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EUROPEAN LEAGUE

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 MARY WRIGHT bt B. Kishazi 17, 16.
 NEALE/MARY WRIGHT bt Borzsei/Kishazi -19, 10, 14.

AUSTRIA 1, ENGLAND 6
 D. NEALE bt V. Hirsch -16, 16, 14; bt H. Schluter 14, 11.
 S. GIBBS lost to Schluter -19, -15; bt Hirsch 13, 18.
 NEALE/GIBBS bt Schluter/Hirsch 20, 18.
 MARY WRIGHT bt E. Willinger 14, 19.
 GIBBS/KARENZA SMITH bt Schluter/Willinger -16, 17, 22.

ENGLAND 6, WEST GERMANY 1
 D. NEALE bt E. Scholer 17, -15, 19; bt E. Arndt 10, 19.
 S. GIBBS bt Arndt -15, 19, 18; lost to Scholer -11, -10.
 NEALE/GIBBS bt Scholer/Arndt 18, 14.
 MARY WRIGHT bt A. Simon 16, 17.
 NEALE/MARY WRIGHT bt Scholer/Simon 13, 19.

CHAMPIONSHIP HOPES SLATTERED

ENGLAND 3, HUNGARY 4
DESPITE a typically valiant effort by Mary Wright and a fighting recovery by Denis Neale, England's remaining hopes of becoming the first champions of the European League flickered out when they were beaten 3-4 by Hungary at Manchester on December 1st.

Janos Borzsei, ranked No. 4 in Hungary, was successful in both his singles, which included the vital decider. For England, Mary Wright recorded her fourth successive victory in the women's singles, thus retaining our unbeaten record in this event.

After a disastrous start in which Denis Neale lost two straight to Borzsei and Stuart Gibbs went down to Matyas Beleznai at 17 in the third, Mary Wright revived English hopes with a two straight victory over Beatrix Kishari.

In the men's doubles, Hungary introduced I. Jonyer as partner to Beleznai. Though Gibbs and Neale, having lost the first, came back to take a hard fought second game, they fell away and lost the third to 9, leaving England trailing 1-3.

When Neale and Mary Wright lost the first game of the mixed, it seemed to be "all over bar the shouting", but they found their touch at the vital time to take the next two games and bring the match score to 2-3.

Excitement continued to rise in the following men's singles between Neale and Beleznai. Having won the first to 17, then lost the second at 18, Neale was 6-12 down in the decider, but fought back tenaciously to level the score at 19 all and, keeping the ascendancy, took the next two vital points to square the match at 3-3.

Everything now depended on the final singles between Gibbs and Borzsei. But it was soon evident that Gibbs was the more affected by the occasion. He lost the first game to 8 and though he fought hard in the second, the ability of his opponent plus his own lack of confidence proved insuperable and Borzsei took the game and match.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
HUNGARY	4	3	1	20	8	6
ENGLAND	5	3	2	24	11	6
U.S.S.R.	2	2	0	12	2	4
CZECHO	1	1	0	5	2	2
AUSTRIA	3	1	2	8	13	2
W. GERMANY...	1	0	1	1	6	0
NETHERLANDS	4	0	4	0	28	0

HUNGARIAN OPEN—BUDAPEST

Four Finals for England

FOUR finals but only one title. Even so, this was one of the finest English performances for many years.

Denis Neale played superbly having perhaps the most difficult draw in the whole Championships. He beat, in turn, Sandor Harangi of Hungary, Sarkis Sarkhojan of Russia, Jaroslav Kunz of Czechoslovakia, Kjell Johanson of Sweden (European champions) and Dorin Giurguca of Rumania, only to fall at the last hurdle to Matyas Beleznai of Hungary.

Beleznai played above himself to

beat Agnes Simon of West Germany, but she was never allowed to settle down against one of the most awkward half-volley exponents in the game.

The women's doubles went according to seeding with Alexandru and Eleanora Mihalca of Rumania playing Mary and Karenza. England's pair seemed to win this match, so many times that to lose it hardly seemed possible. Leads of 2-0 and 19-17; 2-1 and 18-16; 2-2 and 17-12 were all lost as was a lead of 20-19 in the fifth.

Mary Wright and Dennis Neale provide news of CONTINENTAL SUCCESSES

win his first national singles championship.

Stuart Gibbs went the distance of five games in his first two rounds before losing to Jozsef Papp of Hungary 3-0. Our interest in the men's doubles was short lived, Stuart and Denis losing in the first round.

Perhaps the biggest surprise in the Women's events was the defeat of the European champion, Maria Alexandru of Rumania by Cirila Pirc of Yugoslavia in three straight games. Karenza Smith after good wins over Lukacs of Hungary and Gabriele Geissler of East Germany, lost to Szmít-Calinska of Poland—one of the redoubtable rubber bat choppers.

Mary Wright had a fairly easy passage to the final and was the favourite

Our only title came in the mixed where Denis and Mary swept through to the final, only to be 2-0 down and losing the third before they suddenly came to.

Rather a heart-breaking finals night for the English team but, at the time, England had been the most successful team of the season reaching 7 out of a possible 10 finals and winning 3!

Men's Singles: D. NEALE bt Harangi -20, -13, 13, 10, 16; bt Sarkhojan 10, 20, 19; bt Kunz 18, -12, 9, 17. Q.F. bt Johansson 15, 10, 17. S.F. bt Giurguca 20, -13, 15, 17. **Final:** lost to Beleznai -15, 20, -15, -12.
S. R. GIBBS bt W. Vater (East Germany) 26, -19, -18, 17, 19; bt Bankuti (Hungary) -17, 13, -18, 20, 16; lost to Papp -20, -12, -13.

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Tired But Elated

by Johnny Leach

ENGLAND 6, AUSTRIA 1

THE English team which flew into Vienna on Sunday, November 5th was tired but elated by its successful participation in both the Hungarian and Yugoslavian International Championships. It was noon, and in seven hours time we were due to meet Austria at the Malfattschule in a European League match vital to England's championship hopes.

In the event we got off to a bad start. Stuart Gibbs lost in straight sets to Heinz Schluter, the Austrian No. 1, and Denis was trailing 7-12 to Viktor Hirsch in the second set, having lost the first.

At this point Denis surprised us all by a complete change of tactics, which also had the effect of changing England's luck and the run of the match. Abandoning for once his normal hard-hitting style he fought his way out of trouble with some brilliant

Bergmann-like defensive play. Hirsch was taken right out of his stride and was forced to concede victory. What an accomplished all-round player our No. 1 has now become.

Bolstered by Denis's example the team rallied and won all the remaining games, but not without a fight. Karenza Smith and Stuart Gibbs needed all their skill and resource, and a little luck as well, to win the mixed doubles 24-22 in the third and though Mary Wright defeated E. Willinger by a comfortable margin our No. 1 girl was clearly not at her best.

Denis returned to his normal attacking style to defeat Schluter in straight sets 14 and 11. Stuart also had a straight sets victory over Hirsch, then our men took the doubles.

The result was heartening after such a strenuous tour, and proved that this England team has an abundance of fighting spirit.

Applause the Keynote

writes Geo. R YATES

ENGLAND 6, WEST GERMANY 1

IN the grandeur of the Victoria Hall, Leeds, where doubtless the voices of many choirs and the crash of countless cymbals have resounded in the past, applause was the keynote on November 9th.

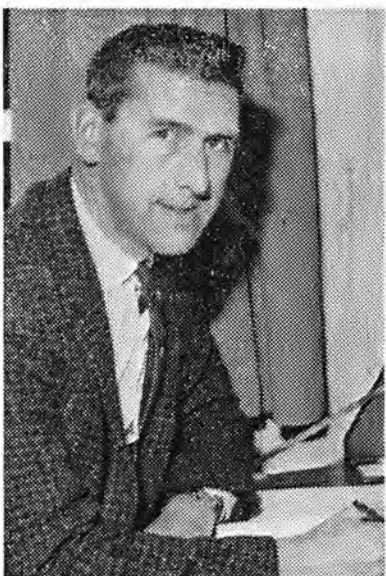
Occasioned by England's magnificent victory over West Germany—principally wrought by Yorkshire's own "terrier" Denis Neale—the lofty rafters rang in acknowledgment of the drawing board technique employed by the Tees-side wizard in beating Eberhard Scholer in the penultimate set.

Nor should the part played by Mary Wright be overlooked for her win over Agnes Simon—reversing the proceedings at Budapest—was of great significance repairing, as it did, the damage inflicted by Scholer on Stuart Gibbs.

Back to his ebullient self, however, in the final set, the Essex star was not to be denied a slice of this rich cake into which England cut so deeply.

His victory over Erich Arndt, who was a late substitution for National Serviceman Martin Ness, completed a memorable evening totally devoid of disturbing incident.

ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY



By courtesy of the Bromley Advertiser

Due to take up his desk appointment as the E.T.T.A.'s Administrative Secretary on December 11 is Albert Shipley of Bromley, Kent. In joining the paid ranks he will team up with Organising Secretary, Derek Tremayne and operate from H.Q., 26-29 Park Crescent, London, W.1.

Aged 37, married with two children, Albert is a person renowned for his sense of humour, being quick to see the lighter side of any situation.

It is a quality that could serve him in good stead for the life of any sporting administrator is fraught with trials.

This month's Spotlight, contributed by Bromley and District Table Tennis Association Chairman, Don Mitchell, is focused on the appointee and is to be found on page 4.

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JUDGEMENT "RESERVED"

WITH uncanny aid an alleged catapultist in South America felled a Scottish goalkeeper just prior to the kick-off in an important inter-continental club football match.

Fortunately a substitute keeper was available who duly donned a jersey and took his place between the "sticks."

But what would have happened, say, in the recent European Table Tennis League encounter between Austria and England, in Vienna, if some such phantom marksman had singled out Denis Neale as his target?

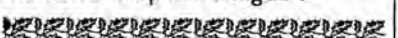
Quite apart from the uproar, the match would have been ruined, as would our chances, bereft as we were of a travelling reserve.

All of which boils down to a simple yet seemingly international faith in the immunity of the chosen few against all hazards—both imaginary and otherwise.

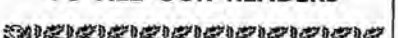
It is a justifiable risk but is the policy a wise one? Granted the saving of expense has so far paid off and neither sickness nor accident has intervened—an occurrence not unknown within the narrower confines of the County Championships!

It might be as well therefore, should the championship title come within our grasp, to have regard for the unlikely and take out the insurance of an additional player to be on the spot.

We do for the European and World Championships so why not for the European League?



HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS



JERSEY NOTES

by Brian Nicholle

European Quadrangular

CONFIRMATION has been received that the Regional European League matches between Jersey, Scotland, Wales and Belgium will be held in Jersey in the form of a quadrangular tournament. The dates have been arranged for January 19-20. Matches will be played Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening.

Although a record number of teams (74) have been entered in the seven divisions of the Jersey League, only eight entries were received for Division I. Pegasus, last season's runners-up, are unbeaten. They

gained a convincing win over last season's champions, St. Helier, 8-2. Ken Eloury and John Turner were unbeaten, proving too strong even for St. Helier's leading players Barry Wykes and Harry Carver.

FIRST DIVISION									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Pegasus "A"	7	7	0	0	59	11	14		
St. Helier "A"	7	6	0	1	45	25	12		
Priority "A"	7	5	0	2	43	27	10		
Aquila	7	3	1	3	44	26	7		
Caesarian CC	6	2	1	3	30	30	5		
Priority "B"	7	2	0	5	25	45	4		
Pegasus "B"	7	1	0	6	14	56	2		
St. Helier "B"	6	0	0	6	10	50	0		

INTERNATIONAL ROUND-UP

By CONRAD JASCHKE

Deputy Chairman and Hon. International Secretary of the E.T.T.A.

OUR team's splendid win over Germany has put England at the top of the European League table, and now the England v Hungary match (which will have been played by the time this appears), the England v U.S.S.R. match in March, and the encounters of Czechoslovakia with these two countries, will decide the final outcome of the championship. The Germans played much better than the score suggests, but they met the England side at its scintillating best. Denis Neale really has made fantastic progress since last season, and I shall not be surprised if he ends this season as one of the top three or four players in Europe.

The match at Leeds was another fine showpiece for the European League, and it was appropriate that E.T.T.U. President Jupp Schlaf accompanied the German team; he has been the main driving force behind the forward march of the European Table Tennis Union, and he paid generous tribute to England's part in the important developments of the recent years.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION			
Netherlands	0	England	7
U.S.S.R.	5	Hungary	2
England	2	Czechoslovakia	5
Austria	7	Netherlands	0
Hungary	7	Netherlands	0
Hungary	7	Austria	0
Austria	1	England	6
U.S.S.R.	7	Netherlands	0
England	6	W. Germany	1

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
In the absence of China at the 8th Asian Championships, recently held in Singapore, Japan won all titles with the exception of the women's singles.

Major shock in this event was the defeat of Japan's world champion Sachiko Morisawa by Korean junior champion Choi Hwan by 3 sets to 1. Two other Korean girls, however, fought out the final, with Yoon Ki Sook beating Choi Jung Suk 3-2.

In the men's singles, world champion Nobuhiko Hasegawa defeated his compatriot Mitsuru Kono 3-1 in the final. All six pairs in the three doubles finals were Japanese, and in the team events Japan beat Korea 5-2 (men) and 3-2 (women).

There was a marked improvement in the play of several teams, and against Japanese players many of the other South-East Asians concentrated on attacking to the backhand corner. The Japanese noted a definite increase in speed on the part of many of their opponents.

That this improvement in the standard of other countries was not reflected in the final results, was due to

the superb conditions and fighting qualities of the Japanese players.

NETHERLANDS TEAM UNSUCCESSFUL IN U.S.S.R.

The Netherlands team suffered its third defeat in a row at Vilnius on November 3rd being beaten 4-3 by the Lithuanian national team.

During a three-day visit the guests lost to the Soviet national team 0-7 in the European League and to the U.S.S.R. junior national team 4-5.

The third match was closely contested with the visitors pulling back a 1-3 deficit. But, as in the match against the Soviet junior team, the outcome was decided in the last set when the 18-year-old student Vladimiras Brendelis beat Bert Schoofs 19-16, 12.

Soviet juniors Romas Miknyavichus and Pyatras Shevelkovas both recorded wins over Bert van der Helm and Bert Schoofs in the 5-4 success.

CONTINENTAL SUCCESSES (Continued from page 1)

Hungarian Open

Women's Singles: M. WRIGHT bt Schneller (Hungary) 7, 9, 10; bt D. Hovestadt (East Germany) 13, 18, -15, 19. Q.F. bt Kishazi (Hungary) 16, 16, 15. S.F. bt Mihalca -21, 12, 10, 15. Final: lost to A. Simon (West Germany) -15, 16, -16, -12.

K. SMITH bt Kautzky (Hungary) 14, 17, 10; bt Lukas 16, 14, 21; bt Geissler 16, 19, 17. Q.F. lost to D. Szmít-Calinska -19, -16, -7.

Men's Doubles: NEALE/GIBBS lost to Bankuti/Klmpar (Hungary) 12, -18, 19, -13, -18. Final: GIURGUICA/RETI (Rumania) bt Harangi/Papp 17, 19, -21, 15.

Women's Doubles: WRIGHT/SMITH bt

Nemeth/Seca (Hungary) 18, -15, 19, 13. Q.F. bt Czoke/Maklari (Hungary) 15, 12, 14. S.F. bt Geissler/Hovestadt 18, 12, 13. Final: lost to Alexandru/Mihalca 16, 15, -18, -20, -20.

Mixed Doubles: NEALE/WRIGHT bt G. Kocsis/Poor (Hungary) 6, 15, 15; bt Reti/Mihalca 14, 18, 16. Q.F. bt J. Borzsei/Kishazi 18, 14, -19, 17. S.F. bt Beleznai/E. Koczian (Hungary) 13, 12, 15. Final: bt Giurguica/Alexandru -12, -20, 12, 20, 11.

GIBBS/SMITH bt Kalmar/Seca -13, 10, 15, 17; bt Timar/Izso (Hungary) 20, 15, 18; bt S. Lemke/Geissler 18, 18, -18, -15, 19. Q.F. lost to Harcsar/Lukacs -12, -14, -13.

Yugoslav Open

England Win Two Titles

AS at Budapest, the Yugoslav Open can also be regarded as a success with England winning two titles and finishing runners-up for a third.

TEAM EVENTS
Women. Mary Wright and Karenza Smith played brilliantly to pull off the title for the second time. After a first round bye, they met Rumania and won 3-1. Karenza suffered the reverse, losing to Alexandru after winning the first game from a trailing 10-20 deficit!

Hungary provided the semi-final opposition but were swept from the table. Not so Yugoslavia in the final for Pirc and Mirjana Resler are two girls who have improved tremendously from last season.

Pirc defeated Karenza rather easily in the first set but Mary levelled matters with a 2-straight win over Resler. A further success in the doubles was nullified when Karenza lost 21-23 to Resler in the third.

Back came Mary, however, to clinch the match when she beat Pirc 2-1 to stifle the shouts of 3,000 partisan followers. A great victory.

Men: Opening against East Germany, Denis Neale beat Siegfried Lemke and Wolfgang Stein and combined with Stuart Gibbs to win the doubles. The pattern was repeated against West Germany whose Kocher and Eberhard Scholer both went under to Neale who again succeeded with Gibbs in the doubles.

Disappointment came in the semi-final as a 2-0 lead against Czechoslovakia was pulled back by Kunz and Stefan Kollarovits who went on to deserve their 3-2 win.

INDIVIDUALS
The individual events brought England the women's doubles title when Mary and Karenza beat Alexandru/Mihalca, and runners-up award for Mary and Denis in the mixed to Giurguica/Alexandru. Karenza and Stuart

lost in the first round to the Russians Uldis Eglitis and Evdokija Golubkova.

Again came disappointment in the women's singles firstly when Karenza, well below form, lost to Doris Hovestadt. Then Mary, after struggling to beat Golubkova lost in the quarters to Pirc in the fifth after winning the first two games.

Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia was the men's singles winner and his final victim was Beleznai who failed to cope against spin. The result goes to prove just how little separates the top men in Europe, because in the Hungarian Open, the week before, Surbek lost in the first round but won the consolation event.

Neale lost to Giurguica 3-1 in the second round after leading 18-14 in the third; 21-20 and 22-21 in the fourth. Gibbs, after beating Sarkhojan (a great result) lost to Beleznai -17 in the final game after leading 2-1. This was Gibbs at his near-best and he was unlucky to lose.

Other results of note were the defeat of Scholer by Markovic and Istvan Korpa losing to Beleznai -20 in the fifth after winning the first two games 8 and 9.

MEN'S TEAM EVENT

Beat East Germany 3-1. D. NEALE bt Stein 14, 9; bt Lemke -16, 16, 19. S. R. GIBBS lost to Lemke -10, -16. NEALE/GIBBS bt Lembe/W. Vater 19, -13, 16.

Beat West Germany 3-1. NEALE bt Kocher 13, 12; bt Scholer 18, 16. GIBBS lost to Scholer -11, -16. NEALE/GIBBS bt Scholer/Scholl 16, 16. Semi-final: Lost to Czechoslovakia 2-3. NEALE bt Kollarovite -13, 16, 13; lost to Kunz -12, -14. GIBBS bt Kunz 20, -12, 19; lost to Kollarovits -15, 16, -10. NEALE/GIBBS lost to Kollarovits/Kunz -12, -14.

WOMEN'S TEAM EVENT

Beat Rumania 3-1. M. WRIGHT bt Crisan 19, 4; bt Alexandru 13, 21. K. SMITH lost to Alexandru 21, -18, -10. WRIGHT/SMITH bt Alexandra/Mihalca 18, 18.

Semi-final: Beat Hungary 3-0. WRIGHT bt Izso 20, 12. SMITH bt Papp -17, 13, 16. WRIGHT/SMITH bt Izso/Papp 16, 16.

Final: Beat Hungary 3-2. WRIGHT bt Resler 15, 19; bt Pirc -18, 16, 14. SMITH lost to Pirc -8, -14; lost to Resler 15, -19, -21. WRIGHT/SMITH bt Pirc/Resler 16, 14.

INDIVIDUAL

Men's Singles: D. NEALE lost to Giurguica -9, 13, -19, -22. S. R. GIBBS bt Sarkhojan 17, 21, 17; lost to Beleznai -8, 14, 13, -9, -17.

Women's Singles: M. WRIGHT bt Golubkova 18, -15, -22, 6, 18. Q.F. Lost to Pirc 17, 12, -15, -16, -13. K. SMITH lost to Hovestadt -11, -22, -13.

Men's Doubles: NEALE/GIBBS bt B. Schoofs/B. v.d. Helm (Netherlands) 8, 13, 14; lost to D. Surbek/A. Stipanovic (Yugoslavia) 18, -17, -13, -19.

Women's Doubles: WRIGHT/SMITH bt Roth/Zukino (Yugoslavia) 17, 14, 12. O.F. bt Papp/Izso 14, 19, 16. S.F. bt G. Geissler/Hovestadt -20, 17, 11, 18. Final: bt Alexandru/Mihalca -17, 14, 21, 7.

Mixed Doubles: NEALE/WRIGHT bt Beseviski/Koliev (Yugo) 9, 13, 12; bt Reti/Mihalca 13, 6, 14. Q.F. bt Kunz/Karlikova -17, 17, 15, 17. S.F. bt Sarkhojan/Poosova (Russia) -21, 21, -9, 11, 19. Final: lost to Giurguica/Alexandru 22, -19, -14, 18, -17. GIBBS/SMITH lost to Eglitis/Golubkova -18, -17, 18, 16, -13.

Welsh Corner by Roy Evans Gap Narrows

THE annual play-off between winners of the Northern and Southern Sections of the Club Championship of Wales, whilst providing victories for Park Club, Penarth, in the Seniors, and Abergavenny Club in the Juniors, indicated that the gap between respective abilities is getting narrower.

Certainly this is more true of the Juniors, in which the North's Black and Kingston are not so far off their Southern rivals. I was delighted to hear it said that the coaching these boys have had, started by the National Coaching Committee and carried on by the Northern Coaches, is producing definite improvement.

Incidentally, the scheme for granting diplomas to coaches is now very much in hand. As the demand for coaches by local authorities increases, so the Association must be ready to have a much bigger pool of certificated coaches available. A curriculum has been set, covering the organisation of a coaching course, and basic guide lines for the actual coaching, and this is available to all those who expressed interest by October 31. A written examination will be held early in the new year, followed by a practical examination with a class of beginners. Diplomas, valid for one year, will be granted for elementary, intermediate and advanced grades.

By the time these notes appear the annual Junior International against England will have been played at Merthyr Tydfil. Only Haydn Thomas and Chris Evans of last season's team are available, and an exhaustive trial, involving four other Glamorgan and two other Monmouthshire boys was held. Robert Bishop and Keith Morris were drafted in to provide stiffer opposition.

Haydn Thomas was of course an automatic choice, and the selectors finally chose Jimmy Gray (Swansea), Michael Nocivelli (Newport), and Chris Evans (Tredegar) and also selected Alan Griffiths to partner Nocivelli in the second doubles. Haydn and Jimmy are the first pair. Brian Everson was non-playing captain.

In January we journey to Jersey to play our European League matches against Belgium, Jersey and Scotland. Run as a kind of "Quadrangular," will enable all the countries to meet this new commitment at the least cost.

This is important to us for in February we are due in Belfast for the usual Quadrangular, and we hope to be represented in the European Championships in Lyons in April—plenty of interesting matches for our top players to prepare themselves for!

OBITUARY

JAMES (JIMMY) THOMPSON

E.T.T.A Vice-President 1947-1967

BRISTOL'S first international and the first sponge rubber racket player has died at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol after a long illness. Jimmie Thompson played in the Swaythling Cup team in 1926-8 and won a national newspaper competition (the first prize being a motor car) beating Percy Bromfield in the final.

Pen-holder player, 79-years-of-age Jimmie was Secretary of the Bristol Comity Table Tennis and Social Club, which comprised the late Gilbert Belsten, another Bristol international, and all the leading players in the district. When this Club wound up, the proceeds were given to the County Championships, who purchased a trophy for the Western Division.

One of his early opponents was Adrian Haydon, then a teenager.

Jimmie Thompson, a Vice-President of the Association for 20 years was also for many years Vice-President of the Bristol Association. He leaves a widow and a married daughter to whom the Chairman has passed on our condolences and sympathy.

So passes a truly great table tennis enthusiast.

Ivor C. Evles Chairman E.T.T.A.

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BIRMINGHAM OPEN

More Trophies Than Friends?

BEFORE going into details of who won what at this year's Birmingham Open, let me first say that the playing conditions at the Harry Mitchell Recreation Centre in Smethwick, must rate among the best in the country.

As expected, the men's singles was won by "Connie" Warren, but the way he won it, gave me and many others impression that he will win more trophies than friends this season.

The time has surely come when umpires must be given the same control as officials in other sports. Certain players in the game are known for their tantrums, but as long as the tail goes on wagging the dog, it is grossly unfair to any umpire doing his best.

Brian Burn must still be wondering why he did not meet Ralph Gunnion in the final. After winning the first, and leading 17-12 in the second, his semi-final tie with Warren looked all over. He made the fatal mistake, however, of letting up at this stage and Warren quickly took advantage to take the second. There was never any doubt in the decider.

Gunnion put out Glenn Warwick and Jeff Ingber, but then Warren dashed any hopes of a Birmingham victory.

In the women's singles there was no one in the same class as Christine Davies from Southampton. She quickly disposed of Doreen Griffiths in the semi and there was never any doubt where the trophy was going when she met Kath Perry in the final.

Without doubt, the shock of the day was in the men's doubles, when the Nottingham pair, Saunders and Mayfield, put out Warren and Gunnion in the second round.

It was a good tournament for Ireland's Joan Fitzsimmons. With Jim Langan she won the mixed and the women's doubles with Derek Schofield's wife, Doreen. Birmingham took the honours in the junior events with Jenny Corrock winning the girls' and Paul Judd the boys'.

The Birmingham Association made a presentation to the four Birmingham lads who won the Carter Cup last season: Derek Munt, Paul Judd, Roger Clarke and Pat Glynn.

Finally, a word of praise for Maurice Goldstein. His, and his helpers' untiring work, plus that splendid venue, made this Birmingham Open a tournament to remember.

by John Pike

Men's Singles—semi-finals: R. GUNNION (Warwks) bt J. Ingber (Lancs) 19, 12; C. WARREN (Surrey) bt B. Burn (Northumb) -17, 19, 13.

Final: WARREN bt Gunnion 18, -18, 12.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: K. PERRY (Warwks) bt I. Sykes (Warwks) 19, 4; C. DAVIES (Hants) bt D. Griffiths (Warwks) 15, 3.

Final: DAVIES bt Perry 12, 15.

Men's Doubles—final: J. CLARKE (Lancs)/INGBER bt J. Davies/J. Goldsbrough (Yorks) 5, 16.

Women's Doubles—final: D. SCHOFIELD (Ches)/J. FITZSIMMONS (Ireland) bt Perry/S. Pegg (Derbys) 15, -20, 17.

Mixed Doubles—final: J. LANGAN (Ireland)/FITZSIMMONS bt Warren/Schofield -16, 19, 16.

Boys' Singles—final: P. JUDD (Warwks) bt A. Fletcher (Yorks) 19, -20, 12.

Girls' Singles—final: J. CORNOCK (Warwks) bt L. Bashford (Yorks) -20, 20, 14.

Veteran Singles—final: G. TSOV (Staffs) bt S. Nunn (Yorks) -15, 17, 14.

MERSEYSIDE OPEN

by Geo. R. Yates

The Great Unpredictable

LANCASHIRE'S cause would not appear to be all that much lost on the evidence of results obtained at the Merseyside Open.

Mancunian Kevin Forshaw, one of the great unpredictables, did what he always threatens to do and that is win the men's singles title.

An incredible performance by Peter Duncombe had earlier removed the holder and chief threat Mike Johns but, despite a first game win over Alan Hydes, the dynamo of the Doncaster electrician ran down.

Again in the men's doubles, the Lancastrian pairing of youthful Brian Mitchell and John Clarke exceeded all expectations in ousting Duncombe and Forshaw.

So too in the boys' event the Red Rose blossomed when Mitchell easily accounted for his fellow county junior Tony Boasman.

For once in a way Maureen Heppell failed to land a win having to be content with runners-up award to Judy Heaps in the singles and, with Diane Simpson, again in the women's doubles.

A feature of the girls' singles was the swamping of the entry by Liverpoolians whose Pam Fidler will doubtless put to good use her experience against Miss Heaps.

APPROVAL GIVEN

APPROVAL of Spalding's "Villa" XXX and XX balls was given for the current season's use at the National Council Meeting on December 2.

PORTSMOUTH OPEN

by A. J. Borshell

TITLE ON TWENTY-FIRST

RON Penfold succeeded in winning his first open title on his twenty-first when he smashed his way to a win in the men's singles and also in the men's doubles partnered by Peter Williams.

Penfold beat Williams in the semi-final of the singles after losing the first game and in the final, against Denis Johnson, his hitting was just too much for his opponent.

Johnson was also on the losing side in the doubles.

In the women's singles Jill Shirley won by forcing Sandra Goldsmith into mistakes and took another title when she partnered her brother Paul to success. Christine Davies and Pauline Edwards—formerly the Holes twins—won the women's doubles.

Men's Singles—semi-finals: R. PENFOLD (Surrey) bt P. Williams (Sussex) -17, 20, 12; D. JOHNSON (Essex) bt D. Basden (Kent) -19, 11, 17.

Final: PENFOLD bt Johnson 12, -19, 18.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: J. SHIRLEY (Bucks) bt C. Davies (Hants) 18, 8; S. GOLDSMITH (Surrey) bt D. Gray (Hants) -9, 17, 19.

Final: SHIRLEY bt Goldsmith 18, -17, 12.

Men's Doubles—semi-finals: PENFOLD/WILLIAMS bt Basden/B. Meisel (Kent) 19, 21; JOHNSON/M. POND (Essex) bt S. Hann (Oxon)/P. Shirley (Bucks) -13, 18, 18.

Final: PENFOLD/WILLIAMS bt Johnson/Pond 17, 19.

Women's Doubles—semi-finals: DAVIES/P. EDWARDS (Hants) bt J. Baker (Surrey)/A. Mills (Hants) 10, 15; SHIRLEY/M. WALKER (Middx) bt Goldsmith/S. Howard (Surrey) 12, -20, 14.

Final: DAVIES/EDWARDS bt Shirley/Walker -18, 14, 17.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: SHIRLEY/SHIRLEY bt D. Davies (Hants)/Davies 13, 20; L. F. LANDRY/S. FOSTER (Hants) bt Hann/C. Pacitto (Bucks) -17, 16, 17.

Final: SHIRLEY/SHIRLEY bt Landry/Foster 13, 24.

Women's Doubles—semi-finals: DUNCOMBE/L. S. PROUDLOCK (Yorks) bt M. Dale/W. Higgins (Ches) 14, 14; HEPPELL/SIMPSON bt K. Perry (Staffs)/I. Sykes (Warwks) 11, 11.

Final: DUNCOMBE/PROUDLOCK bt Heppell/Simpson 18, 15.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: WARWICK/PERRY bt Kean/Heaps 15, -16, 21; DUNCOMBE/PROUDLOCK bt Morley/L. Barrie (Scotland) 19, -9, 10.

Final: DUNCOMBE/PROUDLOCK bt Warwick/Perry 16, -17, 13.

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: MITCHELL bt P. Mayman (Ches) -18, 10, 8; A. BOASMAN (Lancs) bt S. Kaufman (Lancs) 18, 14.

Final: MITCHELL bt Boasman 16, 12.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: HEAPS bt J. McKenzie (Lancs) 11, 12; P. FIDLER (Lancs) bt Y. M. Jones (Wales) 15, -20, 11.

Final: HEAPS bt Fidler 12, 5.

Veteran Singles—semi-finals: S. NUNN (Yorks) bt L. Heppell (Northumb) -19, 15, 19; W. RAMSDALE (Ches) bt L. Hoffman (Middx) 20, -14, 18.

Final: RAMSDALE bt Nunn 16, -13, 19.

RAF DOWN TO CIVIL SERVICE

by W.O. J. Bishop—
(RAF TTA Publicity Officer)

THIS year it was the turn of the Royal Air Force to entertain the Civil Service and with Chris Bradbeer unable to play "Mo" Hughes was brought into the RAF team at the last moment.

Represented by Beds County man Les Wooding, the visitors had two Inland Revenue players in Maurice Case and Tony Patrick supported by Doris Moors and Marie Know of the Civil Service J.M. Rose Bowl team.

Despite the RAF winning four out of the seven singles set—two by Dick Clode—the overall strength of the visiting quintet saw them to a 6-4 win.

R. CLODE bt L. Wooding 16, 19; bt A. Patrick 18, -15, 9.

B. CULLIS lost to Patrick -11, -15; bt M. Case 19, 20.

T. McQUILLAN lost to Case -11, -12; lost to Wooding -18, -17.

ALMA JOHNSON beat Doris Moors -11, 17, 17.

CLODE/McQUILLAN lost to Case/Patrick 15, -18, 19.

CULLIS/"Mo" HUGHES lost to Wooding/Marie Know -13, -12.

JOHNSON/HUGHES lost to Moors/Know -12, -16.

INTER-COMMAND TOURNAMENT

Represented by Sgt Brian Mayfield, FO Wally Ladmore and Flt Lt Colin Hill, Flying Training Command, with seven wins, won the RAF section of the 1967-68 Inter-Command Tournament played at Stanmore.

Technical Training Command, also with seven wins, and represented by Sgt (W) Alma Johnson, Sgt (W) Adrienne Jacobs and SACW Evelyn Crompton won the counterpart WRAF competition.

Although not a member of the winning team Cpl Dick Clode won all his sets. Alma Johnson was also in great form and won all hers.

It would not be inappropriate to congratulate the three "grand old ladies" of the Fighter Command team of WO Hughes, FO Hunt and WO Ashby on their fine achievement in taking the runners-up plaques.

Air Support Command were the runners-up in the RAF competition.

LUCKY JACK WINS £100

JACK CARRINGTON was the £100 winner in the third draw of the E.T.T.A.'s "100 Club" held in conjunction with a cocktail/luncheon party at the Hallam Tower Hotel, Sheffield, on November 11th.

HULL & EAST RIDING OPEN

by Rea Bamford

Burn Back on Target

PETER Duncombe, one of only two members of Yorkshire's Premier Division squad to compete at Hull, was denied the "triple crown" of senior events when in the final of the men's singles he lost to Brian Burn.

Burn dismissed former Yorkshire favourite Raymond Hinchliff, making a welcome return to Humber side, and Lancs county man John Clarke before ending the run of Yorkshire's newest "cap," the rapidly improving Peter Hirst of Leeds.

Hirst was helped on his way by former Yorkshire junior Paul Canham, now studying at Newcastle University, who cleared John Kedge from his path.

Shock on the women's singles was the dismissal of Pat Dainty, the holder, by Birmingham's Kathleen Perry.

Surprise packet at the North of England, Middlesbrough's young Linda Bashford, all but made a semi-final place, losing to Doreen Schofield 19, -14, 19. Consolation came in the girls' event where, after ousting the favourite Linda Forkes, she went on to a comfortable final win over Alison Waters of Leeds.

"Set of the day" was the boys' singles final between two local Hymers College schoolboys, Tony Clayton and Alan Fletcher, the title going to Clayton.

The veterans' title went to Ron Etheridge, a welcome visitor from the South, while in the doubles Duncombe teamed up with Kedge in the men's and Miss Dainty in the mixed.

Men's Singles—semi-finals: B. BURN (Northumb) bt P. A. Hirst (Yorks) 17, 19; P. C. DUNCOMBE (Yorks) bt D. Schofield (Ches) 17, 9.

Final: BURN bt Duncombe 18, 13.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: D. SCHOFIELD (Yorks) bt C. Moran (Lincs) 18, 15; K. PERRY (Warwks) bt P. E. Dainty (Yorks) 16, -19, 14.

Final: SCHOFIELD bt Perry 17, -15, 17.

Men's Doubles—semi-finals: DUNCOMBE/J. R. KEDGE (Yorks) bt Burn/J. K. Clarke (Lancs) 23, 21; D. N. BARTLETT/C. POLLARD (Yorks) bt W. Crompton (Ches)/G. Livesey (Lancs) 15, 18.

Final: DUNCOMBE/KEDGE bt Bartlett/Pollard 9, 14.

Women's Doubles—semi-finals: MORAN/SCHOFIELD bt L. Bashford/P. Richmond (Yorks) 15, 18; D. GRIFFITHS (Warwks)/PERRY bt V. Baker (Northumb)/V. King (Yorks) 15, 12.

Final: MORAN/SCHOFIELD bt Griffiths/Perry -12, 19, 12.

Mixed Doubles—semi-final: DUNCOMBE/DAINTY bt P. Glynn (Warwks)/Perry 9, 9; CLARKE/SCHOFIELD bt Kedge/L. Forkes (Yorks) 17, -18, 19.

Final: DUNCOMBE/DAINTY bt Clarke/Schofield 12, 9.

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: A. L. CLAYTON (Yorks) bt N. Jarvis (Yorks) 13, 11; A. FLETCHER (Yorks) bt A. Morris (Yorks) 14, 17.

Final: CLAYTON bt Fletcher -20, 25, 18.

Girls' Singles, semi-finals: BASHFORD bt Forkes 19, 15; A. WATERS (Yorks) bt V. King (Yorks) 13, -24, 13.

Final: BASHFORD bt Forkes 17, 3.

Veteran Singles—semi-finals: R. ETHERIDGE (Kent) bt B. J. Griffiths (Warwks) 12, -18, 12; R. HINCHCLIFF (Yorks) bt H. Dignan (Northumb) -5, 18, 20.

Final: ETHERIDGE bt Hinchliff -18, 14, 18.

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HOW TRADE FUND AIDS DEVELOPMENT

by Conrad Jaschke—
Chairman of the National Coaching and Schools Committee

I HAVE recently prepared a memorandum for the firms contributing to the Trade Fund, which has done so much to finance important developments in the game. This memorandum shows the Trade how their money is being spent, and equally, I think E.T.T.A. members will be interested to know of the extent to which sports goods manufacturers and others have helped us.

E.T.T.A. School Centres

These have been set up in areas where playing facilities for young players are most urgently needed. The operational centres are situated at Nuneaton (Warwickshire), St. Austell (Cornwall), Exmouth (Devon) and Ashford (Kent). Two further centres, in Somerset and Shropshire, are envisaged.

Centres are in schools where the Education Authority is co-operating with us, and where the headmaster is enthusiastic about table tennis. In each case, there is an efficient local coach/organiser to look after the centre for the E.T.T.A.

The centres are generally used twice weekly for coaching local juniors, once monthly for juniors, within a 30-mile radius and on special occasions for area trials, inter-regional challenge matches, and courses for players and teachers. The equipment is also used daily by the school children attending the school.

Even this small pilot scheme is costing us nearly £1,000 after allowing for the grants made from the fund.

Establishment of further school centres in all parts of the country would probably be the most important single step that can be taken to raise our membership and to ensure the future of the game. The E.T.T.A. could handle the organisation involved in running 20 such centres, but there is no possibility at present of our raising the necessary finance from our own resources. However, we are confident that the pilot scheme will be a very great success, and it is hoped that in due course finance will

become available from outside sources to enable us to enlarge the number of centres.

"Best-trained School Group"

This competition has been designed to encourage systematic instruction in schools to a prepared syllabus. There are 10 players in a group, and entries this season have been received from 60 groups, i.e. a total of 600 players. In addition to two visits to each group from a qualified coach, the E.T.T.A. is arranging six regional play-off contests and a national final. The expenditure on this is expected to be in the region of £100-£150.

School Team Championships

The inaugural competition last year was for teams of four boys, or four girls, under 17 years of age. Because of the wonderful response—entries from 60 Education Authorities, involving some 1,000 teams, i.e. 4,000 players—it has been decided to introduce an additional competition for teams of children under 15 years of age.

The E.T.T.A. are responsible for giving assistance with local rounds and for staging and staffing eight regional play-offs, a North of England final and a South of England final, and the national finals. The estimated expenditure is likely to be in the region of £150-£200.

Development of Intermediates

The grant enables us to finance the attendance of staff coaches and top international players to monthly regional training sessions. It also helps us finance the attendance of some of the players who could not otherwise afford to attend, to receive the valuable coaching given.

They are extremely valuable in that they not only help to improve the standard of our up and coming players, but also bring these players into contact with our top international players. We can only afford an expenditure of about £250 under this heading, and it will be appreciated that additional finance is required if we are to give these opportunities to all the young players up and down the country who have reached a good standard and show promise of advancing further.

Conclusion

Whilst the shortage of funds is a serious problem, the E.T.T.A. deeply appreciate the help given by the Trade Fund, without which it would be impossible to progress as fast as we are now going forward. By concentrating our efforts on school children and young players, we are bringing a large number of new players into the game, and over the next few years this will benefit not only the E.T.T.A. but also the manufacturers of table tennis equipment.

SPOTLIGHT ON

ALBERT SHIPLEY

by D. N. MITCHELL

THE Bromley and District Table Tennis Association's honorary secretary, Albert Shipley, has landed one of the sport's top jobs, by securing the post of full-time Administrative Secretary of the English Table Tennis Association.

The national body's gain will, however, be Bromley's loss, for at the end of the present season, Albert will have to give up his local secretaryship, an office which he will then have held for six years.

Born and bred in Bromley, he was educated at Bromley County School for Boys (now Bromley Grammar School) and, on leaving school, went to work in the local Borough Engineer's Department, where he first met his wife, Betty. After completing his national service in the Royal Navy as a photographer, he worked for British Railways for a few months, but, at the end of 1951, joined Unilever, for whom he has worked ever since.

The old Radar Youth Club, in Elliott Road, provided Albert with his taste of table tennis in the years immediately after the war. His first experience of league play was not until the 1951-52 season when in the London Business Houses League, he played for Unilever, for whom he was also club secretary for a few years. He did not, in fact, play in the Bromley League until 1959, when he joined his wife, Betty, as a member of the Petts Wood Sports Club. He was appointed an hon. divisional secretary of the Bromley Association in 1961 and the following year became their honorary secretary.

Albert's interests widened rapidly. He organised a number of international matches at the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre, the most successful of which being the England v Japan match, which over 1,200 spectators attended, in May 1965. He was personal assistant to the honorary organiser of the European Championships at the Empire Pool, Wembley, in April 1966, the biggest venture undertaken by the English Association for twelve years.

For the past season and a half, Albert has also held the honorary offices in the E.T.T.A. of minutes secretary and secretary to the National Selection Committee, the latter post involving, amongst other things, making all the English teams' travel and hotel arrangements both in this country and abroad.

Albert lives with his wife—she represents Bromley in the Kent League—and two daughters, Janice (16) and Christine (13) in Carisbrooks Road, Bromley. Both children share their parents' interest in table tennis and Janice attends a coaching class once a week.

Albert's other sporting interest is now golf, which he plays at the West Kent Club at Downe, but in earlier years, he kept goal for Old Bromleyians and then subsequently for Raging Rangers. He retired from football after breaking the same finger twice in succession!

During his tenure of office, the Bromley Association has grown in size by 50 per cent to become the biggest and, so its members think, the best league in Kent.

BRISTOL RESTRICTED OPEN

- M.S.: G. C. Barnes (Essex) bt G. Evans (Wales) 12, 9.
- W.S.: J. Billington (Berks) bt J. Collier (Gloucs) 13, 20.
- M.D.: Barnes/A. Cornish (Kent) bt Evans/G. Gear (Somerset) 21, 12.
- W.D.: E. Gray/S. Jones (Wales) bt Billington/Mrs. Hall (Berks) -16, 19, 18.
- X.D.: Barnes/Collier bt M. Billington/Billington 16, 16.
- B.S.: G. Douglas (Gloucs) bt G. Terrett (Gloucs) 19, 13.
- G.S.: P. Bearer (Somerset) bt W. Harper (Somerset) 7, -17, 10.

OBITUARY

GEORGE H. HURLOCK

On Saturday, November 11 at his home in Reigate Road, Ewell, passed away Mr. George H. Hurlock at 76 years of age. He was the father of the Surrey and England player, Keith Hurlock, and had managed the clothing business in Broad Green, West Croydon, since 1912.

At the North-East of England Open at Scarborough during Easter 1952, our new President, Mr. Austin Harrison, arranged a challenge match to any player in the world (over 60) to meet him. Mr. Hurlock (then 61) and Mr. R. H. Primaresi (then 77) President of the Bournemouth Corinthian Club, competed. The Surrey veteran will be sadly missed by many.

A. W. Hill

NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

by Leslie Davis

Heed Regulation 15

THE second round draw sheets have been in the hands of League team secretaries for about three weeks and many matches should have been played by the time of this issue.

The committee has asked me to remind leagues who play on the last days of the period that Regulation 15 must be complied with. Failure to send a score card within the prescribed time may subject either or both teams to disqualification.

Wilmott Cup

It is good to see the veterans playing so well. (I often think that selection committees put too much emphasis on youth). Brian Brumwell won two sets for his victorious Ilford team against Bromley. Only Barry Meisel beat him.

Could not somebody dream up a team of veterans including the Claytons (Lancs) and Brumwell and see how they fare against the present national team?

The result of the match between Dulwich and the London Business House League could hardly have been closer. After drawing level at 4-all it was left to R. Milne to play M. Kercher in the decider. Although losing 9-21 in the first game Milne won the next two to put Dulwich through.

I notice no change in the Manchester side of Ingber, Forshaw and Clayton. They experienced little difficulty in overcoming the less experienced Horwich side.

Rose Bowl

Chesterfield appear to have a well-balanced team with Mrs. Deaton. Mrs. Whiteley and Sandra Pegg. They only lost one set to Huddersfield.

Central, with Taft, Hession and Mrs. Meisel had things their own way with Bromley. Central is a team with great potential.

Carter Cup

With the help of Ranked Junior Michael Wald, Slough beat Staines 6-3. Wald easily won his three sets.

An exciting encounter must have been the one between Burnley and Blackburn. This resulted in a 5-4

win for Burnley but only after A. Whittle had conceded the third game in the ninth set by 25-27 to David Newton.

Bromfield Trophy

Only one result was due in the first round. This was another close one especially considering that Watford—beaten 5-4—did not play a third girl. Miss B. Peters did well to win her three sets.

Remaining Round 1 results:

Willmot Cup

Aycliffe	1	Leeds	8
Nottingham	8	Sheffield	1
Manchester	9	Horwich	0
West Brom...	w.o.	Burton	
Gt. Yarmouth	w.o.	Kings Lynn	
Watford	9	St. Neots	0
Oxford	8	Dunstable	1
Southend	7	London Banks...	2
Walthamstow	7	Dagenham	2
Insurance Offices	5	Wandsworth	4
Bognor	4	Leatherhead	5
Bournemouth	1	Southampton	8
Grimsby	w.o.	Scunthorpe	
Bury	4	Chester	5
Burnley	9	Lancaster	0
Ely	2	Norwich	7
Stowmarket	2	Cambridge	7
Harlow	1	Luton	5
High Wycombe	8	Reigate, Redhill	1
Bromley	2	Ilford	7
Dulwich	5	London Bus, H.	4
Woolwich	8	Basildon	1
Eastbourne	2	Worthing	7
Crawley	4	Brighton	5

Rose Bowl

Chesterfield	8	Huddersfield	1
Dunstable	0	Reading	9
Bromley	0	Central London	9
Ilford	6	Barking	3
Bedford	w.o.	High Wycombe	
Wilkesden	9	London Banks...	0
Beckenham	6	Leatherhead	3

Carter Cup

Chester	2	Manchester	7
Burnley	5	Blackburn	4
Dunstable	8	Peterborough	1
N. Herts	w.o.	Central London	
Southend	1	Barking	8
Staines	3	Slough	6
Wembley	3	Bromley	6
Bognor	1	Brighton	7
Bolton	7	Sheffield	2
Mid-Cheshire	7	Wolverhampton	2
Wellingborough	8	Luton	1
Sittingbourne	2	N. Middlesex	7
Crawley	9	Basingstoke	0
Bristol	0	Southampton	9
Billerica	3	N.W. Kent	6
Plymouth	3	Exeter	6

Bromfield Trophy

N. Middlesex	5	Watford	4
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TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
Jan. 4-6	ENGLISH CLOSED Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre Norwood, London, S.E.19		Derek R. Tremayne, Organising Secretary E.T.T.A., 26-29 Park Crescent, London, W.1 Closing date: 11.12.67
6	Yorkshire Junior Open	U-17 BS, GS BD, GD, XD U-15 BS, GS DB, GD	R. Balmford, 205 Park Avenue, Hull, Yorks
13	Lancashire Open Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Lostock, Bolton	BS, GS, VS	G. T. H. Fackrell, 11 Halton Road, Great Sankey, Warrington, Lancs. Closing date: 2.1.68
14	Bournemouth Restricted Open Town Hall, Bournemouth	BS, GS	C. J. Buck, 18 Sherwood Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset
27-28	Kent Open Marine Pavilion, Folkestone	YS, GS, VS	C. M. Wyles, 48 Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea Sussex

Tournament organisers are requested to send a supply of entry forms to the E.T.T.A. office to meet the demand of enquiries.

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Date	Venue	Function	Enquiries to
Dec. 9	R.A.F. Spitalgate Grantham	Mass Rally	Miss N. Wilson 54 Edward Street Grantham
16	Ashford (Kent) Duncan Bowen School	Schools Coaching 12.0	J. Burtenshaw 12 Park Road Ashford
17	Stockton Sports Centre	Regional Training All levels 11.30	P. Simpson
17	Lewes Boys' Club	Youth Coaching	J. Carrington
29	Shropshire	Coaches' Study	J. Carrington
30	Leeds Victoria Club	Coaches' Assessments 2.0	P. Simpson (Director in attendance)
Jan. 2	Bradford Sports Centre	Schools Day	P. Simpson
3	Stockton Sports Centre	Schools Day	P. Simpson
4 & 7	Hounslow Hogarth Club	Coaches' Study 7.0 Coaches' Study 11.0	J. Carrington J. Carrington
5	Burnley St. James' Hall	Schools Day	A. Magnall 90 Melville Street J. Carrington
11-12	London Puddington Street	Coaches' Study and Assessment	J. Carrington
14	Bradford Sports Centre	Regional Training All levels	P. Simpson (Director in attendance)
17-18	London Paddington Street	Coaches' Study and Assessment	J. Carrington
21	Crystal Palace	Regional Training	J. Carrington
21	Stockton Sports Centre	Regional Training	P. Simpson
Feb. 4	Crystal Palace	Regional Training	J. Carrington

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From the Editor's Postbag

CHESTER BARNES

At a time when much criticism appears to be levelled at Chester Barnes, the Bristol and District Table Tennis Association would like to place on record their appreciation of his conduct during the Restricted Open Tournament staged by them on November 4.

Although we are well aware that it suited Mr. Barnes, who is apparently living near Bristol at the moment, to enter our Tournament, nevertheless his behaviour both on and off the table was exemplary—if all players came to the table as promptly as Chester, instead of having to be called twice and tracked down, tournaments would be a lot easier to run—and noted by a number of people.

We feel that his high standard of behaviour and skill must have left a lasting impression on all our players, especially the juniors, and we should like publicly to acknowledge our gratitude.

Mrs. J. L. WATTS
Hon. General Secretary
Bristol and District TTA

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It is encouraging to learn that Chester Barnes is maintaining this satisfactory standard of behaviour but this point is not relevant to the criticisms which resulted in his removal from the International Squad. This action was taken simply because he refused to play for England in an International match and tour.—Editor.

PARLIAMENTARY ANSWER

In the November issue of Table Tennis News, two correspondents made reference to an incident at the Sussex Open Tournament at Hastings during October, 1967, when an umpire was "replaced" during a men's singles game.

As the Referee of that tournament let me make it quite clear that the decision to replace the umpire was mine alone and no other Hastings official was concerned, or even consulted, in reaching the decision and putting it into effect. Further let me emphasise that the decision taken was not determined by the "whims of a foreign player," as one of your correspondents puts it, but in the light of several factors and in accordance with the terms and meaning of the I.T.T.F. Regulations for open tournaments.

I have no hesitation in stating in these columns what I said at the time to the umpire being replaced, and subsequently during the tournament, that the decision taken was in no way intended to be a criticism of the umpiring during the game which appeared to be of a good standard. I also once again express my regrets personally to the umpire concerned that my action in this matter caused some unhappiness.

W. G. GOLDFINCH
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EMBARRASSMENT

WHATEVER has been said (and there is still a lot to come) about the Sussex Open-Miko-Umpire Change affair one fact emerges—there must be a great deal of sympathy for the Honorary Referee on having to make such a decision.

As an eye-witness from a position as close as 12 feet from the Czech star I agree with the majority of opinion that the umpire should have been asked to stay put, but in the interests of international sporting diplomacy her exit was enforced to the acute embarrassment of all concerned except possibly Miko.

Many are paid large sums of money (outside table tennis in their professions) to make less important decisions than this one and, although I did not personally agree with Referee Bill Goldfinch's decision, he

has my sympathy in this "red-hot" situation and must, in the circumstances, receive a great deal of support.

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ALSO SHOCKED

I WOULD like to say how much I agree with Mr. Berry's letter (November issue). I too was shocked at the referee's decision.

From comments around me by international players, I gathered that although Mrs. Archdale has a reputation for being strict on service, she still the umpire they want to score for them when they play foreign players.

Many of them agreed with me that too many umpires fall over themselves to be too kind to foreign players allowing many a dirty serve, often an "ace" to go uncalled. To see an umpire correctly fault a player for a wrong serve and then to have that umpire replaced by the referee's appalling; and makes the position of every umpire intolerable. Are they to score according to the laws of table tennis, or bend them to suit the referee? It raises an interesting query if an umpire sees that a visiting star is going to lose should he adapt the rules to make sure the referee is not upset.

There might be no connection, but it was noted that Mrs. Archdale was present at the Glos v Surrey match but she did not score, and I have been told that she did not at the match Glos v Wilts.

As she is one of the best umpires in the country, I hope there is some other reason for the unusual situation and that she is not too upset by a disgraceful decision to continue to score County and International Matches.

FRED HOSKINS

GOOD SPORTS?

In the tournament regulations of the E.T.T.A., it is stated that a player cannot take the place of another after the draw has been made. Naturally it is generally accepted fact that for various reasons this is often done.

At the East of England Open this year, Peter Williams, successful young Sussex County player, unfortunately did not arrive in time for his quarter due to car trouble. Particularly in view of this reason, the tournament committee at Skegness kindly put him back in the draw in a later quarter with the agreement of the seeds, in that quarter. His opponent, S. White, refused to play him referring to the Open tournaments regulations. Therefore Peter had to be withdrawn after a 136-mile journey.

Over to the new Woolwich Open, a new tournament trying to please—and they did—put Alan Lindsay into a spare position in the draw with the agreement of the seeds. Alan who still plays a good game, likes to have a go in some of the tournaments but unfortunately left it too late for the closing date. He telephoned and was told he would be accepted as long as the seeded players in that quarter agreed.

Mike Johns and Ian Harrison obliged; both had plenty to lose one would have thought. Barry Meisel, the former Kent player who still plays occasionally for that county, waited for Lindsay to win a round and then objected. A very awkward position arose and Lindsay's first round victim was put back in the draw to play Meisel.

Both White and Meisel had nothing to lose in playing Williams and Lindsay, and White lost straight away in any case, whilst Meisel lost fairly early. Both these players, we understand, think themselves as "good sports" and also both have, in their time, got in on a "scratching." What do you think?

LAURIE LANDRY

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**v Netherlands
CONVINCING WIN**

THE return visit of the Dutch junior team gave England the opportunity to field six players, three boys and three girls, at St. Luke's Youth Club, Canning Town.

With just one new international England were hopeful of victory which was achieved 8-1 after a very good match.

Trevor Taylor, Paul Judd and Judy Heaps, quite unruffled, played without fault whilst the other three members were extremely nervous to a point of immobility in the first game each played.

Whilst Jill Shirley, for whom it was a first home international, and Brian Mitchell overcame this and won their sets, Sandra Goldsmith could not quite pull it off in what was the best set of the evening.

T. TAYLOR (Herts) bt E. Fallaux 13, 8; P. JUDD (Warwks) bt R. Hogendorp 15, 12; B. MITCHELL (Lancs) bt H. van Slobbe -19, 12, 10; J. HEAPS bt M. van Ruiten 12, 14; J. SHIRLEY bt V. van der Laan 18, 11; S. Goldsmith lost to E. KLATT -11, 11, -14.

Doubles: JUDD/MITCHELL bt Fallaux/Hogendorp -20, 12, 14; HEAPS/GOLDSMITH bt van Ruiten/Klatt 9, 22; TAYLOR/SHIRLEY bt van Slobbe/van der Laan 17, 18.

**v Wales
RECORD INTACT**

IT was Haydn Thomas versus England in the Junior International at Merthyr Tydfil, on November 24th, when England triumphed yet again—this time 8-2.

Thomas was the only Welsh winner beating both Brian Mitchell and Tony Clayton (Hull) the latter making his first international appearance.

Only Michael Wald of the England quartet played in the corresponding match last season—a series in which Wales have yet to stave off defeat.

B. Mitchell bt J. Gray -23, 13, 10; lost to H. Thomas 13, 11.

A. Clayton lost to Thomas -17, -11; beat Gray 20, 5.

P. Harmer beat C. Evans 17, 22; bt M. Nocivelli 8, 16.

M. Wald bt Nocivelli 12, 10; bt Evans 14, 13.

Mitchell/Clayton bt Thomas/Gray 17, 14.

Harmer/Wald bt Nocivelli/A. Griffiths 17, 20.

**With the Juniors
BY LAURIE LANDRY**

N. HERTS JNR. OPEN

ANOTHER wonderfully run tournament at Stevenage on October 28-29 when main surprise was Jenny Cornock beating Sandra Goldsmith in the girls' event.

UNDER-17

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: T. TAYLOR (Herts) bt J. Dabin (Kent) 9, 17; P. HARMER (Herts) bt R. Clarke (Warwks) 19, 19.

Final: TAYLOR bt Harmer 19, 14.

Girls' Singles, semi-finals: J. SHIRLEY (Bucks) bt S. Lisle (Lancs) 16, -21, 11; J. CORNOCK (Warwks) bt S. Goldsmith (Surrey) 13, 15.

Final: SHIRLEY bt Cornock 20, 12.

Boys' Doubles—semi-finals: A. FLETCHER (Yorks)/D. JAMES (Devon) bt N. Fulstow (Yorks)/F. Kennedy (Essex) 11, 18; S. SMITH (Essex)/TAYLOR bt Harmer/Clarke 16, 11.

Final: SMITH/TAYLOR bt Fletcher/James -14, 14, 15.

Girls' Doubles—semi-finals: SHIRLEY/S. PACITTO (Bucks) bt S. Lee (Yorks)/R. Wilson (Kent) -18, 14, 13; CORNOCK/LISLE bt C. Mann (Middx)/V. King (Yorks) 17, 14.

Final: SHIRLEY/PACITTO bt Cornock/Lisle 16, -20, 18.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: TAYLOR/WILSON bt Harmer/Lisle 17, -21, 16; CLARKE/CORNOCK bt Fletcher/Goldsmith 21, 16.

Final: TAYLOR/WILSON bt Clarke/Cornock 16, 18.

UNDER-15

Boys' singles—semi-finals: FLETCHER bt R. Hellaby (Essex) 13, 14; DABIN bt P. Taylor (Herts) 18, 16.

Final: FLETCHER bt Dabin -19, 15, 18.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: LISLE bt C. Randall (Derbys) 10, 20; S. HOWARD (Surrey) bt Mann 17, 4.

Final: LISLE bt Howard 9, 17.

UNDER-13

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: P. TAYLOR bt G. Sweeney (Essex) 18, 20; L. HORSHAM (Essex) bt Heaps (Ches) 14, 20.

Final: TAYLOR bt Horsham 9, 11.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: L. PACITTO (Bucks) bt L. Howard (Surrey) 8, -18, 15; L. JONES bt L. Williams (Herts) 10, 5.

Final: PACITTO bt Jones 17, 20.

UNDER-11

Boys' Singles—two groups:
Final: K. JAMES (Devon) bt T. Everitt (Herts) 16, -13, 6.

Girls' Singles—one group:
Winner: C. RANDALL (jun.) (Derbys) 4 wins/4.

KENT JUNIOR OPEN

TREVOR Taylor won his sixth Under-17 boys' singles title of the season in winning the Kent title

UNDER-17

Boys' Singles—quarter-finals: T. Taylor (Herts) bt B. Grimwade (Kent) 6, 8; H. Thomas (Wales) bt B. Mitchell (Lancs) -20, 16, 13; P. Harmer (Herts) bt J. Dabin (Kent) 18, 16; P. Judd (Warwks) bt E. Fallaux (Netherlands) 10, 9.

Semi-finals: TAYLOR bt Thomas 12, 12; JUDD bt Harmer 7, -19, 10.

Final: TAYLOR bt Judd 16, 9.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: J. SHIRLEY (Bucks) bt V. van der Laan (Neths) 5, 16; S. GOLDSMITH (Surrey) bt M. van Ruiten (Nth) 10, 20.

Final: SHIRLEY bt Goldsmith 5, 16.

Boys' Doubles—semi-finals: HARMER/JUDD bt H. van Slobbe/R. Hogendorp (Nth) 19, -19, 14; TAYLOR/THOMAS bt T. Bolger/S. Smith (Essex) 18, 21.

Final: HARMER/JUDD bt Taylor/Thomas -8, 18, 18.

Girls' Doubles—semi-finals: SHIRLEY/S. PACITTO (Bucks) bt C. Mann (Middx)/R. Wilson (Kent) -22, 8, 19; GOLDSMITH/S. HOWARD (Surrey) bt J. Cornock (Warwks)/S. Lisle (Lancs) -19, 11, 12.

Final: SHIRLEY/PACITTO bt Goldsmith/Howard 20, -19, 16.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: R. NAPPER (Bucks)/SHIRLEY bt Thomas/Mann 12, 19; HARMER/GOLDSMITH bt Taylor/Wilson 13, 15.

Final: HARMER/GOLDSMITH bt Napper/Shirley 15, -13, 18.

UNDER-15

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: THOMAS bt P. Taylor (Herts) 6, 14; R. HELLABY (Essex) bt S. Heaps (Ches) 21, 19.

Final: THOMAS bt Hellaby 8, 17.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: V. van der LAAN bt Lisle 16, -15, 9; E. KLATT (Neths) bt S. Howard 17, 14.

Final: van der LAAN bt Klatt 17, 14.

UNDER-13

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: P. TAYLOR bt G. Sweeney (Essex) 13, -18, 12; HEAPS bt R. Aldrich (Middx) 14, 11.

Final: TAYLOR bt Heaps -19, 16, 14.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: L. HOWARD (Surrey) bt L. Pacitto (Bucks) 17, -17, 15; P. CLEMETT (Hants) bt J. Hellaby (Essex) 16, 15.

Final: HOWARD bt Clemett 13, -16, 13.

UNDER-11

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: K. JAMES (Devon) bt M. Lehmann (Surrey) 20, 13; T. EVERITT (Herts) bt M. Jones (Wales) 7, 6.

Final: JAMES bt Everitt 14, 14.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: L. CROSSWELL (Kent) bt P. Gouge (Kent) -14, 19, 14; A. GEDGE (Sussex) bt L. Holtam (Kent) 14, -17, 19.

Final: CROSSWELL bt Gedge 10, 7.

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The English Open, at Brighton from February 29th-March 2nd, promises to have a galaxy of Continental Stars competing alongside our own "hopes."

Acceptance of official teams from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, West Germany and Yugoslavia are additional spices to a mixture already having the rare flavour of a full Russian team!

A more compact programme will commence on Thursday, February 29th with the Team Championships, followed by the Individual events on the Friday and culminating with the Grand Finals in the Dome on Saturday afternoon.

To the players:—Entry forms are NOW available from the E.T.T.A. Office.

To the enthusiasts:—A trip to Brighton will be well worthwhile. Finals tickets will be available, early in the New Year, either from the E.T.T.A. Office or the Box Office at Brighton.

A special Rover Ticket will be available covering all sessions (except Saturday afternoon finals) at 15s.

Prices per session, otherwise, will be at 5s. (half for children). Tickets for the finals will be at 10s. and £1 (no reduction for children).

ESSEX NOTES

by Harry Walker

"Ton-up" For Bobby

HIGHLIGHT of the month was the presentation of a coffee and tea set to Bobby Stevens during the premier division match against Lancashire when he made his hundredth appearance for Essex.

Earlier in the season another popular presentation was made to Derrick Dunand, the Essex competitions secretary, when he was awarded the Corti Woodcock Memorial Award. This award is made each year to a member in the administrative field considered by the trustees to have been the most outstanding personality.

All three county teams are so far unbeaten and Chester Barnes is fully recovered from his accident as he demonstrated in the match against Lancashire.

Two of the younger members of the county squad—David Brown and Keith Lawrence—have been "blooded" in premier matches, and in the junior field, Dick Frost, the junior secretary, is concentrating on the future.

This season is the first for a long time that Essex have failed to get a player nationally ranked. In the recent Essex trials there was a record number of participants—38 boys and 22 girls. In the junior development plan that Dick is arranging, concentration is on the under 15's and selected juniors are being entered in many of the junior opens. So far they have attended the Newbury, North Herts and Kent and plans are

under way to take them to the Yorkshire, Portsmouth and Sussex championships. Training and development sessions are being held at Upton Park on three Saturdays in November.

Arrangements have now been made to hold the Essex Open on Saturday, February 24, 1968 at the Harlow Recreation Centre. Whilst it would have been preferable to have had the normal two days, this was not to be and the committee have decided to restrict entries to cover the approximate cost.

Gerald Gurney, secretary of the Essex Schools' T.T.A. reports that the 1968 Schools Championships will be played at the Harlow Centre on Sunday, March 17.

One more league has joined the fold—Woodford Youth.

The Southend League, whose live-wire secretary is Mike Watts, plan to get permission to run a new open next season—the Southend Open.

CHESHIRE NOTES

by Jim Beckley

Great Win for Judy

TICKETS allocated to the Stockport Table Tennis Association for the England v Hungary match at Manchester YMCA, were given to the town's junior team players—wise gesture.

It was a great win that our own

Judy Heaps had over Mary Wright in the final of the recent Woolwich Open. Judy has not been in the best of form for the county of late, but maybe this win will give her that little extra confidence that will take her right to the top.

Early reports indicate that the Chester League's newly formed junior team will have a good opening season in the Lancashire and Cheshire League. Chester's annual county match—this season's visitors are Middlesex—always attracts a great many of the city's junior players.

The last few years have seen a meteoric rise of the Stockport T.T.A. Membership is over 600 and the financial state is sound.

A bright report from the Stockport YOC League, whose town team won the popular Four Borough sports festival table tennis competition by beating Warrington. A few days later the same two sides met again in a Lancs and Ches League match and Warrington turned up trumps. Such is table tennis!

Comment and news are welcome from all Cheshire table tennis organisations. You can contact me at 41 Fountains Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

NORTHUMBERLAND NEWS

by Arnold Warents

North Sea Cup Retained

A MOST enjoyable week in Bergen resulted in Northumberland retaining the North Sea Cup by 5 matches to 2. Not only was the "ping" successful, for the notoriously wet weather even shone for our 21-strong party. The only snag was that the trophy itself was forgotten, and so remains at the mercy of Finn Schönborg!

The much awaited Northumberland League clash between North Shields YMCA and Newcastle YMCA ended in an easy 8-4 victory for the latter. Brian Burn (3) almost alone defied the winners with an array of his most pungent shots, while ex-international Ron Allcock strolled past Mike Ford. Newcastle were the better balanced side. Alan Ransome, Peter Hoyles, Arnold Warents and Ford all won 2 sets.

It appears that Revac may offer the outstanding challenge to Newcastle YM's supremacy. Revac can field ex-county champion Pat Tindale, Ram Bhalla, Peter Whiteman, and either Jim Jackson or Norman Wilkinson. Undoubtedly this is their finest team for several seasons.

Two youngsters who are making rapid improvement are Pete Wood and "Benny" Robertson.

Peter Holt, son of Records Secretary Sid, moved to the Midlands last month to take up a hospital admin post. But Pete's famous loop drive has been replaced at Newcastle YMCA by the equally well known stroke employed by Yorkshire's Paul Canham. Paul is in his second year at Newcastle University.

SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

Williams Joins Brighton

THE Sussex No. 3 Peter Williams has now joined the Brighton League and will no doubt secure selection in their Wilmott Cup team along with Roger Chandler and Sam Ogundipe. This means that the three top Sussex men will represent Brighton in this event and constitute a threat to every other Wilmott side in the country.

Brighton continued to demonstrate their superiority when they won the Sussex men's inter-league (Division I) championship at Bexhill. Crawley were this season's losing finalists. Terry Riley, the Crawley champion, and Keith Horton, managed to extend the Brighton team, who were without

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

Thurston Saves Day

FOR their first match in the National County Championships Cambs entertained Northants at Wisbech and after a series of shocks emerged victorious.

Northants got off to a splendid start when their first three players won. Cambs then retaliated and with a couple of doubles victories and a

Betty Bird singles success drew level and despite losing the lead at 3-4 they again came back to win 6-4.

Alan Ponder was out of touch and lost both his singles but Keith Chapman put on a brave display when he beat Hogg at a crucial stage. Carol Chapman and Betty Bird succeeded which paved the way for victory, but Northants will surely make their presence felt in later matches with such versatile players as Goodall and Hogg and the hard hitting Ann Lenton.

The South-East Midlands League programme brought Cambridge City success against Peterborough in an away fixture in both Senior and Junior sections. The Senior team won 8-2 and the Juniors 6-4. Greenwood of Peterborough was the most successful player of the evening with three singles victories.

Ely started off well by forcing St. Neots to a 5-all draw and then beating Wellingborough 8-2 in the Senior section.

In the Junior section, however, they lost to St. Neots and Wellingborough. Two victories in the Veterans' section saw Ely off to a good start and they have in Martin Pratt, a 67-year-old with a great heart.

Wisbech had a tough first match when they visited Hitchin, last year's runners-up in the Senior section, but succumbed 8-2.

In the Cambs League, Division I, New Chesterton Institute are in command. A recent victory over last season's champions, University Press, makes them hot favourites. Cambridge University, now in Division II, have their sights on the Premier Division although Impington Village College may give them a good run.

Deeply conscious of the dearth of lady players in the County, the Coaching Committee will try to solve the problem during the season. This, together with the coaching of juniors, will take up all their time with a limited number of coaches.

by "Expedite"

Kathleen Provides Spur

land reaching the final of the mixed' with Paul Judd. This season her improvement has been marked, reaching the singles final of both the Hull and Birmingham Opens with wins over ranked players on the way.

Kathleen's improvement is causing great competition and not for many years have Warwicks been able to call on so much female talent. Doreen Griffiths, Ingrid Sykes and Barbara Carless are all playing well with Jennifer Cornock close on their heels.

An even better sign is the number of good standard junior girls now available for selection. Susan Clark, Susan Williams, Yildez Hassan, Pam Oram and Wendy Haywood are a few who should make their mark within a very short time.

Due to the upsurge of interest in coaching, the county coaching officer, Graham Binney is able to call on more qualified coaches than ever. Others so interested can contact Graham through the county secretary, Maurice Goldstein.

In the national team competitions Glenn Warwick is available for Birmingham and will provide a challenge to Ralph Gunnion, Paul Judd, Derek Munt and Derek Backhouse.

Only West Bromwich in the Midland area appear to be serious contenders in the Rose Bowl competition.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

Treble for Bassett

AT the Norfolk Junior Closed Championship held at Thorpe Youth Centre, Stephen Bassett of Wymondham League won the Under-17 title for the third time running and this gave him a County record. Steven Hales of Gt. Yarmouth League again beat up-and-coming John Fuller, also of Yarmouth, to retain his Under-15 title. Miss Pat Sutton of Norwich League took both the Under-17 and Under-15 Girls' titles, defeating Susan Allen in the first and her sister Jean in the second. But the two Yarmouth sisters won the Girls' doubles. Results:

- B.S. (U-17): S. Bassett (W) bt W. Webster (N) 16, 15.
B.S. (U-15): S. Hales (Y) bt J. Fuller (Y) 20, -14, 14.
B.D.: Bassett/Webster bt R. Goreham/G. Foulger (N) 16, -17, 19.
G.S. (U-17): Miss P. Sutton (N) bt Miss S. Allen (Y) 14, 15.
G.S. (U-15): Miss Sutton bt Miss J. Allen 20, -12, 19.
G.D.: S. and J. Allen (Y) bt P. Sutton/J. Sloper (W) 17, 8.
X.D.: Bassett/Miss J. Sloper bt Webster/Miss S. Allen 16, -14, 17.

Norwich League disposed of Ely in the Wilmott Cup and also beat Stowmarket 8-2 in the East Anglian League, Division I. It looks as if CEYMS will be too strong for YMCA and Lads' Clubs in the Premier Division, but there is plenty of time for surprises. Norfolk Dumplings, Bullards and Electricity head Division I and Jewson's "B" and CEYMS "D" top Division II.

In Gt. Yarmouth League, Iron Duke "B" and St. Andrew's "A" struggle for Premier supremacy, BSC head Division I, Power Station "D" top Division II, Caister "C" Division III, and Young Socialists "A" and Halvergate "B" are equal on points in Division IV.

The Cromer League leaders are: Division I, Cromwell "A"; II, Aldborough Private; III, Aylsham Youth Centre "A". Cromer beat Fakenham 7-3 in the North Norfolk League.

Wymondham "B" lost to Norwich "B" 9-1 at Norwich in an East Anglian Division II encounter.

All is now set for the Norfolk Closed, which will bring the season to its pre-Christmas climax.

S.-E. MIDLANDS LEAGUE CHATTER

by Leslie Constable

Hunts. Juniors Excel

RECENT results in the S.E. Midlands League saw Hunts Central have varied success against North Herts. In the ladies' match, North Herts "whitewashed" the home team and in the men's match Hunts, without B. Cullis, lost by a six-set margin. It was in the junior match that Hunts excelled when they held the champions to a draw with P. Charlton and

M. Hall winning two each and partnering each other for a doubles victory.

Ely's match with Wellingborough created some good play and Denis Sore maintained his 100 per cent record for Ely. Brian Jones had to pull out all stops to beat Huddle, the Northants county player. Wellingborough did well to win the junior match but Ely veterans got home by a five-set margin.

New team Dunstable started off well against Bedford and although they lost the senior match by 6-4 they were 9-1 winners in the junior encounter.

MEN

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Includes North Herts, St. Neots, Wellingborough, Kettering, Dunstable, Hunts Central, Peterborough, Ely.

JUNIORS

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Includes St. Neots, Wellingborough, Dunstable, Hunts Central, Peterborough, Ely.

LADIES

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Includes Kettering, Hunts Central, St. Neots.

VETERANS

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Includes St. Neots, Ely.

HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by Teddy Grant

Petersfield Revival

AFTER many years in the wilderness, table tennis shows a marked revival in the youth clubs at Petersfield and district. Competitive play by the formation of a league, preceded once a month by coaching under the supervision of Southampton's coaching officer, G. Waterhouse and student coach Bob Kenny of Petersfield, take place in the county secondary school.

Jack Carrington made an initial visit to Brockenhurst County Secondary School in October to inaugurate school groups in the area and meet student coaches in a study session. There seems every prospect that Brockenhurst School will be used as a southern area schools coaching centre.

Basingstoke gained their first post-war victory over Bournemouth, by 8-4, in the Hants Inter-Town League, Division I. Bob Thornton's recent move from Cheltenham has undoubtedly strengthened Basingstoke.

County trials took place at Wimbeldon Park S.E.A. Centre and the rankings were established as follows:

MEN

- D. Holman (Bournemouth)
C. Edwards (Southampton)
D. Davies (Southampton)
W. Moulding (Southampton)
P. Smith (Southampton)
P. Brown (Southampton)
T. Smith (Bournemouth)
J. Potheary (Southampton)

BOYS

- S. Tannahill (Southampton)
C. Schleiter (Southampton)
K. Summerfield (Southampton)
C. Jacobs (Portsmouth)
D. Burn (Bournemouth)
C. Burden (Southampton)

WOMEN

- P. Edwards (Southampton)
C. Davies (Southampton)
A. Mills (Southampton)
T. Clay (S.E. Hants)
D. Gray (Portsmouth)
S. Foster (Portsmouth)
T. Smith (Bournemouth)

GIRLS

- Miss Wolf (Southampton)
C. Hutchings (Bournemouth)
J. Daniels (Southampton)
J. Hudson (Bournemouth)

SURREY NOTES

by John Zerton

Junior Successes

WITH our senior team fighting for life it is pleasant to report the Juniors' successes. The junior team now has four points from two matches although it would be foolish to count any chickens as two of the

strongest teams—Bucks and Kent—have still to be played.

One correction to be made, the result shown in last month's Table Tennis of an 8-2 win over Hampshire should in fact have been 7-3. The next match will be against Sussex and the team will be Derek Smith, Chris Thorns, with Michael Fisher replacing Paul Bishop and, of course, Sandra Goldsmith and Susan Howard.

Sandra these days is going great guns, ranked No. 4 in the junior girls she played in her first internationals against Netherlands. At the Kent Junior Open she reached all three under-17 finals, winning, however, only the mixed doubles with Paul Harmer. Susan Howard (ranked in Group A) was Sandra's partner in the girls' doubles finals and herself won the girls' consolation singles.

The first Bernard Crouch match of the season was held at Kingsthorpe Grammar School. Despite having our best team out we still lost to a weakened Essex side which included Peter Radford, a late replacement for John son, and a badly limping Keith Lawrence. Our only victory in the men's singles was by Barry Hill over Lawrence. The ladies, however, gave a first class display. The Surrey champion, and much improved Susan Light beat Diane Simpson and Sandra Goldsmith, then lost narrowly in the third to Beverley Sayer. We finally lost the match 6-3, our third set being won by Penfold and Hill in the doubles.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by L. J. Smith

Costly Illness

THE attack of fibrositis which caused Bryan Merrett to miss the County match against Yorkshire also cost his Gloucester League side, the Gordon League Club, a seven year unbeaten record.

With both Merrett and Dennis Holland (still under suspension) not available, it was hardly surprising that the Gloucester engineering team of Roy Morley, Keith Simmonds and Spencer Upton, should win. But even so the engineers only just got home 6-4.

Congratulations must go to the Bristol League on making such a success of the first Bristol Open which they are hoping to make an annual event. The only disappointment from the Bristol angle was the sparse entries from the north of the county.

Another newcomer to the county umpire ranks is Curwen Rees of Bristol.

Bob Kirkham Cup

AS most of you will have seen from the November issue, Bob Kirkham, Dudley's chairman for the past 20 years, passed away at his Kingswinford home on October 25.

This indeed is a sad blow to both Dudley and the county, for Bob meant so much to so many.

I think it is an excellent idea of the Dudley League, to open a fund, to be called "The Bob Kirkham Cup Fund." Anyone wishing to send a donation to this, should send it to Miss V. M. Royal, 26 Springfield Crescent, Dudley Worcestershire.

With Bob showing such a keen interest in youngsters, the entrance fees for this cup competition will be shared into two parts. Two-thirds of the money will go to the British Heart Foundation Appeal, and the remainder will be put aside for the coaching of young players within the Dudley League.

Talking of coaching, the pilot scheme Staffordshire are running for the E.T.T.A. is going quite well—16 pupils have passed the bronze standard and they should be taking the next test for their silver award before Christmas. Jim would also like to see more coaches coming forward to help.

There was an unusual incident in the Staffordshire restricted tournament at the Woodfield Club, Wolverhampton, last month. John Pugh from Stafford was going well in the men's

singles, when it was discovered that he had played for Worcestershire last season, and this immediately ruled him out.

Stuart Wintle took the men's trophy back to the Potteries, while Vera Walker kept the women's cup in Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by Geo. R. Yates

Jaqueline in Good Hands

THREE defeats in the Premier Division of the County Championships are all that Lancashire can afford if they are to maintain station with the country's elite.

Much will now depend on the outcome of their encounter with Cheshire on December 16th a match which has been entrusted to the Blackburn League to stage in the town's new YMCA—Edinburgh House, Clarence Street.

Should Lancs pull this one off they could well qualify for the Duke of Edinburgh Award!

Making a name for herself in the county second team is Mrs. Pat Gleeson of Blackpool whose win over Barbara Cain of Cheshire II was her best yet.

AROUND THE COUNTIES

Busy Week for St. Neots

OCTOBER has been a hectic month for affiliated leagues, with St. Neots especially busy, participating in all four sections of the national knock-out team competition.

Their men's team was overwhelmed 9-0 by Watford, but the ladies made amends with a good 5-4 success over Oxford. Diane and Mary Maxfield each scored two wins and County General Secretary Hazel Irons one.

The strong boys' side were unfortunate to draw Leighton Buzzard, and with junior international Paul Harmer in the opposition ranks went down 7-2. At the time of writing the girls' side have yet to play.

Peterborough met with little success, losing 7-2 to Leicester in the Wilmott and 8-1 to Dunstable in the Carter Cup.

The County team had a bad day against Suffolk at Ipswich in their first fixture of the current campaign, losing 9-1 to the same side with which they drew last season.

There was nevertheless some exciting play, especially in the men's doubles which went eventually to the home side 25-23 in the decider.

BEDFORD LEAGUE NOTES

by R. A. Cox

Cause for Concern

BEDFORD'S men's and ladies' teams have made a reasonable start in the S.E. Midlands League, but the performance to date of the Junior team—three heavy defeats and a first round exit from the Carter Cup—gives cause for concern.

In domestic affairs, the First Division championship once again looks a two-team affair, between Cryselco "A" and St. Neots. But can Cryselco, almost permanent runners-up, but reinforced this time by Cambridge inter-league player Steve Andrews, pull it off this season?

The knock-out Cup Competition for Youth teams has again aroused great interest, with 31 teams taking part, including no less than seven from the Kempston Methodist Youth Club.

SUFFOLK NEWSREEL

by Arthur E. Durrant

Salute to Chantry

ONE of the best venues in Suffolk is Chantry School, Ipswich. Suffolk opened their C.C. programme there and Brian Nelson and his boys did the county proud. The best possible conditions prevailed, with a few extra trimmings as well. Such nice touches, for instance, as ball-boys and a scoreboard and when the match was over the lads prepared and served refreshments. For these boys of Chantry School a big salute is recorded.

Another favourite venue for the "big" event is Gisleham Modern School. Both Lowestoft and Suffolk are well aware of this and both organisations staged their championships there last season. They were so successful that both will be staged there again this season.

The two championships are staged in very different ways. The Lowestoft championships are held over four nights during the first week in January. Five or six tables operate during the first three nights and one on

the Saturday, which is the finals night.

On the other hand the county champs are condensed into the one full Saturday. Seven tables operate from ten o'clock in the morning and, with luck, the finals of the nine events can be played off from about 7.30 p.m.

KENT NOTES

by Charles M. Wyles

Tribute to Mick Betts

A PACKED house paid tribute to the late Mick Betts by supporting the Memorial Fund match staged by the County in conjunction with the Canterbury League.

All receipts were donated to the Fund, which now stands at over £100 and is to be used for the benefit of Junior players in whom the late County Vice-Chairman and County Match Secretary was much interested.

Other projects are being planned to swell the Fund which will stay open until the end of the season. Our thanks to the International Club and all those concerned in the organisation of this match.

With all three County teams still unbeaten, the prospects are good for a triple success. The policy of introducing young players is certainly showing dividends.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

Shock Win for Rita

LEICESTERSHIRE seniors collected an unexpected point when they visited Derbyshire in a Midland League fixture. All three men—Charlie Jacques, Ernest McLeish and Colin Truman won a singles but the real shock was Rita Beith's victory over Sandra Pegg! The hunting county also took the men's doubles.

The long trip to Swansea was not rewarded materially when they lost to Glamorgan 7-3, but there were compensations, in the continued fine form of Rita Beith (who beat Dorothy Attenborough), a return to form of Truman—who beat Dennis Samuel—and another doubles win for Jacques and Truman.

The juniors, as expected, lost to Warwickshire who included Paul Judd and Roger Clarke. The outstanding performance here was Andy Holdsworth's win over Clarke. Leics. lost 7-3 with Ivor Billson and Susan Baxter keeping up their 100 per cent record in mixed doubles having played seven, won seven. Susan—who has lost in this league only once in two years—came mighty close to it in this match against Miss Clarke. The following day Denbighshire paid

their first-ever visit but had no luck in losing all ten sets. Tony Branson and Holdsworth have been awarded their county junior badges.

In the Midland League, Leicester teams are doing well. Against West Bromwich, a fine maximum by Jacques was the main reason why Leicester won by 6-4 but the ladies were unable to make it a "double" with Glenys Odams the only winner. The veterans drew with both Birmingham "B" and Darlaston, Mike Long being the outstanding player. The intermediates lost 6-4 to Birmingham with Bob Geary taking two. Roger Maddocks was unbeaten for Leicester "B" in their 7-3 win over Darlaston—a feat he repeated in the Wilmott Cup when Peterborough were beaten 7-2. Leicester Ladies also won in the Rose Bowl beating Kettering 8-1 with both Pat Kilsby and Marjorie Purser registering maximums.

In the Rose Johnson Bowl, two ties have already been recorded, curiously both with scores 319-319. Electricity I drew at Brendon Youth Club but won the return by 36 while P.O. Tel. II drew with Garendon III.

In the Leics. Towns League, both Loughborough teams have made a good start.

The Leicester and District League first division has only YMCA with maximum points but already no player has a 100 per cent record. Shock was Jacques' two-straight defeat to John Bryant.

MIDLAND LEAGUE

by A. A. Wall

Treble for Hoey

LEICESTER with an 8-2 win over West Bromwich, joined Gloucester in the lead for the men's division I championship. Chesterfield won their opening match 7-3 over Nottingham but Birmingham have yet to play.

In division II, Worcester make their bid to come back with a second win, this time 7-3 over Leamington. Chesterfield began well with an opening win of 8-2 over Nottingham.

Newcomers Potteries lead division III with a convincing 10-0 against other newcomers Nuneaton. The latter, however, visiting and defeating Witney 8-2. Third newcomers Mansfield, although losing at home to Walsall "B" 1-9, beat Leamington "B" 7-3.

In the intermediate section, Birmingham had a tussle with Leicester before winning 6-4, no player winning three, and Leamington beat Coventry 7-3.

Division II leaders, Nottingham and Oxford, drew and here again no player won three. Derby beat Worcester 8-2.

Only one match has been played in division I of the junior section, Birmingham "B" beating Wolverhampton 10-0, but in division II Loughborough newcomers beat Witney 10-0 to head the division with 4 points. Leicester take second place by beating Oxford 9-1.

The virile veterans' section show Birmingham "A" at the top of division I whilst Birmingham "B" drew with Leicester, A. Hoey winning three for Brum.

In division II, Derby lead with 4 points, beating Nuneaton 9-1 and Worcester "B" 6-4.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Harry Flinton

Juniors on Tour

A YORKSHIRE junior team made a short tour of Germany in mid-October, where they were the guests of the Schlich club. Players travelling were Tom Clayton and Alan Fletcher of Hull, John Phelps and Linda Bashford of Middlesbrough and Linda Forkes of Castleford, together with County Chairman and Secretary, Harry Flinton and Walter Mitton.

The first match was against a senior team representing the Middle Rhine, which included Mrs. Muller, a former winner of the West German senior title. We lost 5-8, each player winning a singles, but the failure to win any of the doubles lost us the match.

The following evening boys' and girls' matches were played against junior teams representing Middle Rhine and Westphalia, the boys losing 2-7 and the girls 2-3. All the players acquitted themselves well, but were troubled by the quick hitting and very difficult services of the opposition.

A reciprocal visit to Yorkshire is already being arranged. Reactions from the Yorkshire youngsters—"Smashing, wonderful, marvellous." For the records Alan Fletcher was our most successful player with three singles wins to two losses, John Phelps and Tony Clayton with one against four. Linda Forkes and Linda Bashford broke even two and two. Altogether we did not win a doubles event in any of the three matches.



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Champions v The Rest
by Geo. R. Yates

YORKSHIRE SUPREME

THE challenge match between champion county Yorkshire and The Rest of England, at the City Hall, Sheffield, was a "cracker" from start to finish and a grandstand finish climaxed a wonderful evening's entertainment.

From 2-4 down, the champions came back to win 5-4 with Mike Symonds playing a captain's part when he beat Mike Johns in the final set.

Highlight of the evening, however, was the encounter between Denis Neale and Stuart Gibbs which really had the capacity crowd enthralled.

Only twice before, in the twenty years existence of the County Championships, have the champions been victorious in such a match and on both occasions it was Middlesex, in 1954-5 and 1959-60.

To Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, to Arthur Smith and the loyal band of Sheffield officials a big thank you is deserving from the County Championships.

M. Symonds lost to S. Gibbs -14, -18; D. NEALE bt B. D. Wright 13, 14; A. Hydes lost to M. JOHNS -18, -17; P. C. Duncombe/L. S. Proddock lost to WRIGHT/M. WRIGHT -14, -10; NEALE/SYMONDS bt Gibbs/Jones 19, 16; C. Duncombe lost to M. WRIGHT -9, -15; NEALE bt Gibbs 10, -18, 18; HYDES bt Wright 18, -19, 14; SYMONDS bt Johns 20, 13.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND-UP

UNEXPECTED SITUATION

A MOST unexpected situation in the Premier Division, where promoted Sussex lead the table with three wins from three matches. Only one other unbeaten side in this division, Essex, who have a match in hand.

No fluke about these three Sussex wins either, and a good crowd is expected at Lewes for the match with Essex this month.

Alan Hydes and Stuart Gibbs are the only unbeaten Premier Division men, another surprising fact for this stage of the season.

PREMIER DIVISION

Cheshire 2, Middlesex 7
M. Johns lost to B. Wright, -19, -14, bt M. Sugden 11, -6, 18. R. Hampson lost to Wright -16, -20; lost to A. Lindsay 17, -16, -11. D. Schofield lost to Sugden -19, -15; lost to Lindsay -14, -18. Hampson/Johns bt Lindsay/Wright 17, 18. J. Heaps lost to K. Smith -17, -15. B. Keen/Heaps lost to Sugden/Smith -19, -11.

A polished performance by Middlesex.

Essex 8, Lancashire 1

C. Barnes bt K. Forshaw 11, 14; bt J. Clarke 14, 9. S. Gibbs bt Farshaw 15, 14; bt B. Mitchell -21, 10, 12. K. Lawrence lost to Clarke -20, -18; bt Mitchell 15, -22, 18. Barnes/R. Stevens bt Clarke/Mitchell 12, 17. L. Radford bt M. Leigh 9, 12. Stevens/Radford bt Forshaw/Leigh 19, 11.

Gloucestershire 3, Surrey 6

I. Harrison lost to C. Warren -18, 15, -18; bt M. Creamer 16, 18. B. Merrett lost to Warren 19, -11, -8; bt B. D. Hill 20, 20. R. Morley lost to Creamer -15, -12; bt Hill 12, -18, 20. Harrison/Merrett lost to R. Penford/Warren -19, -12. L. Hawkins lost to M. Wright -7, -8. Morley/Hawkins lost to Creamer/Wright -10, -16.

The better balanced Surrey team deserved its first win. A pity that a match which produced such good table tennis should be spoiled by gamesmanship, particularly in the battle of the No. 1's.

Yorkshire 4, Sussex 5

D. Neale lost to R. Chandler -22, -15; bt S. Ogundipe 15, 11. M. Symonds bt Chandler -7, 19, 20; lost to P. Williams -14, 20, -17. A. Hydes bt Ogundipe -13, 20, 20; bt Williams -12, 12, 15. Neale/Symonds lost to Chandler/Williams -13, -22. P. Dainty lost to J. Williams -25, -24. P. Duncombe/Dainty lost to Ogundipe/Williams 21, -20, -12.

Tense, nail-biting stuff and no fluke result. Fine display by Roger Chandler to beat Denis Neale and also by Peter Williams to clinch the match (the second time this season he has had to play at 4-all). Pat Dainty made Judy Williams fight every inch of the way and Alan Hydes still unbeaten in singles although 17-18 down to Ogundipe when expedite applied. Sussex 0-3 down, then 4-3 up.

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Hertfordshire 6, Hampshire 4
Trevor Taylor lead Herts to their expected victory, all six wins coming from the men. Hampshire, as usual, dominant in women's events, but only sneaked the doubles at 19 in 3rd.

Middlesex II 6, Surrey II 4

Sussex brought in Robin Stace, but his two wins were not enough. Bucks were far too strong in the women's events. Alf Watson and Terry Riley had an exciting clash with the former, returning "certain" kills from all positions.

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Cumberland 1, Yorkshire II 9
Alan Dixon, Cumberland's only winner, although Ron Batty in good position in both his singles.

Lancashire II 9, Cheshire II 1

The final score not a true indication of the difference between the teams. Cheshire in generous mood with not infrequent services into net or off. Gordon Birca recovered from 12-20 to 20-all against Wif Crompton only to lose and spoil a clean sweep.

Lincolnshire 10, Cumberland 0
Northumberland 9, Durham 1
Comfortable win, even without Alan Ransome. Brian Burn and Maureen Heppell showed their class and reserve. Arthur Chilvers gave capable display.

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Glamorgan 7, Leicestershire 3

Monmouthshire 5, Derbyshire 5
A tight match, with a fair result. Colin Deaton had defended well to beat Jeff Spencer but could not overcome John Spencer in final set. Two singles wins for Haydn Thomas.

Staffordshire 10, Oxfordshire 0

SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Devon 6, Dorset 4

Wiltshire 6, Somerset 4
The visitors missed the experience of Graham Gear, but Tony Kinsey and Ron Bowles took four of the five sets they played. Penelope Bonner and Gwen Hazel the real stars of this victory.

Worcestershire 6, Cornwall 4
Great win for Worcs, lacking No. 1 Mick Hawkins. John Bell chopped off both John Bassett and Keith Truscott and Eric Edwards (dropped for next week's 2nd team match) had good win over Barry Davis. Joyce Lloyd can feel well pleased with her two victories.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Hertfordshire II 6, Berkshire 4
Duncan Campbell soundly beaten by both Stuart and David Seaholme, but a good evening for the unbeaten Nick Heaps. Herts too strong in the women's matches.

Berkshire 3, Buckinghamshire II 7
Oxfordshire 2, Kent II 8
Oxfordshire at a low ebb at present and heavily defeated by this very young Kent side. John Kedge, down South for three years a valuable acquisition to the visitors. David Harse and Brian Hamilton both beat Alan Norman who seemed below his best.

MIDLAND DIVISION
Derbyshire II 6, Staffordshire II 4
An even match, deserving a bigger audience. Susan Warner took six points in a row from 14-20 in 3rd against Mrs. Deaton, and a real ding-dong between B. Sherlock and J. Perrott.

Warwickshire II 10, Denbighshire 0

EASTERN DIVISION
Norfolk 6, Cambridgeshire 4
Triumph here for Norfolk with their doubles pairings and for Cambs veteran John Thurston. His old Barna bat and style beat the modern bat and style pretty convincingly.

Northamptonshire 1, Suffolk 9
J. Goodall a trifle unlucky not to record two singles victories, and also troubled Suffolk in the men's doubles. But elsewhere the visitors never looked like losing.

Huntingdonshire 1, Bedfordshire 9
Had the first two sets (both lost 19 in the 3rd) gone the other way, the result might have gone the other way. But Beds had their tails up and recorded only their second victory since October, 1963.

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)
Surrey 8, Berkshire 2
A fully deserved victory, but Berkshire's young team will improve with experience. J. Gregory's consistent length when defending paid rich dividends.

Sussex 1, Hampshire 9
This new look Sussex team put up quite a fight (especially in the doubles) and with sets 4 to 8 all needing the 3rd game the result a little flattering to Hants.

JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)
Cumberland 0, Yorkshire 10
Cumberland soundly beaten by a very powerful Yorkshire side.

Lancashire 10, Cheshire 0
Cheshire outclassed, and Lancs feel confident of retaining the divisional title wrested from Yorks last season as they have not yet fielded Brian Mitchell.

Northumberland 5, Durham 5
The visitors had the edge in singles with Vaughan Hart very strong and ably backed up by Paul Freeman. But Charlie Grassie (not played in singles) outstanding in all three doubles for Northumberland.

By JOHN WRIGHT

JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Denbighshire 3, Nottinghamshire 7
Man of the match was A. Croome (Notts) with a hand in four wins. The two girls very evenly matched with Miss J. Campbell recovering well after trailing at ends in the 3rd.

Leicestershire 3, Warwickshire 7
Fine win for A. Holdsworth in straight games over England ranked Roger Clarke. Susan Baxter showed great determination in coming from behind to take her singles and also maintained unbeaten mixed record with Ivor Bilson. But this Warwickshire side is good.

Leicestershire 10, Denbighshire 0
Fine attacking play from R. I. Jones, who found the vital points eluded him so that he lost at 18 in 3rd and 19 in 3rd. Leics otherwise well in control over this very sporting Welsh county.

Oxfordshire 1, Staffordshire 9
Oxford not outclassed, but lacking experience to deal with a useful Staffs team. Poppy Squires performed creditably in the doubles and with experience, could be useful to Oxon.

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)
Essex 10, Northamptonshire 0
Suffolk 3, Norfolk 7
The usual story here, with the Suffolk girls far more impressive than their boys and having a part to play in all three wins.

JUNIOR DIVISION (WEST)
Glamorgan 8, Somerset 2
Wiltshire 3, Gloucestershire 7
Although weakened by a last minute-scratching, Wilts fought hard but found the visitors slightly more experienced.

Worcestershire 3, Monmouthshire 7
Monmouths quickly into a 4-0 lead but then a doubles win by Clive Kendall and Derek Aston brought them back into the match. Annette Stallard followed with a singles success and later added a mixed to make it 3-5. Two good boys singles wins rounded off a competent performance by the visitors.

DIVISIONAL TABLES TO 18.11.67

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sussex	3	3	0	0	16	11	6
Essex	2	2	0	0	14	4	4
Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	19	8	4
Middlesex	3	2	0	1	18	9	4
Surrey	3	1	0	2	12	15	2
Cheshire	3	1	0	2	11	16	2
Gloucestershire	2	0	0	2	6	12	0
Lancashire	3	0	0	3	3	24	0

2nd SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kent	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Herts	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Middlesex II	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Bucks	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Surrey II	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
Hampshire	2	0	0	2	6	14	0
Sussex II	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

2nd NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northumberland	3	2	1	0	24	6	5
Lancs II	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Yorks II	1	1	0	0	9	1	2
Lincolns	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Cheshire II	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Durham	2	0	0	2	3	17	0
Cumberland	3	0	0	3	1	29	0

2nd MIDLAND	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Staffs	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Glamorgan	3	2	0	0	16	14	4
Monmouths	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Warwicks	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Derbyshire	2	0	2	0	10	10	2
Leicester	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Oxfordshire	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

2nd WEST	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wiltshire	2	2	0	0	12	8	4
Worcestershire	2	2	0	0	12	8	4
Devon	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Cornwall	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
Somerset	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
Dorset	2	0	0	2	8	12	0

SOUTHERN	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kent II	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Bucks II	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Hants II	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Berkshire	3	1	0	2	15	12	2
Herts II	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Oxfordshire II	2	0	0	2	4	16	0

MIDLAND	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warwicks II	2	2	0	0	19	1	4
Derbyshire II	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Notts	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Denbighshire	2	0	1	1	5	15	1
Staffs II	2	0	0	2	8	12	0
Worcestershire II	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

EASTERN	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Suffolk	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Norfolk	2	2	0	0	12	8	4
Bedfordshire	2	1	0	1	13	7	2
Cambridgeshire	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Northants	2	0	0	2	5	15	0
Hunts	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

JUNIOR SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Surrey	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Bucks	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Kent	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Hampshire	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Berkshire	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
Sussex	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

JUNIOR NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancashire	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Northumberland	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Yorkshire	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Durham	2	0	1	1	6	14	1
Cumberland	2	0	0	2	2	18	0
Cheshire	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

JUNIOR MIDLAND	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warwicks	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Staffs	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Leicestershire	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Notts	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Denbighshire	3	0	0	3	7	23	0
Oxfordshire	2	0	0	2	1	19	0

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