

New Zealand Tour

LANCASHIRE SHARE HONOURS AFTER "TYKES" ARE BEATEN TWICE

George Yates reports on the "Wars of the Roses"

FOLLOWING on their participation in the Scottish Open at Edinburgh on March 18/19, and in the North-East of England Open at Scarborough over the Easter weekend, New Zealand's World Championships team first came to grips with an English county side at Doncaster on Tuesday, March 28.

Undaunted by having to face up to the newly crowned Premier Division champions, the tourists made light of their initiation to county championships play by tumbling the "Tykes" 7-3.

Two wins by Denis Neale over Alan Tomlinson and Brian Foster,



Denis Neale who won three of his four singles. Photo by Denis Offer

and a double success for Peter Duncombe and John Kedge over Terry O'Carroll and Harrison Waterhouse was the sum total of wins obtained by the champions.

Twin defeats for Duncombe and Alan Hydes in singles combat was not improved upon by Pat Dainty who lost to Neti Traill.

Cynthia Duncombe and Lesley Proudlock bowed the knee to Mrs. Traill and Catherine Johnson failing at 28-30 to clinch the set after winning the first game.

Down too went Hydes again, in the mixed with Miss Dainty.

On the following night at the Berwick Hill Community Centre, Middlesbrough, John Kedge replaced Hydes in the men's singles line-up and nobly performed by beating both Murray Dunn and Foster.

Countering this, Tomlinson, aged 33, repeated his win over Duncombe and highlighted his career by also accounting for Neale.

Neale's easy success over Dunn was nullified by Duncombe's fourth loss of the 2-match series when the Doncaster electrician lost to Foster to even the men's singles exchanges 3-3.

Lesley Proudlock tackled Mrs. Traill on this occasion but, like Miss Dainty on the previous night, lost over three games, which reversed the decision obtained in the Open at Scarborough.

Kedge made his presence felt in a third success when he partnered Hydes, but the Barnsley boy, with Miss Dainty, went under in the mixed as did Mrs. Duncombe and Miss Proudlock in their doubles to afford New Zealand another win, this time by 6-4.

On then to Bolton and with two wins over England's top county team surmounting a vertiable mountain of baggage, what chance did Lancashire stand albeit as champions of Division 2 (North)?

Initially held up by a lighting fault, the match eventually got under way and fears of a massacre looked like materialising as Tomlinson swept off John Clarke and Dunn, unleashing some spectacular backhand smashes, disposed of Kevin Forshaw.

Strode then to the table one, Jack Keogh of Burnley fame, who tamed the 20-year-old Wellington University student, Waterhouse, with a chop that bewildered the young Kiwi.

Then followed an exciting win by Mary Leigh over Dawn Wade to level the match score at 2-2.

Foster and Tomlinson next out-hit Forshaw and a lethargic George Livesey to regain the lead, but again Lancashire drew level when Connie Moore who lead 8-1, was pulled back to 16-19, rallied anew to take the first game 21-19, against Mrs. Traill, and took the second comfortably.

As though infected by this success Forshaw, who had been so ill-at-ease against Dunn, allowed Tomlinson little scope to use his attack and whipped off the Auckland giant to take Lancashire into the lead.

It was to be short lived however as Livesey and Miss Moore lost the mixed and Keogh had his halo scythed off by "Whiplash" Dunn.

But, deservedly, honours were shared when Clarke got the better of Waterhouse in the final set to conclude a match that was unusual for a 5-5 draw in that not one of the ten sets went to three games.

"North of the Border"

SUGDEN SUPREME

Report by Jimmie McCormack

IN six days crammed with competitive play, Malcolm Sugden came through unscathed against the might of New Zealand and a strong English entry in the Scottish Open and followed this with wins in both international matches.

Scotland, on two occasions, held New Zealand to a 5-5 draw and, ironically, it was left to an Edinburgh select team to notch the only victory against the antipodean visitors although, in fairness, New Zealand turned out their second string. Results:

Scotland 5, New Zealand 5 (at Wishaw, March 21)

M. Sugden bt M. Dunn 17, 13; bt B. Foster 17, 15; J. Dow lost to Foster -17, 16, -16; lost to H. Waterhouse 16, -13, -15; G. Anderson lost to Waterhouse -13, -20; lost to Dunn 17, -11, -8; L. Barrie bt C. Johnson -19, 12, 19; O. Hawkins bt D. Wade 13, 17; Dow/Sugden lost to Dunn/Foster -12, -11; Barrie/Hawkins bt Johnson/Wade 17, 19.

Scotland 5, New Zealand 5 (at Springburn, Glasgow, March 23)

M. Sugden bt B. Foster 14, 14; bt Tomlinson 12, 18; R. Kerr bt T. O'Carroll -11, 14, 14; lost to Foster -17, -19; B. Kean lost to Tomlinson -19, 14, -15; bt O'Carroll 19, 15; O. Hawkins lost to C. Johnson 18, -22, -13; L. Barrie beat N. Traill 12, 18; Kean/Sugden lost to Foster/Tomlinson -16, 17, -17; Barrie/Hawkins lost to Traill/Johnson -16, -19.

Edinburgh Select 6, New Zealand 4 (March 22)

R. Kerr bt T. O'Carroll -17, 10, 19; bt Dunn -19, 14, 12; T. McMichael bt Dunn 15, -11, 17; bt H. Waterhouse 7, -16, 11; C. Vesco lost to Waterhouse -15, -12; lost to O'Carroll -11, 10, -8; L. Barrie bt D. Wade 9, 14; E. Hogg lost to Y. M. Fogarty -9, -23; Kerr/McMichael bt Dunn/Waterhouse -15, 17, 18; Barrie/Hogg lost to Fogarty/Wade -10, -16.

RUN-A-WAY WIN FOR CZECHS

writes Ron Crayden

THE palatial Cheltenham Town Hall is an ideal setting for a table tennis showpiece and yet, of late, the internationals played there have resulted in run-a-way victories.

Against Czechoslovakia on the day after the English Open finals was no exception. In spite of many stirring games the final result of 8-1 suggested an English landslide. To say the least it was a minor disaster but too much attention should not be paid to the result. Most of the players on either side were suffering from the after effects of the English Open and we were not able to harness our concentration as well as the Czech players.

Ian Harrison, in his own domain, gained our sole win by magnificently beating the new English Open champion Jaroslav Stanek. He did so with a combination of brilliant defence and selective kill shots. As this was the opening set he injected hope into the hearts of us all, but alas our hopes were short lived for the Czechs then took command and the procession began. Result: England 1, Czechoslovakia 8. Scores:

I. O. Harrison bt J. Stanek 19, 13; lost to V. Miko -18, -15.

G. C. Barnes lost to Miko 15, -17, -15; lost to Stanek 24, -16, -19.

M. Wright lost to M. Luzova -19, -12.

K. Smith lost to J. Pauknerova -17, -16.

Barnes/Harrison lost to Miko/Stanek -19, -22.

Barnes/Wright lost to Miko/Luzova -9, -17.

Wright/Smith lost to Luzova/Pauknerova -18, -11.



Ian Harrison, England's only winner against Czechoslovakia, here seen holding the English Closed men's singles trophy at Crystal Palace, following his win over "Connie" Warren. Photo by Michael MacLaren

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INCONSISTENCY THE HOPE

ON the eve of the World Championships, having in mind the results of the recent English Open, one must feel hesitant about brandishing the Union Jack upon arrival in Stockholm.

More particularly does this reticence to wave the flag apply in the case of our men, whose wholesale dismissal from the Brighton arena now fails to inspire any great confidence in their chances of success in the "cock-pit" that will be Johanneshovs Istadion.

The withdrawal of China from the bi-annual gathering of nations must have been a severe box office blow to the promoting Swedish Association whose chief attraction has, for political reasons, been declared a non-runner.

Following the maxim of the stage however, the show must go on and many a similar situation has brought forth from an under-study talent that might otherwise have lain dormant.

Vying for this role now will be other Asiatic players with those of Japan and North Korea in the forefront.

Of the European countries Sweden, before their own people, will not lack vocal support although the battle will undoubtedly be joined by the Czechs and the Russians out to improve on their splendid showing in the European Championships.

Following on our own successful tour of Sweden, which was mainly attributable to the form displayed by Chester Barnes, one can only hope for a repeat performance of the results obtained in January.

On the evidence of the Brighton results how can one summon up the courage to regard our men as potential world beaters either as a team or individually?

Yet how does one reconcile these lapses, if lapses they are, with the triple defeat of Kjell Johansson on England's Scandinavian tour when the European champion was twice beaten by Barnes and once by Stuart Gibbs?

It is this very inconsistency, so prevalent among our men, that brings with it that faint glimmer of hope that the pendulum will again swing England's way.

May it so be that our players will look only to their captain for the nod of approval in acknowledgement of success rather than the hang-dog expression an English captain is hopefully expected to cure.

Our girls would appear to be blessed with a better temperament and in the youthful Karenza Smith and Maureen Heppell we have two fighters in the mould of Mary Wright herself.

It is not expected that they will set the world on fire but they can create enough smoke to give the impression and doubtless they will be out to do just that.

The wish, then, is that so too might our men so that both Johnny Leach and Ron Crayden can return home, if not with trophies, rejoicing nonetheless. Bon voyage.

INTERNATIONAL ROUND-UP

By CONRAD JASCHKE

Hon. International Secretary of the E.T.T.A.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

WE have been seeded No. 7 in the Swaythling Cup, and in our group we shall meet Hungary, Brazil, Bulgaria, Lebanon and Philippines. Our men should be capable of winning this group, and of course, the match against Hungary will be the most difficult. If successful, we would then have to play three other group winners, and these will almost certainly be North Korea, Sweden and Czechoslovakia.

Our women's team is seeded No. 5 in the Corbillon Cup, and have an easy group, with Bulgaria, Ghana and Luxembourg. But if successful here, our girls will probably have to meet Japan, Czechoslovakia and East Germany in their next group, which is a very difficult draw indeed.

By the time these notes appear, the Swaythling Cup and Corbillon Cup will be in full swing, and all of us will be cheering on our players and hoping that they will be at peak form at the right times. In the absence of Ghana, the Championships have a very open aspect, and though the Japanese will be favourites for both events, the chances of the European countries against Japan should not be ignored.

In the individual events, Chester Barnes should easily progress to the 4th round, where he will probably meet Kim Yung Sam (North Korea), and if he beats him, he would then meet the No. 1 seed, Hasegawa (Japan).

Denis Neale has to beat Bo Persson (Sweden) in the 4th round, to meet the No. 4 seed, Kimura (Japan) in the 5th.

Stuart Gibbs has a particularly difficult draw, and will probably meet Kono (Japan) in the 4th round and, if successful, Ness (Germany DTTB) in the 5th, and the No. 2 seed, Johansson (Sweden) in the 6th.

Ian Harrison would have to overcome Borzei (Hungary) and Kagumoto (Japan) to progress to the 6th round, while Connie Warren is up against the Swedish No. 3, Bernhardt in the 3rd round. Warren is the only English man with no Japanese player in his eighth of the Draw.

Mary Wright should reach the quarter-finals without great difficulty, but here she is due to meet the world's No. 1 player, Fakazu (Japan). Karenza Smith will have to face Morisawa (Japan), the world's No. 7 player, in the 4th round. Maureen Heppell faces Agnes Simon (Germany DTTB) in the same round, and Judy Williams is up against Rudnova (U.S.S.R.), also in round 4.

Of course, there is no such thing as an easy passage in the World Championships, once the preliminary first two rounds are over—most of our players are excused from these early rounds.

Our doubles pairings are Barnes/Neale and Harrison/Gibbs in the Men's Doubles, Wright/Smith and Heppell/Williams in the Women's Doubles, and Barnes/Wright, Neale/Smith, Gibbs/Heppell and Harrison/Williams in the Mixed Doubles.

SWEDISH RANKINGS

Ranking lists can cause considerable headaches, and the longer the list, the more difficult it becomes to avoid pitfalls. It may be quite easy to decide who is the No. 1 player, but when we come down to one of the lower positions, there are very often quite a number of players with identical claims. In fact, there is quite a strong feeling that ranking lists cause more trouble than they are worth. Be that as it may, our friends in Sweden certainly take matters to the other extreme, for they have just published ranking lists in which they rank no fewer than 20 players in each category. Anything that happens in Sweden is of interest just now, and therefore I reproduce these lists in full below:—

Men	Women
1. Kjell Johansson	1. Marita Neidert
2. Hans Alsér	2. Eva Johansson
3. Karl-Johan Bernhardt	3. Lena Rundström
4. Bo Persson	4. Birgitta Wiktorsson
5. Christer Johansson	5. Siv Petersson
6. Björne Mellström	6. Ann-Lis Svantesson
7. Bengt Levin	7. Lena Guntisch
8. Jörgen Rosberg	8. Birgitta Walfridsson
9. Björn-Olov Bergstedt	9. Anita Nilsson
10. Per Magnusson	10. Annika Guntisch
11. Christian Heyerdahl	11. Ann-Charlotte Strindberg
12. Stellan Bengtsson	12. Monica Svensson
13. Björn Neidert	13. Britt Karlsson
14. Tony Larsson	14. Wanja Wannehed
15. Göran Allvin	15. Eva Erfurth
16. Mikael Svensson	16. Ragna Noring
17. Toni Borg	17. Lena Pettersson
18. Lars-Sverre Andersson	18. Gull-Britt Persson
19. Hans Kroon	19. Lena Andersson
20. Nils-Bertil Billing	20. Anna-Karin Widén

Boys	Girls
1. Mikael Svensson	1. Eva Erfurth
2. Dan Halvarsson	2. Lena Andersson
3. Krister Eriksson	3. Anna-Karin Widén
4. Stellan Bengtsson	4. Ann-Charlotte Wiktorsson
5. Rolf Andersson	5. Ulla-Märta Gustavsson
6. Jan Johansson	6. Kerstin Skeppstedt
7. Holger Persson	7. Gunnel Henriksson
8. Jörgen Bratt	8. Alice Svensk
9. Gösta Bergdahl	9. Ulla Eriksson
10. Ulf Gustavsson	10. Berit Martensson
11. Ola Henriksson	11. Sonja Nyman
12. Pierre Lindstedt	12. Marie-Louise Monier
13. Johnny Brandt	13. Lena Wallgren
14. Osten Johansson	14. Ylva Guntisch
15. Hans-Göran Olofsson	15. Annemor Norell
16. Lennart Nilsson	16. Agneta Elfsten
17. Gunnar Wikström	17. Inger Larsson
18. Hans Holmberg	18. Inger Johansson
19. Jan Kindström	19. Madelaine Skärström
20. Sten-Ivar Norlin	20. Birgitta Olsson

SWEDISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Borlange, March 10/12, 1967)

M.S.: ALSER bt K. Johansson 19, -16, 18, 10.
W.S.: NEIDERT bt Rundstrom -17, 14, 11, 10.
M.D.: ALSER/K. JOHANSSON bt Bernhardt/Persson 9, 19, 14.
W.D.: JOHANSSON/NEIDERT bt Petersson/Wiktorsson 22, 20, 12.
X.D.: ALSER/JOHANSSON bt Neidert/M. Neidert 16, 14, 13.
J.B.S.: ANDERSON bt Henriksson 9, 13.
J.G.S.: WIDEN bt Skeppstedt 17, -19, 14.
V.S.: KINDSTEDT bt Gustavsson 17, 13.
V.D.: CARLSSON/KINDSTEDT bt Mattiasson/S. Johansson -19, 7, 11.

EUROPEAN CLUB CUP—Semi-finals:

M.T.: CSM, Cluj, Roumania bt Leksberge BTK, Sweden 5/3; Budapest Vasutas, Hungary bt Slavia Praha, Czechoslovakia 5/4.

W.T.: Sparta Praha, Czechoslovakia bt DTC, Kaiserberg (DTTB) 5/3; Progresul Bucurest, Roumania bt TSC, Berlin (DTTV) 5/3.

NETHERLANDS CLOSED

The Netherlands Closed Championships were played at Leiden in front of 1,200 spectators, and the younger players scored great successes. Eighteen-year-old Bert van der Helm retained the Men's Singles title, and the new Women's Singles Champion is a junior player, Mieke ten Broek. In the Finals, van der Helm beat Bert Onnes, and Miss ten Broek beat Ellen Kort.

HARRISON AND NEALE TO TOUR NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand Table Tennis Association have invited the E.T.T.A. to send two players for a series of matches in July and August, and we have nominated Ian Harrison and Denis Neale, who have accepted this invitation. The two players will be playing about 12 matches against provincial associations, five "tests" against New Zealand, and will also compete in a number of tournaments, including the New Zealand Open Championships. The New Zealanders are meeting all expenses and suitable remuneration, and there is no doubt that the two English players will get a wonderful reception. New Zealand is one of the up and coming countries in international table tennis, and where their playing standards are not yet as good as those of the leading nations, their enthusiasm knows no bounds. They should greatly benefit from the tour, and this, and the New Zealanders' own visit to our country, will strengthen still further the strong ties of friendship between our two Associations.

NEW ZEALAND RANKINGS

Men	Women
1. B. A. Foster (Otago)	1. N. Traill (Northland)
2. M. L. Dunn (Auckland)	2. N. J. Houlihan (Northland)
3. A. R. Tomlinson (Auckland)	3. C. E. Johnson (Hamilton)
4. G. A. J. Frew (Northland)	4. J. F. Boswell (Franklin)
5. M. W. Borlase (Wellington)	5. D. L. Wade (Bay of Plenty)
6. H. J. Waterhouse (Wellington)	6. V. M. Rolston (Hamilton)
7. G. V. Wilkinson (Auckland)	7. M. J. Shadbolt (Canterbury)
8. T. J. O'Carroll (Northland)	8. T. May (Canterbury)
9. J. Armstrong (Canterbury)	9. J. G. Orr (South Taranaki)
10. G. B. Murphy (Hutt Valley)	10. Y. M. Fogarty (Otago)

FRANCE VICTORIOUS

France may have had a lean time in top-class international table tennis in recent years, but the excellent results achieved by their student team in a recent triangular tournament with Germany (D.T.T.B.) and Belgium, augurs well for the future. In the matches played between university students in Paris recently, France emerged victorious, beating Belgium 4-1 and Germany DTTB 3-2. Germany defeated Belgium 5-0.

Results:

Germany—Belgium 5 : 0

Siewert—Gayer 3 : 0 (3, 10, 18)
Hirsch—Meyer 3 : 0 (11, 13, 17)
Maier/Hirsch—Meyer/Turine 3 : 0 (22, 14, 16)
Siewert—Meyer 3 : 0 (17, 14, 8)

France—Belgium 4 : 1

Sécretin—Turine 3 : 0 (10, 7, 14)
Weber—Meyer 3 : 0 (17, 20, 13)
Sécretin/Guetière—Meyer/Turine 3 : 0 (10, 12, 3)
Sécretin—Meyer 3 : 0 (16, 18, 14)
Guetière—Turine 1 : 3 (7, -9, -17, -16)

France—Germany 3 : 2

Weber—Siewert 1 : 3 (18, -8, -14, -9)
Sécretin—Maier 3 : 0 (12, 19, 17)
Sécretin/Guetière—Maier/Hirsch 3 : 1 (15, 22, -18, 15)
Sécretin—Siewert 3 : 1 (17, 21, -16, 16)
Weber—Maier 2 : 3 (15, 19, -14, -14, -15)

AUSTRIAN RANKING LISTS

Men	Women
1. Heine	1. Willinger, E.
2. Köllner	2. Willinger, H.
3. Schlüter	3. Scharfegger
4. Hirsch	4. Petsche
5. Eberl	5. Brandauer
6. Held	6. Frankhauser
7. Bammer	7. Dejmek
8. Wagner	8. Böhm
9. Mauerhofer	
10. (a) Zinke	
(b) Kleewein	

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL NOTICES

ELECTION CALENDAR—SEASON 1966-67

- (1) Wednesday, March 15, 1967 Officer Nomination Papers to be sent out.
- (2) Wednesday, March 29, 1967 Last day for Nomination Papers to be received.
- (3) Friday, March 31, 1967 ... Send out provisional Nomination Lists to persons nominated.
- (4) Friday, April 7, 1967 ... Last day for withdrawing from nomination.
- (5) Monday, April 24, 1967 ... Send out Officer Voting Papers and/or notices of No Ballot.
- (6) Friday, May 5, 1967 ... Last day for Voting Papers to be in.
- (7) Wednesday, May 10, 1967 ... Send out Officer Election results and Council Nomination Papers.
- (8) Wednesday, May 24, 1967 ... Last day for Nomination Papers to be in.
- (9) Friday, May 26, 1967 ... Send out provisional Nomination lists to persons nominated.
- (10) Tuesday, May 30, 1967 ... Last day for withdrawing from nomination.
- (11) Wednesday, May 31, 1967 ... Inform Counties for which no effective nomination.
- (12) Tuesday, June 13, 1967 ... Last day for Counties to name Councillors where appropriate.
- (13) Thursday, June 1, 1967 ... Send out Council Voting Papers and/or Notices of No Ballot.
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- (15) Friday, June 16, 1967 ... Send out Council Election results.

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MID-CHESHIRE CLOSED

by John Kennerley

Nevin Succeeds Johns

JIMMY NEVIN won the men's singles title of the Mid-Cheshire League's closed when, in the absence of holder Mike Johns, he beat Alec Hough, the favourite, in the final.

A really outstanding performance was that of 16-year-old Brian Yeadon who, in the youths' singles, beat Nevin to which title he added the junior singles.

Voted the best final seen in years, the women's singles, involving Wendy Higgins and Maureen Dale, featured some brilliant rallies. Results:

M.S.: J. Nevin (Lostock) bt A. Hough (Lostock) 18, 18.

W.S.: W. Higgins (Lostock) bt M. Dale (Lostock) 25, 15.

M.D.: E. Bryan/L. Roberts (Broadhurst) bt C. Ostapski/B. Yeadon (Lostock) 18, 10.

Y.S.: Yeadon bt Nevin 18, -13, 19.

J.S.: Yeadon bt Higgins 16, 8.

SCOTTISH OPEN

NEW ZEALAND WIN FIVE - BUT M.S. REMAINS IN SCOTIA

MALCOLM SUGDEN stopped New Zealand from making a clean sweep of titles in the Scottish Open held in Edinburgh on March 18-19 when, in a nerve-tling final, he beat New Zealand captain Alan Tomlinson in an all-power game to win the men's singles title and become the first Scots winner since Bert Kerr almost ten years ago.

The spectators were treated to an exhibition of speed, fitness, expertise and ability from both ends of the table seldom seen in most finals which feature Sugden. Tomlinson—previous winner in 1963—stormed back after losing the first game to take the next two by making Sugden move much more than he would have wished. The fourth game was won by Sugden, helped by an edge with the score 19-16 in his favour. Sugden, now in top gear, shot to a 9-3 lead in the final game and although Tomlinson tried gallantly to narrow the gap the issue never seemed in doubt.

Murray Dunn, the seeded New Zealand No. 2, made a quick exit in the first round to last year's finalist Jim Dow in four hard fought games. He in turn was stopped by a most determined Ian Barclay in straight games. Alas Ian, in the quarters played on Sunday morning—always his bogey time—was no match for Northumbrian Stuart Lennie, who had shown Anglo-Scot Brian Kean the way out in the previous round.

Holder, Brian Burn of Northumberland, who had beaten New Zealand champion Brian Foster in straight games never extended Tomlinson in the semi. The other semi produced fireworks when Lennie faced a confident Sugden. When they meet, the crowd is always assured of an entertaining match. This was the best ever with Lennie, a favourite with Scots spectators, playing an open fast game taking the first after Sugden had held 4 game points. Sugden turned on the pressure in the next two winning comfortably, but Lennie playing exceptionally well rallied to take the fourth although in the decider Sugden's speed and

HULL & EAST RIDING CLOSED

Men's Singles—semi-finals: R. HINCHCLIFFE (North Hull) bt M. Sothcott (City Police) 6, -16, 17; P. CHAPLIN (YPI) bt E. Beedle (Hull Judeans) 18, 16.

Final: HINCHCLIFFE bt Chaplin 17, 12.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: K. MORFITT (YPI) bt G. Mears (YPI) -20, 14, 10; L. TWIDALE bt R. Elliott (Priestmans) 15, 12.

Final: MORFITT bt Twidale -9, 21, 16.

Boys' Singles—final: A. FLETCHER (YPI) bt J. Sanders (YPI) 16, 12.

Girls' Singles—final: V. KING (East Mount) bt B. Whitfield (St. Columbes) 6, -9, 19.

Veteran Singles—final: W. DEVINE (Beverly County Hall) bt C. Pawson (North Hull) 9, 16.

Men's Doubles—final: A. HEAP (University/CANHAM (YPI) bt D. Bartlett (City Police)/C. Pollard (Transfiguration) 19, -14, 19.

Women's Doubles—final: MORFITT/MILLS bt Mears/J.L.H. (YPI) 7, 17.

Mixed Doubles—final: G. BIRCH (YPI)/BULT bt A. Clayton (Hymers C)/King 15, 10.

NORTHUMBERLAND OPEN

by Arnold Warents

SHOCK FOR LANGAN

THE shock semi-final dismissal of Ireland's Jim Langan by fellow southpaw Alan Hydes paved the way for Lancashire's Kevin Forshaw to retain his men's singles crown at the Northumberland Open held at Newcastle on March 11.

Langan was confidently expected to spreadeagle the home contingent, but after surviving a hectic quarter-final clash with local champion Stuart Lennie 19, -19, 16, he wilted under the sustained pressure enforced by the nimble, all-action Yorkshireman, Hydes. Sheer persistence and fighting spirit earned the Barnsley boy a -19, 22, 19 conquest of Huddersfield's David Hirst in the quarters.

Meanwhile Forshaw skated through his rounds with consummate ease and reached the final via Northumberland's Alan Ransome who had giant-killed seeds Brian Burn 15, 17 and Derek Schofield -18, 11, 17. Hydes played heroically in the final and mistimed too many shots to trouble the steady yet unspectacular Forshaw.

Hexham's Maureen Heppell

deservedly topped Lesley Proudlock off the women's singles perch she had commanded for two seasons. But Cynthia Duncombe was involved in the most exciting sets. The Doncaster lass fought past Scottish international Lesley Barrie -14, 16, 19, then squandered a long lead against Miss Proudlock and succumbed 10, -19, -19.

The men's doubles event was packed with thrills. In the semi-finals Burn and Hydes ousted Langan and Ransome, while Forshaw and Lennie warded off Duncombe and Kedge. The final was an even tighter shave, with Burn and Hydes squeezing through somehow!

Hydes also took the mixed with Miss Heppell, who, with Doreen Schofield, was deprived of a hat-trick when submitting to the Yorkshire pair Miss Proudlock and Mrs. Duncombe.

Top-seeded Brian Mitchell comfortably captured the boy's singles title. Runner-up John Phelps of Middlesbrough gained a fine 14, 10 win over ranked Alan Fletcher in the quarters.

by Jimmie McCormick

Wade 14, 15, 20; FOSTER/TRAILL bt J. Dow (Glasgow)/Hawkins 11, 12, 13.

Final: FOSTER/TRAILL bt Sugden/Barrie 15, 14, 20.

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: P. JUDD (Warwicks) bt P. Harmer (Herts) 14, 18; B. KEATES (Staffs) bt B. Mitchell (Lancs) -19, 12, 13.

Final: KEATES bt Judd -11, 12, 12.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: FOGARTY bt K. Angus (Aberdeen) 9, 12; BASHFORD bt E. Smith (Dundee) 8, 15.

Final: FOGARTY bt Bashford 16, 16.

Veteran Singles—final: H. C. BAXTER (Hamilton) bt G. Majland (Edinburgh) 20, 19.

English Open Championships

EARLY ROUND RESULTS

ENGLISH OPEN RESULTS—EARLIER ROUNDS ? - ? - ?

Men's Singles—First Round: V. MIKO (Czechoslovakia) bt O. B. Haslam (Middlesex) 16, 10, 19; J. INGBER (Lancs) bt M. J. Creamer (Surrey) 18, 19, -9, 19; H. T. VENNERS (Surrey) bt A. G. St. Lohrey (Middlesex) 11, 7, 9; B. ONNES (Neth.) bt R. M. Penfold (Surrey) 17, 21, -21, 13; P. ROZSAS (Hungary) bt J. T. Denham (Herts.) 17, 17, 14; D. NEALE (Yorks) bt L. F. Landry (Middlesex) 16, 11, 16; K. B. LAWRENCE (Essex) bt J. Dow (Scot.) 16, -17, 13, 20; M. BELEZNAI (Hungary) bt D. R. Munt (Warwicks) 10, 5, 13; P. W. JUDD (Warwicks) bt H. S. Buist (Kent) 17, -14, 10, -21, 20; S. GIBBS (Essex) bt P. Pinkewich (Austl.) 17, 18, 12; M. NESS (W. Germany) bt R. Morley (Gloucs.) 10, 16, 8; G. A. C. CHAPMAN (Surrey) bt P. C. Duncombe (Yorks) 19, 14, 18; I. KORPA (Yugo.) bt S. B. Ogundipe (Sussex) 16, 13, 10; B. D. WRIGHT (Middlesex) bt E. Scholer (W. Germany) 14, 18, -19, 19; J. BORZSEI (Hungary) bt K. Steep (Austl.) 14, 8, 15; P. J. SHIRLEY (Bucks.) bt E. Coster (Herts.) 19, -13, 9, 16; R. CHANDLER (Sussex) bt S. H. Jacobson (Middlesex) 16, -21, -19, 12, 12; Z. CORDAS (Yugo.) bt A. Rhodes (Middlesex) 15, 5, -19, 11; J. LANGRAN (Ire.) bt A. Ransome (Northumb.) 16, 13, 15; R. E. GUNNION (Warwicks) bt B. G. Burn (Northumb.) -20, 22, 17, 14; G. C. BARNES (Essex) bt G. Livesey (Lancs.) 13, 11, 10; E. VECKO (Yugo.) bt A. G. Cornish (Kent) 11, 18, 12; C. J. WARREN (Surrey) bt M. H. Thornhill (Middlesex) 15, 15, 14; M. SUGDEN (Scot.) bt A. W. Hydes (Yorks) 21, -14, 11, 7; R. J. STEVENS (Essex) bt G. Davies (Wales) 15, -20, 16, 13; P. WILLIAMS (Sussex) bt B. D. Hill (Surrey) 20, 16, 10; W. LIECK (W. Germany) bt S. Bamgade (Nigeria) 15, 12, 19; M. JOHNS (Ches.) bt S. W. Garrington (Warwicks) -16, 23, 21, 17; J. STANEK (Czechoslovakia) bt A. Frankenberg (Austl.) 14, 9, 7.

Second Round: MIKO bt Ingber 8, 16, 16; ONNES bt Vanner 19, 20, 10; HAMPSON bt Basden 16, -16, 16, -17, 20; ROZSAS bt Harrison 13, 7, 21; NEALE bt Lawrence 10, 19, 17; BELEZNAI bt Judd 6, 4, 9; GIBBS bt Ness 12, 20, 15; KORPA bt Duncombe 17, 15, 15; BORZSEI bt Wright 12, 14, 16; CHANDLER bt Shirley 8, 18, 16; LANGAN bt Cordaz 19, -21, 8, 17; BARNES bt Gunnion 10, 21, -19, 9; VECKO bt Warren 14, 8, 16; SUGDEN bt Stevens 15, 13, 19; LIECK bt Williams 14, 17, 19; STANEK bt Johns 20, 21, 19.

Third Round: MIKO bt Onnes 10, 12, 19; ROZSAS bt Hampson 14, 18, 16; NEALE bt Beleznai -16, 18, 12, 21; KORPA bt Gibbs 14, 11, 9; BORZSEI bt Chandler 13, 11, 14; LANGAN bt Barnes 17, 21, 18; VECKO bt Sugden 13, 12, 18; STANEK bt Lieck 4, 16, 19.

Women's Singles—First Round: M. HEPPPELL (Northumb.) bt C. Davies (Hants) 16, 16, 16; L. RADFORD (Essex) bt A. Mills (Hants) 8, 12, 6; L. S. PROUDLOCK (Yorks) w.o. J. Coop (Dorset) scr.; P. EDWARDS (Hants) bt M. Cumberbatch (Staffs.) 14, 13, 19; M. RESLER (Yugo.) bt R. Bogmans (Neth.) 15, -19, 15, -17, 10; E. BUCHHOLZ (W. Germany) bt O. Hawkins (Scot.) -18, 10, 2, 12; J. WILLIAMS (Sussex) bt E. Cassell (Norf.) 13, 12, 19; E. MIHALCA (Ruman) bt I. Ogus (Middlesex) 10, 13, 11; K. SMITH (Middlesex) bt L. Henwood (Essex) 11, 16, 11; J. CORNELL (Middlesex) bt D. Attenborough (Wales) -22, -19, 16, 10, 18.

Round 3: ALEXANDRU bt Williams 10, 9, 13; SIMON bt Radford 18, 15, 17; JURIK bt Hemmings 6, -19, 14, -13, 18; WRIGHT bt Gray 13, 5, 9; LUZOVA bt B. Sayer 10, 15, 15;

SUSSEX CLOSED

by John Woodford

16-Hour Stint

THE day after the English Open, Brighton Corn Exchange was the scene of the country's biggest one-day tournament, the Sussex Closed, played on 16 tables and lasting nearly sixteen hours. The 12.30 a.m. finish was caused by two "expedite" matches involving Sam Ogundipe who reached the men's singles final.

Two Sussex ranked players, Roger Chandler and Judy Williams, made a clean sweep of all events for the second successive year and the top four men, Chandler, Ogundipe, Williams and Holman went through the tournament exactly as forecast by the Sussex ranking list.

The most successful youngster was Diane Gard who becomes a senior player next season. She bridged the gap between junior and senior county status by reaching the semi-finals of the women's singles and women's doubles and the final of the mixed with John Beasley. Results of finals:

MS: R. Chandler bt S. Ogundipe 12, 19.

WS: J. Williams bt A. Woodford 11, 4.

MD: Chandler/P. Yates bt S. Ogundipe/L. Gunn 17, 8.

WD: Williams/Woodford bt P. Wales/M. Flenley 19, 9.

XD: Chandler/Williams bt Beasley/D. Gard 11, 16.

Intermediate MS: P. Williams bt C. Hardy 10, 8.

VS: B. G. Fretwell bt R. Lewis 12, 14.

MCS: M. Gilbert bt D. Cowlyn 17, 9, 10.

WCS: Miss P. Williams bt Miss T. Johnson 8, 10.

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SPOTLIGHT ON

MALCOLM SUGDEN

BY PHILIP REID

SCOTLAND has never produced a table tennis player in the same way they have produced footballers and it may seem a little ironical that their No. 1 player and one of the finest the country has ever produced was born in England. When young Malcolm was two years old, however, he moved from Leeds over the border to Edinburgh, the home town of his mother.

When he was sixteen, Malcolm found himself idle during the lunch hour so started his visits to Edinburgh Y.M.C.A. where he discovered a table tennis table. Soon he found that just playing in the lunch hour far from satisfied his appetite and when he was invited to play at night he jumped at the chance. Although he had unlimited enthusiasm he did not improve at a particularly rapid rate though he never stopped trying.

It seems incredible now that he never took part in any junior tournaments. But even if by the time he had reached 17 he hadn't proved especially outstanding, the year after he really hit the Scottish headlines. He played well enough to get into the senior team and more important still he stayed there.

In fact since that time he has played in 65 International matches in succession—a very formidable record.

1965-66 proved an especially successful year for Malcolm. He went through the season undefeated by any Scottish player, proving himself indisputably the number one. In five tournaments he played his old adversary Ian Barclay, and on each occasion Malcolm was the winner.

HAVE TO MOVE

At the end of that season Ian moved back to England to coach at a holiday camp. In October of last year Malcolm decided that if his game was going to improve very much he would have to move to England for a season to sharpen his game up.

Working at a sports shop he was able to get time off to enter the tournaments and his dedication quickly brought him good results—no-one on the tournament circuit was sure of beating him. Fine individual

results came his way and in fact only four of the current England ranking players have escaped defeat at his hands.

MADE HIS NAME

Good though this was, the Quadrangular proved to be a tournament which Malcolm really made his name at. Throughout the tournament he dropped only one set out of six, being undefeated against Wales and Ireland and recording a magnificent win over "Connie" Warren to really arrive on the scene.

Malcolm is a self-taught player but his strokes are almost perfect. One of the best movers in the game, a non-smoker and a non-drinker, the Edinburgh left-hander is as consistent as he is dedicated. Moving smoothly in and out Sugden is always ready to kill any ball which comes up and in this respect he is often able to make his opponent give the ball plenty of elevation with his well-controlled loop.

Being left-handed most of his loop strokes are placed on his opponent's backhand and this has proved very awkward for many of the top players.

TEMPERAMENT

Where Sugden often scores over his opponent is in temperament. It is virtually unknown for Malcolm to show any sign of emotion whilst he is playing. Off the table he is one of the keenest students of the game. Weaknesses and strengths of his opponents he has considered and taken into account when playing them, resulting in them being unable to use their favourite shots and, after getting exasperated, have virtually lost their patience.

This, however, is a thing Malcolm never loses but preference to attack has never given way to reckless hitting. How much better will Malcolm get remains to be seen but of one thing we can be sure. He will never stop playing his heart out and taking it in the right spirit when things fail to go his way.

His predecessors in the Scottish team, Eddie Still and Ian Barclay, both had Malcolm's splendid temperament and one can only hope that his successors will be out of the same mould.

SUPERB ORGANISATION

I have just returned from the English Open Championships and felt I must thank the organisers and officials for a wonderful tournament.

From the players' angle the tournament was superbly organised. A great deal of credit must go to Mr. John Wright for this was his first English Open as referee. He certainly seems to have taken over from where Geoff James his Middlesex colleague left off. He even had time to exchange a few words with minnows such as myself and never once appeared flurried. The only fault that could be levelled was the poor presentation of prizes and trophies awarded for events finished before finals night. For the sake of an extra five or ten minutes it would surely be better to present these trophies in front of the audience on finals night.

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From the Editor's Postbag

WHY BRAND AS "DIRTY"

Concerning the question of services which seems to be "dogging" many table tennis officials and *Table Tennis News*. Why the typical attitude of the English gentleman should exist on this I do not know.

In my opinion there is nothing unfair in the "super spin services", the introduction of the reverse sandwich bat has made possible. They are branded as unfair or "dirty" tactics if they are used but people don't seem to realise that it takes skill to produce a good spin service. This becomes obvious when you watch other players trying to copy them but not achieving the amount of spin, and so, the success of the person whose serve they copied.

I do not agree with the now widely-held view that the "super serves" are unreturnable. As there are only three types of spin available namely topspin, backspin and sidespin all services must be one of these or a variant of two of them. Perhaps the anti-service brigade will agree that it is impossible to put top and backspin on the same service. When the "loop" was first used many players thought there was no answer to it but an antidote was soon developed

and the same thing will happen with these services.

So come off it all you anti-service brigade and realise that the new services take skill to produce and are part of the "sandwich revolution" in table tennis. A "revolution" which has changed and improved the game, as reflected in the growing interest in the game throughout the world. If all the people who spent their time moaning about services spent it in trying to improve conditions and facilities the game would be much better off.

C. DAVIES
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Proposition Opposed

Mr. Relf's letter in the February issue proposes that no point be awarded to the server until after the ball has been returned by his opponent. Unfortunately, the effect of this would be that the receiver, being at no risk of losing the point, would make every return of service a "kill." A game played thus would hardly be good to play or to watch.

This proposal was based on the argument that "the sole object of the service is to put the ball into play." I suggest this is wrong; the aim in service should be to create a playing situation where the point can be won. Whilst it is bad that, in a match between two skilled players, either should be able to win points outright by service whenever he chooses—and the service Law ought to control this—surely the interests of the game demand that service remains a tactical weapon, and that the contestants should be seeking advantage with every stroke—including the first in each rally.

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Open Remarks

ANOTHER "open" has come and gone and again Brighton produced not only great table tennis but brilliant warm sunshine. For those who were able to spend a little time out of doors, these few days were magnificent.

To the onlooker, many things must have impressed. Once again, the devotion and grim determination of our Continental visitors coupled with undeniable skill, with a single exception, dominated the results!

Never once, in three days of continuous witness, did I see any of our visitors behave foolishly or in any way act to the detriment of the sport. Their behaviour in matches and in knock-ups was exemplary. We should be very grateful to have them and discipline ourselves to act with similar rectitude.

More than in some other "opens" perhaps, the ability and determination to fight and keep on fighting became the deciding factor in matches. All our players have great skill and some, quite exceptional skill, yet seem content to display it in one or two matches. They seem to lack the stomach for demonstrating their ability match after difficult match after more difficult match. Is it possible to instil this bulldog breed quality into our talented players or is it something you are born with? I am sure some psychologist would have interesting views.

The Championships seemed singularly free from disagreements over rules with consequential relief to the referee and umpires. Manipulation of scores, designed one feels by Machievelli, caused some difficulty and on occasions amusement. Can no design be made foolproof? No disrespect to our scoring officials! Service rules and time limits seemed to work very well. Umpires should have insisted in the proper display of competitors' numbers—no competitor, so far as one could judge, was sent away from the table to satisfy regulations.

Comment upon performances should, and no doubt will be made by others. Suffice it to say how disappointed some of us were not to see the Swedes and Yugoslav men play or for that matter, the Scholers at their best.

Congratulations to competitors and officials alike for a memorable open.

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National Team Competitions by Leslie Davis

WHY NOT CALL ON RESERVES

WE have now reached the final stages of the Junior Competitions and semi-finals of the Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl contests.

It was most unfortunate that the London Civil Service Wilmott Cup team had to withdraw. I thought that their prospects—with a full team—were bright. I am informed that Essex needed Stuart Gibbs on the last Sunday of the playing period. Since this Sunday coincided with the pre-arranged Wilmott Cup fixtures against Gloucester, Mr. Dewing decided to abandon the match. The L.C.S. match secretary complained that Essex gave him little or no notice of the County's re-arranged date.

It does seem that someone was at fault but I would have thought that a capable reserve could have been produced by the mighty London Civil Service League.

Similarly the Manchester v Luton match did not take place. Mr. Ironmonger (Luton) wrote stating that he found it impossible to fit this fixture in. In this connection I must reiterate that in order to effectively apply Regulations 9 and 10 I have generally extended each playing period compared to previous seasons. At the same time match secretaries have received early notice of draws.

Moving to the more graceful side I see Plymouth's more experienced ladies triumph over the young East London team. Full marks to Miss Gloria Sayer for beating Pam Mortimer.

Lowestoft are surprising all their opponents this season and are welcome semi-finalists although they will find Doncaster tougher opposition than Northumberland who were without their star Maureen Heppell.

CARTER CUP

The final clash between East London and Birmingham is a repetition of last season's. The teams are evenly matched and could produce a very exciting exhibition.

BROMFIELD TROPHY

East London is dominant in these junior competitions. I must, however, introduce you to Ipswich, the other finalist. This team of Janet List, Sue Howard and Elizabeth Halliday has done remarkably well. Their ages of 14, 13, and 13 respectively illustrates my point. Their league club, Britannia—must be proud of them and of Jim Kenworthy for his magnificent effort in bringing such youngsters to the final of the Bromfield Trophy competition. Ipswich for the 1972 Rose Bowl?

Semi-finals

First Team mentioned is drawn at Home. All Matches to be played by April 9, 1967.

WILMOTT CUP

Bolton v Manchester
Willesden v Gloucester

J.M. ROSE BOWL

Doncaster v Lowestoft
Sutton v Plymouth

Finals

(To be arranged by the Committee)

CARTER CUP

Birmingham v East London

BROMFIELD TROPHY

Ipswich v East London

Previous Round Results

WILMOTT CUP

Bolton 5 Birmingham ... 3
Manchester beat Luton (w.o.)
Brighton 3 Willesden 5
Gloucs beat Lon. Civ. Ser. (w.o.)

J.M. ROSE BOWL

Doncaster 5 West Brom. ... 4
Northumberland 1 Lowestoft 8
Eastbourne ... 2 Sutton 7
Plymouth 5 East London ... 4

CARTER CUP

Bolton 1 Birmingham ... 5
N. Herts. 3 East London ... 6

BROMFIELD TROPHY

Ipswich 6 Birmingham ... 3
East London 5 Slough 4

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Blowing our own trumpet? Yes—because now we've got something to shout about at the Afan Sports Centre at Aberavon, and it only needs full foreign support to make it the venue for one of Europe's top events.

The moving of the World Championship date meant alteration to many continental programmes, and although the Czechs, who held most of our titles, and the West Germans had promised to come, they all had to play in their own Closed Championships, as did the Hungarians, the Yugoslavs and the Swedes. So they didn't come, but we were grateful for English support, which produced one of the finest women's games I have ever seen.

Karenza Smith, hitting everything in sight at incredible speed, leading Mary Wright 10/4 in the fifth, then suddenly becoming just that bit tentative. And Mary, on the defensive most of the time, valiantly trying to stem the all-out onslaught of her young team-mate, sensing the break, and levelling at 20 all! What a moment, and you could have heard a pin drop as these two fought for the last two points, which went, perhaps to the disappointment of an enthralled crowd, to Mary. The applause went on and on, and certainly no other game reached these heights.

Certainly not the final of the men's event, which, deservedly went to "Connie" Warren, but it was not Chester at his best. Admittedly "Connie" had beaten Tony Pidcock fairly comfortably, and then reduced Haslem to disappointing play in the semi-final. Admittedly, too, Chester, as is his wont, dropped games unnecessarily—to the Australian junior Pinkewich, and to Chandler. But he beat Brian Wright with fair ease in the semi-final, but was then nervous of "Connie" in the final, and the latter piled on the pressure when he saw his chance.

Barnes and Gibbs took the doubles title without a lot of trouble from Johns and Hampson, who couldn't repeat their sensational semi-final form when they beat Warren and Haslem in the fifth. Barnes and

Gibbs were taken to the fifth by Wright and Pidcock.

Herein were the best Welsh performances—George Evans and Graham Gear taking a game from Barnes and Gibbs in the quarters, and Graham Davies and Dennis Samuel also taking a game—from Warren and Haslem in the quarters.

In the singles, Welsh good play was confined to a splendid effort by junior Keith Morris, who led Mike Johns 2-1, and up in the fourth, only to become too cautious and fade away, and a good performance by Graham Gear who struggled through a long match with Gordon Chapman, then took a game from Stuart Gibbs.

Mary Wright and Karenza Smith took the women's doubles with a comfortable win over Judy Williams and Sheila Hession, who were taken to four games by Margaret Phillips and Sandra Morgan.

The Mixed Final produced another exciting see-saw match, which went to Brian and Mary, who, after being two games down, produced some great stuff to beat Chester and Karenza in the fifth.

Karenza took the girls' event with a win over Judy Heaps, but the boys' final, which ought to have brought Wales her only title saw Haydn Thomas sag and lose to the defensive Australian boy Pinkewich after beating the better Frankenburg in the semi-final.

George Evans got a consolation Welsh title by beating Cornish in the Consolation event, and women's section saw the two Australians Lyn Gilbert and Joan Lane battling it out for the latter to win. Results:

MS SF: Barnes bt Wright 10, 20, 12. Warren bt Haslem 7, 19, 18.

F: Warren bt Barnes -11, 19, 17, 20.

WS SF: Wright bt Hemmings 6, 9, 15. Smith bt Simpson 9, 7, 18.

F: Wright bt Smith 20, -19, 16, 11, 20.

MD F: Barnes/Gibbs bt. Johns/Hampson 19, 17, 18.

WD F: Wright/Smith bt Williams/Hession 12, 17, 17.

XD F: Wright/Wright bt Barnes/Smith -13, -20, 14, 15, 12.

JBS F: Pinkewich bt Thomas 15, 18.

JGS F: Smith bt Heaps 18, 13.

Consolation—Men: Evans bt Cornish.

Consolation—Women: Lane bt Gilbert.

by Roy Evans

WELSH NOTES

Glamorgan, playing their last match of the season, registered their first win at the expense of Oxfordshire, but the match produced such poor table tennis that it is best forgotten.

The Welsh World Championship squad will be engaged on a full week-end's training stint at the Afan Lido, when it is hoped to have the services of Ralph Gunnion to sharpen them up.

LONDON BANKS ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Tony J. Catherall
SUSSEX WINNER

JOHN BEASLEY, jointly ranked with R. Pierce at No. 5 for Sussex, was the men's singles winner of the London Banks T.T. League's championships on February 23.

The win obtained by the ladies from National Provincial was the first obtained in ten years competition in the League.

Miss Ann Fearnley has now won the women's singles title three times in the last four seasons and, in the Veteran event, Doug Prall made it three in five. Results:

M.S. Final: J. BEASLEY (Barclays) bt S. Pokroy (B.W.A.) 15, 18, 16.

W.S. Final: A. FEARNLEY (Midland) bt D. Barnett (B.W.A.) 7, 18, 26.

M.D. Final: J. GARLAND (B.W.A.)/R. WARD (Wm. Deacons) bt A. Digby/J. Simmons (Barclays) 19, 21, -14, 15.

W.D. Final: A. ETHERIDGE/M. WHILLIER (N.P.) bt H. Webb/S. Marshall (Midland) 11, 19.

X.D. Final: GARLAND/FEARNLEY bt M. Starr (B.W.A.)/Barnett 19, 11.

Junior Men Final: P. EARL (Westminster) bt P. Browne (Lloyds) 16, -10, 19.

Junior Women Final: M. STUDMAN (Westminster) bt A. Barker (Westminster) 8, 10.

Veteran Final: D. PRALL (Brown Shipley) bt J. Green (Schroeder) 19, 12.

JOHN WRIGHT DISCUSSES THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE most important question would seem to be "Should fixtures in the C.T.T.C. be arranged so that play takes place on one or two weekends?" It is probably not possible for every County to answer this in the affirmative, although a number may be prepared to give a direct negative. Assuming that the great majority of Counties do not give a direct negative, the following points need investigation.

Should Counties be allowed to enter 2nd (3rd,) Senior teams, or just one Senior team and/or one Junior team?

What should be the basic number of teams in a division? A division of 6(5) teams could be played off with relative comfort in one weekend as 5 periods would be needed. A division of 8(7) teams could conceivably be played in one weekend (Saturday 09.00, 12.30, 16.00, 19.30; Sunday 09.00, 13.00, 16.30) although this would place a very considerable strain on players and also on officials (and might give the impression of a botched job). A division of 8 would fit very comfortably into two weekends with, say, four periods on the first weekend, three on the second (not necessarily consecutive weekends). It might prove better in a division of eight to play two matches on Friday (16.00, 19.30), three on Saturday (09.30, 14.00, 19.00), and two on Sunday (09.30, 14.00) to give Counties with much travelling a chance to get home at a reasonable hour. It would of course mean players and officials taking time off work, but this is done anyway by a number of players for the English Open and English Closed. This is possibly a method suitable only for the Premier Division.

Is there any need for the basic number of teams in a division to be the same? The present number of 50 Senior teams could be fitted into a Premier Division of eight, with six other divisions each having seven teams. A second possibility would be a Premier Division of eight and seven other divisions each with six teams, and a third possibility would be to have the top five divisions with six teams and four other divisions with five teams.

Should Senior Divisions still be regional? Or should they be arranged as Premier, 2nd, 3rd, 4th,? An advantage of the simple ladder system as opposed to the "pyramid" system used at present is that no challenge matches would be needed to determine promotion. It has been suggested that the C.T.T.C. be arranged on lines similar to those adopted by the Lawn Tennis Association County Championships, where the simple "ladder" system is used.

DATES

If one weekend used: Preferably in second half of season to give players something to aim at during the

season. Must not clash with English Open or English Closed. Possibly February or middle of March.

If two weekends used: Possibly first weekend to be in November, second to be in February or March.

Remember that if second divisions played regionally, adequate time must be left between conclusion of fixtures and date fixed for challenge matches.

JUNIOR COMPETITION

One weekend would seem to be enough for this if basic number of teams in division remains at six. Even if it is decided to play the Senior Competition on a non-regional basis it may be advisable to retain the regional basis for the Junior Competition. This is partly because of the possibility of a County climbing several divisions with a strong team all of whom leave the Junior ranks at the same time (as has happened to Wiltshire this season). If the Regional basis is retained, then adequate time must be left between fixture weekend and challenge matches. Suggest that Junior weekend precedes Senior weekend (if there is one of the latter) or is fitted between Senior weekends (if there are two of these) to give Junior players added incentive of gaining place in Senior team. Do not suggest a Junior and Senior weekend combined because of probable clash from (a) players and (b) officials. Junior play off to be continued and travelling expenses to be chargeable to main pool.

FINANCE

Clearly a very tricky point. Subscription to be a fixed amount for each Senior team entered irrespective of division. 50s. ?? 10s. for each Junior team?? The County staging the matches in a division to take the first £10 of any profit (except T.V.). 50 per cent of remainder to be divided equally among Counties playing at that venue, and the remaining 50 per cent to the C.T.T.C. pool. Any television fee to be divided as 5 per cent to staging County, 5 per cent to each County playing in the televised division, 15 per cent to E.T.T.A., remainder to C.T.T.C. pool.

Each County to be responsible for all expenditure except as stated in next paragraph.

A sum not exceeding the second class return railway fares from their ordinary place of residence in England or Wales to the centre where they play of not more than eight persons of each competing team may be claimed by the County Association from the C.T.T.C. pool.

When all play is completed, the total debit or credit in the pool to be shared out among competing teams in the ratio of the number of teams entered by them.

TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
Apt 11/21	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Stockholm, Sweden		
22	Gwent Open Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd., Canteen, Corporation Road, Newport, Mon.	JBS, JGS	Grove Motlow, 29 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, Mon. Closing date: 8.4.67
23	Bedford & District Restricted Open Badminton Hall, Bradgate Road, Bradford		Mrs. E. W. Pacey, 17 Brook Street Bedford
May 4	Old Boys Club Annual Mile End Road, London, E.1		The Secretary, Old Boys Club, 241 Mile End Road, London, E.1
6/7	British Legion (Slough) Junior Open Slough College, William St., Slough, Bucks.	JBS, JGS JBD, JGD JXD both for U-17 & U-15. JBS, JGS U-13 JBS, JGS U-11	J. A. Pacitto, 73 Bexley Street, Windsor, Berks. Closing date: 15.4.67
12/13	Crescent Junior Open (Girls) Championships Bowaters' Social and Recreation Club, Remembrance Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent	U-17 GS, GD U-15 GS, GD U-13 GS, GD U-12 GS U-10 GS	F. G. Mannooch, 216 Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent. Closing date: 29.4.67

R.A.F. v U.A.U.

CULLIS UNBEATEN

THE R.A.F. table tennis team entertained the U.A.U. at the Sports Arena, R.A.F. Stanmore Park, on February 17. The U.A.U. achieved a narrow 7-5 victory and the R.A.F. team were still looking for their first victory of the season.

Weakened by the absence of their star player Jnr. Tech. Dick Clode, the R.A.F. were represented by Sgt. F. Clayton, Cpl. A. Clark, Sgt. B. Cullis, Sgt. E. Bradshaw and S.A.C. J. Norton. U.A.U. opposed this team with J. Clarke, N. Stribling, A. Heap, R. Bagot and M. Palmer.

The first two sets were won by the R.A.F. with Eric Bradshaw and Brian Cullis both hitting their way to victory. U.A.U. pulled back a set when J. Clarke beat his R.A.F. namesake in straight games. John Cullis being a regular Lancashire County player, the result was not too unexpected. Jerry Norton playing in his first R.A.F. game had an excellent debut by defeating M. Palmer over three. This game was followed by Fred Clayton, No. 1 for the day, who could not hold the fast forehand play of N. Stribling and the score was now 3-2 to the R.A.F. Jerry Norton came on for his second game and was "looped off" by Bob Bagot, and now the scores were level at 3-3. Following a fast counter hitting game Eric Bradshaw just lost

to M. Palmer in a thrilling three setter, but Brian Cullis was too steady for N. Stribling and the scores were again levelled at 4-4. It was Fred Clayton's turn to face the formidable J. Clarke and it was Clarke who emerged victorious after a fast modern style game of hit and counter hit on both wings. The final singles match was the R.A.F. No. 2 "Nobby" Clark and Alan Heap, the longest haired player we have ever played against; unfortunately for the R.A.F., Alan's hair did not impair his vision and he won over the full distance! The score stood at 6-4 to the U.A.U. but with two doubles left to play the R.A.F. were denied a drawn result when Clark and Bradshaw were beaten by Clarke and Heap. In the final tie of the match, Clayton and Cullis defeated Stribling and Bagot to finish the match 7-5 in favour of the U.A.U.

Individual scores (R.A.F. names first): Bradshaw bt A. Heap 15, 14; Cullis bt R. Bagot -20, 19, 18; Clark lost to J. K. Clarke -9, -9; Norton bt M. Palmer -17, 12, 14; Clayton lost to N. Stribling -14, -18; Norton lost to Bagot -16, -16; Bradshaw lost to Palmer -20, 15, -17; Cullis bt Stribling -21, 10, 15; Clayton lost to Clarke -10, -14; Clark lost to Heap -17, 19, -15; Clark/Bradshaw lost to Clarke/Heap -14, -9; Clayton/Cullis bt Stribling/Bagot 20, -20, 12.

R.A.F. v. HUNTINGDONSHIRE

CLAYTON WINS THE DAY

THE R.A.F. table tennis team entertained Huntingdonshire County at Royal Air Force Wyton on February 24 and representing the R.A.F. were Lt. A. Dovey, Sgt. F. Clayton, Cpl. A. Clark, Cpl.(W) A. Johnson, and S.A.C.W. Leabetter. Opposing this team were G. Albon, L. Saywell, B. Cullis, Miss D. Maxfield and Miss O. Noble.

Fred Clayton opened for the R.A.F. and set them off with a fine win over "Gus" Albon. "Nobby" Clark then defeated Brian Cullis who, although an Air Force player himself, was representing Huntingdonshire in this match. Clark's loop drive was very prominent in this game. Score now at 2-0 to the R.A.F. Alan Dovey met Len Saywell and despite a determined defence by Alan, Len hit his way to the first win for the county. It was the turn of the ladies in the next game and the W.R.A.F. pair were a little too strong for the county pair and went further ahead 3-1.

In the men's doubles match which followed, Clayton and Clark, after

a promising opening leg, were defeated by Saywell and Cullis, Saywell's strong forehand attack being the deciding factor in this tie. Alma Johnson met and was surprisingly defeated by Diane Maxfield after winning the first leg 21-8. This levelled the score for the first time 3-3.

"Nobby" Clark came to the rescue and defeated Albon straight legs with a crisp display of loop followed by forehand smashes, but the County levelled the match again through Albon and Noble in the mixed doubles when they ran out easy winners over Dovey and Leabetter. It was now the turn of the Bomber Command players, Cullis for the County and Dovey for the R.A.F., and after a tense hard-fought struggle, Dovey upset the form book and won in straight sets. It was now up to Fred Clayton to decide the tie and this he did by defeating Lennie Saywell in quite his best performance of the season and for the first time this season the R.A.F. emerged the victors.

Individual scores (R.A.F. names first): Clayton bt Albon 20, -15, 13; Clark bt Cullis 14, 13; Dovey lost to Saywell -13, -17; Johnson/Leabetter bt Maxfield/Noble 17, 19; Clark/Clayton lost to Cullis/Saywell 18, -10, -14; Johnson lost to Maxfield 8, -15, -15; Clark bt Albon 15, 20; Dovey/Leabetter lost to Albon/Noble -18, -16; Dovey bt Cullis 13, 19; Clayton bt Saywell 11, -16, 11.

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LANCS & CHESHIRE NOTES

by Geo. R. Yates

Triple Champions

HOW different affairs have turned out for Lancashire this season than was the case last term when, like an errant schoolboy, they scurried into the shadows to hide both themselves and a report no father would want to behold.

Now as triple champions—winners of the Second Division (North), Midland and Junior Division (North)—the "Red Rose" blooms anew having rid itself of last season's blight.

Not yet however is the cup of success filled to the brim for before the senior team stands the pinnacle of the Premier Division down the slopes of which the Lancastrians plummeted last Spring.

To regain a foothold, and emulate the stirring deeds of Yorkshire, might well be a pipe-dream but the foothold will be fought for at Wolverhampton in competition with Somerset, Sussex and Warwickshire on the weekend of April 29-30.

No matter what the outcome of the junior play-off at Malvern on April 15-16, nothing can detract from the excellence of Lancashire's 7-3 win over Yorkshire in the championship-deciding clash at Doncaster YMCA on March 21.

This was a victory to be proud of and accomplished by a team only one of whom, Bolton's Colin Lang, will be over age next season.

Both Manchester's Tony Boasman and Susan Lisle of Warrington have four and three seasons, respectively, left in the junior category and predictions are that both will earn for themselves international recognition

in the wake of Brian Mitchell who himself has one more junior season to unfold.

Cheshire's nail into Kent's coffin shook them free from relegation worries and it is no secret that they wish Lancashire every success in the promotion challenge matches.

Three northern counties in the Premier and a chance for Northumberland to join them is indeed indicative of the narrowing gap nationally.

Again Bolton and Manchester clash in the semi-final of the Wilmott Cup and Bolton's inclusion of Yorkshireman, Denis Neale, in the quarters against Birmingham, is currently the "hot" topic in the county.

Left on the shelf by Harrogate's failure to enter the competition Neale, an otherwise free agent but with the necessary qualifications to assist Bolton, affords the "Trotters" compensation for the loss of Mike Symonds.

CUMBERLAND COMMENT by Ron Rigg

At Last . . . a Point!

AFTER three seasons of striving Cumberland at long last broke the ice and gained a point from their Junior game against Northumberland at Carlisle on March 18. In fact the home county had only themselves to blame for not taking both points for they led 4-1 at one stage but allowed the visitors to fight back and take the lead at 5-4, leaving Tom Lowrey to

AROUND THE COUNTIES

HAMPSHIRE NOTES by Teddy Grant

New Youth Centre

EASTLEIGH'S elaborate new youth centre has served a dual purpose, insofar as Jack Carrington made an initial visit on February 18 and the next day the same tables were used for the Hants Closed.

Hampshire Education Committee sponsored Jack Carrington's coaching sessions which were the first to be held in the South Hants area.

Forty-two pupils came from youth

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

Down at Last Hurdle

SO Middlesex fell at the last hurdle in the County Championships. Essex were too good for us and beat us 6-3 to afford Yorkshire the Premier title on games average. Congratulations Yorkshire from Middlesex and may it be the last time!

Jack Bender and Brian Petch won

the Middlesex two-a-side competition for North Middlesex but in the North Middlesex Closed, David Hope at last won, beating Bender in the final.

WILLESDEN CLOSED

Again run very successfully with 162 players in the men's singles and 80 in the minor singles for 4th division and below which latter was run for the first time.

Brian Wright won the title for the sixth time and for the fourth year running, beating Laurie Landry for the third year running the final. This was a terrific match with Brian winning 17 and leading 20-14 in the second when Laurie, playing as well as ever, fought back to win this game 22-20.

Majorie Walker, England junior No. 6, won the women's singles beating Mary Symes in the final. Mary was making her 13th final appearance in this event and she won the first of her eight victories in 1953 when Majorie was three years old.

Men's Singles: B. D. WRIGHT (Tennyson) bt L. F. Landry 17, -20, 13.

Women's Singles: M. WALKER (S. Hampstead) bt M. Symes (Johnsons) -16, 17, 17.

Men's Doubles: LANDRY/WRIGHT bt D. Offenbach (Chandos)/B. Petch (John Keble) 17, -19, 8.

Women's Doubles: H. LAMBERT (S. Hampstead)/WALKER bt V. Hooper (S. Rendeder)/M. Prowen (Tennyson) 13, 14.

Mixed Doubles: WRIGHT/PROWEN bt Landry/Symes 18, 12.

Boys' Singles: E. COSTER (Hendon O.B.) bt T. Coker (Hendon O.B.) 13, 19.

Minor Singles: R. YOUNG (Court Abbey) bt F. Woods (Fireflies) 13, 16.

Veteran Singles: L. HOFFMAN (Chandos) bt K. Lipscombe (Almora) 18, 20.

NORTHANTS NEWS

by David Bliss

Goodall & Hogg Lead the Way

NORTHAMPTON finished the season strongly and retained the S.E.M.L. Men's Division title with eight points to spare. Unlike North Herts who were second, Northampton were able to use top players John Goodall and Colin Hogg for most matches, whilst North Herts' trump card, Eric Hall, only played twice. The records of the Northampton team were as follows:

Top half singles

Table with 2 columns: Name, W L. John Goodall 14 2, Colin Hogg 12 6, Dick Ingle 2 0, David Bliss 2 0.

Bottom half singles

Table with 2 columns: Name, W L. Dick Ingle 10 6, Roger Steward 9 1, David Bliss 8 2, Brian Crump 4 0.

No other titles came the way of Northants but Wellingborough juniors who should finish third in their section, have a bright future. Roderick Marchant, who lost only twice, and David Hoddle still have two more seasons left as juniors so Wellingborough have high hopes of success next year.

Northampton Veterans had a very good season being well led by Norman Blincoe but will probably be pipped by North Herts for the title.

Kettering Ladies once again showed that they are the "tops" in this area and look set for a place in the top three.

In the Northampton Closed Tournament, Colin Hogg must have felt the unluckiest person in town when he again failed to win the Singles title which has eluded him for so long. He has won the County singles for six years out of the last ten, but has never been Town Champion. Colin looked like breaking the hoodoo at last when he led John Goodall 21-12, 18-10 in the final.

John Goodall then threw caution to the wind and with an all-out top spin attack took the second set 21-19 then sailed through the third 21-13.

In the Northampton League, John Goodall looks certain to go through the season unbeaten. This will be the first time for many seasons that this has happened in the top Division. Goodall himself has come closest only losing one in each of the last two seasons. Goodall's club, U.T.C. "A," look well set to retain the Premier Division title.

Great interest is being shown in the Jack Carrington coaching rallies which are being held for Wellingborough and Rushden school-children and with the right sort of encouragement we hope to see a Northants name in the National Rankings in the not too distant future.

win the final singles for a draw. Nevertheless, Cumberland were well satisfied and it is just a pity that Alan Wilcock, Tom Lowrey and Sylvia Rycraft are all over the age limit for next season.

In the Senior match, Northumberland won 7-3 but the home side had some consolation in the fact that Alan Dixon turned in his best ever performance to account for both "Arnie" Warents and Ram Bhalla. Youngsters Sylvia Rycraft and Alan Wilcock followed up their recent mixed doubles success against Durham by beating Miss Atkinson and Bhalla and are rapidly developing into a very good combination.

Kirk T.T. Club have very nearly made a clean sweep of the Whitehaven & District League, winning every division except the Second Division of the Junior League where St. James' gain their first title. Guests of Honour at the Annual Presentation Dinner on April 19th will be Doreen and Derek Schofield of Cheshire.

The Millom Invitation Tournament on March 11th provided its usual quota of surprises, none more so than the success of Whitehaven Juniors, Alan Wilcock and Maurice Bell, in winning the Men's Doubles. In the final they beat the strong Barrow combination of Sharp and Gilmour, having already disposed of the holders, Batty and Bowman, in the third round. Ron Batty relinquished his Men's Singles title to Neil Honeyman of Barrow.

WESTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE by Grove Motlow

Cheltenham Surrender

CHELTENHAM surrendered their unbeaten record when they lost to Bristol 4-5 in a thrilling match in which Ron Bowles of Bristol excelled by winning his three sets. One in particular must be mentioned, against Martin White who had easily beaten him in the first game 21-9 and was leading 15-5 in the second, but Bowles brilliantly pulled back to take it 25-23 and went on to win the decider 21-12. Bristol's other victories were obtained by J. Wise and B. Brady both beating R. Thornton. For Cheltenham, D. Grant beat Wise and Brady, as also did White.

Bristol 2nds were beaten in their home match against Plymouth 6-3 but the scores were very close in all sets. For Plymouth, C. Judson was again in good form being undefeated whilst B. Bridgett won two and S.

Oldridge one. Bristol's victories were obtained by A. Marsh and B. Reeves both beating S. Oldridge. P. Bennett of Bristol, although without a win, extended his opponents.

Cheltenham, in their home match against Bristol 2nds, were well on top and won 7-2. Martin White was on top form winning his three sets whilst P. Cruwys and R. Thornton each won two. Bristol's victories were recorded by A. Marsh and B. Reeves who beat Thornton and Cruwys respectively.

In the Ladies' Section, Plymouth continued their winning ways when they disposed of Exeter 9-0, only one set going the distance. Newport Ladies beat Swindon 6-3, both teams being without their star player, Mrs. Betty Gray for Newport and Mrs. Gwen Hazell for the visitors.

For Newport, Mrs. Stella Jones was in great form winning her three, but at one period the score stood at 3-all before Newport drew away. Exeter Ladies visited Swindon and won 6-3. Here again the score was 3-all only for Exeter to capture the remaining three sets.

League Positions

Table with columns: MEN, WOMEN, P W L F A Pts. Lists teams like Weston, Bristol, Cheltenham, Plymouth, Bristol 2nd, Exeter, Newport, Plymouth, Bristol, Newport, Exeter, Swindon, Weston.

NOTES FROM THE WEST

by Onlooker

Model of Consistency

THE Devon closed championships, staged for the second successive year at the Exeter Y.M.C.A., attracted the biggest entry for several years. The men's singles final between Cleve Judson and Adrian Wright was the best seen for many a year.

With one previous victory over the penholder to his credit, Judson started a hot favourite and after taking the first game on deuce he seemed set to confirm his Devon ranking. Undeterred, Wright, with brilliant half-volleying and fine smashes, proceeded to go from strength to strength and took the next two games amid constant applause.

In the past two seasons, Wright has competed in 14 events in the Plymouth and Devon closed tourna-

ments, appeared in 13 finals—winning nine of them—a really tremendous achievement.

As usual Pam Mortimer was amongst the honours taking the single's title, and, with Nancy Hollywood, the women's doubles, after surviving a close 3-gamer earlier in the tournament with junior champion Pat Williams and Alex Bain. Brian Bridgett who has been enjoying his best season ever took the men's doubles in partnership with Cleve Judson, beating the holders Adrian Wright and Tommy Anson at 19 in the third.

Two days later the Judson/Bridgett combination gained another trophy in the Plymouth League's best pairs competition, defeating Bill Northcott and Barry Davis 3-2.

The S. Devon and Torbay League's plan for a summer coaching scheme will help to restore the League to the position it once held. Their closed tournament attracted a good entry and one popular new event was an invitation family doubles (parent and child). Maurice Travis the league's treasurer carried off the single's title while Mrs. Wilkey dominated the ladies' events.

With the Bideford and Tavistock Leagues both affiliating, it is hoped that next season will show an enlarged Devon League, as well as the Devon and Cornwall League, all of which will mean more play in an area where competitions are few and far between.

Results—Devon Closed Championships:

M.S.—semi-finals: C. JUDSON bt M. Rattue; A. WRIGHT bt B. Bridgett. Final: Wright bt Judson.

L.S.: P. Mortimer bt B. Pearson.

M.D.: Judson/Bridgett bt T. Anson/Wright.

W.D.: Mortimer/N. Hollywood bt Pearson/K. Le Milliere.

X.D.: Wright/Hollywood bt Bridgett/Pearson.

V.S.: R. Wedlake bt R. Abrahams. J.B.S.: R. Parkins bt A. Lewis. J.G.S.: P. Williams bt R. Pyne.

S. Devon and Torbay Closed:

M.S.: M. Travis bt A. Parker. W.S.: Mrs. M. Wilkey bt Miss I. Forbes.

W.D.: Wilkey/Miss Forbes bt Mrs. Shobbrook/Mrs. Handford.

M.D.: Parker/D. Evans bt D. Peck/G. Creber.

X.D.: R. Grant/Wilkey bt H. Worcester/Forbes.

V.S.: D. Warwick bt K. Mathews. J.B.S.: D. Friend bt T. Tillbrook.

Invitation Family Doubles: G. Ashworth & Son bt D. Dymont & Son.



Mrs. K. Le Milliere, 23 Rugby Road, Exeter, would like to hear from anyone who might know of the whereabouts of the cup pictured above. This is one of a pair of cups named the Elizabeth Blackburn Cups, which were awarded for the West of England Tournament—a tournament which has not been held in recent years. One of the two cups has been lost, and so far enquiries made from likely holders of the cup have not produced any result. The cup was awarded for the Women's Doubles, and it is quite possible that a player or official is holding it, unaware that the organisers require its return. If anybody does know of the whereabouts of this trophy, would they kindly contact Mrs. Le Milliere immediately.

SUSSEX NOTES by John Woodford

Hard Day's Night for Mac

SUSSEX completed their Division 2 (South) programme at the top of the table with a 10-0 win over Surrey II at Lewes and are now looking forward to the challenge matches on April 29.

Peter and Judy Williams pulled off an all-family victory in the Eastbourne Closed when they won both main events but a word of praise also for Gerald McBurney, the man with the heavy responsibility for the smooth running of the marathon 16-hour tournament—the longest sporting event in the town's calendar. Some beat for P.C. McBurney!

Men's Singles: P. WILLIAMS (Willingdon) bt J. Beasley (Christ Church) 8, 20, 16.

Women's Singles: J. WILLIAMS (Willington) bt A. Woodford (Willington) 6, 14.

Men's Doubles: BEASLEY/J. DOBELL (Christ Church) bt Williams/J. Woodford (Willingdon) 11, -16, 17.

Women's Doubles: WILLIAMS/D. GARD bt B. Fields/S. Viles (Edwards Instruments) 7, 3.

Mixed Doubles: WILLIAMS/WILLIAMS bt Beasley/A. Woodford 17, 11.

Junior Singles: Miss D. GARD bt L. Stephenson (Pevensey) 16, 13.

KENT NOTES

Joined in Victory

HELD again at Crystal Palace, the County Senior Closed Championships brought a double wedding present for the new singles champions, Barry Meisel and Pauline Martin, who were married four days later.

Made very open by the withdrawal of men's title holder, Tony Piddock, and his partner Henry Buist, the counterpart women's event was likewise affected by the unavailability of Joyce Ellis to defend her title.

M.S.: B. Meisel; W.S.: P. Martin. M.D.: Derek Basden/Meisel. W.D.: Micki Jones/Ruth Wilson. X.D.: Basden/Martin.

Inter M.S.: George Wilmarch. Inter W.S.: Miss Swan. With the tragedy of the Premier team relegated to the 2nd Division (South), the blow will fall heaviest on the second team, who although finishing second in their division, must now play, next season, in the Southern Division.

Arrangements are now complete for the popular "Kent Messenger" newspaper tournament which will be an out-of-season event. The 4 Zones will be staged on Sunday, May 21, at Canterbury, Maidstone, Crystal Palace and Beckenham with the finals being due a fortnight later at the Corn Exchange, Maidstone, on

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

CAROL KEEPS CLEAN SHEET

IN the South-East Midlands League, Cambridge City have fared moderately well in all sections. The Men displayed great tenacity by making North Herts go all the way for a draw and extract the first point of the season from them.

The Juniors have performed equally well despite having been up against more experienced opposition but it is a proud boy who makes the team with so many up-and-coming juniors being coached.

Ken Muhr and Gerald Coteman have been outstanding, as has Keith White from Ely but David Tiplady is improving all the time and behind him are many others of whom David Silk, Terry Mansfield and Alan Langford are but three.

With limited forces the Ladies have done extraordinary well and Carol Chapman has accomplished wonders. So too has Ruth Fitzjohn who is still a junior and shows great enthusiasm.

Rather surprisingly there are not many girls coming along but some school coaching taken by Margaret Cornwell may rectify this shortage in the near future.

In the county match Cambs beat Hants comfortably and Carol Chapman preserved her 100 per cent record—a notable feat.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

More Umpires Needed

ANOTHER season over, and it was again another good one for Staffordshire. If there was one match

SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Table with columns for Men's Section, Ladies' Division, Junior Section, and Veterans' Section, listing teams and their P, W, D, L, F, A, P statistics.

by Charles M. Wyles

June 3. Entry forms are still obtainable from me at 48, Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

The County AGM will be held in Maidstone on June 4 at which meeting it is expected that the new constitution, already considerably discussed, will be approved.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

First Defeat in Two Seasons

THE hunter became the hunted in Norfolk's exciting chase against the running red fox of Leicestershire. Coby and Fields took their doubles against McLeish and White, at 21 in the third, then Betty Cassell beat Mrs. Rita Beith to give Norfolk a 4-2 lead, with Coby's singles to come.

This reverse affected morale in the match the following week against Suffolk. The Youngs twins are too strong for Norfolk, but Colin Tucker beat Coby and Skedge in a brilliant display. Norfolk were beaten 7-3 and had to concede second place to their great rivals.

The greatest encouragement of the month came from the first-ever County Under-13 Championships. Competitors aged from 8 to 13 came from Denton, Fakenham, Norwich, Ludham, Thetford and Great Yarmouth. All were beautifully turned out and the standard of play was high.

In the East Anglian League of Leagues, Norwich "B" have won Division II for the tenth successive time, and Norwich Juniors have won the Junior Division. It looks as if Lowestoft will retain the Division I Championship, since Great Yarmouth must win both their remaining matches and gain 17 out of 20 ties if they are to depose the holders.

by John Pike

the first team will want to forget it was that 6-4 defeat against Derbyshire. Without doubt their best match was another one they lost, and that was their last game against Warwickshire. This match at Nuneaton turned out to be a cracker with both teams doing credit to the game.

The second team won two and lost two to finish mid-way in the Midland division. With Lancashire and Warwickshire also in this division, this again was not a bad performance.

Like the first team, the juniors had a great tussle with Warwickshire but again they came off second best. One day we may get the better of our neighbours but for this season they will have to be content with the runners-up spot.

From the teams to the players and two honours we are very proud of. First Brian Keates from Walsall was selected to play for England in the junior international against Scotland and then Marjorie Cumberbatch from West Bromwich won the women's veterans event in the English Open at Brighton.

Talking of West Bromwich, the girls there are still going strong in the Rose Bowl. As I am writing these notes they are getting ready for their next hurdle which is an away game with Doncaster.

Umpires. It is almost a nasty word in Staffordshire these days but I do hope the faithful few will get better support next season. Very few other counties seem to be experiencing the same shortage as we are.

AROUND THE COUNTIES

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES by Philip Reid

Jacques Defeats Coby

LEICESTERSHIRE completed a successful first season in the Eastern Division when they beat Norfolk 6-4. Hero of the Leicester side was Charlie Jacques whose victory over Alan Coby was an outstanding performance.

The cup competitions in the county have all been completed and the same club has won all three—Barwell Constitutional. The Rose Johnson Cup was won 6-3 in the final; the Saracen Cup went their way 8 sets to 1 against Clutson & Kemp and they clinched the trio when they beat another Coalville side, Grieves, by 692 points to 664 in the Rose Johnson Bowl final.

Another trio of wins—this time individual—was completed when Rita Beith won the Rose Johnson Memorial Trophy to go with the Y.M.C.A. Open and Leicestershire cups she already holds. Her final was with Sylvia Williams (Mellor Bromley).

A league to the fore this month is Coalville. A successful Coaching

Rally, the inspiration of Newbridge Youth Club leader Beverley Woodger, proved very successful. In the Coalville League, West End Club have established a lead in the first division but are being hotly pursued by Netherseal and Newbridge. The second division is not so open where Peggs Green have looked certain winners all the season. Roy Gregory—well known in Leicester League circles a few seasons ago—is playing as steadily as ever, along with his son Michael and T. J. Betts. These three, in fact, occupy the first three places in the averages.

In the Leicestershire Towns League Loughborough "A" look almost certain winners but an exciting final looks in store in the Junior Section. Leicester need to beat Hinckley at least 9-1 in the final match to wrest the trophy from Loughborough, winners for the past two seasons.

The Loughborough League Championships had some shock results, not least of all being Ivor Billson's defeat in the Junior Singles final by the tall Sawley player, Ken Lomas. Johnny Palmer and Brian Jackson took the junior doubles when, after disposing of holders Billson and Oxbridge in the first round went on to beat Lomas and Matthews in the final. Billson, however, was successful in the Under-15 Singles final which he won at the expense of Garendon schoolmate Terry Hall. Jennifer Stevenson's forehand drive proved the most effective shot in the Ladies' Singles, beating Joan Legg in the final. Billson had a share in a second title when, partnered by Margaret Chamberlain, they won the Mixed Doubles against Alan Wain and Rita Message. Brooks and Morley took the Men's Doubles with a final win against Arterton and Kyle. Morley added the Men's Singles title when he beat Robert Payne in the final.

In the Leicester & District League Woodland Valley, led by the popular Ron Emerton have proved worthy of promotion in 5A, whilst newcomers Symingtons have taken all before them in 6B. In Division 8A Leicester Y.M.C.A. have taken the title. Expertly led by John Hubbard, the Y.M.C.A. chairman has been well supported by Andy Holdsworth (100%) and Tony Branson (90%).

AT THE NORTH-EAST

by Philip Reid

Sandwich for One

ONE tournament which always attracts many Northern entries by its very location is the North East of England Open Championships held at Scarborough over Easter. This season was no exception. What was unusual was that two players with Lancashire connections participated in one of the most interesting matches staged there and which had generous support from the crowd. It was a strictly unscheduled match, played on the Sunday afternoon. The participants, both Internationals, were Ralph Gunnion and Geoff Pullar. To make the contest fair it was agreed that sandwich bat player Ralph would play with pimples rubber and Geoff—a pimples bat exponent—would use sandwich rubber. To a fine round of applause from the crowd (led by Connie Warren) Geoff took the floor, followed by Ralph, who was booed

all the way to the table. Geoff—who seemed to concentrate on putting the ball where Ralph wasn't—won the first without appearing to take more than a passing interest. Passing applied to a lot of his shots too which passed Ralph as he was coming in. To the disappointment of the crowd Ralph took the second, but happily this was only a temporary set-back and Geoff—who appeared to throw the second to please the crowd—quickly took the lead in third. Ralph's services caused the Lancashire and England basman some concern and at this stage, Warren was heard to call for umpire Buller to fault-serve Gunnion. His pleas were to no avail but it seemed to upset an outclassed Gunnion and Geoff completed a fine win with a number of equally good stories in the bar at night. This match was played in the lightest of spirits and is, of course, no reflection on Ralph's real ability.

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EDITING A HANDBOOK

by Peter B. Lindley

IN some respects editing a handbook is not unlike editing any other small booklet. There are, however, certain aspects of the annual handbook which, if treated with forethought, can result in keeping future printing costs to a minimum without sacrifice to the overall appearance.

The following brief glossary of printers' expressions will enable the handbook editor to talk the same basic language as the printer.

Offset litho—a method of printing which at present is not usually economical unless the quantity of items required (i.e. the run) approaches the four-figure mark, at least.

Letterpress printing—a method of printing from raised type, which is economical for small quantities (and most handbook orders are in this category), and which permits changes—such as the annual changes in a handbook—to be made relatively easily and cheaply.

Handsetting of type—setting of individual type characters by hand which is only economical for small amounts. It is likely to be used for setting adverts which normally require many different sizes and kinds of type.

Linotype—a slug of typemetal, which prints a complete line, set by a Linotype typesetting machine. Ideal for handbooks, and cheaper than

Monotype—which is also set by machine but is of individual pieces of type, each corresponding to a single letter (as in hand setting).

Trade typesetting—Linotype and Monotype typesetting, which must be carried out by a trade house (with the inevitable extra cost and time delays) because few printers possess their own typesetting machines. It can cause several weeks' delay, especially if corrections have to be carried out.

Em—a printers' measure, primarily used for giving lengths of lines of type and the depth of the type area on a printed page. There are approximately six ems in an inch.

Point—a printers' measure, particularly of type size. There are 12 points per em, i.e. about 72 pts. per inch. The point size of a type face is the depth of a piece of type or slug, i.e. approximately the distance

The writer, Peter B. Lindley, is the Hon. Secretary of the British Printing Society, which he joined eleven years ago when he became Secretary of the Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Table Tennis League. One of his reasons for joining was to find out more about the job of editing his League's Handbook, and this fascinating pastime of printing has interested him ever since. Any members with a similar interest are invited to contact him (address in example 2) for details of the British Printing Society.

from the top of the capital letters (caps) to the bottom of the ordinary (lower case) letters with descenders, such as "y".

Leading—spacing, made from the metal lead, between lines of type. Usually 1½ pt. or 3 pt.

Illustrating this article are cuttings from the 1958-59-60 and 1966-67 editions of the Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Table Tennis League handbook of which I have been editor for the last eleven seasons. When I took over I saw no need for any change in handbook size, 4in. x 5½in being a convenient pocket size, and type area 18 em line width by about 24 ems depth. However, I have over the years experimented in various ways with the type sizes and layout.

An early change was to Times Roman typeface because it could be set in a smaller size than the previous typeface without looking very much smaller. It is also a common typeface; our handbook printer has it so that he can handset any late corrections if the need arises—and it usually does with handbooks!

The examples show the two sizes of Times used—6 pt. and 8 pt.—with their related Times Bold to give emphasis where appropriate. The use of bold type costs a little extra; so does italic. If they are used together the cost is much more, so I have dispensed entirely with italic and personally find the pages look better without it. The type is kept set up in pages from one year to the next, only the necessary changes being made prior to printing each edition. Apart from any handset adverts,

Linotype is preferred for handbooks for two reasons. It is far easier for the printer to handle, thus reducing the possibility of accidental errors, and Linotype is cheaper than Monotype. Charging for straightforward setting, such as Rules, is based on the number of words, so the setting cost does not depend upon the size of type used. Obviously though, the smaller size can occupy a smaller area so that, if needed, a more attractive layout can be adopted (example 1). Leaving plenty of white space, such as in example 1b, enables additions to the text (rules) to be made without affecting the setting on other pages and possibly having to add extra pages.

In example 2a the names are set in small capitals. The current system, example 2b, is much clearer; also fewer lines have to be set when changes occur, and a switch of position by existing officers only involves switching the corresponding lines of type. The list of officers is printed on the first page of the handbook where it can easily be referred to.

The use of the smaller type size for lists of past winners, examples 3b and 4, is essentially to save space. Compare, for example, 3a and 3b; the latter contains nearly twice as many lines as the former. Each slug is half a line in length (9 ems) so that as more slugs are added year by year the two columns can be balanced in length. The typesetter must be instructed to set new slugs to align with existing ones. The year is set flush left (and will always be the same width as all Times numbers are the same width) and a 6 pt. space left between year and winner. In example 3a the lines were split, but not in half, by the typesetter to simplify setting. Unlike the right-hand part of the line in 3a, each part of the line in 3b carries the year, which reduces the possibility of error and simplifies proofing.

In example 4 the previous year's final league table is at present set in 8 pt., with the leading averages (each on a 6 em slug) and the previous winners in 6 pt. If the number of teams in the division increases the typesize may have to be reduced to 6 pt., as will be the case as the number of past winners increases in the future. There is a similar page for each division.

Michael Storr discusses a CLEANING PROBLEM



ENGLAND'S number four, Judy Williams, tackles the problem of cleaning 200 or so trophies by sitting down on the front room carpet and starting on the biggest first, which is the cup she won at this season's East of England championships. Further success at the English Closed championships where she reached the women's semi-finals helped to lift her from 12 to 4th in the national rankings, the position she held in 1961 when graduating to the senior ranks.

Studies, which temporarily resulted in loss of form and a drop to 12th place, brought rewards, however, and armed with a second class honours degree from Birmingham University, Judy took up a position as interpreter with the London Office of Shell Oil Company. She specialises in German and Russian.

While at University Judy had been secretary of the table tennis team, and gained her table tennis "blue" while still a freshman.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams of Denton Avenue, Eastbourne, Judy was at school in St. Albans, and is a former Herts junior and senior table tennis champion. In Sussex she has played with the Willingdon Club at Eastbourne.

Brother Peter, aged 20, also plays table tennis, and is ranked No. 3 in Sussex.

Judy was picked for the English team to play in the Quadrangular.

The Directory of Clubs, example 5, shows the use of separate lines for the three different items. This saves unnecessary resetting when there are changes in only one or two of the lines.

In addition to the usual information, the Handbook includes current items (such as the experimental service Laws), recommended order of play in league matches when one player is late (see page 9, *Table Tennis News*, December, 1966), a personal and team record form inside the rear cover (illustrated on page 8

of the October 1966 *Table Tennis News*), and an entry form for the annual closed tournament.

Inclusion of the tournament form in the Handbook is not a complete success. Only about half of the regular team players enter, but this may well be comparable with other leagues. Apart from the extra work involved, whether a separate circulation to each registered player is justified will depend on the extra cost of doing so compared with the additional income expected.

(To be continued)

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4 FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	RF	RA	Pts
Ludwick 1	22	17	3	2	160	60	37
Nortons 1	22	17	3	2	144	76	37
Hawker Aviation 1	22	16	1	5	144	76	33
I.C.I. 1	22	14	2	6	148	72	30
Hatfield Nalگو	22	14	2	6	129	91	30
Ludwick 2	22	10	3	9	95	125	23
W.G.C.T.T.C. 1	22	8	3	11	109	111	19
Hyde 1	22	6	3	13	95	125	15
Hawker Dynamics 1	22	7	0	15	93	127	14
I.C.I. 2	22	4	4	14	83	137	12
Hatfield Park	22	4	1	17	76	144	9
Hyde 2	22	1	3	18	54	166	5

Leading Averages % Division 1

92.3 G. Bebb	70.6 B. Moseley	58.8 G. Lowther
84.2 D. Keeling	66.7 J. Nadauld	58.0 D. Winter
79.4 F. Edkins	64.0 B. Hopher	56.6 T. Sparkes
76.2 R. Collins	63.1 B. Evans	55.4 G. Moorhouse
73.8 D. Tyson	60.3 W. Campbell	53.5 J. Keeling
73.3 H. Vernal	59.2 N. Barrow	51.0 M. Kevans

Previous Division 1 Winners

1946/47 Digswell	1956/57 de Havilland Props 1
1947/48 de Havilland	1957/58 de Havilland Props 1
1948/49 Welco	1958/59 de Havilland Props 1
1949/50 Welco	1959/60 Dagmar 2
1950/51 de Havilland	1960/61 I.C.I. 1
1951/52 de Havilland	1961/62 de H. Manor Rd. 1
1952/53 Table Tennis Club 1	1962/63 Ludwick Family 1
1953/54 de Havilland 1	1963/64 Ludwick Family 1
1954/55 Table Tennis Club 1	1964/65 Ludwick 1
1955/56 de Havilland Props 1	

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Men's Singles	Men's Doubles
1948 G. Bebb	C. Tavener & F. Wells
1949 A. Silverthorne	J. Bryant & F. Wells
1950 J. Bryant	J. Bryant & R. Islipp
1951 N. Sayers	R. Sacki & N. Sayers
1952 G. Bebb	G. Bebb & N. Sayers
1953 J. Bryant	C. Tavener & J. Bryant
1954 A. Rogers	V. Alexander & N. Straker
1955 J. Bryant	J. Bryant & R. Wilson
1956 R. Skidmore	D. Whittingham & R. Skidmore
1957 J. Bryant	R. Skidmore & R. Sacki

3b

Men's Singles	Men's Doubles
1948 G. Bebb	1957 J. Bryant
1949 A. Silverthorne	1958 R. Wilson
1950 J. Bryant	1959 R. Wilson
1951 N. Sayers	1960 C. Easty
1952 G. Bebb	1961 C. Easty
1953 J. Bryant	1962 P. Williams
1954 A. Rogers	1963 P. Williams
1955 J. Bryant	1964 G. Bebb
1956 R. Skidmore	1965 G. Bebb

Men's Doubles	Men's Doubles
1948 C. Tavener/F. Wells	1957 R. Skidmore/R. Sacki
1949 J. Bryant/F. Wells	1958 J. Bryant/R. Wilson
1950 J. Bryant/R. Islipp	1959 R. Wilson/S. Gold
1951 R. Sacki/N. Sayers	1960 C. Easty/R. Skidmore
1952 G. Bebb/N. Sayers	1961 J. Bryant/S. Gold
1953 C. Tavener/J. Bryant	1962 R. Back/R. Blagrove
1954 V. Alexander/N. Straker	1963 J. Bryant/G. Bebb
1955 J. Bryant/R. Wilson	1964 G. Bebb/B. Evans
1956 D. Whittingham/R. Skidmore	1965 G. Bebb/B. Evans

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DIRECTORY OF CLUBS

Please note : (1) Club Room Address ; (2) Secretary's Name and Address ; (3) Telephone Nos. (H) Home, (B) Business, (C) Club. Night on which home matches are played are given in the Fixture List.

Douglas Kane

- (1) T. A. Hall, Lemsford Lane, WGC.
- (2) K. C. Booty, 8 Branksome Close, High Street Green, Hemel Hempstead.
- (3) (B) WG 21261.

Free Church Youth Club

- (1) St. Francis Hall, Church Road, WGC.
- (2) J. W. Hill, 54 Attimore Road, WGC.
- (3) (H) WG 27027.

Hatfield Nalگو

- (1) Civil Defence H.Q., 14 St. Albans Road, Hatfield.
- (2) P. G. Smith, 43 Northfield, Longmead, Hatfield.
- (3) (B.C.) Hatfield 2201.

Hawker Siddeley Aviation Ltd.

- (1) By-Pass Club, Barnet By-Pass, Hatfield.
- (2) D. Bolton, 123 Bramble Road, Hatfield.
- (3)

TRIPLE TRIUMPH FOR JUNIOR TEAMS

ON the same weekend our juniors won three different international matches, all by roughly the same score.

In Motherwell, Edgar Reay with the team of Paul Judd, Brian Mitchell, Paul Hamer and Brian Keates beat Scotland 8-2.

In Middelburg, Judy Heaps, Linda Henwood and Jill Shirley, with Elsie Carrington in charge, beat Holland 7-2, whilst with me, Keith Lawrence, Trevor Taylor and Derek Munt also beat Holland 7-2.

A further international has been arranged with the Netherlands for April 10 and this will be televised from Crystal Palace. England's team will be Keith Lawrence, Trevor Taylor and Judy Heaps.

The only other international event for this season's juniors is the European Junior Championships to be held at Vejle, Denmark, from July 31 to August 4.

v Netherlands

BOYS & GIRLS EACH WIN 7-2

THREE boys and three girls together with Elsie Carrington and myself went to Middelburg which is situated on the island of Walcheren in the province of Zeeland, to play two junior international matches as part of the town's 750th birthday celebrations.

Never before had the three girls played abroad whilst for Jill Shirley it was her first international.

In the girls match, Linda Henwood opened with a sparkling win over Nel Elstgeest though she allowed it to go a little close in the second.

Judy Heaps then crushed Miek ten Broek straight games but Jill Shirley, understandably nervous, after managing by consistency to just win her first game against Van Ruiten lost 20-22 in the third.

Judy won her other two, also in straight games, and Jill met with two successes which included another 22-20 in the third against ten Broek. Linda lost to Mary van Ruiten—Netherlands' only winner.

With the Juniors BY LAURIE LANDRY

Concurrently the boys were also winning 7-2 but it was a much closer match than the score suggests.

Derek Munt went to three in each of his sets and his opponents seemed to be well used to playing against Derek's mainly defensive game. He lost to Rob Joels, at 19 in the third, his opponent playing well above himself.

Against Nico van Slobbe, Munt went to expedite at 16-14 and ran out the winner, 15 in the third.

Trevor Taylor beat both Ed Fallaux and Joëls in straight games leaving his opponents to make the mistakes. Trevor lost, however, to Slobbe just losing the first -20, coming into his own at 7 in the second, but going down again in the decider -15.

Keith Lawrence never appeared in danger of losing, only the Dutch No.

1, Slobbe, managing to take a game. Results:

Boys

K. Lawrence bt E. Fallaux 14, 17; bt R. Joëls 12, 12; bt N. van Slobbe 18, -22, 13.

T. Taylor bt Fallaux 9, 7; bt Joëls 18, 9; lost to van Slobbe -20, 7, -15.

D. Munt bt Fallaux 17, -19, 10; lost to Joëls 14, -20, -19; bt van Slobbe -19, 9, 15.

Girls

J. Heaps bt N. Elstgeest 8, 6; bt M. ten Broek 20, 17; bt M. van Ruiten 12, 17.

L. Henwood bt Elstgeest 11, 19; bt ten Broek 15, 14, lost to van Ruiten -14, -16.

J. Shirley bt Elstgeest 20, 10; bt ten Broek -19, 16, 20; lost to van Ruiten 24, -14, -20.

v Scotland

ANOTHER IMPRESSIVE WIN

UNDER the non-playing captaincy of Durham's Edgar Reay, England's second string junior boys' team defeated Scotland 8-2 at Motherwell as a prelude to dominating the junior boys event of the Scottish Open.

Lancashire's Brian Mitchell suffered the only singles reverse when he narrowly lost to the home country's No. 1 Eric Sutherland of Edinburgh and again, with Brian Keates, was just pipped by the Gambit Club boy partnered by Donald McIntosh of Dundee.

Scotland's other team members were Cameron McLeod of Perth and Richard Yule, a 15-year-old from Aberdeen.

Not one of the 10 sets went to a decider which gives an indication of the dominance exerted by Keates in his two singles encounters and by both Paul Judd and Paul Harmer over the Scots. Results:

P. Judd bt D. McIntosh 14, 16; bt E. Sutherland 12, 17.

B. Mitchell lost to Sutherland -17, -23; bt McIntosh 12, 17.

P. Harmer bt R. Yule 13, 14; bt C. McLeod 19, 18.

B. L. Keates bt McLeod 11, 13; bt Yule 16, 14.

Doubles

Keates/Mitchell lost to McIntosh/Sutherland -24, -22.

Harmer/Judd bt McLeod/Yule 15, 19.

From Jack Carrington
Director of Coaching
E.T.T.A.



NATIONAL SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARRANGEMENTS are being made to present each competitor in the Regional Play-offs with a personal Certificate of Merit, with special Certificates for the Regional Winners and Runners-up. As these certificates may not be ready by the time of the earlier play-offs it is requested that the Regional Organiser has the names and addresses of participating teams.

The winning Boys' team and the winning Girls' team of each of the eight Regional play-offs, will compete in the National Finals at the Leicester Colleges of Art and Technology, Gymnasium, The Newarks, Western Boulevard, Leicester on Saturday, June 3, starting at 11 a.m.

Winning team captains are asked to please confirm with their Organiser that due note has been made of this preliminary information but further details will be issued in due course.

Some school-teachers have expressed interest in the inauguration of an "English Schools Table Tennis Association" in the near future, to link up the 10 or so County Schools T.T.As. already working in close co-operation with the English Table Tennis Association.

The success of such an organisation must depend upon the enthusiasm of teachers at local levels. If any teachers, on reading this, would like to play some part in the formation of an official Schools T.T.A., whether nationally or locally, please mention this to the Regional Organiser. We will then ensure that you are informed of meetings or other developments.

We hope next year, to extend to two age-groups, under-17 and under-15, in the School-team Championships. We have also been asked to consider enlarging the teams to six or eight players. Our Organisers would welcome your comments on these or any other points arising from this year's competition.

The rules of this season's competition are as follows:

1. The Object of these Championships is to decide the English Champion School Team (Boys) and the English Champion School Team (Girls) by means of a National Play-Off between teams emerging as winners in eight Regional Play-offs.

2. The Regional Play-offs will be contested between teams representing Educational Authority areas. The representatives of these areas may be decided by local eliminating competitions or by nomination at the discretion of the Authority entering them.

3. Where an Authority has not entered the Competition formally, an invitation may be issued to one Boys' Team and one Girls' Team at the discretion of the E.T.T.A. Regional Organiser.

4. A School Team consists of four Boys or four Girls, attending the same school until July 1967.

AGE LIMIT: The English and International "Junior" definition will apply, i.e. all players must be UNDER 17 years on July 1, 1966.

5. Match Procedure: Captains will rank their Players in order of merit and exchange their list with the opposing Captains.

Order of Play (Singles):

Team "A"	Team "B"	
No. 1	v	No. 2
2	v	1
3	v	3
4	v	4
1	v	1
2	v	2
4	v	3
3	v	4

Choice of A or B to be made by toss
All matches best of three games of 21 points

If the score is 4-4, the match shall be decided by one Doubles contest. Captains may choose the Doubles pairings as they wish.

ONLY FULL TEAMS OF FOUR PLAYERS will be allowed to compete. Teams arriving short, may play their matches on a friendly basis.

6. Laws: All matches shall be played under the Laws published by the English Table Tennis Association. The Referee is Mr. Ivor Eyles, Chairman of the E.T.T.A., whose decision shall be final in case of dispute.

INFORMATION POINTS

Prizes: Challenge Trophies will be held by the Champion Schools for one year; individual trophies will be awarded to National Winners and Finalists; Certificates to Regional Winners and Finalists.

Dress: All Players should be informed that sports kit and plimsolls must be worn and that white or dazzling clothing is not allowed.

Regional Play-offs: Will be arranged by the E.T.T.A. Organiser as shown on our Competition Plan NCS/673, enclosed. Probable dates first week of May 1967.

National Finals: Will be arranged by E.T.T.A. Director of Coaching, probably in Leicester, on a Saturday end May/early June 1967. Separate instructions will be issued about this meeting.

REGIONAL PLAY-OFF PLANS

REGION	Boys' Teams	Girls' Teams	E.T.T.A. Organiser
WEST MIDLANDS			
(Details not yet known)			
Salop County ...	1	1	Mr. R. Morris 172 Byron Road Birmingham, 10
Stoke-on-Trent ...	1	1	
Walsall ...	1	1	
Wolverhampton ...	1	1	
Warwickshire County ...	1	1	
Birmingham North ...	1	1	
Birmingham South ...	1	1	
Worcestershire County ...	1	1	
Worcester Borough ...	1	—	
EAST			
(At Harlow Sportcentre, Saturday, April 29)			
Essex County ...	1	1	Mr. A. G. Steggall 276 Northridge Way Hemel Hempstead Herts Tel.: Hemel Hempstead 52671
Gt. Yarmouth ...	1	1	
Suffolk East County ...	1	1	
Ipswich ...	1	1	
Newham Borough ...	1	1	
Waltham Forest ...	1	—	
Herts. County ...	1	1	
Haringey ...	1	1	
Enfield ...	1	—	
LONDON & SOUTH-EAST			
(At Crystal Palace probably on Saturday, April 29)			
Kent County ...	1	1	Mr. J. Carrington 24 Worcester Gdns. Ilford, Essex Tel.: VALEntine 5838
Canterbury ...	1	1	
Bexley ...	1	1	
Surrey County ...	1	1	
Kingston-upon-Thames ...	1	—	
Merton ...	1	1	
Sutton ...	1	1	
Sussex West ...	1	1	
Other London Boroughs	4	4	
SOUTH			
(Details not yet known)			
Bucks County ...	1	1	Mr. L. Thompson "Auchmead" The Avenue Wraysbury, Bucks Tel.: Wraysbury 2526
Berks County ...	1	1	
Hants County ...	1	1	
Bournemouth ...	—	1	
Southampton ...	1	—	
SOUTH-WEST			
(At Exmouth County Secondary School, Saturday, April 29)			
Wilts. County ...	1	1	Mr. B. Worts 36 Park Road Exmouth Devon
Swindon ...	1	1	
Somerset ...	1	1	
Devon County ...	1	1	
Exeter ...	1	1	
Cornwall County ...	1	—	
NORTH-EAST			
(Probably at Stockton, date not yet settled)			
Stockton-on-Tees ...	1	1	Mr. P. Simpson 30 Vesper Gate Mount, Leeds, 5 Yorks Tel.: Leeds 57510
Gateshead ...	1	—	
South Shields ...	1	1	
West Hartlepool ...	1	—	
Middlesbrough ...	1	—	
East Riding County ...	1	—	
Hull ...	1	1	
Leeds ...	1	1	
Bradford ...	1	1	
Sheffield ...	—	—	
NORTH-WEST			
(At Burnley Table Tennis Centre on Sunday, April 9)			
Millom ...	1	—	Mr. S. Frohlick 20 Rosemary Ave. Blackpool Lancs Tel.: Blackpool 43718
Lancashire County ...	1	1	
Widnes ...	1	1	
Barrow-in-Furness ...	1	—	
Burnley ...	1	—	
Liverpool ...	1	1	
Cheshire County ...	1	—	
Wigan ...	1	—	
Wallasey ...	1	—	
NORTH-MIDLANDS			
(At Leicester Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, May 6 at 11 a.m.)			
Lincs. (Kesteven) ...	1	—	Mr. P. Reid 47 New Fields Ave. Braunstone Leics
Leicestershire County ...	1	1	
Nottingham Borough ...	1	—	
Northampton Borough ...	1	1	
Northamptonshire County ...	1	1	
NOTES			
1. Rules and Procedure: Please see attached Sheets NCS. 671 and NCS. 672.			
2. "Errors & Omissions": Some modifications may be necessary in the Regional lists of entrants due to (a) some confirmations not yet received, and (b) some queries still under correspondence.			
3. Entry Fees: For each team representing an Area listed above, an Entry Fee of 10s. 0d. is payable to E.T.T.A. The National Organiser is: Mr. J. Carrington, Director of Coaching, 24 Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex.			

Essex Schools Championships by O. N. Gurney 390 TEAMS ATTRACTED

THE finals of the Essex Schools Table Tennis Championships were played at the Harlow Sportcentre on Sunday, March 19, with thirteen tables in use.

Qualifying tournaments—held in ten of the fourteen Authorities in the County (including London Boroughs)—attracted a total of 390 teams; this is claimed as a record number of entries for any County.

The 54 teams playing in the finals were organised under a "Davies Cup" system by Jack Carrington.

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Under-17—winners: Pretoria Secondary School, Newham; runners-up: Clacton Secondary School.

Under-15—winners: Plaistow Grammar School, Newham; runners-up: Royal Grammar School, Colchester.

Girls

Under-19—winners: Aveley Technical School, Thurrock; runners-up: North East Essex Technical College, Colchester.

Under-17—winners: Palmer's School, Thurrock; runners-up: Brentwood High School.

Under-15—winners: Rectory Manor School, Newham; runners-up: Woodford County High School, Redbridge.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND-UP

by John Wright

PRIDE OF PLACE FOR YORKSHIRE

THE dust has now settled, and a very confused set of divisional tables have been clarified. Yorkshire must take pride of place for their first-ever Premier Division title (and this is the first time that the Harrower Cup has gone outside the London Counties of Middlesex, Essex and Surrey). Qualifying for the promotion challenge matches at Wolverhampton are Sussex (2nd South), Lancashire (2nd North), Warwickshire (2nd Midland) and Somerset (2nd West), while the Junior winners to challenge at Malvern are Bucks (South), Essex (East), Lancashire (North), Monmouthshire (South-West) and Warwickshire (Midland). A good year for Lancashire, with their 2nd team winning the Midland Division; can they return to the Premier at the first attempt? Leicestershire (Eastern) and Hampshire II (Southern) complete the list of divisional winners.

An interesting point is that with Hertfordshire and Kent both due for relegation, almost certainly both to 2nd South, one of these Counties will have to wait for at least two seasons before being able to return to the highest class.

PREMIER DIVISION

Hertfordshire 2, Gloucestershire 7
T. Densham lost to I. Harrison -12, -16; lost to R. Morley -15, 19, -12. E. Hall lost to I. Harrison -12, -8; lost to B. Merrett -21, -11. T. Taylor lost to R. Morley -14, 15, -19; lost to Merrett 18, -12, -14. Densham/Taylor lost to Harrison/Merrett -14, -15. Mrs. B. Andrews bt Mrs. L. Hawkins -15, 14, 10. Hall/Mrs. Andrews bt Morley/Mrs. Hawkins 22, -14, 15.

Very good table tennis, with spectator appeal. Although Gloucs had to fight all the way the result was hardly ever in doubt.

Gloucestershire 6, Cheshire 3
I. Harrison bt M. Johns 6, 11; bt R. Hampson 12, 12. R. Morley bt M. Johns 11, 15; but D. Schofield 14, -18, 15. B. Merrett lost to R. Hampson 11, -17, -16; bt Schofield 18, -17, 15. Harrison/Merrett bt Johns/Hampson -18, 20, 7. Mrs. L. Hawkins lost to Mrs. D. Johnson -14, -11. Morley/Mrs. Hawkins lost to Schofield/Mrs. Johnson -11, -12.

Ian Harrison superb, slaughtering Mike Johns and playing two spectacular backhands in the doubles, finishing well behind the Cheshire pair. Bryan Merrett did just what was required, beating Derek Schofield (who played very well) to give Gloucs a 3-0 lead, and Diane Johnson proved a capable substitute for Judy Heaps.

Surrey 6, Kent 3
C. Warren bt A. Piddock 19, 13; bt K. Baker 20, 16. M. Creamer bt A. Piddock 19, -12, 13; bt D. Basden 19, 11. R. Penfold lost to K. Baker -14, -18; lost to D. Basden -15, -17. R. Penfold/C. Warren lost to H. Buist/A. Piddock 20, -18, -16. Mrs. M. Wright bt Miss P. Martin 12, 8. Creamer/Mrs. Wright bt Baker/Miss Martin 12, 5.

A match charged with tension with relegation of the loser almost a certainty. Man of the match was unbeaten Mick Creamer who got Surrey off to a flying start with his win over Tony Piddock. Pauline Martin dreadfully out of touch, and her form this season must be causing Kent as much concern as Surrey have for a good

number 3 man. Ron Penfold has not seemed to fill the bill here, with only one singles win in ten appearances.

Yorkshire 6, Hertfordshire 3
D. Neale bt T. Densham 14, 16; bt E. Hall 14, 16. M. Symonds bt T. Densham 10, 11; bt E. Coster 10, 17. P. Duncombe lost to E. Hall -23, 11, -22; bt E. Coster 21, 8. Neale/Symonds bt Hall/Coster 10, 15. Mrs. C. Duncombe lost to Miss P. Hemmings -15, -9. P. Duncombe/Miss L. Proudlock lost to T. Densham/Miss Hemmings 14, -13, 18.

A bitterly disappointing result for Yorkshire who needed every set to give them a chance of the title. Denis Neale and Mike Symonds in full control, but Peter Duncombe unable to produce his usual County form losing to exiled Yorkshireman Eric Hall, the latter leading 18-12 in the 3rd, then trailing 18-19. Pauline Hemmings never allowed either Yorkshire girl to settle down.

Middlesex 3, Essex 6
B. Wright lost to C. Barnes -17, -13; bt S. Gibbs 16, -16, 18. L. Haslam lost to C. Barnes -9, 10, -8; bt R. Stevens -14, 14, 19. A. Lindsay lost to S. Gibbs -21, -18; bt R. Stevens 18, 12. L. Landry/A. Lindsay lost to C. Barnes/R. Stevens -14, -7. Miss K. Smith lost to Mrs. L. Radford -17, 2, 22. B. Wright/Miss K. Smith lost to S. Gibbs/Mrs. L. Radford -19, -18.

With the result from Bradford known, frantic calculations showed that any win was enough for Middlesex, 5-4 or 6-3 to Essex let through Yorkshire, and Essex needed 7-2 or better. The two vital matches both involved young Karenza Smith, who could not quite pull Middlesex through. In the Mixed Doubles, Middlesex led 13-4 in the first, only to lose, and in the second trailed 4-14 to lose to 16-18 but could get no further. This put Essex at 2-all, and they led 3-2 after an absurdly easy Men's Doubles win. Lesley Radford fought magnificently from 18-20 in the 3rd to win her singles, and with Barnes (after a shaky start) demoralising Brian Wright. Essex led 5-2 and Middlesex hopes were dead. Then Stuart Gibbs, 14-20 down to Lindsay, went berserk, and took 7 points on the trot to lead 21-20 and later take the game. Lindsay trailed in the second and almost succeeded with a similar late effort. Then a match which, but for the vital interest in its results might have got a slow hand-lap for the number of unforced errors with Les Haslam scraping some 19 in the 3rd over Bobby Stevens to make the score 6-3 to Essex and Yorkshire champions.

2nd DIVISION SOUTH
Kent II 7, Buckinghamshire 3
After a poor start, Kent recovered well led by Juniors Ruth Wilson and Ian Norman, the latter making an unbeaten Senior debut.

Sussex 10, Surrey II 0

2nd DIVISION NORTH
Cheshire II 8, Durham 2
Cumberland 3, Northumberland 7
Even without their three top men Northumberland well worth their 'in. But Alan Dixon played really well to take his two singles and Juniors Alan Wilcock and Sylvia Tycraft scored another mixed win.

Lancashire 8, Lincolnshire 2
The form of Brian Hill against John Clarke in the first set was not matched by a colleague until John Beaumont beat Jack Keogh in the penultimate set. Lancs rather slack in the men's doubles.

2nd DIVISION MIDLAND
Warwickshire 7, Staffordshire 3
An easy win, although a close match had been expected. It could have been still easier as Doreen Griffiths had a commanding lead over Dorothy Deeley only to lose 21-23 on Expedite. Ralph Gunnion much too good for anyone else in this division: he was unbeaten in his singles.

Derbyshire 8, Monmouthshire 2
With this excellent result in a match closer than the score suggests Derbyshire achieved 2nd place in the table. All Derbyshire players in good form and Tony Watkins showing some particularly brilliant spells for the visitors. Derby reap the benefit of fielding a settled team.

Glamorgan 8, Oxfordshire 2
The visitors well below strength and play never reaching a high standard. Glamorgan's first win this season.

2nd DIVISION WEST
Devon 7, Cornwall 3
Last minute replacement T. Wilkes won both singles for Cornwall.

Somerset 8, Wiltshire 2
With only one point needed to be sure of the division Somerset took an early reverse with Tony Kinsey losing his unbeaten record to Dick Clode. A tense atmosphere remained until Somerset had a 5-1 lead which they increased to 8-1 before Kinsey made a night of it and lost to Tony Wolff (Sr.) as well.

Worcestershire 10, Dorset 0
George Biles made both Mick Hawkins and Ray Lush work hard and Richard Diment hit a good spell at the end after a terrible start.

SOUTHERN DIVISION
Berkshire 4, Hampshire 6
Worcestershire 2, Buckinghamshire 8
Bucks overall just that little bit too good.
Buckinghamshire II 2, Berkshire 8
Consistently good play from Berkshire against a Bucks side with only Michael Close showing real determination. First class display by Duncan Campbell, and the Berkshire ladies too strong. An extremely disappointing match by Michael Wald, of whom Bucks had great hopes.

Oxfordshire II 2, Worcestershire II 8

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH
Hampshire 2, Sussex 8
Although Sussex took 4 sets at 18 in the 3rd or closer it would have been an injustice had they not won with their stronger all-round side.

Berkshire 2, Surrey 8
Surrey's win just big enough to lift them into 2nd place.

EASTERN DIVISION
Norfolk 3, Suffolk 7

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH
Cheshire 8, Durham 2
Cumberland 5, Northumberland 5
Against a slightly weakened Northumberland side, Cumberland found themselves in the unexpected position of leading 4-1 and then let their visitors off the hook. Very happy to get their first point in the Championships.

Lancashire 10, Durham 0
Durham just not in the picture in this match, even though Lancashire lacked the services of Brian Mitchell (on international duty).

Lancashire 7, Yorkshire 3
Yorkshire's 5-year reign as champions of this division broken by a most purposeful Red Rose quartet including two 13-year-olds in Tony Boasman and Susan Lisle. Boasman excelled in beating both Alan Fletcher and Tony Clayton and partnered Miss Lisle to an impressive success over Jim Goldsborough and Linda Forkes. Taking a 3-0 lead Lancs never slackened the rein.

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND
Staffordshire 3, Warwickshire 7
Brian Keates played superb table tennis to win against his rivals Paul Judd and Pat Glynn from the Ranking List. Warwickshire, needing only a draw, made sure of the match by their all-round strength even without Derek Munt, and will take some stopping in the challenge matches.

Oxfordshire 2, Nottinghamshire 8

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST
Norfolk 7, Suffolk 3
Hertfordshire 2, Essex 8
Cambridgeshire 2, Middlesex 8

A good fight put up by the young Cambridge team, for whom Gerald Coteman won both singles. Melvin Roberts the most successful player and was rarely extended.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH-WEST
Monmouthshire 10, Gloucestershire 0
Monmouthshire made a clean sweep against a weakened Gloucestershire side, who for the second time this season helded an unregistered player.

Somerset 5, Wiltshire 5
Slightly disappointing for the home side who had their first victory in sight when they led 5-1. But all credit to Wiltshire for their recovery to gain their first point. 100 per cent singles record for Somerset's Wendy Harper.

Junior Challenge Matches: Bucks, Essex, Lancs, Monmouths, Warwicks. Geraldine Staff Club, Barnards Green, Malvern, Worcs. Saturday, April 15 (2.0 p.m.), Sunday, April 16 (10.0 a.m.).

Promotion Challenge Matches: Lancashire, Somerset, Sussex, Warwicks. Woodfield S. & S. Club, Penn Road, Wolverhampton. Saturday, April 29 (3.0 p.m.), Sunday, April 30 (10.0 a.m.).

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	Sets	Games
Yorkshire	7	6	1	40	23 91 58 12
Essex	7	5	1	40	23 89 62 12
Middlesex	7	5	2	40	23 — 10
Surrey	7	3	4	31	32 75 71 6
Cheshire	7	3	4	31	32 75 85 6
Gloucestershire	7	3	4	30	33 — 6
Kent	7	2	5	26	37 — 4
Hertfordshire	7	0	7	14	49 — 0

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sussex	6	6	0	0	49	11	12
Kent II	6	4	1	1	40	20	9
Hampshire	6	2	2	2	35	25	6
Surrey II	6	3	0	3	26	34	6
Buckinghamshire	6	2	0	4	25	35	4
Hertfordshire II	5	1	1	3	16	34	3
Bedfordshire	5	0	0	5	9	41	0

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lancashire	6	6	0	0	47	13	12
Northumberland	6	5	0	1	43	17	10
Lincolnshire	5	3	0	2	23	27	6
Cheshire II	5	2	1	2	27	23	5
Yorkshire II	6	2	1	3	31	29	5
Durham	6	1	0	5	16	44	2
Cumberland	8	0	0	6	13	47	0

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warwickshire	6	6	0	0	43	17	12
Derbyshire	6	5	0	1	37	23	10
Staffordshire	6	4	0	2	36	24	8
Monmouthshire	6	1	2	3	26	34	4
Glamorgan	6	1	1	4	28	32	3
Oxfordshire	6	1	1	4	23	38	3
Nottinghamshire	6	1	0	5	18	42	2

SECOND DIVISION WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Somerset	5	4	1	0	36	14	9
Devon	5	3	0	2	32	18	6
Cornwall	5	2	1	2	30	20	5
Worcestershire	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Wiltshire	5	2	0	3	21	29	4
Dorset	5	0	0	5	4	46	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hampshire II	8	7	0	1	53	27	14
Buckinghamshire II	8	6	0	2	43	32	12
Berkshire	8	5	0	3	54	26	10
Worcestershire II	8	1	1	6	28	52	3
Oxfordshire	8	0	1	7	17	63	1

MIDLAND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lancashire II	4	4	0	0	29	11	8
Warwickshire II	4	3	0	1	29	11	6
Staffordshire II	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Derbyshire II	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Denbighshire	4	0	0	4	2	38	0

EASTERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leicestershire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Suffolk	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Norfolk	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Cambridgeshire	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Huntingdonshire	4	0	1	3	10	30	1

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Buckinghamshire	5	4	0	1	29	11	8
Surrey	5	3	1	1	33	17	7
Kent	5	3	1	1	32	18	7
Sussex	5	3	0	2	31	19	6
Berkshire	5	1	0	4	15	35	2
Hampshire	5	0	0	5	10	40	0

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lancashire	5	5	0	0	44	6	10
Yorkshire	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Cheshire	5	2	0	3	26	24	4
Durham	5	2	0	3	18	32	4
Northumberland	5	1	1	3	17	33	3
Cumberland	5	0	1	4	9	41	1

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warwickshire	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
Staffordshire	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Nottinghamshire	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Worcestershire	5	2	0	3	17	33	4
Leicestershire	5	1	1	3	24	26	3
Oxfordshire	5	0	0	5	6	44	0

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
Hertfordshire	5	3	1	1	31	19	7
Middlesex	5	3	0	2	29	21	6
Norfolk	5	2	0	3	22	28	4
Cambridgeshire	5	1	1	3	17	33	3
Suffolk	5	0	0	5	10	40	0

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH-WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Monmouthshire	4	3	1	0	34	6	7
Glamorgan	4	3	1	0	30	10	7
Gloucestershire	4	2	0	2	17	23	4
Somerset	4	0	1	3	11	29	1
Wiltshire	4	0	1	3	8	32	1

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ANALYSIS OF PREMIER DIVISION RESULTS

	Men's Singles (42)	Men's Doubles (7)	Women's Singles (7)	Mixed Doubles (7)	Total Sets Won
Yorkshire	28	4	3	5	40
Essex	26	3	5	6	40
Middlesex	30	1	5	4	40
Surrey	18	2	6	5	31
Cheshire	19	6	3	3	31
Gloucestershire	24	6	0	0	30
Kent	18	6	1	1	26
Hertfordshire	5				