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"DAILY MAIL" TO SPONSOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

AS we go to press we learn that the *Daily Mail* has agreed to sponsor the European Championships at Wembley next April.

This welcome news follows a meeting of officials with representatives of the newspaper as the culmination of earlier negotiations, which reflect the greatest credit on Peter Lowen, who is in charge of T.V. and sponsorship.

A GUARANTEE

The arrangement provides that the "Daily Mail" will guarantee to meet a deficit on the championships up to £2,500 in cash, and that the association will combine other resources in organising this great event.

This news will come as a wonderful encouragement to our members and as a great spur to the untiring efforts already being put in by many dedicated officials in all parts of the country.

Here is the additional assistance we had been seeking to ensure that the championships will be an outstanding success, organised and presented in a manner to uphold the good name of the E.T.T.A. at home and abroad, and above all to bolster our national prestige by showing the world our ability to stage major sporting events.

Glad as the Association is to have this assistance, in addition to that already promised by certain manufacturers and others, it does not mean

that we can be complacent: that we can sit back and assume all is provided: that anything less than the maximum effort by all our members is not still required. Indeed the understanding with the *Daily Mail* is that we will exert the maximum effort in conjunction with them to reduce their final liability to the minimum.

PATTERN CHANGED

For the pattern of sponsorship of sporting events has changed in the light of experience. No longer do sponsors offer thousands of pounds just because a project sounds good: in the past some have not seen value for money and too often the recipients have rested back on their laurels in the knowledge of financial security.

Nowadays, a sponsor understandably wants to know at the outset that he is supporting a going concern; that the organisers have faith in themselves and the ability to present the event in the proper way; that they will spare no effort to make the event a success of which both they and the sponsor will be justifiably proud.

We, as an Association, know that we can fill these requirements. It has been pointed out that, although our shorter term interest is in the European Championships event itself, our long term aim is to use the Championships to project the image of table tennis and as a unique oppor-

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to all T.T. fans*

tunity to boost the game as part of the Association's future plans.

It is particularly encouraging, therefore, to know that the organisation and arrangements are well up to schedule and making excellent progress under the guiding influence of Honorary Organiser Conrad Jaschke. Enthusiasm up and down the country has exceeded all expectations at this stage, when there are still four months to go to the big day.

The greatest thing to have happened to the game in this country for many years will have been the staging of the 5th European Championships in April next. We are proud that the *Daily Mail* have sufficient faith in the Association to assist it in this great venture and we are grateful to them. We are confident they will find their faith well founded and that they will have helped to open up a new era for another English sport.

PRICE INCREASE

IT is with regret that we have to inform readers that with effect from the January issue the price of "Table Tennis" will be increased to one shilling and sixpence.

Six years have elapsed since the last price-increase and during that time the magazine has absorbed ever rising production costs. But now the limit has been reached.

Compare TABLE TENNIS with most other sporting publication and you can see for yourself that it is still cheap.

In recognition of the support given by our regular readers any subscription or renewal taken out by 31st December 1965 will still be at the old rate of 10s. 6d. Thereafter the subscription rate will be 15 shillings, post free.

A VISIT TO MALTA

by HARRY VENNER

WHEN Jack Carrington asked would I like a trip to Malta it did not take long to answer yes. I knew nothing of Malta beyond it being the George Cross Island that had defied the might of the German and Italian bombing during the war, but naturally I was interested to see somewhere new.

It was a coaching trip sponsored by the British Council at the instigation of the Malta T.T.A. and extended over three weeks.

There was the usual rush of domestic arrangements but once these were completed I was on my way and after a flight of some five hours with a break at Naples I duly arrived, stepping from the aircraft into dazzling sunshine.

A V.I.P. WELCOME

I was given V.I.P. treatment, being met by Mr. Peter Deeds of the British Council and Mr. Depares of Hallex Ltd., a battery of cameras and a great welcome from a large crowd.

My first official duty was a Programme Discussion with Maltese officials. I was then taken to visit the St. Gaetan Club, which is the strongest on the island. I was a little shaken by the local-made table and

the poor surface which was below standards we get in England. This naturally affected the bounce as did the tiled floors which were common throughout Malta.

It had not been my intention to play that evening and I had not taken my kit. But challenges were quickly flying around, a bat was produced and I found myself at the table playing in ordinary outdoor shoes!

THUNDERFLASHES

As the next day was Sunday I was free from duties, and my new-found friends arranged a tour of the island, and also took me to the World Cup soccer match between Malta and Greece, which was quite an experience with thunderflashes being thrown.

On the Monday I gave a talk for television and later there were films shown by Hallex.

At about mid-day on most days of the week we visited schools with a programme consisting of all-round stroke demonstration and lectures. When local standards warranted it some of the boys would be allowed challenge games. There were also exhibition games in which Freddy Scibberras, the Malta champion, played his part admirably. Alex

Anastasi, the junior champion, also assisted.

There were nine exhibitions before audiences which were in the region of 2,000 boys and teachers.

Each evening I gave three-hour sessions of coaching. These were divided into senior, junior and second division standards at venues over the whole island.

Malta has a shortage of large halls so numbers often had to be limited, with only two tables in operation.

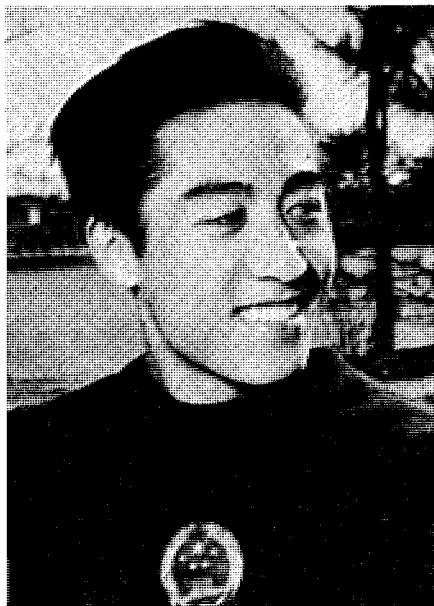
Tremendous interest was shown in these sessions and it was good to see officials taking notes. One enthusiast, John Felice Goy, promised to coach a lot of the young players after I left.

T.V. AND RADIO

I gave several short interviews on television and radio, and there were also a couple of demonstration shows, which aroused great interest.

Summing up where their players are concerned I thought that Scibberras was unquestionably much better than any others and that Godfrey Buhagiar, Adrian Bencini and Victor Cachia were the next best. There are others who can challenge,

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THE MODEST BOY WHO BECAME A CHAMPION

by **TEH KAO**

CHUANG TSE-TUNG, three times table tennis champion of the world, is known in China as the "Tiger Cub," because of his fierce attacking play.

But with all his tigerishness, Chuang is also an exceptionally thoughtful player, with a deep, ingrained modesty that enables him continually to learn from others.

In China and abroad, he studies the good points of other players. His victories he places to the credit of his team and his country, which helped and encouraged his development.

Fu Chi-fang, the coach who guided Chuang Tse-tung to many victories, has said of the modest champion, "The first question he invariably asked me after a competition was: What did I do wrong?"

In a recent newspaper article the champion described how his study of Mao Tse-tung's works had helped him to improve his play. It made him, he said, understand the "importance of placing long-term interests before immediate ones."

"For years," he explained, "I had used my thumb to supply the driving power for my backhand smashes. This resulted in a stiffened wrist action and prevented me from developing the power required for backhand smashing."

The coach advised him to stop

using his thumb in order to improve his wrist action. "But the national championships were drawing near. This posed an awkward problem."

Chuang Tse-tung eventually decided to follow the coach's advice, though, for the time being, this might be bad for his game. "But in the long run," he recalled, "it did me a lot of good."

Chuang wrote his article just after he had won world acclaim by defeating Japan's rising star, Takahashi, thought by many to be the most likely candidate for the sing'les title, as well as a number of other formidable players, at the Ljubljana World Championships. But he wrote of his determination to continue to train hard to improve his skill. "Because of my success in international matches," he explained, "players abroad have studied my methods and know them well."

CHINESE BOXING

Chuang Tse-tung was born in Peking in 1942. As a child, he was not very strong and his father, a doctor of traditional medicine, sent him to learn Wu Shu or Chinese boxing, to develop his physique. It was in this way that he acquired his special liking for sports.

The boy quickly became interested in table tennis. He always managed to play a few sets before starting school in the morning. There was no room for a table at home, so he practised by hitting the ball against the wall,

In 1955 the Peking Children's Cultural Palace started a junior spare-time sports school and offered table tennis training. Chuang immediately joined, and was given lessons by experienced coaches. To correct bad playing habits acquired earlier, he practised in front of a full-length mirror at the Palace.

Chuang Tse-tung did well at school and was one of the best pupils. His teachers, while encouraging his flair for table tennis, made it clear that classwork must come first.

In 1956 Chuang Tse-tung won the Peking Junior table tennis tournament, and a year later he and a partner won the National mixed doubles championship.

He played his first international match in 1958 when the Hungarian table tennis team, then the strongest in Europe, visited China. Sixteen-year-old Chuang defeated Gyetvai, European runner-up and Hungarian national champion. From then on he became known in international table tennis circles.

When, in 1961, at the age of 19, Chuang Tse-tung won the sing'les title at the 26th World Championships, his name quickly became a national by-word. Congratulatory telegrams streamed in from all sides. But success never turned the head of this boy who, like all Chinese children, was taught during his school days this dictum of Chairman Mao Tse-tung: "Modesty permits a man to make progress; arrogance holds him back."

KENT JUNIOR OPENby **Laurie Landry**

PAULINE SETS RECORD OF THREE WINS

TOP ranking junior Pauline Hemmings, of Hertfordshire, won the Under 17s singles for the third successive year in the Kent Junior Open at Folkestone on November 6-7. In an interesting final she once again got the better of Karenza Smith, of Middlesex, to win 21-23, 21-16, 21-13.

Miss Smith controlled the game well in the opening game, forcing mistakes from Miss Hemmings, who later steadied her game to take over command.

Miss Hemmings very nearly came to grief against Diane Card, the vastly improved young Sussex player, who having won the opening game, led 19-13 in the second, which she eventually lost 23-25 without holding a match point. She was, however, unable to maintain the same standard in the decider which Miss Hemmings won with the loss of only eight points.

The big upset was the defeat of Judy Heaps by Moira Stevens, who slowed the game down and picked the right shots to hit. The same tactics gave Miss Stevens the first game against Karenza Smith, but the Middlesex player was able to force the issue in the following games.

Miss Smith won the Under 15s final with a fairly comfortable win over Miss Heaps. Further successes came Miss Smith's way in the Under 17s doubles with Diane Simpson and the Under 15s doubles with Jill Shirley.

Miss Shirley also reached the Under 17 final in partnership with Jackie Napper.

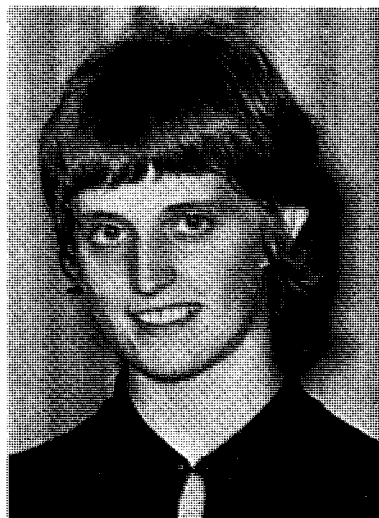
Miss Smith reached six finals, but was on the losing side in both mixed events, going to a third set each time.

Geoff Salter won the Boys' Under 17 singles in good style, having a hard match with Trevor Taylor in the semi-final and being fully extended by the Belgian Jacques Rahier in the final. This was Salter as he should be—a player who plays to the umpire in a sporting manner.

Paul Harmer provided the big surprise in this event by beating Keith Lawrence. He followed up with a win over Willie Silto, another ranked player, before losing to Rahier after a hard fight.

Harmer had been unable to produce this type of form the previous day in the Under 15s event where he lost to Michael Wald, of Bucks, the eventual winner.

Haydn Thomas, the big Welsh



PAULINE HEMMINGS

hope, once again lost to Trevor Taylor, who in turn went down to Lambiotte of Belgium, the runner-up. Wald's best win was over Bruno Gilon. He slowed the game down, forcing the Belgian to take chances which led to subsequent errors.

Young Thomas took the tip from Wald and used similar tactics to beat Gilon in the final of the Under 13 singles.

Thomas had a double success in the doubles, striking up a brilliant combination with Harmer in the Under 15s and partnering Gilon to win the Under 13s. Thomas and Harmer were also runners-up for the Under 17s title.

Harmer was also successful in the Under 15s mixed doubles, partnering Judy Heaps to beat Taylor and Karenza Smith.

The girls' Under 13s singles was a repeat of the Newbury Junior, but this time Bernadette McGrorty beat Christine Mann. These two appear

destined to have a lot more battles over the next few years.

Peter Taylor and Simon Heaps fought off the foreign opposition to reach the Under 11s final, won by Peter.

RESULTS

UNDER 17

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: G. SALTER (Surrey) bt T. Taylor (Herts) —19, 16, 13. J. RAHIER (Belgium) bt P. Harmer (Herts) 12, —16, 13. **Final:** SALTER bt Rahier 11, —20, 17.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: P. HEMMINGS (Herts) bt L. Henwood (Essex) 12, 21. K. SMITH (Midx.) bt M. Stevens (Kent) —16, 13, 11. **Final:** HEMMINGS bt Smith—21, 16, 13.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: N. GRAVER (Norfolk)/SALTER bt T. Riley (Sussex)/T. Wald (Bucks.) 18, —19, 11. H. THOMAS (Wales)/HARMER bt S. Agar/C. Hardy (Sussex) 2 - 1. **Final:** GRAVER/SALTER bt Thomas/Harmer 17, 12.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: D. SIMPSON (Essex)/SMITH bt R. Wilson/Stevens (Kent) 18, 13. J. NAPPER/J. SHIRLEY (Bucks.) bt Hemmings/Henwood —21, 16, 19. **Final:** SIMPSON/SMITH bt Napper/Shirley —20, 13, 12.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: K. LAWRENCE (Essex)/Miss HEMMINGS bt M. Lambiotte (Belgium)/Wilson 17, 18. B. GILON (Belgium)/Miss SMITH bt Salter/Miss Henwood 17, 10. **Final:** LAWRENCE/HEMMINGS bt Gilon/Smith 11, —22, 15.

UNDER 15

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: M. WALD (Bucks.) bt Gilon 17, 19. LAMBIOTTE bt Taylor 20, —13, 19. **Final:** WALD bt Lambiotte 15, 18.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: SMITH bt Shirley 15, 11. J. HEAPS (Cheshire) bt L. Porkes (Yorks.) —19, 15, 20. **Final:** SMITH bt Heaps 14, 15.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: THOMAS/HARMER bt D. Jaquet/A. Silvestre (Belgium) 13, 11. P. TAYLOR/T. TAYLOR (Herts.) bt R. Napper/M. Wald —17, 20, 14. **Final:** THOMAS/HARMER bt Taylor/Taylor —18, 19, 19.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: SMITH/SHIRLEY bt Porkes/Heaps 19, 11. WILSON/STEVENS bt B. McGrorty/S. Goldsmith (Kent) 8, —19, 13. **Final:** SMITH/SHIRLEY bt Wilson/Stevens 13, —18, 13.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: HARMER/Miss HEAPS bt M. Wald/Miss Porkes 17, 9. T. TAYLOR/Miss SMITH bt Napper/Miss Shirley 17, 13. **Final:** HARMER/HEAPS bt Taylor/Smith —15, 15, 16.

UNDER 13

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: THOMAS bt P. Taylor 4, 12. GILON bt A. Wilson (Kent) 12, 14. **Final:** THOMAS bt Gilon 19, 15.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: McGRORTY bt J. Morrison (Hants.) 14, 20. C. MANN (Midx.) bt S. Pacitto (Bucks.) 18, 10. **Final:** McGRORTY bt Mann —12, 12, 19.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: THOMAS/GILON bt Wilson/K. Mitchel (Camps.) 14, 13. P. TAYLOR/S. HEAPS bt M. Juett (Sussex)/P. Parry (Kent) 4, 20. **Final:** THOMAS/GILON bt Taylor/Heaps 5, 11.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: McGRORTY/PACITTO bt P. Brenchley/L. Chesson (Kent) 11, 20. J. MORRISON/J. WOOLF (Hants.) bt S. Howard (Surrey)/L. Pacitto (Bucks.) 12, 12. **Final:** McGRORTY/PACITTO bt. Morrison/Woolf 13, —15, 13.

UNDER 11

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: P. TAYLOR bt C. Jaquet 13, 8. S. HEAPS bt L. Zwaenepoel (Belgium) 14, 6. **Final:** TAYLOR bt Heaps 14, 6.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: L. JONES (Wales) bt P. Clemmett (Hants.) 9, 11. L. PACITTO bt A. Chesson (Kent) 13, 15. **Final:** JONES bt Pacitto 15, 20.

JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

by **Laurie Landry**

Junior European for Hungary

IT has been officially confirmed that the next European Junior Championships will take place in Budapest, Hungary, in July.

Shortly before this, at the beginning of June, the Juniors are going to Cologne (West Germany) to take part in a team competition which will probably include Soviet Union, Sweden and France, apart from England and the West Germans.

In both cases, the team will con-

SURREY SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Holly Family School, Morden, on November 20.

Boys' Open: Kingston Grammar School "A" beat Glastonbury "A" by 3 sets to 1 in the final. In the second round K.G.S. "A" beat K.G.S. "B."

Kingston "A" team was Martin Holland and Stephen Murton. Glastonbury team was Trevor Bell and Malcolm Paxman.

Boys' under 15: K.G.S. "A" beat K.G.S. "B" in the final by 3 sets to nil.

K.G.S. "A" team was Peter Herman and Gavin Featherstone. K.G.S. "B" team was Andrew Wakeling and Nicholas Bennett.

Girls: Tolworth "A" beat Surbiton High School "A" by 3-2 in final.

sist of three boys and two girls. It is our intention to do well and with such a reasonable amount of time until these two trips, it is hoped that all juniors will keep fit and make sure that they can produce their best.

It was good to see that two of our junior girls were included on the senior ranking list. Congratulations Pauline Hemmings and Maureen Heppell, who were also invited to the first training session at Crystal Palace.

But what about Alan Hydes? He has shown terrific improvement since the end of last season and has won one of the Open men's singles titles as well as some senior doubles. Surely he deserved to be invited to the training session even if he was not ranked?

Pauline Hemmings won the Kent Junior Open for the third year running, a feat never before accomplished. Congratulations! The surprise was not so much this year's victory, which Pauline did manage with some considerable trouble, but her victory two years ago when she won it from a No. 6 equal ranking.

Michael Wald caused quite a surprise when he won the U.15 Boys' singles at Kent. The favourite, Trevor Taylor, went out to the second string Belgian Lambiotte, whilst Bruno Gilan lost to Michael. Thirteen-year-old Wold lost to Keith Lawrence in the senior event, being unable to repeat his county match success over this opponent when Bucks played Essex.

WARREN MATURES

THE marked maturity of Connie Warren has now taken him to the head of Surrey rankings, above Mike Creamer, Jim Moore, Vic Ireland and Bob McKewon.

Two years ago I commented in this column that if he could master his own temperament he would improve immeasurably. That is certainly now on the way to fulfilment and an England badge could come his way if the progress is maintained.

Mary Shannon-Wright is in a class of her own at the head of the women's rankings, where the wide gap is nearing pathetic. It is not so much a question of her winning but trying to look good with indifferent opposition. She is playing shadows yet must still be judged by spectators by tremendous standards.

However, Susan Light is improving and has at last tasted Second Division play, while Christine Oliver will probably get a Bernard Crouch outing this season.

Jim Forrest.

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LOWEN and JASCHKE GAIN EXTRA EUROPEAN PLACES FOR ENGLAND

THANKS to a highly successful mission by European Championships Hon. Organiser Conrad Jaschke, and E.T.T.A. secretary Peter Lowen, English players are to get a probable of 80 per cent more places in the European Championships than those from other countries.

When the European Championships were staged in Malmo in 1964 the Swedish Association only had the usual 10 places, and it was feared that this precedent would mean that English players would be restricted to six men and four women, or five men and five women, at Wembley in April, 1956. However, at a meeting of the European Table Tennis Union in Budapest, Conrad Jaschke put up a powerful case for special consideration. He pointed out that the E.T.T.A. were foregoing the English Open this season with the sole object of concentrating all efforts and finance on the big effort next April, in an attempt to make this the best

organised European Championships ever staged.

This meant that a number of English players just below the top, who would have a reasonable chance of making some progress in the English Open, were deprived of this opportunity, and he pleaded on their behalf for permission to enter extra players.

Mr. Jaschke explained in detail how this could be done without any strain on the smooth running of the championships, and gave a categorical assurance on behalf of Hon. Referee George White that these extra entries would in no way influence the efficiency of the programme of play.

Following a recommendation from their officers, President Jupp Schlaf Vice-President Vebr, and Hon. Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Evans, the E.T.T.U. committee agreed to extra places for English players.

The E.T.T.A. will be allowed to fill up any vacancies in a 128 men's sin-

gles, and 64 women's singles draw, without maximum number, or if qualifying competitions are run, will be allowed a total of 18 entries instead of 10.

Since 25 Associations have already entered and a capacity 30 are expected, a qualifying competition is on the cards, so it looks like an entry of 10 men and eight women for the E.T.T.A.

Keen rivalry can be expected for the extra places, and Jaschke and White will be consulting the E.T.T.A. selection committee on how best to allocate them.

Johnny Leach has already come in with a suggestion that open tournament wins should count towards qualification.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE— A POSSIBILITY

The E.T.T.U. also discussed a future European League, which would undoubtedly add much interest to international matches, which at present follow no particular pattern. Peter Lowen strongly made the point that such a league should envisage mixed teams, which was the way to get maximum interest, particularly as Eurovision could play an important part in the financing of such a scheme.

E.T.T.U. President Schlaf congratulated the European Championships committee on the special emblem designed for the event, and asked for permission to adopt it as the emblem of the E.T.T.U. with slight variation. This was readily given.

Mr. Schlaf also stated, at a banquet following the Hungarian Open finals, that he had never seen anything so detailed and helpful as the plan put before the E.T.T.U. committee by the Hon. Organiser, and he felt this augured well for the unqualified success of the event.

The Hungarian Table Tennis Association gave Lowen and Jaschke their proverbial generous hospitality, and Dr. Lakatos acted as liaison and ensured a thoroughly enjoyable time for the English delegates.

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SWANSEA OPEN

English Juniors Dominate

ENGLISH juniors Pauline Hemmings and Diane Simpson dominated the women's events in the Swansea Open on October 30. Pauline beat Diane in the finals of both the women's and girls' singles, together they carried off the women's doubles, and Diane won the mixed with Jeff Spencer, of Wales.

With these two youngsters paving the way it was the usual invasion success for the English players. Dennis Holland won the men's singles and the men's doubles with Roy Morley.

Home players were thus left with the share in the mixed doubles and the boys' singles, won by Dennis Samuel, who beat Keith Morris in an all-Welsh final.

KENT INVITED TO BELGIUM

THE Kent senior men's team will be competing in a Continental Invitation Tournament promoted by the Belgian National Association. Sixteen teams from counties or provinces have been invited from Belgium, Germany, France, Holland, Luxembourg and England.

This new project will entail considerable travelling, but the valuable experience gained should outweigh the long journeys. The semi-finals and finals will be staged in Brussels in May or June.

Ken Baker seems to have established himself firmly in the county premier team after his maximum in the exciting Gloucester match, when the final result was not known until the last two points of the final match between Baker and Roy Morley.

All three Kent teams have unbeaten records and plans are progressing for a sell-out for the Essex match in March, when all proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Research Fund. The match will be staged in the Town Hall, Sittingbourne.

The final arrangements are near completion for the Kent Open at Folkestone towards the end of January. Entry forms are available from the organiser — C. Wyles, 48, Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

Volunteer umpires and helpers will be most welcome if they would kindly contact the organiser.

The usual Saturday night dance is again a "must," when an endeavour will be made to conclude the Saturday evening's play at a reasonable hour.

Joan Beadle, of Ashford, captured three titles at the Tigers Restricted Open at Bexhill — the ladies' singles, doubles with Sussex junior, Jacky Baynard, and the mixed with her husband, Norman.

The Canterbury Inter-Association Invitation held on the same day brought the following results: M.S., S. Brocklebank; W.S., D. Spice; M.D., G. Harding and J. Ewles; W.D., M. Stevens and R. Wilson; X.D., K. Stokes and R. Wilson.

Charles Wyles.

Welsh junior Jeff Morgan provided the major upset of the meeting when he proved too quick for Laurie Landry, the No. 2 seed, in the men's singles to win at 19 in the third. His success was, however, short lived for he was immediately beaten by Ron Davies, one of the older school in the next round. Davies and Glyn Morgan, who had conquered George Evans, both fell to Holland.

Morley, apart from dropping a game to Geoff Salter, came through the other half comfortably, his semi-final victim being Graham Gear. Holland was always in command in the final, which never reached great heights.

Miss Hemmings won the junior singles much more easily than the senior against Miss Simpson. Indeed the senior final was touch and go for after losing the first set she only just scraped home in the second. But once she had squared the match at one set all, Miss Hemmings easily won the decider.

Miss Simpson had two fine wins against Betty Gray and Elizabeth Gray, while in the semi-final she eliminated Margaret Phillips.

Brothers Jeff and John Spencer gave Wales a big boost by reaching the mixed doubles finals, where Jeff, the younger of the two, and Miss Simpson were much too strong for John and Elizabeth Gray.

MEN'S SINGLES

Quarter-Finals: R. Morley (Glos.) b A. Thomas (Wales) 10, 16, G. Gear (Wales) b J. Spencer (Wales) -14, 17, 13. D. Holland (Glos.) b G. Morgan (Wales) 10, 14. R. Davies (Wales) b J. Morgan (Wales) 13, -21, 14.

Semi-Finals: MORLEY b Gear 7, 12. HOLLAND b Davies 16, 14.

Final: HOLLAND b Morley 15, 20.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: P. HEMMINGS (Herts.) b S. Morgan (Wales) 11, 11. D. SIMPSON (Essex) b M. Phillips (Wales) 8, 8.

Final: HEMMINGS b Simpson -18, 19, 13.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: MORLEY/HOLLAND b Thomas/P. Bevan (Wales) 15, 19. B. HILL/G. SALTER (Surrey) b G. Maxwell (Scotland)/P. Smith (Essex) 20, 19.

Final: MORLEY/HOLLAND b Hill/Salter 14, -16, 19.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: HEMMINGS/SIMPSON b M. Jones/B. Gray (Wales) 14, 13. MORGAN/PHILLIPS b J. Evans/G. Miles (Wales) 19, 15.

Final: HEMMINGS/SIMPSON b Morgan/Phillips 16, 16.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: JEFF SPENCER/MISS SIMPSON b Bevan/Miss S. Sutherland (Wales) 17, 14. JOHN SPENCER/MISS E. GRAY (Wales) b G. Gear/Miss S. Morgan (Wales) -15, 20, 19.

Final: SPENCER/SIMPSON b Spencer/Gray 10, 10.

BOYS' SINGLES

Semi-Finals: D. SAMUEL (Wales) b R. Bishop (Wales) 19, 17. K. MORRIS (Wales) b K. David (Wales) 11, -15, 16.

Final: SAMUEL b Morris 10, -11, 19.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Semi-Finals: HEMMINGS b G. Fowler (Wales) 5, 9. SIMPSON b J. Eatough (Glos.) 16, 10.

Final: HEMMINGS b Simpson 14, 19.

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TITLES GALORE — MARY GOES NAP

by RON CRAYDEN

CONFIDENT though we were of doing well when we left London Airport for an extended trip to Hungary and Poland, little did we dream that we would return with five National Open titles and six of the largest "Pots" it is possible to imagine.

Unquestionably this was one of England's most successful trips for years, an orgy of title grabbing with Mary Shannon-Wright in the lead rôle.

BUDAPEST.

The "People's Stadium" in Budapest has been the centre of many a great performance on the green table and competitors from twelve countries came again to seek greatness with much optimism and zeal. Only the Swedish team seemed to be missing from the line-up of talent.

Barnes and Neale both reached the third round of the Men's singles, playing with control and confidence but then came disaster. Chester was drawn against the "spring-heeled jack" of Hungarian table tennis, P. Rozsas, and in double quick time was two games down.

It looked black for him but when the occasion demands, Chester can fight back and this was a demanding occasion. He fought back. From two down he made it two all and then in the final game he soared to a 19-15 lead; it looked a "cert." A flash shot that never looked possible and obviously wasn't, cost a valuable point and Rozsas was back in the game. With the service in his favour Rozsas then played like a demon to win five points in a row and the match.

FINAL RESULTS

Men's Singles, Semi-finals: G. VARDANJAN (U.S.S.R.) b M. Ness (W. Germany) 3-1. D. GIURGIUCA (Rumania) b E. Schöter (W. Germany) 3-0. **Final:** GIURGIUCA b Vardanjan —16, 19, 20, —18, 11.

Women's Singles, Final: S. GRINBERG (U.S.S.R.) b M. Alexandru (Rumania) 17, 11, —19, 9.

Men's Doubles, Final: STEPANEK/KUDRNAC (Czech) b Harang/Papp (Hungary) —13, —18, 19, 18.

Women's Doubles, Final: GRINBERG/RUDNOVA (U.S.S.R.) b Simon/Buchholtz (W. Germany) 19, —16, 17, —18, 12.

Mixed Doubles, Final: BARNES/SHANNON-WRIGHT (England) b Rozsas/Lukacs (Hungary) 21, 17, 18.

mistake about it, the Grinberg girl is a great player. She has every shot in the book; a beautiful backhand, first class physical condition and a determination to succeed.

In winning the Ladies' singles she beat in turn Agnes Simon, Mary Shannon-Wright, Ella Constantinescu and Maria Alexandru.

TITLE No. 1

In such a star-studded tournament, not many would have given much for our chances in the Doubles events, especially the Mixed, but they would have reckoned without the skill and resourcefulness of Chester Barnes and Mary. Paired for the first time, they swept aside all opposition including such pairs as Giurgiuca/Alexandru, Gomoskov / Grinberg, Fahazi/Foldi and the European Champions Rozsas/Lukacs. They won a valuable title at their first attempt!!

From Hungary we flew to Poland and with twenty-four hours to spare we were taken on a sightseeing tour of their rebuilt capital city—Warsaw. Blustering winds were responsible for our flight to Krakow being cancelled, but we managed to catch an express train and so be there in good time for the Championships.

KRAKOW

Ten Countries were represented in the Polish Open, the main non-starters being the U.S.S.R. and West Germany. To compensate for this, however, Sweden sent their famous three (Alser, Bernhardt and Johansson) and much to our delight team events were also included.

For Mary Shannon-Wright and England, these Championships were a wonderful success story, for out of seven possible titles, four were won. The remaining three; Men's Team Event, Men's Singles and Men's Doubles all went to Sweden and even in the latter, Barnes and Neale contested the Final.

Conditions for play were not up to the high standards associated with most of the major European Opens; four trestle tables being used with but one centre light over each. This effected on the form of one or two of the contestants, although the eventual winners were unquestionably the best all round players.

In the Men's Singles the two biggest upsets were the early defeats of Barnes by Kocsis (Hungary) and Johansson by Stipanec (Yugoslavia).

The sixteen year old Stipanec then excelled himself by reaching the final, beating Lemke (East Germany) in the quarters and Pignitsky (Hungary) in the semis. It was the experienced Pignitsky who accounted for our own Denis Neale in the quarter final.



MARY SHANNON-WRIGHT

Denis Neale was entangled in the defensive web of "no-nonsense" Scholer and although he nearly got away by taking the third game, the mesh was tightened and the struggle then terminated.

TALENTED RUSSIAN

In the Ladies' Singles, Leslie Bell fell in the second round to the "hammer-like" hitting of Russia's great penholder, Zoya Rudnova, while Mary Shannon-Wright proceeded through to the quarters at the expense of Miss Mihalka and Miss Papp. Here, Mary faced the talented Russian star, Svetlana Grinberg and suffered a setback, losing in four closely contested games. Make no

The winner of the Men's singles was talented Hans Alser, whose ball control and complete game proved too much for all his opponents.

MAGNIFICENT MARY

No words of praise could be too great for the performances of Mary Shannon-Wright. She was outstanding —“ a Gulliver among the Lilliputians.” I can truthfully say that when she was at the table, in singles or doubles, only on one occasion was there the remotest possibility of her being on the losing side.

The first title came with the winning of the Ladies' Team Event in which Mary received able support from Lesley Bell. Then came Ladies' Singles, the Ladies' Doubles and the Mixed Doubles. Four out of four . . . a complete, fantastic maximum.

Diminutive Lesley Bell noticeably improved as the tournament progressed and gave a good account of herself against the clever Hungarian player Sarolta Lukacs, before losing 3-1. Her greatest success however, came in the Ladies' Doubles, when she kept her end up well, leaving the confident Mary to knock holes in the ball.

Let us not forget the Mixed, when Mary and Chester confirmed their “magic” by winning a second National Open title within seven days.

The presentation ceremonies at the close of the Championships were most impressive, similar in fact to those of the Olympics. As the winners mounted the rostrum their National flag was flown and Anthem played. On four separate occasions we jumped to our feet with inner feelings of pride and well being.

It crossed my mind that if recognition had been given for outstanding performance, Mary would have been deserving of a 21 gun salute.

FINAL RESULTS

Men's Team: Sweden 3, Hungary 2—Johansson b Pignitsky 12, 19; lost to Harangi —19, 13, —19. Bernhardt lost to Harangi —14, —18; b Pignitsky 16, 7. Johansson/Alser b Pignitsky/Harangi 17, 9.

Women's Team: England 3, Hungary 0: Shannon-Wright b Lukacs 12, 13. Bell b Voros 14, 18. Bell/Shannon-Wright b Voros/Lukacs 14, 9.

Men's Singles, Semi-finals: ALSER (Sweden) b Bernhardt (Sweden) 3-0; STIPANCIC (Yugoslavia) b Pignitsky (Hungary) 3-2. Final: ALSER b Stipanecic 14, 8, 14.

Women's Singles, Final M. SHANNON-WRIGHT (England) b Lukacs (Hungary) 12, 11, —15, 15.

Men's Doubles, Final: ALSER/JOHANSSON b Barnes/Neale 12, —11, 7, 16.

Women's Doubles: SHANNON-WRIGHT/BELL b Cielinska/ Noworyta (Poland) —20, 11, 20, 13.

Mixed Doubles: BARNES/SHANNON-WRIGHT b Pignitsky/Lukacs 14, —20, 12, 16.

Carrington to Tour Canada

JACK CARRINGTON, the E.T.T.A. National Director of Coaching, is to make a tour of Canada next summer. He will hold four separate clinics at Montreal Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver.

A FILLIP FOR ENGLAND

WHEN the all-conquering Swedes opposed England in a mixed international at Hollinwood, Manchester, in October, some scintillating table tennis was seen and a great and exciting home victory resulted (writes Ron Crayden).

England's win was a wonderful morale booster, especially when one considers in detail the quality of the opposition. Sweden's team included the current European singles champion, the former champion, the current European junior singles champion (ladies) and the runner-up. Indeed a formidable array of talent. **The Match**

Although the official result was 5-4 in our favour, an extra ladies' singles was played which resulted in the placing of another nail in the Swedish coffin.

Of late Denis Neale has been our ace card against the Swedes, his brilliant backhand outspeeding even their speediest attackers, but in this match he came off second best. However, as so often happens, when the ace falls by the way-side someone else turns up trumps!

The someone else was Brian Wright, who reached a new pinnacle of endeavour. When things were at their blackest and the match score stood at 4-4, Brian, with determination and considerable skill, blunted the flashing forehead of Johansson to beat his illustrious opponent 21-19 in the third and so give his team victory.

In some respects this might be looked upon as Wright's match, so vital was his contribution towards victory, but let us not forget that Mary and Di came up with another 100 per cent performance. Being used to the successes of our talented girls in the international arena we are perhaps inclined to take them for granted. All congratulations then to Mary and Di for another faultless exhibition of skill.

England 5, Sweden 4; Details: D. Neale lost to K. Johansson 20, —18, —15; lost to H. Alser —8, —16. B. Wright lost to Alser —10, 21, —11; b Johansson 19, —16, 19.

D. Rowe b E. Johansson 16, 13; b L. Rundstrom 11, 13. M. Shannon-Wright b Rundstrom 14, 11; b Johansson 8, 15.

Wright/Neale lost to Alser/Johansson —17, —17.

Shannon/Rowe b Johansson/Rundstrom 15, 16.

The tour is being arranged as part of a Canadian drive to encourage and develop junior talent.

Meanwhile, the Toronto Table Tennis Centre are running junior coaching clinics three nights a week.

Max Marinko and Barbara De Abreu, both of Toronto, head the men's and women's sections of the new Canadian rankings.

Marinko is followed by J. McLennan Jnr., M. Zulps, L. Lee, O. Duffy, L. Eichvads, H. Grossman, K. Polyak, G. Germain, J. Nesukaitis.

The remaining places in the women's list are: D. Hunnius, V. Adminis, V. Nesukaitis, H. Sabaliauskas, J. Tomkins, J. Marinko, E. Smith, R. Lange, M. Kerr.

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LEADING East German rankings are: Men: Pleuse, Viebig, Lemke, Pomack. Women: Hovestadt, Geissler, Lemke, Richter.

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WAR may be raging in South Vietnam but that did not stop their national table tennis championships. Tran Thanh-Duong beat Le Van-Jhn 12, 15, 15 in the men's singles final, while Tuong-Oanh won the women's singles from Thanh-Xuan.

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ELBIO DE LA FUENTE carried off the triple crown in the Uruguay national championships, winning the men's singles, the men's doubles with Rinaldi and the mixed with Rebecca Guetsky, the women's singles winner. The boys' singles went to Luis Ferreira.

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WINNERS of the Cuban national championships were: Men's singles: Wong. Women's singles: Quesada. Men's doubles: Fernandez/Sanchez. Mixed doubles: Sanchez/Fernanes.

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ELIZABETH THORSSON, former Swedish table tennis champion, was recently married to Jan Eric Lundqvist, Swedish holder of the British Hardcourts lawn tennis title.

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AUSTRIAN table tennis has suffered a sad loss with the death of Heinrich Nitschmann, for many years treasurer of the Austrian T.T.A.

THE NATIONAL CUPS

LEAGUES behaved themselves admirably and returned almost all results within the prescribed period. This, in turn, allowed me to get the second round drawsheets posted in good time.

Honours must go to Bolton for being the first to report a decision. In the boys' competition there were three walkovers. This is most unfortunate and leads one to consider if the suggestion put forward by Mr. J. D. H. Brown of Bournemouth might be worth following up. He wrote to say that it would be preferable for the junior competitions to be commenced later in the season, say, after Christmas. There would, he says, be less likelihood of a clash with other team events.

WILMOTT CUP

First Round Results

Northumberland 9, Darlington 0; Spalding 0, Sheffield 9; Chesterfield 7, Grimsby 2; Doncaster 8, Scunthorpe 1.

Salford 5, Sheffield Works 2; Lancaster 0, Bolton 9; Stockport 3, Manchester 5; Bury 6, Horwich 3.

W. Bromwich 4, R.A.F. 5; Potteries 0, Birmingham 5; Kettering 3, Coventry 6; Wisbech 1, Gt. Yarmouth 8; Hertford 5, N. Herts 4.

Luton 8, St. Neots 1; Didcot 7, St. Albans 2; Reigate 1, Romford 5; Willesden 9, N. Middlesex 0. Nottingham 8, Lincoln 1.

Southend 8, Leatherhead 1; Whitehaven 1, Sunderland 8; E. London 6, London C. Service 3; London Banks 4, N. Acton 5.

South London 1, S.W. Middlesex 8; Wembley 2, Acton 5; Billericay 2, Basildon 7; London Business Houses 2, Woolwich 7.

Canterbury 1, Eastbourne 8; Bristol 2, Gloucester 5; Staines 5, High Wycombe 4; Maidenhead 3, Slough 5.

Burnley 6, Mid-Cheshire 3; Boston 1, Norwich 3; Beckenham 5, T. Trades 4; Brighton b Bognor w.o.; Peterborough 0, Cambridge 9.

Insurance Offices 5, Sutton 2; Blackburn 3, Preston 6; Wandsworth 2, Ilford 7; Leamington 7, Leicester 2; Watford 5, Bedford 2.

ROSE BOWL

First Round Results

Chesterfield 7, Sheffield 2; Leicester 7, Kettering 2; Luton 9, Hertford 0; N.W. Kent 4, Sutton 5; Ilford 2, Woolwich 7.

London C. Service 6, London Banks 3; Huddersfield 8, Sheffield Works 1; Staines 0, Slough 6; Harlow 0, N. Herts 9; Doncaster 9, Leeds 0.

GIRLS' TEAM

First Round Results

Newbury 6, Maidenhead 3; Bournemouth 0, Slough 9; Bedford 7, Cheshunt 2; Watford 6, Herts. 3.

BOYS' TEAM

First Round Results

Billericay 0, Bromley 9; West Brom 6, Coventry 3; Wolverhampton 8, Worcester 1; Leicester 9, Nuneaton 0.

Birmingham 9, Boston 0; Hertford 3, Watford 6; Cheshunt 3, Luton 8; Southend bt T. Valley w.o.

N. Middlesex bt Woolwich w.o.; Crawley bt Staines w.o.; Brighton 5, Reading 0; N. Herts 4, Slough 5; Leighton Buzzard 7, Bedford 2.

It also could be added that league officials would then be in a better position to assess talent.

We must not, however, forget that a later period of play would only be possible with a small entry—and this we do not want!

Returning to the Wilmott Cup I see that both the Hertford v N. Herts and the London Banks v N. Acton games were real ding-dong battles and were only decided by the final games.

Newcomers R.A.F. won their first match against West Bromwich in another close contest.

Last year's finalists Gloucester and Bolton each won their matches — against Bristol and Lancaster—fairly easy.

Rose Bowl finalists, Wembley, drew a bye and face London Civil Service in the second round. N. Herts, with the Canham sisters prominent, beat Harlow 9-0 and meet St. Albans in round 2.

All teams in the Northern Area—i.e. in zones 1 and 1a—have been asked to make every effort to catch up with the other zones. This is a constant problem when a zone has to be sub-divided.

Leslie Davis.

ARNOLD WARENTS.

A Super League At Last

TOP table tennis players based on the Home Counties now have a Super League. It is the baby of that Middlesex enthusiast and "Table Tennis" circulation manager Louis Hoffmann.

He has gathered together 18 leading players, formed them into six teams of three and they meet competitively at the table tennis room he has had built to his new bungalow at Muswell Hill.

The top six home counties players, Chester Barnes, Brian Wright, Ian Harrison, Connie Warren, Tony Piddock and Bobby Stevens are the six captains and the teams are named after them.

To ensure an even balance, the lowest ranked of the six has first choice of player, with the fifth one having next choice and so on until each has two players. There is plenty of incentive and it means that our top players will be up against worthy opposition and being made to fight.

NORTHUMBERLAND TITLE FOR BURN

BRAVO Brian Burn! Always so successful against "foreign" opposition, Brian at last conquered the home contingent by winning the Northumberland men's singles championship.

His progressive play swept aside Arnold Warents and Peter Hoyles en route to the final where he changed his tactics and defended stoutly to overcome big-hitting Ram Bhalla, who had crushed Stuart Lennie and Geo. McLeod.

Burn also took the youths' and boys' singles.

Maureen Heppell predictably won the women's singles, beating Doreen Ward in the final. Maureen's aunt Phil Clark and father Len Heppell helped her gain successes in the women's and mixed doubles.

The Northumberland flag is flying high at Open tournaments again. We had 17 representatives at the Merseyside Open—very good considering the distance.

NORTH SEA CUP

Our visit to Norway proved most enjoyable and we recaptured the North Sea Cup by 5 matches to 2. Stuart Lennie was outstanding throughout and he won the men's singles tournament in fine style.

Newcastle confirmed her challenge to North Shields for the Inter-Town League championship with a 10-0 win at South Shields. However, the young Shields side showed much promise and 5 sets went to 3 games.

All this should lead to an improving standard.

A Super League was mooted a few years back only to be sat upon at a higher level, so this new venture has to be what is more or less a private affair.

All those competing have joined the Louis Hoffman Clothing Club, so it becomes a league within a club and avoids official complications.

The Hoffman clubroom measures 51 feet by 27 feet, giving sufficient room for three tables. There is also room for 60 spectators.

"All players are tremendously keen," said Hoffman. "After all this will do them far more good than merely knocking up and to add to the interest a record of points and games being kept towards the final prize giving."

Although the Super League is for men only at the moment, the girls may be brought into it at a later stage.

EUROPEAN TOUR

by NORMAN REEVE



THE BUILD UP CONTINUES

THE steady build up of the organisation and arrangements for the Championships continues at a cracking pace and there is every reason for optimism about the success of the event. As usual this page brings you the latest news and information and indicates how each and every member can play his part.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICE

The office is handling mountains of mail amongst a multitude of other tasks. Many thanks for all who helped so willingly by envelope writing—one League—Witney and District—was good enough to supply them complete with stamps.

Please use the office for all your enquiries: the telephone number is LANgham 6312.

HELPERS WANTED

The Secretariat at Wembley will need a large staff of copy typists,

shorthand typists and also bi-lingual or multi-lingual copy and shorthand typists (English, French and German). Please send your offers to the office.

Colin Clemett would be glad to hear from any other volunteers (stewards, umpires, etc.), with details of the times they can be available.

SOUVENIRS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The sale of souvenirs is raising substantial sums for the Championships fund and Leagues are also profiting thereby. Just as a reminder the following items are available:—

Ball Point Pens, inscribed in gold lettering, Price 6/6d. per dozen.

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Ties, 100% Terylene. Available in three designs—Navy blue with all over pattern of championships motif. Maroon with single under knot motif. Navy blue with single under knot motif. Price 15/- each. 155/- per dozen.

Ladies' Scarves, 27in. printed crepe squares, in white or powder blue, with championships motif in blue and gold in each corner. Price 10/6d. each. 114/- per dozen.

All the above are excellent as Christmas gifts. The pens are also extremely popular amongst schoolchildren who seem to manage to sell them at a copper or two profit to supplement their pocket money. Any others interested?

It is hoped to have other items available soon including car key ring fobs and royal blue towels embroidered with the motif. Regrettably there will be no diaries because of the unsatisfactory delivery position.

SCHOOLBOYS' EXHIBITION

A big programme of table tennis will be staged at the Schoolboys' Exhibition at Olympia from December 28, 1965, to January 7, 1966, and the championships will be widely advertised there.

PHILATELISTS

For details of first day cover issues from the Championships please write to Mr. Ian Crickmer, 12, Cypress Street, Barbourne, Worcester.

PROGRAMME ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisement space is now available for purchase in the Championships programme which will have a wide circulation here and in Europe. For details please write to Mr. A. K. Vint, 69a, St. Helens Park Road, Hastings, Sussex.

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Backroom Boys of the European Championships

JACK CARRINGTON



THERE can be no more onerous task in connection with the 5th European Championships than that entrusted by the Hon. Organiser to Jack Carrington.

His job will be to plan, co-ordinate and supervise the hospitality, transport and welfare arrangements—a truly gigantic task considering the many hundreds of players, officials and journalists who have to be housed, fed and generally looked after during the eight-day period next April. From the moment they land in this country to the moment they are safely returned to their point of departure they will be his responsibility.

Jack's forward planning has been carried out with his proverbial care and efficiency. Very favourable arrangements have been made with the Cranston Group of hotels, enabling the E.T.T.A. to provide superior hotel accommodation which could not have been afforded at normal rates. Meal arrangements at Wembley, and at the

hotels where for the first time we will be able to provide the Continentals with the kind of "eat at any time" service they are used to, have been well planned, and Norman Cook will be acting as Jack's "catering manager." Favourable terms have also been obtained from a firm of Hull transport contractors, and Walter Mitten will be Jack's transport manager. Mrs.

known as the E.T.T.A.'s Director of Coaching, and in this field he has pioneered many new forms of coaching and training. He has also introduced official coaching schemes in a number of other countries thereby greatly adding to the prestige of the E.T.T.A. abroad.

Jack represented England 10 times as an international between 1939 and 1951 but his peak playing period was sadly interrupted by six years army service. Even in those days he was keenly interested in helping others to advance in the game, and the help he gave to Johnny Leach in that period greatly assisted Johnny in his world championships successes.

In the early postwar years Jack was Editor of the official magazine "Table Tennis," and he has served on countless E.T.T.A. committees including junior and senior selection. He is the chairman of the I.T.T.F. Publicity & Propaganda Commission.

After some years' service as the E.T.T.A. honorary Director of Coaching, Jack was the obvious choice as professional Director of Coaching when Ministry of Education grants made this appointment possible. He has served the E.T.T.A. with great distinction in this capacity ever since.

In his travels through the country he has won table tennis countless new friends, and his enthusiasm, immaculate presentation, and unique ability to "put over" the table tennis message, have greatly contributed to the table tennis boom which has reversed the downward trend of recent years.

In everything he does, Jack has been ably assisted by his wife Elsie, who is well known in her own right as a class player, coach and efficient organiser. He readily acknowledges he could never hope to do all he does for table tennis without her..

On the subject of age, Jack is somewhat shy. "I am a veteran" he says "until I play or carry out the training exercises — then I reckon I am an Intermediate!"



JACK CARRINGTON

Frances Jarvis will be responsible to Jack for welfare arrangements, and Joan Williamson will be his personal assistant.

In addition Jack will of course have a multitude of helpers, who will be specially needed on the first day when the various contingents arrive—everyone will be met, at airport, air terminal, and railway stations.

He is also responsible for the special tours to be run on the free Sunday, and for the Finals Night Party. In this vast organisation, Jack's chief lieutenant and "righthand man" will be his wife Elsie.

Jack and Elsie, through experience gained in their travels to table tennis events all over the world, are superbly qualified for this task, and none of this is likely to worry them unduly. Jack Carrington is of course best

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ENGLISH ENTRIES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The European Table Tennis Union has allowed the Association eight additional entries in the preliminary rounds of the Championships. The method of selection is now being considered. Further details as soon as possible.

PUBLICITY

Please use every means to publicise the Championships. If you require material please ask for it and if you have any ideas they will be very welcome.

The BISHOPSGATE VICTORIA TABLE TENNIS CLUB

has vacancies for new members this season. The Club meets at the Trevelyan Hall, St. Ann's Lane, Great Peter Street, S.W.1 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Write to the Hon. Secretary, G. E. Harris, 23 Waverley Road, Enfield.

PORTSMOUTH OPEN

HOLES TWINS PROVIDE LOCAL BOOST

SEEDED players had a rough passage in the singles in the Portsmouth Open at Southsea on November 21. All four favoured players in the women's singles were out before the semi-finals, while in the men's event Roger Chandler scraped through to the final where he was out-steadied by Roy Morley.

Pauline Holes, who beat twin sister Christine in the semi-final provided a local win in the singles, while the twins won the women's doubles.

The twins played their part in the elimination of the seeds with Christine dismissing Judy Heaps and Pauline beating Judy Williams. Keeping the Hampshire flag flying Mrs. J. Coop beat Karenza Smith and followed with a win over Diane Simpson, before going on to beat the other giant killer Jill Shirley for a place in the final. Miss Shirley had beaten the seeded Linda Henwood.

Pauline Holes had a long hard struggle in the final before her backhand flicks and angled drives just gave her the edge over Mrs. Coop.

It was perhaps fitting that Morley should take the men's title, for he dethroned the defending champion Les Haslam in the third round.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: R. CHANDLER bt P. Shirley 14, 15. R. MORLEY bt K. Lawrence 17, 21. **Final:** MORLEY bt Chandler 9, 21.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: A. ROBINSON/SHIRLEY bt M. Ellis/B. Meisel 23,

—11, 17, 20. **Final:** P. HOLES bt Coop —17, 13, 19.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: HOLES/HOLES bt B. Brown/Coop —19, 13, 14. K. SMITH/D. SIMPSON bt. B. Camps, J. Williams 17, 13. **Final:** HOLES/HOLES bt Smith/ Simpson 19, —19, 16.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: MORLEY MISS WILLIAMS bt B. Hill/ Miss L. Henwood 16, 13. O. HASLAM/MISS K. SMITH bt D. Davies/Miss C. Holes 5, 15. **Final:** HASLAM/SMITH bt Morley/Williams 17, —19, 18.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: K. LAWRENCE bt T. Riley 14, 17. D. CORBETT bt W. Sisto 17, 19. **Final:** LAWRENCE bt Corbett 11, 19.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: K. SMITH bt D. Simpson 9, 18. J. HEAPS bt L. Henwood —18, 13, 18. **Final:** SMITH bt Heaps 16, 20.

9. G. CHAPMAN/D. WHITTAKER w.o. R. Chandler, R. Morley ser. **Final:** ROBINSON/SHIRLEY bt G. Chapman/D. Whittaker 21, —22, 20.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: P. HOLES bt C. Holes 21, 18. J. COOP bt J. Shirley

JACK CARRINGTON'S NOTEBOOK

HELP NEEDED FOR SCHOOLS' COACHING . . .

At Harlow: School Groups attend for Table Tennis on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, between 1.30 and 4.15 p.m. Anyone who can spare time to help, even if not regularly, will be welcome. Expenses covered.

At other places: More and more opportunities are cropping up to introduce Table Tennis with official sanction to organised school groups either during afternoon lesson time or after 4.15 p.m. If any players or ex-players have time to help this valuable work, we will help you with instructional methods, etc., if needed. Some authorities treat this as a paid class, others cover expenses.

ASSESSMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR COACHING AWARDS . . .

At this time of the year most of our work is done in provincial centres. Any candidates in the London area who feel that their progress should now be assessed, may attend the Crystal Palace session on December 20 (and look out for further dates in the next issue). Enquiries please to J. Carrington, 24 Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

E.T.T.A. TRAINING CENTRES . . .

A leaflet explaining the various programmes will soon be widely circulated. Meanwhile, these reminders may help: **Type of Session**

"General Training—all levels"—Places can be booked by individuals: juniors can be of age 10 to 17. Standards are

sorted into "Junior," "Intermediate," and "Inter-League."

"Under-16s' Day"—Counties are asked to enter teams of 20, all one year below full Junior age. Where a County does not enter, individuals will be considered from that County.

"League Players' Day"—Leagues are asked to enter groups of average players, for friendly match-practice. Individuals will be accepted where a League does not enter.

"Inter-County Day"—Places by invitation only.

"Experimental Groups"—Places are still open on almost every published date, for juniors up to 14, wishing to be trained in "penholder" or other special styles (or for Coaches wishing to study this form of training).

Special Note regarding "League Players' Days"

The first sessions proved very popular, being attended by parties from the following Leagues:

Harlow (October 31): Chiltern, East London, Harlow, Thurrock, Letchworth (N. Herts.).

Bradford (November 14): Middlesbrough, Bradford, Leeds, Widnes, Sheffield, Mansfield, Glossop, Chesterfield, Hull.

Comment from the Sheffield League Secretary, Mrs. Nora Shivers, was "Reports range from 'Fabulous' to 'Absolutely smashing.'"

See list for the next sessions.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS, etc. (Enquiries invited from Coaches or Pupils)—address to E.T.T.A. Director of Coaching, 24 Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

1965		
December	10	Stoke-on-Trent Schools and Teachers (Northwood Sports Centre)
	11	Leeds University. Advanced
	12	BRADFORD CENTRE. (Under-16s' Day).
	17	Canterbury (Prince of Wales Y.C.) Coaches' Study
	19	HARLOW CENTRE. League Players' Day
	20	Crystal Palace. Coaching Candidates' Assessment
1966		
January	5	Crystal Palace. Schoolchildren's Coaching
	9	HARLOW CENTRE. Senior Ranking Meeting
	11	Guildford. Coaches' Practical.
	17	Harwich. Introductory Demos
	18	Clacton (St. Osyth's College)
	23	BRADFORD CENTRE. League Players' Day
	24	Hullfax. Coaches' Study
February	6	HARLOW. Under-16s' Day.
	13	BRADFORD CENTRE. General Training—all levels
	14	Bury (Lanashire). Coaches' Study
	15	Hullfax. Coaches' Study
	20	BRADFORD CENTRE. Senior Ranking Meeting followed by Juniors' Training.
March	19-20	Wednesfield. Mass Rally and Under-16 team Festival.

Cambs. League Surprises

CAMBRIDGESHIRE can feel well pleased with the start of the new season. The County side shared the points in their opening match with Norfolk, the City team swamped Peterborough in the Wilmott Cup, while in the South East Midlands League they carried all before them against St. Neots in the Men's, women's and junior sections.

Alan Ponder has been showing some fine form, as have John Thurston, Keith Chapman, Valerie Gillam and Carol Chapman.

The Cambridgeshire League has opened with a series of surprises and promises to be full of interest. University Press are making the pace in the First Division, following a great win over Y.M.C.A., last season's champions.

Brian Jones has been showing good form for the newly promoted Sohan Methodists, while Albert Jackson has been in form for NALGO.

Keith Puddick is the latest candidate from Cambridge to pass the Coaching examination.

Leslie Constable

*Michael Maclaren's Glamour Choice***SUSAN LIGHT**

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Susan Light has the unique distinction of playing in the junior teams of both Middlesex and Surrey. Living now in Guildford and out of the junior ranks she now represents Surrey in the Bernard Crouch Competition. She is the Guildford Ladies Champion.

Susan has been playing for about five years and has been very ably coached and encouraged by her father, Don Light. Many readers in the London area will know Don as a dour defensive player who has lurked dangerously in several leagues.

Susan is very keen to improve and tells me she hopes to enter as many "Opens" as she can. She will be a most welcome addition to the tournament scene.

**A CHALLENGE
FROM RUSSIA**

ENGLAND'S women's team faces the strongest challenge to their European supremacy when they meet the U.S.S.R. at Crystal Palace on December 13. The international is being promoted by the Kent Association and it follows the recent successes of the Russians in the Hungarian championships.

Svetlana Grinberg, who won the Hungarian singles, and Zoja Rudnova have made such tremendous improvement in the past two years that they are now ready to challenge anyone in Europe, both at singles and doubles.

Both girls are University students, with Rudnova ranked No. 1 and Grinberg No. 2.

Mary Shannon, Diane Rowe and Lesley Bell, who will once again shoulder England's responsibility, are well aware of what they are up against.

They had plenty of warning in Budapest where Mary was beaten by Grinberg in an early round. She will, therefore, be thirsting for revenge, but will have to learn how to deal with the Russian's strong service, which proved such a vital factor in their last meeting.

Whereas Grinberg is an exponent of the orthodox grip, Rudnova is a penholder and as such can prove a most difficult opponent.

The match is over a test of four singles and a doubles.

Adding further spectacle to the programme will be an invitation men's challenge meeting bringing together the No. 1's of four counties, Brian Wright (Middlesex), Ian Harrison (Gloucester), Connie Warren (Surrey) and Tony Piddock (Kent).

Their names will be drawn out of a hat for two semi-finals, with the winners to meet in a final.

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SHEFFIELD Y.M.C.A. EXPECT THEIR BEST SEASON

SEVEN times winners of the Sheffield and District League Championship, Sheffield Y.M.C.A. are poised to make this their greatest season ever.

Reaching the Final of the Yorkshire Clubs competition last year, Y.M.C.A. have this time round already beaten the eventual winners, Albion Club, in a Sheffield League match. And they have already beaten Albion and Wadsley Bridge, the two teams who beat them into third place in the Sheffield League First Division.

Although it is eight years since Y.M.C.A. recorded the last of their Sheffield League Championships, they are at present leading the field and must be considered strong favourites. They have also won the Sheffield team K.O. Competition for the last two years.

Among their players are:-

MAURICE SIMPSON — Yorkshire individual merit winner (1961); 32 county caps; twice Champion of Sheffield.

BRIAN CARTWRIGHT — Three county caps; former Sheffield Champion.

DAVID SYKES — club captain and 12 appearances for Sheffield.

BRIAN ALLISON — 24 appearances for Rotherham.

KEN UTTLEY — former Sheffield Youth Champion.

ROD BLY — Sheffield League under-18 Champion.

JOHN HAWKERM jun., — Sheffield Youth Clubs Champion, captain of the Sheffield Youth Clubs team which won last year's Midland Region Youth Clubs Championship, narrowly beaten by Somerset at the Crystal Palace.

PHILLIP SWIFT — winner of special award for most improved player in Sheffield in 1964.

Pictured below are:

Front Row: **JOAN WASS, ELAINE BROTHWELL, SUSAN ALLISON, KEN LUCKMAN, STEVE GREGORY.**

Centre: **JOHN HAWKER (secretary), ROD BLY, BRIAN ALLISON, DAVID SYKES, ROY BROTHWELL, PHILLIP SWIFT, STEVE PARKINSON, MAURICE SIMPSON.**

Back: **ALAN ASHTON, MELVYN FREESTON, GRAHAM HIBBERD, JOHN HAWKER (jun.), JOHN KILLALEE, DAVE HALL, BRIAN CARTWRIGHT, KEN UTTLEY, JOHN KNOWLES.**

SWINDON RETURN TO WESTERN COUNTIES

AFTER a lapse of a few years Swindon have returned to the Western Counties League to join Bath, Bristol, Cheltenham, Exeter, Newport, Plymouth and Weston-super-Mare in the men's division, which also includes a second team from Bristol. But against the return of Swindon is the loss of Cardiff. This leaves Newport as the only Welsh entrants.

The women's division consists of Bristol, Exeter, Newport, Plymouth, Swindon and Weston.

Another loss to the league is the resignation of Ivor Eyles, as chairman, due to pressure of work. He is succeeded by Ray Harris, of Bristol, a loyal member of the league for many years. Len Ollis, of Bath, continues as president, while Grove Motlow continues as secretary/treasurer.

Swindon made a winning return, beating Weston 8-1, but it was much closer than the scores suggest.

After opening their programme with a 7-2 win over Exeter, Cheltenham surprisingly went down 4-5 to Bristol "seconds," for whom J. Wise won the vital last game against Peter Crwys.

Weston made some amends for their earlier defeat with a 6-3 win over Newport who also lost 4-5 to Bath.

Plymouth, strengthened by former international Pam Mortimer, gained an exciting 5-4 win at Bristol. Two surprise results were the defeat of Miss Mortimer by Joan Collier and Jean Golding's defeat of Barbara Pearson.

Grove Motlow.



YORKSHIRE NOTES

by **MALCOLM HARTLEY**

Footballers turn to table tennis

YORK CITY centre-forward Paul Aimson is the latest professional footballer to appear in league table tennis in Yorkshire. The former Manchester City man has joined Armstrong's "C" in Division Five of the York League, where a colleague is former York City outside-left Billy Fenton.

MASTER POINTS

NOW OPEN TO INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

THE Master Points Scheme is being extended to take individual entry. This follows the large number of enquiries from players who want to join the scheme but have been unable to do so because their local league is not in membership.

Players taking advantage of this new move will be expected to keep their own records of singles wins in league programmes and forward these, duly countersigned by a responsible official such as the match secretary, at the end of the season to the Administrator, who will assess the points and forward certificates.

To cover the cost of extra postage individual members of the scheme will be required to pay a fee of one shilling as against the threepence charged to players entered through a league.

A number of players, who are now qualified and have received their certificates, do not appear to know that shirtbadges are also available. These sell at: Club Master 2s., League Master 2s. All others are free.

192 CLUB MASTERS

A total of 192 players have now qualified as Club Masters. These are made up of 40 ladies and 142 men. Ten ladies and 20 men have achieved League Master status; three ladies and three men are County Masters, while Mary Shannon-Wright is the only player so far to have qualified as a Tournament Master.

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Best-known soccer name in table tennis at present is probably Len Browning, former Leeds United and Sheffield United centre-forward, who is secretary of Moor Allerton and has made over 40 appearances for Leeds.

Len is a stalwart of the tournament committee and was a member of Victoria's victorious Yorkshire inter-club cup line-up. His wife Mollie has represented Leeds nearly 60 times.

Brian Broadhurst, of Albion Corinthians at Sheffield, was on Chesterfield's books and now plays inside forward for Midland Leaguers Loughborough; Bobby Ham, Bradford Park Avenue outside-right, is a member of Franchise table tennis team; Colin Brookes, now in non-league football, is with Barnsley Boys' Club.

Other soccer stars in league table tennis have included Laurie Scott, Ray Wilson, Norman Hunter, Terry Cooper, the Rob'edo brothers—who formed a team with present Barnsley manager Johnny Steele—Chris Baidstone, Les Massie, Ken Taylor, Johnny McCann, Abe Rosenthal and Bob Ferguson.

No doubt there are others but it is a little surprising there are not many more. Leeds United and Barnsley A.F.C. have had league table tennis teams but you would think a football club would be an ideal set-up for the indoor game.

Huddersfield opened the defence of their inter-league championship with a convincing 8-2 victory over Bradford with Hirst, Hinchliff and Kedge unbeaten in singles.

UNFAMILIAR LINE UP

Women's champions Barnsley, however, with the unfamiliar line-up of Lillias Hamilton, Muriel Jones, Yorkshire junior Linda Forkes, and Mildred Moseley, crashed 8-2 to Sheffield, whose stars were Pat Cutler and Shirley Fletcher.

Juris Berzins, Bradford second-teamer, formerly at Gloucester and Taunton, suffered a fractured skull and other injuries in a road accident and all will wish him the speediest recovery.

North End (Alan Hydes, Roy Ward, Terry Heath) shattered rivals Ace 10-0 in the Barnsley League. The result was anticipated but the margin made 'em whistle.

NORFOLK NOTES

NORTH WALSHAM AFFILIATE

THE most welcome news in Norfolk this month is the affiliation of the North Walsham League to the county association. This move was ready for the signing last season when an unexpected and unexplained drop in teams made things impossible. However, veteran Fred Mace continued the propagation of value of the game with the foregoing result.

Secretary R. H. Hale, of 8, Grange Crescent, North Walsham, is eager to make contact with other clubs in the area with a view to further expansion. In addition he will be pleased to supply details of a table tennis evening the league is putting on circa January 6th. County coach Maurice Ewles tells of a residential coaching weekend early in the month at Downham Market. Among the sports catered for was table tennis with 24 participants of varying standards. His assistant for this section of the activities was Peter Osborne, of the King's Lynn League. While in Downham Maurice heard news of a revival of a league in Fakenham. A former venture of this kind in Fakenham died an unnatural death in the early nineteen fifties. We hope that this new move will be more permanent.

In the Wilmott Cup Norwich made a successful trip to Boston in the first round and now meet Great Yarmouth. In the Rose Bowl the city women do battle with their eliminators of last season, Cambridge. East Anglian League activities are in full swing and it is hoped to publish half season tables in the next issue. Meanwhile the league organisers are pushing ahead with plans for the East Anglian Closed tournament to be laid on next March 13. Eight days prior to this is the date arranged for the postponed Norfolk Junior Championships.

Further welcome news is that Jack Penny, our magazine secretary, is back in partial circulation again and we hope that before very long these notes will be appearing over his name again and in a much more comprehensive fashion than those supplied by his understudy.

E. J. FAIRHEAD.

S.E. MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Champions beaten

NORTHAMPTON made a great start in the South-East Midlands League by defeating Bedford, last season's champions, 6-4. Cambridge City beat both St. Neots and Hunts Central, but their test will come when they meet the stronger sides.

North Herts, newcomers to the league, look like finding the going hard for they crashed to Hunts Central, who are regarded as one of the weaker teams, and were in turn beaten 6-4 by Kettering.

LEICESTER TITLE PROSPECTS

MIDLAND League results suggest that Leicester could once again be in with title prospects at the end of the season. The men's team (C. Jacques, E. McLeish, C. Truman) have made a good start with an 8-2 win over Derby, while the ladies, so often struggling for points, took all ten sets against Derby. Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Kilsby look Leicester's best for several seasons. The veterans, too, appear set for a good season with Brian Pearn, Harry Ward, Bob Smith and Stan Ford all showing top form.

In the Leicestershire Towns' League, Leicester 'B' beat Loughborough 'A' after a close struggle, the stars being Jimmy Mee (Leicester) and Ron Joyner (Loughborough). Coalville made a splendid start when they beat Loughborough 'B' 7-3, Norman Robinson and Malcolm White showing outstanding form. Phil Jacques was the best Loughborough player.

The 'Leicestershire Closed' will be held at the College of Technology, Loughborough, on January 2. This is regarded as the best venue in the county.

The Rose Johnson Bowl, team handicap competition, has already produced a number of close finishes. The best of the early matches was at Loughborough where Cottons III, led by C. Needham, beat Kegworth Y.C.C. by seven points—797 to 791. J. Marshall was outstanding for the losers. Holders Nazarenes and runners-up Leicester Y.M.C.A. are both still going very strongly.

There have been some good individual performances in the Rose Johnson Cup. One of the best in the first round was Jim Phillips' feat of beating all the Knighton Park side. The Saracen Cup have a number of teams who could "come good." One is Soccer Pools where father and son, Tom and Roger Whiteman, are both playing well.

HOT PACE

In the Leicester and District League Grieves are setting a hot pace in 3a. Peter Bateson (formerly Whitwick Colliery) is playing well and with Mick Saunders in peak form they will take some stopping. In 3b Spinney Hill W.M.C. II, who include Malcolm Cook and Freddy Randall, have set such a hot pace that only Rolls Royce I seem likely to stop them.

Shepshed 'A', last season's champions, have already taken the lead in the Loughborough and District League, but Cottons 'A' and 'C' sides are hot on their trail. Shepshed Youth Club 'A', for whom Robert Casini is playing well, lead Division II. J. Crowther scored a maximum for Brush 'B' against the leaders but they still lost 3-7. The third division is wide open, but the champions could come from Burton Y.C., Kegworth Y.C. or Shepshed Y.C. 'B'.

Philip Reid

FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

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

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
10-11	IRISH OPEN Cork		
11-12	Middlesex Open Hanwell Community Centre, Hanwell, Middlesex	J.B.S. J.G.S.	Miss I. Moss, 49, Okehampton Road, Kensal Rise, London, N.W.10
11-12	Scottish Closed Glasgow		
18	Yorkshire Junior Open Madeley Street Baths, Hull	U/15	R. Balmford, 205, Park Avenue, Hull, Yorkshire
1966 Jan.	9 Winton Y.M.C.A. Annual Winton, Bournemouth Hants.		J. J. C. Luther, "Hamrun," 39, Larksfield Avenue, Bournemouth, Hants.
	15 Lancashire Open Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Ltd., Bolton	J.B.S. J.G.S.	A. F. Jones, 13, Moss Bank Close, Astley Bridge, Bolton, Lancs.
	15 Essex Open Harlow Sportcentre, Harlow, Essex	J.B.S. J.G.S.	S. G. Beard, 40, Goodwood Avenue, Hutton, Essex
	16 Oxfordshire Invitation Osberton Radiator Sports Club, Oxford		E. J. Hawkins, 79, Home Close, Wolvercote, Oxford
	29 WEST OF SCOTLAND OPEN Springburn Sports Club, Millerbank Street, Glasgow.		
	29 Pontefract Open (R) Assembly Rooms, Pontefract, Yorks.	J.B.S. J.G.S. V.S.	G. L. Johnson, 17, Rhodes Crescent, Pontefract, Yorks.
	29-30 Kent Open Marine Pavilion, Folkestone, Kent	Y.S. J.G.S. V.S.	C. M. Wyles, 48, Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex
Feb.	1-3 CZECHOSLOVAKIAN OPEN Prague.		
	4-6 EAST GERMAN OPEN Berlin		
	5 South Yorkshire Open Norfolk Barracks, Sheffield, Yorks.	Y.S. J.G.S.	D. W. Roe, 16, Olivers Mount, Sheffield, 9
	5-6 Hythe Open (R) The Institute, Hythe, Kent		R. J. Weaver, 9, St. Hildas Road, Hythe, Kent
	6 North Bournemouth Open (R) Y.M.C.A., Winton, Bournemouth, Hants.	J.S.	C. B. Cashell, 16, Victoria Avenue, Winton, Bournemouth, Hants.
	12 Midland Open		
	12-13 QUADRANGULAR INTERNATIONAL (England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales)		
	19 Yorkshire Open Railway Institute, York.		C. Warley, 2, Thornfield Avenue, Muncaster, York
	27 Yeovil Area American Tournament Houndstone Camp, Yeovil, Somerset		Mrs. P. J. Coleman, "Greenwood," 7, Priory Close Nash Lane, Yeovil, Somerset
	26-27 WEST GERMANY OPEN		Heidelberg
March	12 Northumberland Open Ministry of Pensions, Newcastle	J.B.S. J.G.S.	T. A. Morpeth, 59, Preston Avenue, North Shields
	12 North-Middlesex Open Edmonton		
	13 Sussex Junior Open Worthing	U.17 U.15 U.13	M. D. Oldham, 25, Offington Gardens, Worthing, Sussex
	19 SCOTTISH OPEN		
	26-27 Bucks Open		
April	2-3 Cambridge Open Corn Exchange, Cambridge	J.B.S. L.G.S.	Mrs. M. A. Cornwell, 28, Harding Way, Cambridge
	9-11 North East England Open Wallis Camp, Cayton Bay, Scarborough, Yorks.	Y.S. J.B.S. J.G.S. V.S.	W. Mitton, 16, The Whins, Newby, Scarborough, Yorks.

UMPIRES CORNERby **COLIN CLEMETT**

Those Rule Changes

I HAVE already outlined the provisions of the main changes in Laws and Regulations agreed at Ljubljana. Amendment sheets giving the official wordings are now being printed for the Umpires' Handbook, but in the meantime I should like to mention the effects of the changes which were not dealt with in the previous article.

The size of the ball is now defined by diameter instead of circumference and within closer limits. Standard table tennis balls have, however, for many years been well inside the specified range and the new figures of 37.2-38.2 mm. are simply a recognition of current practice.

More important is an addition to Law 4 which establishes that the reverse side of a racket used in penholder style may be covered with an "illegal" material, such as cork or sandpaper.

A player striking the ball with this surface will lose a point each time he does so, but the racket is not automatically rendered inadmissible as has sometimes been suggested.

Two small points of definition have been introduced into Law 7, referring to the change of ends during a game. The first amplifies the term "*the deciding game*," as it had been pointed out that for a player winning a set in two straight games the second game was, strictly

speaking, the decider. The phrase "*when the score in games stands even*" has now been added to make it clear that the change of ends occurs in the third or fifth game, according to the number of games in the set. The second alteration, which was proposed by the E.T.T.A., replaces "*at the score 10*" by "*when first either player reaches the score 10*," this being considered a more accurate description of the normal interpretation of the Law.

A less obvious change, also proposed by the E.T.T.A., is the replacement of the word "*game*" in the first paragraph of Law 8 by "*match*." This is intended to make clear the procedure required when a mistake in order has been detected. Previously, the order reverted to that established at the beginning of the game, so that if this order was itself incorrect the mistaken order could have been retained or a different incorrect order introduced. By referring to the order at the start of the match, which must be the correct one, this possibility is eliminated.

NO WHITE LETTERING

Several additions which have been made to the International Regulations will be of interest to those concerned

with the forthcoming European Championships.

Following complaints at World Championships, there is now a stipulation that any lettering on the ends of the table must not be in white, which may be distracting to the players. Similarly, any badge or lettering worn must not be so large or obtrusive as to break up the uniform dark pattern of playing clothing. The Referee may rule such items inadmissible for wear during play.

New standards have been set for lighting, which must now be not less than 400 lux in strength uniformly over the table surface, and not less than half the level at the table surface over the rest of the playing area.

The greater space required for the modern game has been recognised by raising the minimum permissible height of light sources from 3 metres to 4 metres, about 13 feet.

Finally, a further step towards the abolition of the "string and chalk" routine. The previous Regulation, in which a footnote belatedly admitted that the doubles line could be marked permanently on the table without invalidating its use for singles, has been replaced by an admirably simple Regulation which starts by stating positively that the table may be so marked. If those who advocate the abolition of the doubles centre-line are eventually successful, we may one day find that just as the last tournament table is marked with a permanent centre-line, the line becomes superfluous!

Editor's Note: Colin Clemett explained new changes of laws in the October issue.

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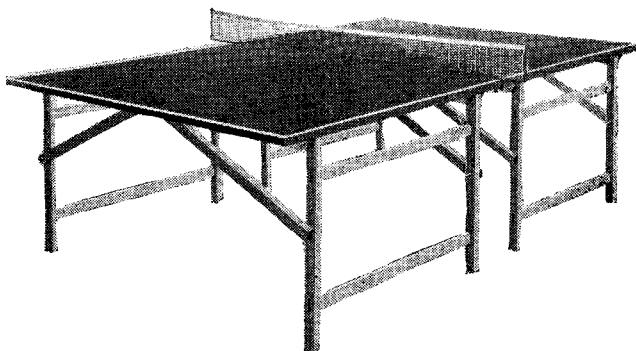
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MERSEYSIDE OPEN

by George R. Yates

Haslam provides the sunshine

COINCIDING with the tail end of one of Buchan's cold snaps the compulsion upon arrival in Liverpool was to make haste for Dunlop's Speke factory and the cheerful warmth of the Merseyside Open.

Sheltered thus from the stormy blasts one could, from an early hour, quaff hot tea by the mug full and bring about a gradual thaw.

Others less fortunate than I were quickly summoned to the tables by the soft but insistent tones of schoolmaster referee Brian Leeson.

Renewed then were the bitter draughts that carried spray in the form of exit from the men's singles event and the river beckoned for the likes of Oxon's Stan Hahn, Northumbrian Peter Hoyles and Lancastrians Eric Ford and Brian Marsden among lesser mortals.

Providing his own Gulf Stream, however, exiled Jamaican Orville Barington Haslam, exuded his own brand of sunshine which most certainly melted the challenge of Mike Symonds in the quarters, as it had those of David Stanley and Roy Morley before him.

Stanley took a rare old hammering to the tune of 13 and 4, the West Indian being no laggard when it comes to physical fitness. This boy fairly bounces.

GERMAN SHIRT

Cheshire's Mike Johns, sporting the green shirt of West Germany, flattered to finally deceive in the semis against Haslam after coming through well with wins over David Bevan, Derek Wall and Ralph Gun-ning 12 and 13.

What has happened to Kevan Forshaw since his marriage to Anne Courtney has to be seen to be believed. Maintaining his form as shown against Kent in the county match he took toll of Maurice Billington, Alan Hydes, Laurie Landry, Peter Duncombe and, in the semis, another win over Derek Basden.

Basden's passage to the penultimate stage was relatively easy with a first round bye, a walk-over in the second round followed by wins over J. N. Osborne and Lancashire junior Stephen Williams.

Young Williams was the surprise package in the quarters with the scalps of Joe McLeod, Arthur Chil-

vers and Scouser Roy Jones in his belt.

Following up her North of England success, Pauline Martin hammered her way to another "foreign" title with a hard fought win over Beverley Sayer and I hereby invite her to go for the hat-trick by entering the Lancashire Open next January.

Pauline's victims included Doreen Schofield, Beryl Broad, Judy Crafer and Jackie Cannon and Beverley accounted for Maureen Heppell, the winner of the girls' title.

In partnership with Miss Canham and George Livesey, Kent's leading lady certainly led a merry dance to acquire three titles.

After seeing Miss Martin, Cynthia Duncombe and Lesley Proudlock resplendent in lime green skirts I dig these shorter hemlines—what colour!

Each and every one of the finals played before a set audience in the evening had something good to offer, not least being the boys' final between Hydes and Brian Burn.

Again, in the men's doubles young Alan showed up well in partnership with Laurie Landry, who hitched his wagon to an undoubted star.

STILL PLAYING AT 76

GLOUCESTER CITY are enthusiastic about the future of the game in the county, having gathered together a strong contingent of nearly 50 juniors. Mostly boys, they meet weekly at one of the local schools where facilities are made available. Basic coaching is provided by some of the local league players.

The most promising youngsters are sent on for further coaching and practice with county players Bryan Merrett, Roy Morley and Dennis Holland.

Although the five Gloucester boys who attended the junior trials at Leicester last month were somewhat out of their class they are by no means discouraged. Their progress is being carefully watched and they will be given the opportunity to widen their experience and improve their standard of play.

Gloucester are worried about the consistent breach of the service rule and several players have been warned at representative matches.

Bristol lay claim to probably the oldest playing member in the country—76-year-old Cedric Moon, a former Bristol Association general secretary. He keeps amazingly fit and full of fight and enjoys his weekly league match although not winning as many sets these days.

In the Belsten Cup knock-out competition only 38 entries were received from over 200 league teams.

Ex-Cheltenham star Kevin Edwards, now living in Australia, was recently married to a banker's daughter at Adelaide Cathedral.

J. P. ROWE.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: O. B. Haslam (Middx.) bt M. Symonds (Lancs.) 13, 13; M. Johns (Ches.) bt D. Bevan (Yorks.) —17, 18, 11; K. Forshaw (Lancs.) bt P. C. Duncombe (Yorks.) —15, 17, 19; D. S. Basden (Kent) bt S. Williams (Lancs.) 16, 12.

Semi-Finals: HASLAM bt Johns 19, 12; FORSHAW bt Basden 22, 13. **Final:** HASLAM bt Forshaw —12, 12, 13.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: B. SAYER (Essex) bt C. Duncombe (Yorks.) 20, 9; P. MARTIN (Kent) bt J. Canham (Herts.) 16, 11. **Final:** MARTIN bt Sayer 17, 21.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: A. HYDES (Yorks.)/L. F. LANDRY (Middx.) bt Basden/Haslam 19, 12; D. STANLEY (Yorks.)/SYMONDS bt Bevan/D. Wall (Middx.) 19, —18, 14. **Final:** HYDES/LANDRY bt Stanley/Symonds 19, 12.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: DUNCOMBE/L. S. PROUDLOCK (Yorks.) bt Sayer/G. Sayer (Essex) 15, 19; CANHAM/MARTIN bt C. Moore (Lancs.)/D. Schofield (Ches.) 8, 19. **Final:** CANHAM / MARTIN bt Duncombe/Proudlock 19, 13.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: M. BILLINGTON (Warwicks)/CANHAM bt Symonds/Proudlock 15, —13, 16; G. LIVESEY (Lancs.)/MARTIN bt R. Morley (Gloucs.)/B. Sayer —11, 20, 14. **Final:** LIVESEY/MARTIN bt Billington/Canham 23, —6, 19.

Boys' Singles: Quarter-Finals: HYDES bt R. J. Heath (Warwicks.) 8, 15; D. Munt (Warwicks.) bt I. Burrows (Lancs.) 13, 15; B. L. Keates (Staffs.) bt S. Williams (Lancs.) 17, —16, 19; B. Burn (Northumb.) bt P. Whiteman (Northumb.) 13, 15, 13. **Semi-Finals:** HYDES bt Munt 7, 17; BURN bt Keates 16, 6. **Final:** HYDES bt Burn 15, —17, 18.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: M. HEPPELL (Northumb.) bt M. Dale (Ches.) 7, 10; E. KIRK (Ches.) bt W. Higgins (Ches.) 19, —6, 11. **Final:** HEPPELL bt Kirk 9, 6.

Veteran Singles: Semi-Finals: J. K. KENNERLEY (Ches.) bt A. Magnah (Lancs.) 16, 12; L. HEPPELL (Northumb.) bt C. Murgatroyd (Ches.) 19, 8. **Final:** HEPPELL bt Kennerley 16, 13.

LIVESEY REPLACES INGBER

WRITING before the event it is difficult to predict just what the replacement of Jeff Ingber by George Livesey will have on the Red Rose fortunes against Surrey at Leatherhead in the county championships.

That Lancashire should think fit to drop the stalwart Mancunian after being an automatic choice for so many years is indicative of the view taken by the selectors following the home defeat by Kent.

No one, least of all I, will deny that Jeffrey Ingber has been the backbone of Lancashire table tennis ever since he came to prominence as a junior. His utter reliability and demeanour at the table can be set as the example for all who wish to aspire to the top.

No less reliable George Livesey takes over the No. 3 spot, having long waited in the wings, but overall talent within the county is scarce.

Sadly it must be related that when the dearth of top class players affects Manchester, as it undoubtedly does, the repercussions are countywide, although in all fairness to my Bolton lads there is no despondency in the S.S.S. League.

Liverpool, too, have had their fair share of internationals but, as with Manchester, the assembly line has creaked to a halt . . . but only temporarily I trust.

Why this should be is a poser for the numbers playing in both cities are in no way diminished from former days. What is lacking, however, is dedication and very few of our modern players in this area are imbued with this spirit.

From the results so far received in the Lancashire and Cheshire League both promotees to Division 1, Chester and Nelson, lost their opening matches to Stockport and Mid-Cheshire respectively. Champions Bolton got off to a cracking start with a 10-0 victory over Liverpool on Merseyside.

In Division 2 (East) promotees Horwich recorded a shock win over Manchester "A" but then succumbed to Blackburn 7-3.

Demoted to Division 2 (West) Wirral have lost to both Liverpool Business Houses and Chester "A" but fellow demotees Preston beat Liverpool "A" 6-4.

Ladies' champions Manchester blasted off Crewe 10-0, whose youth team were beaten by a similar score by champions Liverpool. Ian Burrows is the up-and-coming lad on Merseyside I am told.

Junior champions Bolton have also begun in good style, accounting for Stockport 8-2 and Macclesfield 10-0.



KEVIN FORSHAW, Lancashire Open champion and County No. 2, with his bride, ANN COURTNEY, after their wedding at St. Aiden's, Wythenshawe, Manchester.

WELSH CORNER

Little Encouragement for Wales

GLAMORGAN'S second match in the Midland Section of the National Counties' Second Division provided little encouragement for county and Welsh selectors, and another drawn encounter means virtually a final farewell to championship hopes.

Nottingham were not expected to do so well against Glamorgan, who were admittedly weakened by the inavailability of Sandra Morgan and Margaret Phillips. Swansea's Janet Evans and Gloria Miles made their county debut, but need not blame themselves for this disappointment.

Jeff Morgan celebrated his selection for the county by beating both Kenyon and Saunders; Fraser Anderson looked as if he was in better form in beating Mayfield, but then lost to Kenyon; while Ron Davies, after losing to Saunders in the opening match, beat Mayfield. Janet Evans played quite well to run Mrs. Saunders to 18 in the third, but Janet and Gloria Miles went down fairly comfortably against Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Saunders. Ron and Fraser beat Bell and Saunders 25-23, 22-20. With a little more experience Jeff Morgan may have helped Gloria to victory in the mixed. It speaks well for Jeff Morgan that he had to beat Saunders in the last match to force a draw, and he did it well.

Glamorgan juniors had an easy victory at the expense of Pembrokeshire, and Joe Ackroyd's boys and girls are obviously suffering from lack of practice. This is a pity, for the Picton brothers and Harries are certainly promising and Cheryl Jewells looked a bright prospect at the summer coaching.

For Glamorgan, Dennis Samuels, Robert Bishop and Keith Morris were rarely troubled, but Shan Morgan, although she has improved a lot, lost through inability to cope with Cheryl's twist serves.

Graham Davies, Bridgend's top player, heads the individual performance table in the Welsh League, and his unbeaten record, including wins over Dennis Samuel and Jeff Morgan, suggest that at last he has arrived.

Ron Davies and Glyn Morgan are also unbeaten. In Division 2, John Mansfield is making a comeback and is unbeaten, as also are Haydn Thomas in the junior section and Margaret Phillips and Sandra Morgan in the women's section.

The latest positions are:
Division 1. Cardiff played 5, won 4; **Aberdare, Bridgend** and **Swansea** all played 4, won 3; **Eastern Valleys** played 5, won 3; **Newport** and **Swansea "B"** played 4, won 1; and **Tredegar** lost 4.

Division 2. **Abergavenny** played 4, won 4; **Cardiff** played 5, won 4; **Bridgend "B"** played 4, won 3; **Rhondda** played 2, won 1, **Rhymney** played 2, lost 2; **Eastern Valleys "B"** played 3, lost 3; **Merthyr** played 4, lost 4.

Junior. **Aberdare** played 5, won 5; **Abergavenny** and **Barry** played 5, won 4; **Eastern Valleys** played 4, won 3; **Swansea** and **Tredegar** played 5, won 3; **Milford Haven** played 4, won 2; **Bridgend** and **Newport** played 4, won 1; **Cardiff** and **Ebbw Vale** played 5, lost 5.

Women. **Cardiff** played 2, won 2; **Newport** and **Swansea** played 2, won 1; **Tredegar** and **Milford Haven** played 1, lost 1.

**ST. BRIDES
 TABLE TENNIS CLUB**
Bride Lane, Fleet Street, E.C.4
 has some vacancies. The Club meets at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.
 Write to Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. W. Hill, 31, Byron Avenue, Coulsdon, Surrey.

DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS BY WILTS

CAN Wiltshire carry off an elusive county championship "double" this season? Judging by the results of the two opening fixtures anything is possible.

After gaining a 3-1 lead against Cornwall, Wiltshire hearts sank when Cornwall pulled up to 3-all and although the Moonrakers made certain of a point when 5-3 up it was left to Swindon's Tony Woolf (senior) to give the home

county both points with a 21-19, 21-19 win over Keith Truscott in the final singles of the match.

Cornwall's Miss Sheila Rapsey and Keith Truscott were presented with their county badges by Wiltshire Counties Championship representative Don Hillier before the match.

The Juniors creditable 7-3 away win over Monmouthshire represents an encouraging debut by Salisbury's young Bill Moulding, who won both his singles.

With a view to giving more players a chance to gain valuable experience in senior matches a busy programme of friendlies has been arranged for the period December 5-12. They are against Buckinghamshire (Senior and Junior) and Berkshire (Senior), while at the same time as the Second Division West team travel to Weymouth for their match against Dorset the opportunity is also being taken to play a friendly match against Dorset.

Hopes are high that it will be possible to play a friendly junior match against Essex shortly after Christmas.

Wiltshire's coaching officer, Ernie Howell, along with Wiltshire's own woman county coach, Gwen Hazell, paid a visit to Devizes for a coaching session devoted entirely to young lady players.

Closing date for entries for the Wiltshire Closed which takes place on January 30 is January 12, and intending competitors are reminded that the official entry form is included in the new County Association Handbook.

The West Wiltshire Closed will take place at the Drill Hall, Trowbridge, on January 9.

Don Hillier.

Bedford Rebuild

AFTER last season's successful run by Bedford men, winners South East Midlands League, a period of team rebuilding has become necessary.

Sid Lawson is not playing this season and a further blow is the departure overseas of former Surrey junior Jim Bysh. In Bedford's recent defeat in the Willmott Cup by Watford, Jim gained Bedford's only two successes, beating Brian Barr and Derek Seaholme.

The ladies have won all three South-East Midlands League matches so far and are away to Oxford in the J. M. Rose Bowl.

In junior boys' matches, Michael Copperwheat has done extremely well, falling only to the experienced Paul Harmer, but despite trying out half a dozen other juniors, a really strong all-round team has not been built up.

Brightest spot so far this season is the junior girls. Playing in the National Inter-League competition, they defeated

a useful Cheshunt team 7-2 in a match which produced a high standard of fable tennis. Curiously enough, the girls' team and reserve consists of two sets of twins. Diane and Mary Maxfield, Ann and Margaret Chambers (Margaret at present being the reserve).

RON COX.

BIRMINGHAM STEAMROLLER

THREE 10-0 wins and one by 6-4. That was the extent of Birmingham's superiority in their visit to Coventry in the Midland League. The respectable score came in the men's match, but the "B" teams, veterans and junior, were all whitewashed.

Walsall, leaders of Division I (North) collected 7 points out of 10 against Nottingham. They lost in the veterans and drew in the "B" teams.

TWO drawn matches in the ladies' division show that this is going to be a hard-fought season. Birmingham were held to a draw by Nottingham, for whom Mrs. Hammond, of Notts, gained a hat-trick of 2-0 wins. Chesterfield did well to draw with Coventry. Mrs. Pegg won her three single matches and the doubles 21-19 in the third.

Gloucester have started off in fine form in the Men's (South) with an overwhelming 10-0 win over Oxford. No one extended Harrison, but Oxford's Jackson lost 21-23 on the third to Morley. Within two days, Gloucester went further ahead when, without Harrison, they beat Coventry 6-4. Both these matches were away from home.

Coventry 'B' failed to win a set when they crashed 0-10 to Worcester at home.

Two matches, one North, one South, in the Intermediate Section were Worcester's 6-4 win at Oxford and Leicester winning away 7-3 at Derby. Hall won his three for Worcester, the match at one time being 4-4, whilst what promised to be a close match at Derby with the score 3-3, suddenly tipped in favour of the visitors. Hughes and Motts just beat Jones and Dury 19-21, 21-19, 23-21 for Leicester.

Three Southern Junior matches produced two away wins, while Birmingham 'A' won 10-0 against their 'B' team, although eight games were only won by two points.

Gloucester boys won 8-2 at Leicester, Burbridge and Charles winning three each; Worcester won 6-4 at Oxford. They started with a 2-0 lead, then losing the next four sets, only to win the last four in a row. Aston, of Worcester, winning a good match against Rittman, provided the major surprise. In the North, Leicester won 7-3 at Derby, Hopps winning two of the losers' sets.

In the Veterans' League, Oxford had two 21-19 third game wins over Worcester 'A', but won fairly comfortably 7-3, while Worcester 'B' went under by the same score at home to Gloucester, Collins for the winners beating Dale 22-20 on the third and beating Cukeman 24-22 on the third.

A. A. WALL.

EDWARDS RETURNS TO WIN AGAIN AFTER 15 YEARS

WITH the halfway stage coming up, Staffordshire must now have second thoughts about a quick return to the Premier Division.

It is true they have taken three points from their opening games against Monmouthshire and Derbyshire but they are not playing like a team looking for promotion.

By the time this is in print they should have another two points under their belt after their game with Worcestershire at Shrewsbury.

Meanwhile, however, Warwickshire are carrying all before them and if they can maintain this form it looks like Staffordshire spending another season in the backwoods of the second division.

The county team this season is still very much a one town affair with five of the six players coming from West Bromwich. This is a proud record indeed for the town whose football team could be carrying England's hopes in Europe next season.

The top event in the county, of course, was the 25th Woodfield tournament which this year had a fairy tale ending. Rex Edwards, who first won the tournament in 1940 was on holiday in his native Wolverhampton from South Africa. After winning the veterans and, with Beryl Broad, the mixed doubles, Rex brought a capacity crowd to their feet by beating Ray Lush (Worcester) for the men's singles title. Yes, this was a great night for a player we are not likely to see for another five years.

Britain's tennis star Ann Haydon, who once graced this tournament, made a welcome return to present the trophies. This year's proceeds went to the Cheshire Homes.

After seeing the results of the Junior trials in London the county committee find it hard to follow the reasoning in putting P. Richardson of Warwickshire above their own Peter Eaton in the ranking list. No doubt Laurie Landry will have the answer to this one.

John Pike.

A PLAN FOR TABLE TENNIS

IT is not unusual to hear members of affiliated clubs grumbling over administration. What do we get out of being affiliated to the E.T.T.A. is a standard moan.

Last month we were able to tell you about the ambitious plans to boost the game in general, but it is obvious that players want to know more about what is happening. To publish the whole plan as one article would take up far too much of our limited space, but starting with this issue it is intended to publish extracts from the Plan, and we start with the hub of the game.

1. Office Administration

Present Position :

A paid part-time Secretary with one paid full-time typist and one paid part-time typist.

Voluntary typing and clerical assistance at peak periods.

An office at Park Crescent (C.C.P.R. Headquarters) consisting of a private and a general room.

Voluntary Secretaries of Sub-Committees working from their homes throughout the country.

Office equipment consisting of typewriters, electric duplicator, addressograph and franking machine.

VISIT TO MALTA

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but not consistently, particularly Anastasi and the brothers Paul and Moses Azzopardi. Given the right encouragement, there are a number of Juniors who could make the grade.

Bill Vint and his wife Nora, who were also in Malta on holiday, were invited to a farewell supper in my honour, and when I went to meet them at their hotel, the first person I bumped into was Sydney Hulls, the "Daily Express" table tennis correspondent. It seems that it is a small world.

It was a most successful trip and my thanks go to Mr. Deeds, to Mr. Joe Battiste, the President, Mr. Eddie Debore, the secretary and Mr. Hennie Pace, whose broad shoulders carried the whole burden of organisation, transportation and public relations.

Plan :

(i) To engage a paid, full time female administrative secretary for routine management of the Association.

(ii) To permit the general secretary to attend to national organisation and to visit members in various parts of the country and follow up contacts during the day as far as possible.

(iii) To equip the office with further machines including dictating machines and a photo copying machine.

(iv) To purchase suitable printing equipment to affect economies in cost of printing and stationery.

(v) To rent additional office space from the C.C.P.R.

(vi) To pay expenses to regional officials where this is necessary and efficient people are available.

2(a) Recruitment—General :

Present Position :

Visits to certain areas by officers of the Association when convenient.

Technical books published by leading players and coaches.

Some literature available including copies of the Development Commission Report, for distribution in particular cases.

Contact with other sports where Table Tennis could be a subsidiary activity, e.g. Football, Lawn Tennis.

Plan :

(i) To direct a recruitment campaign to spread benefits of affiliation and to increase revenue from affiliation fees.

(ii) To visit Leagues and Counties and attend their Annual General Meetings or other special meetings called for the purpose of information.

(iii) The officers of the Association to visit more areas and over a period, cover the whole country.

(iv) To issue literature regularly to a planned programme, particularly in the black spots.

(v) To increase publications.

(vi) To make a concerted effort to introduce the game into schools.

(vii) To assist under-populated leagues with grants for administrative purposes.

(viii) To encourage and assist League Secretaries to attend courses in Amateur Sports administration to be organised by the C.C.P.R.

(ix) To encourage family sports evenings at multi sports centres.

2(b) Recruitment—Schools :

Present Position :

Certain cases of League and Counties, organising Schools Leagues or competitions.

Contact by National and County officials with some local Education Authorities in certain areas.

Some coaching programmes are provided in certain responsive areas.

Free affiliation granted by the Association and by some Counties.

Plan :

(i) To secure the recognition of Table Tennis as a beneficial activity for all schools.

(ii) To secure facilities for playing Table Tennis in all schools.

(iii) To provide area and local coaches during and outside school hours.

(iv) To instruct teachers how to become approved coaches. (See Appendix "B").

(v) To promote individual and team competition amongst the schools, both locally and nationally.

(vi) To continue with free affiliation and to encourage this to be spread throughout leagues and counties.

2(c) Recruitment—Youth Clubs :

Present Position :

A 50 per cent relief in affiliation fees granted by the Association in bona fide cases.

Direct contact made with Youth Clubs in most areas.

Plan :

(i) To continue to give substantial relief in affiliation fees and to encourage leagues and counties to do the same.

(ii) To provide area and local coaches with the co-operation of the local Education Authorities.

(iii) To promote team competitions locally and nationally.

(iv) To advise and assist on the provision of equipment and playing facilities.

2(d) Recruitment—Exhibitions :

Present Position :

Some small attempt to provide exhibitions by players at certain exhibitions, mainly those dealing with youth, schools and churches.

Plan :

(i) To take a stand and provide demonstration players at youth and schools Exhibitions as can be suitably arranged.

(ii) To take advantage at all Exhibitions to distribute propaganda and advice on recruitment.

(iii) To organise a follow up on all enquiries.

(iv) To pay expenses of players and officials to attend these Exhibitions.

3. Playing facilities :

Present Position :

Clubs provide their own playing rooms. Very few leagues have a playing headquarters. There are no national and no county playing headquarters. Club rooms are mainly rented rooms, youth clubs, Y.M.C.A.s, Church Halls or Works Canteens. Generally an acute shortage of playing space and position deteriorating annually.

Apart from Youth Clubs, which have restricted facilities only, very little prospect of school leavers being able to join senior clubs.

Plan :

(i) To obtain some use of school gymnasia for practice, for regular training and for staging important matches.

(ii) To encourage industrialists to loan their facilities.

(iii) To obtain facilities at local sports halls and multi-sports halls by participating in original planning to obtain suitable conditions for playing Table Tennis.

(iv) To contact football clubs and suggest community use of their facilities.

(v) To encourage provision of outdoor enclosed playing facilities in schools and national playing fields.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

By John Wright

DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.	Sets
Kent	3	3	0	0	17	10	6	4
Essex	2	2	0	0	15	3	4	4
Surrey	2	2	0	0	11	7	4	4
Middlesex	2	1	0	1	11	7	2	2
Gloucestershire	2	1	0	1	9	9	2	2
Lancashire	2	0	0	2	7	11	0	0
Sussex	3	0	0	3	7	20	0	0
Cheshire	2	0	0	2	4	14	0	0

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Hertfordshire	2	2	0	0	15	5	4	4
Surrey II	3	1	2	0	18	12	4	4
Kent II	2	1	1	0	13	7	3	3
Hampshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3	3
Sussex II	3	1	1	1	13	17	3	3
Buckinghamshire	2	0	1	1	9	11	1	1
Bedfordshire	3	0	0	3	7	23	0	0

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Yorkshire	2	2	0	0	17	3	4	4
Lincolnshire	2	2	0	0	12	8	4	4
Lancashire II	1	1	0	0	10	0	2	2
Northumberland	1	0	0	1	4	6	0	0
Durham	2	0	0	2	7	13	0	0
Cumberland	2	0	0	2	20	20	0	0

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

Warwickshire	3	3	0	0	26	4	6	6
Staffordshire	3	2	1	0	20	10	5	5
Oxfordshire	3	2	1	0	19	11	5	5
Glamorgan	3	1	2	0	19	11	4	4
Derbyshire	3	0	2	1	13	17	2	2
Nottinghamshire	3	0	2	1	11	19	2	2
Monmouthshire	3	0	0	3	7	23	0	0
Worcestershire	3	0	0	3	5	25	0	0

SECOND DIVISION WEST

Devon	2	2	0	0	13	7	4	4
Wiltshire	1	1	0	0	6	4	2	2
Cornwall	2	1	0	1	11	9	2	2
Somerset	2	0	0	2	7	13	0	0
Dorset	1	0	0	1	3	7	0	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Suffolk	2	2	0	0	16	4	4	4
Hertfordshire II	2	2	0	0	15	5	4	4
Cambridgeshire	2	0	2	0	10	10	2	2
Hampshire II	3	1	0	2	12	18	2	2
Buckinghamshire II	1	0	1	0	5	5	1	1
Norfolk	1	0	1	0	5	5	1	1
Huntingdonshire	3	0	0	3	7	23	0	0

MIDLAND DIVISION

Warwickshire II	2	2	0	0	19	1	4	4
Staffordshire II	1	1	0	0	7	3	2	2
Worcestershire II	3	1	0	2	14	16	2	2
Oxfordshire II	2	1	0	1	6	14	2	2
Denbighshire	2	0	0	2	4	16	0	0

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

Kent	2	2	0	0	13	7	4	4
Sussex	1	1	0	0	7	3	2	2
Hampshire	1	0	1	0	5	5	1	1
Berkshire	2	0	1	1	9	11	1	1
Surrey	2	0	0	2	6	14	0	0

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

Lancashire	1	1	0	0	8	0	2	2
Cheshire	1	1	0	0	8	0	2	2
Yorkshire	1	1	0	0	7	1	2	2
Durham	2	0	0	2	1	15	0	0
Cumberland	1	0	0	1	0	8	0	0
Northumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

Warwickshire	3	3	0	0	30	0	6	6
Staffordshire	2	1	1	0	11	9	3	3
Oxfordshire	3	1	1	1	12	18	3	3
Nottinghamshire	3	1	1	1	12	18	3	3
Leicestershire	2	0	1	1	8	12	1	1
Worcestershire	3	0	0	3	7	23	0	0

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

Middlesex	3	2	0	1	17	13	4	4
Essex	2	1	1	0	15	5	3	3
Buckinghamshire	2	1	1	0	14	6	3	3
Hertfordshire	1	1	0	0	9	1	2	2
Norfolk	1	0	0	1	3	7	0	0
Suffolk	3	0	0	3	2	28	0	0

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH-WEST

Glamorgan	2	2	0	0	17	3	4	4
Wiltshire	1	1	0	0	7	3	2	2
Monmouthshire	2	1	0	1	10	10	2	2
Gloucestershire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0	0
Pembrokeshire	2	0	0	2	4	16	0	0

KENT SET THE PACE

KENT, for so long a Cinderella of the County Championships, find themselves in the unusual position of Premier Division leaders after their first three matches. They followed up the previous month's wins over Middlesex and Lancashire by beating Gloucestershire 5-4.

Sharing the unbeaten record with Kent are Essex, the reigning champions, and Surrey, both of whom have played only two matches.

Sussex and Cheshire, the two promoted counties, are finding the going tough and have yet to win a match.

PREMIER DIVISION

Cheshire 1, Middlesex 8

D. Schofield lost to E. Wright —20, —10; lost to A. Lindsay —15, —5. R. Hampson lost to B. Wright —13, —19; b L. Haslam —11, 13, 19. M. Johns lost to A. Lindsay 21, —12, —10; lost to L. Haslam 16, —14, —19.

Mrs. D. Schofield lost to Miss I. Ogun —11, —12.

Hampson/Johns lost to Wright/Haslam —18, —15.

Schofield/Mrs. Schofield lost to A. Lindsay/ Miss Ogun —18, —15.

Illness meant Harry Edwards missed his first Middlesex match for many seasons. Mike Johns led Les Haslam 10-3 and 19-16 in the 3rd but then faltered. Roger Hampson played well to record the only home success. A welcome victory for Middlesex after their disappointing display against Kent.

County match secretaries are reminded that nominations for the 1965-66 **LESLIE FORREST MEMORIAL TROPHY** should reach the hon. secretary, J. M. Wright, by December 31, 1965.

Gloucestershire 4, Kent 5

I. Harrison bt A. Piddock 16, 18; bt D. Basden 17, 12. R. Morley lost to Piddock —7, —15; lost to K. Baker 13, —11, —19. D. Holland bt Basden 7, 13; lost to Baker —12, 18, —3.

Miss P. Taylor lost to Miss P. Martin —16, 20, —19. I. Harrison/R. Morley bt A. Piddock/H. Buist 13, 12.

D. Holland/Miss P. Taylor lost to D. Basden/Miss P. Martin —17, —9.

A match full of surprises: Pat Taylor 10-5 and 18-16 up in the 3rd; Roy Morley losing to Ken Baker after an easy win in the 1st; Derek Basden a disappointment. Ken Baker full of fight and the whole Kent team with wonderful team spirit. Ian Harrison outstanding.

Essex 9, Sussex 0

G. C. Barnes bt R. Chandler 14, 15; bt S. Ogun 12, 6. S. Gibbs bt R. Chandler 16, —14, 7; bt P. Williams —12, 12, 20. R. Stevens bt S. Ogun 17, —15, 17; b P. Williams 10, 18.

Miss L. Bell bt Miss J. Williams 18, 3. G. Barnes/S. Gibbs bt P. Williams/S. Ogun 14, 14.

R. Stevens/Miss L. Bell bt R. Chandler/Miss J. Williams 11, 16.

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION

December 11	Gloucestershire v Surrey, Glevum Sports Club, Park Road, Gloucester	7.15 p.m.
December 17	Surrey v Cheshire, Sutton Adult School, Sutton	7.30 p.m.
December 18	Sussex v Cheshire, Lewes Boys' Club, Landport Estate, Lewes.	7.00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

December 18	Hampshire v Kent, A.W.R.E., Aldermaston, Nr. Basingstoke	7.00 p.m.
	Surrey v Bucks, C.E.R.L. Sports Club, Cleaves Road, Leatherhead	7.00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

December 11	Lancashire v Northumberland, Montague Burton's Clothing Works, Halfwell Road, Bolton.	7.15 p.m.
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SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

December 11	Warwickshire v Oxfordshire, Coventry & North Warwick Cricket Club, Bnley Road, Stoke, Coventry	7.00 p.m.
	Worcestershire v Derbyshire, Crisppegate Bowling Pavilion, Tybridge Street, Worcester	7.15 p.m.
December 18	Glamorgan v Staffordshire (not known)	
	Monmouthshire v Nottinghamshire, Atcan Welfare Hall, Rogerstone	7.00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION WEST

December 11	Dorset v Wiltshire, Youth Activities Centre, Knightsdale Road, Weymouth	7.15 p.m.
December 18	Cornwall v Devon	

SOUTHERN DIVISION

December 18	Buckinghamshire v Huntingdonshire, Slough Community Centre, Farnham Road, Slough	7.30 p.m.
December 18	Suffolk v Norfolk	

MIDLAND DIVISION

December 18	Staffordshire v Warwickshire, Vowles Bros. Canteen, Church Lane, West Bromwich	7.00 p.m.
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JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

December 5	Cheshire v Northumberland	
December 11	Lancashire v Northumberland, Montague Burton's Clothing Works, Halfwell Road, Bolton	4.30 p.m.

Surrey 5, Lancashire 4

C. Warren b M. Symmonds 20, 13; b K. Forshaw 16, 10; M. Creamer lost to Symmonds 18, —22, —16; b G. Livesey —18, 18, 18, J. Moore lost to Forshaw —19, 18, —17; lost to Livesey —14, —11.

Mrs. M. Shannon Wright b Miss C. Moore 13, 6.

Moore/Warren lost to Symmonds/Forshaw 14, —17, —19.

Creamer/Mrs. Wright b Livesey/Miss Moore 10, 16.

Seemingly in the bag for Lancs. when, at 4-all, George Livesey led Mike Creamer 15-10 and 17-13 in the 3rd, but the fighting qualities of the Surrey No. 2 carried him to a victory as hard fought as any encounter likely to be witnessed. Livesey appears destined for a long stay in Lancashire's first team on this display at C.E.R.L. where the match was switched without notice.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Hampshire 9, Bedfordshire 1

Hard fought men's sets, with Bill Astbury gaining a good win over Hampshire's Derek Holman, but Beds. outclassed without Jean McCree in the women's events.

Bedfordshire 4, Sussex 6

Bedfordshire fought back from 0-4 to level the match, mainly due to the excellent form shown by Jean McCree. But Sussex took the last two men's sets to win.

Hertfordshire 9, Hampshire 1

Undoubtedly the finest Herts. performance for many years against a Hants. team which had impressed in its earlier matches. Terry Denshaw, Eric Hall, Dave Gilbert, Jackie Canham and

Pauline Hemmings on top form and will take some stopping in this vein.

Kent 5, Surrey 5

Kent went from 0-3 to 5-4 and the last set of the evening between Barry Meisel and Barry Hill was a cracker. Although Meisel threw everything at Hill the Surrey man got better and better, winning 15 in the 3rd to save a point.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Cumberland 0, Yorkshire 10

Well beaten by a strong Yorkshire side, but Cumberland put up a better show than expected. Carl Farrer impressed the visitors, his set with John Kedge being the highlight of the evening.

Durham 4, Lincolnshire 6

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

Oxfordshire 6, Worcestershire 4

The visitors led 4-2 and were unfortunate to concede both points as Mick Yeates failed at 19 in the 3rd against Colin Judson in a spectacular match.

Staffordshire 5, Derbyshire 5

4-0 down, and in trouble in the 5th, Derbyshire rallied to lead 5-4. Peter Eaton saved the day and is improving week by week.

Derbyshire 3, Warwickshire 7

Wallhead losing to Derek Wall —21, —20 and Hunt and Deaton going down —19, 19, —20 meant the difference between a draw and the actual result against a full-strength Warwickshire. Two good wins for Sandra Pegg.

Nottinghamshire 5, Glamorgan 5

A rather surprising result, although Glamorgan, not as strong as in recent

years. 16-year-old Jeffrey Morgan, making his senior debut for the visitors, won both singles sets, the second to take a point back to Wales.

Oxfordshire 8, Monmouthshire 2

Visitors unlucky to be 0-3 after three close men's singles. Monmouth's only consolation came from the women's singles and doubles but with more experience their men could form a useful team.

Staffordshire 9, Worcestershire 1

SECOND DIVISION WEST

Somerset 4, Devon 6

Seven sets needed a deciding game but Devon had the edge at vital spots. Somerset took the last four sets for respectability but Devon's Barbara Pearson was the outstanding player.

Wiltshire 6, Cornwall 4

Alan Alexander's 31st appearance for Wilts. was disappointing, dropping all three sets. History made for Wilts. with Tony Wolff senior and junior in the same team. Cornwall fought well throughout, with attractive open play even when trailing.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Hertfordshire 7, Hampshire 3

Cambridgeshire 5, Buckinghamshire 5

Two "epic" games for Cambs. John Thurston and Alan Ponder also weighed in with two. A memorable doubles win for Cambs. when all seemed lost meant a second draw this season.

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Huntingdonshire 3, Hampshire 7

Hunts. men took three of their singles, but Hants. masters in other departments.

MIDLAND DIVISION**Oxfordshire 6, Worcestershire 4**

First three sets to Oxfordshire, next three to Worcestershire, then three to Oxfordshire before skipper Geoff Holland won the only men's singles for the visitors.

Worcestershire 1, Warwickshire 9

The first appearance of Harry Spiers in Worcestershire colours, losing two sets at 19 in the 3rd. A third game needed in half the sets so score flattered the visitors.

Denbighshire 3, Staffordshire 7**JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH****Hampshire 5, Berkshire 5**

All Hants. boys making debut and all below best. Two easy wins for Hants. Linda Thompson in her third County season, and two singles each for Berkshire's N. Heaps and R. Kozlowski.

Kent 7, Surrey 3**JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH****Durham 0, Cheshire 8**

Conceded by Durham who were unable to secure release from work of their only girl player.

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND**Oxfordshire 7, Worcestershire 3**

Despite Geoff Aston's win in the opening set, Worcs. struggled, then took the last two for respectability.

Nottinghamshire 7, Leicestershire 3

A good all-round performance by an improved Notts. team.

Staffordshire 6, Worcestershire 4**Warwickshire 10, Oxfordshire 0**

Score rather unflattering to Oxfordshire against a very powerful and impressive Warwickshire team.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH-WEST**Monmouthshire 3, Wiltshire 7**

William Silto, Ronnie Lloyd and W. Moulding took all the boys' sets for the visitors, while 12-year-old Helen Price was undefeated in singles and both doubles for Monmouthshire. Haydn Thomas disappointed.

Glamorgan 9, Pembrokeshire 1**JUNIOR DIVISION EAST****Suffolk 1, Middlesex 9**

An interesting girls' doubles. 12-year-old Kelvin Mitchell promises much for Suffolk and Phillip Clarke had a good day recording the only home success.

Middlesex 1, Buckinghamshire 9

Only the brilliance of Karenza Smith saved Middlesex from complete annihilation.

Suffolk 0, Essex 10

Suffolk, without Phil Clarke were out-classed although Jean and Diane Youngs took Linda Henwood and Diane Simpson to a third game.

OFFICIAL NOTES

TEAM SELECTIONS

v. U.S.S.R. WOMEN'S TEAM: on 11th December, 1965 at Tottenham and on 13th December, 1965 at the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre: The England team for these matches will be selected from: Mrs. Mary Shannon-Wright (Surrey) Diane Rowe (Middlesex) Lesley Bell (Essex). Non-playing Captain: R. J. Crayden (Surrey).

Scandinavian Open Championships: Stockholm—30th November-3rd December, 1965: G. C. Barnes (Essex), B. D. Wright (Middlesex), Mrs. Mary Shannon-Wright (Surrey), Diane Rowe (Middlesex). Non-playing Captain: J. A. Leach (Essex)

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