

**THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL**

<b>Men's Singles</b> JAROSLAV STANEK (Czechoslovakia)	<b>Women's Singles</b> MARY WRIGHT (Surrey)
<b>Men's Doubles</b> VLADIMIR MIKO and JAROSLAV STANEK (Czechoslovakia)	<b>Women's Doubles</b> MARIA ALEXANDRU and ELEONORA MIHALCA (Rumania)
<b>Mixed Doubles</b> VLADIMIR MIKO and MARTA LUZOVA (Czechoslovakia)	

**TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

<b>Men</b> CZECHOSLOVAKIA	<b>Women</b> HUNGARY
<b>Boys' Singles</b> KEITH LAWRENCE (Essex)	<b>Girls' Singles</b> MIRJANA RESLER (Yugoslavia)
<b>Boys' Doubles</b> PAUL JUDD and DEREK MUNT (Warwickshire)	<b>Junior Mixed Doubles</b> KEITH LAWRENCE and LINDA HENWOOD (Essex)
<b>Girls' Doubles</b> MIRJANA RESLER and (Yugoslavia)	<b>Veteran Women's</b> MARJORIE CUMBERBATCH (Staffordshire)
<b>Veteran Men's</b> HARRY VENNOR (Surrey)	

**ENGLISH OPEN**

by George R. Yates

## MARY WRIGHT TRIUMPHS

**M**AKING ample amends for her shortcomings in last season's European Championships at Wembley, Mary Wright deservedly won the women's single title of the English Open at Brighton on March 2-4 and in so doing gladdened English hearts with a fighting display.

Mary's was to be the only senior title to be withheld from a strong foreign entry in which Jaroslav Stanek of Czechoslovakia cruised his way to success in the men's singles, last won by a compatriot in season 1946-7 when Tereba succeeded Bo Vana.

It was Stanek, again with Vladimir Miko, who retained the men's doubles with a further Czech retention in the mixed by Miko and Marta Luzova.

By her marriage to West Germany's Eberhard Scholer, the partnership of Di Rowe with Mary Shannon-Wright was dissolved and the undefended women's doubles title was won by Maria Alexandru and Eleonora Mihalca of Rumania.

England regained the junior boys' singles—last won by Brian Hill of Lincolnshire in 1961-62—when Keith Lawrence got a tight verdict over Trevor Taylor after the challenge from Australia and Ireland had been withstood.

In the boys' doubles another home victory ensued, for Paul Judd and Derek Munt, as it did in the mixed event for Lawrence and Linda Henwood.

The presence of Yugoslavia's 14-year-old Mirjana Resler boded ill in the girls' singles event, which she won, but it was an "ill wind" for Marjorie Walker who, with Miss Resler romped to a girls' doubles success.

Harry Venner took leave of his young Australian charges long enough to retain his men's veteran title—for the third consecutive time—but a new name in Marjorie Cumberbatch went into the record book for the women's counterpart event.

Consolation singles were won by Yugoslavia's Z. Cordas and Miss Resler.

**MADE TO FIGHT**

Both in her penultimate set and in the final, Mary Wright stood 2-1 down against the resolute "pushing" of European champion, Mrs. Alexandru, and Eva Koczian. But determination carried the English champion through to success, first against the Rumanian, who led 5-1 in the fourth game only to create the spur for Mary to come back with nine successive points!

Again in the final Hungary's Eva Koczian led 13-11 in the fourth only for Mary to counter with a run of seven points

Not to be overlooked, in this star-spangled event, were the deeds of 16-year-old Karenza Smith—surely to be destined for stardom herself—who started out with two 3-straight wins over Linda Henwood and Gloria Sayer. The pattern was again repeated in the third round but this time it was Eleonora Mihalca who was ousted

What then, however, are the prospects of Judy Heaps who, in the semi-finals of the girls' singles, accounted for Karenza 19 and 17?

Both Judy and Karenza fell to Eva Koczian in successive rounds of the women's and it was also the Hungarian No. 1 who knocked out the holder, Marta Luzova.

West Germany's holder of the men's title, "Ebby" Scholer, suffered

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**English Open Team Championships** by Laurie Landry  
**HUNGARIANS & CZECHS TAKE HONOURS**

**T**O start with the women, in the first round Wales lost to the young Australian team and England II scored a nice win over Netherlands.

Round two saw Karenza Smith score perhaps her most important win. Against Rumania, Mary Wright lost the first to a vastly improved Mihalca and trailed most of the way in the second, but a couple of courageous hits took it. At 2-7 down in the third, we feared the worst but Mary kept fighting to 15-all and a couple of quick hits and Mihalca was broken. Karenza played a gallant but losing game against Alexandru and oh! what a disaster as we lost the doubles. Mary then comfortably beat Alexandru after letting the second slip, and left Karenza to play the game of her life. Losing the first but then moving Mihalca about, dropping and hitting to go 18-12 in the third. It became 18-16 but we won at 17. Karenza can go far!

In the meantime, England II lost to Czechoslovakia 1-3 with Luzova dominant. Pauline Hemmings played excellently to beat Pauknerova.

So to the semis, where Czechoslovakia rather surprisingly beat West Germany with Di (Rowe) Scholer winning the only one. England lost to Hungary 2-3 but what an incredible match with 4 out of 5 going to three. Karenza fell to the experience of Koczian and Mary all but lost to Jurik. It seemed that our girls would be worn down in the doubles but we

just took the second whilst Koczian/Jurik relaxed and caught up from 15-19 in the third. Now a big disappointment as Koczian, who never beats Mary, recovered from a game down and 14-17, to take the second to 18 and go to 11-4. Mary is a fighter and with practically all her remaining energy actually led 13-12 but had become so tired with this third in a row three-setter that she lost 17-21. Karenza again put up a wonderful show against Jurik but the defender was phenomenal and turned winning hits into tricky situations.

Hungary went through the formality of winning the final and even Luzova lost to Koczian.

Now to the men, where Warren and Gibbs were not unduly troubled by Australia and England II won 3-0, only to lose convincingly to Czechoslovakia in the next round. England I beat Nigeria 3-0 and Hungary beat the much fancied Yugoslavs 3-2 from 0-2 down. Hungary had previously beaten Scotland 3-0. In the semis, Czechoslovakia were extended by West Germany where surprisingly Ness beat Stanek and Germany won the doubles, whilst Hungary beat England I 3-1. England won only the doubles but what a different story it might have been had Chester Barnes not lost to Rozsas in the third.

Czechoslovakia won the final with Stanek brilliant and Miko poor.

**MEN**

**Round 1**  
ENGLAND II 3, Australia 0;  
HUNGARY 3, Scotland 0.

**Round 2**  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3, England II 0; WEST GERMANY 3, Wales 0; ENGLAND I 3, Nigeria 0; HUNGARY 3, Yugoslavia 2.

**Semi-finals**  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3, West Germany 2; HUNGARY 3, England I 1.

**Final**  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3, Hungary 2.

**WOMEN**

**Round 1**  
AUSTRALIA 3, Wales 1;  
ENGLAND II 3, Netherlands 0.

**Round 2**  
HUNGARY 3, Australia 0;  
ENGLAND I 3, Rumania 2;  
WEST GERMANY 3, Scotland 0;  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3, England II 1.

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It was a really wonderful gesture and we appreciate it very much.

The English Open usually puts years on me but on this occasion I returned home feeling ten years younger.

TOM BLUNN  
Hon. Treasurer  
E.T.T.A.

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## THE LATECOMER

FAR on in the period of time between the distribution of entry forms and the commencement of a tournament a knock at the door, a ring of the phone bell, or a letter, will herald the latecomer's application.

As often as not the request is held back until the day itself and the organiser's attention is craftily drawn to the fact that such-and-such a person will not be coming or that so-and-so would not mind foregoing the bye for the sake of having a preliminary or first round warm-up.

All manner of excuses are trotted out as to why the closing date was disregarded and these, duly referenced in handbook form, could well be quoted as the basis for negotiation without preamble.

Should such an application be refused then, oh dear me, what a "shower" the organising secretary is! Never again would the applicant remotely consider gracing the tournament and last season's affair left a great deal to be desired!

Oh yes, like Al Read, you have met 'em, and although their numbers are not legion they are of sufficient strength to warrant an appendix to the aforementioned handbook.

Granted there are times when reasons afforded are valid and a sympathetic ear is given, but mostly they are not, being due to sheer idleness or that loathing to part with money which would appear to be an occupational disease of the table tennis player.

It was ever thus, in the words of Robert Burns, that "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men Gang aft a-gley" and so it is with tournament organisers.

Late requests have little regard for all the work that has gone into the organisation of a tournament, still less for the hours spent in conducting the draw—so, if you are a latecomer, be not offended if your eleventh-hour plea for entry is refused.

Make a resolution, there and then, to note well the closing date of the next and act well in advance of it. The organisers have, so why not you?

## INTERNATIONAL ROUND-UP

By CONRAD JASCHKE

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

AT the recent meeting of the Home Country Associations at the Municipal Buildings in Preston there was much discussion about the future of the Quadrangular International Tournament. It is very likely that this event will be partially duplicated by a regional division of the new European League. However, it was decided to hold the Quadrangular once more, and it will be Ireland's turn to stage the event next season.

The National Council have already decided to enter an England team in the Premier Division of the European League next season, and Wales have decided to enter the relevant Regional Division. Both Ireland and Scotland would like to enter but cannot yet come to a firm decision because of insufficient finance. Should they be able to overcome this problem, then it is very likely that a Regional Division would be formed consisting of Ireland, Scotland and Wales, plus probably Belgium and Netherlands. Jersey and Guernsey would also be eligible for such a region, but again finance would be the problem.

All these questions will be fully discussed when the European Table Tennis Union have a meeting in Stockholm during the World Championships.

## BELGIUM EXCHANGE VISITS

Entry in the European League does not mean that we have to forego encounters with our friends in countries who have not achieved a place in the Premier Division. On the contrary, if European League matches bring the extra income which is anticipated, it should enable us to extend our programme and give more and more young players an opportunity to represent England in matches against the not quite so strong European Associations. We have already accepted an invitation to play Belgium during the British week in Brussels in October 1967. A sponsor has been found and no costs will fall on the E.T.T.A.

We, on our part, have invited the Belgians to visit us in March 1968 and play a match at Ashford (Kent) on the occasion of the 21st Anniversary of the local league.

We have also accepted an invitation—all expenses paid—to play a series of matches in Germany (D.T.T.B.) early next season.

Following the success—financial and otherwise—of the Czech tour of England early this season, we shall try to arrange a similar tour of a top continental side in October or early November of this year. Many applications to such matches are already on hand.

## ANYONE FOR BULGARIA?

A Bulgarian Table Tennis club would like to arrange exchange visits with an English club, on the basis that each team pay their own travelling expenses, with the home team paying hospitality expenses for several days. The Bulgarians are interested in an all ladies side, and they would like the first match to be this summer.

A journey to Bulgaria would be a very interesting experience, but it is likely to be costly. However, it may be possible to arrange exhibitions which could recover some of the expenses. If any club in England is interested in this proposition they may write direct to:—

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BULGARIA	

Final details would have to be sanctioned by the Bulgarian and the English Table Tennis Associations, but this is a formality in this particular case.

There is, of course, a thriving European club knock-out competition as well as an inter-Cities Fairs Cup. Unfortunately we have been unable to enter either of these events because of the expense involved. It is hoped that sooner or later ways will be found to raise the necessary money through sponsorship to enter these competitions.

## NEW ZEALAND TOUR

The tour by the New Zealand World Championships team has now been finalised and the details are given below. Although we are unable to stage an international match against the tourists, we would like to extend to them every possible courtesy and help, and I hope that some members of the National Council might take the opportunity of extending hospitality when the New Zealanders are in their area. If you would like to do this, please contact the relevant match organisers whose names and addresses are listed.

Consisting of five men and four women, the New Zealand team whose names and ranking order follow will have Ken Wilkinson (46 Beauchamp Street, Linden-Tawa) as their team manager.

MEN	WOMEN
*A. R. Tomlinson	Mrs. N. Traill
B. A. Foster	Miss C. E. Johnson
M. L. Dunn	Miss D. L. Wade
H. J. Waterhouse	Miss Y. M. Fogarty
T. J. O'Carroll	

\*ALAN TOMLINSON, it will be recalled, is the player who made such an impact on the English tournament circuit in 1962 and his 21-16, 21-9 defeat of Ralph Gunnion in the Birmingham Open was one of the highlights.

The programme is:—

March 18-24	The Scottish Association will be looking after the New Zealanders
25-27	Participation in the North-East of England Open Championships
28-29	Matches against Yorkshire at Doncaster (28th) and North Ormsby Organiser: W. Mitton, 16 The Whins, Newby, Scarborough, Yorks
30	Match against Lancashire at Bolton Y.M.C.A. Organiser: G. Campbell, 1 Winslow Road, Hunger Hill, Bolton
April 1-2	Participation in Cambridgeshire Open Championships Organiser: Mrs. M. A. Cornwell, 28 Harding Way, Cambridge
3	Match in Leicester
4	Men's match in Loughborough Women's match in Melton Mowbray Organiser: P. Reid, 47 New Fields Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester
5	Match in London Organiser: K. Mathews, 11 South Norwood Hill, S.E.25
6	Match against Buckinghamshire Organiser: Leo Thompson, "Auchmead," The Avenue, Sunnymeads, Wraysbury, Bucks
7	Match against Kent Organiser: G. Murray, 6 Claremont Road, Bickley, Kent
8-9	Participation in Stevenage Open Organiser: B. A. English, 64 Baldock Road, Letchworth, Herts

## DIANE WINS GERMAN TITLE

Ebby and Diane Schöler are the new Mixed Doubles Champions of Germany D.T.T.B. They won the title in the German Closed Championships which were held recently in front of 2,000 spectators. The other new champions are Schöler in the Men's Singles; Agnes Simon in the Women's Singles; Edit Buchholz/Agnes Simon in the Women's Doubles; and Peter Stähle/Martin Ness in the Men's Doubles.

## National Team Competitions by Leslie Davis

## GLOUCESTER v L.C.S. TIE TO PROVIDE THE WINNERS

THE Wilmott Cup quarter-finalists have a familiar look. Bolton, Manchester, Gloucester and Willesden have all been there before!

But who are these interlopers who, now up with the leaders, were knocked out in the first round last season? Their team comprises Buist, Gibbs and Piddock and they represent London Civil Service. In their previous rounds they have included East London among their victims. Their next match, against the holders, could provide the 1967 winners of the Cup.

I expect George Yates of Bolton and Laurie Landry of Willesden would dispute this but we must wait and see.

In the Rose Bowl competition Doncaster fairly easily disposed of gallant Stockport but not before Mrs. Diane Johnson had beaten both Pat Dainty and Lesley Proudlock.

In what must have been a most exciting match East London beat Romford—last season's winners—by the odd set.

This winning game was won by Miss Martin against Miss Hession 18, 19. I see that Pam Mortimer is still winning. Against Staines she helped Plymouth into the quarter-finals by capturing three sets.

Sutton ladies went to town with their opponents. 12 was the highest score gained against them. This team of Mrs. Head, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Bird look very strong.

Carter Cup—East London, the holders, only narrowly defeated Slough. Both Lawrence and F. Kennedy had to work hard to beat Slough's team spearheaded by Michael Wald. This season's Birmingham team of Judd, Munt, Glynn and Clarke look very good and will need some beating.

Bromfield Trophy—I was informed that the Watford v Birmingham encounter was most enjoyable. The result card certainly supports this view as the match was not won until the eighth set, when Miss Hassan just managed to beat Miss Unsworth in the third.

Congratulations to the young Taunton girls who, although losing to Slough, have put up some very promising performances.

Senior quarter-final and junior semi-final draws together with the previous round results:

## WILMOTT CUP

Round 4			
Chesterfield ... 3	Bolton	.....	6
Northum'land 2	Manchester	.....	7
Norwich	Luton	.....	8
Oxford	Birmingham	.....	8
Woolwich	Willesden	.....	9
London C.S.	Acton	.....	1
Slough	Gloucester	.....	9
Southampton ... 1	Brighton	.....	8

## Quarter-final Draw

Bolton	v	Birmingham
Manchester	v	Luton
Brighton	v	Willesden
Gloucester	v	London C.S.

## ROSE BOWL

## Round 4 Results

Doncaster	..... 7	Stockport	..... 2
Northum'land	6	Grimsby	..... 3
Lowestoft	6	North Herts	..... 3
Bedford	..... 0	W. Bromwich	..... 9
Basildon	..... 0	Sutton	..... 7
East London	..... 5	Romford	..... 4
Staines	..... 2	Plymouth	..... 7
Southampton	..... 4	Eastbourne	..... 5

## Quarter-final Draw

Doncaster	v	W. Bromwich
Northum'land	v	Lowestoft
Eastbourne	v	Sutton
Plymouth	v	E. London

## CARTER CUP

## Quarter-final Results

Bolton	..... w.o.	Loughborough	(scratched)
Birmingham	... 6	Middlesbrough	0
North Herts	... 6	Plymouth	..... 3
East London	... 5	Slough	..... 4

## Semi-final Draw

Bolton	v	Birmingham
North Herts	v	East London

## BROMFIELD TROPHY

## Quarter-final Results

Liverpool	..... 4	Ipswich	..... 5
Watford	..... 4	Birmingham	..... 5
Taunton	..... 3	Slough	..... 6
East London	w.o.	Newbury	(scratched)

## Semi-final Draw

Ipswich	v	Birmingham
East London	v	Slough

All matches are to be played before March 19.

## OCTOBER ISSUE WANTED

Alan P. F. Cook, of 132 Wilthorpe Road, Barnsley, Yorks, missed the first issue of *Table Tennis News* and is most desirous of obtaining a copy.

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**MIDLAND OPEN**

**SIXTH TITLE FOR MAUREEN**

**M**AIN surprise at the Midland Open, played at Solihull, Birmingham on February 11, was the defeat of Lesley Radford by Maureen Heppell, ranked three places below her. It was Maureen's sixth women's singles title of the season.

Trevor Taylor was outstanding in the men's events getting to the semi of the singles with wins over Keith Lawrence and Roger Hampson. Trevor repeated the victory over Lawrence in the boys' final, this time in straight games.

Lawrence was somewhat fortunate to come through from 18-20 down in the third with the help of an edge ball against unranked Michael Coles (Staffs). Ralph Gunnion ended Taylor's fine run in the semi whilst Taylor also accompanied his Junior Captain to the semi of the men's doubles.

Roger Chandler won the men's singles with a final win over equally ranked Gunnion with the result that the equal ranking seemed to appear justified. The holder, Roy Morley, who had a tremendous win the previous year, went out rather ungloriously to Lawrence who makes a habit of beating him.

Chandler overcame, at last, his fellow Dunlop employee Mike Johns to whom he has always lost this season.

A great pity that Judy Heaps was unable to stay for the final of the girl's singles against Miss Heppell to whom she had to concede a walk-over.

**Results:**  
**Men's Singles—quarter-finals:** M. Johns (Ches) bt B. Meisel (Kent) 13, 16; R. Chandler (Sussex) bt P. Duncombe (Yorks) 13, -14, 21; R. Gunnion (Warwicks) bt K. Baker (Kent) 7, 8; T. Taylor (Herts) bt K. Lawrence (Essex) -19, 13, 13.

**Semi-finals:** CHANDLER bt Johns 20, 19; GUNNION bt Taylor 16, 12.

**Final:** CHANDLER bt Gunnion 16, -9, 19.

**Women's Singles—semi-finals:** M. HEPPELL (Northumb) bt C. Duncombe (Yorks) 11, 15; L. RADFORD (Essex) bt J. Billington (Berks) 12, 8.

**Final:** HEPPELL bt Radford 18, 14.

**Men's Doubles — semi - finals:** CHANDLER/R. MORLEY (Gloucs) bt L. Landry (Middx)/Taylor 18, 17; R. HAMPSON (Ches)/JOHNS bt B. Burn (Northumb)/A. Hydes (Yorks) 18, 25.

**Final:** CHANDLER/MORLEY bt Hampson/Johns -18, 14, 15.

**Women's Doubles — semi-finals:** RADFORD/D. SCHOFIELD (Ches) bt Billington/S. Hession (Essex) -15, 15, 14; C. MOORE (Lancs)/D. JOHNSON (Ches) bt Duncombe/L. Proudlock (Yorks) 14, 15.

**Final:** RADFORD/SCHOFIELD bt Moore/Johnson -20, 18, 20.

**Mixed Doubles — semi - finals:** GUNNION / RADFORD walk - over Landry/Duncombe (Mrs. Duncombe attack of cramp); HYDES/HEPPELL bt M. Billington (Berks)/J. Billington 17, 13.

**Final:** GUNNION/RADFORD bt Hydes/Heppell 9, -14, 14.

**Veteran Singles — semi-finals:** R. ETHERIDGE (Kent) bt H. Spiers (Warwicks) 17, 15; L. HEPPELL (Northumb) bt L. Hoffman (Middx) 15, -10, 13.

**Final:** ETHERIDGE bt Heppell -19, 22, 8.

**Junior Doubles — semi-finals:** M. COLE/B. KEATES (Staffs) bt P. Glynn Warwicks/S. Heaps (Ches) 10, 22; D. BOWLES (Essex)/T. MANSFIELD bt G. Allen/S. Giles (Warwicks) 15, 19.

**Final:** COLE/KEATES bt Bowles/Mansfield 15, 18.

**Boys' Singles — semi - finals:** TAYLOR bt D. Munt (Warwicks) 18, 17; LAWRENCE bt B. Mitchell (Lancs) -17, 11, 16.

**Final:** TAYLOR bt Lawrence 15, 16.

**Girls' Singles — semi - finals:** HEPPELL bt L. Forkes (Yorks) 8, 7; J. HEAPS (Ches) bt M. Walker (Middx) 15, 4.

**Final:** HEPPELL walk-over Heaps (Scratched).

**KENT OPEN**

by Laurie Landry

**Young Players Dominate**

**Y**OUNG players certainly dominated the two main singles finals at the Kent Open played at Folkestone on January 28-29. The four players concerned were Stuart Gibbs and Alan Hydes, aged 19 and 18, and Karenza Smith and Pauline Hemmings 16 and 18-year-old respectively.

Hydes, after saving five match points against Junior Captain, Laurie Landry, went through Kent players Derek Basden and Tony Piddock in straight games before losing to Gibbs in a well fought final after Gibbs had beaten Brian Wright in the semis.

Earlier surprise in the men's singles was the defeat of No. 7 ranked "Les" Haslam by Alan Ransome who then lost to Piddock. Hydes saved match points against Barry Hill of Surrey in the under-20 event and then went on to win it. Gibbs had eliminated himself by contriving a loss to Ron Penfold who failed to progress beyond the next round.

Karenza Smith won the women's singles beating Pauline Hemmings in the final. Pauline tried to rush things too much and fought a losing battle. This was a pity as she had played very well to defeat Lesley Radford for the first time in the semi.

Surprising mixed doubles finalists were Elsie Carrington and Trevor Taylor who had beaten Brian Wright and Miss Hemmings and Roy Morley and Pauline Martin. Their beaten opponents in the final were also somewhat surprising as they were "partner wanted" applicants Landry and Miss Smith. They beat Ralph Gunnion and Mrs. Radford.

**Results:**

**Men's Singles — quarter-finals:** S. Gibbs (Essex) bt M. Johns (Ches) 14, 19; B. Wright (Middx) bt A. Lindsay (Middx) 25, 29; A. Piddock (Kent) bt A. Ransome (Northumb) 15, 17; A. Hydes (Yorks) bt D. Basden (Kent) 8, 12.

**Semi-finals:** GIBBS bt Wright 17, 21; HYDES bt Piddock 17, 14.

**Final:** GIBBS bt Hydes, 18, 17.

**Women's Singles—semi-finals:** K. SMITH (Middx) bt J. Williams (Sussex) 19, 18; P. HEMMINGS (Herts) bt L. Radford (Essex) 16, 19.

**Final:** SMITH bt Hemmings 12, 23.

**Junior Doubles:** A. GREEN / P. EATHERINGTON (17th Co. B.B.) bt J. Rowe/C. Snowe (Railways) 16, 19.

**Veteran Singles:** W. HILL (Southmead) bt J. Yandell (B.A.C.) 8, 14.

**WORCESTERSHIRE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Malvern, Feb 18/19

**Men's Singles:** M. HAWKINS bt M. D. Yeates 16, 20.

**Women's Singles:** MRS. J. LLOYD bt Mrs. D. Turberfield 20, 7.

**Men's Doubles:** S. A. H. LLOYD / R. LUSH bt R. M. Good/Hawkins -20, 19, 19.

**Women's Doubles:** LLOYD / TURBERFIELD bt Mrs. A. Lawrence/Mrs. M. Newcombe 9, 20.

**Mixed Doubles:** K. FIRKINS / TURBERFIELD bt Hawkins/Lloyd -22, 15, 13.

**Boys' Singles:** D. R. ASTON bt P. L. Turberfield 25, 18.

**Girls' Singles:** A. STALLARD bt A. Baker 12, 19.

**Junior Doubles:** ASTON/TURBERFIELD bt C. J. Kendall/R. Nash 18, 19.

**Veteran Singles:** E. W. EDWARDS bt H. G. Spiers -17, 19, 12.

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE OFEN**

**SYMONDS BACK ON TARGET**

**P**LAYED at the Edmund Road Drill Hall, Sheffield on Feb 4, the South Yorks Open attracted a much stronger entry than at Pontefract the previous weekend.

Through to the final again Brian Burn, after seeing off once more his county colleague Stuart Lennie, just failed to make it in a titanic struggle with Mike Symonds.

Derbyshire's Sandra Pegg also made good progress for the second Saturday running but her gallop this time was stopped by Yorkshire County player Cynthia Duncombe who subsequently went under, in the final, to Lesley Proudlock.

Having struck up an admirable partnership with Alan Hydes, Burn was there for the men's doubles and Hydes later figured in a mixed title win with Mrs. Duncombe.

Linda Forkes won her second consecutive junior girls' title adding the scalp of Lancashire's Susan Lisle to that of Eileen Samson of the week before.

Having to scratch himself from the Pontefract affair, Birmingham's Derek Munt made amends by taking the junior boys with a good win over Bolton's Brian Mitchell.

**Results:**

**Men's Singles — semi-finals:** B. BURN (Northumb) bt S. Lennie (Northumb) -18, 23, 17; M. SYMONDS (Yorks) bt P. C. Duncombe (Yorks) -17, 7, 12.

**Final:** SYMONDS bt Burn -19, 16, 19.

**Women's Singles — semi-finals:** C. DUNCOMBE (Yorks) bt S. Pegg (Derby) 15, 19; L. S. PROUDLOCK (Yorks) bt V. White (Yorks) 17, 17.

**Final:** PROUDLOCK bt Duncombe -13, 18, 17.

**Men's Doubles — semi - finals:** DUNCOMBE/J. KEDGE (Yorks) bt A. Cornish (Kent)/Lennie 22, 20; BURN/A. HYDES (Yorks) bt J. Clarke (Lancs) / A. Ransome (Northumb) -12, 14, 21.

**Final:** BURN/HYDES bt Duncombe/Kedge 20, 17.

**Women's Doubles — final:** DUNCOMBE/PROUDLOCK bt B. Cassell/M. Leigh (Lancs) 15, 19.

**Mixed Doubles — final:** HYDES / DUNCOMBE bt Duncombe / Proudlock -18, 11, 10.

**Boys' Singles — semi-finals:** D. MUNT (Warwicks) bt A. Fletcher (Yorks) 9, 15; B. MITCHELL (Lancs) bt A. Clayton (Yorks) 21, -17, 14.

**Final:** MUNT bt Mitchell 15, 12.

**Girls' Singles—final:** L. FORKES (Yorks) bt S. M. Lisle (Lancs) 15, 14.

**CIVIL SERVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

by G. A. Owen

**KENT AMONG TITLES**

**T**ONY Piddock and Betty Landimore kept Kent among the titles in the Civil Service Championships. Tony made a remarkable recovery after changing ends 10-3 down to Stuart Gibbs in the third and Betty gained the decision from that other multiple winner, Margaret Cherry, after a nervous start.

New to Senior titles were the Misses Beaney and Oliver, who showed greatly improved form.

**Results:**

**Men's Singles—semi-finals:** A. R. PIDDOCK bt B. Burn 14, 17; S. R. GIBBS bt H. S. Buist 13, 17.

**Final:** PIDDOCK bt Gibbs 16, -11, 19.

**Women's Singles:** B. A. LANDIMORE bt M. H. Cherry -17, 16, 13.

**Men's Doubles:** L. G. ADAMS / GIBBS bt Burn/A. Warents 12, 16.

**Women's Doubles:** M. BEANEY / C. A. OLIVER bt Cherry/J. A. Roberts 15, 11.

**Mixed Doubles:** BUIST / OLIVER bt Piddock/M. P. Know 13, 15.

**Intermediate Boys:** BURN bt. Petch 19, 13.

**Intermediate Girls:** B. BUTLET bt J. Epps 12, -19, 6.

**Junior Boys:** BURN bt T. Graham 7, 6.

**Veteran Singles:** Z. SCHRAMON bt Adams -19, 14, 17.

**BRISTOL CLOSED**

by J. P. Rowe

**HOLDER DEFEATED**

**W**ITH prizes augmented by Messrs. W. D. & H. O. Wills, Ltd., the Bristol and District T.T. Association Closed Championships were brought to a successful conclusion on Feb 18. A feature of the championships was the big increase in the entries for the junior events and the defeat of men's singles title holder B. Brady by Welshman Graham Gear.

**Results:**

**Men's Singles: Semi-finals:** B. BRADY (Bristol Club) bt R. Bowles (Bristol Club) 19, 7; G. GEAR (Weston) bt J. Wise (Central) 11, 17.

**Final:** GEAR bt Brady 14, 18.

**Women's Singles:** PAT ROWE (Page) bt Jean Golding (Central) 19, -11, 17.

**Men's Doubles:** GEAR/A. KINSEY (Weston) bt Bowles/Wise 16, 16.

**Women's Doubles:** JOAN COLLIER (Bristol Club) / GOLDING bt Barbara Bowles (Bristol Club) / June Watts (Failand) 9, 10.

**Mixed Doubles:** A. JARRETT / COLLIER bt Kinsey/Bowles 10, 19.

**Junior Boys:** D. CLEMENTS (Failand) bt D. Jeffries (Bristol Club) 17, -13, 10.

**Junior Girls:** LORRAINE HILLARD (Page) bt Gloria Elson (Page) 14, 10.

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**YORKSHIRE OPEN**  
by Walter Mitton  
**WORLD SQUAD HARD PRESSED**

THE Yorkshire Open, played at the York Railway Institute on Feb 18, attracted an entry which was not only large but contained most of the ranked players including Sweden-bound Denis Neale, Stuart Gibbs, Mary Wright, Karenza Smith and Maureen Heppell.

In the early rounds it looked as if the wait for the announcement of the teams for Stockholm was having its effect especially in the case of Neale who lost to Mike Dainty of Doncaster -16, 19, -16 who eventually went out to Tony Piddock in the quarters.

Gibbs, after a somewhat shaky start, recovered to play some really good table tennis outing such opposition as George Livesey, Eric Hall, Peter Williams and Brian Wright before accounting for Piddock in the final after three attempts in a row.

Mary Wright won the women's title after Pauline Hemmings had taken the middle game and had previously beaten Miss Smith in the semis. A much improved Diana Simpson beat Miss Heppell and Beverley Sayer before falling to Mrs. Wright.

**Results:**  
**Men's Singles—semi-finals:** S. R. GIBBS (Essex) bt B. D. Wright (Middlesex) 23, 14; A. R. PIDDOCK (Kent) bt P. C. Duncombe (Yorks) 18, 15.  
**Final:** GIBBS bt Piddock -18, 15, 14.

**Women's Singles — semi-finals:** P. HEMMINGS (Herts) bt K. Smith (Middlesex) -10, 15, 18; M. WRIGHT (Surrey) bt D. Simpson (Essex) 6, 10.  
**Final:** WRIGHT bt Hemmings 9, -20, 12.

**Men's Doubles—final:** B. BURN (Northumb)/A. HYDES (Yorks) bt S. Lennie (Northumb) / M. Symonds (Yorks) 13, 14.

**Women's Doubles—final:** SMITH/WRIGHT bt Hemmings/M. Heppell (Northumb) 14, 12.

**Mixed Doubles—final:** WRIGHT/bt K. Forshaw/C. Moore (Lancs) 17, 18.

**Veteran Singles — final:** K. MITCHELMORE (Yorks) bt J. Ettinger (Yorks) 8, 18.

**CZECH & EAST GERMAN OPENS**

**PRAGUE DOUBLE FOR SWEDES**

by Mary Wright

THREE titles for Sweden. This was the most prominent feature of the Czechoslovakian Championships held in Prague from January 30—February 1.

Kjell Johansson won the men's singles for the third successive time beating Jaroslav Stanek in the final 3-0. Kunz of Czechoslovakia was the only man to extend Johansson to five games but Corbizan of Rumania caused the biggest upset by beating the No. 3 seed, Vladimir Miko, 3-1 in the second round.

A new face to the table tennis scene was M. Beleznai of Hungary who reached the semi-final before falling to Johansson.

Denis Neale, our sole representative in this event, had an easy win over Turay, a Czech, in Round 1 then lost to an on-form Antonin Dvorak, who readers may remember touring with the Czech team last October.

In the women's singles, Zoya Rudnova hit top form, and dropped only two games to win the title for the first time. After disposing of Vostova and Karlikova, she played England's Mary Wright in the quarter-final. After Mary had won the first game at deuce, Rudnova's devastating forehands carried her through the next three games, and Mary never looked like winning. The Russian girl "sailed" through Alexandru 3-0 and Jurik 3-0 to win the title.

Maureen Heppell was never happy against the hard-hitting Simakova of Czechoslovakia and went down 3-1 after winning the first game.

In the men's doubles, Neale teamed up with Harczar of Hungary and they were unlucky to lose to Alser and Johansson, the eventual winners, after leading 2-1 and 18-17.

The women's doubles was the Czechs only title. Marta Luzova and Karlikova completely outclassed the East German pair in the final. Mary Wright and Maureen Heppell lost in the quarters to the steadier combination of Simon and Buchholz.

The mixed provided Sweden with their third title and a very surprising

one at that! Alser and Eva Johansson beat Lemke and Richter in the final who had previously upset the European Champions, Miko and Luzova in the quarters.

Neale and Miss Heppell unfortunately had to play Miko and Luzova in Round 2 and Mary Wright, playing with Christer Johansson of Sweden, also failed at this stage.

Rather a disappointing tournament for England, but it exposed weaknesses which can be worked on for the future.

**ERFURT**

**SECOND TITLE FOR RUDNOVA**

Sweden and Russia again took the singles titles in East Germany repeating their Prague successes. A very well organised tournament was played in Erfurt from February 3-5 and was rounded off with International matches England versus East Germany.

The first day was taken up with team events. Due to unfortunate circumstances (an injury to Alser), Sweden were robbed of an all Swedish men's team final. Sweden's second team of C. Johansson and K. Bernhardt reached the final but lost 3-0 to Yugoslavia's Istvan Korpa and Dragutin Surbek.

A composite team comprising Neale of England and young Anton Stipanovic of Yugoslavia just failed to reach the semi-final stage by one game, despite beating Rumania 3-1, in which match Neale had a good win over Radu Negulescu.

In the women's team event England, after beating Bulgaria 3-0, lost to East Germany 2-3 losing the vital doubles in the third game. Rumania had a good 3-2 win over Hungary in the final, Alexandru winning two singles.

**INDIVIDUALS**

The men's singles went much according to plan with three of the four seeds reaching the semi-final. Only Amelin, conqueror of Neale, failed to reach a semi losing to Peter Rozsas 3-2 in the quarters. Beleznai, the new Hungarian boy had another good win over Korpa, repeating his

team event success, but was shown who was boss by Hans Alser.

"Connie" Warren, unfortunate to be drawn against Kjell Johansson in the first round, gave a good account of himself losing 3-1 and pulling up in the 4th game from 11-20 to 18-20.

The final was a disappointing affair with Alser chalking up a rare 3-1 win over his teammate Johansson who had looked invincible in the semi when disposing of Dorin Giurgiuca 17, 16 and 6!

A second title for Rudnova in the women's singles where she swept through to the final without losing a game. En route she disposed of Heppell, Richter, Alexandru and Calinska. Maureen had no answer to the quick angled hitting of the Russian girl.

In the other half Mary Wright came through after surviving a 1st round fright, being 2-0 down to an East German qualifier, Stiebner. Having survived this she, in turn, beat Resler, Strauss and Hovestadt (conqueror of Eva Koczian) all 3-0.

Although Mary won the first game, in the final, she was always struggling against the penetrating angled forehands of Rudnova. The second game was the turning point in which Mary had led all the way but just could not quite clinch it.

Russia gained a second title in the mixed doubles Amelin/Rudnova beating Chmelik/Vostova in the final. Warren and Mary Wright looked all set to reach the semi when leading 2-0 and 15-9 against Chmelik/Vostova, but the 3rd game slipped away, and from then on the Czechs seemed to find a second wind. Neale and Maureen Heppell failed to reach the 2nd round losing a close set to Beschowischki/Hristova of Bulgaria 3-2.

In the men's doubles, the scratch pairing of Chmelik/Sarkhojan came through from the qualifying competition to cause the biggest shock of the Championships, beating Alser and Johansson 3-0 in the final.

Neale and Warren fell to the winners in the 1st round.

The women's doubles saw Maureen and Mary fight back from 0-2 down to beat the Polish girls Noworyta/Calinska, only to lose in the quarters to the East Germans Richter/Strauss.

**AN HONOURABLE DRAW**

In the small town of Schmalkalden, the English team were welcomed with open arms by a very keen group of organisers and given the time of their lives. Laden with presents, flowers, food and drink England won the women's match 3-1, but lost the men's match 1-3.

The hall was packed to capacity by a very enthusiastic audience. The women's match was played first and East Germany got off to a good start with their No. 1 Doris Hovestadt confidently beating a rather nervous Maureen Heppell.

Maureen was never allowed to settle down and play her own game. Mary then convincingly beat Gabriele Geissler to level then came the very important doubles, the set England had lost in the team event at Erfurt.

Mary and Maureen won 2-0, both hitting well and playing very confidently. Mary then repeated her East German Open success over Hovestadt to win the match.

In the men's match Warren was unlucky in his opening singles losing 2-1 in a very hard-fought set to Wolfgang Stein. "Connie" had trouble in dealing with Stein's consistent left hand loop drive. Neale then had a very close set with Siegfried Lemke, E. German No. 1.

After sharing the first two games, Neale led 10-8 in the 3rd but for some unaccountable reason he lost the next 8 points to be 10-16 down. From then on, although fighting back, Lemke kept his lead for the set.

Though the boys teamed up well to win the doubles, Warren was never happy in his second singles against the chops, floats and fantastic retrieving of the agile Lemke.

A wonderful reception after the matches rounded off a very pleasant stay in Schmalkalden.

Results:

**CZECH OPEN**

**Men's Singles:** D. NEALE bt Turay (Czech) 16, 11, 7; lost to Dvorak (Czech) -10, -20, -11.

**Final:** K. JOHANSSON (Sweden) bt J. Stanek (Czech).

**Women's Singles:** M. HEPPELL lost to Simakova (Czech) 19, -20, -11, -13; M. WRIGHT bt Pauknerova (Czech) 15, 15, 19; bt Kishazi (Hungary) 18, 12, -18, 14; Q-F: lost to Rudnova (U.S.S.R.) 22, -11, -13, -4.

**Final:** RUDNOVA bt Jurik (Hungary).

**Men's Doubles:** NEALE/HARZAR (Hungary) bt Hasak/Hajak (Czech) 15, 21, 20; lost to Alser/Johansson -17, 16, 18, -12.

**Final:** ALSER/JOHANSSON bt Miko/Stanek (Czech).

**Women's Doubles:** HEPPELL/WRIGHT bt Balaishite (U.S.S.R.)/Misenkova (Czech) -12, 22, 12, -10, 12; Q-F: lost to Buchholz/Simon 14, -19, -10, -16.

**Final:** KARLIKOVA / LUZOVA (Czech) bt Geissler/Hovestadt (E. Germany).

**Mixed Doubles:** C. JOHANSSON/WRIGHT bt Vater/Geissler (E. Germany) 13, 19, 14; lost to Dvorak/Pauknerova -16, -13, -18.

**NEALE/HEPPELL** bt Stipanovic / Gropova (Yugo) -19, 19, -18, 11, 17; lost to Miko/Luzova -20, -10, -18.

**Final:** ALSER / JOHANSSON (Sweden) bt Lemke/Richter (E. Germany).

**EAST GERMAN**

**Men's Singles:** C. WARREN lost to K. Johansson -14, 19, -13, -18; NEALE bt Woznica (Poland) 11, 16, 18; lost to Amelin (U.S.S.R.) -15, -20, -13.

**Final:** ALSER bt Johansson 17, -10, 18, 15.

**Women's Singles:** HEPPELL lost to Rudnova -14, -6, -18; WRIGHT bt Stiebner (E. Germany) -14, -19, 15, 15, 18; bt Resler (Yugo) 12, 16, 15; bt Strauss (E. Germany) 14, 16, 11; bt Hovestadt (E. Germany) 6, 8, 6.

**Final:** RUDNOVA bt Wright -18, 19, 15, 19.

**Men's Doubles:** NEALE/WARREN lost to Chmelik (Czech)/Sarkhojan (U.S.S.R.) -7, -14, -19.

**Final:** CHMELIK / SARKHOJAN bt Alser/Johansson 14, 18, 21.

**Women's Doubles:** HEPPELL/WRIGHT bt Calinska / Noworyta (Poland) -15, -15, 16, 19, 19; lost to Richter/Strauss (E. Germany) -9, -16, -17.

**Final:** ALEXANDRU / MIHALCA (Rumania) bt Karlikova / Vostova (Czech) -21, 17, 20, 16.

**Mixed Doubles:** NEALE/HEPPELL lost Beschowischki/Hristova (Bulgaria) -15, 21, -15, 19, -19.

**WARREN/WRIGHT** bt Ullrick / Loffler (E. Germany) 11, -18, 15, 19; bt Kusinski/Calinska (Poland) 8, 15, 16; lost to Chmelik/Vostova (Czech) 15, 16, -19, -19, -18.

**Final:** AMELIN / RUDNOVA bt Chmelik/Vostova 18, 20, 20.

**Men**

**EAST GERMAN TEAM EVENTS**  
**INTERNATIONAL TEAM 1, SWEDEN II 3**

D. Neale lost to Bernhardt -19, 16, -13; A. Stipanovic lost to C. Johansson -4, -9; lost to Bernhardt 18, -16, -19; Neale / Stipanovic bt Bernhardt / Johansson 17, 14.

**INTERNATIONAL TEAM 3, EAST GERMANY III 1**

Neale bt Ries 14, -20, 14; bt Pornack 15, 15; Stipanovic bt Pornack 20, 19; Neale/Stipanovic lost to Pornack/Ries -23, 18, -15.

**INTERNATIONAL TEAM 3, RUMANIA 1**

Neale bt Negulescu -13, 19, 22; Stipanovic bt Corbizan 17, 18; bt Negulescu 18, 17; Neale/Stipanovic lost to Guirguica/Negulescu -18, -17.

**Final:**

**YUGOSLAVIA 3, SWEDEN II 0**  
**SURBEK** bt Bernhardt 9, 19; **KORPA** bt C. Johansson -19, 21, 18; **KORPA / SURBEK** bt Bernhardt / Johansson 14, 16.

**Women**

**ENGLAND 3, BULGARIA 0**  
Wright bt Hristova 15, 9; Heppell bt Ivanova 18, -20, 19; Heppell/Wright bt Hristova/Ivanova 15, -16, 21.

**ENGLAND 2, EAST GERMANY 3**

Wright bt Geissler 18, 14; bt Hovestadt -18, 18, 13; Heppell lost to Hovestadt -16, -12; lost to Geissler -14, -9.

Heppell/Wright lost to Geissler/Hovestadt 16, -8, -13.

**Final:** RUMANIA bt Hungary 3-2.

**INTERNATIONAL MATCHES**

**Men**

**ENGLAND 1, EAST GERMANY 3**

Neale lost to Lemke -21, 19, -15; Warren lost to Stein -18, 21, -14; lost to Lemke -15, -13.

Neale/Warren bt Lemke/Stein -19, 17, 17.

**Women**

**ENGLAND 3, EAST GERMANY 1**

Wright bt Geissler 9, 13; bt Hovestadt 19, 17; Heppell lost to Hovestadt -7, -12; Heppell/Wright bt Geissler/Hovestadt 14, 11.

**QUADRANGULAR INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT** by Geo. R. Yates

**SUGDEN STEMS THE TIDE**

ENGLAND'S dominance over the other three home countries was continued at Walton-le-Dale, Preston on February 10-11 when the 8th Quadrangular International Tournament was completed by kind permission of Messrs. Atkinson Vehicles Ltd.



Anticipating the fare at Atkinson Vehicles are (from left to right) Clarence Moore (Irish Sec.), Jimmie McCormack (Scottish Sec.) and E.T.T.A. Chairman Ivor Eyles. Photograph by Walter Mitton

Scotland's Malcolm Sugden was the player to blot the home country's otherwise clean sheet when he deservedly defeated Cornelius Warren.

Ian Harrison too was fully stretched to prevent the same dedicated Scotsman from reaching his goal in a set which rang down the curtain to the clamour for an encore.

Sugden apart, it was all very much plain sailing for England whose record in the series now stands at 235 sets for and 5 against with one further tournament tentatively arranged for Dublin next season.

Scotland will doubtless take heart at their prospects for the future for in Sugden they have a real star as well as having, in Brian Kean — an anglo from Timperley, Cheshire—another player with bright horizons.

So too have Wales in Haydn Thomas who, at 14 years of age has tremendous potential.

Sadly it must be recorded that, on this occasion, Ireland did not live up to the expectations of England's non-playing captain, Ron Crayden, nor indeed to their own.

Both Jim Langan and Tommy Caffrey were but pale shadows of the substance they are known to be really made of.

**England 10, Wales 0**

G. C. Barnes bt H. Thomas 19, 16; bt G. Davies 10, 19; C. J. Warren bt Davies 16, 13; bt J. Spencer 16, 15; I. O. Harrison bt Spencer 12, 7; bt Thomas 10, 8; M. Wright bt M. Phillips 5, 14; J. Williams bt S. Morgan 16, 13; Harrison/Warren bt Davies/Thomas -15, 17, 14; Wright/Williams bt Morgan/Phillips 6, 14.

**England 10, Ireland 0**

Barnes bt T. Caffrey 13, 10; bt C. Thompson 7, 7; Warren bt Thompson 14, 13; bt J. Langan 19, -16, 16; Harrison bt Langan 9, 9; bt Caffrey 13, 18; Wright bt J. Fitzsimons 5, 16; Williams bt B. Warwick 5, 16; Barnes/Harrison bt Caffrey/Langan 13, -19, 16; Wright/Williams bt Fitzsimons/Warwick 13, 10.

**England 9, Scotland 1**

Barnes bt J. Dow 9, 16; bt T. McMichael 4, 19; Warren lost to Sugden 13, -14, -14; bt Dow 20, 14; Harrison bt McMichael 17, 13; bt Sugden 25, 20; Wright bt O. Hawkins 8, 13; Williams bt Barrie 14, 19; Barnes/Warren bt B. Kean/R. Kerr 14, -17, 17; Wright/Williams bt Barrie/Hawkins 16, 14.

**Scotland 6, Ireland 4**

Sugden bt Thompson 23, 18; bt Langan -15, 16, 19; Kerr lost to Langan -11, -10; lost to Caffrey -18, 20, -7; Kean bt Caffrey 17, -16, 17; lost to Thompson -11, -19; Hawkins bt Warwick 20, 19; Barrie bt Fitzsimons 9, 9; Dow/Sugden lost to Caffrey/Langan -17, -19; Barrie/Hawkins bt Fitzsimons/Warwick -16, 13, 6.

**Scotland 9, Wales 1**

Sugden bt Thomas 11, 14; bt Davies 13, 18; Kerr bt Spencer 16, 16; bt Thomas 16, -13, 11; Kean lost to Davies 17, -19, -13; bt Spencer 14, 17; Hawkins bt Morgan 21, 15; Barrie bt Phillips 12, 14; Kean/Sugden bt Davies/Thomas 21, 17; Barrie/Hawkins bt Morgan/Phillips 19, 16

**Ireland 7, Wales 3**

Caffrey bt Davies 14, 17; lost to Thomas -10, -20; Langan bt Thomas 17, 14; bt Spencer 17, 12; Thompson bt Spencer 15, 9; bt Davies 14, -16, 16; Fitzsimons lost to Phillips -24, 17, -20; Warwick bt Morgan 16, 17; Caffrey/Langan lost to Davies/Thomas 17 -19, -20; Fitzsimons/Warwick bt Morgan/Phillips -19, 20, 11.

**TABLE**

ENGLAND	3	3	0	29	1	6
Scotland	3	2	1	16	14	4
Ireland	3	1	2	11	19	2
Wales	3	0	3	4	26	0

**INDIVIDUAL RECORDS**

<b>ENGLAND</b>		<b>SCOTLAND</b>	
C. Barnes	6-0	M. Sugden	5-1
J. Harrison	6-0	B. Kean	2-2
C. Warren	5-1	R. Kerr	2-2
Mary Wright	3-0	J. Dow	0-2
Judy Williams	3-0	T. McMichael	0-2
		Olive Hawkins	2-1
		Lesley Barrie	2-1
<b>IRELAND</b>			
J. Langan	3-3		
C. Thompson	3-3		
T. Caffrey	2-4		
Joan Fitzsimons	0-3		
B. Warwick	1-2		
<b>WALES</b>			
G. Davies	1-5		
H. Thomas	1-5		
J. Spencer	0-6		
Sandra Morgan	0-3		
M. Phillips	1-2		



M. Sugden B. Kean

# CONGRATULATIONS KARENZA & MAUREEN

THE best news this month has been the selection of two juniors, Karenza Smith and Maureen Hoppel, for the World team for Stockholm. Congratulations.

It is also good to note that recent junior, Stuart Gibbs, is also in the team.

In view of the World selections, it was decided to rest Maureen and Karenza from the fixture against The

Netherlands on March 18. This means that Judy Heaps, Linda Henwood and Jill Shirley get this wonderful chance of playing abroad for the first time.

For Jill it is a first international, the three boys are Keith Lawrence, Trevor Taylor and Derek Munt.

## With the Juniors BY LAURIE LANDRY

On the same weekend, there is the usual trip to the Scottish Open with an international match in Edinburgh on the eve of the championships. For Brian Mitchell, Paul Harmer and Brian Keates, this will also be a well deserved first match for the England Juniors.

- Selections :
- v NETHERLANDS, Middleburg March 18, 1967**
- Boys**  
K. Lawrence (Essex)  
T. Taylor (Herts)  
D. Munt (Warwicks)
- Girls**  
J. Heaps (Ches)  
L. Henwood (Essex)  
J. Shirley (Bucks)  
Non-playing Captain: L. F. Landry (Middlesex).  
Chaperone: Elsie Carrington (Essex)
- v SCOTLAND, Edinburgh March 17, 1967**
- P. Judd (Warwicks)  
B. Mitchell (Lancs)  
P. Harmer (Herts)  
B. L. Keates (Staffs)
- Doubles:**  
Judd/Harmer  
Mitchell/Keates  
Non-playing Captain: E. Reay (Durham).

## NORTH BOURNEMOUTH CLUB RESTRICTED OPEN Treble For Bender

AN excellent entry, which included players from a wide area, brought an outstanding performance from J. Bender of London who returned to the Metropolis with three prizes.

Winner of the men's singles, Bender had further successes in the doubles, with B. Petch and M. Walker. Local player Joyce Joyce Coop did well to win the women's singles beating J. R. Williams (Herts) in the final.

Results :

**Men's Singles: J. BENDER** bt J. Wise (Bristol) 9, 14.

**Women's Singles: J. COOP** (Bournemouth) bt J. R. Williams 15, -17, 17.

**Men's Doubles: BENDER / B. PETCH** (London) bt A. Lewis/M. Rattue (Exeter) 15, 18.

**Women's Doubles: C. DAVIES/A. MILLS** (Southampton) bt P. Edwards/C. Hockley (Southampton) 15, 11.

**Mixed Doubles: BENDER / M. WALKER** (London) bt P. Leckie/Williams 14, 19.

**Junior Singles: D. BOWLES** (London) bt K. Summerfield (Southampton) 10, 14.

## MANCHESTER CLOSED by Jack Livingstone Harry Has Never Missed

HARRY Jones, now 60 years old and a founder member of the Manchester & District League in 1926, again entered the Annual Event of the M/cr Closed Championships and took part in the singles, doubles and veteran events but without success.

He has been Secretary of the Fallowfield Club for 15 years and has had two spells as Chairman of the M/cr League totalling nine years in all.

Harry has been taking part as a competitor in every Closed Championships since the inception in the dim and distant past. He has represented Manchester, back in 1928-29 and is now a very valued member of the League's Management Committee.

For the record, Harry called the first meeting at the M/cr Y.M.C.A. in 1926 when he paid 5/- for the hire of a room and tells me he never got the money back. I too was at that meeting, with Mr. Bunbury in the Chair.

On vacation from Southampton, University, Cheshire county player, Roger Hampson won the men's singles title beating the holder Kevin Forshaw in the final. A feature of the junior final was the win obtained over Bolton's Brian Mitchell by Fallowfield's Tony Boasman.

- Results :
- Men's Singles: R. HAMPSON** (Gatley Y.M.C.A.) bt K. Forshaw (M/cr Y.M.C.A.) -18, 19, 19.
- Women's Singles: C. MOORE** (Fallowfield) bt D. Schofield (Fallowfield) 7, -18, 9.
- Men's Doubles: J. K. CLARKE/J. CLAYTON** (M/cr Y.M.C.A.) bt D. Cartwright (St. Luke's)/Hampson 13, -19, 19.
- Women's Doubles: MOORE / SCHOFIELD** bt M. Leigh/V. Overend (Glovers) 12, 7.
- Mixed Doubles: FORSHAW / MOORE** bt B. Casofsky (Water Park)/Leigh 12, 17.
- Junior Singles: A. BOASMAN** (Fallowfield) bt B. Mitchell (M/cr Y.M.C.A.) 17, 16.

## SROTLIGHT ON

# ROY MORLEY

BY PHILIP REID

SOME people are better known on the tournament circuit than others, but there can be very few who are seen at more tournaments than Gloucester's Roy Morley.

Roy was introduced to the game about 1954 by Bryan Merrett at a club which has produced so many fine players—The Gordon League. Merrett was quick to spot the potential in Morley and six months later Roy made his debut in the Gloucester League—in the first division! In the whole of his career he has never played in any division except the first in Gloucester.

The Gloucestershire selectors were not slow to notice the new star in their midst and in his first season he played for the County Senior team. Honours were coming to Roy quickly but he showed a level head and an aptitude to raise his game against stronger opposition. This facility held him in good stead when, in his second season, he was capped for the England Junior team. He played against Wales, Sweden and France. He turned in a succession of wins beating Malcolm Phillips (Wales), Gambier—still one of France's top players—and the whole of the Swedish Swaythling Cup team which consisted of Larsson, Petterson and Borg.

### METEORIC

His improvement was meteoric and it seemed nothing could stop him gaining an England cap at an early age. Yet, inexplicably Roy decided to retire from the game. From 1956 to 1960 Morley was lost to table tennis and when he returned he found it was not easy to get back in his stride. The advent of sandwich had changed the game completely. It says much for Morley, however, that he stuck at his task and gradually his results began to improve. Indeed by the end of 1962 he had shown himself completely back to top class and he nearly caused a sensation at the English Open when he took the famous Hungariaa, Fahazi to 21-18 in the fifth.

Roy has always played an attacking game and usually his games are

amongst the spectacular ones at any tournament. When the "loop" stroke first came out Roy was not only one of the first to realise the value and potential of the stroke by fitting it into his armoury but also to spot the danger of it and he quickly adapted his game to cope with other users of the stroke.

For the last three seasons Gloucester have proved undisputed holders of the Wilmott Cup and their team has consisted of Ian Harrison, Bryan Merrett and Roy Morley. Although for a long time he has been the number three in this team (at one time Harrison and Merrett were ranked joint number one in England) his contribution has always been a big one.

### INVINCIBLE

In the strong Midland Table Tennis League Morley has proved invincible over the past six seasons when he has been unbeaten. International Ralph Gunnion has been beaten by Roy on every occasion he has played him in this league. But despite his loyalty to Gloucester it is perhaps on the tournament circuit that he is best-known.

Whereas some players shine at either singles or doubles, Roy seems to play equally well at either and has, in fact, had great success with various partners. Amongst his better wins has been the Men's Singles at the Irish Open. His current Men's Doubles partner is the Sussex left-hander Roger Chandler and against this pair no combination in England can be sure of victory. It says much for his stamina that after a gruelling day when he may have played a dozen sets or so he is able to turn on a great display of footwork.

To his county Roy has been of inestimable value. He has always made himself available whenever he has been required. He has helped coach the youngsters (and Gloucester have several on the way up). For dedication to the game of table tennis there can be few better examples than Roy Morley—the man who retired from the game but came back to reach even greater heights.

## THE NEW DEPUTY CHAIRMAN by The Editor ADDITIONAL ROLE FOR CONRAD JASCHKE

SUCCESSING Norman Reeve as Deputy Chairman of the E.T.T.A., the new occupant of what is becoming regarded as the "hot seat" of national officialdom, is Conrad Jaschke, whose election, following the resignation of the previous occupier, was announced on February 4.



Already working with the determination of a fanatic in his capacity as Hon. International Secretary, one cannot but admire the tremendous energy that has been put in this season by this naturalised Englishman who was born in Vienna, 43 years ago, but has lived in this country all his adult life.

As the Export Manager of Linguaphone Institute, and a Corporate Member of the Institute of Export, the former being a British public Company with worldwide ramifications, the new Deputy Chairman is widely travelled both in Europe and on the continent of America.

Sports have figured prominently in his recreational pursuits. Football, tennis, cricket, swimming and mountain climbing have all been sampled to varying degrees although his family background is a musical one. Indeed an uncle was conductor at the Hamburg Opera in pre-Hitler days.

His interest in table tennis commenced at the age of 11 when he started to play, as so many of Conrad's generation have done, on the dining room table. He became reasonably good in his late teens and early twenties but ceased regular league play because of mounting administrative duties. He plans to make a come-back in veteran events next season!

Secretary, Chairman and now President of the North West Kent League, Conrad has done his share in bringing that league up to being the biggest in Kent from very small beginnings.

Originally Kent Press Officer, then a spell of two years as County Secretary. Now in his ninth year as Kent Chairman with an ambition to make it ten before retiring. One of only three Kent Life Vice-Presidents—for exceptional service.

With the exception of a one-year break, the Deputy Chairman has been a member of the N.E.C./National Council of the E.T.T.A. since 1954 being Press Officer in the late 1950's and of him Leslie Woollard once wrote "he built the E.T.T.A. a bridge to Fleet Street."

Has served on many sub-committees, but is most interested in coaching being currently Chairman of the National Schools and Coaching Committee who have broken much new ground since his appointment two years ago.

After his appointment as Organiser of the European Championships at Wembley—for which work, along with Norman Reeve and Colin Clemett, he was made an Hon. Life Member of the E.T.T.A.—Conrad negotiated the new arrangements which gave birth to TABLE TENNIS NEWS.

His position as Hon. International Secretary is one he would like to retain being mindful of the added weight his new designation gives him in his dealings with foreign associations. The logic of this is apparent when one considers that he was the first ever to be elected to the Executive Committee of the European Union—and for a 4-year term.

Undoubtedly Conrad Jaschke has a talent for hard work with punctuality and open mindedness figuring among his likes just as any kind of prejudice and people taking on jobs and then not doing the work they have undertaken incur his disfavour.

Never one to interfere in technical details, his belief is in always getting the best man for each job and letting the experts advise, meanwhile using his own abilities as administrator/organiser/negotiator for the full benefit of the E.T.T.A.

No great lover of the game itself, Brenda, his wife, who is employed as a civil servant in the Ministry of Defence being just as vivacious now as she was when she married Conrad 18 years ago, has been of great help to Conrad in meeting his many commitments.

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## NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

## "Tapeworm" for "Clots"

O.M.S. LOU HOFFMAN'S article on "CLOTS" in the Bloodstream in the February number of TABLE TENNIS NEWS raised a broad smile in NORFOLK! So much so, that it has been recorded on the portable tape recorder which is now in use to popularise the game and the Journal in deepest East Anglia. Martin Tidy, the Norfolk junior, became the first player to listen to the recording, and forthwith set the pace by subscribing to a Journal of his own! No "CLOT" he!

We congratulate Martin on taking the Boys' Singles, and Miss Pat Sutton on winning the Girls' event, at the Norfolk Education Committee's Youth Centre Championships at AYLHAM. Tidy teamed with Bassett to secure the Boys' Doubles. Norfolk's Juniors thus proved their superiority against a large entry.

Full marks to Middlesex Juniors when they came to Norwich and just won an excellent match 6-4. The penultimate tie was the crucial one. It looked as if Philip Tye, when he took the first game off Gibson, might make it possible for Bassett to bring the final scores level. But Norfolk Juniors did better than ever before.

Another excellent match during February was the East Anglian League clash between Norwich and Lowestoft. The Youngs twins were in sparkling form, and Alan Coby clinched the nail for Lowestoft in a brilliant display against David Skedge, who improves each season. 6-4 again!

Soccer fans will remember that Luton Town prevented Norwich City

from reaching the F.A. Cup Final. History repeated itself when Luton disposed of Norwich and District T.T. League in the Inter-Zone Final of the Wilmott Cup Competition. The Bedfordshire County side of Bill Astbury, Colin Crowe and Les Wooding made no mistake, and won decisively 5-1. Neville Graver took the one against Astbury.

Norwich League will this season hold their Championships at the Y.M.C.A., and not at the Central Youth Hall. We remind Norfolk players, too, of the Cambridgeshire Open. Let us make another strong challenge on April 1st and 2nd.

To close, we record that Dereham League have held their very popular Annual Dinner. We hope to see Norfolk Past and Present at the County Dinner at Brundall on Wednesday, March 1st.

## NORTHUMBERLAND NEWS

by Arnold Warents

## Maureen Provides Boost

CONGRATULATIONS Maureen Heppell! Your selection for the World Championships team is a tremendous boost to our County, and demonstrates the value of competing in as many tournaments as possible. Certainly Maureen's record of 6 Open Women's titles plus numerous Girls' and Doubles successes have stood her in good stead.

In local circles Maureen has wins over most of North's top players to

her credit, but she slipped up against Ron Allcock in the vital 1st Division Championship clash with North Shields Y.M.C.A. Leading 20-17 in the third Maureen squandered 5 points in succession for defeat and her side, Westonians, were beaten 9-3. But Maureen managed to emulate her father Len by defeating Joe McLeod, while Frank Mitchinson gained his best victory of the season over a lethargic Brian Burn. Stuart Lennie and Allcock captured three apiece, whereas Alan Ransome, the Westonians No. 1, had a nightmare match and lost his three sets.

Although the Inter-Town League is running more smoothly now under the eagle eye of Bill Hodgkins, there is much speculation as to its future. At a recent County Management meeting a proposal from Hexham to increase the number of divisions was discussed.

It was generally felt that, by allowing areas to enter up to 3 teams and encouraging new sides to compete, a more progressive and interesting League would be created. However, many clubs might oppose this extension, in case it precipitated a clash of fixtures with the Northumberland League.

The Tyneside Closed tournament, held at Newcastle University, was again well run by the students. Stuart Lennie added the Men's Singles cup to his collection, avenging previous defeats by Brian Burn in the final. Durham County player, Colin Eltringham, who represents Woodlands Park was in excellent form, and submitted in the semi-final to Burn only after a tight 3-ender. Other winners were: Women's Singles: Phil Clark, Men's Doubles: Burn/Lennie, Mixed Doubles: Lennie/Miss E. Chape. Consolation Singles: F. Mitchinson.

tional. Clusom & Kemp v Chapel Street Meths.

A tournament organised by the local Boys' Clubs attracted an entry of over 60 and the winners were: Senior: D. Lewin (Blaby). Intermediates: R. Zarins (Oadby) and Juniors: S. Hayes (New Parks).

Leicester Y.M.C.A. I have taken the lead in Division 1 of the Leicester & District League following a fine win over Barwell Constitutional. Ernest McLeish, was undefeated and still maintains his 100% average in the league. King Richard's Road W.M.C. (Denis Smith, Derek Jones, Michael Granger) lead Division 2A, while Division 3A is led by Nazarenes where Jimmy Mee is turning in some fine performances. Still 100% in 4A are Barwell Const. IV, who look certain of promotion.

Although there is no change in the Loughborough League, where Shepshed T.T.C. and Charnwood Foresters lead Divisions 1 and 2 by comfortable margins, there is a good fight going on in the third division where Baxter Gate B.B. lead.

## LANCS &amp; CHESHIRE NOTES

by Geo. R. Yates

## Noble Response

RESPONDING nobly to the appeal for donations to purchase a "Norman Cook Memorial Trophy," the member leagues of both Associations, together with numerous individuals, have contributed a sum

A knock-out competition for representation in excess of £60.

A tentative league teams, comprising three men and one woman, is now under way and in the first round Stockport gained a noteworthy win

over Bolton. Their joy was short lived however as they have since been ousted from the competition by Manchester who called up their strength in Kevin Forshaw, Jeff Ingber, Pete Walmsley and Connie Moore. Bolton 4 Stockport 5, and Manchester 7 Stockport 2 were the scores. In a tie between Barrow and Blackpool, Lancashire County player Deidre Burnett lost her set to a Mrs. Pettifer, better known as Miss Dale Wood of Manchester and Lancashire fame.

England's selection of Brian Mitchell for the junior international against Scotland at Edinburgh on March 17, has given cause for rejoicing within the county generally and in Bolton in particular. Congratulations are hereby bestowed.

Another date the Bolton S.S.S. League have an interest in is Thursday, March 30, when Lancashire play hosts to the New Zealand World Championships team who will be on tour of this country prior to their departure for Sweden. Led by Alan Tomlinson, who created such a stir on the tournament circuit two seasons ago, the visitors should not lack for want of an audience.

The Bolton match will be attended by the Mayor, Alderman Mrs. J. N. Vickers, J.P., and other civic dignitaries, and tickets can be obtained from the Organising Secretary of the event—to be staged in the Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium—Mr. Gordon Campbell, 1 Winslow-road, Hunger Hill, Bolton. Telephone: Westthroughton 2040.

## AROUND THE COUNTIES

## WESTON COUNTIES BULLETIN

by Grove Motlow

## "Top Gear" for Weston

WESTON still lead the Men's section and with the acquisition of Welsh international Graham Gear, now living in the town, they have certainly strengthened their team which otherwise comprises Tony Russe, Tony Kinsey and their brilliant pen-holder Ray Philpott.

ALTHOUGH beaten 6-4 by Durham at Sunderland, Cumberland had some cause for satisfaction in the fact that this was the youngest-ever side fielded by the county, and they could quite easily have taken at least a point. Making

Thus so far their sole defeat has been against Cheltenham who are close at hand to them and have yet to be beaten although each of their victories have been close affairs.

Bristol with the same number of points as Cheltenham have a much superior aggregate and the meeting of these two teams will have a decided bearing on the title.

Newport have still to record a victory but Cleve Judson has certainly made his mark with Plymouth, having lost only two sets, Kinsey of Weston having lost one. Experimenting with their team Bristol II have called on no fewer than eight players.

In the Women's section, Plymouth are once again forging ahead having won all their matches with Bristol level-pegging on points but with one more match played. Bristol's one loss was to Plymouth so the return encounter should finalise matters.

For Plymouth, Barbara Pearson has lost only one set and Nancy Hollywood two, which compensates for the only rare appearances made by Pam Mortimer.

Bristol's Joan Collier has still to lose whilst June Watts has lost one and Jean Golding two.

## MEN

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Weston	6	5	1	37	17	10
Bristol	4	3	1	27	9	6
Cheltenham	3	3	0	16	11	6
Plymouth	4	1	3	19	17	2
Bristol II	3	1	2	12	15	2
Exeter	5	1	4	10	34	2
Newport	3	0	3	5	22	0

## WOMEN

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol	6	5	1	41	13	10
Plymouth	5	5	0	33	10	10
Newport	6	3	3	26	28	6
Exeter	6	3	3	22	32	6
Swindon	6	2	3	20	34	6
Weston	8	0	8	20	52	0

## KENT NOTES

by Charles M. Wyles

## Threefold Congratulations

THE County's congratulations are threefold this month—first to our Chairman—Conrad Jaschke—on his election to the post of National Deputy Chairman.

Secondly—to Tony Piddock on the announcement of his engagement to Pauline Hemmings. Tony who has been in the forefront of Kent table tennis for so long, first at Folkestone, when he acquired a Junior International badge and latterly on moving nearer London a Senior Badge.

Finally—to Derek Basden and Christine Carter, who both regularly play in County teams, and are busy preparing for their Mid-Summer wedding. After making every effort to regain his Premier team place, Derek achieved this when the selectors recalled him to travel to Cheshire for their vital match.

There was considerable disappointment when the Juniors failed to hold Bucks in their deciding County match. But equally so, Bucks rightly deserved the honour to represent the division in the National play-off.

Immediately following, the County

Closed Junior Championships, organised by the Woolwich Association at Blackheath, brought the usual crop of shocks, and most titles changed hands. Bromley almost entirely monopolised the boys events.

BS: John Dabin. GS: Ruth Wilson. BD: Alan Norman/Jim Donnelly. GD: Margaret Waters/Moria Stevens. XD: Alan Norman/Ruth Wilson. 15 GS and 13 GS: Paula Brenchley. 15 GD and 13 GD Linda Chesson/Bernadette McGrorty.

The selectors announced a revised ranking list after the finals, in which only four players will not be available for County selection next season. There are high hopes of regaining the divisional Championship next season with these quickly improving players.

The selectors have introduced three of the younger players into senior company: Graham French, Derek Corbett and Ruth Wilson.

Once again, Keith Clarke of Thanet has swept the board in a local tournament. In the Hythe Restricted Open he clearly beat all-comers in the men's singles and with Chris Laming (Canterbury) did so again in the men's doubles.

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## GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by L. J. Smith

## Seven Passes at Bristol

THE battle to avoid the second relegation place from the Premier Division will not be decided until the final matches have been played on March 18. Gloucester's hopes are high that they will be able to avoid the drop now that Ian Harrison has returned to his best form, although it might well depend upon sets average.

The final Junior South-West Division match away to Monmouth is

also vital. Monmouth have to win 7-3 to pip Glamorgan on sets average but will not have things all their own way as Gloucester will have John Charles back in a full-strength team.

Both ladies who have represented the county this season in the Premier Division have been beaten in the final of their own league's closed championships. Pat Rowe lost to Jean Golding at Bristol, 19, -11, -17 and Lesley Hawkins to last year's County No. 1 Junior, Jenny Eatough, two straight.

Gloucestershire now have seven National Umpires following the recent examination held in Bristol, while three players from Bristol have passed their County Umpires Test. They are Peter Sandford, Peter Bishop and Fred Wiggins.

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NOTES FROM THE WEST

by Onlooker

# Hopes Dashed

**PLYMOUTH'S** hopes of winning both the Men's and Ladies' divisions of the Western League were finally dashed when the men were beaten by Weston-Super-Mare 5-4. It was left to the ladies to redeem the town's honour by excellent victories over Weston and Newport, both by 7-2, and a fine win over Staines in the Rose Bowl 6-3.

The Exeter Junior Open was, as usual, well supported and, thanks to the good organisation of Kath LeMilliere, there were no hitches. Most of the events were dominated by Plymouth players, and the preponderance of bright red shirts in the finals brought the comment "Even Mao's Red Guard has nothing on these." Surprise packet of the whole tournament was 9-year-old Keith James who, taking advantage of a good "draw" fought his way to the semi-final of the under-17 event where he went under, two straight, to Terry Parkins. The other semi-final of this event was also James v Parkins, where Bob Parkins, a hot favourite to retain his crown, got the better of his opponent after a very shaky start. In the final, despite playing probably as well as he has ever done, Terry lost to brother Bob, which meant that he had appeared in three finals, without being able to capture a title.

In the under-15's, he lost to Dave James, in a three set battle, after displaying some of the best counter hitting seen all day, while in the boys doubles, he and James had to give best to the holders, brother Bob and John Turner. In the girls events, Pat Williams seemed in a class of her own and carried off three titles, the singles and mixed doubles, which she had held previously, and, finding a steady partner in newcomer Diane Pentecost, the girls doubles as well.

The standard of play in the under-15 girls was not particularly high, but the winner, Susan Wannell of Exeter, showed a good variation of shots.

In the Exeter Junior singles, held in conjunction with the Open, more fine play was observed. The final of the boys' singles was particularly good. The winner, Brian Puttland, gave a fine display of temperament. Finding himself a game and 15-10 down, he refused to get rattled and after taking the second game, the issue was never in doubt.

**RESULTS**

- Boys' Singles under-17: **R. Parkins (Plymouth)** bt T. Parkins (Plymouth).
- Boys' Singles under-15: **D. James (Plymouth)** bt T. Parkins (Plymouth).
- Girls' Singles under-17: **P. Williams (Plymouth)** bt R. Pyne (Exmouth).
- Girls' Singles under-15: **S. Wannell (Exeter)** bt S. Fearn (Sidmouth).
- Boys' Doubles: **R. Parkins/J. Turner (Plymouth)** bt D. James/T. Parkins (Plymouth).
- Girls' Doubles: **P. Williams/D. Pentecost** bt R. Pyne/D. Lockyer (Exmouth).
- Mixed Doubles: **P. Williams/J. Turner (Plymouth)** bt M. Kyles/B. Puttland (Exeter).
- Exeter Junior Boys: **B. Puttland** bt A. Lewis.

Exeter Junior Girls: **V. Hellier** bt A. Collier.  
 Latest Marathon in the area, was during the first week-end in February when members of St. Barnabas Youth Club in Plymouth played for 59 hours to establish a new record.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES by Leslie Constable**

# Run Halted

**IN THE** South-East Midlands League, Cambridge City have had their "ups and downs" including an interesting match against North Herts in which the Herts team were held to a draw, this being the first time they have failed to win in the Men's section.

The City juniors also forced the Herts juniors to a close result despite the absence of Ken Muhr and Ruth Fitzjohn

Carol Chapman's form in all representative matches has been most encouraging and she has a 100% record in County clashes.

There have been about 250 youngsters to have gone through the Cambs T.T.A. "coaching school" the most notable ones being Alan Langford, Terry Mansfield, David Silk, David Tiplady, Keith White, Gerald Coteman and Ruth Fitzjohn.

**Ponder Succeeds in Cambridge Closed**

**AFTER** reaching the semi-final of the men's singles for the past four years, Alan Ponder succeeded in winning the title at his fifth attempt by beating John Thurston who had earlier figured in a gruelling encounter with Keith Chapman.

Carol Chapman annexed the women's title with ease. Ruth Fitzjohn, her final opponent, was no match for Carol despite her having won the Junior title and being concerned in four finals!

Roa Nunn and Keith Chapman won the men's doubles for the fourth consecutive year.

The championships were staged at the Cambridge Corn Exchange on January 29 the results being:

- Men's Singles: **A. Ponder** bt J. A. Thurston 18, 15.
- Women's Singles: **C. Chapman** bt R. Fitzjohn 13, 12.
- Men's Doubles: **K. Chapman/R. Nunn** bt J. Ashman/B. Jones 12, 15, 14.
- Women's Doubles: **C. Chapman/S. Grainger** bt R. Fitzjohn/S. Tiplady 16, 11.
- Mixed Doubles: **Chapman/Chapman** bt G. Coteman/Fitzjohn 12, 14.
- Junior Boys: **K. Muhr** bt Coteman 14, 16.
- Junior Girls: **Fitzjohn** bt C. Buckle 14, 11.



**SUSSEX NOTES by John Woodford**

# Congestion Causes Casualty

**C**ONGESTION of fixtures in Sussex has almost reached the stage where it is necessary to start a waiting list for the services of the leading players. With Sussex fighting hard for the right to challenge for the premier division and the Brighton and Eastbourne Wilmott and Rose Bowl teams (respectively) reaching the national quarter-finals, not to mention Open tournaments nearly every week-end, something has had to go. First casualty is the Sussex inter-club event which has been abandoned and a similar fate nearly met the Seaman and Nicholls trophies for the top eight men and women in the county. This may, however, still be run in mid-April.

The new county ranking lists are:

- MEN**
1. R. Chandler (Brighton)
  2. S. Ogundipe (Brighton)
  3. P. Williams (Eastbourne)
  4. D. Holman (Brighton)
  5. R. Pierce (Brighton) and J. Beasley (Eastbourne)
  7. R. Stace (Brighton)
  8. C. Monson (Eastbourne)
  9. T. Riley (Crawley)
  10. P. Metters (Worthing)
  11. C. Hardy (Haywards Heath)
  12. P. Yates (Brighton)
- WOMEN**
1. Miss J. Williams (Eastbourne)
  2. Mrs. A. Woodford (Eastbourne)
  3. Miss M. Beane (Hastings)
  4. Mrs. J. Sheppard (Hastings)
  5. Mrs. D. Barontini (Crawley)
  6. Miss D. Gard (Eastbourne)
  7. Mrs. I. Gillett (Eastbourne)
  8. Miss B. Tee (Bognor)
  9. Miss S. Franklin (Hastings)
  10. Mrs. P. Wales (Worthing)
  11. Miss J. Baynard (Brighton)
  12. Mrs. G. Bailey (Bognor)

Results in various events suggest that Robin Pierce is fortunate to be retaining his No. 5 spot. The Worthing champion, Pat Metters, is regarded as the most improved player in the county following a win over Ogundipe and he is unlucky to be as low as No. 10. The Hastings champion, Margaret Beane, has got ahead of her rival Joyce Sheppard and recently recorded her first win over the No. 2, Ann Woodford, but Miss Beane is off to Australia for ten months shortly.

**HAMPSHIRE NOTES by Teddy Grant**

# Coaches Increase

**JACK CARRINGTON** returned to Winchester with a follow-up Coaches Study mainly for Southampton student coaches and later conducted a similar session at the new Portsmouth centre at Wimbledon Park. The development of this centre has been mainly due to the combined work of Eddy and Daphne Grey.

Southampton was the venue for the first meeting of Hants coaches which provoked lively discussion under the Chairmanship of County Team Manager Ray Yates. The number of qualified coaches has risen from 2 in 1961, to 18 as of now.

New to the tournament, an intermediate event was won by R. Meyer against G. Harris. David and Christine Davies retained their mixed title over John Tibbles and June Williams.

The match winning prowess of 14-years-old Stuart Tannahill received a severe set-back when contested by Chris Shetler, the No. 4 seed, who ran out the surprise winner in straight games.

Trophies were presented by Southampton and Welsh international centre-forward Ron Davies.

**MIDDLESEX NOTES**

by Laurie Landry

**T**HE Senior County team will have played Yorkshire by now but in any case a victory over Essex is desirable. We hope that it may clinch the title that was once regarded as our property.

Our Junior team has done a lot better than was expected in taking both Herts and Essex to 3-7. An improvement next season is probable as three members of the team are with us for the next two. It is also hoped that the weekly coaching and training

sessions during the Summer will help towards their improvement.

In the County Inter-League Competition, Willesden have won five out of five whilst all other Leagues have lost at least one. In the Wilmott Cup, our two remaining representatives, Willesden and Civil Service, could meet one another in the national quarter-finals. This promises to be an excellent match with Wright, Sugden and Landry opposing Gibbs, Pidcock and Buist.

**WARWICKSHIRE NOTES by Roger Morris**

# Semi-Finals Once Again

**FOR** the second year running Birmingham have reached the semi-finals of both the Bromfield Trophy and Carter Cup competitions. The boys had a sweeping win over Middlesbrough even though they were without the services of Paul Judd. Roger Clarke ably deputised. Against Watford the girls Jenny Cornock, Yildez Hassan and Susan Clarke produced another 5-4 win mainly due to Jenny who had a treble success with one each from her colleagues.

The coaching course held earlier in the month at Lilleshall showed that we have a wealth of talent among the junior girls and it should only be a matter of two seasons before some of them reach the same high ranking as the boys. Indeed, Miss Cornock should be in this category next season.

The county are channelling a great deal of effort into the production of top-class women players, a section of the game in which Warwicks have always been very strong. The girls have something to aim at to achieve the standard set by Ann Haydon Jones, Doreen Griffiths, Barbara Carless, Pam Mortimer and Jean Mackay.

Ralph Gunnion, Derek Backhouse and Paul Judd trounced Oxford 8-1 in the Wilmott but in the county the main interest now will be in the final two matches against Staffordshire when the First and Junior teams meet, both needing no more than a draw to

clinch the championships. The county second team are in a similar position in their last match at home to Lancashire II.

Due to a clash with two Junior international matches on March 17-18 the match against Staffordshire has had to be re-arranged as Brian Keates is also engaged. Never before has the Midland area produced three junior boys of international calibre in one season, and Pat Glynn too has been desperately unlucky to have missed out.

**WARWICKSHIRE**

**TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

**Inter-Town League**

Leamington ... 2	S. Birmingham 7
Stratford ..... 1	N. Birmingham 8
E. Birmingham 5	W. Birmingham 4
W. Birmingham 4	Leamington ... 5
E. Birmingham 4	Nuneaton ..... 5
S. Birmingham 7	Stratford ..... 2
Nuneaton ..... 6	W. Birmingham 3
E. Birmingham 0	N. Birmingham 9
Stratford ..... 3	Leamington ... 6
W. Birmingham 9	Stratford ..... 0
N. Birmingham 8	Nuneaton ..... 1
S. Birmingham 6	E. Birmingham 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
North Birmingham...	3	3	0	25	2	6
South Birmingham...	3	3	0	20	7	6
Leamington .....	3	2	1	13	14	4
Nuneaton .....	3	2	1	12	15	4
West Birmingham ...	4	1	3	20	16	2
East Birmingham ...	4	1	3	12	24	2
Stratford .....	4	0	4	6	30	0

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## WELSH CORNER

by Roy Evans

WITH the "Quadrangular" now a dismal memory, the Welsh dragon has more than a few wounds to lick. It's true we went to Preston with the wooden spoon in our possession and more than half an idea we would be carrying it back, but we did expect to do better than this.

One might well ask what right we had to suppose our results would be better, for indeed the Welsh Closed did little to suggest that our men would be world beaters yet. On the other hand, our women looked to be in reasonable form, and with some events from them against Ireland and Scotland, we might just scrape a few men's results to bring victory or at worst a draw with either one or the other.

Whilst one hesitates to criticise too severely, it must be true to say that neither Margaret Phillips nor Sandra Morgan produced the form which would have given us a chance.

Amongst the men, Jeff Spencer played as well as he could, but at no time did he look as if he had the measure of his opponents.

Graham Davies and Haydn Thomas played well enough in patches to suggest that at long last we've got real talent in these two. Admittedly they found the speed of the game faster than they experience in Wales, and admittedly they made mistakes, but it was more important that they made mistakes playing really good table tennis, and significant that our opponents, the English in particular, were impressed by the potential ability we had at last unearthed.

Together in doubles they played extremely well, against Harrison and Warren, to extend the English pair, and against Caffrey and Langan, to whilst Haydn Thomas's victory over Caffrey was the kind of debut most players dream about. Graham Davies did very well to beat Brian Kean, but probably a better performance was a three game loss to the very difficult Irish defender Thompson.

### No Women For World's

On the basis of these matches, the Welsh Selectors found themselves unable to recommend the entering of a women's team in the World Championships.

Graham Davies and Haydn Thomas were picked to go to Stockholm, and they will be joined by Robert Bishop, the Barry Junior with some first class results to his credit this season. With an average age of well before 20, this is the youngest side ever to represent Wales. Brian Everson has been chosen as non-playing captain.

The Welsh Closed, as expected, proved to be a field day for the older hands, mostly the holders.

Ron Davies retained his title with a hard and good day's play. He beat, amongst others, Robert Bishop, who is usually a "bogey man," and, in quite a good semi-final, Graham Davies. In the final he registered another win over rival George Evans, who just escaped defeat by Alan Thomas in the semi-final, then went down, still making the pace, against Ron. Full marks to George, basically a defender some years ago, for his persistent attack, and full marks, too, to Ron for his consistent form in a long and strenuous day.

The doubles went to George and Graham Gear, beating the well tried team of Alan Thomas and Phil Bevan, although the latter will still want to know why they lost when holding a commanding lead in the third.

Margaret Phillips retained her singles title with a convincing win over Sandra Morgan. Margaret struggled for the first part of her semi-final with Elizabeth Gray, then came out well on top. Sandra Morgan beat Dorothy Attenborough in a game disappointing for the latter who had beaten Betty Gray in excellent style.

Elizabeth Gray and Stella Jones took the women's doubles against Betty Gray and Margaret Jones, whilst George Evans and Margaret Phillips won with some ease in the mixed against Ron Davies and Dorothy Attenborough, who played

poorly in the final after looking quite good.

Haydn Thomas beat his rival Robert Bishop, 19 in the third, in the boys' final, whilst Shan Morgan beat Sandra Bale in a girls' final significant for the improvement in these two.

The month saw a further coaching session for the best of the juniors from the Pontypool, Merthyr and Cardiff Sessions, and a visit to North Wales by the coaching committee, when a very large number of promising players were given a long session.

### Umpire's Corner

By COLIN CLEMETT

## "The Descending Ball"

DURING the English Closed championships the N.U.R.C. enlisted the help of several players and umpires to carry out some experiments on the various proposals that have been made for modifying the service Law. Although the length of the experiments was limited by the commitments of those taking part some extremely valuable results were achieved and we now have a clear indication of the most promising line to pursue.

The ideas examined included all those contained in the circular issued by the I.T.T.F. at the beginning of the season, and the "descending ball" proposal that has since been proposed by several people. Of the original suggestions, it was found that two were basically unsatisfactory in not allowing clear and consistent interpretation. These were the requirements that the ball be projected vertically and that it be projected to shoulder height. The first of these was deleted from the service Law some seasons ago for the very reason that it was not possible for an umpire to judge whether the projection was exactly vertical, nor to specify clearly how much deviation from exactness could be allowed.

The second allows all sorts of interpretations of what is shoulder height; which shoulder and is the height to be measured when the player is standing erect or when he is crouched to serve and what happens if he raises his shoulder level by standing up during service? We felt that both these requirements created additional problems for the umpire and did not give any real advantage in controlling service. Similarly, the rather complicated proposal that the racket and the hand projecting the ball move in opposite directions was found almost impossible to interpret in a way that could be generally applied although this proposal more than any other is aimed specifically at preventing the type of service which is currently causing most trouble.

The various requirements for the ball and the free hand to be clearly visible throughout the service action were found to be generally advantageous and we thought that it would be simple to frame a Law containing such a clause which would be unambiguous and easy to apply. In conjunction with a requirement for there to be clear space between the free hand and the ball at the moment of striking we consider that it would go a long way to overcoming the service problem, and you will remember that this was the basis of the N.U.R.C. proposals made earlier this season.

However, from the tests at Crystal Palace we believe that the simplest single measure that could be taken to improve the service Law is the limitation that the ball may be struck only while it is descending.

This proved easy for umpires to apply in a way which was clearly consistent and it virtually eliminated the unplayable service that is now made by throwing the ball rapidly across the face of the descending racket. There is a possible objection in that it may be considered too restricting, and we hope to conduct further trials, before the World Championships team leaves, to establish the views of more top-ranked players and officials. Subject to this reservation we think that a decision to introduce such a rule would put an end to the present confusion and discontent and would be welcomed by both players and umpires.

Finally this month, congratulations to six new National Umpires, L. J. Smith, A. J. Little and R. V. Milsted of Gloucestershire, L. A. Chatwin of Derbyshire, J. Sykes of Warwickshire and A. R. Broadrick of Middlesex. The inclusion of three members of one County is a tribute to the encouragement and training given by their C.U. Secretary, Mrs. Pat Archdale, one of our only two lady N.U.s. I am hoping in a later article to be able to reveal some of her coaching secrets, if I can persuade her to overcome her natural modesty!



Candidates at the National Umpires examination at Keynsham admiring some of the fifty posters specially designed by scholars of the Keynsham Grammar School and Broadlands Secondary Modern School: (Left to right) K. Atkinson (Birmingham), D. Lewis (Stroud), A. Little (Bristol), D. Johns (Bristol), L. Smith (Stroud), G. Payne (Cheltenham) and J. Sykes (Birmingham).

Photograph by courtesy of Keynsham Weekly Chronicle

## From the Editor's Postbag

### Widespread Support

I feel sure there will be widespread support for the plea by Mr. Mannooch (*Table Tennis News*, February), for an English Junior Closed.

However, it may not be the wisest policy to add a full range of junior events to the existing Senior Closed championships, so I would suggest that a separate tournament, incorporating as many events as appropriate. It should be held at the beginning of each season, both to determine the English Junior champions, and to prepare the English ranking list.

The present trials system is cumbersome, involving the time of officials

and travel expenses of those who are selected for the final trials—a figure of approximately £100 borne by the E.T.T.A.

There is a considerable variation in the playing standards in the regions, as at present constituted, and the weakest players nominated for area trials are nowhere near the standard required in a ranked junior.

The junior selectors would also be given an opportunity to assess doubles merit, since the present system means that ranking has to be determined largely on singles performance.

As mid-season amendments to the ranking lists prepared in September or October take into account open tournament results as one of the chief factors for alterations, it seems logical to use an English Junior Closed championships as the main basis for the Junior ranking list.

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### Plea From "Down Under"

I would like to correspond with someone in England who is a frequent tournament player, or follower, and has an interest in international matches.

As the Public Relations Officer of the Victorian T.T. Association I like to appease the appetites of my readers, in a weekly News Sheet, for overseas news.

The former *Table Tennis* magazine was good and I rather like the new format of *Table Tennis News* and will subscribe to it from now on.

But more "friendly" items are always welcome by the large number of English players out here and news concerning them would readily be exchanged.

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### Table Tennis Marathons

5.05 a.m. Sunday, February 5, completed a Marathon Record by Stoker Youth Club, Plymouth. They began at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 2 and the four man team played strictly to the rules laid down by the Marathon Committee. I do not know yet how much was taken for charity or what sort of attendance they had but I have no doubt that they will be writing to you.—59 hours 5 minutes

The attempt by a group at Brighton reported in your January issue was rejected by our committee as it was detrimental as a spectacle to the sport (984 strokes could have only been push play) and the rules they played under were less severe than those of their predecessors. I wrote to Mr Jefferson.

Four man record now stands at 59 hours 5 minutes.

Three man record is still 60 hours

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### Still Recovering

We are still recovering from our marathon effort which was a great inspiration to Stokers' Open Youth Club in which the youngest to the oldest member took part.

Some acted as ball boys and girls, some as witnesses (with outside adults) others on meals and refreshments.

The balance sheet is not yet finalised as the gathering of donations still goes on. A copy will duly be forwarded after audit by the churchwardens.

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### "Mardlers Veterans" Regret

The ages of Mr. Saunders T.T. team amazes me, long may they flourish. Here in Norwich T.T. League, we

have a club called "Mardlers Veterans," five members whose ages range from 50 to 62. Division V is about their mark now although all have played in Divisions I and II when younger.

Most have held, and still hold office in the administration of the game in Norfolk and Norwich, including the County Secretary, a vice-president, and umpires up to International standard.

We enjoy our weekly game, and play it for the game's sake, but win when we can. We regret that Lytham, Lancs., is so far away from Norwich, we would very much like to challenge St. Cuthbert's otherwise. Incidentally, we are not old, just middle aged.

Finally, our name may puzzle some of your readers, "Mardlers" really means "to mardle," to argue, an old Norfolk word.

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### Over To You

I agree with the temper of Norman Isbell's letter, in the December 1966 issue, in which he points out that a great number of players never enter tournaments and that after "Chester Barnes," names mean very little.

When the Association took over publication I looked forward to there being an interesting T.T. magazine at long last. However, it is the same old thing dressed up in larger pages. Given a choice between reading *Table Tennis News* and reading the London telephone directory, I reckon the great majority of people would choose the directory.

No wonder circulation is poor!

I sent you an article on timing but so far it has not appeared. The article is probably the most important ever written respecting the matter of hitting a ball with a bat. But it was ignored. Instead, we have had articles about how to get fit. If people can't find out for themselves how to get fit, they need articles about how to test brains and where to go to have the tests done. In any case, when people can play well enough to stand a chance of winning big tournaments they will be sure to train. The idea that being fit and having guts and determination will ensure good play is wrong. What is wanted is really good instruction. I have attended a number of "instruction" sessions only to come away, as I feel sure did all the other pupils, as wise as I was before I went. We get "formalised" training but no insight. It is equivalent to "keep your head down" in golf lessons. Keep your head down as much as you like, but if you don't know the things you should really be doing, you are unlikely to improve.

Also, we have had much space devoted to Services. If the pot hunters won't keep to the spirit of the game, don't hold the tournaments. To whose benefit is it to go to all the trouble to stage them? But there you are. What does one expect of table tennis players? I had an experience as follows: I handed out 20 booklets. The receivers agreed either to send the booklet back or send a small sum of money. Of the 20 people, only one did as promised. Obviously, the great majority are in the game for their own personal fame and nothing else.

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### Old Vellum

I have recently received a letter from Ireland, the writer being in possession of a very old vellum Ping-Pong bat which he is prepared to sell.

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### PONTEFRAC T RESTRICTED OPEN

## Sandra Steals The Show

CHESTERFIELD'S Sandra Pegg stole the show at the Pontefract Restricted Open played on Jan 28 for not only did she beat Pat Dainty in the semis but won handsomely against Betty Cassell in the final.

Not so easily did Brian Burn retain his men's title which might, so easily, have been won in two-straight by his compatriot Stuart Lennie.

Results:

Men's Singles — semi-finals: S. LENNIE (Northumb) bt J. Kedge (Yorks) 19, 11; B. BURN (Northumb) bt J. Clarke (Lancs) -19, 14, 15.

Final: BURN bt Lennie -17, 20, 11,

Women's Singles — semi-finals: S. PEGG (Derbys) bt P. Dainty (Yorks) 21, -16, 19; B. CASSELL (Norfolk) bt V. Baker (Northumb) 16, 10.

Final: PEGG bt Cassell 11, 8.

Men's Doubles: BURN/LENNIE bt J. R. Davies/J. Yeats (Yorks) 9, 16; CLARKE/KEDGE bt A. Chilvers/A. Warents (Northumb) 15, -14, 15.

Final: CLARKE/KEDGE bt Burn/Lennie -18, 14, 19.

Women's Doubles — final: CASSELL/DAINTY bt Baker/S. Lisle (Yorks) 14, 13.

Boys' Singles — semi-finals: A. CLAYTON (Yorks) bt J. Sanders (Yorks) 14, 11; A. FLETCHER (Yorks) bt B. Mitchell (Lancs) 17, 118, 16.

Final: FLETCHER bt Clayton 19, 22.

Girls' Singles—final: L. FORKES (Yorks) bt E. Samson (Northumb) 11, 10.

Veteran Singles: K. MITCHELMORE (Yorks) bt N. Lusher (Yorks) 16, 14.

## EXHIBITIONS GIVEN ANYWHERE IN BRITAIN

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND-UP

by John Wright

SPURS LOSE!

THE STAGE NOW SET

THE stage is now set for a grandstand finish to the 1966-67 Championships. Three teams share the lead in the Premier Division with 10 points. Yorkshire, despite their defeat by Middlesex, must still have the edge as they can anticipate an easy win in their match against Herts. The Middlesex-Essex match promises to be a nerve-tangler — no place for those with poor nerves. Poor Herts seem doomed but who joins them? Choose one from Gloucs, Kent, Surrey!

Divisional Tables to 28.2.67

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesex	6	5	0	1	37	17	10
Essex	6	5	0	1	34	20	10
Yorkshire	6	5	0	1	34	20	10
Cheshire	6	3	0	3	28	16	6
Surrey	6	2	0	4	25	29	4
Kent	6	2	0	4	23	31	4
Gloucesters	5	1	0	4	17	28	2
Hertfords	5	0	0	5	9	36	0

Remaining fixtures:

March 11	Herts v Gloucs
March 18	Gloucs v Cheshire
	Surrey v Kent
	Yorkshire v Herts
March 19	Middlesex v Essex

2nd SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sussex	5	5	0	0	39	11	10
Kent II	5	3	1	1	33	17	7
Hampshire	6	2	2	2	25	25	6
Surrey II	5	3	0	2	26	24	6
Buckingham	5	2	0	3	22	28	4
Hertfords II	5	1	1	3	16	34	3
Bedfordshire	5	0	0	5	9	41	0

Sussex win Division

2nd NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancashire	5	5	0	0	39	11	10
Northland	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Lincolnshire	4	3	0	1	21	19	6
Yorkshire II	6	2	1	3	31	29	5
Cheshire II	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Durham	5	1	0	4	14	36	2
Cumberland	5	0	0	5	10	40	0

2nd MIDLAND

Warwickshire	5	5	0	0	36	14	10
Staffordshire	5	4	0	1	34	16	8
Derbyshire	5	4	0	1	29	21	8
Monmouthshire	5	1	2	2	23	27	4
Oxfordshire	5	1	1	3	20	30	3
Nottingham	6	1	0	5	18	42	2
Glamorgan	5	0	1	4	20	30	1

2nd WEST

Somerset	4	3	1	0	28	12	7
Cornwall	4	2	1	1	27	13	5
Devon	4	2	0	2	25	15	4
Wiltshire	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Worcesters	4	2	0	2	17	23	4
Dorset	4	0	0	4	4	36	0

SOUTHERN

Hampshire II	7	6	0	1	47	23	12
Buckingham II	6	5	0	1	38	22	10
Berkshire	6	4	0	2	42	18	8
Worcesters II	6	0	1	5	19	41	1
Oxfords II	7	0	1	6	14	56	1

MIDLAND (final table)

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

Leicestershire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Norfolk	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Suffolk	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Cambridgeshire	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Huntingdonshire	4	0	1	3	10	30	1

Leicestershire win Division

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Buckinghamshire	5	4	0	1	29	11	8
Kent	5	3	1	1	32	18	7
Surrey	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Sussex	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Berkshire	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Hampshire	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

Buckinghamshire win Division

NORTH

Yorkshire	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Lancashire	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Durham	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Cheshire	4	1	0	3	18	22	2
Northland	4	1	0	3	12	28	2
Cumberland	4	0	0	4	4	36	0

MIDLAND

Warwickshire	4	4	0	0	34	6	8
Staffordshire	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Worcestershire	5	2	0	3	17	33	4
Leicestershire	5	1	1	3	24	26	3
Nottinghamshire	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Oxfordshire	4	0	0	4	4	36	0

EAST

Essex	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Hertfordshire	4	3	1	0	29	11	7
Middlesex	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Cambridgeshire	4	1	1	2	15	25	3
Norfolk	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Suffolk	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

SOUTH-WEST

Glamorgan	4	3	1	0	30	10	7
Monmouthshire	3	2	1	0	24	6	5
Gloucestershire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Somerset	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Wiltshire	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

PREMIER DIVISION

Cheshire 6, Kent 3

R. Hampson lost to A. Pidcock -22, 14, -16; lost to K. Baker 12, -18, -19. M. Johns lost to A. Pidcock -19, 14, -12; bt D. Basden -19, 19, 11. B. Kean bt K. Baker 16, -15, 22; bt D. Basden -19, 19, 17. R. Hampson and M. Johns bt H. Bust and A. Pidcock 19, 17. Miss J. Heaps bt Miss P. Martin -17, 18, 16. D. Schofield and Miss J. Heaps bt K. Baker and Miss P. Martin -16, 16, 16.

Kent's desperate gamble of dropping Henry Buiust from the singles failed, with replacement Derek Basden twice beaten. Brian Kean, singles replacement for influenza victim Derek Schofield, rose to the occasion and Cheshire are now safe from possible relegation. The usual skilful display from Tony Pidcock, but Roger Hampson still an enigma.

Essex 7, Surrey 2

C. Barnes bt C. Warren 11, -16, 17; bt M. Creamer 13, 17. S. Gibbs bt C. Warren 17, 19; bt R. Penfold 12, 9. R. Stevens lost to M. Creamer -11, 7; bt R. Penfold -20, 17, 16. C. Barnes and S. Gibbs bt R. Penfold and C. Warren -15, 19, 14. Mrs. L. Radford lost to Mrs. M. Wright -13, -13. R. Stevens and Mrs. L. Radford bt M. Creamer and Mrs. M. Wright 19, 11.

Essex kept their slim hopes alive with this convincing win, and Surrey will need to beat Kent to stay up. Connie Warren seemed rather diffident against Stuart Gibbs but played very well against Chester Barnes. An excellent win by Michael Creamer over the fading Bobby Stevens.

Yorkshire 4, Middlesex 5

D. Neale bt B. Wright 15, 19; bt L. Haslam 13, 15. M. Symonds lost to B. Wright -16, 19, -16; lost to A. Lindsay -14, -17. P. Duncombe bt L. Haslam 16, -12, 11; lost to A. Lindsay -14, -13. D. Neale and M. Symonds bt L. Haslam and A. Lindsay 16, 20. Mrs. C. Duncombe lost to Miss K. Smith -19, -16. A. Hydes and Mrs. C. Duncombe lost to B. Wright and Miss K. Smith -18, 19.

A magnificent match played (despite its vital importance) in excellent spirit and enjoyed by a knowledgeable and appreciative crowd. Denis Neale undoubtedly the Yorkshire hero with two singles wins and the men's doubles—all in straight games. Middlesex trailed 17-18 in the first game of the mixed but took the next four points in superb rallies which had the crowd on its feet: the second was comfortable. Another men's doubles defeat for the visitors (only one win here all season) made the score 2-3, but Karenza Smith widened the Middlesex lead to 4-2 in a grand scrap with Cynthia Duncombe. Neale pulled back Yorkshire to 3-4 with his expected win over Wright and then a shock defeat for Les Haslam by Peter Duncombe brought the house down—4-all. But Alan Lindsay was in no mood to let Middlesex go home empty-handed and he never gave Mike Symonds a chance. An impressive match by Lindsay, and the match a credit to table tennis.

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Herts II 2, Sussex 8

The visitors well worth their win, with the bright spot for Herts being Brian Barr's narrow, but straight game, win over Roger Chandler.

Bedfordshire 1, Hampshire 9

Promising senior debut by Surrey's 15-year-old Sandra Goldsmith. The experimental Herts team not disgraced in this match with the first four sets all needing three games.

Bucks 1, Sussex 9

A match to remember for Alec Watson, with an expedite win over Sammy Ogundipe and a defeat by -18, 16, -20 at the hands of Roger Chandler. Jill Shirley did well to take the middle game from England No. 4 Judy Williams.

Kent II 5, Hampshire 5

Surrey II 7, Bedfordshire 3

Surrey continue to climb up the table after their bad start with this win over Bedfordshire, who have not won since October 1963.

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Lincolnshire 6, Yorkshire II 4

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Derbyshire 7, Oxfordshire 3

Another creditable all-round performance by the Derbyshire team.

Nottinghamshire 0, Warwickshire 10

Alf Saunders worried both Derek Backhouse and Ralph Gunnion, losing -16, 23, -18 to the former and -19, 19, -15 to the latter. But Warwick too strong.

Staffordshire 7, Monmouth 3

SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Cornwall 9, Wiltshire 1

A useful win by Cornwall particularly as they had to reorganise in the women's events. This revealed that although Sheila Rapsey is a steady doubles player she is not yet ready to take over the singles. Dick Clode taken ill during his first singles and did not play his best: poor Wiltshire — everything seems against them this season.

Dorset 1, Somerset 9

Worcestershire 7, Devon 3

The inconsistent Worcs team on top form, killing Devon's title hopes. Mick Hawkins, Ray Lush and John Pugh took six sets, and their women notched a good doubles win. Pam Mortimer has, however, lost little of her touch, and swiftly put an end to Joyce Lloyd's unbeaten run.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Bucks II 6, Oxfords II 4

Unexpectedly trailing 1-3 Bucks hit back to maintain their 100% record. Michael Close again in command.

Hampshire II 8, Worcesters II 2

With the visitors taking by narrow margins two of the first three sets a hard struggle promised. But despite four more sets needing the deciding game Worcs could not maintain their early form.

Hampshire II 6, Bucks II 4

Trailing 0-3, Hants hit back and go to the top of the division with this win. All on the last match with John Pothercary gaining an exciting win over W. Barnett (who had earlier beaten the new Hants champion Bill Moulding).

Oxfords II 1, Berkshire 9

Berkshire's Duncan Campbell, in fine form at the moment, inspired his team to give their best performance of the season. Only in the women's doubles, where Mrs. Wotherspoon hit a few winners at the right time, were Oxfords able to stop the one way traffic.

MIDLAND DIVISION

Staffords II 7, Derbys II 3

Warwicks II 3, Lancashire II 7

Defeats for Graham Binney and Derek Baddeley at 20 in the third in the first two sets gave Lancs the edge and lost Warwick a draw. Young Brian Mitchell, surely one of the visitors' brightest hopes, did not shine this time losing all three sets.

EASTERN DIVISION

Cambridgeshire 8, Huntingdonshire 2

Norfolk 4, Leicestershire 6

The vital match for this division, with Leicestershire (returning to the Championships after some seasons in the wilderness) recovering from 2-4 to clinch the match and promotion. The turning point for the visitors was Charles Jacques fine win by 22, -17, 19 over Alan Coby — Coby's first singles defeat for three seasons.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

Buckinghamshire 7, Kent 3

Every Bucks player rose to the occasion to give the home County their first Junior title. A fine girls doubles win by Jill Shirley and Susan Pacitto turned the tide and Bucks ran out to take a 6-1 lead. Much credit to Michael Wald, undefeated in singles or doubles, and Jill Shirley who all her singles.

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

Leicestershire 10, Oxfordshire 0

A slightly flattering result, with half the sets going to three. Great enthusiasm by the home team, who after five hard and enjoyable matches asked their captain to arrange practice for next season so they can make sure of their places. Very encouraging news, this, for Leics, as all four players in this match have two more junior seasons. Ivor Billson and Susan Baxter unbeaten in all mixed doubles.

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

Cambridgeshire 5, Hertfordshire 5

Paul Harmer's sets conceded — he arrived too early and could not stay! Herts chances of taking the division seriously shaken.

Suffolk 2, Hertfordshire 8

Essex 7, Middlesex 3

Only stern action by Essex umpire Dick Frost stopped the match becoming a display of bad manners. His team then rallied from 2-3, a position they had not expected to find themselves in. A draw with Herts is now enough. Both Karenza Smith and Keith Lawrence sat this one out.

THE LESLIE FORREST

MEMORIAL AWARD, 1966-7

No nominations were received by the due date, and the Awards Committee has announced that they will consider any person in respect of whom a properly completed nomination is submitted to the Secretary by 31st March.

A FIGURE who has been seen at almost every tournament this season is London's Paul Beck, an enthusiastic all-rounder whose game is quickly improving. This student, rather limited in funds, hitch-hikes to every tournament. It says much for his determination, not to mention his persuasive manner that he has never been scratched from a tournament for late (or non) arrival.

Apart from his love for table tennis he is a keen Tottenham Hotspur supporter. The lure to attend Open Tournaments, however, is greater than the temptation to visit White Hart Lane.

Well done, here's to many more lifts and before long a prize or two for your efforts!

COUNTY DIARY

FIXTURES FOR MARCH/APRIL

# £100 WINNER

WINNER of the first £100 prize in the the E.T.T.A.'s "100 Club" draw, made by Brighton Corporation's Director of Entertainments and Publicity, Mr. L. J. P. Bedford, was Peter E. Harmer of Leighton Buzzard.

Forty-three names went into the drum at the inaugural function held in the Queens Hotel, Brighton at a cocktail/luncheon party on Friday, March 3.

Peter Harmer, the National Council member for Bedfordshire and Chairman of the Leighton Buzzard League, was in attendance at Brighton to receive his cheque.

Two further prizes of £50 and £10 were won by Mr. E. R. Connell, Chairman of the Middlesex Association, and Mr. A. R. Robinson of Anlaby, East Yorkshire, a member of the Hull and East Riding Association.



Peter E. Harmer

## Junior Events at English Open as seen by Laurie Landry

### VICTORIES FOR LAWRENCE & RESLER

IN the first round of the Boys' singles, all the foreign competitors were in action. There were two from Australia and two from Ireland and Frankenberg and Pinkewich of Australia made easy meat of Dabin (Kent) and Bowles (Essex) respectively. Whilst Frankenberg was able to play an all-round game, Pinkewich, not yet 16 years old, showed remarkable control as a rubber bat defensive player. Pinkewich had Bowles completely tied up forcing him into errors. The Irish boys, McAllister and O'Neill, also won, but O'Neill dropped a game to the unranked Tommy Wald.

The next round had a lot of excitement with Trevor Taylor and Paul Pinkewich providing most of it. Trevor, whose game up to the present is not based on a big hit, which is hardly surprising for a 14 year-old, found himself 5 points in arrears in the first game being unable to hit through his opponent's wonderful defence, so he settled down to consistent top-spin, picking out the ones to hit and won 21-17.

In the second, playing the same sort of game, time was called at 15-12 to Trevor but his inexperience made him almost give it away at 21-17, under the expedite rule, for the remaining points. The third game, played entirely under the rule was really exciting, with the server rarely winning his point. Paul had a couple of breakthroughs at 8-5 and again later in the game but otherwise it was level. Pinkewich led 20-19 and Trevor 21-20 before the English boy came through at 23-21.

Frankenberg had quite a good game with the fifth-ranking Mitchell and it looked like nervousness lost Mitchell the initiative in the third game.

Pat Glynn trounced O'Neill and Paul Harmer dropped a game to McAllister, to settle the Irish chances whilst Michael Wald upset rankings when he beat Brian Keates. It was Michael's ability to vary his play that won him this one.

In the quarter-finals, Lawrence had a comfortable victory over Frankenberg whilst second and third seeds, Taylor and Munt, also got to the semis in straight games. It was fourth seeded Paul Judd who fell to unseeded Michael Wald. Quick hits mingled with chop defence, unsettled Judd, who got only 11 in the decider.

So to the semis where Munt lost his usual battle with Lawrence, after levelling, and Wald could make no impression on Taylor. Lawrence won, at last, avenging four recent defeats at the hands of Taylor and it was the one to go into the record books. On this occasion Lawrence was too fast.

The Boys' doubles was won by the Warwickshire players, Munt and Judd, who beat Frankenberg and Pinkewich, in straight games, in the final.

The Girls' singles went to the only entry from the Continent, Mirjana Resler, a 14 year-old from Yugoslavia. In the first round she beat Sandra Goldsmith 16 and 17 which was a good effort from the young Surrey girl.

The other entry from abroad, Denise Gavros of Australia, beat Marjorie Walker in rather a scrappy game with neither player forceful enough to make the running.

Denise could make no impression on Maureen Heppell in the next round. At this stage also Linda Henwood tried her luck with Resler and despite the fact that Linda got an early lead, by leaving her opponent standing with a wide shot to the forehand, it was Resler's overall consistency that had won her the match.

In the semi-finals came the big shock of the Junior events when Judy Heaps, playing extremely well, matched Karenza Smith hit for hit and her greater power won the day. Whilst Karenza was quite obviously tired from her efforts in the senior events, this does not detract from Judy's wonderful performance.

In the other semi, Resler was too good for Maureen Heppell who played very well and tried to play the right sort of game to win but was not quite consistent enough when it came to the hitting. In the meantime, the consolation events were continuing and both Resler and Heaps getting through also to this final, had become very tired. It seemed to affect Judy rather more than Resler for she seemed unable to keep the ball really short on service and get in first with the hit and thereby dictate the run of play. When it came to angling deep down the forehand, wide of Resler's flashing hit, this invariably went off. So the title went to the Continent.

A short time later, Judy again played Resler, in the consolation final, and lost very closely in the third.

The Girls' doubles went to Marjorie Walker and Mirjana Resler. Resler had taken Jill Shirley's place in the draw as Jill had had her tonsils out. These two got the better of the top seeds Heaps and Henwood. In the Junior Mixed the surprise was the defeat of Judd and Marjorie Walker by Alan Norman and Ruth Wilson of Kent, who were unable to repeat the treatment on Lawrence and Henwood in the final. A very good performance was that of Brennan and Susan Howard of Surrey when they took a game from Lawrence and Henwood and had them worried for a while in the third.

After watching these championships, the Junior position for next season would appear very good, for we will still have three of the top five girls and five of the top nine boys. Two of next season's boys and two of the girls reached the semi-finals of the singles events.

**Boys' Singles—Quarter-finals:** K. Lawrence (Essex) bt A. Frankenberg (Aus) 14, 16; D. Munt (Warwick) bt P. Harmer (Herts) 13, 23; M. Wald (Bucks) bt P. Judd (Warwick) 14, 15, 11; T. Taylor (Herts) bt P. Glynn (Warwick) 14, 17.

**Semi-finals:** LAWRENCE bt Munt 17, -16, 15; TAYLOR bt Wald 16, 11.

**Final:** LAWRENCE bt Taylor 20, 19.

**Girls' Singles—Quarter-finals:** K. Smith (Middx) bt R. Wilson (Kent) 13, 16; J. Heaps (Ches) w.o. L. Howard (Surrey) scr; M. Heppell (Northumb) bt D. Gavros (Aus) 12, 13; M. Resler (Yugo) bt L. Henwood (Essex) 12, 19.

**Semi-finals:** HEAPS bt Smith 19, 17; RESLER bt Heppell 15, 17.

**Final:** RESLER bt Heaps 14, 10.

**Boys' Doubles—Quarter-finals:** Harmer/Lawrence bt D. Bowles (Essex)/T. Wald (Bucks) 12, 11; Frankenberg/P. Pinkewich (Aus) bt B. Keates (Staffs)/B. Mitchell (Lancs) 8, 9; Glynn/Taylor bt J. McAllister/S. O'Neill (Ireland) 18, -18, 16; Judd/Munt bt C. Adams/P. Brennan (Surrey) 13, 15.

**Semi-finals:** FRANKENBERG/PINKEWICH bt Harmer/Lawrence 21, 16; JUDD/MUNT bt Glynn/Taylor 17, 19.

**Final:** JUDD/MUNT bt Frankenberg/Pinkewich 10, 14.

**Girls' Doubles—Semi-finals:** RESLER/M. WALKER (Middx) bt M. Stevens (Kent)/Wilson 14, 17; HEAPS/HENWOOD bt S. Goldsmith (Surrey)/Howard 17, -18, 11.

**Final:** RESLER/WALKER bt Heaps/Henwood 15, 12.

**Junior Mixed—Semi-finals:** LAWRENCE/HENWOOD bt Taylor/Goldsmith -17, 16, 18; A. NORMAN (Kent)/WILSON bt Judd/Walker 18, -16, 16.

**Final:** LAWRENCE/HENWOOD bt Norman/Wilson 19, -13, 17.

## ENGLISH OPEN

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a shock first round defeat at the hands of Brian Wright who subsequently bowed out in the next round to Johan Borzsei of Hungary.

A second West German to go early was Martin Ness whose conqueror was Stuart Gibbs but, like Wright, he failed in the very next round, to Korpa.

**Saddest blow to England's cause, however, was struck by Ireland's Jim Langan who basked in the glory of a 3-straight win over Chester Barnes**

But, alas, Langan suffered the same fate as England's Wright and Gibbs—out in the next round, 3-straight to Borzsei.

Of England's World Championships team only Denis Neale reached the quarters. His run was achieved at the expense of Laurie Landry, Keith Lawrence and a gripping win over Hungary's Mathias Beleznai. Finalist Istvan Korpa then struck down the Yorkshireman but even the Yugoslav, of the tremendous fore-arm smashes, could not hit his way through Jaroslav Stanek in the final.

Granted the Czech dropped the first game, his only one of the event, but from then on Korpa fought a losing battle. Best resistance to the winner was put up by Mike Johns who really excelled with scores of -20, -21, -19 against the new champion. Stout stuff, indeed!

No joy either for England's men in the doubles with Barnes/Neale going out in the semi-final to winners Miko/Stanek. Gibbs/Harrison had gone in the quarters to Borzsei/Rozsas, the latter player touching peak form

Best performance put up by an Englishman in this event was that of Peter Duncombe in partnership with Wolfgang Lieck, the Anglo-German pairing having a tremendous game against the eventual winners. Roger Chandler and Roy Morley had a good run, their best win being against the Anglo/Dutch partnership of Bert Onnes and Brian Wright but it was the formidable Czechs Miko/Stanek who proved their undoing.

As with Barnes/Neale in the men's, so with Mary and Karenza in the women's doubles. Through to the semi-finals and no further—beaten, 3-straight, by Eva Koczian and Erzsebet Jurik.

### ANOTHER FINAL

Another final was reached, however, when Barnes and Mary Wright, with notable wins over Langan/Mihalca and Stanek/Pauknerova, contested the last ditch against Miko/Luzova. The second game was all that the English pair could take from the Czech pairing which is so very, very good.

One could feel immensely satisfied with the performances of England's women but Johnny Leach has an unenviable task during the next few weeks in bringing the men's squad up to the concert pitch that will be demanded of them in Stockholm.

First class was the organisation at Brighton and although many qualify for laurel wreaths in respect of victorious administration, none more so than John Wright, the Referee.

### RESULTS

**Men's Singles—Quarter-finals:** P. Rozsas (Hungary) bt V. Miko

(Czecho) 12, -10, -14, 11, 19; I. Korpa (Yugo) bt D. Neale (Yorks) 16, 12, 19; J. Borzsei (Hungary) bt J. Langan (Ireland) 17, 14, 13; J. Stanek (Czecho) bt E. Vecko (Yugo) 10, 12, 17.

**Semi-finals:** KORPA bt Rozsas 19, 13, 18; STANEK bt Borzsei 18, 12, 17.

**Final:** STANEK bt Korpa -18, 14, 19, 16.

**Women's Singles—Quarter-finals:** M. Alexandru (Rumania) bt A. Simon (W. Germany) -14, 17, 22, -24, 18; M. Wright (Surrey) bt E. Jurik (Hungary) 16, -15, 16, 13; M. Luzova (Czecho) bt S. Lukacs (Hungary) 12, 17, 14; E. Koczian (Hungary) bt K. Smith (Middx) 16, -16, 15, 11.

**Semi-finals:** WRIGHT bt Alexandru 18, -12, -17, 18, 15; KOCZIAN bt Luzova 16, 23, 12.

**Final:** WRIGHT bt Koczian -14, 16, -14, 15, 12.

**Men's Doubles—Quarter-finals:** Korpa/Vecko bt O. B. Haslam (Middx)/Langan 19, 11, -18, 14; Borzsei/Rozsas bt S. Gibbs (Essex)/I. O. Harrison (Gloucs) -19, 16, -11, 18, 9; G. C. Barnes (Essex)/Neale bt H. S. Buist (Kent)/J. T. Densham (Herts) 15, 15, 15; Miko/Stanek bt R. Chandler (Sussex)/R. Morley (Gloucs) 10, 9, 23.

**Semi-finals:** KORPA/VECKO bt Borzsei/Rozsas 20, -17, 11, -19, 15; MIKO/STANEK bt Barnes/Neale 11, 21, 16.

**Final:** MIKO/STANEK bt Korpa/Vecko -19, 15, 15, 13.

**Women's Doubles—Quarter-finals:** Alexandru/E. Mihalca (Rumania) bt E. Cassell (Norfolk)/M. Cumberbatch (Staffs) 14, 19, 13; D. Scholer (W. Germany)/Simon bt J. Heaps (Ches)/L. Radford (Essex) 12, 12, 13; Smith/Wright bt E. Carrington/D. Simpson (Essex) 11, -17, 13, -16, 7; Koczian/Jurik bt R. Bogmans/A. Wijnants (Netherlands) 14, 14, 22.

**Semi-finals:** ALEXANDRU/MIHALCA bt Scholer/Simon 20, 18, 16; KOCZIAN/JURIK bt Smith/Wright 11, 18, 15.

**Final:** ALEXANDRU/MIHALCA bt Koczian/Jurik 7, 19, 18.

**Mixed Doubles—Quarter-finals:** Barnes/Wright bt Chandler/A. Mills (Hants) 11, 19, 9; Stanek/J. Pauknerova (Czecho) bt Rozsas/Lukacs -18, 18, 12, 18; E. Scholer (W. Germany)/Scholer bt Neale/Smith 18, 17, 17; Miko/Luzova bt W. Lieck/E. Buchholz (W. Germany) 9, 14, 14.

**Semi-finals:** BARNES/WRIGHT bt Stanek/Pauknerova 11, 18, 13; MIKO/LUZOVA bt Scholer/Scholer 14, 8, -20, 11.

**Final:** MIKO/LUZOVA bt Barnes/Wright 9, -18, 11, 17.

Full results will appear in the April issue.

## JIM FORREST — AN APPRECIATION

His many friends in the table tennis world will be shocked to learn of the sudden death of Jim Forrest, Secretary of Wandsworth since 1953 and Surrey Press Officer for the past twelve years. Jim, who was unmarried, was a tireless worker for the game and was invariably ready and willing to do all the tedious and unglamorous jobs that are so important a part of table tennis organisation. At any County event, from Premier division match to League knock-out tournament, Jim was sure to be there working in the background to keep things running smoothly, with no thought of personal glory. It is significant and fitting that he was working for table tennis right up to the moment of his death, which occurred after he had collapsed on his way to officiate at a County second team match. He will be sadly missed as a colleague and friend.

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19	Sussex Junior Open Assembly Hall, Worthing	U-17 BS, GS BD, GD, XD U-15 BS, GS BD, GD U-13 BS, GS	M. D. Oldham, 25 Offington Gardens, Worthing, Sussex
25/27	North-East of England Open Wallis Holiday Camp, Cayton Bay, Scarborough	JBS, JGS VS, YS & Consols	W. Mitton, 16 The Whias, Newby, Scarborough, Yorks
Apr. 1/2	Cambridgeshire Open Corn Exchange, Cambridge	JBS, JGS	Mrs. M. A. Cornwell, 28 Harding Way, Cambridge
8/9	Stevenson Open Taylor Instrument Co. (Europe) Ltd. Canteen, Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage, Herts	JBS, JGS VS	B. A. English, 64 Baldock Road, Letchworth, Herts.
11/21	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Stockholm, Sweden		
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23	Bedford & District Restricted Open Badminton Hall, Bradgate Road, Bradford		Mrs. E. W. Pacey, 17 Brook Street Bedford