

15th NETHERLANDS OPEN

By **Johnny Leach**

BARNES ANSWERS HIS CRITICS



Chester Barnes

CHESTER BARNES has often been criticised for his lapses in important matches, and these have been the harder to take when his attitude has suggested that he couldn't care less.

But even Chester's severest critics would have been proud of him, and of his performance to win the Netherlands Open Singles title on October 15-16 at the new Beatrixhal situated in Utrecht's city centre.

This was Chester's first big international success. It could prove the first of many if he continues to play as he did in the closing stages. There were times when his fighting spirit and brilliant tactical play bore comparison with Bergmann. Some of his loop drives spun so viciously they might have come off the bat of Giurgiuc. More than once he made a forehand kill with the ferocity of Kjell Johansson. And that, you'll agree, is a pretty formidable combination!

Despite his fine form, however, the 19-year-old Essex and England No. 1 did not have matters all his own way. In the third round B. Persson extended Chester to five games. This Swedish lad is nobody's mug, as he had shown by eliminating Harangi of Hungary in the previous round,

Karl Bernhardt of Sweden, who defeated Europe's No. 2 J. Stanek of Czechoslovakia in his semi-final, proved no match for Chester. The Swede tried every shot in the book, all to no avail. Our No. 1 met Bernhardt's spin services, heavy chop returns, and fierce spin attacking shots with complete confidence and efficiency, and ran home a worthy winner and champion 18, -19, 16, 16.

MARY UNLUCKY

Mary Wright had an unlucky tournament, for she reached three semi-finals only to lose them all. In the singles she played extremely well to beat Jurik of Hungary -19, 16, 9, 13, in the quarter-final, but at the semi-final stage Mary's loop drives were ineffectual and first hits too slow. Marta Luzova beat Mary 17, 17, 14.

Pauline Hemmings tried hard but was too inexperienced to cope with the big hitting of B. Christensen of Denmark, who beat her by -16, 14, -13, -17 in the first round. Our No. 5 played better in the Consolation Singles beating I. Vostova of Czechoslovakia 19, 20, before losing to C. Lang of East Germany in the semi-final 19, -16, -18.

Although he went down fighting, and showed that he has great promise, Brian Burn did not have a

successful tournament. He lost in the first round of both the singles proper (to G. Bakker of Holland -11, -14, -15) and the Consolation event (to P. Joels of Holland -17, 16, -18).

KARENZA SURPRISES

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the whole tournament, and a big boost for English table tennis was 16-year-old Karenza Smith's tremendous victory over 21-year-old Zoya Rudnova in the second round.

I was most impressed by the mature manner in which Karenza fought back when her Russian opponent, probably the most feared player in women's European table tennis today, led her 2-0 and 20-17 in the third game. Karenza out-manoeuvred Rudnova by playing a controlled, rather than fast attacking game; and her clever positional play—especially her backhand drive wide down the forehand wing often left her Russian opponent, completely bewildered. Karenza eventually won by -11, -15, 20, 16, 17.

Unfortunately, in the quarter-final, England's No. 2 junior just lacked the necessary experience to cope with J. Kruger, the West German rubber bat chopper, but

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Yugoslav Open

DOUBLES TITLE FOR BRITAIN

There was nothing unusual in Mary Shannon-Wright and Diane Rowe-Scholler reaching the Women's Doubles final of an open tournament—but this time they were in opposition. After a closely fought match, Mary and the up-and-coming Karenza Smith defeated Di and her West German partner, Edit Bucholz, -20, 10, 10, 19.

Mary also reached the semi-final of the Women's Singles, when she was beaten by the Russian, Zola Rudnova, 14, -14, -15, -10, -12, and in partnership with Chester Barnes the semi-final of the Mixed Doubles, when the British pair lost to Jaroslav Stanek and Marta Luzova of Czechoslovakia 22, -20, -17, -8.

HEIGHTS OF BRILLIANCE

Against A. Amelin in the quarter-finals Chester touched heights of brilliance to make the Russian No. 1 look almost second-rate by comparison. His semi-final against V. Miko, however, was a different story. Chester looked superior in every department bar one—service. The Czech's spin services were in fact of questionable legality, and caused Chester a lot of trouble. But for them, and of course but for the Czech's well-known fighting spirit and agility, the Englishman might have won in straight sets instead of just stealing victory at the end in the fifth game of a see-saw battle.

Chester won the first game comfortably 21-12 and the third even more easily 21-4. Miko, with the

aid of spin services, took the second game 18 and the fourth 16.

The fifth and deciding game was a nail-biting affair. It was encouraging to note that even when trailing 18-19 Chester did not slow down. He continued to attack Miko's intricate spin services and still went for an early kill—and every shot was calculated with ice-cool nerve and determination. What a joy it was to see Chester's perfectly placed forehand smash wide down Miko's backhand wing! This was the shot which won him the match and a place in the final.

ILONA—STAR OF TOUR

THE star to emerge from last month's tour of this country by Czechoslovakia—in a three-match series won 2-1 by the tourists—was not Vlado Miko, or Marta Luzova as one might expect, but a fair-haired 12-year-old girl by name of Iлона Vostova.

Born on April 9, 1954—the year Rumania's Angelica Rozeanu won her fifth successive world singles crown at Wembley, and in the season that Ermelinde Werthl of Austria won the English Open at Manchester—there is no denying the threat of this new Czech discovery.

More than capable of looking after herself, Iлона "arrived" on the international scene by winning two of her three singles sets and obtained the same return from three doubles encounters, in which she was by no means "sheltered" by Miss Luzova.

From England's point of view, both Chester Barnes and Denis Neale finished up with credit balances, Neale having the better record and performing with greater assurance although playing in one match less.

EUROPEAN RESULT REVERSED

Barnes did not enamour himself to the Bradford audience in "giving in" to Miko, but in coming back against the same opponent at Newbury perhaps he made amends?

It was good to see Mary Wright partner Barnes to success in the mixed at Stockton, thus reversing the European result, albeit the only time they did so in the series.

All three matches were well staged, the first at the magnificent new Sports Stadium, Stockton, just a couple of days prior to its official opening.

Vying for the title of "best staged match" in recent years was the one

at the Corn Exchange, Newbury. Here, for the introductions, all lights were extinguished, fanfares were played and spotlights picked out the teams—most impressive.

Some would have it that international matches comprising nine sets, often running into three hours of play, is too much. The aim for a programme of not more than two hours might well leave the public wanting more and therefore eager to come again rather than be exhausted in their initiation.

Results:

At Stockton-on-Tees

ENGLAND 5 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 4
M. Heppell lost to I. VOSTOVA -14, 18, -15; S. GIBBS bt A. Dvorak 13, 19; D. NEALE bt V. Miko 13, 15; M. WRIGHT bt M. Luzova 20, 18; Neale/S. Gibbs lost to MIKO/DVORAK -21, 16, -18; Wright/Heppell lost to LUZOVA/VOSTOVA -14, -14; C. Barnes lost to MIKO -18, -18; NEALE bt Dvorak 18, 13; BARNES/WRIGHT bt Miko/Luzova 17, 15.

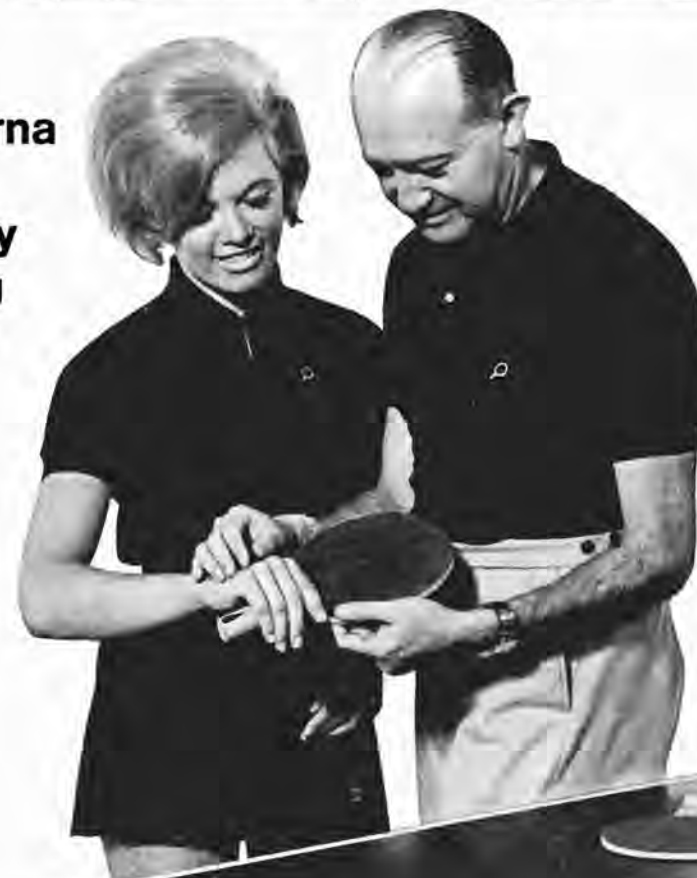
At Bradford

ENGLAND 4 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 5
P. Martin lost to VOSTOVA -12, 20, -19; Neale lost to MIKO -12, -15; BARNES bt Dvorak 16, 16; Wright lost to LUZOVA -14, 14, -19; BARNES/NEALE bt Miko/Dvorak 9, 20; WRIGHT/MARTIN bt Luzova/Vostova -10, 17, 17; Barnes lost to MIKO -13, -12; NEALE bt Dvorak 13, 14; Barnes/Wright lost to MIKO/LUZOVA -16, -15.

At Newbury

ENGLAND 3 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 6
P. HEMMINGS bt Vostova 12, -16, 16; Gibbs lost to MIKO 15, -14, -18; BARNES bt Dvorak 19, 12; Wright lost to LUZOVA -14, -15; Barnes/Gibbs lost to MIKO/DVORAK -21, -24; Wright/Hemmings lost to LUZOVA/VOSTOVA 18, -10, -23; BARNES bt Miko -10, 25, 18; Gibbs lost to DVORAK -8, -22; Barnes/Wright lost to MIKO/LUZOVA 16, -20, -17.

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TONGUE AND GROOVE

MUCH play was made by the National Press of the term "violence of the tongue" during the recent World Cup football series.

How much of this sort of thing is encountered by table tennis umpires is a matter for conjecture but invariably this verbal bombardment is directed at one's self as a player.

Nonetheless it falls no more sweetly on the ears of those whose only desire is to witness the play and this sort of self-criticism, sometimes used in acknowledgment of an opponent's good fortune with a net or edge ball, could very well be done without.

Not that one wants a robot player functioning as though by computer programming but there are limits to self-castigation and mannerisms which, let's face it, are all too soon taken up by the pack in general and juniors in particular.

Another adverse feature which has now crept into the modern game is the service and if a stronger line is not taken very soon on this issue then another "prairie fire" will rage.

At a recent premier division county match an umpire, undergoing test, had a men's doubles set to contend with which he rightly interrupted when dissatisfied with the legality of the services used by three of the four players concerned.

All credit to this particular official but how many of the qualified brigade shrink behind their badge from such forthright action and wallow in the groove of inertia?

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INTERNATIONAL ROUND-UP

By CONRAD JASCHKE

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

Taking the next World Championships away from Australia—a step forced on the I.T.T.F. because the Australian T.T.A. could not guarantee visas for the North Vietnamese players and officials—has given Europe the opportunity of two World Championships in succession.

The Swedish T.T.A. are to be congratulated on their enterprise in stepping in at such short notice to stage the 1967 event, and the 1969 World Championships have already been allocated to the D.T.T.B. who will be organising them in Munich in the south of Germany.

Undoubtedly many E.T.T.A. members will want to attend the World Championships in Stockholm (April 11-21, 1967) and I am negotiating with the Netherlands T.T.A. for places on a charter flight which they are organising. Only a limited number of places will be available to us, at a cost of about £35 for the return trip, which is a saving of over £30.

I do not want to disappoint anyone over this, and the only fair way of allocating the places is "first come, first served" which should avoid any arguments. Applications, which must be accompanied by an advance deposit of £5 (crossed cheques only, no cash please) will be registered in strict order of receipt by me, and not later than December 31 I will advise all those who have succeeded in getting places, and the balance will then be payable by January 15, 1967. If you want one of these places, please write to me immediately at the following address:

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(Telephone: Footscray 5845)

By the way, all correspondence about international matches and tours, or indeed about any other matter connected with international affairs, should always be sent to me at the above address.

WHAT ARE OUR CHANCES IN STOCKHOLM

I think it is not fair to expect our players to do the impossible, and we must realise that the Chinese are a long way ahead of Europe at present. During their recent tour of China, the reigning European champions, Sweden, were beaten 5-0 and 5-1, and even a Chinese youth team beat them 5-0 in Tientsin.

We have a lot of ground to make up, and I think it is much fairer to our players to say that what we expect of them in Stockholm is not world titles, but a good showing ensuring England a high ranking, and that we want them to gain experience and to improve so as to enable them to make a determined attempt at the European Championships at Lyons in 1968.

Those of us who know the determination of some of our top players, and the wealth of talent amongst the youngsters, sincerely believe that England have a good chance of winning European titles in 1968. It is the job of all administrators in positions of authority to do everything in their power to help our players achieve this aim and thus to put England firmly in the forefront of European table tennis. Already Chester Barnes' wonderful achievement of winning the men's singles in the Netherlands Open has given the game in this country a real shot in the arm.

In China, the fabulous Chuang Tse-tung again retained the Chinese National (closed) men's singles title, and I think the full final result of the Chinese Closed will be of interest:

MS: Chuang Tse-tung beat Li Fu-jung -19, 15, 13, -15, 16
WS: Chou Pao-chin beat Liang Li-chen -15, 15, -12, 19, 11
MD: Chuang Tse-tung/Li Ching-kuang beat Li Fu-jung/Wang Chia-sheng -17, 9, 17, 20
WD: Li Ho-nan/Li-Li beat Ti Chuang-hua/Lui Ya-chin 15, 15, 18
XD: Wang Chia-sheng/Li Ho-nan beat Chuang Tse-tung/Liang Li-chen 19, 20, -19, 18

EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS

Slavia of Prague were successful in winning both the men's and the women's events in the European Table Tennis Fair-Town-Cup Competition. Insufficient finance has prevented us from entering either this competition or the European Club Cup, but we must aim at entering both next season, as they can provide valuable experience for our players.

Although we have been able to plan a very full programme this season, finance remains the big bugbear. Compared with our fees, it might be of interest to look at those charged by the U.S.A. Table Tennis Association. They have just increased their fees for "Full Members" to \$4 (28s.) for a one year subscription, or \$10 (£3 10s.) for a 3-year subscription or \$50 (£17 10s.) for a life subscription. Only full members are entitled to enter all tournaments.

These fees include a free subscription to the official U.S.A. magazine *Table Tennis Topics*. "Club Members" pay a smaller membership fee, and it could well be that in a two-tier system of this kind could lie the financial salvation of the E.T.T.A.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

By the time these notes appear, we shall already have competed in the Netherlands Open, the Austrian Open and the Yugoslavian Open, and at home we shall be looking back on the Czech tour. Also, our juniors will have had their first international match of the season against

Wales. This is a pretty full programme for the month of October, and the following fixtures have been arranged for the rest of the season:

Next month we have a match against Germany D.T.T.B. at Crystal Palace on December 10, and on December 27 we play the Netherlands. (Late flash: At time of writing we are also trying to arrange an international match for December 3.)

A tour of Sweden by our men is scheduled for January 9-14, 1967, immediately after the English Closed Championships. The Swedish Association have very kindly agreed to pay air fares for our team, and I must mention the valuable help given by Johnny Leach in these negotiations. On the way back from Sweden, our men will be playing an international match against Norway.

Next, we send a mixed team to the Czech Open Championships in Prague at the end of January, and the team then goes on to compete in the East German Open Championships in Erfurt.

After that comes the Quadrangular Tournament at Preston on February 11, which is being organised under the chairmanship of Tom Blunn.

After that, we have the English Open Championships from March 1-4, and for this we have already secured entries from Czechoslovakia, Germany D.T.T.B., Hungary, the Netherlands, and Yugoslavia. We are trying to arrange a visit by the German (D.T.T.B.) juniors in January, and on March 17 our juniors play Scotland in an international match in Edinburgh. The same month they will pay a visit to Holland.

And then come the World Championships in April.

SNIPPETS

CHINESE players captured six of the seven titles at the recent Peking International Tournament attended by 12 Asian countries. Only the women's doubles was won by Naoko Fukazu and Noriko Yamanaka of Japan. The finals of the men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles were all-Chinese affairs, and the winners Chuang Tse-tung (MS), Lin Hui-ching (WS), Li Fu-jung/Lu Chu-fang (MD), Li Ching-kuang/Li Ho-nan (XD). Lin Hui-ching/Cheng Min-chih of China were runners-up in the women's doubles. Japan finished second and North Korea third to China, in both the men's and women's team events. The tournament was watched by 15,000 spectators.



The Presentation Ceremony for the Men's Singles at the Peking Tournament: (left to right) Li Fu-jung, Chuang Tse-tung, Chou Lan-sun and Su Kuo-si

EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held in Vejle (Denmark) in 1967, Salonika (Greece) in 1968, and in the U.S.S.R. in 1969.

OUR REIGNING CHAMPION Denis Neale has been nominated for the 8-nations challenge tournament in Montreal next spring. The organisers of the Expo '67 pay all expenses.

EBERHARD SCHOLER has been awarded the "Silberne Lorbeerblatt" —his country's highest award for sportsmen.

LADISLAV STIPEK's contract as trainer in Peru has been extended for a further two years.

NETHERLANDS Closed Champions—Men's Singles: Bert v. d. Helm; Women's singles: Annemarie Wijnants.

FRENCH Closed Champions—Men's Singles: Jacques Secretin; Women's Singles: Martine LeBras.

BELGIUM's new ranking lists are headed by Norbert Vandewalle (1) and Pierre Juliens (2), and Josiane Cornelis (1) and Marie-France Petre (2).

POLAND's current women's singles champion, Miss Calinska, is also her country's lawn tennis champion.

Harry Venner in Australia

The Australian T.T.A. report in glowing terms about the success of Harry Venner's coaching tour—everywhere he visits in Australia there is only one complaint . . . he can't stay long enough! By the time his tour ends in December, Harry will have covered most of the Australian continent.

Australia cannot afford to send a team to the 1967 World Championships but two junior boys and one junior girl are expected to make the trip at their parents' expense. They will probably come to England first to play some friendly matches and enter junior tournaments.

New Zealand are sending a party of eight to England prior to the World Championships and will enter several Open Tournaments in March/April.

Enquiries from anyone wishing to organise friendly matches against New Zealand or the Australian Juniors should be addressed to Conrad Jaschke.

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TAYLOR WINS UNDER-17 — LOSES UNDER-15

THE surprise of this tournament played on October 9 was the fact that Trevor Taylor lost the under-15 singles title to Haydn Thomas and then beat Keith Lawrence for the under-17 crown.

Both were possibilities but for them to occur within an hour was astonishing. The under-15 final was the best that I have ever seen in this age group.

Rather more surprising to the expert was perhaps the two losses for new international Michael Wald. As sometimes happens to juniors so honoured, the weight of the new responsibility becomes too heavy.

Brother Tommy was the villain in the under-17 event, whilst young Michael Sykes, brother of last year's junior Ingrid, showed amazing

With the Juniors
BY LAURIE LANDRY

improvement to beat his namesake Wald in straight games.

Karenza Smith won her second junior final of the season and added the doubles with Jill Shirley.

Under 17

Boys' Singles — semi-finals: K. LAWRENCE (Essex) bt B. Keates (Staffs) 17, 15; T. TAYLOR (Herts) bt P. Judd (Warwicks) 16, 14.

Final: TAYLOR bt Lawrence 14, 19.

Girls' Singles — semi-finals: K. SMITH (Middx) bt J. Shirley (Bucks) 18, 8; J. HEAPS (Ches) bt L. Henwood (Essex) -15, 16, 16.

Final: SMITH bt Heaps 17, 14.

Boys' Doubles—semi-finals: LAWRENCE/P. HARMER (Herts) bt P. Glynn (Warwicks)/A. Norman (Kent) 16, -15, 13; TAYLOR/H. THOMAS (Wales) bt F. Kennedy/S. Smith (Essex) 16, 13.

Final: LAWRENCE/HARMER bt Taylor/Thomas 15, 18.

Girls' Doubles—semi-finals: SMITH/SHIRLEY bt C. Aldridge/J. Shergold (Berks) 13, 6; HEAPS/HENWOOD bt L. Pacitto (Bucks)/J. Hudson (Hants) 7, 6.

Final: SMITH/SHIRLEY bt Heaps/Henwood 15, 4.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: LAWRENCE/HENWOOD bt Harmer/Heaps -18, 14, 9; R. NAPPER (Bucks)/SHIRLEY bt Taylor/Smith 22, -12, 19.

Final: LAWRENCE/HENWOOD bt Napper/Shirley 19, -13, 16.

Under 15

Boys' Singles — semi-finals: THOMAS bt M. Sykes (Warwicks) 9, 11; TAYLOR bt Napper 8, 21.

Final: THOMAS bt Taylor -17, 14, 19.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: SHIRLEY bt S. Hancock (Bucks) 10, 8; C. MANN (Middx) bt P. Brenchley (Kent) -12, 21, 15.

Final: SHIRLEY bt Mann 2, 10.

Boys' Doubles—semi-finals: TAYLOR/THOMAS bt R. Clarke (Warwicks)/Sykes -17, 12, 12; NAPPER/M. WALD (Bucks) bt J. Summerfield/S. Tannahill (Hants) -12, 8, 9.

Final: TAYLOR/THOMAS bt Napper/Wald 16, 19.

PHYSICAL FITNESS IN TABLE TENNIS

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found a plea from David Stanley re a thesis he is writing on the popularity of table tennis as a serious sport.

Closely allied to table tennis, as indeed with any sport, is physical fitness and a great deal of time is being spent by David and his fellow students, together with the Staff at Loughborough College, on this very subject.

Anyone having pet ideas of their own on the type of training that should be undertaken by the top players in this country are invited to contact David.

Wedding Bells For George

George Muranyi cordially invites all his friends to attend his wedding at Broadwater Church, Worthing, on Saturday, November 19th, at 2.30 p.m.

Girls' Doubles—semi-finals: SHIRLEY/S. PACITTO (Bucks) bt C. Hutchings/P. Daniels (Hants) 10, 12; L. CHESSON/M.CARTER (Kent) bt L. Pacitto/Hudson 19, 17.

Final: SHIRLEY/S. PACITTO bt Chesson/Carter 16, 16.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: NAPPER/SHIRLEY bt Taylor/V. King (Yorks) 19, 16; THOMAS/MANN bt P. Taylor (Herts)/Hancock 18, 7.

Final: NAPPER/SHIRLEY bt Thomas/Mann 20, 15.

Under 13

Boys' Singles — semi-finals: P. TAYLOR bt R. Hellaby (Essex) 19, -18, 17; S. HEAPS (Ches) bt M. Baines (Herts) 15, 15.

Final: TAYLOR bt Heaps 19, -16, 19.

Girls' Singles — semi-finals: L. CHESSON (Kent) bt B. McGrorty (Kent) -10, 17, 14; P. BRENCHLEY (Kent) bt S. Beazer (Somerset) 21, -16, 18.

Final: CHESSON bt Brenchley 16, 15.

E.T.T.A. Schools Centres

by Norman Reeve

TRADE FUND TO FINANCE SCHEME

WHEN, over two years ago, Jack Carrington put forward the idea of setting up table tennis centres in schools it was in the hope that the necessary financial support would be forthcoming. At the time none was available nor immediately foreseen and for a time the plans had to be shelved.

Indeed, it was only recently that news was announced of the Association's intention to open up two such centres in the near future. This had been made possible by allocation of sufficient funds from the joint E.T.T.A./Trade Fund.

The existence of the Fund was unknown to many until recently. This was because there had been little point in publicising it until sufficient time had elapsed for money to accumulate.

It was some time ago that the trade federation concerned accepted the suggestion that in replacement of the old arrangement whereby the Association was paid a rebate on the sale of balls, the members of the federation would subscribe one penny for every pound value of table tennis equipment sold on the home market. The amount so contributed would form a fund to be administered jointly by a Committee composed of E.T.T.A. and Federation representatives. It was intended that administration of the fund would follow the precedent set by another sport and the money would be used to finance projects which would not otherwise be possible within the Association's normal budget.

Recently the fund total stood at some £1,350 with some contributions still to come for the second half of 1965 and with collections for 1966 yet to be made. A number of possible projects for financing are under consideration and will be examined at future meetings. But immediate approval was given to set aside up to £250 to finance the setting up of centres in two schools.

ONLY A START

It is intended that one of these centres should be in the south-west and venues for both are being considered. But this is only a start. The hope is to have one in each affiliated county area before long and afterwards to continue setting them up all over the country as the expected demand increases.

Briefly, the arrangement is that the local authority should provide accommodation for a centre in a school and allow the Association the use of it for a number of agreed occasions during the year. In return the fund will finance the provision of tables, lighting and other equipment which will remain the property of the Association. The Association will arrange for a qualified coach to be in control in each centre.

SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

At the same time this is a further step in the plan to increase interest in table tennis in the schools. As part of this also, the setting up of local schools competitions is being encouraged, culminating in the organisation of a national schools' competition.

But this is one facet only of the part the fund is expected to play in financing projects in the interests of the

England's Clean Sweep

ENGLAND beat Wales 10-0 in the 20th annual fixture between the two countries, played at the Gooch House Hall, Lower Clapton Road, London, E.5, on October 28.

Whilst the sets were well contested, the only game that the England side dropped was in the first encounter between Michael Wald and Haydn Thomas. Here Haydn actually led 14-11 in the third only to fall to Michael's final burst.

Scores (English names first) were:—**T. Taylor** (Herts) bt R. Bishop (Glam) 17, 17; bt K. Morris (Glam) 15, 18. **D. Munt** (Warwicks) bt Bishop 19, 19; bt Morris 16, 11. **P. Judd** (Warwicks) bt H. Thomas (Abergavenny) 13, 17; bt C. Evans (Tredegar) 14, 8; **M. Wald** (Bucks) bt Thomas 12, -14, 17; bt Evans 13, 17. **Doubles:** **Munt/Judd** bt Bishop/Morris 17, 18; **Taylor/Wald** bt Thomas/Evans 16, 10.

WEST GERMAN FOR YORKS JUNIOR

The West German Junior team will be coming to this country early in the New Year and will compete in the Yorkshire Junior Open at Hull on January 7, thus making it a tournament of some significance to win.

Prior to the tournament itself two Junior International matches will be played at Northallerton and Warrington.

National Team Competitions

By Leslie Davies

RECORD ENTRY OF 256 TEAMS

INTEREST in the four national team knock-out competitions continues to grow as reflected in the overall entry of 256 leagues against the 228 of last season—an increase of 28.

Biggest increase is in the Carter Cup competition for junior boys for which trophy 56 teams have been entered against the 43 that constituted last season's inaugural entry.

The number of entries compared with last season are as follows:—

	1965-66	1966-67
Wilmott Cup (Men)	106	108
Rose Bowl (Women)	67	73
Carter Cup (Junior Boys)	43	56
Broomfield Trophy (Junior Girls)	12	19

Meeting in Gloucester in late September the Sub-Committee chaired by Maurice Goldstein and otherwise comprising Ian Crickmer and myself as Hon. Secretary resolved matters arising as follows:

Rules

The Secretary reported that there had been complaints about the wording and interpretation of Regulation No. 2 (Eligibility of players).

It was decided to amend the wording as soon as possible but that in the meantime leagues would be notified that "each a member of that league taking part in the league competition" would be interpreted "team players must have played in their team's local league competition on at least three occasions on different dates previously. These occasions are to have taken place in either the present or immediate past season."

It was decided to increase the Senior Events' entry fees to £1 next season.

Zoning

Each league was allocated to a zone that would necessitate the least possible travelling having regard to the number of entries in each zone.

This season it was decided to divide the Junior Girls into 8 zones instead of 4. Again, to obviate initial excessive travelling.

It is never too late to compliment good performances and in this connection all praise must go to last season's winners.

The Wilmott Cup was won by GLOUCESTER for the third successive time. The combination of Harrison, Merrett and Morley was too much for Manchester, who lost 6-1.

In the Rose Bowl, Doncaster lost to ROMFORD at Doncaster, while EAST LONDON won both the Junior Trophies. East London's opponents were Birmingham representatives in each case.

The Carter Cup just eluded the Midlanders by the odd game.

Now to the 1966-67 season. First Round Results to hand are:—

Rose Bowl
Sheffield w.o. Chesterfield
Luton 8, Hertford 1
Ipswich 2, Great Yarmouth 7
Bedford 9, Leighton Buzzard 0

Wilmott Cup

Bolton w.o. Cheadle
Leeds 2, Doncaster 7
Grimsby 3, Spalding 6
Preston 9, Lancaster 0
Whitehaven 0, Northumberland 9
Lincoln 3, Scunthorpe 6
Sheffield Works 2, Nottingham 7
Horwich 9, Wellington 0
Willesden 9, Dagenham 0
Insurance Offices w.o. Sutton
Mid-Cheshire 6, Bury 3
Birmingham 9, Loughborough 0
Boston 7, Stowmarket 2
Chelmsford 7, Billericay 2
Woolwich 9, N.W. Kent 0

Carter Cup

Boston 6, Bedford 3
Harlow 0, North Herts 9
Slough 6, Crawley 3
Leighton Buzzard 4, Hertford 5
Bromley 8, Wembley 1
Taunton 3, Newbury 6

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"NEWS OF THE WORLD" SCHEME

By Johnny Leach

HISTORY is the favourite school subject of both 13-year-old HAYDN THOMAS, of Abergavenny, and 14-year-old JILL SHIRLEY, of Langley, Bucks.

But these youngsters made a little history on their own account on October 7th when they were adjudged the outstanding Boy and Girl of the Year amongst the record 32,000 entrants for our 12th Annual Table Tennis Coaching Scheme.

The trophies were presented by Sports Editor Frank Butler from the stage of the Gaiety Theatre at Butlin's Bognor Regis Camp.

In my opinion both of these young champions are destined to achieve stardom. They are every bit as promising as were such previous winners as Chester Barnes and Lesley Bell at the same age.

Introduced to table tennis through our Coaching Scheme five years ago, Haydn Thomas has four times finished with a runner-up award. But the honour he has now captured is not just a reward for perseverance. The Haydn Thomas we saw this time, though still small and slight in physique, has grown tremendous in ability. To the adventurous attacking game we coaches had previously commended, he has now added subtle variations of speed and tactics, placing his shots with a shrewdness remarkable for one so young.

WELSH No. 1 ?

Since we last saw him he won Junior International honours and impressed in tournaments at home and overseas. I would say that he could quite



Haydn Thomas

easily capture No. 1 senior ranking in Wales by the time he is fifteen.

I had to blink and look again when I saw Jill Shirley in action for the first time, so strongly did she remind me, both in appearance and style, of Diane Rowe. Have we found a right-handed successor to the left-handed Diane, Queen of English table tennis for so many years ?

Jill, a keen all-round athlete, has developed a fine all-round game with the emphasis on defence, largely through regular practice at her home with her older brother Paul, who is the Bucks No. 1 player. She has a very heavy chop, again reminiscent of Diane Rowe, fine stroke production with deadly accuracy and, I would say, an ideal competitive temperament. All these qualities gave Jill the edge over close rivals for our major award.

The runners-up, both of whom I expect to reach international class in a few years time, were 15-year-old LINDA FORKES of Castleford, Yorkshire and 13-year-old TONY BOASMAN from Manchester.

AREA FINALS

For the first time this season, weekly winners were obliged to qualify for the Grand Finals by winning one of the nine Area Finals introduced to cope with an ever-increasing entry, and also the inclusion in our scheme of the new Butlin Camp at Barry. The effect of this was that the finalists were of a very high standard indeed, and when the points,



Jill Shirley

awarded for promise in each department of the game, were totted up, the margin dividing a prize-winner from an also-ran was often only fractional.

However, it is interesting to note that not only were our winners the unanimous choice of all our coaches, but so were the runners-up.

The Coach and Pupil Challenge Cup competition, which is the only part of our scheme decided by actual match play, was once again a close and exciting battle, keeping spectators interested right up to the final matches on the Tuesday evening. The eventual winners were (coach) RALPH GUNNION and (pupil) DAVID BOWLES from Forest Gate.

Taking part in this competition were the following coaches and pupils:

Mosney: Tommy Caffrey and Jack Cash of Newtownards, Co. Down

Ayr: Ian Barclay and Cameron McLeod of Scone, Perth

Barry: Denis Holland and Haydn Thomas of Abergavenny

Bognor Regis: Ralph Gunnion and David Bowles of Forest Gate, Essex

Clacton: Chester Barnes and Michael Wald of Slough, Bucks

Filey: Johnny Leach and Tony Boasman of Flixton, Manchester

Minehead: Nigel Ive and Stuart Griffin of Gloucester

Pwllheli: David Creamer and Clive Phillips

Skegness: Malcolm Sugden and Philip Rowe of Barnoldswick, Colne, Lancs

THE LEAGUE POSITIONS

Camp	P.	W.	L.	Sets		Pts.
				F.	A.	
BOGNOR	8	7	1	15	5	14
SKEGNESS	8	6	2	12	6	12
CLACTON	8	6	2	12	7	12
BARRY	8	5	3	12	7	10
MOSNEY	8	4	4	10	9	8
AYR	8	3	5	8	11	6
MINEHEAD	8	2	6	5	13	4
PWLLHELI	8	2	6	6	14	4
FILEY	8	1	7	7	15	2

NEW TOWNS CHALLENGE CUP, 1966

By PETER B. LINDLEY

THIS annual table tennis competition took place on Sunday, September 25, 1966, in the main canteen of Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Limited, Hatfield, Herts. Each of the eight new towns taking part had to play one match against each of the others. A match consisted of seven rubbers—five singles (three men's, two ladies') and two doubles (one men's, one ladies'), it being optional whether the singles players also played in the doubles. Although teams could be changed from match to match, most towns relied on just three men and three ladies all day.

The results of the 28 inter-town matches were as follows (winning town first):

Basildon 6, Bracknell 1	Harlow 4, Hemel Hempstead 3
Basildon 5, Harlow 2	Hemel Hempstead 4, Basildon 3
Basildon 6, Hatfield 1	Hemel Hempstead 5, Bracknell 2
Basildon 5, Stevenage 2	Hemel Hempstead 6, Hatfield 1
Basildon 4, Welwyn G.C. 3	Hemel Hempstead 6, Stevenage 2
Bracknell 4, Hatfield 3	Stevenage 7, Bracknell 0
Crawley 6, Basildon 1	Stevenage 5, Harlow 2
Crawley 7, Bracknell 0	Stevenage 6, Hatfield 1
Crawley 4, Harlow 3	Welwyn G.C. 5, Bracknell 2
Crawley 6, Hatfield 1	Welwyn G.C. 4, Crawley 3
Crawley 6, Hemel Hempstead 1	Welwyn G.C. 4, Harlow 3
Crawley 6, Stevenage 1	Welwyn G.C. 5, Hatfield 2
Harlow 7, Bracknell 0	Welwyn G.C. 5, Hemel Hempstead 2
Harlow 4, Hatfield 3	Welwyn G.C.6, Stevenage 1

CRAWLEY RECAPTURE TROPHY

This year's cup winners were Crawley, who had the same number of points as Welwyn Garden City, but a slightly better sets average. Crawley were represented by (men) T. Riley, R. Evans, K. Horton, A.

Green and (ladies) D. Barontini and J. Garner; and Welwyn Garden City by (men) T. Densham, G. Bebb, R. Collins and (ladies) M. Hodge, P. Lindley and J. Blake.

The Tournament was organised on behalf of Hatfield New Town by the Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Table Tennis League. Most of the preparation for the hectic day—eight tables in use from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.—was capably carried out by the local league's Tournament Secretary, Mr. W. H. Taylor. Mr. P. T. Attwooll, Chairman of the League, was competition controller and also presented the medals, donated by the Hatfield Development Corporation, to the winners and runners-up.

The competition was started in 1961 and, except for last year when it was won by Stevenage, Crawley have had an almost complete monopoly of the challenge cup. The venue is held at each new town in turn—next year it will be at Hemel Hempstead—the organisation being undertaken by the local league.

Final Table

Town	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Crawley	7	6	1	38	11	12
Welwyn Garden City	7	6	1	33	16	12
Basildon	7	5	2	30	19	10
Hemel Hempstead	7	4	3	25	24	8
Harlow	7	3	4	25	24	6
Stevenage	7	3	4	24	25	6
Bracknell	7	1	6	9	40	2
Hatfield	7	0	7	12	37	0

TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
Nov. 13	Bournemouth Open Drill Hall, Alder Road, Branksome, Bournemouth	JBS, JGS	C. J. Buck, 18, Sherwood Avenue, Parkstone, Poole
13	Hastings Tigers Area Event Bexhill Athletic Club, Bexhill		J. F. Wyles, 48a Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex
20	Portsmouth Open South Parade Pier, Southsea, Hants	JBS, JGS	P. Goldring, 52 Winter Road, Southsea, Hants
26	Cumberland Open The Drill Hall, Catherine Street, Whitehaven	JBS, JGS	R. Rigg, 4 Tower Hill, Whitehaven, Cumberland
26	Aberdare Open	JBS, JGS, JBD	Closing date: Nov. 17 E. J. Thomas, 63 Ynyslwyd Street, Aberdare, Glamorgan
Dec. 3-4	Newbury Open Corn Exchange, Market Place, Newbury		A. A. J. Mosson, 29 Croft Road, Newbury, Berks
10-11	Middlesex Open Hanwell Community Centre, Hanwell, Middlesex	JBS, JGS	Miss J. Moss, 49, Okehampton Road, Kensal Rise, London, N.W.10
1967			
Jan. 4-7	ENGLISH CLOSED Crystal Palace, London		
7	Yorkshire Junior Open Madeley Street Baths, Hull		R. Balmford, 205 Park Avenue, Hull, Yorks
	Events: JBS, JGS, BD, GD, XD, U15 BS, U15 GS		
8	Winton Y.M.C.A. Restricted Open Winton Y.M.C.A.	JBS, JGS	J. J. C. Luther, "Hamrun," 39 Larkfield Avenue, Bournemouth
14	Lancashire Open Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Ltd., Lostock, Bolton	VS, JBS, JGS	G. T. H. Fackrell, 11 Halton Road, Great Sankey, Warrington
14-15	Essex Open Harlow Sports Centre, Harlow	JBS, JGS	W. D. Wadling, 39 Ramsgill Drive, Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex
14	Glamorgan Open Cardiff	JBS, JGS	

Umpire's Corner

By COLIN CLEMETT

NO CAUSE FOR DELAY

FOR many years there has been a single, small discrepancy between the E.T.T.A. code of practice for umpires and that recommended by the I.T.T.F. This concerns the timing of the score call. The I.T.T.F. method is to call the score immediately the point has been decided, while English umpires have been recommended to delay the call until the players are ready to begin the next rally.

As a result of experiments carried out at selected tournaments during recent seasons, culminating in the European Championships at Wembley, the N.U.R.C. has now decided that the disadvantages of the I.T.T.F. timing, which it sought to overcome, are not sufficiently troublesome to justify opposition and in future all umpires will be encouraged to conform with the I.T.T.F. recommendation. The next edition of the Handbook for Umpires will be amended accordingly, and it is hoped that this will be one more step along the way to the eventual production of an international Umpire's Handbook.

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR

Having now admitted that we were the ones "out of step" and done our best to put matters right, we should not go so far as to imagine that the virtues of one method or the other are overwhelming, or that our reasons were entirely mistaken. The arguments in favour of the "late" call are set out in the present Handbook; they include the difficulty of ensuring that the player hears the score-call when there is loud applause or when he is away from the table retrieving the ball, and the ability

for the umpire to maintain control of play by making certain that both players are ready before he signals the start of the next rally with his call.

The disadvantages, which are overcome by an "early" call, become particularly noticeable when score indicators are used. Where the score is being called in a language not easily understood by the players, they tend to rely on the indicators to show them the state of the game. As the score indicators are changed only when the umpire has made his decision and announced the new score, it is not until just before the next service that the true score is shown, and this has led to several misunderstandings at international events.

Similarly, this lagging of the indicated score behind the actual score has proved confusing for television commentators, who may not be able to hear the umpire from the commentary position and have to try to anticipate the score-call in order to keep the commentary up to date. As anyone who has tried to give a commentary will know, it is a full-time job without the added problem of trying to umpire from a remote position, and in recent televised matches we have asked umpires to use the I.T.T.F. score-call timing for this reason.

A further advantage claimed is that the calling of the score immediately the point is decided makes much clearer the reason for the umpire's decision and lessens the need for explanatory announcements; for example, a prompt score-call might be the best way of ending a rally under "Expedite" conditions.

TIMING STILL IMPORTANT

The change does not, however, mean that umpires can now pay less attention to timing, which is just as important as ever. To overcome the problems of inaudibility due to applause or to the player's remoteness from the table, the umpire will have to use his judgment even more to time his call correctly and within a much smaller interval of time. If, in spite of his efforts, the call is missed he may have to repeat it before the next rally begins, especially if the result of the rally is not obvious, but such a call should be regarded as a confirmation of the score rather than as a signal to re-start play as at present.

Our observations make it clear that foreign players, not accustomed to the English method of score-calling, readily accept the fact that the server will serve when he is ready and that the receiver must be prepared for it. I have no doubt that English players also will soon become accustomed to the idea and that our umpires will show their usual ability to put into operation whatever is generally considered to be best for the game.

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15th Netherlands Open

went down fighting at -19, -17, -18. It should be remembered that Karenza was not selected for our team. She paid her own fare to Holland in order to compete.

Mary and Pauline played extremely well in the ladies' doubles. They put up a terrific fight in the semi-final before losing to Hungary's Koczian and Jurik, the eventual winners, -18, 18, 17, -14, -18. In my opinion, this was a good performance against two such experienced opponents.

Chester and Brian combined well to beat the Swedish pair C. Johansson and B. Levin in the second round of the men's doubles, but the spin-shots of their quarter-final opponents Rozsas and Harangi of Hungary were a little too much for Brian Burn, who lacks experience of such play. However, our England pair put up a good fight before losing -17, 16, -14, -17.

When our leading mixed doubles pair, Mary and Chester defeated, with comparative ease, Rozsas and Jurik in the quarter-final 16, 15, 15, they looked all set to win the title. But what a shock awaited them in the semi-final! From the first point to the last Amelin and Rudnova blasted every ball, and almost miraculously the majority of them went on the table. It was a fantastic barrage, and not surprising that Mary and Chester were unable to cope with it. They lost -17, -14, -13.

In their mixed doubles Pauline and Brian were outclassed in the second round (their first playing round) by Koczian and Harangi, who won 12, 14, 12.

To my mind this was a successful tournament for England and as a result our future prospects look brighter than they have done for a long time.

SINGLES

CHESTER BARNES

1st round beat L. Zandvliet (Holland) 13, 9, 15 (3-0).
2nd round beat H. Schluter (Austria) 17, 7, 13 (3-0).
3rd round beat B. Persson (Sweden) 14, -14, 16, -18, 18 (3-2).
Quarter-final beat A. Amelin (Russia) 15, 13, 17 (3-0).
Semi-final beat V. Miko (Czech) 12, -18, 4, -16, 21 (3-2).
Final beat K. Bernhardt (Sweden) 18, -19, 16, 16 (3-1).

MARY WRIGHT

1st round beat A. Lemort (Belgium) 5, 4, 4 (3-0).
2nd round beat E. Johansson (Sweden) 11, 20, 8 (3-0).
Quarter-final beat E. Jurik (Hungary) -19, 16, 9, 13 (3-1).
Semi-final lost M. Luzova (Czech) -17, -17, -14 (0-3).
Final M. Luzova beat E. Koczian -19, -13, 14, 17, 17 (3-2).

PAULINE HEMMINGS

1st round lost B. Christensen (Den-

mark) -16, 14, -13, -17 (1-3).

Consolation event

1st round beat A. Lemort (Belgium) 15, 17 (2-0).
2nd round beat I. Vostova (Czech) 19, 20 (2-0).
Semi-final lost C. Lang (East Germany) 19, -16, -18 (1-2).

BRIAN BURN

1st round lost G. Bakker (Holland) -11, -14, -15 (0-3).

Consolation event

1st round lost P. Joels (Holland) -17, 16, -18 (1-2).

KARENZA SMITH

1st round beat M. v. Gelder (Belgium) 20, 13, 15 (3-0).

2nd round beat Z. Rudnova (Russia) -11, -15, 20, 16, 17 (3-2).

Quarter-final lost J. Kruger (West Germany) -19, -17, -18 (0-3).

MEN'S DOUBLES

BARNES/BURN

1st round beat Kraayenga/Lucas (Holland) 12, -23, 15, 14 (3-1).

2nd round beat Johansson/Levin (Sweden) -19, 14, 17, -14, 17 (3-2).

Quarter-final lost Rozsas/Harangi (Hungary) -17, 16, -14, -17 (1-3).

North of England Open

NEALE THE EXECUTIONER

WITHOUT the loss of a single game at Manchester, on October 8, Denis Neale added the "North of England" men's singles title to his impressive array.

Seldom can Brian Wright have taken such a mauling as administered by England's No. 2 in the final but it was only a repeat dose of what others had to stomach before him.

County team-mates Alan Hydes and Mike Symonds were treated with the same disdain in the mass execution performed by the Yorkshireman.

Wright chose the right partner in Neale for the men's doubles which was taken with ease from Les Haslam and Jeff Ingber.

Seeking revenge from her defeat in the Northumberland v Lancashire county match, Maureen Heppell got it at the expense of Mary Leigh, 4 and 6, and went on to win the title to which she added the girls' singles.

Yorkshire's colourful pair, Lesley Proudlock and Cynthia Duncombe, got the better of the Sayer twins in the women's doubles and Cynthia returned to partner Laurie Landry in a good mixed win.

RESULTS

Men's Singles—quarter-finals: D. Neale (Yorks) bt M. Symonds (Yorks) 16, 10; A. Hydes (Yorks) bt L. F. Landry (Middx) 22, 13; O. B. Haslam (Middx) bt J. Ingber (Lancs) -18, 18,

North Middlesex Open

by Laurie F. Landry

Lindsay Surprizes and Judy's Second Open

ALAN Lindsay caused a few surprises when he won the North Middlesex Open at Finchley on September 25. Unranked this season, he beat three ranked players in straight games.

Judy Williams kept up her wonderful form, winning her second tournament of the season. She also beat three players more highly ranked than herself.

Betty Bird, once more a Surrey player, played the old style solid defensive game to beat Pauline Hemmings in straight games.

Karenza Smith beat Betty to reach the final and lose as she did in the junior event once more showing her inexperience against the defensive style of play.

Best final of the evening was the boys' between Trevor Taylor and Paul Judd, won by Paul.

Results:

Men's Singles—quarter-finals: A. Lindsay (Middx) bt K. Baker (Kent) 13, 20; R. Chandler (Sussex) bt P. Williams (Sussex) 10, 14; K. Lawrence (Essex) bt R. Hampson (Ches) 15, -17, 18; R. Morley (Gloucs) bt R. Penfold (Surrey) 8, 7.

Semi-finals: LINDSAY bt Chandler 13, 20; MORLEY bt Lawrence 19, 14.

Final: LINDSAY bt Morley 17, 10.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: J. WILLIAMS (Sussex) bt J. Heaps (Ches) 18, 15; K. SMITH (Middx) bt B. Bird (Surrey) 11, -21, 14.

Final: WILLIAMS bt Smith 17, 19.

Men's Doubles—semi-finals: HAMPSON/M. JOHNS (Ches) bt H. Buist/A. R. Piddock (Kent) -15, 15, 17; S. JACOBSON (Middx)/LINDSAY bt Chandler/Morley -20, 18, 13.

Final: HAMPSON/JOHNS bt Jacobson/Lindsay -19, 13, 11.

Women's Doubles—semi-finals: S. HESSON (Essex)/WILLIAMS bt D. Simpson (Essex)/Smith 16, 18; P. HEMMINGS (Herts)/M. HEPPELL (Northumb) bt B. Sayer/G. Sayer (Essex) 9, -20, 24.

Final: HESSON/WILLIAMS bt Hemmings/Heppell 19, -20, 13.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: JOHNS/SIMPSON bt Williams/B. Tregonning (Middx) 9, 17; B. BURN (Northumb)/SMITH bt Piddock/Hemmings -13, 16, 14.

Final: BURN/SMITH bt Johns/Simpson -13, 19, 13.

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: P. JUDD (Warwicks) bt P. Harmer (Herts) 16, 17; T. TAYLOR (Herts) bt S. Crow (Herts) 14, 14.

Final: JUDD bt Taylor 17, -18, 12.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: HEPPELL bt L. Henwood (Essex) -19, 16, 21; SMITH bt Heaps 10, 14.

Final: HEPPELL bt Smith 18, 17.

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Final: Miko/Stanek (Czech) beat Vecko/Surbeck (Yugoslavia) 16, 11, 13 (3-0).

LADIES' DOUBLES

WRIGHT/HEMMINGS
1st round beat Gelder/Christensen 13, 17, 16 (3-0).

Quarter-final beat Nilsson/Johansson 9, 19, -22, 15 (3-1).

Semi-final lost Jurik/Koczian -18, 18, 17, -14, -18 (2-3).

Final: Koczian/Jurik beat Lang/Rudnova -15, 19, -13, 15, 20 (3-2).

MIXED DOUBLES

WRIGHT/BARNES
1st round beat Hummel/Elsgeest (Holland) 7, 9, 8 (3-0).

2nd round beat Schoofs/Bogmans (Holland) 13, -19, 11, 12 (3-1).

Quarter-final beat Rozsas/Jurik (Hungary) 16, 15, 15 (3-0).

Semi-final lost Amelin/Rudnova (Russia) -17, -14, -13 (0-3).

HEMMINGS/BURN

1st Round w.o. Vecko/Ruiten.

2nd round lost Harangi/Koczian -12, -14, -12 (0-3).

Final: Miko/Luzova beat Amelin/Rudnova -17, 18, 17, 14 (3-1).

Sussex Open

by JOHN WOODFORD

CZECHS DOMINANT

THE Czech touring side completed their travels in England by almost dominating the main events in the Sussex Open held at Hastings on October 22-23. Vladimir Miko and Marta Luzova won the men's and women's singles respectively in two superb finals against Chester Barnes and Mary Wright. The men's final was the ultimate in cliff-hangers with Chester holding an 18-13 lead in the final set, Miko catching him, Chester holding two match points and then losing 24-26. In the women's final the English champion always looked capable of stopping her speedy opponent but just failed at 19-21 third set.

The most improved English player at Hastings was the surprise women's singles semi-finalist Karenza Smith, who is just 16. She beat Judy Williams 15, 10, Betty Bird -18, 18, 13 and came within

six points of the final when holding Marta Luzova at 15-all third set. The 12-year-old Czech Iona Vostova beat Lesley Radford -17, 18, 13, whilst Pauline Hemmings was eliminated by Judy Heaps.

Miko and Antolin Dvorak had a relatively easy win in the final over Brian Wright and Denis Neale but Roger Hampson and Mike Johns completed another fine run when they gave the Czechs a hard fight in the semi-final -18, 6, 16. A tournament-stopping clash occurred in the men's doubles other semi-final when Neale and Wright beat Barnes and Harrison 24-22 third set.

In the mixed, Roger Chandler and Judy Williams reached the semis after beating Dvorak/Vostova who accounted for Barnes and Miss Smith. In the final Miko/Luzova accounted for Brian and Mary Wright quite comfortably.

by GEOGE R. YATES

The Sussex Open 1966 lived up to its fine reputation as a miniature English Closed by attracting 21 out of 25 English ranked players plus the Czechs, two Welsh ranked players and one from Nigeria. The tournament ran smoothly throughout with only two expedite matches and the staged finals, watched by over 300, were again a model of perfection. Over 200 players competed in the men's singles, in which the losing semi-finalists were Harrison and Neale.

Results of Finals:

Men's singles: V. MIKO beat C. Barnes 20, -14, 24.

Women's singles: M. LUZOVA beat M. Wright 15, -19, 19.

Men's doubles: MIKO/DVORAK beat Wright/Neale 15, 7.

Women's doubles: M. WRIGHT/P. HEMMINGS beat Luzova/Vostova 17, 21.

Mixed doubles: MIKO/LUZOVA beat Wright/Wright 9, 16.

Veterans' singles: R. ETHERIDGE beat N. Isbell 5, -15, 20.

10; B. D. Wright (Middx) bt G. Warwick (Staffs) -19, 7, 11.

Semi-finals: NEALE bt Hydes 12, 13; WRIGHT bt Haslam 19, -14, 19.

Final: NEALE bt Wright 10, 10.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: M. HEPPELL (Northumb) bt B. Sayer (Essex) 10, -11, 15; L. S. PROUDLOCK (Yorks) bt C. Moore (Lancs) 19, 17.

Final: HEPPELL bt Proudlock 13, 23.

Men's Doubles—semi-finals: NEALE/WRIGHT bt Symonds/B. Burn (Northumb) 20, 13; HASLAM/INGBER bt Landry/Warwick 20, 6.

Final: NEALE/WRIGHT bt Haslam/Ingber 10, 11.

Women's Doubles—semi-finals: C. DUNCOMBE (Yorks)/PROUDLOCK bt D. Johnson (Ches)/Moore -16, 18,

21; B. SAYER/G. SAYER (Essex) bt P. Clark (Northumb)/Heppell 16, 20.

Final: DUNCOMBE/PROUDLOCK bt Sayer/Sayer -19, 18, 18.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: LANDY/DUNCOMBE bt J. Beaumont (Lincs)/Moore 12, 11; HYDES/HEPPELL bt R. Hampson (Ches)/Johnson 12, -14, 12.

Final: LANDRY/DUNCOMBE bt Hydes/Heppell -19, 17, 16.

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: D. R. MUNT (Warwicks) bt A. Boasman (Lancs) 7, 15; B. KEATES (Staffs) bt P. Glynn (Warwicks) 8, 17.

Final: MUNT bt Keates 20, 18.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: HEPPELL bt M. Dale (Ches) 9, 11; J. HEAPS (Ches) bt L. Forkes (Yorks) 16, 13.

Final: HEPPELL bt Heaps 19, 22.



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YORKSHIRE JOTTINGS by "White Rose"

Confident Start

YORKSHIRE have made a confident start to the season with the Premier and Junior sides unbeaten, each with two wins, and the second team with one win and a draw, and every effort will be made to maintain this record.

The committee have every intention of building up adequate reserve strength by giving young players their chance at every opportunity. To this end Yorkshire have joined with other northern counties in a series of hard practice sessions at the Bradford Sports Centre where young players of

county and potential have met one another in group play. The scheme ensures at least six sets for every player taking part against opponents of like calibre or better.

It is also the committee's intention to encourage young players of exceptional ability and to sponsor them at junior tournaments throughout the country. The first of these excursions will be to the North Herts, when Linda Forke of Castleford, Jim Coleman of Sheffield, Alan Fletcher and John Sanders of Hull and Jimmy Goldsborough of Bradford will be making the trip.

The formation of the new Junior (under 17) and Intermediate (under 20) divisions has been a real success and particularly pleasing is the fact that the Junior Division has ten member leagues and each team includes a girl. Why should not this happen in other counties rather than the despondent attitude adopted by some?

Recent acquisition to Doncaster's strength is Mike Symonds, studying at Swinton just outside the town. With Peter Duncombe, Mike Dainty and John Keys they will form a formidable side in the Yorkshire League and Wilmott Cup.

Last season's Rose Bowl team is still available (Pat Dainty, Lesley Proudlock and Cynthia Duncombe) and should again do well.

The White Rose Annual is now on sale, price 2s., and can be obtained from Mrs. Betty Mitton, 16 The Whins, Newby, Scarborough.

LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

By Joan Scott

Ladies Disappoint

THE first County trials were held in Boston during October, and the following in order of merit have been registered for the County team: B. Hill (Boston), J. Beaumont (Spalding), R. Norton (Lincoln), R. Harman (Boston), J. Radley (Lincoln), Anderson (Boston), P. Allenby (Boston). It was disappointing that no one from Grimsby or Scunthorpe was there, and that the Ladies' trial had to be cancelled for that day.

Lincoln's first game is against Scunthorpe in the Wilmott Cup and no doubt the selection committee will choose John Radley and Roy Norton, last year's Men Singles finalists, but

WELSH CORNER

by Roy Evans

WHAT emerges from the first month's Welsh play in the new season?

Two significant points, I think—the continued progress of young Haydn Thomas, and the much brighter start Monmouthshire have made in their National Counties programme than have their rivals Glamorgan.

As to Haydn's success, let us hasten to congratulate him first on being selected Boy of the Year by Johnny Leach, and to note with pleasure his runner-up positions in both under-15 and under-17 events in the Essex Junior. Quite naturally, Haydn is included in the Welsh Junior side to meet England, but we shall not see him in the Cardiff Open on November 5. Whilst the Welsh Association takes the view that its top players should play in all its own tournaments, Haydn, as holder of titles in the strong Kent Open, has been given permission to defend them on that week-end. We all hope that he will emerge as holder once again.

DEPLORABLE

Monmouthshire have exceeded past performances with a good 5-5 draw against Oxfordshire and a very good 7-3 win over Nottinghamshire. By contrast, Glamorgan failed deplorably 4-6 to Nottinghamshire and then went down 3-7 to Staffordshire. At the opening of the season I did not think that Monmouthshire stood any more chance than did Glamorgan to make much impression on the league table, but they have certainly applied themselves better to the task. The Spencer brothers, always unpredictable, seem to be playing steadier, and have been mostly responsible for the two performances, ably backed up by Elizabeth Gray.

Mansfield is still an unknown quantity, both as regards availability and play, and with Wayne Smith out with an arm injury for a long time, the Spencers and Elizabeth will still have to bear the brunt.

The Monmouthshire Junior side thoroughly whitewashed Wiltshire, and although the latter have lost players who took them to the championship of the Division last season, this was still a good win for an exceedingly strong Gwent side of Haydn Thomas, Chris Evans, Andrew Evans and Sandra Bale. I expect this team to win the Championships this season.

Glamorgan have certainly not yet

found form. Against Nottinghamshire, the new No. 1, Graham Davies, played very badly in singles and mixed doubles. He was a good deal better against Staffordshire, and had played well in the Swansea Open meanwhile. Dennis Samuel is so affected by style that he must do something about it. Against Nottinghamshire he had two good wins because he did not play the defensive Kenyon. Against Staffordshire, he was bad indeed against the defender Ward, but out-hit Eaton.

Fraser Anderson was very poor in the Nottinghamshire match, like Graham Davies, having no idea against Kenyon. Fraser is a great puzzle—he is tremendously keen, enters as many tournaments as he can, is part of the tournament scene at high level, but doesn't win his games!

Phil Bevan supplanted Fraser for the Staffordshire match, but as has happened before, found that hitters outside Wales aren't nearly as beaten by his chop as are the Welsh attackers.

SAME GAME

Margaret Phillips is playing much the same game as before, and regrettably, doesn't hit often enough. If she looked for the chance to attack more often she'd be better. The one bright spark on the Glamorgan scene is the arrival of Janet Evans, who, even if she, too, doesn't use her forehand attack as often as she should, has shown commendable improvement and the county experience is bringing maturity to her game.

SWANSEA OPEN

The Swansea Open provided English players with their usual crop of Welsh titles. Roy Morley beat Mike Johns 16, 16, 18, in the men's event, whilst Diane Simpson beat Margaret Phillips 15, 20, 13 in the women's. Morley and Holland accounted for Ron Davies and Brian Everson 11, 15, 11, in the men's doubles, and Betty Gray and Diane Simpson beat Elizabeth Gray and Stella Jones in the women's 14 and 12. Johns and Diane Simpson took the mixed from Brian Everson and Betty Gray 7 and 14.

The tournament was unfortunately marred by incidents relating particularly to the services of Mike Johns. There seems no doubt at all that it is impossible to judge the legality of some of Mike's serves, and umpires should insist that he doesn't use them if there is such doubt.

AROUND THE COUNTIES

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES by Philip Reid

Susan Baxter Stars

LEICESTERSHIRE made a good start in the Eastern Division, collecting all ten sets against Huntingdonshire. The Juniors lost 4-6 to Warwickshire but it was an encouraging performance. Star was Susan Baxter, a newcomer to representative table tennis, who was on the winning side in all three of her sets. As all the team have two more seasons as juniors, there are high hopes for the future in Leicestershire.

The Leicester teams in the Midland League were not as successful. The Men's first team lost 4-6, the second team 0-10, but the Ladies won 6-4, all against Chesterfield. Ernest McLeish and Charlie Jacques played well for the Men's team while José Rogers, with a maximum, was on good form for the ladies.

There have been big entries in all the cup competitions. The Rose

JUNIOR TRIALS

There was a good turnout for the Junior Trials after which the follow-

NORTHANTS NEWS

by David Bliss

"Goodall Tops"

NORTHAMPTON started their defence of the South East Midlands League title with two 7-3 wins over Bedford and Bletchley. John Goodall is again showing good form and is unbeaten in both singles and doubles.

Goodall playing for his club, U.T.C., is the only 100 per cent player in the top half of the Northampton Premier Division after only three weeks. U.T.C. head the division with 24 points from Express Lifts with 21, whom they beat in the opening game by 6-4.

Wellingborough, wooden spoonists in the S.E.M.L. last season made a promising start to this session by only just losing to Hunts Central 6-4. John Huddle was the star for Wellingborough, winning both singles.

Table tennis in Wellingborough is really booming, for only two years ago there were only 19 teams in the League, and this has now risen to over 60.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by J. D. Ellis

Peter's Good Start

AFTER their great first-ever win over Glamorgan at Cardiff the Senior County team seemed to lack fight and initiative when unexpectedly defeated by Monmouthshire at Grantham and the only bright note was the continued good form of Work-sop's Peter Kenyon. Peter, our most successful player last season, has won his four singles sets to date without losing a game.

For their first match of the season the County Junior team entertained Worcestershire Juniors at Nottingham. The Notts team consisted of Jeff Watson (Sutton-in-Ashfield), David Seymour (Newark), M. Cox (Work-sop) and Miss Janet Campbell (Nottingham) had an easy 9-1 win.

With the Grantham League now affiliated eight entries have been received for the Senior Inter-Town League together with five entries for the Junior League. Attempts to form Veteran and Ladies' sections of this league appear to have been unsuccessful.

CUMBERLAND COMMENT by Ron Rigg

So Close to First Point

DEFEATED in their first two matches in the County Championships, it would appear that table tennis followers in Cumberland have every right to feel despondent. However, this is far from the case and in

fact, county officials were absolutely delighted to see their team fight tremendously hard against Lincolnshire and come very near to obtaining their first point.

A feature of these early matches has been the sparkling form shown by Ron Batty, who is playing better now than at any time I can remember. Ron's win against John Keys in the Yorkshire match was followed by two fine victories in the "friendly" against Denbighshire (won 6-4 by Cumberland) and then climaxed by his effortless dismissal of Beaumont and Norton in the Lincolnshire clash.

Possibly inspired by Ron's efforts, Harry Bowman and Alan Dixon are playing as well as at any time in their careers, Harry was rewarded with his first-ever county win in the last match, whilst Alan continues to impress all and sundry with his possibilities for the future.

THE TWO GEORGES DEPART

The resignations of the two Georges, Gault and Gray, have left the County Committee rather depleted at the moment. George Gault has left the area to join the Metropolitan Police whilst George Gray wishes to devote more time to the leadership of his local Church group.

Judging by the number of requests for entry forms, there could be a record entry for the Cumberland Open on November 26. All those

knowing the strength of the opposition, Whitehaven could not face their first round Wilmott Cup game against Northumberland with any degree of confidence, but at least they are in a happier position than Carlisle who have to make the long journey to Huddersfield.

With a full county side at their command and with a bye in the first round, Whitehaven have high hopes of winning their group of the Carter Cup competition.



Former Surrey county player, in the Bernard Crouch competition, Dennis Littlewort of Camden Avenue, Peckham, is here seen under an archway of table tennis bats at his wedding, on September 10 at St. Paul's, Herne Hill, to the former Miss Joyce Cartwright.

Strongly connected with the South London, Dulwich (seven times champion) and the Travel Trade Leagues, Denis was the fourth member of the last South London team to win the Wilmott Cup (Venner, Crayden and Head).

England captain Ron Crayden is on Denis' immediate right.

NEWS FROM THE WEST by Onlooker

Albert Heals Retires

WITH the season only just under way, most leagues have got off to rather a quiet start.

Most startling piece of news comes from Exeter where Albert Heals, Devon and Exeter champion, has decided to go into retirement. This only results will tell who the third player will be.

sadly weakens the Exeter team, and unless Mike Lyons and Mike Rattue step up their game a few points will mean that Plymouth players will dominate the county scene.

Newcomer making his mark is Cleve Judson (ex Oxford) who is showing some impressive form in the Plymouth League. Adrian Wright, too, seems to be approaching his best

form, and with Judson will provide backbone of the Plymouth team this season. Juniors in the limelight are Bob Parkins and Dave James who gave a good account of themselves at the Junior trials at Bristol. Nine-year-old Keith James seems set on following in brother Dave's footsteps and recently made his league debut managing to notch a win and narrowly lose another in the third game.

Jack Carrington's visit to Exeter was as expected a huge success, and Exeter secretary Kath Lemilliere was particularly pleased with the number of girls taking part, which will mean that the Exeter Junior girls' cup will be competed for this season for the first time in several seasons.

EXHIBITIONS GIVEN ANYWHERE IN BRITAIN

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WARWICKSHIRE NOTES by Roger Morris

Not One—But Two!

TWO Junior internationals in one season. Warwickshire providing half the team for the first international match of the season against Wales. This is a great honour for the county and the two boys concerned. Never before in one season have Warwickshire had two Junior internationals in one season.

The two boys also followed up their selection by winning an open Junior title. Paul Judd won the North of Middlesex and Derek Munt won the North of England. Quickly on top of this the county also selected them for the first team.

Our three county teams have started off with a bang.

**MIDLANDS TABLE
TENNIS LEAGUE**

by A. A. Wall

THE first few matches have brought no outstanding results and in the majority of clashes the same old faces appear. Although Leicester lost at home in Division 1 to Cheltenham, Jacques and McLeish both won two each and it would be interesting to know the number of times they have appeared for their town. Deaton won his three for Chesterfield. Merrett and Morley, of Gloucester, and Lush and Hawkins, of Worcester, must also have taken part in many, many fights, but it is doubted whether the latter have experienced many 10-0 defeats as they did in this case.

In Division 2, newcomers Nuneaton did very well to hold Nottingham "B" to a 4-6 defeat, no player on either side winning three. Walsall "B" beat Darlaston 8-2 and Chesterfield "B" inflicted a 10-0 defeat on Leicester "B".

Derby began well in the Intermediate Section, winning 8-2 at Nottingham, the latter winning the doubles and the last singles of the evening. Oxford had a good match when visiting Worcester, R. Hall winning three for the losers.

In the Junior Section, Birmingham trounced West Bromwich 9-1 without using any of their top players whilst Walsall Juniors lost to Wolverhampton 2-8, Reeves, Coley and Sim for the winners looking good county prospects. Coventry beat Worcester by 7 sets to 3, six sets going to the best of three games.

VETERANS UNDER WAY

Veterans' matches got well under way: West Bromwich and Walsall "B" drawing 5-5, no one winning three, Mrs. Cumberbatch again being probably the only woman Veteran playing in this league. Wesley won his three for West Bromwich. The battle at Nottingham between their "A" and "B" teams went quite justifiably to the "A" team by 7-3, Page and Bolton both winning three. Darlaston beat Walsall by 8-2 convincingly but a very close match at Coventry against Worcester "B" was won by the home team 6-4.

Bullock deputised for Hall in Worcester "A's" home match against Oxford and won one and only narrowly losing the others. Birmingham "B" beat Cheltenham by 7 sets to 3.

In the Ladies' matches, Leicester beat Chesterfield 6-4 but unfortunately we now hear that Chesterfield will have to withdraw owing to Old Man Stork. West Bromwich continued their championship run of last season by entertaining and beating Coventry 10-0, but two of the best three matches were only won by 21-19 on the third.

SUSSEX NOTES by John Woodford

"Oggy" The Expedite King

SAM Ogundipe the current Sussex No. 2 is swiftly becoming one of the more colourful characters of the tournament circuit. Jovial Sam, or "Oggy" as he is known in Sussex, is a skilful defensive exponent of the rubber bat and is also gaining a reputation as a player using the time clock and the expedite rules more often than most. His home is Nigeria and he would obviously be one of their leading players if living there.

In England he has beaten several ranked players and caused many to perspire profusely after marathon rallies. When required to attack under expedite rules he can also cause trouble to his opponents. In the recent Sussex men's inter-league championships at Lewes he led the Brighton team to victory in the final

In the first match of the season against Oxford's first we won 7-3. Star of the match was undoubtedly Paul Judd, who had wins against Stan Hahn and the experienced Alf David, who even with his renowned tongue-out style failed to beat Paul. Derek Munt had a satisfactory debut and together with Ingrid Sykes made this the youngest county team ever to play for Warwickshire. In the win, however, we should not forget the excellent backing these young players received from Derek Backhouse and Barbara Carless.

The second team also opened very impressively. With the county debut in the senior singles of two more young players—Jenny Cornock and Philip Richardson—they beat Derbyshire second team with flying colours. At the same time the Junior team, depleted by the absence of Derek Munt, Paul Judd and Jenny Cornock managed to scrape home 6-4 in an exciting match with Leicester. The absence of these players allowed five young players to make their debut for the junior teams; Pat Glynn and Roger Clarke won their singles, while Paul Cammerer and Michael Sykes managed to take the boys' doubles. Susan Clarke was a little overwrought, but should be a real star in the future.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES by Leslie Constable

Change of Coaching Venue

COACHING sessions for Juniors which are being held at the Y.M.C.A., may be transferred to the Sea Cadets Club as the future of the Y.M.C.A. is doubtful.

It is a good thing that a suitable place has been found for the younger generation and three new tables are being purchased by the Cambs Association for this new clubroom.

Wisbech are quickly rejuvenating their set-up and are quite well off financially with officials who are of the go-ahead variety. It will come as no surprise if they provide players for the county in the near future.

The Cambs Association is now 30 years old and there are still people who played then who are still in action today.

Many obstacles have been negotiated since those days when a few

NORTHUMBERLAND NEWS

by Arnald Warents

Dignan to Take Over?

HARD on the heels of our 6-4 defeat by Lancashire, came the selection committee's decision to appoint a non-playing captain to take charge of the County teams.

Experienced and battle-hardened veteran Harry Dignan has been approached.

League secretary Michael Lynch and Hexham's Len Heppell both struck on the idea of running regular coach services to tournaments.

MORE GIRLS

We have more keen girls than usual this season. Nancy Ferguson, Theresa Heppell, Elaine Simpson and, of course, Maureen Heppell are at the forefront.

Maureen regained her confidence and form to snatch the North of England Open from a strong women's contingent. It was her first-ever success against Lesley Proudlock.

Durham County player Colin Eltringham is assisting Woodlands Park with great skill. Colin has dropped only one set—to Brian Burn.

with a 5-2 win over Eastbourne. During the day's play there were two unbeaten players, Derek Holman (Brighton) the Hampshire No. 1, and Peter Williams (Eastbourne). Ogundipe was expected to remain unbeaten but he fell 29-27, 16-21, 21-14 to Williams in a final clash lasting nearly an hour and played under expedite from the 15 minute halt in the first set when Williams led 7-3. In the middle of this fine battle the Nigerian matched Williams's attack stroke for stroke but in the later stages the Eastbourne player's attack gained more consistency to win the match.

In the earlier play Brighton crushed both Hastings and Bognor 9-0, whilst Eastbourne beat Worthing 7-2 and Crawley 5-0, the shock result of the day.

**AROUND
THE
COUNTIES**

NORFOLK NOTES by J. S. Penny

Webster Excels

NORFOLK opened their Junior Division East programme by entertaining Essex. Dick Frost had asked for a 1 p.m. start and, by 3.20 p.m., Essex (D. Bowles, S. Willis, F. Kennedy, Linda Henwood and Miss L. Faldo) emerged victorious by 7 sets to 3. For Norfolk, William Webster

excelled in beating Kennedy and Willis, and Stephen Bassett also beat Kennedy. Our ladies, Pat Kelf, Pat Sutton and Susan Allen, had a hard afternoon, but it was a pleasure to watch the forthright play of Miss Henwood. One noticed that some serving on both sides was at times somewhat suspect. This is a matter for coaches to correct.

LANCS & CHESHIRE NOTES by Geo. R. Yates

George Fackrell Takes Over

SUCCESSING Norman Cook as Hon. Secretary of both the Lancashire and Cheshire Associations, George T. H. Fackrell will combine the duties with those demanded of him as Hon. Treasurer of the two counties.

As also the newly elected National Councillor for Lancashire, Organising Secretary of the Lancashire Open and Vice-Chairman of the Bolton S.S.S. League, our George, for the first time, might well consider his plate to be full.

Right against the "book" was Lancashire's 6-4 win over Northumberland at Gateshead.

The subsequent 8-2 defeat of Durham, at Bolton, has put them well on the road to recovery and with

numerous prospects in the junior category, headed by Brian Mitchell, the clouds of last season are beginning to disperse.

Hardly underway as yet the Lincs & Cheshire League programme has already proved a few theories.

Reigning Division 1 champions Bolton, despite a faltering start in their opening match against Liverpool, ran out comfortable 8-2 winners over last season's runners-up.

Manchester made an inauspicious start in losing, at home, to promotees Hyde, whilst fellow promotees Preston took a 9-1 hammering from Burnley.

Junior champions Bolton turning out the county's Nos. 1, 2 and 3—Mitchell, Colin Lang and Stephen Kaufman—handed out a 10-0 drubbing to their foremost rivals Burnley in the North Section of a now split Junior Division.

**SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS
LEAGUE CHATTER**

by LESLIE CONSTABLE

THE League programme is heavy this season and with a new division to provide for—the Veterans—there will be an even more colourful programme than last season.

Last season's champions of the Men's Section, Northampton, will be all out to retain their title likewise Cambridge City and Bletchley in the Junior and Ladies' Sections respectively.

A new competition in the shape of the John Dalton Memorial Cup is being held and sponsored by Bletchley for whom the late John Dalton was a stalwart.

LEAGUE CLASH

Dereham put up an excellent fight when they played Norwich "B" at Norwich Y.M.C.A., in the first East Anglian League clash of the season. They pulled up to 3-4 before losing the last three sets. Both Bob Perry, the Norfolk president, and his wife, Stella, were playing for Norwich. Terry Purple and Brian Loveday impressed for Dereham, as did Mrs. Betts, who beat Beryl Baker.

The great event in November will be the Norfolk Closed, to be held on Saturday, the 26th, at the Civil Defence H.Q., Norwich.

Perhaps the most interesting development of the season is the new league now flourishing at Fakenham, with twelve teams in Division I and eleven in Division II. Colkirk, British Legion "A" and Mann Egerton "A" lead Division I and Mann Egerton "B", Longlands and Rudham Y.C. "A" head Division II.

PROGRESS

Gordon Harrison, whose wife, Marion, is the present Norwich champion, tells me that great progress is being made with the Norwich and Fringe Area Youth Centres League. Last season they had 13 teams from the County, but this year he expects some 32 sides in three divisions which will also include Norwich Youth Clubs.

The Great Yarmouth League loses one of its leading players with the retirement of Charlie Carter of Halvergate. He will long be remembered with his wooden bat and deadly stonewalling.

Alan Coby, the Norfolk and former Norwich player, has accepted an invitation to captain Lowestoft. He still plays for Norwich C.E.Y.M.S., in the Norwich League, as well.

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THE ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL GAMES

A blueprint by Tom Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) and Conrad Jaschke (Hon. International Secretary) showing the division of duties concerning the staging of international matches

AS a general principle, the International Secretary has overall responsibility for all international matches staged in England (under terms of reference made by the National Council). The local organisers appoint an Organising Secretary who is the official responsible for local arrangements, and who deals with the International Secretary and with other officials as outlined in this memo, and co-ordinates the work of all local helpers.

All those concerned with the staging of international matches will have a copy of this memo so that they know exactly the extent of their field of responsibility.

International Secretary

(On policy matters the International Secretary will consult the E.T.T.A. Chairman)

1. Negotiate with foreign associations and agree date of matches.
2. Agree composition of teams in consultation with selection committee.
3. Agree financial terms in consultation with the Hon. Treasurer.
4. Liaise with the responsible officials regarding TV.
5. Arrange venues, advise all concerned of arrangements made and supervise the arrangements.
6. Advise local match organisers the make of table and ball to be used.
7. Appoint Referee and E.T.T.A. Representative.
8. Supply all relevant information to Press Officer.
9. Arrange for national flags, anthems and pennants and/or souvenir gifts.
10. Scrutinise the proofs of programme.
11. Send appropriate letters of thanks after match.

National Selection Committee

1. Agree the dates of international matches with International Secretary.
2. Select teams, captains and reserves.
3. Advise selected players, and their county and league secretaries.
4. Ensure players wear proper clothing, including badges.
5. Advise players of venue and travel arrangements, specify time of arrival at venue, provide tickets and, if required, visas.

Team Captain

1. Contact players and reserves shortly after they have received the official notification from the selection committee, and confirm travel arrangements with them. Special care in case of new "cap."
2. Ensure players are in practice, and if necessary, arrange pre-match training.
3. Contact organising body re practice facilities.
4. Inspect players' dress and equipment on arrival.
5. Confirm programme of play with opposing captain—this will have been agreed beforehand. Advise him of any special or unusual matters affecting play.
6. Confer with local organisers regarding arrangements for presentation of teams, seating in arena, meal arrangements for players, and arrange procedure for exchanges of pennants and/or presents.
7. Ensure players are kept together during match and no unauthorised person advises players.
8. Report to Referee any non-compliance with the laws of the game.
9. Consult local organisers on question of speeches to be made.
10. Submit brief report to International Secretary.

Referee

1. Inspect playing arena before the date of match.

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4. Check table, lights, net and balls before match commences.

5. All questions of presentations, etc., should be agreed by the Referee.

6. No alteration in the agreed order of play can be made except with the permission of the Referee.

7. The Referee is responsible for all interpretations of the laws of table tennis, but cannot overrule umpires on decisions of fact. He can, however, replace any umpire if necessary.

8. Referees are recommended not to allow knocking-up once the paying public are present, except for the usual reasonable period just before players commence the match.

9. Submit brief report to the International Secretary after match.

E.T.T.A. Representatives

1. Contact local organisers, confirm general arrangements with them and offer any help that may be required.

2. Ensure local organisers are aware of usual procedure of pre-match presentation of teams, etc., and if not, give full details. Offer to help with the presentation arrangements.

3. Attend any pre-match meal or get-together.

4. Attend any after-match function, and speak on behalf of the E.T.T.A.

5. Submit brief report to International Secretary after match.

E.T.T.A. Treasurer

1. Confirm financial arrangements with International Secretary.

2. Arrange financial details with local organisers.

3. Pay travel expenses to and from venue.

4. Obtain financial statement from local organisers.

5. Complete financial statement and settle with local organisers.

E.T.T.A. Press Officer

1. Give preliminary announcements to Press.

2. Make arrangements for local publicity and press facilities with local organisers and offer local Press Officer any help that may be needed.

3. Supply local organisers with pen pictures of players.

Local Organisers

1. The local organisers shall appoint an Organising Secretary who is to deal with all the officials mentioned earlier in this memorandum, and who will co-ordinate the work of the officials/committees mentioned below in paragraph 5.

2. Organising Secretary to book venue after confirmation by International Secretary.

3. Organising Secretary to refer to International Secretary any approach by TV companies.

4. Organising Secretary to arrange financial details with E.T.T.A. Treasurer—direct or through International Secretary.

It is understood that the E.T.T.A. take financial responsibility for all international matches. The E.T.T.A. pay all expenses as agreed beforehand with local organisers, and the E.T.T.A. take all income. BUT local organisers will receive an agreed percentage of net profit.

Before arriving at a net profit figure, a proportion of the E.T.T.A.'s expenses in bringing foreign teams to this country will be debited to the match. A per-

centage of the net profit will be paid back by the E.T.T.A. to the local organisers on a sliding scale depending on the amount of net profit made.

5. The local organisers (or the Organising Secretary) should set up sub-committees, or appoint officials, for the following functions. (N.B. Some of these functions may, of course, be handled personally by the Organising Secretary if practicable):

(a) BOX OFFICE AND TICKET SALES

- (i) Print and distribute tickets, and keep detailed record of sales.
- (ii) Make arrangements for ticket sales at door.
- (iii) Ensure seats are marked and numbered correctly.
- (iv) Ensure suitable tickets are supplied to V.I.P.'s and officials. (The International Secretary or his representative will give instructions regarding complimentary tickets for E.T.T.A. V.I.P.'s).
- (v) Balance cash with sales and submit detailed statement to Organising Secretary.
- (vi) Liaise with programme sellers.

(b) RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY

- (i) Book accommodation as advised by International Secretary and inspect it personally. Single rooms should be booked unless advised to the contrary, and everyone should be booked together in one hotel if possible.
- (ii) Obtain arrival times of teams and officials and arrange meals accordingly.
- (iii) Ensure soft drinks available for players as required.
- (iv) Liaise with box office to ensure suitable seating arrangements for V.I.P.'s.
- (v) Arrange for V.I.P.'s to be met and assign local officials to look after them.
- (vi) Arrange introduction of V.I.P.'s to local officials.
- (vii) Arrange form of pre-match introduction of V.I.P.'s and players with the Referee.
- (viii) Make suitable presentation to any lady V.I.P.'s.
- (ix) Arrange after-match meal and ensure this is attended by invitation only.
- (x) The following E.T.T.A. officials should be included in all functions, if present: Chairman, Treasurer, Deputy Chairman, International Secretary and, of course, the Referee and the E.T.T.A. representative appointed for the match.

(c) PRESS AND PUBLICITY

- (i) Contact E.T.T.A. Press Officer well in advance of match, exchange ideas on publicity, and ensure flow of information both ways.
- (ii) Advise local Press as early as possible and mention match in local newspaper as often as possible.
- (iii) Arrange pre-match advertising within financial budget agreed by International Secretary or E.T.T.A. Treasurer, as follows: local newspapers, local transport, window bills, car stickers, posters, club notice boards, local football club programme, general and county association circulars, local radio.
- (iv) Ensure suitable seats and facilities for Press.
- (v) Ensure facilities for action pictures, but not during play.
- (vi) Ensure suitable reports are sent to local newspapers who are not represented by their own reporters.
- (vii) Send press cuttings to E.T.T.A. Press Officer.

(d) EQUIPMENT

- (i) The International Secretary will stipulate make of ball to be used. Official in charge of equipment should confirm with the Organising Secretary that the relevant supply of free balls has been received from the manufacturers a few days before match.

(ii) The International Secretary will stipulate the make of table to be used, and the official in charge of equipment should arrange with the manufacturers concerned for the free installation of the match table.

(iii) Make arrangements for nets and posts, surrounds, scoring machines, time clocks and suitable lighting.

(iv) If in any doubt about I.T.T.F. regulations regarding equipment, lighting, playing area, etc., the Referee should be consulted well in advance of match. Equipment should be installed the evening before match if possible, to give time to overcome any snags that may arise. The equipment will be inspected by the Referee when he arrives at the venue, which should normally be some hours before the start of match.

(v) Ensure sufficient chairs available at venue.

(vi) Provide table and chairs for umpire and scorers.

(vii) Provide jug of water, or soft drinks, and glasses, on umpires' table.

(viii) Check amplifying equipment and ensure microphone is available for umpires, and for speeches.

(ix) If it is possible to provide a scoreboard, ensure that this is suitably placed, and kept up to date during match.

(x) If national flags are used, ensure they are suitably placed.

(xi) Ensure suitable equipment for playing of national anthems.

(e) TRANSPORT AND STEWARDS

- (i) Arrange for collection and return of equipment as necessary.
- (ii) Arrange with A.A. or R.A.C. for signposting of routes on day of the match.
- (iii) Arrange any necessary transport for players and officials in consultation with Organising Secretary, who will have been informed by the International Secretary of travel arrangements made by the E.T.T.A.
- (iv) Ensure sufficient parking space, and reserve parking space for V.I.P.'s and officials.
- (v) Arrange late-night public transport if necessary.
- (vi) Arrange for stewards to assist box office, equipment official and umpires, and to sell programmes.

(f) PROGRAMME

- (i) Agree size, make-up, cost and quantity to be printed, and the selling price, with the International Secretary. (At least two printers should be asked to quote.)
- (ii) Obtain advertisements, aiming to obtain enough advertising to cover printing cost. National advertisers should be charged at the rate of five guineas per full page, and in addition, as much local advertising as possible should be obtained.
- (iii) The programme should include schedule of play, pen pictures (to be obtained from E.T.T.A. Press Officer), special articles and acknowledgements as appropriate. Either the front cover, or inside cover, should contain list of officials as follows:

E.T.T.A.

Patron : H.M. The Queen
Chairman

Deputy Chairman

Hon. Treasurer

Hon. International Secretary

Organising Secretary

Director of Coaching

Members of the E.T.T.A.

Management Committee

Hon. Referee

E.T.T.A. Representative

(all the above in bold print, and if space permits, the members of National Council to be listed below in smaller print.) There should then follow the local officials, in

sequence as decided by the local organisers.

(iv) Obtain copy and printing blocks from advertisers and contributors, submit to printers, check proofs and send proof copy to International Secretary to enable him to suggest any necessary alterations before printing.

(v) Arrange delivery in good time and co-ordinate programme sales with box office and stewards. Ensure players, V.I.P.'s and officials get free copies. Reconcile cash with sales after match.

(vi) Collect and return blocks to advertisers, render invoices and collect cash for advertisements.

(vii) Send International Secretary three copies with detailed results.

Roland Obtains "Stamp of Approval"



On the evening of November 8, 1956, Georges Roland, Belgium's team captain, National Coach, and No. 1 player for many years "starred" for his country in quite a different international sphere.

Together with colleague Sylvain Arend of the Belgium Royal Observatory at Uccle, a heavenly body was discovered on that night now universally known as the Arend-Roland Comet.

In acknowledgement of the discovery, ten years ago, a commemorative stamp has recently been issued which should be of particular interest to those of the table tennis fraternity with philately as a hobby. The stamp shows the comet printed in yellow against a blue background, a telescope and the wording 8-11-1956, Comete-Komeet, Arend-Roland.

Classified Advertisements

PUBLICATIONS

STARKE'S TABLE AND LAWN TENNIS TECHNOLOGY tells you "HOW" and so makes play more interesting. It costs 7s. 6d. (unbound 5s. 6d.) and you can get a copy from 182 Morden Road, Merton Park, London, S.W.19.

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

THOSE SERVICES!

I was interested to read in Colin Clemett's "Umpires' Corner" in the October issue of *Table Tennis News* some proposed alterations to the service laws.

As a player, I find services to be almost always not in accord with the service law. Almost invariably the ball is either held in a cupped hand, thrown backwards onto the racket, dropped from the hand instead of thrown upwards or any combination of the foregoing.

When umpiring, I resolve in my mind two things. (a) is the server intending to gain an advantage by his illegal serve, and (b) is the receiver being distracted by it. If either of these is so then I take appropriate action. If neither is the case, then I overlook it completely. However, I feel there are other service "actions" which should be dealt with each time they occur. One of the worst, which is being quickly picked up by young players (copying much more experienced ones), is stamping the foot at the moment of serve. There is no other reason for this but to disturb the opponent's concentration.

May I end by asking Mr. Clemett one final question. How long is a reasonable time for a player to take when serving? In a recent match, with

the score 19-18 in my favour, my opponent took at least seven to eight seconds before serving. (Try this yourself, it can seem like an age, standing completely still all this time.) When I appealed after the game, which I managed to win, the other team's coach said he had told this player to take time to compose himself before serving.

R. A. WEIR
Chairman, Dulwich and District
Table Tennis League

Table Tennis and the Press

Little has happened in Staffordshire since my last notes so I want this month to take a look at things at the national level.

My main concern is the relationship between table tennis and the Press. Very little space in the national papers is allocated to internationals, tournaments, county matches, etc., and yet sports reporters up and down the country really go to town on the Johnny Leach affair.

This is the sort of publicity table tennis can do without. An article in the *Sunday Telegraph* said that the letter sent by Neale and Warren was yet another wave on the decks of a boat that has been rocking for some time. The report goes on to say that the *Table Tennis* magazine folded because the E.T.T.A. had withdrawn official recognition. After reading "It's up to you" in the new *Table Tennis News*, it is easy to see that the E.T.T.A. are 100 per cent behind the journal.

Why and how then do these stories reach Fleet Street? It was a pity that Warren and Neale had to write this letter but this is something to be sorted out by the E.T.T.A. and Johnny Leach. The point I am trying to make is that internal problems like this should never be released to the Press.

I was pleasantly surprised when receiving the first edition of *Table Tennis News*. The magazine in its new format was newsy and well laid out. I only hope now that Louis Hoffman will succeed in his circulation drive, for I am sure everyone feels the new journal has a great future.

JOHN PIKE

A World Sport

I am at present writing a thesis to make people aware of the position and popularity of table tennis as a serious sport in the world today, and to remove the persistent image it retains as a parlour game.

I would be most grateful to anyone who could forward me information relating to the topics below, or who could give me any information they think relevant to the above title. Evidence that increased participation in the 30's resulted from exhibitions by the "Barna Circus", and from unemployment, together with evidence from other sources.

The growth of table tennis in China and Japan.

D. H. STANLEY
East Tower
Loughborough College of P.E.
Loughborough

Plea From Florida

I am a player of table tennis and I wish very much to correspond with women table tennis players from your country.

Would you please help me by printing my desire for pen-pals in your *Table Tennis News* letters.

I play for the Orlando Table Tennis Club in Florida.

JAMES LEGGETT

P.O. Box 10152
Teft, Florida 32809
U.S.A.

Administration Simplified Addressing

One of the more tedious jobs of a league secretary is addressing envelopes to his fellow officers and the secretaries of all the clubs in his league. Few secretaries have much access to addressing machines, and only the largest sports organisations, such as E.T.T.A., are likely to have or to be able to afford their own. However, this task can be virtually eliminated by duplicating all the names and addresses on gummed paper at the start of each season.

A typical label will contain five lines—the person's name, his position (or club) and a three-line address. About thirty such labels can be easily accommodated on a single quarto sheet in three columns of ten.

This method of addressing has two further advantages. It is only necessary to cut up a sheet of sticky labels and stick one on each envelope to ensure complete circulation and of course, there is no need to check them for accuracy each time.

If each league sends a few sheets to its county secretary, the work of county officials may also be eased.

PETER B. LINDLEY
Hon. Secretary
W.G.C. & Hatfield T.T. League

THE PAINS OF CIRCULATION

By LOUIS HOFFMAN, O.M.S.

BEING unqualified and thereby "quack", I cannot do the circulation myself, but I can arrange for you to be circulated painlessly. Success is guaranteed. On the 10th of every month your needless worrying and anxious impatience will be cured. All you have to do is send me direct, or to your own county O.M.S., a 10s. cheque or postal order, and you join

the band of H.P.P. (Happy Ping Players).

Joking aside, we need everyone of you to help in selling journals. Bulldoze your friends into taking out a subscription. Better still, if they do not subscribe, buy them a subscription as a Christmas present.

YOUR MONEY—YOUR JOURNAL

Word of mouth is still one of the best ways of bringing the journal to one's notice. Talk about it when you are playing in your next match. Criticise it, fight over it, condemn it, praise it. Do all these things and more; remember this is your journal. Your money is going into publishing it. We want it to be self-supporting (and to make a profit). All the things you want in a journal can be had if enough people BUY IT. There are 170,000 registered players in English table tennis. Can you talk just a few of them into taking out a subscription. If you love the game I know you will try, and if you try you will help the sport you love.

By the way, I have sixteen very active counties selling journals. Also a number of leagues. Two leagues have an inclusive fee which provide a journal, one on a club basis and one on a team basis. That is what I should like to see throughout the country.

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



National Coaching Scheme News

E.T.T.A. TRAINING CENTRES

Places may now be booked for the following sessions:

HARLOW (Sport Centre, Hammarskjold Road)

SUNDAYS 2 to 6.45 p.m.

1966: December 18	All levels
1967: January 8th	All levels
February 5	League Parties' Day
February 26	All levels
March 12	All levels
April 2	All levels
May 7	League Parties' Day

SCHOOLS: Official classes are held every Monday and Wednesday afternoons in term.

Christmas Holiday Tournament Rally on Tuesday, January 3, 1967, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BRADFORD (Sports Centre, Parkside Road, off Manchester Road)

SUNDAYS 11 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.

1966: November 13	All levels
December 11	County Invitation Day
1967: January 15	All levels
February 12	All levels
March 5	County Invitation Day
March 19	All levels
April 9	League Parties' Day
April 30	All levels
May 21	All levels

SCHOOLS: Christmas Holiday Tournament Rally on Tuesday, January 3, 1967, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reminders: Dress must be correct and clean. All persons "on the floor" must wear plimsolls. Light canteen snacks available.

Enrolments: Applications with fee 5s. 0d. per person to:

BRADFORD
P. Simpson, 30 Vesper Gate Mount, Leeds, 5, Yorkshire

HARLOW

J. Carrington, 24 Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex. Telephone: VA Lentine 5838

E.T.T.A. SCHOOLS CENTRE

By courtesy of Mr. J. A. Maxwell, Headmaster, coaching sessions have been arranged at the HARTSHILL HIGH SCHOOL, Church Road, Hartshill, Nuneaton.

Young players, still attending school, will be welcomed at the following sessions, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (unless specially notified):

Friday, November 11	Schools coaching—Local
Saturday, November 26	Schools coaching—Open
Friday, December 9	Schools coaching—Local
Saturday, January 14	Schools coaching—Open
Saturday, February 4	Schools events, combined with County Junior events—details will be circulated
Saturday, March 4	
Saturday, April 12	
Saturday, May 6	
Saturday, June 17	
Saturday, July 8th	

Enrolment: Applications, with fee of 2s. 6d. per player per session, should be sent to:

Director of Coaching, E.T.T.A.
24 Worcester Gardens
Ilford, Essex

Dress: All players must wear plimsolls, shorts (or skirt) and sports shirt (not white).

Refreshments: Only light canteen snacks available.

Coaching students: Your attendance on the sessions marked above will also be welcomed.

Directions: The School is near Chapel End, on the A.47 road from Birmingham to Nuneaton. The best approach from the A.5 is to turn off from Atherstone; this avoids going through Nuneaton roadworks, etc.

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