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NEW SECRETARY

MR. DEREK RUPERT TREMAYNE has been appointed the new Organising Secretary of the English Table Tennis Association and will take up duty on December 1.

From Sutton Coldfield, Mr. Tremayne will vacate the position of Administrator to the Midland Counties A.A.A. on November 30.

Married, with three children, the new secretary has seen service with the R.A.F. and prior to his A.A.A.'s appointment was National Coach to Nyasaland.

Mr. Tremayne holds a Teacher's Certificate and a Diploma in Physical Education.

Meanwhile, subject to approval by the National Council at the next meeting, Mr. Harry Walker has been appointed as an Assistant Secretary and will staff the office with Mrs. Martin. All correspondence should be addressed to:

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CZECHS RAISE THE CURTAIN

CZECHOSLOVAKIA will provide the opposition to ring up the curtain on England's home international programme when, from Utrecht following the Netherlands Open, they will fly in a mixed (2 man, 2 woman) team for a short 3-match tour starting in the North-east on Tuesday evening, October 18.



Marta Luzova

Photo by Michael Maclaren

County Durham provides the venue for the opening clash at the Sports Centre, North End Recreation Ground, Norton Road, Stockton-on-Tees. Ticket enquiries should be made to the Organising Secretary, Mr. C. Davison, 1 Burnside Court, Hartburn, Stockton.

The second match is scheduled for the following night, October 19 (7.15 p.m.) at the spacious St. George's Hall, Hall Ings, Bradford. Yorkshire's county secretary Walter Mitton will have charge of arrangements here and tickets can be obtained from him at 16 The Whins, Newby, Scarborough.

Finally, on Thursday, October 20, all roads should lead to the

Corn Exchange, Newbury, for which match Mr. A. A. J. Mosson of 29 Croft Road, Newbury, has charge of ticket sales.

MIKO AND LUZOVA LEAD

European mixed doubles title holders, Vladimir Miko and Marta Luzova will spearhead the Czech team otherwise comprising two of the up-and-coming school in A. Dvorak and Miss I. Vostova.

Few who were privileged to witness the dramatic women's singles final at the last English Open at Brighton will forget the fighting

qualities of Marta Luzova who brought the crowd to its feet in acknowledgement of her glorious victory over Maria Alexandru of Rumania.

From that point of view spectator interest should be assured and more so at Stockton whose officials have prevailed upon the E.T.T.A.'s Management Committee to request the selectors to include Chester Barnes in the team previously announced which they have agreed to do.

Individually or collectively the Czechs should prove a great attraction and to oppose them England have chosen the following teams:

October 18 at Stockton

Chester Barnes (Essex), Denis Neale (Yorks), Stuart Gibbs (Essex), Mary Shannon-Wright (Surrey) and Maureen Heppell (Northumberland).

Non-playing Captain: Johnny Leach (Essex).

October 19 at Bradford

Chester Barnes, Dennis Neale, Mary Shannon-Wright and Lesley Bell (Essex).

Non-playing Captain: Johnny Leach.

October 20 at Newbury

Chester Barnes, Stuart Gibbs, Mary Shannon-Wright and Pauline Hemmings (Herts).

Non-playing Captain: Ron Crayden (Surrey).



Vladimir Miko

Photo by Michael Maclaren

ENGLAND'S DOUBLE OVER NETHERLANDS

Ron Crayden describes the Summer Successes

LONDON

At the National Recreation Centre on a glorious June afternoon and under television lights, a strong England team had a comfortable win over the top ranking players from Holland.

Although all but the final singles went to three, the result of the match never seemed in doubt, but credit is due to the Dutch players for fighting every inch of the way.

For the home side, Pauline Martin showed particularly fine form and in the opening singles accounted for the experienced and awkward Ria Bogmans. This opener set the pattern for the afternoon and brought the best out of the normally volatile Connie Warren. Connie played with great gusto and behaved with laudable restraint.

Ian Harrison came through in fine style in his singles against the redoubtable Frans Schoofs and our other featured player Mary Shannon-Wright, did all that was expected of her.

The match was terminated after seven sets as members of the teams had to catch a train from Euston to Blackpool. Result:

ENGLAND 6 NETHERLANDS 1

Miss P. Martin beat Miss R. Bogmans 14, -17, 17; C. Warren beat B. Schoofs -17, 15, 13; Mrs. M. Shannon-Wright beat Miss A. Wijnants 11, -21, 11; I. Harrison beat F. Schoofs 13, -11, 12; Shannon-Wright/Martin beat Bogmans/Wijnants 17, -19, 13; Warren/Harrison lost to F. Schoofs/B. Schoofs 14, -16, -13; Miss M. Shannon-Wright beat Miss R. Bogmans 10, 15.

BLACKPOOL

At the well appointed Pontin's Holiday Camp, Lytham-St.-Annes, England completed the double against Holland, but only just. After the conclusive victory over the same Dutch team on the previous day, everything pointed to another easy England win, particularly as on paper we were fielding a stronger team. We reckoned, however, without the fighting spirit of our opponents who raised their games for this occasion. At one stage we were trailing 4-2 and only a tremendous effort in the home straight brought us the expected victory.

Both Lesley Bell and Denis Neale seemed to be lacking in match practice, but we must not detract from the skill of their opponents, Ria Bogmans and Frans Schoofs.

Miss Bogmans whose style strongly resembles that of Agnes Simon, blotted out Lesley's quick fire attacking sorties with her efficient half volley game. Although Denis Neale was noticeably slower than usual, he fought tenaciously but was rather nonplussed by the speed of shot and movement of the ubiquitous Frans Schoofs.

It was left largely to Mr. and Mrs. Wright to shoulder the burden of responsibility and this they did with skill and composure winning two singles each. Results:

ENGLAND 6 NETHERLANDS 4

Miss L. Bell lost to Miss R. Bogmans -15, -15; B. Wright beat B. Schoofs 15, -19, 11; Mrs. M. Shannon-Wright

beat Miss A. Wijnants 13, 12; D. Neale lost to F. Schoofs -20, -12; Bell/Shannon-Wright lost to Bogmans/Wijnants 14, -19, -18; Wright/Neale lost to F. Schoofs/B. Schoofs -13, 18, -12; Miss L. Bell beat Miss A. Wijnants 18, 13; B. Wright beat F. Schoofs 18, 14; Mrs. M. Shannon-Wright beat Miss R. Bogmans 12, 15; D. Neale beat B. Schoofs 16, 19.

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Obituary

Norman Cook

It was with a very deep sense of personal loss that I received the news, on the evening of Monday, August 8, that Norman, who had been in poor health for some time, had passed away.

The Association has lost a most valuable worker who, since 1948 when he became Secretary of both the Lancashire and Cheshire Associations and a member of the old National Executive Committee, has been on every conceivable occasion at the forefront of our affairs.

Never one to be in the limelight of debate, but a worker, he never gave up. His organisation of International matches and English Opens in Manchester was first class. With a cheery nod to all and sundry and a welcome that made you feel at home, that was Norman.

I shall always remember him for that all-important cup of tea at the hotel after our long meetings in London. This was an occasion when he was well and truly "in the chair" and his kindly actions certainly made our day.

His work as Secretary of the Junior Selection Committees was excellent.

So passes a gentleman and a great servant of the Association and we shall for ever be that much poorer by his loss.

IVOR C. EYLES

Chairman, English Table Tennis Association

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IT'S UP TO YOU!

In an honest endeavour to keep faith by providing a news service, whilst at the same time working within the narrow confines of a budget squeeze no less acute than Mr. Wilson's, the *Table Tennis News* is launched as an E.T.T.A. publication.

Its success or failure will largely depend on its readership and although the new format will doubtless offend the connoisseur, financial limitations are such that one must, of necessity, cut the coat according to the cloth.

Contributors too must not take offence should the cut have had effect on their submissions. As of now they will be in a position to more ably gauge the space allowed for editorial matter and trim their sails accordingly.

The E.T.T.A. have re-provided a ground floor from what could well have been a ruin and it follows that whatsoever is henceforward built is dependent on the bricks that can only be provided by subscribers.

The very fact that last season's European Championships were a financial failure has resulted in this season's World Championships going to Sweden and the warning is crystal clear.

This publication could meet with a similar fate without the vital support of members and in the leagues stretching from Plymouth to Northumberland there cannot be many with the ability to read Swedish!

Be prevailed upon, therefore, not to gather round the one issue a club member has bought. Quite apart from the bad habit of reading over someone else's shoulder, be independent and acquire your own copy and have it posted direct to your home.

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INTERNATIONAL ROUND-UP

by The Editor

Subsequent issues of this publication will feature a round-up of international affairs written by Conrad Jaschke, the newly appointed International Secretary.

It has long been felt that as detailed an international programme as possible should be prepared by the E.T.T.A. before the start of the season, and therefore, immediately on being appointed Mr. Jaschke started negotiations with many countries to get agreement on as many events as possible, before the start of the present season.

It must be born in mind that, in accordance with the policy of the E.T.T.U., an increasing number of countries will be staging their national open championships only every other year. This is in order to make room in the congested calendar for the proposed new European League which it is hoped to start in 1967-68.

Thus, this season, the French, German DTTB, Hungarian and Scandinavian open championships are not being held. With the exception of the Polish Open, we shall be participating in all major events in Europe during the season, despite severe restrictions in the amount of money available for the international programme.

Mr. Jaschke wishes to record the co-operation received from many countries, without which a programme of this size would not have been possible within our financial budget. Our friends in Europe, recognising the financial burden imposed on us by the cost of the recent European Championships, have indeed been most helpful. Opening the programme will be the following events:—

NETHERLANDS OPEN, UTRECHT, October 15-16

We are sending Chester Barnes, Brian Burn, Mary Wright and Pauline Hemmings, with Johnny Leach as non-playing captain.

The team will leave Southend on Friday, October 14 and will return on Monday, October 17. Albert Shipley will be obtaining tickets and will liaise with Johnny Leach re travel arrangements. From Utrecht Johnny Leach will telephone Edgar Reay to advise him flight and arrival details of the Czech touring side.

CZECH TOUR, UNITED KINGDOM, October 17-23

The Czechs are bringing over from Utrecht a party of six, consisting of four players, a non-playing captain and Václav Vebr (Deputy President of the E.T.T.U.).

Charles Wyles will have the overall responsibility for the tour under Conrad Jaschke with Edgar Reay and Walter Mitton responsible for that part of it in the north-east.

Itinerary

Monday, October 17. Czechs will fly from Amsterdam to Tees-side where they will be met by Edgar Reay or his representative, and taken to Stockton-on-Tees.

Tuesday, October 18. International match, England versus Czechoslovakia at Stockton-on-Tees.

Wednesday, October 19. International match at St. George's Hall, Bradford. The Czechs will travel from Stockton to Bradford by coach or rail on the Wednesday morning, arrangements to be agreed between Messrs. Reay and Mitton.

Thursday, October 20. The Czechs will fly from Bradford to London, where they will be met by Charles Wyles who will then personally accompany them to the end of their stay in the U.K.

A small coach will then be used to transport our visitors from London Airport to Newbury, where they will play a third international match at the Corn Exchange.

Friday, October 21. A free day in London.

Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23. The Czechs will participate in the Sussex Open, departing home from London Airport on Monday, October 24.



As a member of the European Table Tennis Union's Executive Committee, Conrad Jaschke will be attending the season's first meeting on October 30 in Vienna. Mr. Jaschke will be submitting his plan for the organisation of a European League.

AUSTRIAN OPEN, VIENNA, October 29-30

YUGOSLAV OPEN, NOVI SAD, November 4-6

We shall be sending Chester Barnes, Brian Wright, Mary Wright and Karenza Smith with Ron Crayden as non-playing captain. Due to arrive in Vienna on Friday, October 28, the Austrians will meet hospitality until Monday morning, October 31.

From arrival in Yugoslavia on October 31, the Yugoslavs will be responsible for hospitality until the end of the Yugoslav Open, but to help offset some of the cost an international match will be arranged prior to the Open.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NEW APPOINTMENT

Terms of reference afforded Conrad Jaschke as the newly appointed International Secretary have been agreed as follows:

- (i) The E.T.T.A. International Secretary shall be appointed for a period of 12 months from 16th July, 1966, at the end of which period he shall make recommendations to the National Council about the way the work should be carried out in future.
- (ii) He will act as the E.T.T.A.'s sole liaison with I.T.T.F., E.T.T.U. and all foreign Associations.
- (iii) He will be responsible for the arrangements of all international matches (senior and junior) in England, after season's programme and budget has been agreed by the National Council.
- (iv) He will be responsible for arranging tours abroad by English teams, both senior and junior as in (iii).
- (v) He will be responsible for the organisation of English Open.
- (vi) Unless elected direct, he shall be empowered to attend the Selection and Tournament Committees.
- (vii) The International Secretary will present a full report to each meeting of the National Council and of the Management Committee. If policy matters arise in between meetings he will refer them to the Chairman of the Association for a decision.

SWEDEN AND RUMANIA PROVIDE THE TOPS



Kjell Johansson (Sweden) and Maria Alexandru (Rumania) head the newly revised individual classifications of the European Table Tennis Union issued in July and valid until further notice.

Following on the European Championships at Wembley the changes effected promote England's Chester Barnes from No. 14 to No. 11 and Diane Rowe-Scholer from 9 to 6.

Mary Shannon-Wright is dropped from 3 to 5 but Denis Neale retains his 15th position now jointly with Radu Negulescu of Rumania.

Czechoslovakia's leading men, Josef Stanek and Vlado Miko, move into second and third positions from being sixth and ninth respectively and in the women's rankings English Open champion, Marta Luzova, comes up from 11 to 4.

Four names to disappear from the previous list are those of Zoltan Berczik (Hungary) 4, Vojislav Markovic (Yugoslavia) 8, Ernst Gomolla (East Germany) 12, and Neils Ramberg (Denmark) 16.

They are replaced by S. Kollarovits (Czechoslovakia), S. Gomozkov and S. Sarkhojen (Soviet Union) and R. Negulescu (Rumania).

Ingrid Krieglstein (West Germany) and Doris Kalwert (East Germany) are replaced by G. Geissler (East Germany) and E. Mihalca (Rumania). Classifications (previous rankings in brackets):

MEN		WOMEN	
1. K. Johansson (Sweden) (1)	1. M. Alexandru (Rumania) (6)		
2. J. Stanek (Czecho.) (6)	2. S. Grinberg (USSR) (5)		
3. V. Miko (Czecho.) (9)	3. E. Koczian (Hungary) (1)		
4. H. Alser (Sweden) (2)	4. M. Luzova (Czecho.) (11)		
5. D. Giurgiuca (Rumania) (5)	5. M. Shannon-Wright (England) (3)		
6. (jointly)	6. D. Rowe-Scholer (England) (9)		
A. Amelin (USSR) (11)	7. (jointly)		
E. Scholer (West Germany) (3)	E. Jurik (Hungary) (2)		
8. (jointly)	Z. Rudnova (USSR) (4)		
S. Kollarovits (Czecho.) (—)	A. Simon (West Germany) (10)		
I. Korpa (Yugoslavia) (7)	10. (jointly)		
P. Rozsas (Hungary) (10)	E. Buchholz (West Germany) (13)		
11. C. Barnes (England) (14)	S. Paisjarv (USSR) (12)		
12. S. Gomozkov (USSR) (—)	12. I. Bosa-Mikocziova (Czecho.) (14)		
13. (jointly)	13. S. Lukacs (Hungary) (7)		
S. Sarkhojen (USSR) (—)	14. G. Geissler (East Germany) (—)		
E. Vecko (Yugoslavia) (13)	15. E. Constantinescu (Rumania) (8)		
15. (jointly)	16. E. Mihalca (Rumania) (—)		
D. Neale (England) (15)			
R. Negulescu (Rumania) (—)			

CZECHS NAME KOLLAROVITS AS THEIR No. 1

Ranked no higher than joint eighth by the E.T.T.U., the Czechoslovakian Association name Stefan Kollarovits as their No. 1 in a surprise new list recently announced. It reads:

MEN		WOMEN	
1. Kollarovits	1. Luzova		
2. Stanek	2. Bosa-Mikocziova		
3. Miko	3. Jitka Karlikova		
4. Kunz Kudrnac	4. Pauknerova		
Stepanek	5. Kruppova		
7. Fulin	6. Jarmila Karlikova		
8. Vyhnanovsky	7. Simakova		
9. Dvorak	8. Senkova		
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WEST GERMAN INVITATION TOURNAMENT

Played at the Sports-School, Hennef, from May 31 to June 4, this was possibly the most successful trip ever made by an English junior party with victories in both team events, and Brian Burn and Pauline Hemmings winning the singles titles.

The boys won their team event with victories in all five matches. The Netherlands were beaten 5-0, as were West Germany "B."

Later, on the same day, we played the favourites West Germany "A," and in a very hard match we came through 5-1, four of the six sets going the distance. Hydes was steadiness itself whilst Keith Lawrence was at times brilliant. Burn tried a combination of both these assets but lost the only one.

Sweden were then beaten 5-2 and it was their clever No. 3, Bratt, who beat both Lawrence and Burn. Our unbeaten record was completed with a 5-1 win over Austria and it was again Burn who dropped the one.

At the same time the girls were also winning their matches. France were the first victims by 3-0. West Germany "B" were then beaten 3-1 and it was the Hemmings/Heppell doubles combination that lost the odd one.

The task against West Germany "A" proved a little more difficult, for the young girl Scharmacher beat both Hemmings and Heppell.

With the Juniors BY LAURIE LANDRY

Sweden were beaten 3-0 but Pauline Hemmings had to really fight back against Wiklorsson to win 19 in the third.

The girls completed a clean sheet but only just against Yugoslavia by 3-2. It was Karenza Smith who shone in this match with two wins. Maureen Heppell won the other to make sure of victory.

Then on to the individual events and Hydes was the first casualty. He lost to Schullter (Austria) whom he had beaten in the team match.

Round 3 saw the exit of Lawrence. Bratt (Sweden) beat him for the second time but Lawrence could well have won in two games.

In the semis, Burn gained revenge over Bratt, both for himself and Lawrence. In the final, against Schluter, Burn in excellent form once again avenging a team defeat. A wonderful performance.

All three girls reached the semi-finals in their counterpart event with no trouble and at this stage



Back Row (L. to R.): Les Thompson, Kay Benson
Middle Row: Keith Lawrence, Brian Burn, Laurie Landry, Alan Hydes
Front Row: Karenza Smith, Pauline Hemmings, Maureen Heppell

Karenza caused something of a surprise with her win over Maureen. In the other semi Pauline gained a thrilling win over Resler of Yugoslavia. The final was a superbly played one with Pauline just getting the decision.

In the boys' doubles, odd man out Lawrence could not combine with his Swedish partner Bratt and they went out to a local pair. Hydes/Burn got to the semis and lost to the other two Swedes, Kroon and Halvarsson who went on to win the event.

In the girls doubles, Karenza was given a scratch partner and they combined magnificently starting off by crushing the Yugoslavs who had beaten Hemmings/Heppell in the team match. Karenza and her partner then beat the French in the semis, at which stage our top pair again lost to West Germany "B" players Hendriksen and Welter, who were again too steady. In the final, after a patchy first game, Smith and Fabel won comfortably.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

BOYS' SINGLES

Round 3: BRATT (Sweden) beat Lawrence 25, -21, 12; BURN beat Giesel (Germany) 20, -20, 19.

Semi-finals: BURN beat Bratt -17, 19, 19; SCHLUTER (Austria) beat Kroon (Sweden) 12, -19, 20.

Final: BURN beat Schluter 18, 22.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Round 3: HEMMINGS beat Hendriksen (W. Germany) 17, 11;

HEPPELL beat Stohr (W. Germany) 18, 19; SMITH beat Wiktorsson (Sweden) 19, 18.

Semi-finals: HEMMINGS beat Resler (Yugoslavia) 12, -14, 15; SMITH beat Heppell 22, 14.

Final: HEMMINGS beat Smith. 20, -14, 20.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: JANSEN / KEGREISS (W. Germany) beat Scholz/Lamon (W. Germany) 19, 21; KROON/HALVARSSON (Sweden) beat Hydes/Burn 14, 19.

Final: KROON/HALVARSSON beat Jansen/Kegreiss -20, 17, 19.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: SMITH (England)/FABEL (W. Germany) beat Muller/Franceschi (France) 10, 17; HENDRIKSON/WELTER (W. Germany) beat Hemmings/Heppell -17, 17, 18.

Final: SMITH/FABEL beat Hendriksen/Welter -14, 14, 14.

European Junior Championships

A RATHER DISAPPOINTING TRIP

Unlike the West German invitation the trip to Szombathely, Hungary, proved rather disappointing from the success point of view but Brian Burn came very near to it.

TEAM EVENT—BOYS

Semi-finals: USSR bt Yugoslavia 5-3; HUNGARY bt East Germany 5-3.

Final: USSR bt Hungary 5-1.

TEAM EVENT—GIRLS

Semi-finals: USSR bt Hungary 3-0; EAST GERMANY bt Yugoslavia 3-1.

Final: USSR bt East Germany 3-1.

English Junior Trials

THERE were nine different area trials this year which were held at Preston, Sunderland, Doncaster, Leicester, Birmingham, Bristol, Leighton Buzzard, East London and Bexhill.

Altogether there were over 100 participants and a total of 19 boys and 13 girls were invited to the Final Trials held at Acton on September 3.

The final ranking list is given below and it is the intention of the Selection Committee to issue a revised list this coming January. The three non-playing captains, Johnny Leach (Men), Ron Craydon (Ladies) and Laurie Landry (Junior) are responsible for selection and ranking.

BOYS

1. Keith Lawrence (Essex)
2. Trevor Taylor (Herts)
3. Derek Munt (Warwicks)
4. Paul Judd (Warwicks)
5. Michael Wald (Bucks)
6. Paul Harmer (Herts)
7. Pat Glynn (Warwicks)

Group A

- John Charles (Glos)
- Alan Fletcher (Yorks)
- Brian Keates (Staffs)
- Brian Mitchell (Lanes)
- Alan Nicholl (Beds)
- Terry Riley (Sussex)

GIRLS

1. Maureen Heppell (Northumberland)
2. Karenza Smith (Middx)
3. Judith Heaps (Ches)
4. Linda Henwood (Essex)
5. Jill Shirley (Bucks)
6. Marjorie Walker (Middx)
7. Jeanne Youngs (Suffolk)
8. Linda Forkes (Yorks)

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

BOYS' SINGLES

Round 3: BURN bt Bankuti -23, 21, 15.

Round 4: VATER (East Germany) bt Burn -19, 13, 14.

Semi-finals: GOMOZKOV (USSR) bt Levin (Sweden) 17, 14; VARDENJAN (USSR) bt Dvorak (Czech) 19, -17, 10.

Final: GOMOZKOV bt Vardenjan -12, 17, 10.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Round 3: GOLUBKOVA (USSR) bt Hemmings 13, -16, 16.

Semi-finals: POOR (Hungary) bt Jecmanica (Yugo) 6, 10; BRAZUNAJTE (USSR) bt Golubkova (USSR) 12, 10.

Final: POOR bt Brazunajte 11, 13.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Round 3: HYDES/BURN bt Leidenius/Adahl (Finland) 6, 16.

Round 4: STIPANCIC/CORDAS (Yugoslavia) bt Hydes/Burn 19, 19.

Semi-finals: GOMOZKOV/VARDANJAN (USSR) bt Vater/Ullrich (East Germany) 6, 17; STIPANCIC/CORDAS bt Dvorak/Fleisinger (Czech) 21, 14.

Final: GOMOZKOV/VARDANJAN bt Stipancic/Cordas 15, 12.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: TECMENICA/RESLER (Yugo) bt Stohr/Schrmacher (West Germany) 17, 14; CZECH/NYTHOF (East Germany) bt Poor/Zongor (Hungary) 18, 15.

Final: TECMENICA/RESLER bt Czech/Nythof -18, 13, 18.

MIXED DOUBLES

Round 3: KLEVISAR/KOVACS (Yugo) bt Lawrence/Hemmings 10, -14, 7; HYDES/HEPPELL bt Weber/Muller (France) 17, 13; VARDANJAN/DOMANASKAJTE (USSR) bt Burn/Smith 19, 16.

Round 4: HYDES/HEPPELL bt Kroon/Wiktorsson (Sweden) 19, 17.

Semi-finals: STIPANCIC /RESLER (Yugo) bt Hydes/Heppell -14, 16, 12; DVORAK/VOSTOVA (Czech) bt Schlebbe/Hendriksen (West Germany) -20, 20, 14.

Final: STIPANCIC /RESLER bt Dvorak/Vostova 15, -19, 19.

BOYS' SINGLES (Under 14)

Round 3: KLAMPAR (Hungary) bt. Thomas (Wales) 16, 14.

Semi-finals: KLAMPAR bt B. Gilon (Belgium) 15, 16; TOLMACHEN (USSR) bt Orlovski (Czech) -15, 14, 13.

Final: KLAMPAR bt Tolmachen 16, 19.

GIRLS' SINGLES (Under 14)

Semi-finals: STEPHEN (East Germany) bt Kucerova (Czech) 11, -15, 16; KETTNEVOVA (Czech) bt Wostova (Czech) -14, 15, 24.

Final: STEPHEN bt Kettnevova -17, 22, 19.

Essex Junior Open

LAWRENCE AND SMITH WIN UNDER 17 TITLES

HELD at Harlow on September 10/11 the Essex Junior Open was a welcome addition to the calendar and home player Keith Lawrence won the main Boys' title.

Haydn Thomas of Wales was the runner-up. He had beaten second seed Trevor Taylor in the quarter-finals thereby avenging his earlier defeat in the u-15's final. One of the best finals was the u-15's Boys' where Peter Taylor beat Simon Heaps.

Karenza Smith took the Girls' singles but u-15 winner Jill Shirley took her close in the senior event. Big surprise here was the defeat of Judy Heaps by Linda Henwood.

It was some consolation for Judy to win the doubles with Linda where the Youngs twins from Suffolk upset the seedings to reach the final.

Under 17

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: K. LAWRENCE (Essex) bt D. Munt (Warwicks) 17, -17, 15; H. THOMAS (Wales) bt P. Harmer (Herts) 10, 7.

Final: LAWRENCE bt Thomas 16, 17.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: K. SMITH (Middx) bt J. Shirley (Bucks) 18, 20; L. HENWOOD (Essex) bt J. Heaps (Ches) 14, 11.

Final: SMITH bt Henwood 18, 11.

Boys' Doubles—semi-finals: D. BOWLES/LAWRENCE (Essex) bt S. Crow/A. Thomas (Herts) 13, 20; T. TAYLOR (Herts)/THOMAS bt R. Napper/M. Wald (Bucks) 18, 16.

Final: BOWLES/LAWRENCE bt Taylor/Thomas -22, 17, 16.

Girls' Doubles—semi-finals: HEAPS/HENWOOD bt M. Stevens (Kent)/M. Walker (Middx) 9, 19; D. YOUNGS/J. YOUNGS (Suffolk) bt Smith/Shirley 19, -16, 19.

Final: HEAPS/HENWOOD bt Youngs/Youngs 10, -12, 12.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: TAYLOR/SMITH bt Napper/Shirley 18, -15, 17; LAWRENCE/HENWOOD bt Harmer/Heaps 19, -19, 21.

Final: TAYLOR/SMITH bt Lawrence/Henwood 18, 16.

Under 15

Boys Singles—semi-finals: TAYLOR bt M. Wald 18, -13, 13; THOMAS bt Napper 7, 20.

Final: TAYLOR bt Thomas -17, 13, 15.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: J. SHIRLEY bt S. Howard (Surrey); C. MANN (Middx) bt M. Carter -17, 13, 13.

Final: SHIRLEY bt Mann 9, 15.

Boys' Doubles—semi-finals: TAYLOR/THOMAS bt J. Dabin/N. Day (Kent) 14, 16; NAPPER/WALD bt S. Heaps (Berks)/P. Taylor (Herts) 19, 15.

Final: TAYLOR/THOMAS bt Napper/Wald 14, 16.

Girls' Doubles—semi-finals: S. PACITTO/J. SHIRLEY (Bucks) bt V. Bond/L. Howard (Surrey) 3, 9; V. KING (Yorks)/MANN bt S. Haward/G. McCulloch (Surrey) 19, 15.

Final: PACITTO/SHIRLEY bt King/Mann 15, 18.

Under 13

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: P. TAYLOR (Herts) bt I. Horsham (Essex) -21, 11, 15; S. HEAPS (Berks) bt M. Locke (Essex) 10, 17.

Final: TAYLOR bt Heaps 21, -22, 17.

Girls' Singles (3 groups)—semi-finals: L. JONES (Wales) bye; L. CHESSON (Kent) bt L. Pacitto (Bucks) 8, 17.

Final: CHESSON bt Jones 9, 10.

Under 11

Boys' Singles (3 entries—1 group): S. HEAPS bt M. Lehmann (Surrey) 5, 6, and C. Denney (Essex) 5, 7; LEHMANN bt Denney 19, -19, 12.

Girls' Singles—top place play-off: L. JONES bt. A. Chesson (Kent) 16, 16.

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The New Look

COACHING NOTES

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

GRADUALLY, the image of a "typical" Table Tennis Club is changing. The old version was, too often, that of a partly-cleared room or a derelict hut, obtained by heaven-knows-what-intrigue and sacrifice, equipped with one satisfactory table and possibly a second broken-down one, peopled by a few "fanatics" who fought for the table and a number of "members" who help to pay for it.

Mostly, the "fanatics" and the "members" professed no interest in each other's doings; to put it mildly, their two brands of table tennis were distinguishable from each other.

The new image—not yet everywhere attained, but steadily spreading—is of a table tennis club as a function of the community life, with more space for playing and for not playing; for refreshment, for hygiene, even for training. Because there are more and (gradually) better tables in use in the clubs, everybody can be encouraged to have some ambition, and to take an interest in each other's progress. "Fanatics" actually help members, and even pay their own (minuscule) subscriptions.

Again, because of the increased table-hours in a multi-table club, match programmes can proceed while leaving some time for players to practise. New recruits are helped into the main stream of the club; the star performers are helped into the narrower and deeper waters of County and E.T.T.A. events.

In short, the new-image table tennis club has more resources in material, membership and leadership.

How has this come about? By higher subscriptions from everybody? On the contrary, rather the reverse. The transformation is springing from the support given to our sport by the Ministry of Education, the Sports Councils, and their various agencies.

Now this powerful support, which is both financial and moral, does not come to us automatically. We, through our national body the English Table Tennis Association, must show ourselves to be an efficient, democratic, and progressive organisation of sportsmen, and all of us, at all levels, have work to do to impress the virtues and attractions of our sport on the minds of our local authorities.

That we are succeeding, is shown by the increasing numbers of new-image clubs and centres. In most cases the key to such improvement lies in the hands of our coaches. Our organisers, who have answered so many calls in their time, are heavily occupied with ever more competitions to run, and day-to-day administration; our star players cannot continually find time for "missionary work"; our publicity matter is just a drop in the ocean of sports propaganda which drowns teachers and P.E. or Youth Organisers.

Our coaches, however, by their practical presence and example, are our "salesmen" in the first instance, and our "servicemen" in the long run, in the frontier lands of table tennis.

They, the coaches, are the real link between the hectic, happily-crazy world of the initiated "table tennisists" and the vast, happily-ignorant world outside, who just don't know what they are missing.

Now, salesmen and service-men alike, are all the better for a thorough training, and when trained, can take a pride and pleasure in their task. This is where the E.T.T.A.'s National Coaching Scheme comes in. Each year we help about 100 new coaches to qualify in the latest methods of instructing and handling of young players, in the interpretation of top-class trends to club-level players, in the presentation of table tennis for what it is—a unique combination of challenge and relaxation for all.

We do not do this scheme work just for ourselves; we think it is only fair to the authorities who



WELSH CORNER

by Roy Evans

CHANGES in the constitution of the Welsh Association are designed to remove some of the burden from the shoulders of Mrs. Roy Evans, now in her 21st year as the General Secretary.

Thus, the running of the Welsh League, the Club Championship of Wales and the Welsh Closed Championships become the responsibility of the new National Competitions Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dave Davidson, of Swansea, with Len Jones, Merthyr, as the Welsh League Secretary. In North Wales, the running of the Northern Section of the Welsh League, and the Northern Section of the Club Championships of Wales, will be the task of Northern Counties officials.

Welcome Return

Eddie Thomas has returned as Hon. Treasurer, a great relief to the officers, and he will be responsible for all matters relating to affiliations, in addition, of course, to normal treasurer's duties.

A new Coaching Committee has been set up, with Alan Morris as Chairman, assisted by Brian Everson, Phil Bevan, Ron Davies and Alan Thomas, and this has already embarked upon its very difficult task.

Ron Davies is also the Secretary of the Umpires Committee, and here, too, much enthusiastic initiative is required in the finding of more Umpires.

All international matters, matches with other Associations, tours, the World and European Championships and the Welsh Open are still the direct responsibility of the National Executive, and it is in this field that the energies of the Chairman, Mr. Roy Evans, and the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Roy Evans, will be concentrated.

Mr. Bill Clement will again be Equipment Officer, with his wife Doreen as Catering Officer, two posts which are of great value to the organisation.

Talent Hunting

A most interesting start has been made in the field of coaching, and with a band of enthusiastic coaches now anxious to show their worth, the talent hunting we have so long wished to do is now possible.

Players have been invited to attend centres in Monmouthshire, Cardiff, North Glamorgan and Swansea. The appeal has been widespread by way of advertisement and approach not only to the leagues, but also to unaffiliated organisations.

The first of these public trials took

place at the British Nylon Spinners Sports Club at Abergavenny, when Brian Everson, assisted by Phil Bevan and Ron Davies found some youngsters who would benefit from immediate coaching and others to be noted for future development.

When similar trials have been held in the other three centres, the best potential will be brought together for more intensive training, whilst those who have enthusiasm amongst the not so good will also come in for further attention.

Meanwhile, similar plans are being followed in North Wales, building up for a visit from the Coaching Committee, and a special week-end for the North Wales players at Lilleshall in November.

Intensive Training

The present top players are also "on the ball". A week-end's intensive training took place at the splendidly equipped Afan Lido Sports Centre at Aberavon, when 20 of our best men and women, together with the coaches underwent an exhausting course of coaching and serious play. Six tables were on the go all through the week-end, and there was more than one sign of "bellows to mend" before the end.

Graham Davies and Elizabeth Gray came out top in the "round robins", but generally it was evident that all will need a lot more intensive practice to make them "match fit". This kind of week-end course will probably be repeated on further occasions during the season.

Magnificent Venue

Trying out the facilities at the Afan Lido gave the Officers the opportunity to book this magnificent venue for the Welsh Open on Saturday and Sunday, March 11/12. With room for ten tables or more with full international courts, seating accommodation, all with a splendid view for nearly 1,000 spectators, dormitory accommodation for the players, restaurants, bars, and a fine swimming pool, this sports centre is just the answer to our prayers for years.

Prospects For Welsh Open

The Czechs and the West Germans, in England for the English Open on the week-end previous, have already promised to come, and with no other big events on we should be certain of the entry of all the English stars. With such a venue and so many facilities hitherto denied us, we should be able to make this the best Welsh Open ever.

REBATE FOR LEAGUES AND COUNTIES

UNDER the Chairmanship of Tom Blunn, with Walter Mitton as Secretary, a newly constituted sub-committee, to be known as the Fund Raising Committee has sprung into being. It will embrace the Master Points Scheme but will have as its main objective the raising of £2,000.

It is hoped that the main source of income will come from the Lincolnshire Handicap draw which proved such a money-spinner last season. Prizes will be £250, £50 and £10 with additional ones paid to ticket holders having a horse to run.

Leagues and counties have been asked to participate in this sweepstake and from their point of view it should prove ideal. With no financial risk all they have to do is sell tickets and they will be returned 50% of gross sales.

Those requiring a supply of tickets are advised to contact Walter Mitton at 16 The Whins, Newby, Scarborough, Yorks, without delay.

All the home country associations have been asked to participate in the scheme and the Welsh Association have accepted the invitation.

Another scheme under way is the formation of a "100 Club" which, as the title implies is restricted to 100 members. They will be able to wear a specially designed tie and be offered other advantages but will, in the main, be able to take part in a draw for £100, £50 and £10 three times a year, the cost being £1 per month.

Master Points Scheme

Little change is envisaged in the Master Points Scheme for the new season. Most of last season's supporters have rejoined and the issue of certificates for tournaments has already begun. Walter Mitton, the adminis-

trator, is quite willing to undertake the issue of certificates for tournaments if the organisers are unable to do so. What would be required, however, would be a list of qualifiers and the issue would be effected by post.

One aspect of the scheme seems to have been missed by the players themselves and that is the attractive cloth badges which are available to all masters from Club to the very top. Again Walter Mitton can supply.

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YOUTH, FITNESS & DISCIPLINE



by Norman Reeve

Chairman of the National Selection Committee

A FIVE hour session marked the first meeting of the new National Selection Committee. New for more than one reason: for the National Council had decided that the old junior and senior committees should be combined and, furthermore, that ranking lists and team selections should be at the sole discretion of the team captains in future.

It was in the light of this new look, which reflected a growing agitation for an overhaul of the previous organisation, that the amalgamated and streamlined Committee laid down as the guiding lights of its future policy, youth, fitness and discipline. The short term aim will be to gain the highest possible rankings in the World Championships in 1967 and, in the longer term to gain titles at the next European Championships in 1968.

Developing Junior Talent

The recent junior trials indicate that there is plenty of talent in the country; the need is to give opportunity and experience in international company to those who have already burst through, and to provide the facilities for the development and progression of those who are still on the way up. The first announcements of team selections demonstrated the intention to blood junior players in senior teams which will be a feature of the season's programme. A number of junior internationals are being arranged and training and development sessions exclusively for young players will also be organised.

Physical Fitness

As in other sports, so in table tennis has the fitness of our players been called into question from time to time, more especially, perhaps, last season. Efforts were made to remedy this but spasmodic attention to this important factor, either collectively or individually, is quite inadequate in any attempt to compete with foreign international players. Fitness can only be attained, other than in exceptional cases, by a sustained and continuous planned programme. But normally this form of discipline is not easily self-imposed and it has, therefore, been decided to appoint a number of physical training instructors in the different areas to whom ranked and other selected players will be assigned and who will work out, supervise and assist in training routines designed to bring the players to peak physical condition. The organisation of this is being carried out by Director of Coaching Jack Carrington, who will work in close liaison with the team captains.

Improvement in Discipline

Criticism has also mounted recently about the discipline (or rather indiscipline) of some players and the National Selection Committee is determined to bring about an improvement. Allowances which have been made in the past for bad behaviour, supid mannerisms, poor appearance and dress, temperament, and failure to conform with discipline, will no longer be made.

There is no intention to impose a harsh discipline designed to reduce players to iron ruled units devoid of personality, who become

Juniors Defeat Netherlands At The Hague

BOYS—won 9-0

A. Hydes bt B.v.d. Helm 16, 17; bt P. Joels 10, 18; bt N. Holzapffel 11, 11.

K. Lawrence bt Helm 9, 14; bt Joels 13, 11; bt Holzapffel 11, 18.

B. Burn bt Helm 18, 13; bt Joels 16, -17, 16; bt Holzapffel 15, 16.

GIRLS—won 7-0

M. Heppell bt M. ten Brock 11, 18; bt M. van Ruiten 9, 15.

P. Hemmings bt ten Brock 16, 12; bt v. Ruiten 18, 16.

K. Smith bt ten Brock 12, 6; bt v. Ruiten 16, 14.

M. Heppell/P. Hemmings bt M. ten Brock/M. van Ruiten 8, 20.

automatons deriving virtually no enjoyment from participation. All that is asked is that those representing their county should behave, both on and off the table, in a way befitting of the honour. I repeat, however, that the Selection Committee is determined to see an improvement in discipline this season and any player not prepared to conform would be best advised to let it be known immediately so that he need not be included in the reckoning.

Ranking and Selection

Other points of immediate interest which emerged from the first meeting of the Selection Committee were as follows:

- Players wishing to be included in ranking lists and to be eligible for representative matches will need to play in at least five open tournaments in each half of the season. All such players must participate in the English Open and Closed Championships with the English Closed appearance counting for the first half of the season and the Open for the second. Participation in a foreign tournament or tour will be regarded as one tournament each.
- Tournaments in which players take part during the season will not be stipulated but in assessing performances account will be taken of the strength of the entry. The National Council will be asked to agree that tournaments should be graded in the future so that entry can be stipulated.
- The Selection Committee finds that its aims are badly hampered by the increasingly congested fixture calendar and is recommending to the National Council that, as a start, the County Championships fixtures should be played in a concentrated period as in lawn tennis, for example.
- A minimum of two senior ranking lists will be prepared each season, one following the English Closed Championships and one at the end of the season.

Facilities and Opportunities

It is impossible to record in a few paragraphs the complete plan for the season and, indeed, some of it is still under arrangement. But a comprehensive programme is almost complete and details will be announced from time to time. It includes a wide variety of international matches, participating in foreign tournaments and in training sessions, including those at the Crystal Palace. Within the financial resources available for this aspect of the Association's overall programme no opportunity will be lost to provide the facilities and opportunities for players to develop and succeed, to the point where we are able to applaud once again an English champion on a World or European rostrum.

THE ARCHITECT RETIRES

A Tribute to the Hon. I. G. S. Montague from Ivor Eyles, Chairman of the E.T.T.A.

Although our President talked over the past few years that it was time he should retire from the presidency of the English Table Tennis Association, it came as rather a shock when we were compelled to accept this at our recent Annual General Meeting.

What can I say about a truly great man?

Founder of our Association, and the International Federation, and through some 40-odd years very jealous that our organisation should be both democratic and free.

His wise leadership and vision enabled our game to steer clear from the difficulties of professional and amateur players, whilst the Laws of the game will be for ever a memorial to him.

The clarity and wisdom of guiding and leading a game which at national level comprises some 90 countries, each with its own "power" groups operating, was something that had to be seen to realise Ivor's greatness and whilst no man is indispensable it will be a long time before one sees his likeness.

It is, however, most pleasing to me that as a Life Member of our Association, Ivor Montagu will still be there for guidance and advice and for this as your Chairman I shall be for ever grateful.



East of England Open

BRIAN WRIGHT ON TARGET

PERHAPS the least written about the East of England Open played at Butlin's, Skegness on September 17/18 would best serve the purpose for its future welfare.

Many things combined to make the tournament off-putting not least of which was the cancellation of the mixed doubles event.

Top seed Brian Wright took the men's title; his wife, Mary, scratching from the women's event to afford Cynthia Duncombe a walk-over into a final defeat at the hands of Judy Williams.

Surprise Defeat for Gibbs

Stuart Gibbs was a surprise faller to Derek Schofield whose Cheshire colleagues, Roger Hampson and Mike Johns, reached the final of the men's doubles.

This was the event to afford beaten singles finalist Roy Morley a little

compensation in company with Roger Chandler, conqueror of Brian Burn in the singles.

Elsie Carrington provided the shocks in the women's events beating both the junior winner, Maureen Heppell and Karenza Smith as well as reaching the doubles final with Judy Heaps.

Both junior titles went to the top seeds but Brian Mitchell wrought havoc with the boys' ranking list with wins over Trevor Taylor and Pat Glynn. Results:—

Men's Singles—semi-finals: B. D. WRIGHT (Middx) bt M. Johns (Ches.) 16, 11; R. MORLEY (Gloucs) bt G. Warwick (Staffs) 16, 18.

Final: WRIGHT bt Morley -19, 19, 18.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: C. C. DUNCOMBE (Yorks) walkover M. Wright (Surrey) scratched; J. WILLIAMS (Sussex) bt E. Carrington (Essex) 16, 8.

Final: WILLIAMS bt Duncombe 15, 12.

Men's Doubles—semi-finals: R. CHANDLER (Sussex)/MORLEY bt O. B. Haslam (Middx)/Wright 22, 15; R. HAMPSON (Ches)/JOHNS bt H. Buist/A. R. Piddock (Kent) 13, 16.

Final: CHANDLER/MORLEY bt Hampson/Johns -16, 15, 19.

Women's Doubles—semi-finals: E. CARRINGTON/J. HEAPS (Ches) bt D. Schofield (Ches)/M. Walker (Middx) 16, 16; D. SIMPSON (Essex)/K. SMITH (Middx) bt P. Clark/M. Heppell (Northumberland) 16, 18.

Final: SIMPSON/SMITH bt Carrington/Heaps -20, 22, 19.

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: K. LAWRENCE (Essex) bt P. Harmer (Herts) 12, 20; B. MITCHELL (Lancs) bt P. Glynn (Warwicks) 18, 8.

Final: LAWRENCE bt Mitchell 18, -13, 15.

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Final: HEPPELL bt Smith 19, 19.



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Congratulations on your selection for the Netherlands Open Championships, Mary. And congratulations to both Mary and Brian for their selection for the Austrian and Yugoslavian Championships.

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Oct. 22-23	31st Sussex Open The White Rock Pavilion, Hastings, Sussex	VS	D. N. Tyler, Prudential Chambers, 1 York Buildings Hastings
28-29	Merseyside Open Dunlop's Canteen, Speke, Liverpool	JBS, JGS, VS	J. C. McKim, 14 Greenhill Avenue, Liverpool, 18
29-30	North Herts Junior Open Taylor Instrument Co. (Europe) Ltd., Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage, Herts		Closing date: Oct. 15 B. A. English, 64 Baldock Road, Letchworth, Herts Closing date: Oct. 15
	Events: JBS, JGS, JBD, JGD, JXD Under 15 BS, GS, BD, GD, XD Under 13 BS, GS Under 11 BS, GS		
30	Merton Restricted Open Winton YMCA, Bourne- mouth		Mrs. Coop, 96 Headswell Avenue, Emsbury Park, Bournemouth
Nov. 5	Hull and East Riding Open Madeley Street Baths, Hull	JBS, JGS, VS	K. H. F. Jordan, "Burn Lea", 57 Skillings Lane, Brough, East Yorks
5	Cardiff Open	JBS, JGS	W. Clement, 9 Montgomery Street, Cardiff
5-6	Kent Junior Open Marine Pavilion, Folkestone	UI5, UI3, UI1	F. G. Mannoch, 216 Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent
5-6	Woodfield Invitation Woodfield Sports & Social Club	JS, VS	J. Hughes, 8 Oxbarrow Avenue, Bradmore, Wolverhampton, Staffs
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. Riga, 4 Tower Hill, Whitehaven, Cumberland Closing date: Nov. 17
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 I. Moss, 49, Okehampton Road, Kensal Rise, London, N.W.10

OFFICIAL NEWS

THE newly appointed National Council of the E.T.T.A. met on Saturday, July 16 in the Council Room of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2 with Ivor Eyles in the chair.

COUNCIL

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By secret ballot the Council elected the following Management Committee who, together with the Officers, will carry out the day-to-day: M. Goldstein, C. Jaschke, E. Reay and K. Watts.

The following additional appointments were made for the season 1966-67:

Hon. Press Officer: N. K. Reeve, 8 Thornton Grove, Hatch End, Middlesex (HATCh End 1470) (H).

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TELEVISION SECRETARY

It was agreed that Peter Lowen, who had carried out the task in his capacity as Secretary, should continue but in liaison with N. K. Reeve, the Press Officer. The new Secretary, as and when appointed, would be duly instructed in the ways and means of gaining television coverage.

The following sub-committees were also elected:

County Boundaries: K. Watts (Chairman), C. J. Clemett (Secretary), K. W. Dewar and H. Walker.

Coaching & Schools: C. Jaschke (Chairman), J. H. Carrington (Secretary), S. Frohlick, P. Reid, M. E. Scott, G. Steggall and L. Thompson.

English Championships: C. Jaschke (Organiser).

Handbook: T. Blunn and W. Mitton.

Master Points Scheme & Fund Raising: W. Mitton (Administrator).

National Team Competitions: M. Goldstein (Chairman), L. C. T. Davis (Secretary) and I. R. Crickmer.

Rules: T. Blunn (Chairman), A. J. H. Wickens (Secretary), M. Greatrex, W. Mitton, K. Watts and E. G. White.

Selection and Ranking: N. K. Reeve (Chairman), A. Shipley (Secretary), J. A. Leach, M.B.E. (non-playing captain, men's team), R. J. Crayden (non-playing captain, women's team), L. F. Landry (non-playing captain, junior team), and E. Reay.

Tournaments: W. Mitton (Chairman), D. Game (Secretary), A. M. Lijinsky, L. F. Landry, M. Goldstein, P. Reid and G. R. Yates.

Umpires and Referees: G. James (Chairman), C. J. Clemett (Secretary), W. Goldfinch, A. J. Hobday, G. Owen and E. G. White.

PANELS

Advisory Equipment: V. Barna, T. Blunn, J. H. Carrington, and G. Decker.

V. Barna Award: V. Barna, T. Blunn and M. Goldstein.

Archives/Library: I. R. Crickmer.

REPRESENTATIVES

County Championships: L. Thompson.

Central Council of Physical Recreation: D. P. Lowen.

AROUND THE COUNTIES

SUSSEX NOTES by John Woodford

Beasley Prefers Football

After running two senior sides last season Sussex return to the County Championships fray with one team in Division II (South) and

high hopes of promotion once again.

They retain the services of the two ranked players Roger Chandler and Judy Williams—the Sussex champions. The composition of the rest of the team is uncertain with Sam Ogundipe, Peter Williams and John Beasley almost equal contenders for the two places in the men's events.

Beasley's reputation as an all-round sportsman is still improving fast. He has scored a number of centuries for Eastbourne at cricket this summer and is now scoring goals for Eastbourne in the Athenian League.

What chance has table tennis when two other major sports line up his talent? This remains to be seen when Beasley races off the football field shortly direct to the county table tennis trials. Sad comment for table tennis fans: "I prefer football."

Sussex Juniors are also looking for another good season as they retain both Terry Riley and Diane Gard, both international trialists and both in their last season as juniors.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES by John Pike

"Much Depends on Glenn"

While England were winning the World Cup and the West Indies were taming England at cricket, the wind of change was blowing through Staffordshire. At the end of last season the County and Wolverhampton were on the look out for a new secretary and I am glad to say both positions have been filled. Roy Colclough, who needs no introduction, is back again as the county secretary while Bernard Francis has taken over from Alan Cavell in Wolverhampton. Another change on the Wolverhampton committee involves Alan's wife Esme, who through ill health has now been succeeded as treasurer by Mac Evans.

So much for the team changes now a look at what we can expect in the coming season. Will the county first team for instance be challenging for promotion again or will the second team and Juniors overcome that strong Warwickshire grip on Midland table tennis.

The answer to the first one depends largely on the fitness of Walsall's Glenn Warwick, who missed several games last season through jaundice. With the second team having to meet Warwickshire and Lancashire I do not rate their chances very high but it should be another good season for the Juniors.

For those players in this area who want to play the game twelve months of the year the West Bromwich League provides the

answer. Again they have been running a very successful summer session which has attracted teams from the neighbouring associations.

Thinking of youth clubs in the county and the name of Bernard Hanson quickly springs to mind. By the time this is in print he will be fully occupied each weekend at the new coaching centre in Wednesbury. Bernard, who is also a full time youth leader at the centre, is expecting 30 to 40 players to start with but this number could well grow to the 100 mark before the season really gets under way.

Jim Hayward, the county coach, devotes his Sunday afternoons to coaching at the Woodfield Club in Wolverhampton.

NORFOLK NOTES by J. S. Penny

"New President"

Norfolk have great pride in appearing in the first issue of *Table Tennis News* and must do all they can to ensure its success. Our first call, then, is to all our leagues: Norwich, Great Yarmouth, King's Lynn, Wymondham, Dereham, North Walsham, Cromer and Fakenham, to appoint a Magazine Secretary to be responsible for seeing that the E.T.T.A.'s own official magazine is widely known and read. It will be remembered that, in

1962-63, Norfolk headed the whole country in their support of the late magazine *Table Tennis*. Once again, they must put their shoulders to the wheel. Will leagues please write to the Norfolk Magazine Secretary, J. S. Penny, Flat 12, 92/94 St. Giles Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NOR 16E, to keep him informed and ask for any help they require.

This season Norfolk welcomes a new President, Bob Perry. Since he came to Norwich from Birmingham, six seasons ago, he has often appeared in the final stages of City and County tournaments. He is also a fine umpire. His charming wife, Stella, became a Norwich champion. She is also expert in providing tasty refreshments. Their young daughters have already been seen at coaching classes. We wish them all every success during Bob's period of office.

Our past President, Douglas Craske, upon his retirement, presented the County with a Victor Ludorum shield for the player with the best performance in the Norfolk Closed Championships. We thank him for this and send him good wishes as he starts his new life in Australia.

Wesley Haydock, of Great Yarmouth, is our new County Umpires Secretary. This is encouragement for the talents of youth. We hope many more young players will become interested in umpiring.

Maurice Ewles will be organising the Junior events again this season and has something new for the Under-13's and Under-17's.

Norfolk are to join Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and Leicestershire in a newly-formed Eastern division. Alan Coby is County Captain. Last season, he won all his inter-county ties. Will Norfolk again remain unbeaten?

King's Lynn have joined the second division of the East Anglian League and should challenge strongly Norwich B, who have had recently a very long run of success.

William Webster, of Norwich CEYMS, was "Boy of the Week" at a Butlin camp not long ago, and this provides the first playing news of the season.

Norwich CEYMS are again favourites to win Norwich League honours. With Coby, Chris Fields, Phillip Graver, David Tasker, and new signing Gordon Wood, they look formidable. Norwich YMCA and Norwich Lads' Club look useful teams.

At Great Yarmouth, St. Andrew's "A" will take some beating.

Dereham will this season be playing with two divisions, instead of one.

Fakenham are a new league, whom we welcome this season.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES by Leslie Constable

Ladies Still a Headache

Coaching lessons for youngsters between the ages of 10 and 14 years of age are being held at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. and Cambridgeshire County Coaches will be in attendance. A good opportunity for the boys and girls here! Lady players are still a headache for Cambridgeshire selectors and "great expectations" is the order of the day from the "junior coaching school"! Another urgent problem is that of Umpires, and Bob Stearn (Secretary), will be very pleased to see a few more taking the examination.

Alan Ponder, young Cambridgeshire star, is again in the forefront of sport. He is now an automatic selection for the Cambridgeshire Minor Counties Cricket team and has possible professional aspirations.

Major Dermot Freyer, of Trinity College, Cambridge, has presented the Cambridgeshire Association with two 1901 ping-pong bats in perfect condition. He played with these bats 60 years ago in his "digings" in Sidney Street, Cambridge!

Eighty-one teams have entered the Cambridgeshire Table Tennis League—a record, with several new teams entering with high hopes. Dates to note! Cambridgeshire "Open" on April 1 and 2; Cambridgeshire "Closed" on January 19.

Cambridgeshire have teams in both Senior and Junior National County Sections and Cambridge City have entered three teams in the South-East Midlands League. Press II were Summer League Champions with St. George's I runners-up.



Leslie Constable, life member of the Cambridgeshire Association, holds the 1901 vellum bats presented by Major Dermot Freyer. (Photograph by courtesy of the "Cambridge News")

COUNTER ATTACK ON HARRY VENNER

The headline "LET'S MAKE ENGLAND GREAT" in the May issue of *Table Tennis* caught my eye and as it seemed to promise so much, I read on avidly. The more I read, the more my interest turned to disappointment and then to disgust. I found it to be nothing but a distasteful sales promotion article for its author—Harry Venner.

I have no strong objections to the pages of a table tennis publication being used for promotional purposes but I have deep rooted objections against those who distort statement and fact in an endeavour to gain a little self glorification.

Harry Venner knows as well as I, that at no time did I suggest that our European teams were over-trained. The statement I made concerned only Mary Shannon-Wright and what is more, I told Harry weeks before the Championships that I thought Mary was stale and needed a rest.

Harry pooh-poohed this on the spot saying that his programme would bring her to peak form for the Championships. Although Venner has had success in teaching others how to play, his programme always seems to exclude the psychological.

In the case of Mary Shannon-Wright, did he ever stop to consider the pattern of Mary's life for the seven months prior to the Championships? In that time she married, became a fully fledged housewife with a husband and home to look after, and for good measure held down a responsible job that often entailed nightwork.

In her unceasing efforts to succeed, Mary also trained at every possible opportunity, played for her League and County and sandwiched in between a series of exhausting overseas tours that necessitated long journeys and late nights.

That Mary did not fulfil her great ambition is no reflection on her talent or loyalties, as always she gave her all. It could be that unsound advice was meted out by her

Come Off It Harry

I feel that I must take Harry Venner to task in respect of his article "Let's Make Britain Great" (*Table Tennis*, May 1966).

While agreeing wholeheartedly with many of the points made, I feel that the suggestion of "a London Headquarters where the top players can play against each other most nights of the week" is completely ludicrous.

Unlike many of the Asiatic and Iron Curtain countries, table tennis in England is a sport played largely under amateur conditions—the player doing a job of work during the week and training and practising in his or her spare time.

Using the top six ranked seniors and the top three ranked juniors in the latest ranking list (February/March 1966) as examples, what help would a London practice centre be to Denis Neale, Ralph Gunnion, Maureen Heppell, Alan Hydes and Brian Burn for play against each other on most nights of the week?

I am sure that Mr. Venner—like many others in many spheres of sport—looks upon team selection in one of two ways, either (i) those people north of a line running east to west somewhere through the Stevenage area are a race of strange troglodytes, working down the pit and speaking a strange tongue of their own, and moreover taking their sport with a seriousness that is really "beyond the pale"; or (ii) following upon (i), if those same troglodytes wish to bring themselves to the notice of the largely London based selection committee, they should move themselves lock, stock and barrel to the Metropolis.

Come off it, Harry! Let's think in terms of England from the Tyne to the Thames and beyond, and not just in terms of 45 minutes travel from Piccadilly Circus.

REA BALMFORD
Hull, Yorks

personal coach who now, in an endeavour to excuse himself, has sunk to the depths of criticising all and sundry.

Space does not allow me to deal with the many other outrageous criticisms that were levelled at

Letters from the Editor's Postbag

players and officials, but two I must answer.

The Crystal Palace sessions were never intended to have a holiday camp flavour but they seemed to meet with the approval of the players. I have spoken to the members of the squad and not one has made any derogatory remarks about the sessions. I wonder who "they"

were, who likened the training to a spell in prison? I suggest this to be another figment of the Venner imagination.

The number of hours Harry Venner spent at the Palace could be counted on one hand and yet he comments forthrightly on a pattern of play, which incidentally was changed to suit the need of the moment, and about which he was completely unaware.

Even so, I consider his implied criticisms of such top notchers as Diane Scholer and Lesley Bell to be unworthy of a National Coach.

Having used the columns of a magazine to fire broadsides, Harry then has the cold nerve to insert an advertisement in the same publication, the basis of which was "IS IT COINCIDENCE that the majority of the English European Team players have been trained and coached by Harry Venner." I ask you "was it coincidence?"

RON CRAYDEN
Sutton, Surrey

... and from DIANE SCHOLER in Germany

I read Harry Venner's article "LET'S MAKE ENGLAND GREAT" and although I wholeheartedly agree with anyone who is trying to spur officials and players into every effort to make England great—I am afraid I cannot let some of Harry's criticisms and opinions go without comment.

Harry's comments on the Crystal Palace training I find hard to accept and believe. One cannot fault training at Crystal Palace to the inconsistent play of Chester Barnes, nor can one fault a pulled leg muscle to lack of training. Harry should know that even the fittest athletes and sportsmen suffer from pulled muscles. Chester's inconsistency is due to his temperament not his physical fitness, or faulty training methods.

Harry also criticises the programme laid down by Ron Crayden and Johnny Leach. May I point out to Harry that on previous occasions all players have benefitted tremendously from these sessions. You only have to see England's results in Malmo and Ljubljana to realise that the training was good and produced results.

Remarks regarding Mary Shannon-Wright are also rather unbelievable. Not only did Mary play against Tony Piddock, but also took part every evening in match play against all of England's male players in addition to Lesley Bell and myself.

As for Harry advising Mary not to attend the training sessions at Crystal Palace but to continue private training with him, I should not have to advise Harry that Mary is part of a team—not an individual and as such should certainly not have been advised to miss the squad training. I am sure that Mary's acceptance to train with her team did not only come from loyalty, but also from the fact that she herself knows only too well how much this training has done for her in the past.

To assert that Mary sacrificed herself is nonsense to say the least. May I point out to Harry that up to the training sessions (the period when Harry was supposedly training Mary) her form was certainly not at its best—Mary not having won a single international title since Christmas and then to lose to Irene Ogus just prior to our training sessions.

It appears to me that Harry is trying to put the blame for this lack of form elsewhere when he should be looking a little nearer home. May I also say that Mary's lack of titles last season could conceivably be due to a recess of form but also to the fact that Grinberg, Luzova and Karlikova are all playing much

better which makes competition that much harder.

It is my honest opinion that Mary's lack of form over a long period is due to overdoing things. Keeping down a job, keeping a home going and playing too much table tennis and having, in fact, no relaxation time whatsoever. Harry Venner, as her coach and advisor, should have realised this in time to advise Mary to take a short rest in time to prepare for the Europeans.

In Harry's article he quotes "players should not be afraid to voice criticisms" so I hope he reads this letter with an unbiased attitude, as I have written it.

SURVIVAL BY CIRCULATION

by LOUIS HOFFMAN

THE success or failure of a magazine such as ours rests entirely on the amount of copies one can sell. It is with this in mind that I am appealing to each and every one of our readers, to coin a phrase, "Pull one's finger out" and endeavour to interest those that come up to you and ask to borrow your magazine into becoming regular subscribers. This I feel is one of those cruel-to-be-kind acts.

How do I intend to sell more magazines? My first step will be to

Archives

As you may be aware, I agreed at the National Council meeting of July 16 to take over custody of the Association's archives.

The extent of these is considerably less than should be the case in an Association of our size and with our history, and I should welcome your assistance in remedying this position.

I would appreciate receiving any books, programmes, international match score sheets, and similar publications which you may have and be able to spare for the official archives.

At the same time, I feel that the Association's records should show the organisation of table tennis at the local level which is the backbone of the game, so County and League handbooks and publications will be equally welcomed.

It is intended to publish a full list of acquisitions in due course, when all donations will be gratefully acknowledged.

IAN R. CRICKMER
12 Cypress Street
Barbourne, Worcester

try to induce someone from each county to act as Official Magazine Salesman for that particular county. Once he or she has been appointed, all sales of magazines in that county will come through him or her. Any reader who thinks they can do a worthwhile job for the E.T.T.A. and is in a position to sell magazines in his or her own county, please do not hesitate to contact me.

What incentives are there for an O.M.S. (Official Magazine Salesman)? My aim is for each O.M.S. to build up for himself a subscription list of a minimum of 100 over a season. This will give an O.M.S. a bonus of £10 per season to do with as he wishes. There may also be perks from time to time given by the publishers to help encourage more sales. What does an O.M.S. have to do? The first thing he must do is to become known as the O.M.S. for the county concerned, then to collect subscription fees, 10s. per season, and send them on to me. An O.M.S. will not be called upon to do any despatching of magazines as this will all be done direct from the publishers. An O.M.S. will be expected, within reason, to attend all table tennis events within their own county where he will be the official representative of the E.T.T.A. with permission to sell magazines. For this purpose a number of magazines will be allocated each month and this extra income is once again for the benefit of the O.M.S.

In the past we know that an average of six people shared every magazine sold. We cannot survive this way. If you are one of those six that is reading this article now, please go to see your O.M.S. and order a regular copy each month so that in future you will have a magazine to read.

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JIMMY LANGAN

BY PHILIP REID

ANOTHER LEAP IN MEMBERSHIP

NO new counties this season, and in fact one fewer with the disappointing withdrawal of the Pembroke Junior team after only one season. Overall membership shows another leap upwards with 50 senior teams and 29 junior instead of 46 and 28 respectively. The most striking thing is the addition of the eighth senior division, about which more later.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An interesting and comparatively short A.G.M. made an important (and overdue?) change to the system of promotion from second divisions to Premier division. In future, the top team eligible for promotion from each of the four second divisions will go into an all-play-all pool with the top two teams being promoted. A date, April 29, has been allocated for this challenge pool, and another date, April 15, for the Junior pool.

Yorkshire's proposal to make the composition of teams and the order of play the same in all divisions was narrowly defeated. In my opinion this failed to carry because it would have applied to the Junior divisions as well as the Senior, and some counties have great difficulty in getting one girl, let alone two! Lancashire "saver" to make a team in Junior North three boys and one girl (as in Junior Midland and Junior South-West) instead of two and one was immediately agreed. There are now two different compositions of Junior teams instead of three, an improvement.

While it seems to me strangely inconsistent in a National competition to have a non-standard team composition (three men, one woman in Premier, three and two in other Senior divisions) it does not seem wrong to differ between Senior and Junior competitions, and perhaps the solution lies in three and two in all Senior divisions and three and one in Junior, which may in time become three and two throughout.

A proposal to permit the wearing of "specially tailored shirts" outside the shorts was agreed.

A handsome clock was presented to Ivor Eyles when he retired as Chairman of the Championships. The presentation was made, on

CHAMPIONS "WHITEWASHED"

THE CHAMPION COUNTY (ESSEX) 0, THE REST OF ENGLAND 9
September 2, 1966

Essex gave short notice of this match and the Rest were fortunate to be able to field their strongest men. Essex seemed to be in with a real chance of victory, but this evaporated when it was discovered that Chester Barnes was not available.

The men of Essex were no match for Denis Neale, Ian Harrison and Connie Warren, although Stuart Gibbs hit top form to take the first game from Neale only to fade badly in the third.

Bobby Stevens came desperately close to taking the first from Warren, but the real triumph of the evening belonged to Pauline Martin. Coming in at 24 hours' notice for 'flu victim Maureen Heppell (herself a substitute for Mary Wright) the Kent girl outgunned Lesley Bell to deservedly record her first win over the England No. 2. Red faces for Essex, who released her only 12 months earlier!

Some surprise was expressed that Brian Brumwell appeared at No. 3 for the Champions, and that the opportunity to blood Keith Lawrence was not taken. The answer is that Essex preferred to use what they know, rather than what might be one day.

One thing is certain, in Rotary Hoes, West Horndon, Essex have a venue to stage a match of even the highest quality. Scores:—

- S. Gibbs lost to D. Neale (Yorks.) 17, -18, -9; lost to I. O. Harrison (Gloucs.) -11, -13.
- R. Stevens lost to Neale -10, -11; lost to C. Warren (Surrey) -20, -13.
- B. Brumwell lost to Harrison -13, -15; lost to Warren -14, -15.
- Miss L. Bell lost to Miss P. Martin (Kent) -16, -15; Gibbs/Stevens lost to Neale/Warren -14, -15.
- Brumwell/Miss Bell lost to Harrison/Miss Martin -14, -13.

behalf of the Counties, by Malcolm Scott. Tom Blunn moves up to Chairman and Keith Watts takes over from Tom as Treasurer.

JUNIOR CHALLENGE

The Junior Challenge was played at Oxford in early May and a tense battle developed. All depended on the last set of the last match, between Hertfordshire and Yorkshire. A win for Herts would have placed Warwickshire as champions on set averages, while a win for Yorkshire would have seen them through undefeated.

Paul Harmer raised Warwick's hopes taking the first game from David Shaw but then fell away badly to lose 16, -14, -13 and give Yorkshire their first overall win. Alan Hydes played a big part in Yorkshire's triumph being unbeaten and was well supported by Philip Rowe, David Shaw, Peter Machin and Linda Forkes. Special mention must be made of Derek Munt who gave best only to Hydes, and to Pauline Hemmings who was the only Hertfordshire player to come up to expectations.

Yorkshire beat Warwickshire 6-3; beat Hertfordshire 5-4; beat Wiltshire 6-3; beat Kent 7-2.

Warwickshire beat Herts 5-4; beat Wilts 8-1; beat Kent 9-0. Hertfordshire beat Wilts 5-4; beat Kent 6-3.

Wiltshire beat Kent 5-4.

Final Table						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire	4	4	0	24	12	8
Warwickshire	4	3	1	25	11	6
Hertfordshire	4	2	2	19	17	4
Wiltshire	4	1	3	13	23	2
Kent	4	0	4	9	27	0

NEW SEASON

So much for the past season. Now for the present. Essex go for a hat-trick of titles in the Premier Division with the team that has served them so well in the last two seasons. Hertfordshire (who crushed Devon 9-0) and Yorkshire (successful by 7-2 over Warwickshire) rejoin the elite at the expense of Sussex and Lancashire.

Hertfordshire II, promoted from the Southern Division, replace their first team in 2nd South and the relegation of Sussex forces out their second team who have dropped out.

2nd North sees Lancashire's relegation from the Premier forcing down their second team, while Yorkshire II replace their promoted first team. Cheshire have entered their second team in this division.

Unsuccessful for the second year running in the promotion play-off Warwickshire stay in 2nd Midland where the only change is the transfer of Worcestershire to 2nd West to make the formation of divisions more even.

Fifteen teams are in the Regional divisions; nice to see Berkshire and Leicestershire back and a welcome to Derbyshire II. I had been pleased to see the increased entry here, for seeing a Southern Division of seven and a Midland Division of eight and a consequently fuller fixture list.

I was surprised when it was decided by the Counties involved to split into three divisions of five counties each, which seemed an even stranger decision when it became apparent that some counties decided for this formation because they wanted more fixtures and some because they wanted less! (Divisions with five teams decide whether to play each other once or twice).

The junior divisions show little change. Somerset come into Junior South-West in place of Pembroke-shire, and Cambridgeshire enter a team in Junior East. The Bucks team moves into Junior South to even out the numbers.

TABLE tennis, like all sports, has its "characters." But I doubt whether even Ireland has ever produced anyone quite like Jimmy Langan. He is rather like England's Connie Warren, only noisier. His introduction to table tennis came through another sport—golf. In his early teens young Langan was a keen golfer and regarded as very promising in that direction. The club-house possessed a table tennis table and Langan found he was getting keener and keener to finish his round of golf to get in the club-house for his game of table tennis.

Triumph for Determination

Fascination for the indoor game soon became such that it took preference to the outdoor one and with it went any golf ambitions he had. His success with the celluloid ball was speedy and in six months he was club champion. After this his progress accelerated and the retirement of Corral McBride—another left-hander paved the way for Jim's introduction to the Irish team at the early age of fourteen. Whatever he lacked in experience, he lacked nothing in determination. His first international set found him trailing 20-15 in the deciding game against Wales' Johnny Mansfield. But it made no difference. Digging in he fought back to win the set. By the time he was sixteen the exuberant Irish boy had moved to number one, displacing the almost legendary Tommy Caffrey, whose popularity in the Emerald Isle is still at its zenith.

Acquiring Responsibility

Young Jim, however, does not possess all Tommy's qualities of self-restraint and has found himself in hot water on more than one occasion. But he is learning fast and in the recent European Cham-

pionships his behaviour was almost impeccable. Sometimes—again like Warren—he is in a serious mood and on these occasions one can scarcely believe it is the same boy who has been credited with less responsible acts.

A Great Mixer

Jim is a boy who thinks a lot, talks a lot and loves company. I would go further. He MUST have company. A great mixer who will talk to anyone and everyone. In quick succession at the European Championships party I saw him talking to Richard Bergmann, a group of umpires and the Mayor of Brent. He had never seen any of them before—and he greeted each like a long-lost friend.

Team Man

As a player he refuses to take the game too seriously. He will try alright, and he always supports the rest of the team, but there are no long "post-mortems" for him following a defeat. As a player he has a fine all-round game; without much doubt the best player for his age in the British Isles. Left-handed, he can hit at the most acute angles and moves better than most. The European Championships last season saw him frequently hitting almost unbelievable winners, the highlight being his victory over the Russian Sarkhojan.

At the moment he is in Spain—as a photographer—but he is expected back before Christmas and should be in action at the various events.

This, then, is a brief picture of Jimmy Langan. Popular with most people and cheerful to all. Whether he gets into more scrapes remains to be seen; personally I hope not. At the same time I hope he never loses his boyish enthusiasm for the game. His like are not born every day.

COUNTY DIARY

COUNTY TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR OCTOBER 1966

PREMIER DIVISION			
October 15	Essex v Cheshire, Gascoigne School, Gascoigne Road, Barking	7.30 p.m.	
October 15	Gloucestershire v Middlesex, New Ramblers Boys Club, Milton Avenue (off Poadmead Road), Gloucester	7.30 p.m.	
October 15	Yorkshire v Surrey, Mechanics Institute, Eridge Street, Bradford	7.00 p.m.	
October 30	Kent v Hertfordshire, East Cliff Pavilion, Folkestone	7.15 p.m.	
SECOND DIVISION SOUTH			
October 15	Hertfordshire II v Buckinghamshire II	7.00 p.m.	
October 15	Surrey II v Kent II, Heinemann Book & Press Sports Club, Lower Kingswood	7.00 p.m.	
SECOND DIVISION NORTH			
October 15	Cheshire II v Yorkshire II, Cornbrook Chemical Co., Newbridge Lane, Stockport	7.15 p.m.	
October 15	Cumberland v Lincolnshire, YMCA, Irish Street, Whitehaven	7.00 p.m.	
October 15	Lancashire v Durham, Montague Burton's Halliwell Clothing Factory, Halliwell Road, Bolton	7.00 p.m.	
October 22	Northumberland v Cheshire II, Prudhoe East Youth Centre, Prudhoe		
SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND			
October 15	Nottinghamshire v Monmouthshire (Grantham)		
October 15	Oxfordshire v Warwickshire, St. Margaret's Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford	6.30 p.m.	
October 15	Staffordshire v Glamorgan, Steel Parts Canteen, Brickhouse Lane, West Bromwich	7.15 p.m.	
October 22	Warwickshire v Derbyshire, Riverside Club, Leamington Spa	7.15 p.m.	
SECOND DIVISION WEST			
October 15	Somerset v Cornwall, Taunton Youth Centre, Flook House, Belvedere Road, Taunton	7.15 p.m.	
October 15	Worcestershire v Wiltshire, Cripplegate Park Pavilion, Tybridge Street, Worcester	6.30 p.m.	
October 29	Dorset v Devon, Broadstone Athletic Club, Duneats Road, Broadstone	7.15 p.m.	
SOUTHERN DIVISION			
October 15	Hampshire II v Oxfordshire II, St. James Institute, Stourfield Road, Pokesdown, Bournemouth	7.00 p.m.	
November 5	Berkshire v Oxfordshire II		
November 5	Buckinghamshire II v Hampshire II		
MIDLAND DIVISION			
October 15	Denbighshire v Lancashire II, Rhyl Methodist Schoolroom, Bath Street, Rhyl	7.00 p.m.	
October 15	Derbyshire II v Warwickshire II, Police Station, Chesterfield	7.00 p.m.	
EASTERN DIVISION			
October 15	Leicestershire v Huntingdonshire, Constitutional Club, Chapel Street, Earwell	6.30 p.m.	
JUNIOR SOUTH			
October 15	Buckinghamshire v Berkshire, Slough Community Centre, Farnham Road, Slough	3.00 p.m.	
October 15	Sussex v Surrey, Lewes Boys Club, Landport Road, Lewes	4.00 p.m.	
JUNIOR NORTH			
October 15	Cheshire v Yorkshire, Lostock Alkali Social Club, Works Lane, Lostock Gralam, Northwich	2.30 p.m.	
October 22	Northumberland v Cheshire, Prudhoe East Youth Centre, Prudhoe		
JUNIOR MIDLAND			
October 15	Staffordshire v Oxfordshire		
October 15	Warwickshire v Leicestershire (Birmingham)	7.00 p.m.	
October 15	Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire, Nottingham TTA HQ, Beech Avenue, Sherwood Rise, New Basford, Nottingham	3.00 p.m.	
JUNIOR EAST			
October 15	Middlesex v Suffolk, East Finchley Youth Centre, High Road, London, N.2	3.00 p.m.	
October 15	Norfolk v Essex, CEYMS Club, Brigg Street, Norwich	3.00 p.m.	
JUNIOR SOUTH-WEST			
October 15	Glamorgan v Gloucestershire, YMCA, Bridgend	3.00 p.m.	
October 15	Wiltshire v Monmouthshire, St. Josephs School, Queens Drive, Swindon	3.00 p.m.	

D. PETER LOWEN SIGNS OFF AS ASSOCIATION SECRETARY



On August 31, 1966, just over ten years since he was appointed, Peter Lowen resigned from the post of Professional Secretary of the Association to pursue his business interests.

In his person the E.T.T.A. had a man of many parts; an accountant by profession (to which he is now largely applying himself), an organiser, an administrator, a negotiator, and others. These talents he enhanced with an energy, enthusiasm, drive and determination. He was always ready to take on extra work, to open up a new sphere of activity, to pursue a fresh idea, to project the Association in another way, to offer a helping hand.

Much of his work will be of lasting benefit. In particular, he helped to maintain a strong link with the manufacturers in many ways; he alone was responsible for establishing excellent contacts with the television authorities; he pioneered the present exceptionally cordial relations with the Sports Council and the C.C.P.R. from which so much benefit is being reaped.

True he was a paid servant of the Association but those who know appreciate that the time and effort he devoted to E.T.T.A. work over the past 10 years was far in excess of what his contract demanded. The E.T.T.A. owes Peter Lowen a debt of thanks and also his wife Pauline who put up with so much inconvenience to their family life during this time.

The officers and members of the Association will wish Peter the best of good fortune in pursuing his business interests.

I. C. EYLES (Chairman)
N. K. REEVE (Deputy Chairman)
T. BLUNN (Hon. Treasurer)

Complete Formation of Divisions:—

Premier Cheshire Essex Gloucestershire Hertfordshire Kent Middlesex Surrey Yorkshire	Second North Cheshire II Cumberland Durham Lancashire Lincolnshire Northumberland Yorkshire II	Second West Cornwall Devon Dorset Somerset Wiltshire Worcestershire	Midland Denbighshire Derbyshire II Lancashire II Staffordshire II Warwickshire II	Junior Midland Leicestershire Nottinghamshire Oxfordshire Staffordshire Warwickshire Worcestershire
Second South Bedfordshire Buckinghamshire Hampshire Hertfordshire II Kent II Surrey II Sussex	Second Midland Derbyshire Glamorgan Monmouthshire Nottinghamshire Oxfordshire Staffordshire Warwickshire Cheshire	Southern Berkshire Buckinghamshire II Hampshire II Oxfordshire II Worcestershire II	Junior South Berkshire Buckinghamshire Hampshire Kent Surrey Sussex	Junior East Cambridgeshire Essex Hertfordshire Middlesex Norfolk Suffolk
		Eastern Cambridgeshire Huntingdonshire Leicestershire Norfolk Suffolk	Junior North Cheshire Cumberland Durham Lancashire Northumberland Yorkshire	Junior South West Glamorgan Gloucestershire Monmouthshire Somerset Wiltshire