in action against Sweden.  
Picture by Dennis Offer

He did not have things completely his own way, for he dropped games to both **Bernhardt** and **Mellstrom**, but there was little doubt that he held the upper hand.

ENGLAND 3, SWEDEN 6 (England names first): **I. Harrison** bt **K. Bernhardt** 20, —19, 17; bt **C. Johansson** 16, 19; bt **B. Mellstrom** 20, —14, 12. **C. Barnes** lost to **Mellstrom** —18, —18; lost to **Bernhardt** —25, 17, —17; lost to **Johansson** —17, —18. **B. Wright** lost to **Johansson** 14, —17, —14; lost to **Mellstrom** 19, —14, —15; lost to **Bernhardt** —20, —14.

## ON TOUR

CHINA are to make a tour of France after the World Championships.



THE FINALISTS PARADE FOR THE PRESENTATION.



Yorkshire's **PETER DUNCOMBE** and **CYNTHIA BLACKSHAW** were married at St. George's Church, Doncaster, on September 26. Our picture shows the gathering of Table Tennis personalities. Left to right: Linda Gordon (Leeds), David Bevans (Glos.), who was best man, Lesley Proudlock (Sheffield), Peter and Cynthia Duncombe, Michael Symonds (Sheffield), John Keys (Doncaster), Michael and Pat Dainty (Doncaster). The happy couple spent their honeymoon in London.

Picture by J. Bosson

## YORKSHIRE

# MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

**PETER AND CYNTHIA DUNCOMBE**, a grand and widely popular couple, have had a memorable autumn. They began by carrying off the East of England mixed doubles; then they were married; they won the mixed doubles in the Premier Division match against Gloucestershire; and in the North of England, their next tournament appearance, they again triumphed in the mixed.

Well done — and all future happiness and success, partners!

## EMIGRATED

**PETER BUNTEN**, a vice-president of the East London League has emigrated to Australia. In recognition of his services to the game both as an administrator and umpire, Buntzen was appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Essex County Association.

Yorkshire's defeat at Cheltenham was a big disappointment particularly as it was the first time since Ian Harrison's county debut in January, 1957, that he had missed a match against Yorkshire.

Alan Hydes, at 15, became the youngest to turn out for the county in the Premier Division.

The previous youngest — Brian Kennedy at 16 — is now a 9-handicap golfer and partnered by Leeds second-teamer Len Browning (11) he won a Leeds Golf Union charity fourball from 94 pairs. They went round Moortown in a net 66.

## UNLUCKY START

David Hirst (Huddersfield) had an unlucky start to the season when he was one of four players involved in a car accident on his way to the East of England and spent six days in hospital at Louth with head injuries.

No sooner had he recovered than he went down with tonsillitis and that kept him out of Yorkshire's opening Division Two match against Cumberland which saw the debuts of John Keys, Linda Gordon, Paul Canham and, in the mixed doubles, John Kedge.

Alan Hydes needed stitches in a mouth injury after the crash but John Kedge and Steve Crowe were unhurt.

Thirteen-year-old Linda Forkes (Castleford) won a place in the junior team against Cumberland following success in the junior trials.

Yorkshire have solved their tournament secretary problem (three holders of office in three years and no volunteers at the 1964 annual meeting) by splitting the post three ways. Frank Briggs (Bradford) will be responsible for the Yorkshire Closed, Rea Balmford (Hull) for the Yorkshire Junior Closed, and Clive Warley (York) for the Yorkshire Open.

Yorkshire second-teamer Eric Hall will not be available often this season as he has entered Ealing Technical College for three years' languages study. Likely replacement in Harrogate's first team is David Shaw, a boy with a big hit. The town has entered the Wilmott Cup for the first time.

Bradford have a record number of 154 teams and a schools association has been formed with 14 teams in two divisions. Huddersfield have reformed a women's section.

Y.M.C.A.'s domination of Doncaster affairs is threatened by the departure of Peter Duncombe (to link with Peter Rooome and Eric Smith at Railway Athletic) and Mick Dainty (to Pegler's). But John Keys remains. Brian Edlington (from the old Cleveland Street Y.M.C.A., now demolished) has joined him and Geoff Atkinson and Bob Willcock are also available.

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## WELSH CORNER

**BUSY SEASON AHEAD**

**WELSH** table tennis got off to a good start in what looks like being its busiest season for some years. In addition to participating in the European Championships in November and the World Championships in April, Wales will also act as hosts to the Quadrangular Internationals between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Due to the European Championships being played at about the usual date the Quadrangular has been moved to February 12-13 and it is probable that the event will be staged at Milford Haven in West Wales, where interest is high at the present moment.

**ABERDARE OPEN****TITLES FOR ENGLAND**

**THE** Aberdare Open, the first Welsh tournament of the season, once again proved a happy hunting ground for the English players.

An unfortunate placing in the draw deprived our two top players, Graham Gear and George Evans, from having a double chance to keep the trophies in Wales. Gear played extremely well against Roy Morley, the eventual winner, in the semi-final after he had beaten George Evans. This was a better match than the final where Morley beat O. Haslam.

Welsh players resisted the English challenge in the men's doubles, with three combinations in the semi-finals, the eventual winners being Gear and Anderson.

The most spectacular success was that of the English junior Pauline Hemmings. She took the women's singles, beating Margaret Phillips in the final; teamed up with Margaret to win the women's doubles, and just missed a third senior title in the mixed with Dennis Samuel against Gear and Sandra Morgan.

**Men's Singles: Semi-Finals:** R. MORLEY (Glos.) bt G. Gear (Glam.) 15-21, 21-15, 21-14. O. HASLAM (Middx.) bt S. Hann (Oxford) 16-21, 21-13, 21-13.  
**Final:** MORLEY bt Haslam 21-9, 16-21, 21-11.

**Women's Singles: Semi-Finals:** M. PHILLIPS (Glam.) bt P. Taylor (Glos.) 21-14, 21-17; P. HEMMINGS (Herts.) bt S. Morgan (Glam.) 21-17, 21-18.  
**Final:** HEMMINGS bt Phillips 23-25, 21-14, 21-11.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** G. GEAR/F. ANDERSON bt G. Cookin/O. Haslam 23-21, 21-13. G. EVANS/R. DAVIES bt P. Bevan/A. Thomas 21-18, 21-16.  
**Final:** GEAR/ANDERSON bt Evans/Davies 23-21, 21-13.

**Women's Doubles: Final:** PHILLIPS/HEMMINGS bt Morgan/Taylor 21-18, 21-13.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals:** GEAR/Miss MORGAN bt D. Holland/Miss Taylor 21-16, 21-15. D. SAMUEL/Miss HEMMINGS bt Morley/Miss Phillips 21-17, 21-18.

**Final:** GEAR/MORGAN bt Samuel/Hemmings 21-19, 20-22, 21-19.

**Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals:** DENNIS SAMUEL (Glam.) bt Haydn Thomas (Mon.) 21-17, 21-10. JEFF. MORGAN (Aberdare) bt Robert Bishop (Glam.) 16-21, 21-19, 21-18.

**Final:** SAMUEL bt Morgan 21-14, 21-13.  
**Boys' Doubles: Final:** SAMUEL/MORGAN bt Bishop/A. Roberts 21-18, 22-20.

**Girls' Singles: Final:** PAULINE HEMMINGS bt Helen Price (Mon.) 21-8, 21-12.

In addition, the usual Welsh Open Championships will be staged on January 22-23, and already there is a promise from the West Germans, who took most of our titles last season, that they will return to defend them. This also means the possibility of a match against West Germany on similar lines to last season's at the same time.

The summer training which the better Welsh players had with Gloucestershire's Roy Morley has been of benefit.

This was noticeable in Glamorgan's match with Warwickshire. Although lack of experience at the modern game was, perhaps, our weakness, it is gratifying to find our players now performing promisingly. Dennis Samuel made a most encouraging debut, while George Evans and Graham Gear showed that with a little bit more of match application, they should produce results beyond anything in the past.

**GONE BACK**

Monmouthshire's present form is not so promising, although there is hope in the form shown by the Spencer brothers. Both John Mansfield and Brian Everson appear to have gone back.

The form displayed by our women players shows an improvement over last season's, but it is still lacking in that dominance displayed by Welsh women players throughout our history. It is certain that all will need to find a much greater concentration of effort before they can hope to emulate their predecessors.

Among the County Juniors there is a disturbing rumour that Wayne Smith may have given up the game. Certainly there are indications that the Blaenavon Institute boys may not be as keen as they were. Monmouthshire will undoubtedly suffer, and in their opening match with Glamorgan, although John Bevan's boys from Tredegar tried hard enough they and Hayden Thomas could not prevent a 9-1 defeat by their rivals.

**WESTERN COUNTIES****EXETER RETURN**

**AFTER** a break of 10 years Exeter are making a welcome return to the Western League. They have entered both men's and women's teams.

Unfortunately, West Wilts have withdrawn their men's team.

The line-up is:

**MEN:** BATH, BRISTOL (two teams), CARDIFF, CHELTENHAM, EXETER, NEWPORT, PLYMOUTH, and WESTON.

**WOMEN:** BRISTOL, EXETER, NEWPORT, PLYMOUTH, SWINDON, and WESTON.

In the men's section they play home and away alternate years, while the ladies play home and away in the same season.

Cardiff, with what is virtually last year's winning team still available, will be favourites to retain the men's title. Bristol defend the women's section.

Ivor Eyles was re-elected chairman at the annual general meeting, with Grove Motlow continuing as secretary-treasurer. Len Ollis, ex-secretary, of Bath T.T. League, was elected president.

I would be grateful if league secretaries when sending in their results sheets would include a few lines on the back regarding the particular match.

Grove Motlow.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE****SELECTORS LAX**

**EARLY** in September, county junior trials were held at Stroud for potential county junior players. As a result, the team selected for the first junior match (against Wilts. away) was: Robin Bughman (Bristol), John Charles (Gloucester), Stuart Griffin (Gloucester), Miss J. Eatough (Gloucester).

The County ranking list, which will no doubt cause considerable comment, is:

**MEN:** 1 IAN HARRISON, 2 BRYAN MERRETT, 3 ROY MORLEY, 4 DENNIS HOLLAND, 5 BARRY BRADY and MORLEY MORDECAI.

**WOMEN:** 1 PAT TAYLOR, 2 JOAN COLLIER, 3 J. EATOUGH.

The first premier match of the season against Yorkshire, played at Grosvenor Hall, Grosvenor Road, Cheltenham, resulted in a 5-4 win over Yorkshire.

The Gloucestershire officials feel, and rightly so, that again the England selectors have been lax in notifying them of the inclusion of Harrison in the England team against Sweden. We were not told until one week before the match.

Pat Rowe.

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## MASTER POINTS

by GEOFF HARROWER

## THE MASTERS SO FAR

**F**URTHER significant progress has been made since I wrote last month, and the entry from leagues has shot up from 52 to 67—as against 42 last season. The 67 are made up of 38 from last season and 29 new members. The five additional new members since last month are: Canterbury, Kettering, Oxford, Peterborough and Scarborough. As entries do not close until mid-December there is every prospect of further increases.

In fact, only two member leagues from last season have not rejoined, as Hitchin have merged with Letchworth in the new North Herts set up.

I would like to thank the many leagues, both in membership and otherwise, who have come forward and given details of their club, team and individual strength. Unfortunately I am crippled with rheumatism at the moment, and if I have been lax in thanking them all, I hope they will understand. Still on a personal note, as I shall be in Malmo for the European Championships from the 21st to the 30th November, I should be very grateful if correspondents could avoid this period when writing to me.

I promised you a list of Master Players, to date, and here they are. Of course, many more players have qualified, but for a variety of reasons have not sent in their certificates to be recorded. Several I have spoken to are waiting until they get enough to be a League Master, while others seem to have lost certificates.

If any player has lost certificates, pro-

viding they send me a stamped addressed envelope and precise details of the event in which they won the points, I will see that points won are credited. Also, some players have failed to collect their certificates at Open Tournament. These are available on request. I mention this because some players think that if they forget their certificate on the day, I throw them away! Now, for the Masters, in each case given in the order of submitting certificates:

**TOURNAMENT MASTER** — MARY SHANNON.

**COUNTY MASTERS**—DIANE ROWE, BRIAN WRIGHT, MIKE SYMONDS, CHESTER BARNES.

**LEAGUE MASTERS**—LESLEY BELL, ALAN LINDSAY, IAN HARRISON, TONY PIDDOCK, JACKIE CANHAM, CYNTHIA DUNCOMBE, IRENE OGUS, DAVID LOWE.

**CLUB MASTERS**: R. GUNNING, H. COLLINS, V. IRELAND, R. STEVENS, D. NEALE, B. FARNWORTH, G. MURANYI, A. CORNISH, G. LIVESEY, MISS J. WILLIAMS, MISS L. PROUDLOCK, P. DUNCOMBE, N. BRABROOK, D. SCHOFIELD, MISS P. DAINTY, D. BADDELEY, B. HILL, MRS. J. MCCREE, MISS P. MORTIMER, A. ROBINSON, A. WATSON, MISS E. CANHAM, MISS P. BONNER, MISS C. HOLES, C. EDWARDS, A. M. LUTINSKY, D. E. NORTON, P. WILLIAMS, D. C. OXLEY, W. HAGON, MISS P. HEMMINGS, G. H. J. PHILPOTT, M. GREEN, MISS M. FRY, D. BACKHOUSE, G. A. COOKLIN, MRS. A. WOODFORD, P. J. SHIRLEY, S. GIBBS, N. STOUTE, MISS P. HOLES, M. CLOSE, N. BLAKE, L. GRESSWELL, R. PHILPOTT, J.

R. BARRY, R. F. BOWLES, D. HOLMAN, D. BASDEN, T. SMITH, MRS. J. H. COOP, C. T. BUSH, A. J. WATERS, E. C. PROWEN, D. HILTON, A. FOSTER, MRS. D. BURNETT, M. JOHNS and MISS P. MARTIN.

I do hope that the publication of this list will refresh the memory of others who will now send in their certificates.

A study of the list will show that it contains famous and not so famous names, and I hope will prove once and for all that it does not take many years for good standard league players to become Club Masters. Now that well over one third of all affiliated players are in the Scheme, it wouldn't surprise me if we passed the 500 total of Club Masters soon after the end of this season.

I must close on an amusing aside related to me by Len Adams, whom it must not be forgotten thought of the whole idea of Master Points for Table Tennis. Coming up to me at the Masters' Tournament at the Crystal Palace earlier this month he said, "I've just won my first Master Points—at Contract Bridge!" Mustn't get too many, Len, or else you won't have time for T.T.!

## NORTHUMBERLAND OPEN

## LESLEY'S TREBLE

**T**HE first-ever Northumberland Open at Newcastle on October 24 attracted several notable players among its 120 entrants, but the clash with the Sussex Open, Junior Trials and major Scottish Championships undoubtedly kept the numbers down.

Nevertheless the tournament won plenty of praise and fills the need for an "Open" in the far north of the country.

Lesley Proudlock, of Yorkshire, was the most successful contestant with a triple win in the singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. Mike Symonds, of Lancashire, took the men's singles and partnered Miss Proudlock in the mixed.

Brian Burn, a local junior provided the major shock by putting Denis Neale, the North-East's top player, out of the singles, and it was left for Alan Ransome to come through and contest the final with Symonds.

Young Burn, who won the junior singles, is of great promise and a lot more should be heard of him before the season is out.

Neale certainly had an unhappy tournament, for he was runner-up in the men's doubles with Symonds to Keith Forshaw and Ron Allcock of Lancashire, and also finished on the losing end of the mixed final with Flo Rolling.

**Men's Singles**: M. SYMONDS (Lancs.) bt A. Ransome (Durham) 21-15, 21-18. **Women's Singles**: L. PROUDLOCK (Yorks.) bt P. Dainty (Yorks.) 12-21, 21-18, 21-19.

**Men's Doubles**: K. FORSHAW/R. ALLCOCK (Lancs.) bt D. Neale (Yorks.)/Symonds 11-21, 21-14, 21-19. **Women's Doubles**: PROUDLOCK / P. CLARK (Northumb.) bt Dainty/F. Rolling (Yorks.) 21-19, 22-20. **Mixed Doubles**: SYMONDS/Miss PROUDLOCK bt Neale/Mrs. Rolling 21-17, 21-16.

**Junior Singles**: B. BURN (Northumb.) bt D. Shaw (Yorks.) 18-21, 21-14, 21-10. **Veteran Singles**: H. DIGNAN (Northumb.) bt N. Lusher 21-13, 22-20.

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# AT HOME WITH THE FOLDYS

by Tibor Hamori

**D**ROP into the lovely flat of Eva and Laszlo Foldy in Martirok Street, Budapest, and you soon find yourself at home in a table tennis atmosphere. That, of course, is not surprising for Eva and Laszlo are two of the great names of the game in Hungary.

Between them they have made at least 169 international appearances and the souvenirs among the modern furniture and pictures hold memories of many countries for this likeable couple.

Mrs. Foldy was, of course, Eva Koczian before her marriage and has been Hungary's outstanding post-war woman player with world and European titles to her credit.

Laszlo has now retired from championship play but Eva still carries the Hungarian torch.

I dropped in on them to discuss their future in the game and prospects for this season.

First I asked Laszlo why he had stopped regular play and he puts it down to his age.

"I am 29 and no longer find I can devote the time to everyday training which is necessary to maintain the European level," he said, adding

"But I have not given up the game. I will continue to play in team events and the European Cup. I am also attending a trainers' course to give others the benefit of my playing experience."

Turning to Eva I was interested to see how she viewed her own prospects.

"I have not been too satisfied with my play but I have been training hard and hope I will have regained my confidence and a safe ball technique by the European championships," she said smilingly.

Discussing her most dangerous rivals for the European title she put Maria Alexandru, of Rumania, and England's Mary Shannon at the top of the list, but suggested the young Russian players would have to be watched closely.

To Eva and Laszlo Foldy table tennis is part of the family. Laszlo's sister, Marta Streeton, and her husband, Ken, have been champions of South Africa, while Eva's brother, Jack, who now lives in Sweden, and retired from active play, is a former Hungarian international.

Laszlo has retired; Eva is still the strength of the Hungarian top team. In their home there is not only a pleasant air, but you can feel the air of their love for table tennis and of great plans for the future.

## EVA'S TRIPLE CROWN

**HUNGARY:** Sandor Harangi won the Hungarian Top Ten Tournament, with Harcsar runner-up and Berczik third.

There were no surprises in the women's section where the placings were: 1, Mrs. Foldy; 2, Mrs. Jurik; 3, Mrs. Lukacs.

Berczik and Mrs. Foldy were singles winners in the Hungarian Open which had a considerably reduced entry on October 2-4.

Mrs. Foldy collected the triple crown, winning the women's doubles with Ezsabet Jurik and the mixed with Berczik.

The Czech Stanek and Miko won the men's doubles.

Hungary's "B" (Harangi, Papp and Pigniczky) came out top in the team event, with the Czech second, and Hungary "A" third.

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**SUSSEX OPEN****NEW SINGLES CHAMPIONS**By **LAURIE LANDRY** and **MICHAEL MACLAREN**

**CHESTER BARNES** and **Lesley Bell** are new names to add to the list of Sussex Open singles winners. As top seeds they duly obliged by carrying off the titles at Hastings on October 24-25.

Miss Bell swept all before her by also winning the women's doubles with **Jean McCree** and the mixed with **Ian Harrison**, while Barnes also partnered Harrison for a second title in the men's doubles.

While the titles finished much as expected there were plenty of upsets in the earlier rounds, with Harrison one of the victims. He fell to Muranyi at 19 in each game, in the first quarter. Muranyi in his turn failed to hold Connie Warren, who appears to be still improving.

In the second quarter Brian Wright came through with a comfortable win over the all-out hitting of Roy Morley, who had proved too fast for the Belgian intruder Pierre Juliens.

The main surprises were in the third quarter where Alan Cornish again proved too awkward for Bobby Stevens (18, and 22) then slumped to the Sussex player Roger Chandler who had earlier pulled off another upset by taking his chances at the right time to beat Alan Lindsay 20, —13, 20.

Barnes came through as expected in the last quarter, where Malcolm Sugden, the Scottish No. 1, gave him a good game. Maurice Billington reached the quarter final but lost to Paul van Elewijck, the other Belgian visitor at 15 and 18.

In the semi-finals Wright got the better of Warren, while Barnes overcame Chandler who took him hit for hit before going down.

Barnes was then well tested by Wright in the final winning 20-22, 21-16, 21-14, after having led 19-16 in the first game.

Lesley Bell had little trouble in the women's singles until the final against Mrs. McCree which proved a good exciting tussle.

**TOUCH AND GO**

Miss Bell took the first game easily with some forceful hitting, but was forced into repeated error when losing the second. The decider was touch-and-go up to 17-all when three quick hits assured Miss Bell of the title.

The Belgian entrant Josiane Cornelis went down to Mrs. Cynthia Duncombe, who in her turn lost to Judy Williams, Miss Bell's semi-final victim.

The main surprise was in the other half where **Pauline Martin** beat new European championship choice **Irene Ogus 18 and 17** and went on to take Mrs. McCree to a deciding game before losing 18, —19, —19.

Peggy Piper was too persistent for Jackie Canham, who had previously disposed of Beverly Sayer (—13, 11, 18).

Barnes and Harrison were just too strong for Wright and Warren in the men's doubles final winning 23-21, 21-19, while the European combination of Miss Bell and Miss Ogus recovered after dropping the first set to beat Jackie Canham and Elsie Carrington 10-21, 21-17, 21-15.

Harrison and Miss Bell made no mistake in the mixed final beating Sugden and Mrs. Carrington 21-16, 21-16. Harry Venner retained the Veterans' singles.

**Results**

**Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals:** C. Warren (Surrey) bt G. Muranyi (Surrey) 21-18, 13-21, 21-18; B. Wright (Midxx.) bt R. Morley (Glos.) 21-14, 21-9; R. Chandler (Sussex) bt A. Cornish (Kent) 21-19, 21-13; C. Barnes (Essex) bt M. Billington (Warwicks.) 21-14, 21-18.

**Semi-Finals:** WRIGHT bt Warren 21-17, 21-19; BARNES bt Chandler 22-20, 21-16. **Final:** BARNES bt Wright 20-22, 21-16, 21-14.

**Women's Singles: Semi-Finals:** L. BELL (Essex) bt J. Williams (Warwicks.) 21-14, 21-17; J. McCREE (Essex) bt P. Piper (Surrey) 21-10, 21-14.

**Final:** BELL bt McCree 21-9, 12-21, 21-18.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BARNES/HARRISON (Glos.) bt Venner/Sawyer (Essex) 23-21, 22-20; WARREN/WRIGHT bt H. Buist/A. Piddock (Kent) 21-10, 21-16.

**Final:** BARNES/HARRISON bt Warren/Wright 23-21, 21-19.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** BELL/I. OGUS (Midxx.) bt J. Williamson (Herts.)/C. Duncombe (Yorks.) 21-16, 21-14; J. CANHAM (Herts.)/E. CARRINGTON (Essex) bt J. McCree/P. Piper 15-21, 22-20, 21-18.

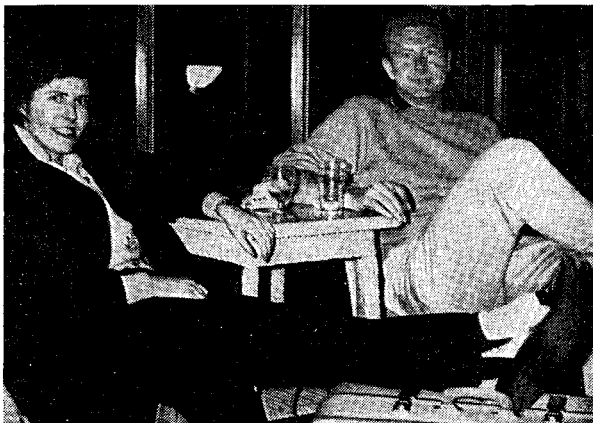
**Final:** BELL/OGUS bt Canham/Carrington 10-21, 21-17, 21-15.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals:** HARRISON/Miss BELL bt R. Stevens/Mrs. J. McCree (Essex) 21-14, 21-14; M. SUGDEN (Scotland)/Mrs. CARRINGTON bt Wright/Miss A. Taft (Midxx.) 21-17, 21-4.

**Final:** HARRISON/BELL bt Sugden/Carrington 21-16, 21-16.

**Veteran's Singles: Semi-Finals:** H. VENNEN (Essex) bt H. Rolls (Essex) 21-13, 21-9; R. ETHERIDGE (Kent) bt R. Evans 21-4, 21-14.

**Final:** VENNEN bt Etheridge 21-18, 21-8.



**JEAN MCCREE** relaxes with husband **Bob** after the hard singles final.



The popular trio from Belgium **Paul van Elewijck**, **Josiane Cornelis**, and **Pierre Juliens**.

## JUNIOR TRIALS

by LAURIE LANDRY

## DOUBLE TOPS

**STUART GIBBS**, of Essex, and **Pauline Hemmings**, of Hertfordshire, followed up their successes as "News of the World" Boy and Girl of the Year by capturing the No. 1 Rankings in the English Junior Trials at Ultra Electronics, London, on October 24. They went through the programme unbeaten.

Fourteen boys and ten girls were invited to the final meeting after area trials at Clacton, Leeds, Slough, Swindon, and Wolverhampton.

The final Rankings were:

**BOYS: 1, Stuart Gibbs** (Essex); **2, Alan Hydes** (Yorks.); **3, Mike Johns** (Cheshire); **4, Geoff Salter** (Surrey); **5, David Brown** (Essex).

**GROUP A: Reg Allen** (Middx.), **John Frankland** (Lancs.), **John Kedge** (Yorks.), **Keith Lawrence** (Essex).

**GIRLS: 1, Pauline Hemmings** (Herts.); **2, Linda Henwood** (Essex); **3, Maureen Heppell** (Northumberland); **4, Karenza Smith** (Essex); **5, Sandra Pegg** (Derby.).

Other youngsters taking part were Peter Eaton (Staffs.), Ronnie Lloyd (Wilts.), Trevor Taylor (Herts.), Tony Wolff (Wilts.), Michael Yeates (Worcs.); Penelope Bonner (Somerset), Evelyn Canham (Herts.), Joy Walton (Bucks.), Diane Simpson (Essex), Ingrid Sykes (Warwicks.).

Geoff Salter showed a vast improvement from the previous season and after losing to 12-year-old Trevor Taylor in the first match he suffered no further loss until he met Mike Johns. Salter included a close win over Alan Hydes, who finished in the No. 2 spot with Johns and Salter next in order.

David Brown, who started the season by winning in the East of England Open, was most consistent to earn the No. 5 place.

The remaining boys fell into two distinct groups, with four of them making up Group "A" and the remaining five being unranked.

The girls were a little more difficult. After Pauline Hemmings, Karenza Smith, at 14, appears to have a very bright future, providing a surprise when she beat Linda Henwood for the second time. The previous time was in the area trials.

Linda had an easy win over Maureen Heppell, who, in turn, beat Karenza. Earlier in the month Maureen had beaten Pauline Hemmings to win the North of



STUART GIBBS

England title. She was, therefore, despite a loss to the very much improved Joy Dalton, given the No. 3 place behind Pauline and Linda with Karenza at No. 4.

The surprise of the girls was Sandra Pegg of Chesterfield, who, though well beaten by the top girls, proved herself to gain No. 5 ranking.

## LANCS-CHESHIRE

## REMEMBER LANGS OPEN

**ROY HAYES** is to be commended on his fanfare relative to the Essex Open, the "best ever" to be planned and due for finalisation on the weekend of January 16-17.

Running in conjunction with the Essex bonanza is the Lancashire Open on Saturday, January 16, and lest it be thought that this tournament be something in the nature of a sideshow let me hasten to assure would-be newcomers that the Hawker Siddeley, Lostock, near Bolton venue is far from being a boner-yard affair.

For ten years now this popular tournament has held sway, its date, this season, having been put back one week due to the English Closed commanding the normal one.

Patronise the Essex by all means but for those within more easy reach of Lostock remember we also serve who only stand and wait, wait, that is, for your entries to roll in.

Married at Old Colwyn Methodist

Church on October 17, Leslie W. Jones to Lilian Dorothy Powell. Here we have Manchester's popular league secretary and former Lancashire county chairman going in for the mixed doubles in a really concrete way. Congratulations to bride and groom, may your pairing be the most happiest.

News is to hand from Rochdale League vice-chairman, D. A. Lord, Esq., who was one of his league's representative team to visit Tourceing, their French sister town. Trophies and individual medals were exchanged with a French counterpart team who vanquished the Lancastrians in a series to be continued in Rochdale next year. This is an admirable way of cementing international relations.

Lancashire's Premier Division side had to wait until the last two days of October before opening their programme with consecutive home matches against Surrey and Middlesex.

At Bolton, Lancashire II did not inspire when beating Durham although it was good to see a newly bespectacled George Livesey making contact with his loop much more than has been the case hitherto. His fellow townsman, Jack Keogh, would also appear to be intent on becoming more prominent, a fact borne out in the North of England Open.

Newcomer to the Bolton League is ex-Cheltenham and Gloucestershire player, Miss Adrienne Cox. She has taken up a teaching post within the borough and although not having played for two seasons is intent on making a comeback with Victoria Hall Youth Club.

George R. Yates.

## HAMPSHIRE

## TOP TWINS

**TWINS Christine and Pauline Holes** fill the top two places in the new Hampshire ranking list. **R. Bassett**, of Bournemouth, keeps his place as No. 1 among the men.

Bournemouth also provide the top boy in **L. Brooks**, while the No. 1 girl is **L. Thompson**, of Portsmouth.

Southampton's strong position in Hampshire is emphasised with five of the 12 places in the men's list; four out of six among the women; three out of four boys; and two out of eight girls.

However, there are signs that Portsmouth will be challenging them in the near future for they provide six of the eight ranked girls, including the No. 1, Miss Thompson, who also holds the fifth senior place.

The Hampshire Education Authority are organising a series of short basic coaching courses in youth clubs. New diploma coaches are entering this week.

Southampton's Mount Pleasant L.E.A. centre has entered its fourth season, and schools teams will receive further coaching.

A junior club formed from previous coaching courses now has a team in the local league.

Teddy Grant.

# GREAT START BY WARWICKSHIRE

**WARWICKSHIRE** teams are off to a wonderful start. The first team outplayed Glamorgan in darkest Wales, the match being a triumph for Judy Williams, who made her county debut for Warwickshire.

Judy, who is still studying at Birmingham University, has moved from Hertfordshire to Sussex, but nevertheless opted to play for Warwickshire. She won both her singles and the ladies' doubles with Birmingham's stalwart Doreen Griffiths. Derek Baddeley also came through 100 per cent winning both singles and his doubles with Derek Backhouse.

The most exciting game of the evening was that in which Maurice Billington beat the improving Grahame Gear in the third.

The "Seconds" also started with a "bang" in the lower Division by beating Staffordshire B 8-2. The only games dropped were the ladies' doubles in which Ingrid Sykes and Janet Roberts lost to Margery Cumberbatch and Ann Sharman, and the last singles when Roger Morris lost to Brian Martin. Ingrid showed much improved form to completely outplay Ann Sharman in the ladies' singles.

The Juniors put up an extremely good performance in beating Leicestershire by 10 games to 0. Although the score would suggest a runaway victory, some of the games were extremely close and highly entertaining. A tribute must be paid to the Leicestershire Juniors, who, although they were defeated so heavily, never gave up trying and played a most sporting game. Ronald Judd and Steve Garrington, both making their debuts in the Junior team, were very impressive.

Warwickshire are organising their usual weekend at Lilleshall Hall in November and a number of top Juniors will be going in December.

Jack Carrington is visiting the county for the purpose of a Coaches' Rally. Anyone interested, particularly from the remoter regions of the county, should contact Mr. M. Goldstein, 415 Moseley Road, Birmingham 12, as soon as possible.

Roger Morris.

## BEN LOVELAND

A SAD blow for Guildford T.T.A. has been the sudden death of Ben Loveland, their treasurer since 1954.

A founder member, Loveland was a pre-war player with the Association until devoting himself to the administration side.

Mr. Loveland had wide sporting interests and was company secretary of the Guildford City Football Club.

# FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

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

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
<b>1964</b>			
Nov.	15 Bournemouth (R) Open Drill Hall, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth.		B. Roberts, 45c, Porchester Road, Bournemouth.
	21 Birmingham Open (Birmingham) Rover Sports and Social Club, Lode Lane, Solihull, Warwks.		M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham, 12.
	22 Portsmouth (R) Open South Parade Pier, Southsea.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	P. Goldring, 52, Winter Road, Southsea, Hants.
	Closing date: Nov. 7, 1964		
22-29	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Malmoe, Sweden)		
26-28	Bangor Open Dufferin Hall, Bangor. Co. Down, N. Ireland.	J.B.S.	T. Huggins, 18, Fairview Gardens, Bangor, Co. Down, N. Ireland.
	28 Cumberland Open High Duty Alloys, Distington, Cumberland.	J.S. J.D.	R. Rigg, 1, Park View, Whitehaven, Cumberland.
Dec.	2-5 POLISH OPEN		
	5-6 Newbury Open Corn Exchange, Mkt. Place, Newbury, Berks.	J.B.S. J.G.S. J.B.D. J.G.D. J.X.D. V.S.	A. A. J. Mosson, 29, Croft Road, Newbury, Berks.
	Closing date: Nov. 14, 1964.		
	12-13 Middlesex Open Hanwell Community Centre, Westcott Cres., Hanwell, W.5.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	Miss I. Moss, 49, Okehampton Road, Kensal Rise, N.W.10.
	Closing date: Nov. 27, 1964.		
	15 East London Finals G.U.S. Sports Ground, Clapton, London E.5.		
<b>1965</b>			
Jan.	2 Yorkshire Junior Open Madeley St. Baths, Hull.	J.B.S. J.G.S. B.D. G.D. X.D.	R. Balmford, 205, Park Avenue, Hull, Yorks.
	Closing date: (Under 15's B. & G.S.)		
	6-9 ENGLISH CLOSED London—Crystal Palace N.R.C., Closing date: Dec. 14, 1964		E.I.T.A.
	16 Lancashire Open Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Ltd. Lostock, Bolton.	J.B.S. J.G.S. V.S.	A. F. Jones, 13, Moss Bank Close, Astley Bridge, Bolton, Lancs.
	Closing date:		
	16-17 Essex Open (Harlow)		H. Walker, 80, Dereham Gardens, Upminster, Essex.
	22-23 WELSH OPEN		Mrs. N. Roy Evans, No. 1, Llwyn-y-Grant, Road, Cardiff.
	30-31 Kent Open (Folkestone) Marine Pavilion, Folkestone.	Y.S.(B) Y.S.(G)	F. G. Mannoch, 216, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
	Closing date: Jan. 13, 1965.		
	30 Gloucestershire Junior Open Closing date: Jan. 16, 1965.		J. R. Chalkley, 17, Woods Orchard Road, Gloucester.
	(Under 17's B. & G.S.) (Under 15's B. & G.S.)		
		J.B.D. J.G.D. J.X.D.	
	30 West of Scotland Open		Gwilliam Brown, 9, Edzell Gardens, Bishopbriggs, Scotland.

## NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN

By George R. Yates

## SYMONDS STANDS FIRM WHILE SEEDS FALL

**T**AILORMADE for Mike Symonds the men's singles event of the North of England Open held at the Seymour Grove Drill Hall, Manchester on October 9/10 was presented to him on a platter after his fellow seeds had fallen like golden leaves at his feet.

That he is, at the moment of writing, the men's title holder of all three of his county's major tournaments—the Lancashire and Merseyside having been won last season—bears testimony to his prowess in home pastures.

Doubtless to the consternation of all but one of the senior selection committee top seed Brian Wright was put out by the newly appointed selector Jeff Ingber, who proved himself as being far from a spent force despite his subsequent loss to loop specialist Derek Baddeley, who struck one of his better days.

Appeals to the heavens were in vain for No. 3 seed Denis Neale ousted by the equally volatile Connie Warren whose agitations were of little avail against Symonds in the final. Fourth seed Bobby Stevens slid quietly into oblivion at the hands of Cheshire's ace craftsman Derek Schofield.

Symonds and Ingber apart, home-bred prime stock in Messrs. Forshaw, Crusham, Livesey, Farnworth and Keogh advanced Lancashire's cause still further. All, with the exception of Crusham—out to Mike Johns—reaching the last sixteen.

At this stage Brian Hill joined the Lancastrian fallers losing to Chesterfield's Colin Deaton as did Scotland's Ian Barclay to Neale. Kevin Forshaw's run was brought to a halt by Neville Brabrook after the Mancunian had stopped Alan Coby (Norfolk), the East Anglian having beaten Roy Morley.

## SELECTORS' EMBARRASSMENT

No less embarrassing for the national selectors were affairs in the women's singles in which both seeds, Jackie Canham and Cynthia Duncombe (née Blackshaw) failed in the quarters to Lesley Proudlock and Connie Moore respectively. Bright eyed Irene Ogus also shed not a little of her new found glamour in opposition to the eventual winner Beverley Sayer who took over Lesley Bells' undefended title.

Mrs. Joan Lloyd of Stourbridge was the outsider to come through in the bottom half of the draw with creditable wins over Dundee's Murray and Donaldson as well as Gloria Sayer.

The old established firm of Forshaw and Crusham had quite a gallop in the men's doubles with such formidable pairings as Ingber/Wall and

Baddeley/Backhouse in their wake not to mention Wright/Warren in the semis. The Duncombe/Neale combination put paid to Hill/Slater, Scotland's Gibbs/Vesco and Brabrook/Basden.

In the women's pairs the Sayer girls were ousted by Duncombe/Proudlock, Canham/Martin falling to the other finalists Wigan's Winifred Swift and Salford born Mary Leigh.

As chairman of the junior selectors Durham's Edgar Reay was on hand with the whole of his committee to witness the wizardry of Surrey's Forest Gate acquisition Geoffrey Salter who has Croydon birth qualifications.

## UNFORTUNATE CLASH

Playing second fiddle to this bespectacled young man were established internationals Hydes and Johns both being "salted" in turn.

Pity that Maureen Heppell and Pauline Hemmings had to meet in the first round of the girl's event, theirs being the best set to be contested for Ingrid Sykes fared badly to the Hexham lass in the final.

Indebted to Manchester League chairman, Leslie Cohen, for seeing me home, replete from his kitchen en route, in the early hours of Sunday morning I would be failing in my duties if I were not to cast a brickbat or two.

The mammoth record entry, accepted in all good faith, was far too big for the modest venue. Acknowledging the yeoman work put in by Referee Leslie Jones and his willing band of helpers, midnight turned is no time for a mixed doubles final. Nor is it fair to junior competitors in having them hang around for hours on end before making inroads into their events. One young man, who shall be nameless, having been knocked out in the first round of the men's singles had then to endure a wait of 7½ hours before being called again for his first round junior singles.

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**Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals:** D. Baddeley (Warwicks.) bt C. Deaton (Derbys.) 21-15, 21-19; C. Warren (Surrey) bt D. Neale (Yorks.) 23-21, 17-21, 24-22; D. Schofield (Ches.) bt M. Johns (Ches.) 21-17, 23-25, 21-17; M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt. N. J. Brabrook (Surrey) 21-10, 21-15.

**Semi-Finals:** WARREN bt Baddeley 21-13, 21-7; SYMONDS bt Schofield 21-18, 21-17.

**Final:** SYMONDS bt Warren 22-20, 21-13.

**Women's Singles: Semi-Finals:** B. SAYER (Essex) bt L. S. Proudlock (Yorks.) 17-21, 21-18, 21-16; J. LLOYD (Worcs.) bt C. Moore (Lancs.) 18-21, 21-15, 21-14.

**Final:** SAYER bt Lloyd 21-11, 21-12.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** K. FORSHAW/R. CRUSHAM (Lancs.) bt B. Wright/C. Warren 8-21, 21-15; 21-15; NEALE/P. DUNCOMBE (Yorks.) bt Symonds/R. Stevens (Essex) 21-16, 7-21, 21-11.

**Final:** NEALE/DUNCOMBE bt Forshaw/Crusham 21-17, 21-19.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals:** C. DUNCOMBE (Yorks.)/PROUDLOCK bt B. Sayer/G. Sayer (Essex) 13-21, 21-12, 21-17; W. SWIFT/M. LEIGH (Lancs.) bt P. Martin (Essex)/J. Canham (Herts.) 15-21, 21-14, 21-15.

**Final:** DUNCOMBE/PROUDLOCK bt Swift/Leigh 21-11, 21-19.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals:** R. MORLEY (Glos.)/Miss I. OGUS (Middx.) bt Johns/I. Sykes (Warwicks.) 21-14, 21-7; DUNCOMBE/Mrs. DUNCOMBE bt Symonds/Proudlock 21-18, 22-24, 25-13.

**Final:** DUNCOMBE/DUNCOMBE bt Morley/Ogus 21-19, 22-20.

**Boys' Singles: Quarter-Finals:** A. Hydes (Yorks.) bt B. Burn (Northumb.) 21-15, 21-17; P. Canham (Yorks.) bt J. Heathcote (Lancs.) 21-17, 21-18; G. Salter (Surrey) bt R. Todd (Durham) 21-15, 21-12; M. Johns bt J. Frankland (Lancs.) 21-14, 23-21.

**Semi-Finals:** HYDES bt Canham 21-9, 21-11; SALTER bt Johns 21-19, 19-21, 21-11.

**Final:** SALTER bt Hydes 21-18, 21-19.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals:** M. HEPPELL (Northumb.) bt I. Forkes (Yorks.) 21-16, 21-16; I. SYKES bt E. Canham (Herts.).

**Final:** HEPPELL bt Sykes 21-16, 21-13.

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# JULIA TOWNSEND -

## Michael Maclaren's GLAMOUR CHOICE



AS I was watching the "News of the World" Finalists battling it out at Bognor recently, the familiar figure of Johnny Leach ambled up to me and said: "If you want a glamour-girl for the magazine, have a look at Julia Townsend." When the equally familiar figure of Di Rowe ambled along to say: "Seen Julia Townsend, Mac?", I decided this must be the next glamour-girl.

Julia—all 36in., 24in., 36in. of her—comes from Swindon and at 16 years presents quite an eye-ful. But she is also very talented and intends to become a Variety Stage Artist specialising in singing, dancing and playing the piano.

At table tennis she plays for Wiltshire Junior team and did extremely well in the above-mentioned "News of the World" Scheme this year.

My photograph was taken in the Theatre at Butlin's, Bognor, where Julia also did very well in the Butlin's Talent Competition. She has played the Principal Boy in "Babes in the Wood" in a cast which included professionals.

At the Annual Wilts. County T.T. Dinner and Dance at Devizes she put on a Cabaret before such T.T. personalities as Jack and Elsie Carrington and the Hon. Ivor Montagu.

## SUSSEX

### CHAMPION LOSES PLACE

SUSSEX senior team started with a draw against Kent seconds in Division 2 (South) with county champion Graham Whalley right out of form and not scoring. In the next match against Bedfordshire Whalley has lost his place

to Peter Williams, who gains his first cap for Sussex at 18.

The rest of the Sussex side is Roger Chandler, Sam Ogundipe, Mrs. Joyce Sheppard (formerly Miss Coleman) and Mrs. Daphne Barontini. Miss Coleman has recently married a well-known Hastings player, Don Sheppard.

Sussex juniors have a late start to their programme against Berkshire on November 21. Terry Riley and Adrian Mendelson may spearhead the boys' events. They will be well supported by Brighton's Jacqueline Baynard and Eastbourne's Miss Diane Gard.

An innovation causing raised eyebrows in many clubrooms in Sussex is the experimental introduction of two-man sides in the inter-club competition. County officials are waiting with fingers crossed to count the entries.—J.W.

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## Slough's Strength

BACK in the Second Division of the National County Championship after a break of eight years, Buckinghamshire got away to a good start beating Hampshire 7-3. The Second team won by a similar margin in the Southern Division against Suffolk at Beccles.

Jean Williams successfully held off the challenge of Joan Wooding and Joy Walton to return to No. 1 ranking, and her results, plus those of the men's doubles, could well be the key to Bucks future in the Second Division.

Slough's strength in Bucks is emphasised by their dominating positions in the ranking list. They have the top three places among the men with Paul Shirley, Frank Earis and Jim Healy; the No. 1 woman in Jean Williams; the four leading boys in M. Wald, T. Wald, M. Hammond and R. Napper, while among the girls they fill four of the five places, although the No. 1 is Joy Dalton, of Bletchley.

# OFFICIAL NEWS

**Annual Meeting:** Twenty-three counties and 63 leagues were represented at the A.G.M. at Church House, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1, on 27 June, 1964.

The following officers and councillors were elected for 1964-65:

## Officers:

**Chairman:** I. C. Eyles. **Deputy Chairman:** G. James. **Hon. Treasurer:** T. Blunn.

## National Council:

**Bedfordshire:** L. S. Woollard. **Berkshire:** A. M. Lijinsky. **Buckinghamshire:** L. Thompson. **Cheshire:** J. K. Kennerley. **Derbyshire:** W. A. Reeves. **Devonshire:** Mrs. F. Jarvis. **Durham:** E. Reay. **Essex:** H. Walker. **Gloucestershire:** L. C. T. Davis. **Hampshire:** M. S. Greatrex. **Herefordshire:** D. Game. **Kent:** C. Jaschke. **Lancashire:** N. Cook. **Lincolnshire:** K. W. Dewar. **Middlesex:** N. K. Reeve. **Northumberland:** D. M. Robson. **Staffordshire:** M. E. Scott. **Surrey:** C. J. Clemett. **Sussex:** K. Watts. **Warwickshire:** M. Goldstein. **Yorkshire:** W. Mitton.

No nominations were received from Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Dorset, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Somerset, and Suffolk, and no candidate was validly nominated for Norfolk, Nottinghamshire, Wiltshire, and Worcestershire.

The **Hon. I. G. S. Montagu** was re-elected President of the Association and Messrs. Spain Brothers were re-elected Auditors.

Eight new Vice-Presidents were elected bringing the total number up to 20:—W. G. Allen, F. A. Amies, V. Barna, H. M. Bunbury, D. L. Bunbury, E. F. Christopher, A. Harrison, A. A. Haydon, R. C. Hurford, C. Kichenside, J. A. Leach, K. McKenzie, J. P. Mulcahy, D. W. Poupard, D. S. Purr, J. Siddron, A. W. C. Simons, Miss A. Stevens, J. Thompson, R. Williams.

Among the matters discussed were:

**Master Points Scheme:** The meeting congratulated the Administrator, G. R. Harroway, on his work during the 1963-64 season, when the scheme produced a profit of £285 to the Association.

**Official Magazine:** L. Hoffman (circulation manager of TABLE TENNIS) gave details of the circulation figures which had considerably increased over the past season. He was, however, not satisfied with the progress made and suggested that thought should be given to the introduction of the subscription for the magazine to be included in each club or team's affiliation fee. This would ensure the continuance of the official journal in its present form and would lead to a considerable increase in the circulation figures.

**National County Championships:** It was noted that the National County Championships Committee had awarded the Leslie Forrest Trophy to H. Edwards, of Middlesex, for the 1963-64 season.

**Victor Barna Award:** This was awarded to Mary Shannon (Surrey) and Diane Rowe (Middlesex) for their fine

performance in winning seven Open National women's doubles titles during the 1963-64 season.

**Amendments to rules:** The Chairman pointed out that at the Special General Meeting held in January, 1964, a new constitution would be in operation directly after the A.G.M. had been completed. One topic which the members discussed at great length was the basis of **affiliation fees**. For the 1964-65 season the basis would be on "Teams" (agreed at the Special General Meeting) but thoughts were expressed that a better basis would be on the "Team Place." After much discussion it was agreed by the meeting that the "Team Place" basis should operate for the 1965-66 season.

All County Treasurers should note that under the new E.T.T.A. constitution the basis upon which the Leagues pay

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their affiliation fees to the E.T.T.A. should be the same basis under which the Leagues pay their affiliation fees to the County. Therefore, for the current season, 1964-65, the basis should be on "Teams" (although the A.G.M. decided to allow twelve month's grace on this particular point if the Counties had already held their own A.G.M.'s and could not alter the basis for the 1964-65 season) but for the 1965-66 season the Counties' constitution should be altered to state that County membership fees should be calculated on the same basis as the E.T.T.A.'s, namely, the "Team Place" basis.

**Scrutineers for Management Committee Elections:** A. K. Vint, O.B.E., and E. G. White, were elected to deal with this item of the new E.T.T.A. constitution.

**1964-65 Season Annual General Meeting:** This will be held at The Grosvenor Room, Grand Hotel, Colmore Road, Birmingham 3, 3rd July, 1965.

**Council Meeting:** The new council met within 14 days of the annual general meeting and their first tasks were the election of the Management Committee, and the appointment of various sub-committees.

**Management Committee:** M. Goldstein (20 votes), C. J. Clemett (12), E. Reay (11), N. K. Reeve (11) were elected as the Management Committee, the un-

successful candidates being, C. Jaschke (10), N. Cook (7), K. Watts (7), L. Thompson (6), L. S. Woollard (4).

**National Council Appointments for 1964-65:** Press Officer: N. K. Reeve. Editor of TABLE TENNIS: W. Harrison Edwards.

## SUB-COMMITTEES:

**County Boundaries:** N. K. Reeve (Chairman), C. J. Clemett (Hon. Secretary), C. Jaschke, H. Walker.

**Coaching:** L. S. Woollard (Chairman), J. H. Carrington (Hon. Secretary and Director of Coaching), N. K. Reeve, W. A. Reeves, M. E. Scott, L. Thompson.

**English Championships:** G. James (Chairman), D. Peter Lowen (Secretary), T. Blunn, I. C. Eyles, C. J. Clemett, Mrs. F. Jarvis, W. Mitton, K. Watts.

**European Championships 1966:** I. C. Eyles (Chairman), D. Peter Lowen (Secretary), T. Blunn, C. J. Clemett, G. James, N. K. Reeve, A. K. Vint, O.B.E.

**Handbook:** T. Blunn (Chairman), W. Mitton (Hon. Secretary), H. Flinton, R. Balmford, K. Hewland.

**Master Points Scheme:** G. James (Chairman), G. R. Harrower (Hon. Secretary and Administrator), L. G. Adams, D. Game, A. Lijinsky, A. Leigh, W. Mitton, G. Yates.

**National Team Competitions:** M. Goldstein (Chairman), L. C. T. Davis (Hon. Secretary), I. C. Eyles.

**Rules:** T. Blunn (Chairman), A. J. H. Wickens (Hon. Secretary), I. C. Eyles, M. Greatrex, C. Jaschke, W. Mitton, K. Watts, E. G. White.

**Selection and Ranking (Senior):** A. W. C. Simons (Chairman), D. Peter Lowen (Secretary), R. J. Crayden (Non-playing Captain), L. G. Adams, J. Ingber, J. A. Leach.

**(Junior):** E. Reay (Chairman), N. Cook (Hon. Secretary), L. F. Landry (Non-playing Captain), A. Thompson, R. J. Stevens.

**Schools:** N. K. Reeve (Chairman), I. H. Carrington (Hon. Secretary), S. Frohlick, C. Jaschke, M. Goldstein, L. S. Woollard.

**Tournaments:** L. F. Landry (Chairman), W. Mitton (Hon. Secretary), F. H. Bateman, K. Dewar, M. Goldstein, G. James, D. M. Robson.

**Umpires and Referees:** G. James (Chairman), C. J. Clemett (Hon. Secretary), W. Goldfinch, F. G. Mannooch, G. Owen, E. G. White.

## PANELS:

**Advisory Equipment:** V. Barna, T. Blunn, J. H. Carrington, N. Cook, G. Decker.

**V. Barna Award:** V. Barna, T. Blunn, M. Goldstein.

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## REPRESENTATIVES:

**National County Championships:** N. Cook and L. Thompson.

**Central Council of Physical Recreation:** D. Peter Lowen.

A matter arising from the A.G.M. was the question of the non-representation of the fourteen Counties on the National Council. After discussion it was agreed that the minutes of the National Council meetings should be sent to the

County Secretaries of the Counties concerned which would give the unrepresented members the information which the Council wished to pass on to them. It was also agreed to refer to the Rules Committee the question of a proposed alteration to the present rule so that machinery could become available to deal with the question of non-representation should the point arise in future seasons.

**Approval of Balls for the 1964-65 Season.** The following balls were duly approved for play:—

**Dunlop "Barna" 3 Crown and 2 Crown.**

**Halex 3-Star and 2-Star.**

**Spalding "Villa" XXX and XX.**

**Haydon "Tema" 3-Star and 2-Star.**

**I.T.T.F. Advisory Committee Meeting in Prague:** The Council agreed that as the E.T.T.A. Secretary was a member of the I.T.T.F. Advisory Committee, he should attend the meeting in Prague. The Secretary subsequently circulated a report of the meeting's proceedings to all members of the National Council.

**Schools:** The meeting heard with interest the progress being made by the Schools Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. N. K. Reeve, with reference to increasing Table Tennis interest in this field. The sub-Committee had analysed the details received from Counties and Leagues and had summarised the present activities under County headings. A further document will shortly be circulated to the Counties giving basic information of activities in their areas and other interesting points which have arisen.

**New Zealand Table Tennis Association:** A letter had been received from the New Zealand Association asking for permission to extract parts of the E.T.T.A. Development Commission Report for the benefit of the members of their own Development Commission which they had recently set up. The necessary permission was given to the New Zealand Association.

**Club Championships of England:** The suggestion that a Club Championships of England should be organised was discussed. It was thought that such a Competition would be of interest to the members and a furtherance of the Competition could be that the Champion Club of England might well be able to take part in Club Championships of

Europe if the Association's finances allowed. The National Team Competitions Sub-Committee is now looking into this particular matter.

**Junior National Team Competitions:** A letter received from Mr. A. A. Wall of West Bromwich League, was considered and a circular letter has now been sent to all Leagues asking for their views on this subject. The Management Committee at their next meeting will consider the thoughts expressed by the various Leagues who have replied and if there is a general feeling from the Leagues that such a Competition would be popular, then the National Team Competitions Sub-Committee will also look into the mechanics of how such a competition would work. This matter will then be referred to the National Council for their consideration.

**Team Selections—1964-65 Season.**

**v. Sweden (Men)—Oct. 3rd., 1964,** at Duke of Yorks Barracks, London, S.W.3. **G. C. Barnes** (Essex), **I. O. Harrison** (Glos.), **B. D. Wright** (Middx.). Non-playing Captain—**R. J. Crayden** (Surrey).

**Netherlands Open Championships—Utrecht 17-18th Oct. 1964.** **G. C. Barnes** (Essex), **D. Neale** (Yorks), **Miss M. Shannon** (Surrey), **Miss D. Rowe** (Middx.). Non-Playing Captain—**J. A. Leach** (Essex).

**Austrian Open Championships—Innsbruck, 24-25th October, 1964.** **Miss M.**

**Shannon** (Surrey), **Miss D. Rowe** (Middx.) (also captain).

**European Championships—Malmo, 22nd-29th November, 1964.** **G. C. Barnes** (Essex), **I. O. Harrison** (Glos.), **B. D. Wright** (Middx.), **D. Neale** (Yorks.), **M. Symonds** (Lancs.), **Miss M. Shannon** (Surrey), **Miss D. Rowe** (Middx.), **Miss L. Bell** (Essex), **Miss I. Ogas** (Middx.). Non-Playing Captains—**R. J. Crayden** (Surrey), **J. A. Leach** (Essex).

**Registered Members 1964/65 season.** The following applications were duly endorsed:

**R. Alcock** (Lancs.), **V. Barna** (Middx.), **J. B. Barker** (Yorks.), **Miss L. Bell** (Essex), **S. R. Basden** (Kent), **C. Booth** (Lancs.), **D. C. Burridge** (Middx.), **J. M. Burtenshaw** (Kent), **R. J. Crayden** (Surrey), **S. Frohlick** (Lancs.), **S. B. Gibbs** (Essex), **T. W. Grant** (Hants.), **I. O. Harrison** (Glos.), **E. W. Harvey** (L.B.H.), **Mrs. A. Haydon-Jones** (Warwicks.), **F. Holman** (Kent), **E. H. Howell** (Wilts.), **G. E. Humphries** (Middx.), **J. Ingber** (Lancs.), **S. Johnson** (Essex), **D. W. Johns** (Glos.), **L. F. Landry** (Middx.), **J. A. Leach** (Essex), **R. Markwell** (Essex), **R. Morris** (Warwicks.), **R. A. Madin** (Derbys.), **Mrs. J. McCree** (Essex), **D. Neal** (Yorks.), **P. H. Norman** (Derbys.), **N. Pope** (L.B.H.), **D. M. Robson** (Northumberland), **D. F. L. Rowe** (Glos.), **A. Rhodes** (Middx.), **E. J. Rumjahn** (Lancs.), **Miss M. Shannon** (Surrey), **P. F. Taylor** (Essex), **H. T. Venner** (Surrey), **J. Waterhouse** (Hants.), **L. Witton** (Kent).

## KENT

# A DOUBLE CENTURY

**BECKENHAM** and **John Nixon** shared a table tennis century when **Beckenham** visited **Folkestone** in the **Kent League** last month. It was **Beckenham's** one hundredth **First Division** fixture since they entered the league in 1953, and **Nixon**, their captain, became the first **Kent** player to complete a consecutive run of 100 representative appearances.

**Nixon** started his table tennis career in 1950, two years after leaving the R.A.F. He represented **Woolwich** and **Bromley** before becoming an ever present member of **Beckenham's** top side.

Twice unsuccessful finalist in the **Kent** closed singles, and five times runner-up in the **Beckenham** closed he has yet to win a singles title, but he has won the **Beckenham** men's doubles eight times and the mixed three times, twice with his wife **Brenda**.

He is the only **Beckenham** player to have been awarded a county badge; and is now a **Kent** County senior selector and non-playing captain of the **Bernard Crouch** side.

**Nixon** has played for five clubs in the **Beckenham** League. Two of them **Livingstone** and **Forest Hill** have disbanded; **Grangewood** went over to the **Croydon** League, and he left **United Services** when **Catford Wanderers**, for whom he has played football, cricket and lawn tennis, decided to return to competitive table tennis.

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