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NEW SECRETARY 'SIGNS ON'



Derek Tremayne (seated), the new Organising Secretary of the E.T.T.A. is welcomed by the Chairman, Ivor Eyles (left) and Hon. Treasurer, Tom Blunn.

Photo by Michael MacLaren

ENGLAND TURN THE TIDE

Writes George Yates

FOLLOWING on their champagne success over Rumania at Edmonton on December 3, the fighting qualities of England's representatives were fully demonstrated on the following weekend against West Germany at Crystal Palace.

From a trailing position of 0-4, in an eight set match, England banged down their foot on the accelerator to achieve equality in a tremendous recovery after the interval.

Out hit by Martin Ness in his first set, Denis Neale scored a telling blow when he overcame the tenacious Eberhard Scholer who had earlier beaten Stuart Gibbs. The young Essex player also came back into the picture by turning the scales on the fiery Ness.

Mary Wright, who took no part in the proceedings before the interval, was at ease in disposing of Agnes Simon and in partnership with Pauline Hemmings cruised to another comfortable success over her singles victim partnered by Edit Buchholz.

Scores:
D. NEALE lost to M. Ness -8, -16; bt E. Scholer -17, 19, 18.

S. GIBBS lost to Scholer -16, -20; bt Ness 16, 23.

M. WRIGHT bt A. Simon 17, 14.

P. HEMMINGS lost to E. Buchholz -15, -19.

Doubles:
GIBBS/NEALE lost to Ness/Scholer -15, -14.
HEMMINGS/WRIGHT bt Buchholz/Simon 17, 17.

TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
Jan. 14	Glamorgan Open	JBS, GJS	
14	Lancashire Open Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Lostock, Bolton	JBS, JGS VS	G. T. H. Fackrell, 11 Halton Road, Great Sankey, Warrington Closing Date 3.1.67
14-15	Essex Open Harlow Sports Centre, Harlow	JBS, JGS	W. D. Wadling, 39 Ramsgill Drive, Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex
22	Oxfordshire Restricted Open The Sports Hall, Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxford	JS	R. J. Smurthwaite, 34 Springfield Oval, Witney, Oxon Closing Date 7.1.67
28	Pontefract Restricted Open Assembly Rooms, Pontefract, Yorks	JBS, JGS VS	G. L. Johnson, 17 Rhodes Crescent, Pontefract, Yorks
28-29	Kent Open Marine Pavilion, Folkestone	YSB, YSG VS	C. M. Wyles, 48 Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex
Feb. 4	South Yorkshire Open Norfolk Barracks, Edmund Road Drill Hall, Lancing Road, Sheffield		D. W. Roe, 16 Olivers Mount, Sheffield, 9
5	Hythe Restricted Open The Institute, Hythe, Kent		R. J. Weaver, Hunters Moon, 9 St. Hildas Road, Hythe, Kent
5	North Bournemouth Club Restricted Open	JS	C. B. Cashell, 16 Victoria Avenue, Winton, Bournemouth
11	Midland Open The Rover Co. Ltd., Social Club, Solihull	JBS, JGS JD, VS	M. Goldstein, 415 Moseley Road, Birmingham 12
18	York Open Railway Institute, York	VS	F. Briggs, 10 Merton Gardens, Farsley, Pudsey, Yorks.
26	Yeovil Area "American" Tournament Houndstone Camp, Yeovil		Mrs. J. F. Coleman, "Greenwood," 7 Priory Close, Nash Lane, Yeovil
Mar. 11	Northumberland Open Canteen, Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance, Newcastle-on-Tyne	JBS, JGS VS	T. A. Morpeth, 59 Preston Avenue, North Shields, Northumberland
11/12	Welsh Open Afan Lido, Aberavon	JBS, JGS	Mrs. N. Roy Evans, 1 Llwyn-y-Grant Road, Cardiff

ENGLISH CLOSED

TWO TITLES EACH FOR HARRISON & MARY WRIGHT

THE first shock in the English Closed Championships at the Crystal Palace came in the third round, when Les Haslam, who recently beat Denis Neale in the Middlesex Open, added the scalp of the holder and No. 1 seed, Chester Barnes. Having lost the first and second games, Chester fought back to take the third, but Haslam clinched the match in the fourth to 16.

In the semi-final, Ian Harrison repeated his County Championship win over Haslam to meet Connie Warren in the final, which he won in three straight. Now 27 years of age, Ian, who has played for England more than a hundred times, last won the English Closed six years ago.

In the Women's Singles, Mary Wright won her fourth title and the third in succession, when she beat 16-year-old Karenza Smith, 19, -18, 17, 15. Afterwards Mary paid a warm tribute to Karenza, for whom she predicts a great future. Together they won the Women's Doubles by defeating Shelagh Hession and Judy Williams in three straight.

Harrison won his second title when he and Chester Barnes retained the Men's Doubles by beating Denis Neale and Brian Wright, also in three straight.

The final shock of the Championships came in the Mixed Doubles, when the Essex pair, Stuart Gibbs and Beverley Sayer, defeated Brian and Mary Wright, the holders.

Harrison Drops a Place in Ranking List

In the Ranking Lists published after the Championships, Chester Barnes and Denis Neale retain first and second places, with Connie Warren displacing Ian Harrison at No. 3. Les Haslam jumps from 11 to 7, followed by Mike Johns and Alan Lindsay, who both come into the ranking list.

First and second places in the Women's List are retained by Mary Wright and Lesley Radford, followed by Karenza Smith who jumps from 8 to 3 and Judy Williams, from 12 to 4.

Full reports of the Championships and new rankings will appear in our next issue.

English Closed Championships Finals

Men's Singles: I. O. HARRISON (Gloucester) beat C. J. Warren (Surrey), 20, 17, 15.

Women's Singles: Mrs. M. WRIGHT (Surrey) holder, beat Miss K. Smith (Middlesex), 19, -18, 17, 15.

Men's Doubles: G. C. BARNES (Essex) and I. O. HARRISON (Gloucester), holders, beat D. Neale (York) and B. Wright (Middlesex), 15, 15, 17.

Women's Doubles: Miss K. SMITH (Middlesex) and Mrs. M. WRIGHT (Surrey), holders, beat Miss S. Hession (Essex) and Mrs. J. Y. Williams (Sussex), 14, 15, 13.

Mixed Doubles: S. GIBBS and MISS B. SAYER (Essex) beat B. D. Wright (Middlesex) and Mrs. M. Wright (Surrey), holders, -12, 19, 13, 18.

ENGLISH OPEN

After careful consideration it has been decided to invite a small number of players from two countries additional to the original five and it is now hoped that players from the following foreign associations will be competing in the English Open:

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NOTE:—The organisers reserve the right to withdraw the coaches at any time or amend the rules without notice.

ENGLAND BOOST RANKING HOPES

By their 6-1 victory over Rumania at Edmonton on December 3 (as briefly reported in the December issue) England boosted their hopes for higher ranking in the World Championships in Sweden for the team of Chester Barnes, Denis Neale and Mary Wright gained excellent singles wins (writes Johnny Leach).

A magnificent performance in the opening game by Chester Barnes, who defeated Rumania's No. 1 Dorin Giurgiuca, in straight games put England in confident mood.

Credit for the team's decisive success, however, must go to Denis Neale, who was in great attacking form and took both his singles sets in grand style.

His first over Radu Negulescu, Rumania's reigning champion, was workmanlike; his second at the expense of Giurgiuca saw him varying his tactics superbly.



Mary Wright on her way to victory over Eleonora Mihalca.
Photo by Denis Offer

English Teenagers Defeat Dutch

by Ron Crayden

The youngest England senior team of recent years played with much skill and sparkle to beat a strong Dutch National side 7-2, at Borehamwood, Herts, only three days after Christmas.

For Mike Johns it was an occasion of special importance, being his first senior International appearance. It is to his credit that he did not let the moment affect his confidence or ability.

Stuart Gibbs was perhaps the architect of the victory with 100% performance which he achieved with his amazing brand of unpredictable shots—some frighteningly reckless, some positively brilliant.

Our girls were a little more subdued than usual, but nevertheless fought tenaciously. Full marks are due to Karenza Smith for winning her singles against the more experienced Anne Marie Wijnants.

Scores:
S. GIBBS bt B. van der Helm 22, 18; bt B. Schoofs 17, 17.
M. JOHNS lost to Schoofs -18, 13, -13; bt van der Helm 18, 16.
K. SMITH bt A. M. Wijnants -18, 18, 14.
M. HEPPELL lost to Wijnants -20, -15.

Doubles:
JOHNS/GIBBS bt van der Helm/Schoofs -13, 18, 18.
GIBBS/SMITH bt Schoofs/Wijnants 19, -18, 19.
JOHNS/HEPPELL bt van der Helm/Wijnants 15, 16.



Denis Neale and Chester Barnes playing in the men's doubles. Although they suffered England's only defeat, they were each successful in the singles.
Photo by Denis Offer

Stockholm '67

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Extracted from a bulletin issued by the Swedish Table Tennis Association, in connection with the forthcoming World Championships in April, officially titled BT-VM-67, are the following details of concern to those contemplating a visit to Stockholm.

Board and Lodging at skr 70:— per day

"It is usual for many visiting Associations to announce more persons than only the participating players, for whom the host country pays.

The cost for these extra players will be skr 70:— per person per day which will entitle them to stay at the same hotel as the rest of the group. They will get a continental breakfast at the hotel and lunch and dinner at the restaurant for the Championships, Gota Kallare, where lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

A ticket, valid for the whole period of the Championships on underground, bus and tram costs skr. 10:— and a farewell-party ticket costs skr 30:—. One day's sightseeing is included in the price."

Reserve Rooms in Good Time

"In addition to those extra persons who will join the participation group, there is surely a great interest also in supporter or tourist trips. Naturally, these people may wish to reserve rooms and tickets, and we will, of course be pleased to assist them.

But reserve rooms in good time. BT-VM-67 has reserved a great number of rooms at the hotels in town, but it will definitely become difficult for those who wait until the last minute to make up their minds.

There are hotel rooms in different price classes, as from skr 20/50:— in single rooms, and as from skr 30/80:— in double rooms. Private accommodation can also be arranged from 15/20:— for single and 25/30:— for double rooms, but all are subject to a 1967 price review.

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Preliminary Programme

- April 11-13 Team Championships—Swathling Cup and Marcel Corbillon Cup, 1st round
- 14-15 Team Championships, 2nd round
- 16 3rd round and Finals in the evening session at 7 p.m.
- 17 Free day—sightseeing
- 18-19 Individual championships—MS, MD, WS, WD and XD.
- 20 As above but some quarter and semi-finals in the evening session
- 21 Men's and Women's consolation events, Jubilee Cup. Finals at 7 p.m.

Hours of Play

Morning Session—9 a.m. to 12.20 p.m.
Afternoon Session—2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Evening Session—7 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Tickets for admission to BT-VM-67

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
April 11-13	6:— all seats	6:— all seats	8:— 10:— 12:— reserved seats 6:— stand
April 14	6:— all seats	6:— all seats	10:— 12:— 15:— reserved seats 8:— stand
April 15	6:— all seats	10:— 12:— 15:— reserved seats 8:— stand	10:— 12:— 15:— reserved seats 8:— stand
April 16	6:— all seats	10:— 12:— 15:— reserved seats 8:— stand	FINALS 14:— 17:— 20:— reserved seats 10:— stand
April 18-19	6:— all seats	6:— all seats	8:— 10:— 12:— reserved seats 6:— stand
April 20	6:— all seats	6:— all seats	QUARTER & SEMI-FINALS 10:— 12:— 15:— reserved seats 8:— stand
April 21	6:— all seats	6:— all seats	FINALS 14:— 17:— 20:— reserved seats 10:— stand

SEASON TICKETS allowing admission to all sessions at a price of Swedish Crowns 175:—. This includes 20:— seats at both finals and 15:— resp. 12:— seats at other sessions.

Please note that £1 is equal to 14.50 Swedish crowns. In other words, a Swedish crown is approximately 1s. 4½d. Queries regarding accommodation should be sent direct to one of the addresses quoted. Orders for tickets can be placed with the E.T.T.A. International Secretary, Conrad Jaschke of Casa Mia, Church Road, Footscray, Sidcup, Kent. (Please enclose crossed cheque or postal orders payable to E.T.T.A.)

270 ENTRIES IN 'SURREY COMET' TOURNAMENT

HELD at Kingston Grammar School by kind permission of the Headmaster, Mr. P. W. Rundle, on December 19/20 the Surrey "Comet" Schools Tournament proved a big success.

The presentation of awards was made by His Worship the Mayor of Kingston, Councillor J. A. Belcher, subsequent to which two exhibition matches were played.

In the first Laurie Landry beat his compatriot from Middlesex, Stephen Wright, and then accomplished the

double by partnering the Girls Open winner Gail McCulloch to a best of three success over Wright partnered by the Boys Open winner David Hill.

Thanks are due to the Surrey Comet for sponsoring this tournament and for the encouragement they are giving to Schools Table Tennis in the Kingston area.

Final results:

Girls' u/14: VALERIE BOND (Surbiton High) bt Isobell Griffiths (Surbiton High) 11, 7.

Boys' u/14: GAVIN FEATHERSTONE (Kingston Grammar) bt Paul Bishop (Kingston Grammar) 17, -12, 20.

Girls' u/16: GAIL McCULLOCH (Tiffin) bt Linda Field (Surbiton High) 7, 7.

Boys' u/16: ANDREW WAKELING (Kingston Grammar) bt Paul Bishop (Kingston Grammar) 18, 19.

Girls' Open: GAIL McCULLOCH bt Lynn Coates (Tolworth) 4, 5.

Boys' Open: DAVID HILL (Kingston Grammar) bt Peter Herman (Kingston Grammar) 7, 15.



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SERVICES RETURNED

WITH all respect to Jack Carrington's article, isn't it about time we got away from a subjective viewpoint on the topic of the T.T. Serve? The use of words like "the stink," "small and twisty," "verulent" is specious, in that such expressions prejudice the problem by making it impossible for most readers to dissociate their thoughts from the emotions aroused by the words used.

The history of the game shows that the service has periodically dominated to an extent where, unless action was taken to curb the service power, the game:

- (a) tended to lose its spectator appeal;
- (b) became rapidly less enjoyable to the players; and
- (c) was in danger of turning itself into a freak performance instead of remaining what it ought to be—a minor but skilful and athletic sport (at the upper levels).

However, despite the lawmakers, the players, using those current techniques and materials which complied with whichever service law was in force, have always attempted to regain the ascendancy and apparently the ingenuity of the server will overcome that of the law maker in this particular respect.

Why not approach this from a different basis? IF—a very big IF—it be right to curb the server in an attempt to get a rally to take place, then a solution could be:

"Neither player may win the point unless (excluding the delivery of the ball in service) the ball shall have passed across the net on at least two occasions."

This is not meant to be a definition, but the technical wording of a suitable rule would not be difficult. Such a solution would be easy for umpires to decide in practice, and since it could not give the server any material advantage to deliver a very difficult service, I imagine that the "cupped hand, below the table, ball thrown to the maximum height, watch me while I bounce it on the bat, only another five minutes before I serve, I'm a better stamper than you, etc." brigade might disappear.

There are other solutions which one can suggest, by analogy from other sports. For, example, the point could only be won by the receiver, not the server, and then only after the service had been safely returned across the net. This might need to be coupled with, say, a revision of the service and scoring rules:

- (i) Each player could serve alternate balls.
- (ii) If the server won the rally, but not the point, he could opt for the receiver to serve the next.
- (iii) If the receiver won, he could opt for the server to serve again, to give him, the receiver, a chance to win another point.

Rallies, and play generally, might become more interesting, as in squash where only the server can win the point—if the server wins the rally he becomes the server, but the rally is not scored. Games might be restricted to say 11 up instead of 21.

I am of the opinion that some thinking on these lines might be more productive of a return to popularity of a game which, unlike lawn tennis, has largely lost its spectator appeal, than attempts to modify a service law which is very difficult to apply in its present form.

Advocates of the ball being struck whilst on the downward path may wish to ponder again on the services of the type produced by, e.g., Grinberg and Haslam, to name only two exponents, which would still comply with this rule.

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Another Suggestion

With reference to the articles penned by Colin Clemett and Jack Carrington, I suggest that in order to minimise the effect of spin in serving, the following be added to the Service Law. After "Up in the air" the sentence should continue, to a minimum height of six inches. Where the umpire has any doubt that the ball has not attained this height, he should call a "let," but if he has no doubt that the ball has failed to reach the required height, he must call a "fault."

Regarding Mr. Kayes' letter, in my opinion he should have ignored any requests made by any persons present not to call any more faults, with the exception of the referee. Any ruling made by that official should have been acted upon and if contrary to Mr. Kayes' judgment, the matter could have been discussed at the termination of the match.

BERT MEYERN

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Wembley, Middlesex

... And Another

Instead of the ball resting on the palm of the free hand I suggest it rests on the blade of the bat. The ball would be thrown into the air from the bat and whilst this might not solve all the problems it would make for severe restrictions and ease the burden of the umpires.

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Marathon Reclaimed

With reference to Onlooker's "Marathon hits Plymouth" could I respectfully point out that the Table Tennis Marathon hit Brighton—in particular Sussex University—about a month later.

Three students, Andrew Meads, Dennis Winn and John Jefferson played non-stop for 54 hours. Although a rally of 984 strokes was recorded, our league play certainly suffered in the following weeks.

A system of two hours playing and one hour sleeping was adopted until the stoppage was called due to a mounting pressure of work.

We would, therefore, like to "reclaim" Mr. Cann's world record.

JOHN JEFFERSON

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Brighton, Sussex.

Any More "Oldies"

I run a Table Tennis Club in connection with St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham. We have a membership of about fifteen, the oldest 80 years of age, the youngest about 60, and all are good players and recently beat a youth club at the game.

I find, generally speaking, middle-aged people do not play this game, but leave it to the youth.

The thing is, are there any other table tennis clubs in England where old people play this game? We should like to know.

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SPOTLIGHT ON

PAULINE MARTIN

BY PHILIP REID

THERE may be arguments as to who has the best attack, the best defence or the best all-round game but there is no doubt at all that if a popularity poll was held in England amongst table tennis players Pauline Martin would finish well up and very probably top of, the list.

Pauline's interest in the game began some nine or ten years ago when, as a nine-year-old schoolgirl she was taken along to the club Jack and Elsie Carrington run, the Albion Table Tennis Club. Pauline looked far from an ideal prospect. She was small and she was too heavy. But—she was madly enthusiastic. Jack Carrington prescribed a rubber bat, a defensive game—and dieting. It would not be fair to call her rise "meteoric" but it was certainly consistent and by the time she was thirteen she was playing in the local league for the Albion Club.

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Her game at that time was—defending, pushing, chopping and retrieving. The first time people really started to take notice of Pauline was when she entered the "English Closed," and for two years running they were saying "Who is that playing in the Ladies' Doubles with Lesley Bell?" It was Pauline, who twice in succession reached the final of the Ladies' Doubles at a time when she was still a junior. By this time she had changed to sandwich rubber and was starting to reap the benefits. She had started to change her game. From picking the odd winner she became more attacking-minded and the good results continued to come.

QUADRANGULAR

Last season Pauline achieved one of her dearest ambitions when she was selected for England in the Quadrangular. England have never lost a ladies' event in this particular competition and Pauline was able to keep that record intact.

Pauline made a tremendous effort to make the European team and although playing well was beaten at the

post by Maureen Heppell. She may have been disappointed but her answer to this was to immediately send a telegram of congratulation to Maureen.

Her chance of playing against European opposition was, however, not long delayed. A match was arranged last June against the Netherlands and Pauline found herself up against the awkward Ria Bogmans. To play against Ria was difficult enough but Pauline was playing the first set of the match! It went to three but Pauline showed steely nerves to emerge a deserved winner. Having won this set and the doubles with Mary Wright, Pauline continued her attacking way and waited for her next International chance which came expectedly against Czechoslovakia.

POPULAR

Throughout her table tennis career Pauline has always been popular and always will be. Always a first-rate fighter, she is none the less one of the most graceful losers in the game.

Finding her chances of Premier Division play limited in Essex, she transferred to Kent where she has been a "regular" for the past two seasons. Even so she has retained her membership of the Albion Club which she has served so loyally.

On the tournament circuit there is scarcely a better known player than Pauline. With half-a-dozen Open Singles titles to her credit and twice as many doubles, she can be well satisfied with her success in this direction. But even if she had never won a tournament in her life, I doubt whether it would bother Pauline overmuch. Pauline's great joy is playing table tennis and making friends. She's equally good at both.

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"THROUGH THE POST"

by Peter B. Lindley

LAST month I mentioned match result cards. A common size for these is 6in. x 4in., the 6in. side being useful for checking the height of the net. What is not generally realized is that this size of card (when completed with results, etc.) is not within the limits for sending by post at the minimum, 3d. postage rate. They should, therefore, carry 5d. in stamps. The saving of 2d. can be readily achieved by removing 1/4in. from the length as, to be sent at the 3d. rate, such cards must not exceed 4 1/4in. x 5 1/4in.

The latter is size A6, one of the International Paper sizes which are gradually being introduced. All sizes are exact multiples of one another. A4, 8 1/2in. x 11 1/2in., when halved along the longer side gives two sheets of A5, 5 7/8in. x 8 1/4in., which is twice as large as A6. A4 is intended to replace quarto (10in. x 8in.) and foolscap (13in. x 8in.) for stationery, but the change to it is rather slow, and stocks are not always available.

At present there are no major limitations on the size of envelopes which can be sent through the post and, provided the weight does not exceed 2 oz., the postage is 4d. sealed and 3d. printed paper rate (PPR).

From July 1, 1968, only the Post Office Preferred range of envelopes (POP envelopes) will qualify for these lowest rates of postage. Envelopes outside the POP range can still be used after the middle of next year but those weighing not more than 2 oz. will be charged at the next higher rate, i.e. 6d. sealed or 5d. PPR. The preferred sizes are to enable mail to

be handled by electronic sorting machines and to fall within the range envelopes must, among other requirements, be at least 3 1/4in. x 5 1/4in. and not larger than 4 1/4in. x 9 1/4in. Full details are given in a leaflet (Ref. PL 197 3/66) obtainable from head post offices.

One size of envelope which falls outside this range is the large court envelope 4 1/2in. x 5 1/2in., which is designed to take a quarto sheet (10in. x 8in.) folded into quarters. It might be advisable to start using up all non-POP sizes during the next year and a half. 9in. x 4in. envelopes, which take quarto folded in three and foolscap folded in four, are POP and can still be used, particularly for circulars, at the minimum rates.

Secretaries are often the last persons to learn of a change of address. Fortunately, the Post Office is quite helpful if the person you send a letter to has gone away. For all but the 3d. postage the letter will be returned to you if no forwarding address is known—even if the letter has to be opened to find out who sent it. Obviously a return address on the envelope is helpful. On a 3d. envelope, unless it is clearly marked with instructions to return it, the envelopes and contents are destroyed. On most PPR envelopes I use a 3-line rubber stamp (2in. long and costing under £1) with the following wording:

If not delivered please return to
P. B. Lindley, 13 The Jinnings,
Welwyn Garden City, Herts.

Although I have to pay the return postage at least I know who has moved and can contact alternative persons if necessary.

Much of the above information is contained in the *Post Office Guide* (of over 600 pages) which is published annually in July, price 2s. 6d. from post offices. The monthly supplements are free to purchasers of the *Guide* and, of course, arrive through the post.

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TIME FOR PROGNOSTICATION

IT is about this time of the season that we begin to try our powers of prognostication. The Zone finals are now being played and, so far, there are no great surprises.

If we turn to last season's quarter-finalists we find that in the Wilmott Cup everyone has won through to this season's third round excepting Hemel Hempstead who did not enter this season's competition.

I cannot help thinking that the Southern half will be dominated by East London and Gloucester but the North is much more open.

The odd set separated Plymouth and Bristol, Wembley and Central T.T.A., Croydon and London Business Houses, Bognor and Worthing and Slough and Staines. The first-named teams won in each case.

Rose Bowl
With one exception every 1965-6 quarter finalist is through. I had to look twice at the Manchester v. Stockport result before it registered—Manchester 1, STOCKPORT 8. Stockport did not enter the competition last year so comparison cannot be made but good luck to all "Davids."

It was noticeable that East London—that formidable Southern Area League—only just managed to beat North Middlesex, Miss G. Sayer winning the ninth set rather easily.

Newcomers Dunstable went down heavily to Oxford but praise must be accorded to Mrs. A. Smith who only lost, 18 in the third, to Miss J. King. Doncaster beat Sheffield Works without losing a set but Sheffield's Miss Cutler fought at least one very good losing battle.

If previous results mean anything then the Zone final between Staines and Slough should be exciting.

Carter Cup
Condolences to Bognor Regis who went down fighting to Brighton. Other close contests included Coventry v West Bromwich, Watford v

Luton and Plymouth v Bournemouth. S. Haward, of Ipswich, had a busy time at St. Neots. He took nine games to win three sets for his winning team.

Bromfield Trophy
Round 2 playing period continues until January 15, but results to hand show a very close match between Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

Eastbourne was again the first league to send in their Round 3 result which, in the Rose Bowl, was Eastbourne 9 Worthing 0.

In conclusion may I express the Association's appreciation of the sportsmanship and enthusiasm displayed by the "rabbits" of these competitions.

I am sure that Ian Crickmer will forgive me for placing Worcester Juniors in this category. Having had the misfortune to be drawn against Birmingham they lost gallantly 9-0 in straight games.

CARTER CUP

Results of Round 2

Middlesborough	5	Whitehaven	3
Mid-Cheshire	5	Manchester	1
Birmingham	9	Worcester	0
N. Herts	9	Hertford	0
N.W. Kent	0	E. London	9
Brighton	5	Bognor	4
Newbury	3	Southampton	6
St. Neots	8	Northampton	1
Hull beat Hexham (W.O.)			
Blackburn	3	Bolton	6
Coventry	4	W. Bromwich	5
Watford	5	Luton	4
Billericay	0	Bromley	9
Slough	7	Maidenhead	2
Plymouth	5	Bournemouth	4

BROMFIELD TROPHY (GIRLS)

Results received of zone Finals

Wolverhampton	4	Birmingham	5
St. Neots	3	Ipswich	6
Liverpool	5	N'tumberland	4

WILMOTT CUP

Results of Round 2

N'tumberland beat Doncaster (W.O.)			
Nottingham	1	Liverpool	8
Manchester	9	Mid-Cheshire	0
Coventry	9	Kettering	0
Gt. Yarmouth	3	Norwich	6
N. Herts	8	Bedford	1
Reading	6	St. Albans	3
L. Civ. Ser.	9	Romford	0
N. Middlesex	0	Willesden	6
Acton	7	Insur. Offices	2
Woolwich	8	Chelmsford	0
Bognor	4	Worthing	5
Portsmouth beat Andover (W.O.)			
Chiltern lost to Maidenhead (W.O.)			
Plymouth	5	Bristol	4
Gloucester	9	Taunton	0
Hull	1	Huddersfield	5
Chesterfield	8	Spalding	1
Preston	0	Bolton	9
Stockport	9	Harwich	0
Birmingham	9	Leamington	0
Boston	8	Lowestoft	1
Cambridge	0	Luton	5
Dunstable	1	Oxford	8
E. London	8	Beckenham	1
Bromley	3	Barking	6
Wembley	5	Central T.T.A.	4
Croydon	5	London Bus. H.	4
Eastbourne	2	Brighton	7
Southampton	8	Bournemouth	1
Slough	5	Staines	4

ROSE BOWL

Results of Round 2

Sheffield Works	0	Doncaster	5
Liverpool	9	Burnley	0
Spalding	9	Lincoln	0
Kettering	8	Northampton	1
Gt. Yarmouth	8	Norwich	1
Luton	1	Watford	8
Oxford	9	Dunstable	0
Willesdon	1	Wembley	5
Bromley	1	Sutton	8
Ilford	6	Southend	3
Billericay	2	London Civil Service	7
Newbury	4	Staines	5
Bognor Regis	0	Southampton	9
Bristol	8	R.A.F.	1
Sheffield	1	Huddersfield	5
Stockport	8	Manchester	1
Grimsby	6	Wisbech	3
W. Bromwich	9	Loughborough	0
Lowestoft	9	Ely	0

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WARREN AGAIN . . . MARY A FOURTH TIME

THE shock defeats of Ian Harrison by Keith Lawrence and Denis Neale by Les Haslam, together with Warren's own revenge win over S. Gibbs, gave Connie his men's singles title again at the Middlesex Open played at Hanwell on December 10/11.

In the final Connie beat Brian Wright in straight games which was his standard throughout the tournament. Lawrence also beat Roy Morley before eventually going out to Wright.

Lawrence was also involved in a tremendous boys' final in which Trevor Taylor showed a marked improvement from earlier in the season to win 24-22 in the third catching up from a deficit of 20-16.

Mary Wright won her singles title for the fourth successive year and was helped to a certain degree by Cynthia Duncombe beating Lesley Radford in the semis.

Karenza Smith won the girls' singles beating Maureen Heppell for the first time this season.

The tournament was once again a terrific success with 10 of the 12 ranked men and 12 of the 13 women, taking part.

Results:
Men's Singles—round one: R. Chandler (Sussex) bt R. Hampson (Ches) 7, 17; C. Warren (Surrey) bt M. Johns (Ches) 14, 16; K. Lawrence (Essex) bt R. Morley (Gloucs) 17, 17.

Round two: L. F. Landry (Middx) bt T. Taylor (Herts) -14, 21, 18; O. B. Haslam (Middx) bt R. Gunnion (Warwick) 13, 12; S. Gibbs (Essex) bt B. Burn (Northumb) -16, 13, 15; Warren bt A. Lindsay (Middx) 20, 14.

Round three: D. Neale (Yorks) bt A. Hydes (Yorks) 13, 18; Haslam bt Landry 15, 16; Gibbs bt Chandler -20, 11, 22; B. D. Wright (Middx) bt R. Stevens (Essex) 17, -19, 9.

N. Herts	7	St. Albans	2
Bedford	7	Reading	2
E. London	5	N. Middlesex	4
Beckenham	1	N.W. Kent	5
Romford	8	Woolwich	1
Basildon	9	London Banks	0
Eastbourne	5	Hastings	4
Maidenhead	4	Slough	5
Newbury	4	Staines	5
Luton	1	Watford	8

Quarter-finals: HASLAM bt Neale 20, 14; WARREN bt Gibbs 17, 19; WRIGHT bt A. R. Pidcock (Kent) 9, 10; LAWRENCE bt I. O. Harrison (Gloucs) 15, 17.

Semi-finals: WARREN bt Haslam 20, 14; WRIGHT bt Lawrence 17, 19.

Final: WARREN bt Wright 19, 14.
Women's Singles—round one: J. Heaps (Ches) bt A. Taft (Middx) 15, -14, 17; P. Hemmings (Herts) bt J. Williams (Sussex) -14, 17, 14; P. Martin (Kent) bt D. Simpson (Essex) -19, 13, 17; J. Billington (Canham) (Berks) bt M. Heppell (Northumb) 16, -23, 13.

Round two: B. Bird (Surrey) bt Heaps -21, 17; Hemmings bt B. Sayer (Essex) 15, 16; L. Henwood (Essex) bt Martin -17, 14, 14; K. Smith (Middx) bt P. Barnes (Middx) -19, 13, 19.

Quarter-finals: M. WRIGHT (Surrey) bt Bird 15, 15; HEMMINGS bt Henwood 15, 13; C. DUNCOMBE (Yorks) bt Billington 24, 19; L. RADFORD (Essex) bt Smith 14, -19, 12.

Semi-finals: WRIGHT bt HEMMINGS 17, 17; DUNCOMBE bt Radford -15, 19, 18.

Final: WRIGHT bt Duncombe 9, 17.
Men's Doubles—semi-finals: P. C. DUNCOMBE/J. KEDGE (Yorks) bt Hampson/Johns -19, 13, 10; S. JACOBSON (Middx)/LINDSAY bt Haslam/D. Holland (Gloucs) -20, 13, 21.

Final: DUNCOMBE/KEDGE bt Jacobson/Lindsay 18, 18.
Women's Doubles—semi-finals: HEPPELL/WRIGHT bt S. Hession (Essex)/J. Williams (Sussex) 14, 20; SIMPSON/SMITH bt Heaps/Henwood 18, 17.

Final: HEPPELL/WRIGHT bt Simpson/Smith 11, 14.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: NEALE/HEMMINGS bt Wright/Wright -11, 19, 20; GUNNION/RADFORD bt Gibbs/B. Sayer (Essex) 12, 18.
Final: NEALE/HEMMINGS bt Gunnion/Radford 14, 19.

Boys' Singles—early rounds: P. Harmer (Herts) bt M. Wald (Bucks) 15, 17; T. Taylor (Herts) bt Harmer 16, 19; P. Judd (Warwicks) bt S. Heaps (Ches) 10, -16, 20 and B. Keates (Staffs) -19, 18, 20; H. Thomas (Wales) bt B. Mitchell (Lancs) -13, 12, 19 and P. Glynn (Warwicks) -13, 16, 8; Lawrence bt Thomas 16, 15.

Semi-finals: TAYLOR bt D. Munt (Warwicks) 13, 10; LAWRENCE bt Judd 16, -20, 19.

Final: TAYLOR bt Lawrence -19, 18, 22.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: SMITH bt Henwood 7, 13; HEPPELL bt Heaps 14, -14, 18.
Final: SMITH bt Heppell 16, 8.

Newbury Open

by Tony Mosson

Title Boosts Gibbs' Status

STUART GIBBS took the men's singles title from defending champion, Ian Harrison, at the seventh Newbury Open played in the Corn Exchange on December 3-4. It was the finest win of Gibbs' career and it will undoubtedly raise his position in the ranking lists for his opponent was the England No. 3—four places higher than Gibbs' current placing.

The earlier rounds sparked with fine play and interesting results. Besides his win in the final, Gibbs had done well to defeat chirpy Connie Warren in the quarters at 17 in the third.

Duncan Campbell raised a cheer by taking the second game off Warren but succumbed in the third, game 8. Les Haslam also obtained a fine scalp in beating Brian Wright in straight games.

The fourth seed, Ralph Gunnion, had a scrape in the third round when he only just beat Henry Buist 21 in the decider, then went out to Roy Morley. Morley continued to the semis after a tremendous battle with Malcolm Sugden, the Scottish No. 1 paying his first visit to Newbury.

Lesley Radford won a hat-trick of titles. She had a comfortable win in the women's singles final beating Judy Williams who had caused an upset in the second round by ousting Pauline Martin.

Both her other finals were also over in two games. Beverley Sayer was

her partner in the women's doubles and Gunnion in the mixed.

The men's doubles events provided the most surprising results for the finalists were unseeded pairs. The name of Radford appeared again, Lesley's husband, Peter, partnering Dennis Johnson. They faced Tony Pidcock and Buist but could not produce their grand form of the earlier rounds and crumbled to defeat.

Results:
Men's Singles—semi-finals: S. GIBBS (Essex) bt O. B. Haslam (Middx) 17, 19; I. O. HARRISON (Gloucs) bt R. Morley (Gloucs) -16, 18, 12.

Final: GIBBS bt Harrison 20, -19, 14.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: J. Y. WILLIAMS (Sussex) bt S. Hession (Essex) 11, 12; L. RADFORD (Essex) bt P. Hemmings (Herts) 11, 11.

Final: RADFORD bt Williams 11, 16.

Men's Doubles—semi-finals: D. JOHNSON/P. RADFORD (Essex) bt Gibbs/R. Stevens (Essex) 22, -11, 20; H. BUIST/A. R. PIDDOCK (Kent) bt R. Gunnion (Warwicks)/C. Warren (Surrey) 17, 21.

Final: BUIST/PIDDOCK bt Johnson/Radford 11, 13.

Women's Doubles—semi-finals: HESSION/WILLIAMS bt D. Simpson (Essex)/K. Smith (Middx) 19, 20; RADFORD/B. SAYER (Essex) bt B. Bird (Surrey)/P. Martin (Kent) 12, 12.

Final: RADFORD/SAYER bt Hession/Williams 14, 18.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: B. D. WRIGHT (Middx)/BIRD bt L. F. LANDRY (Middx)/E. Carrington (Essex) 9, 6; GUNNION/RADFORD bt R. Chandler (Sussex)/Williams 19, 6.

Final: GUNNION/RADFORD bt Wright/Bird 22, 15.



Peter Simpson, the new E.T.T.A. Staff Coach (North), pictured with Conrad Jaschke (left) and Jack Carrington (right), Chairman and Secretary respectively of the National Coaching Committee.

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HIGH HOPES

A 6-4 VICTORY by Sussex over Kent II in Division 2 (South) leads to high hopes that Sussex will be back in the premier division in September, even if "untakeable" services are banned! It seems likely that Sussex will support wholeheartedly any move to clean up serving in an effort to use service for its original purpose of getting the ball into play as opposed to winning half the points outright.

Three of the Sussex inter-league finals will now take place on a "finals morning" at the Bexhill A.A. Club on February 12. These will be the men's Division 2 (Brighton v. Crawley), the women's championship (Hastings v. Eastbourne) and the junior event, the rounds for which will take place on January 29th.

Brighton's Wilmott cup side and

Eastbourne's Rose Bowl continue to make progress and it seems quite likely that Southampton's Wilmott and Rose Bowl teams will be involved in journeys to oppose the Sussex teams later in January.

A record entry has been received for this season's Brighton Evening Argus Newspaper tournament and the first rounds are now being contested.

On February 19th another record entry is expected for the Sussex Junior Closed and on March 19 juniors will have another chance to measure their potential at the Sussex Junior Open at Worthing.

Before that, however, on March 1-4 the English Open Championships return again to Brighton Corn Exchange closely followed on March 5 by the Sussex Closed championships.

NORFOLK NOTES by E. J. Fairhead

COBY WINS

DOUGGIE CRASKE'S last act before retiring from the presidency of our association and departing for Australia was to present a Victor Ludorum Shield to be awarded annually to the player with the best performance at the county closed championships. These were staged at the Civil Defence Headquarters, Norwich. The shield was won by Alan Coby.

Not until the final stages of play was the identity of the winner very clear for both veteran Mrs. Edna Allen and Coby were very much in the running. Mrs. Allen reached the quarter finals of the women's and veterans' singles, the women's and mixed doubles. Coby had three quarters to his credit but went on to win all three events, singles, doubles and mixed. Edna Allen became singles champion and was runner-up in the doubles.

In the men's singles, seeds were soon being scattered to the four winds. First-round victim was David Skedge who fell to Yarmouth secretary Derek Jenkinson. Les Holdom put out Chris Fields, No. 2 seed and a "naturalised" Welshman, Gilbertson accounted for Phillip Graver. Graver's younger brother won through to meet Coby in the final but failed at 18, 18.

With one holder in hospital with a broken ankle and the other away on a course, the men's doubles went according to the book with Coby and Fields meeting N. Graver and Wes Haydock in the final to take the title at 10, 16. Coby and Mrs. Betty Cassell beat Fields and Pat Kelf by

a very similar score in the mixed.

Mrs. Cassell, for the first time for many years, failed to make the final of the singles. She fell to Mary Turner who went on to meet Mrs. Allen in the final to lose 14, 11. One absentee in this event was Marion Harrison the reigning city champion who injured a leg a week before the championships.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES by Philip Reid

Lesson in Economy

THE weekend before Christmas brought little in goodwill from the County Championships as far as Leicestershire were concerned. The seniors dropped a home point to Cambridgeshire and the Juniors fared even worse. They lost twice — to Staffordshire (1-9) and Worcestershire (4-6). In the men's match John Thurston the visiting number one provided a lesson in economy of movement, chopping the loop and killing the loose ball. In the junior matches Susan Baxter participated in four of the five sets won, the "odd one out" being a fine singles win by Ivor Billson.

In the Midland League, Leicester were hard pressed to beat Wolverhampton but a maximum from skipper Charlie Jacques saved the day.

The Rose Johnson Bowl is running very smoothly. Clutson and Kemp must have a good chance of winning

AROUND THE COUNTIES

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES by Leslie Constable

SUCCESSSES FOR CAROL CHAPMAN

IN their first two county matches Cambs have fared disastrously losing to both Suffolk and Norfolk. John Thurston has been out of the side and his presence could have swung both games but the county have got to realise that John cannot go on for ever and that a good replacement is now essential.

Alan Ponder has played well as has Carol Chapman who has beaten both Suffolk and Norfolk champions Miss Youngs and Betty Cassell. Both these wins were meritorious and her thrilling win over Mrs. Cassell was the highlight of the Norfolk match as the scores of 20, -15, 24 suggest.

Cambridge City have had trouble in getting a venue for their South-East Midlands League matches but have now procured the Sea Scouts Club.

Wisbech staged the match against Norfolk and did a thoroughly good job of work.

In the Veteran's Section of the S-E Midland League, Ely have been doing well and stand a good chance of winning the title.

A LONG WAY TO GO

THE County side have now played two matches losing to Warwicks, and beating Notts. Some measure of the strength of Warwicks can be gauged by their playing two ranked juniors in their senior team. Derbys played their top seniors—so, on this reckoning, we still have a long way

to go before we can be counted amongst the elite.

Against Notts it was the established players Colin Deaton and Tony Hunt of Chesterfield who got the county's victory. Due respect to Colin and Tony but we should by now have found some younger players who can take over.

This state of affairs is reflected in the County League where, due to coaching commitments, the county team players do not turn out for Chesterfield's first team. This means that players are being selected on past records and current form in the county side. But who can say that a younger player would not do equally well and gain valuable experience to encourage his or her age group.

In the County League due to Chesterfield's attitude Derby's 1st and 2nd teams are, in that order, at the top of Division 1 and their 3rd team top Division 2. It is not therefore possible, until the County Championships, to measure any improvement that these players may have made, because of the absence of top players from Chesterfield's team.

Former county champion Tony Bird (Buxton) is playing regularly for their 1st team and his results show he has not lost his touch.

Derbyshire are making plans to hold the County Championships as a one-day event again, in Derby, and the tentative date is Saturday, April 1.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES by Roger Morris

Doreen Griffiths Returns

IN the National Cup competitions, Birmingham are now leading the county's cause in the Wilmott after disposing of their old rivals Leamington 9-0. Lacking the services of Maurice Billington, the spa town went down to their heaviest defeat one can remember for this local "derby."

Birmingham crushed Worcester 9-0



Doreen Griffiths.
Photo by Roger Morris

Hassan and Christine Knight winning one each.

With the number of promising young girls in Staffordshire, the next few years should see some interesting battles between the two Midland counties in the Bromfield competition and the County Championships.

Doreen Griffiths is now getting back into form after a lay-off due to an addition to the family and will be challenging very hard to regain her No. 1 spot for the county.

All three county teams continue to win, the first beating Monmouthshire 7-3, the second Staffs II by a similar score and the juniors 9-1 over Notts.

The first Birmingham Schools' League tournament gives an indication of the wealth of talent available for selection.

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LANCS & CHESHIRE NOTES by Geo. R. Yates

Champions 'Bowled' Over

REPRESENTED by Diane Johnson, Doreen Schofield and Lorna Antrobus (née Bown), Stockport had a rare night out when defeating Manchester 8-1 in the Rose Bowl competition.

The Mancunians who have championed the Women's Section of the Lincs. & Cheshire League for the past six seasons, were without Connie Moore and it was left to Mary Leigh to save the "whitewash" when successful against Mrs. Antrobus.

Connie has been none too well of late hence her withdrawal from Lancashire's team against Cumberland which brought Liverpool's Judy Crafter back into the limelight.

Things are beginning to look up on Merseyside generally, for in addition to the deeds of Gordon Birch, their junior girls' team triumphed 5-4 over Northumberland in the Bromfield Trophy competition which puts them through to the quarter-finals.

Liverpool's fighting qualities were also in evidence in a recent men's inter-league match at home to Burnley. A 0-3 deficit was made good to the extent of a 7-3 win by Birch, Peter D'Arcy and Roy Jones. How about that for a comeback against the likes of Jack Keogh, Doug Hodgson and Arthur Hartshorn?

Manchester suffered another knock-out blow at the hands of a Cheshire League team when, in the Carter Cup, they crashed 5-1 to Mid-Cheshire at Northwich.

Again the battle will be joined in the Wilmott Cup when Manchester meet Stockport on January 11.

Now a patient in Pasture Ward, Cleaver Sanatorium, Heswall, is Cheshire committeeman Stuart Thacker and many will join me in wishing S.D.J. back to full health and soon.

Finally congratulations to Mike Johns of Cheshire on his senior selection for England against the Netherlands at Borehamwood.

the Cup this season and they appear to have a real "find" in Maurice Newman. Garendon's win over East Cheam was largely due to a splendid performance by John Oxbrough.

Congratulations Alan Towe on achieving County Umpire status. The new paper has proved a stumbling block and Alan is the first person in the county to pass.

Coalville League have a new secretary, David Hames.

In the Leicester & District League there are obviously going to be some very close finishes indeed. In Division 5B, two Barwell teams—the Y.M.C.A. and the Constitutional Club, jointly lead the division with 19 points. In Division 4B, Gee Advertising must be favourites for the title for it is doubtful whether any team have their depth. Peter and Audrey Watson, Nev Wilson and John Wilmott look a very useful side indeed.

Keenest player in the Loughborough League must be David Gask, of Holy Trinity. Hearing his club's place was in jeopardy in the first division unless they picked up some points pretty quickly, he hitch-hiked home from University. After playing he hitch-hiked back the same night to be in time for lectures the next day. His efforts were rewarded with a 6-4 win.

Playing together in the Melton League first division are the father, daughter and son team of Norman, Susan and Nicky Baxter. Despite Susan's splendid performances for the County there may yet be an even better Baxter yet. Susan tells me brother Richard is going to be the best of all—and a left-hander!

HAMPSHIRE NOTES by Teddy Grant

Coaching Expanding

DANEMARK County Secondary School, Winchester, was the venue chosen for Jack Carrington's third visit to Hampshire in 1966. The L.E.A. were well represented by physical education organisers within the county.

Group coaching demonstrations

took place with student coaches initially introduced to the National Coach who soon used them to advantage for the benefit of over forty spectators as an introduction into the county of the E.T.T.A.'s Schools' Coaching Scheme.

This was indeed the largest-ever gathering of diploma and student coaches in Hants with support coming mainly from Bournemouth, Southampton and Portsmouth.

Further rallies are planned for Winchester, Eastleigh Youth Centre and at Portsmouth's indoor sports centre.

Southampton coaches J. Waterhouse and T. W. Grant recently attended a Further Education Conference at Bournemouth Technical College. Physical education in the school and youth service were amongst the wide range of subjects under discussion.

Resident table tennis coaches are now provided in the Hants. L.E.A. youth clubs at Eastleigh, Hedge End, Totton, Ringwood and Basingstoke.

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BRILLIANT DOUBLES WIN

YET another knife-edge thriller in the last set for the Premier team—third in a row—but this time, against Essex at Clacton, resulting against the County.

All three men, Tony Piddock, Henry Buist and Ken Baker, registered singles wins but the real highlight was the brilliant doubles success of Tony and Henry over Chester Barnes and Stuart Gibbs.

Surprisingly held to a draw by Surrey, after leading all the way, the Juniors cannot afford to drop another point if they wish to contest the end of season challenge matches.

The Junior Closed Championships at Blackheath on February 11/12 will see Mick Ellis in a new rôle. A former holder of the coveted singles title, Mick has undertaken to organise the championships, which include 14 events.

In recent months considerable thought has been given to an alteration of constitution of the Kent County Association so that its affairs would be managed by an elected Executive Committee. It is expected that after further consultation this will come about at the next A.G.M.

The former junior county star, Keith Clarke, of Thanet, must be challenging for a senior place after his convincing win in the Deal Inter-Association Tournament and following his similar success in the Canterbury Tournament. Winners:—

M.S.: K. CLARKE (Thanet); W.S.: R. WILSON (Folkstone); M.D.: S.

SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

By Leslie Constable

IT looks as though Northampton are again going to be a hard nut to crack in the Men's Section and even at this stage look well set.

North Herts are again a formidable force in the Ladies' Section and I can see them again in the rôle of champions.

MEN						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Northampton	3	3	0	0	23	7
Bedford	4	3	0	1	23	17
St. Neots & Dist.	3	2	0	1	18	12
Kettering	3	1	0	2	15	15
N. Herts	2	2	0	0	14	6
Ely and Dist.	3	1	0	2	12	12
Cambridge City	2	1	0	1	11	9
Hunts, Central	3	1	0	2	10	20
Peterborough	3	0	1	2	9	21
Bletchley	2	0	1	1	8	12
Wellingborough	2	0	2	7	13	7

LADIES						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Bedford	3	2	0	1	18	12
N. Herts	2	2	0	0	18	2
St. Neots	3	1	0	2	17	13
Kettering	3	2	0	1	17	13
Northampton	3	1	0	2	12	18
Cambridge City	2	2	0	0	12	8
Ely and Dist.	2	1	0	1	7	13
Hunts, Central	2	0	0	2	6	14
Bletchley	1	0	0	1	3	7
Peterborough	1	0	0	1	0	10

JUNIORS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Bedford	3	2	1	0	18	12
St. Neots	3	1	2	0	17	13
Peterborough	3	1	0	2	14	14
Bletchley	3	1	0	1	14	6
Northampton	3	1	0	2	12	18
Ely and Dist.	3	0	0	3	8	22
N. Herts	1	1	0	0	6	4
Wellingborough	1	1	0	0	6	4
Cambridge City	1	0	1	0	5	5

VETERANS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Peterborough	3	2	0	1	19	11
Ely and Dist.	3	2	0	1	18	12
Northampton	3	2	1	0	18	12
Bletchley	3	1	1	1	15	15
Bedford	3	1	0	2	14	14
N. Herts	1	1	0	0	6	4
St. Neots & Dist.	2	0	0	2	5	15
Wellingborough	2	0	0	2	5	15

MIDLANDS LEAGUE

MEN (DIVISION I) NORTH						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Leicester	3	2	1	0	21	9
Chesterfield	3	2	1	0	19	11
Wolverhampton	3	2	1	0	17	13
Nottingham	3	1	1	1	15	15
West Bromwich	2	0	1	1	6	14
Walsall	2	0	2	0	2	18

MEN (DIVISION I) SOUTH						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Birmingham	3	3	0	0	21	9
Gloucester	2	2	0	0	18	2
Coventry	2	2	0	0	12	8
Cheltenham	1	0	1	0	4	6
Leamington	3	0	3	0	8	22
Worcester	3	0	3	0	7	23

LADIES (NORTH & SOUTH)						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
West Bromwich	3	3	0	0	28	2
Birmingham	1	1	0	0	9	1
Leicester	2	1	1	0	10	2
Coventry	2	1	1	0	7	13
Nottingham	4	0	4	0	6	34

JUNIORS (NORTH)						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Birmingham	3	3	0	0	27	3
Wolverhampton	3	3	0	0	25	5
Walsall	4	2	2	0	22	18
West Bromwich	3	2	1	0	16	14
Nottingham	3	0	3	0	7	23
Leicester	2	0	2	0	2	18
Derby	2	0	2	0	1	19

JUNIORS (SOUTH)						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Birmingham	2	2	0	0	18	2
Coventry	2	2	0	0	14	6
Worcester	4	1	3	1	11	29
Gloucester	1	1	0	0	10	2
Witney	2	1	1	0	11	0
Leamington	3	0	3	0	6	24

BROCKLEBANK/B. MAXTED (Canterbury); W.D.: Mrs. F. CLARKE/Mrs. M. JOHNSON (Folkstone); X.D.: C. HOOPER/Miss WILSON (Folkstone).
The Kent Open to be held at Folkestone on January 29/30 again looks like attracting a large entry, with a Continental blending.

NEW COUNTY CUP?

Asks Conrad Jaschke

THE County Championships has risen to establish itself as the premier table tennis competition in England, and there is no doubt that competitive play based on county teams arouses more interest than any other type of domestic competition. Many county matches—and not only those in the premier division at that—attract a paying public, and I am sure it is the ambition of every good class player to be chosen for the county team. The County Championships have probably reached saturation point by now, and generally speaking counties will not enter more than two senior teams.

Yet I feel there is room for still more inter-county play, and so I would like to air the possibility of starting a knockout cup competition for county teams. I would suggest this be regional in its initial stages, and the natural thing to do would be to base it on the Sports Council regions, except that Yorkshire and North-East would be combined, as otherwise Yorkshire have nobody to play against, being a region of its own. This leaves us with a convenient eight regional zones.

Considering the congestion in the table tennis calendar, I would envisage zone play-off matches in the off-season. Unofficial experiments have proved to me that there is a definite demand for summer table tennis.

Some star players are not available in the summer as they have coaching engagements, and also holidays can interfere. But I think this is an advantage rather than a handicap, because it will encourage counties to try out new blood, perhaps field some younger players—in fact, what one would like to encourage is that the stronger counties, while trying to win, field teams attuned to the type of opposition that is encountered.

Counties could be left to arrange their summer matches in each region according to very simple rules, provided only that a regional winner must emerge before the start of the season.

Then I would suggest that the eight counties who have won their region play a knockout competition on the Thursday preceding the English Closed Championships to establish the cup-winning county. Assuming all the 35 counties in the E.T.T.A. take part, this would be the regional line up:

- Yorkshire & North-East:** Durham, Northumberland, Yorkshire.
- North-West:** Cheshire, Cumberland, Lancashire.
- North Midland:** Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northants, Nottinghamshire.
- West Midland:** Staffordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire.
- South-West:** Cornwall, Devon,



Chester Barnes padding up for an exhibition game against Ken Barrington, the Surrey and England cricketer. This was part of an International Table Tennis Exhibition organised by the Hackney Borough Council in association with Ken Mathews and held at the Shoreditch Town Hall.

Photo by Michael MacLaren

AROUND THE COUNTIES

Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire.

South: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire.

East: Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk, Suffolk.

London & South-East: Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex.

I hope those of you who are interested in this proposal will write to the *Table Tennis News* as I am certain the administrative difficulties involved could be easily overcome.

CUMBERLAND COMMENT by Ron Rigg

CHANGE OF VENUE LIKELY

JUST when Cumberland County officials were congratulating themselves on organising the most successful Open so far, news was received that Whitehaven Drill Hall, venue for the past two years, would most probably not be available next year. There is a distinct shortage of suitable halls, but immediate enquiries revealed that another location was available and it is now highly likely that the tournament will move seven miles northwards from Whitehaven to Workington.

The county selectors were placed in an embarrassing situation when the junior side had to travel to Bolton to meet Lancashire without a junior girl. Of the five registered girls, two are no longer playing, two had to cope with the Christmas rush as shop assistants and Sylvia Rycraft was ill. Lancashire officials were most

WRIGHT TRIUMPHS

FINALS night of the Plymouth closed championships culminated in an evening of triumph for 20-year-old penholder, Adrian Wright, who was successful in all his events. In the men's singles final he met Barry Davis, struggling hard to hold his title for the fourth consecutive season. Hard though Davis tried, it never appeared likely that he would overcome the constant half-volleying and fine smashing of Wright.

The mens doubles was strictly a club affair, with Wright and Tommy Anson retaining their title in an action packed final against Cleve Judson and Brian Bridgett, who held leads in both games. All four players represent Plymouth Electricity, at present carrying all before them in Plymouth league and cup competitions.

The Women's events had a fairly familiar look about them, with Pam Mortimer once again taking the singles title and, with Nancy Hollywood, carrying off the doubles for the third year running. This was Mrs. Hollywood's second success, as earlier she had won the mixed title with Adrian Wright beating Pam Mortimer and Brian Glover in straight games.

Most of the other titles went to the favourites; Roy Abrahams took the veteran's title comfortably against Jack Bennett, while Bob Parkins and Pat Williams retained their junior titles.

Shocks came in the doubles events. In the Ladies doubles, Margery Hockaday and Valerie Grant ousted the No. 2 seeds Barbara Pearson and Ann Birkett, while in the mens doubles both the 2nd and 4th seeds fell by the wayside. **Biggest shock was when Barry Davis and Bill Northcott, Cornish champions, fell to Peter Dunstan and Mike Howells without ever looking likely to win.**

Two juniors came into the limelight when John Turner and Dave James looped Brian Glover and Dick Ingerson out of a thrilling semi-final.

Plymouth Championships results:
Men's Singles: **A. Wright** bt B. Davis.

Women's Singles: **P. Mortimer** bt B. Pearson.

Men's Doubles: **A. Wright/T. Anson** bt C. Judson/B. Bridgett.

Women's Doubles: **P. Mortimer/N. Hollywood** bt M. Hockaday/V. Grant.

Mixed Doubles: **N. Hollywood/A. Wright** bt P. Mortimer/B. Glover.

Junior Men (Under 20): **A. Wright** bt R. Parkin.

Minor Men (Under 17): **R. Parkin** bt J. Turner.

Junior Women: **P. Williams** bt A. Bain.

Veterans: **R. Abrahams** bt J. Bennett.

Grade B Singles: **D. Lewis** bt D. Trinniman.

Grade C Singles: **R. Metcalfe** bt M. Short.

The old rivalry between Plymouth and Exeter was fought out once again in Western League matches with Plymouth winning both the mens and the Ladies by comfortable margins; Kath Le Milliere and Dave Bartlett taking Exeter's points.

In the 2nd division of the Devon League, Exmouth are setting a hot pace, their latest result being an 8-2 victory over Exeter. Their matches against Plymouth will probably decide the winners in this division. In division I, Plymouth already look set to carry off the major honours.

GOOD CHEER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Good King Louislas looked out, at an Open Tourn-a-ment,
All his clothes were round about, worn by every maid and gent.
Brightly shone his star that night, and the scene was moving,
Then the winners came in sight, wearing Hoffman clo-o-thing.

Hither page and stand by me, help keep things a-li-ive.
Yonder peasant who is he, good lad he's using 005.

Sire he is a goodly man, trains at Crystal Palace.
Methinks he has a wondrous plan, he plays this game with ma-a-lice.

Bring me bat and bring me ball, bring in net and table.
I will show you one and all, that is if I'm able.

All the angels they declare, and not without good reason.
Hoffman's clothing is all they wear, go get some this Se-eas-on.

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'TYKES' STILL LEAD

YORKSHIRE'S fine win over Gloucestershire has strengthened their challenge for their first ever Championship title. Only Middlesex and Essex have any real chance of catching them and the Tykes look to have the easier programme with Kent (a), Middlesex (h) and Hertfordshire (h).

Middlesex meet Cheshire (h), Yorkshire (a) and Essex (h) whilst the latter play Gloucestershire (a), Surrey (h) and Middlesex (a).

No less interesting is the position at the bottom of the table. Herts must surely be doomed, but who makes the big drop with them? Not one of the other four counties, Cheshire, Kent, Surrey or Gloucestershire can feel really safe.

PREMIER DIVISION

Cheshire 5, Surrey 4

R. Hampson lost to C. Warren -14, -16; bt M. Creamer 20, 21; M. Johns lost to Warren -19, -20; bt R. Penfold 18, 20; D. Schofield bt Creamer -13, 19, 9; bt Penfold -20, 12, 11; Miss J. Heaps lost to Mrs. M. Wright -20, 19, -16; Hampson/Johns bt Penfold/Warren -16, 15, 9; Schofield/Heaps lost to Creamer/Wright -12, -19.

Judy Heaps and Mary Wright was the most exciting match, with Mary only just scraping home. Warren outstanding. Sad to see that service is still a problem.

Essex 5, Kent 4

C. Barnes bt A. Piddock 8, 17; bt H. Buist 9, 16; S. Gibbs lost to Piddock -14, -18; bt K. Baker 15, 12; R. Stevens lost to Buist -14, -14; lost to Baker -18, -19; Mrs. L. Radford bt Miss P. Martin -14, 18, 10; Barnes/Gibbs lost to Buist/Piddock -14, -19; Stevens/Radford bt Baker/Martin 14, 18.

Lesley Radford recovered well from a game and 4-10 down to Pauline Martin. Chester Barnes untroubled in singles, his second giving Essex a lead for the first time at 4-3. Late arriving Stuart Gibbs disappointed against Tony Piddock but found some of his best form for Ken Baker in the final set.

Hertfordshire 1, Middlesex 8

T. Densham lost to B. Wright -15, -11; lost to L. Haslam -18, -14; T. Taylor lost to Wright -15, -18; lost to A. Lindsay -11, -15; D. Gilbert lost to Haslam -17, -5; lost to Lindsay -19, -14; Miss P. Hemmings lost to Miss K. Smith -19, -15; Gilbert/Taylor lost to L. Landry/Wright -8, -15; Densham/Hemmings bt Landry/Smith 13, -16, 14.

Rather one-sided, although Trevor Taylor did better against Alan Lindsay than the scores suggest. Fine senior debut for Karenza Smith.

Yorkshire 7, Gloucestershire 2

A. Hydes lost to I. Harrison -15, -18; bt D. Holland -8, 15, 16; P. Duncombe bt Harrison 18, -15, 22; bt B. Brady 16, 15; M. Symonds bt Holland 11, 14; bt Brady 13, 12; Miss L. Proudlock bt Mrs. P. Rowe 10, 15; Hydes/Symonds lost to Harrison/Holland -17, -18; Duncombe/Proudlock bt Brady/Rowe 12, 11.

Alan Hydes made first appearance this season instead of influenza victim Denis Neale. The whole Yorkshire side rose to the occasion from the first set with Peter Duncombe beating Ian Harrison. The match result was never in doubt from then on. Mike Symonds plays better every match.

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Hampshire 5, Hertfordshire II 5

An excellent fight back by Hants from 0-3 to 4-3 but after unexpectedly dropping the mixed they were glad to settle for a draw.

Buckinghamshire 6, Hampshire 4

Paul Shirley the star but the whole Bucks team must take credit for their recovery from 2-4.

Sussex 9, Bedfordshire 1

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Durham 2, Yorkshire II 8

Lancashire 10, Cumberland 0
Despite the absence of Kevin Forshaw and Connie Moore, Cumberland made little impression. They have a good prospect, however, in Alan Dixon who made Bryn Farnworth fight on his first team debut.

Northumberland 8, Lincolnshire 2

Very one-sided with the visitors only successes the women's doubles and Brian Burn's second singles, conceded through injury. Stuart Lennie dominant.

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Glamorgan 4, Derbyshire 6

An exciting match with Derbys sprinting from 1-3 to 5-3. Fraser Anderson and John Wallhead, who did not meet in singles, the best players.

Staffordshire 8, Nottinghamshire 2

A comfortable home win with

Notts taking the last two sets for semi-respectability.

Warwickshire 7, Monmouthshire 3
Much closer than the score suggests, with Monmouths leading 3-2. They have two excellent prospects in John Mansfield and Haydn Thomas who beat Paul Judd and Derek Munt respectively.

SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

No fixtures

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Berkshire 4, Buckinghamshire II 6

A see-saw match, with the visitors more consistent.

Worcestershire II 5, Oxfordshire II 5

MIDLAND DIVISION

Derbyshire II 10, Denbighshire 0

Warwickshire II 7, Staffordshire II 3
Home men, particularly Derek Baddeley and Graham Binney, impressive. Young Jenny Cornock no match for the awkward and experienced Marjorie Cumberbatch. A promising display for Staffs by John Perrott with good loop and powerful forehand.

EASTERN DIVISION

Leicestershire 5, Cambridgeshire 5

First appearance this season by John Thurston. His immaculate display of ball control inspired Cambridgeshire who recovered from 1-4 to 5-4.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Surrey 5, Kent 5

0-3 and then 3-5 down, Surrey did well to hold the visitors to a draw. A lengthy match, in which all six boys won one singles.

Buckinghamshire 6, Hampshire 4

Hants unlucky not to take a point. Michael Wald and Jill Shirley unbeaten but Tommy Wald a big disappointment.

Sussex 9, Berkshire 1

JUNIOR NORTH

Durham 3, Yorkshire 7

Lancashire 10, Cumberland 0
With no girl able to make the trip, the Cumberland boys made Lancs really fight for the seven contested sets. Favourable debut by Tony Boasman (Manchester).

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Oxfordshire 0, Warwickshire 10
Oxfords outclassed, with only David Steel (against Pat Glynn) getting respectable scores.

Worcestershire 2, Staffordshire 8
Worcs took a shock 2-0 lead, but thereafter it was rather one way traffic.

Nottinghamshire 1, Warwickshire 9
Even without their two top boys Warwicks far too powerful. Janet Campbell played with great determination to save the whitewash.

Staffordshire 9, Leicestershire 1
Worcestershire 7, Oxfordshire 3
Worcs first Junior win for nearly two years. Annette Stallard, left-hander from Halesowen, became the first Worcs girl to win all three events in one match—and this on her debut. All four girls to have played for the Worcs Junior side have Christian names beginning with A (Angela, Anne, Alison and Annette).

Leicestershire 4, Worcestershire 6
And then another win for good measure, with Leics managing to take only one of the boys matches to go with Susan Baxter's trio.

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JUNIOR EAST

Hertfordshire 9, Norfolk 1

Middlesex 3, Hertfordshire 7
Much as expected, with the home team taking the girls events and the visitors too experienced in the boys'.

Cambridgeshire 3, Norfolk 7

Essex 9, Suffolk 1

JUNIOR SOUTH WEST

Monmouthshire 9, Somerset 1

Monmouths too good, even without Haydn Thomas. A second singles win for Somerset's Wendy Harper.

Wiltshire 0, Glamorgan 10

Table as at 18.12.66

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire	4	4	0	0	25	11	8
Middlesex	4	3	0	1	25	11	6
Essex	4	3	0	1	21	15	6
Cheshire	4	2	0	2	20	16	4
Kent	4	2	0	2	16	20	4
Surrey	4	1	0	3	16	20	2
Gloucesters	4	1	0	3	14	22	2
Hertfords	4	0	0	4	7	29	0
2nd SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sussex	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Kent II	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Buckingham	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Hertfords II	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Surrey II	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Hampshire	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Bedfordshire	2	0	0	2	3	17	0
2nd NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancashire	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Northumberland	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Yorkshire II	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Cheshire II	3	1	1	1	17	13	3
Lincolnshire	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Durham	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
Cumberland	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

2nd MIDLAND	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Staffordshire	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Warwickshire	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Derbyshire	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Monmouthshire	4	1	2	1	20	20	4
Nottinghamshire	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Glamorgan	4	0	1	3	16	24	1
Oxfordshire	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
2nd WEST	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wiltshire	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Somerset	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Devon	2	1	0	1	14	6	2
Worcestershire	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Cornwall	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
Dorset	2	0	0	2	2	18	0
SOUTHERN	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Buckingham II	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Hampshire II	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Berkshire	4	2	0	2	24	16	4
Worcesters II	4	0	1	3	16	24	1
Oxfords II	4	0	1	3	7	33	1
MIDLAND	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancashire II	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Warwickshire II	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Staffordshire II	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Derbyshire II	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Denbighshire	3	0	0	3	2	28	0
EASTERN	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicestershire	2	1	1	0	15	5	3
Suffolk	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Norfolk	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Cambridges	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
Huntingdons	2	0	1	1	5	15	1
JUNIOR DIVISIONS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Buckinghamshire	3	3	0	0	18	12	6
Kent	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Surrey	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Sussex	3	1	0	2	17	13	2
Berkshire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Hampshire	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Lancashire	2	2	0	0	19	1	4
Cheshire	3	1	0	2	16	14	2
Durham	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Northumberland	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Cumberland	3	0	0	3	1	29	0
MIDLAND	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Staffordshire	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Warwickshire	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Worcestershire	4	2	0	2	16	24	4
Nottinghamshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Leicestershire	4	0	1	3	14	26	1
Oxfordshire	3	0	0	3	4	26	0
EAST	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Hertfordshire	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Middlesex	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Cambridgeshire	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Norfolk	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Suffolk	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
SOUTH-WEST	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glamorgan	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Monmouthshire	2	2	0	0	19	1	4
Gloucestershire	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Somerset	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

FIXTURES FOR JANUARY 1967

PREMIER DIVISION	Date	Match	Time
January 21	Gloucestershire v Essex, Frys, Somerdale, Keynsham, Bristol	7.00 p.m.	
January 21	Kent v Yorkshire, Prince of Wales Club, Sturry Road, Canterbury	7.15 p.m.	
January 21	Middlesex v Cheshire, Fulham Town Hall, Fulham Broadway, S.W.6	3.00 p.m.	
January 21	Surrey v Hertfordshire, Sutton Adult School, Benhill Avenue, Sutton	7.00 p.m.	
SECOND DIVISION SOUTH	Date	Match	Time
January 21	Bedfordshire v Kent II, The Cryselco Canteen, Woburn Road, Kempston, Near Bedford	7.30 p.m.	
January 21	Hampshire v Surrey II, Tanners Brook Infants School, Millbrook, Southampton	7.00 p.m.	
February 4	Hertfordshire II v Sussex		
February 11	Bedfordshire v Hampshire		
SECOND NORTH	Date	Match	Time
January 21	Cheshire II v Lancashire, C.C.P.R.O., Cheadle Hulme, Stockport	7.00 p.m.	
January 21	Lincolnshire v Durham, Lincoln	7.15 p.m.	
January 28	Yorkshire II v Northumberland, Batley Miners Welfare, Mount Pleasant, Batley		
January 28	Durham v Cumberland, Sunderland T.T.C., Burdon Road, Sunderland		
SECOND MIDLAND	Date	Match	Time
January 21	Derbyshire v Staffs, The Police Station, New Beetwell Street, Chesterfield	7.15 p.m.	
January 21	Glamorgan v Warwicks, Y.M.C.A., Swansea	7.00 p.m.	
January 21	Oxfords v Notts, St. Margarets Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford	7.00 p.m.	
SECOND WEST	Date	Match	Time
January 21	Cornwall v Dorset, Tuckingmill Pavilion, Cambourne	7.15 p.m.	
January 28	Wiltshire v Devon		
January 28	Somerset v Worcs, Sydenham Youth Club, Sydenham Estate, Bridgwater	7.15 p.m.	
SOUTHERN DIVISION	Date	Match	Time
January 21	Oxfords II v Hampshire II, St. Margarets Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford	7.00 p.m.	
January 21	Worcs II v Berkshire, Stewart & Lloyds Canteen, Coombs Wood Works, Halesowen	3.00 p.m.	
February 4	Buckinghamshire II v Oxf		