

ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Singles
STANISLAV GOMOZKOV
(U.S.S.R.)

Women's Singles
ELEANORA MIHALCA
(Rumania)

Men's Doubles
ISTVAN KORPA and
DRUGUTIN SURBEK
(Yugoslavia)

Women's Doubles
SVETLANA GRINBERG and
ZOYA RUDNOVA
(U.S.S.R.)

Mixed Doubles
STANISLAV GOMOZKOV and ZOYA RUDNOVA
(U.S.S.R.)

Veteran Men's
LOU HOFFMAN
(Middlesex)

Veteran Women's
MARJORIE CUMBERBATCH
(Staffordshire)

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men
YUGOSLAVIA

Women
CZECHOSLOVAKIA

INTERNATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

by *John Woodford*



Dragutin Surbek (left) and Istvan Korpa (Yugoslavia) winners of the Team Competition and Men's Doubles

RUSSIANS PIPPED TWICE

THE scarlet-shirted Soviet team of Stanislav Gomozkov, the European No. 1, and Anatoliy Amelin were well beaten by Yugoslavia 3-2 in a stirring men's team final at the Dome, Brighton. Yugoslavia's Dragutin Surbek started well with a good win over Amelin and Istvan Korpa followed suit by taking Gomozkov. Russia fought back strongly taking the doubles and levelling with a Gomozkov victory over Surbek. Korpa finished a successful day for Yugoslavia overcoming Amelin.

In an exciting women's final the Czech pair Marta Luzova and Jitka Karlikova beat the Soviet team, who started hot favourites, 3-2. High-speed penholder Zoya Rudnova started like the overnight express from Moscow to Leningrad. She sped through the Czech No. 2 Karlikova but Miss Luzova then struck back with even more speed to smash Grinberg.

Russia "came again" to win a fine doubles set but then Czechoslovakia took over led by Luzova who put on even more speed on her forehand to beat the Russian No. 1 21-12 in the third. At 2-2, Karlikova then hit top form to clinch the championship with a win over Grinberg.

BRIGHT START

Mary Wright and Karenza Smith started the championships with a grand 3-0 slamming of Rumania in Round 1. Mary hit peak form to slam the European No. 2 Maria Alexandru. Karenza also hit the high spots by defeating Eleanora Mihalca. The two top English girls then combined to win the doubles taking them to the semi-finals against Russia.

England women's after lunch semi-final date with the Soviet pair saw the tables well and truly turned when Russia swept through to the final 3-0.

The left-handed pen-holder and European No. 1 Zoya Rudnova displayed a fantastic forehand hit that smashed through her opponents time and again.

England's No. 1 men's team was selected as Denis Neale and Alan Hydes against Hungary II in Round 1 leaving Ian Harrison and Stuart Gibbs as England II. Both sides were beaten—England I 3-2 by Hungary II, and England II 3-0 by Rumania.

Neale struck international form when he came through against Rozsas. England then went into a 2-1 lead when Neale and Hydes combined well to win the doubles. English hearts returned to a normal

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INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

BRIGHTON LINE LEADS NOWHERE

EMPHASISING the giant strides made by Soviet players in recent years was their threefold haul of trophies at Brighton, where the 41st English Open Championships were held from February 29 to March 2, in the Dome and Corn Exchange.

As befitting his newly acquired joint No. 1 European ranking, Moscow engineering student STANISLAV GOMOZKOV hammered



Stanislav Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.), winner of the Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles

his way to victory in the men's singles event with the loss of only one game.

Hungary's Matyas Beleznai made the solitary indentation on the Russian's armour in the semi-finals but it was not repeated by Peter Kozsas in the final joust.

Partnered by his compatriot, ZOYA RUDNOVA, the deadly backhand of GOMOZKOV was again in evidence when the top Soviet combination swept to victory in the mixed doubles.

It was the only final in which England had an interest but after

looking capable of extending the Russian pair, in the first game, Denis Neale and Mary Wright thereafter slumped to easy defeat.

Exchanging partners, Miss RUDNOVA was the dominant force, with SVETLANA GRINBERG, in annexing the women's doubles title brooking no nonsense whatsoever from Maria Alexandru and Eleanora Mihalca of Rumania in another one-way stretch.

Miss MIHALCA, however, was the surprise winner of the women's singles event and it was through the dogged defence of her compatriot, Miss Alexandru, that she finally broke.

A determined Yugoslavian pair added to their team championship success when ISTVAN KORPA and DRAGUTIN SURBEK encountered little resistance from Dorin Giurgiuca and Radu Negulescu of Rumania in the men's doubles final.

Only in the veteran events did England have matters all their own way, the men's award going to LOU HOFFMAN, the counterpart trophy being retained by MARJORIE CUMBERBATCH.

Consolation singles were won by MIKE JOHNS and JILL SHIRLEY.

GRAND CANYON

A single representation at the quarter-final stage in both major singles events underlined the unpalatable truth that when Mary Wright and Denis Neale bow out, the gap between them and those ranked immediately below is as wide as the Grand Canyon.

Granted there were feats performed by the home contingent, the foremost being accomplished by "Les" Haslam in disposing of the Soviet No. 2, Anatoliy Amelin over five pulsating games.

It was a performance without repeat, however, for in the very next round the giant Jamaican succumbed in meek contrast to

that broth of a boy from Dublin—Jim Langan.

But how about the ousting of Stuart Gibbs, in 3-straight by junior Trevor Taylor? What too of "Connie" Warren beaten by Sammy Ogundipe and Mike Johns losing to Bobby Stevens both in the first round?

It was against the sterner opposition provided by Korpa that Ian Harrison fell, as did Alan Hydes to the Czech first string Stefan Kollarovits.

Nor was the return of Chester Barnes destined to start the nearby

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ENGLAND'S GREAT WIN IN EUROPEAN LEAGUE

ENGLAND 4, U.S.S.R. 3

CONFOUNDING their critics at Smethwick, in a European League match on March 5, England stormed to a 3-0 lead over the U.S.S.R. who, despite a tremendous fight back, were beaten 4-3.

After Brighton, it was a confidence-restoring win for England to bring about the first European League defeat suffered by the Russians.

Three English team members shared in the triumph: Denis Neale obtaining wins over both Gomozkov and Amelin and Mary Wright beating Zoya Rudnova subsequent to Ian Harrison accounting

for Gomozkov in the first set of the evening.

D. Neale bt A. Amelin -15, 13, 16; bt S. Gomozkov -16, 14, 19.

I. O. Harrison bt Gomozkov -18, 17, 13; lost to Amelin -17, -16.

Mary Wright bt Zoya Rudnova -11, 10, 15.

A. Hydes / Neale lost to Amelin/Gomozkov -16, 14, -17.

Neale/Mary Wright lost to Gomozkov/Zoya Rudnova 18, -15, -17.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Czechoslovakia	4	4	0	23	5	8
England	6	4	2	28	14	8
U.S.S.R.	4	3	1	20	8	6
Hungary	5	3	2	23	12	6
Austria	4	1	3	8	20	2
Germany—West	2	0	2	3	11	0
Netherlands	5	0	5	0	35	0

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REGULARISATION

AN agreement reached between the four home countries in Belfast, during the recent Quadrangular Championships weekend, should clarify, beyond all doubt, the arrangements appertaining to players wishing to participate in events outside their own national borders.

Such agreement will now be drafted as an official regulation and will become operative next season allowing for players to play in foreign countries (including the home countries) only under the following stipulations.

No player affiliated to the E.T.T.A. will be able to play abroad unless prior permission has been obtained from the E.T.T.A.

If an Association abroad wishes to invite an English player, they must first ascertain the availability of the player, and then apply to the E.T.T.A. for permission. All invitations must be from Association to Association.

In respect of Wales only, there is a blanket permission for English players to play without the foregoing permission, but this will NOT apply to members of the international squad. Members of the squad must obtain permission in the usual way, and they need permission to play in Wales, Ireland, Scotland or any country outside England.

The above arrangements, of course, will also apply in reverse, i.e. the E.T.T.A. will not invite foreign players except through their Association and the E.T.T.A. will also inform all tournament organisers in England of the need to go through this channel.

The four home countries have agreed that they will exchange lists of tournaments, in August or early September, to which they wish to invite players. If possible, they will name the players. This will make it easier to plan their programme well in advance. It will apply not only to national open championships, but also to ordinary open tournaments.

In the words of Conrad Jaschke, who was given powers by the National Council to negotiate agreement in Belfast, "I think this new agreement marks another big step forward as it regularises a situation which has been most unsatisfactory, and the arrangement is welcomed by the four home countries equally."

INTERNATIONAL ROUND-UP

By **CONRAD JASCHKE**

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MARY WRIGHT JOINT No. 3 IN NEW EUROPEAN RANKINGS

FROM No. 5, Mary Wright moves up to share third spot with Russia's Svetlana Grinberg in the new Classification Lists, issued in February by the European Table Tennis Union. Soviet star Zoya Rudnova makes the biggest jump, from joint seventh to top position, displacing Maria Alexandru.

England's Denis Neale, too, has taken a huge stride from joint No. 15 to No. 7 and European singles champion, Kjell Johansson, loses his top placing jointly to Stanislav Gomoskov who moves up from No. 12 and Eberhard Scholer. Due, no doubt, to lack of results England's Chester Barnes does not figure in the current lists having been ranked at No. 11 as the result of his exploits in the last European Championships at Wembley.

EUROPEAN RANKINGS FEBRUARY, 1968 (previous rankings in brackets)

Men	Women
1. S. Gomoskov, U.S.S.R. (12)	1. J. Rudnova, U.S.S.R. (=7)
E. Scholer, Germany	2. M. Alexandru, Rumania (1)
D.T.T.B. (=6)	3. S. Grinberg, U.S.S.R. (2)
3. J. Stanek, Czechoslovakia (2)	M. Wright, England (5)
4. K. Johansson, Sweden (1)	5. M. Luzova, Czechoslovakia (4)
5. V. Miko, Czechoslovakia (3)	6. G. Geissler, Germany
6. M. Beleznai, Hungary (—)	D.T.T.V. (14)
7. D. Neale, England (=15)	7. E. Jurik, Hungary (=7)
8. H. Alser, Sweden (4)	8. A. Simon, Germany
S. Kollarovits, Czecho (=8)	D.T.T.B. (=7)
10. A. Amelin, U.S.S.R. (=6)	9. E. Koczian, Hungary (3)
D. Surbek, Yugoslavia (—)	10. M. Resler, Yugoslavia (—)
12. D. Giurgiuca, Rumania (5)	11. E. Buchholz, Germany
I. Korpa, Yugoslavia (=8)	D.T.T.V. (=10)
14. S. Sarkhojan, U.S.S.R. (=13)	E. Mihalca, Rumania (16)
15. P. Rozsas, Hungary (10)	13. J. Karlikova, Czecho (—)
16. J. Borzsei, Hungary (—)	14. C. Pirc, Yugoslavia (—)
	15. D. Hovestadt, Germany
	D.T.T.V. (—)
	I. Vostova, Czechoslovakia (—)

IT'S CZECHOSLOVAKIA OR U.S.S.R. FOR EUROPEAN LEAGUE TITLE

Czechoslovakia's recent 4-3 win over Hungary in the European League premier division leaves the championship issue firmly between the unbeaten Czechs and Russians. The Czechs had a real shock when Stanek lost both his singles against Hungary, and with Stipanek winning one of his two singles, it was a rescue act by Miko—who was on the winning side in the men's doubles (with Stanek) and in the mixed (with Luzova)—that saved the day. Luzova beat Jurik in the women's singles to give the Czechs their narrow win. U.S.S.R. meet Czechoslovakia in Moscow in March.

JUNIORS IN LENINGRAD

We shall be sending full junior teams to compete in the European Youth Meeting in Leningrad, August 9/13, and on the way it is hoped to arrange one or two junior international matches in the Scandinavian countries.

NEW JAPANESE CHAMPIONS

In the Japanese Closed Championships the world champion Hasegawa was defeated by veteran Kimura, who lost in the final to the new Japanese national champion Itoh. In the women's singles Miss Oozeki became the new champion without losing a game throughout; she defeated Morisawa, Itoh, Mashiyama, Fukuno, and in the final, Shimizu. As Yamanaka and Fukatsu have now retired, Miss Oozeki will be Japan's big hope for retaining world supremacy in the women's section. The E.T.T.A. have invited Japan to send teams to play in England after the world championships in Munich, and it is very much hoped that we shall have the opportunity to see these great players here in 1969.

GETTING READY FOR EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS

Leslie Davis of Gloucestershire and his colleagues Maurice Goldstein (Warwicks) and Ian Crickmer (Wores) have lost no time in getting an English club championship started—in time to make it possible for the winners to participate next season in the Europe Cup, and possibility for the runners-up to take part in the European Fairs Cities Cup. Davis and his committee have moved with lightning speed to get rules drawn up, with an eye on the Europeans competitions, and all counties have now been invited to enter their champion club.

SCHOLER'S SEVEN-YEAR REIGN

In front of 4,000 spectators in Boblingen Eberhard Scholer won the German D.T.T.B. national (closed) men's singles title for the

seventh time in succession, beating the young rising player Bernt Jansen 3-0 in the final.

Edit Buchholz took the women's singles title from Agnes Simon, beating her 3-1 in the final. These two players won the women's doubles, Scholer/Mrs. Simon took the mixed, and Jansen/Hans Micheiloff the men's doubles.

GRELKE MOVES

Forty-six-year-old Heiner Grelke, general secretary of the German D.T.T.V. since 1958, has resigned this post—which was a full-time paid appointment—to take up a position in the East German Ministry of Foreign Trade. The new general secretary is 41-year-old Horst Fack. Grelke, a jovial man with a fine sense of humour, has always been a great favourite with his colleagues on the executive committee of the E.T.T.U. and has become a familiar figure at table tennis events throughout Europe.

I believe he will continue to be a member of the D.T.T.V. executive committee.

EUROPEAN FAIRS CITIES CUP

The final of the women's section of this competition will be between Epitok S.C. Budapest and Slavia Prague, in May. The men's section has reached the quarter-final stage, with teams from Vienna, Brussels, Prague, Utrecht, Stockholm, Amsterdam, Stuttgart and Budapest.

VANDEWALLE WINS AGAIN

Norbert Vandewalle retained his men's singles title in the recent Belgian Closed Championships. He had a very tough game with his "bete noire" Franz Lanckmann in the semi-final, and in the final he beat Pierre Juliens, who is well known over here through his appearances in the Sussex Open Championships. In the absence of the title holder, Mrs. Josiane Detaille-Cornelis, because of illness, Micheline Stas became the new women's champion.

Results.

Men's singles—semi-finals: Vandewalle bt Lanckmann 3-2; Juliens bt Cornil 3-0. Final: Vandewalle bt Juliens 3-1.

Women's singles—semi-finals: Micheline Stas bt Mavis van Gelder 3-1; Claire Kepenne bt Andree Crevecoeur 3-1. Final: Micheline Stas bt Claire Kepenne 3-1.

Vandewalle went on to complete a hat-trick by winning the men's doubles with Juliens, and the mixed with Miss Claire Kepenne. In the mixed final Mr. and Mrs. Detaille were leading 2-0 and 20-15 in the third, but still lost 2-3!

MARATHONS

If I did not know much about table tennis marathons until recently, I certain do now, following my remarks in last month's column.

Brian Worts, of Exmouth, takes me to task for publicising the German effort which, he states, was achieved under much easier conditions than the efforts by Plymouth (four-player record with 75½ hours) and Francis Combe School of Watford (three-player record, 72 hours). The big difference is that in the Plymouth and Watford efforts there were no rest periods and no player was away from the table for more than the duration of one game of 21 points.

Brian wants to issue a challenge to the German team who claim the record, to meet an English team under equal conditions. If this "match" materialises, I suggest that the money raised should be divided two-thirds to a charity or cause nominated by the winners, and one-third to one nominated by the losers.

Over to Brian Worts.

From the Editor's Postbag

Challenge Issued

FURTHER to Conrad Jaschke's columns in this issue and in the February issue of "Table Tennis News", I have issued a challenge to Germany to play a marathon against the English under the rules which I have been circulating for three years. It is early days to start making arrangements but I have suggested to the Germans that several teams from each country take part.

If this suggestion is accepted it may result in a flood of applications from would be "marathonites". I think therefore that I ought to make a provisional restriction of six teams per country. In the event of more than six wishing to take part the number will have to be amended or some form of selection will have to take place. If the latter is the case I feel that teams that have already attempted the "correct marathon" should have first choice. However, this is a bridge that can be crossed later.

For those who know nothing of the rules under which ten teams have broken the world record, they are, in brief, that a four-man team plays in a set order, doubles and singles, each one game to 21 points. The set order ensures that no player is away from the table for more than one consecutive set. No team would be accepted unless they gave an undertaking to accept the rules of the international match and proved that they are going to show the game in good light: one team recently played in cloaks,

gowns and long trousers. The four-man record, held by Plymouth Table Tennis League, stands at 75 hours 36 minutes and 40 seconds. The team included two current county players and two ex-county players.

If the challenge is accepted I shall have more news next month.

Enquiries must be accompanied by two s.a.e's.

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FOUR of our Youth Fellowship members at St. Michael's started out on a maraton attempt at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 2 and played for 32 hours involving a total of 290 games.

I know their time was far short of the record of 75 hours but £25 was raised for the N.S.P.C.C. which amount was handed over to the local Chief Inspector at the Club on February 16.

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PORTSMOUTH JUNIOR OPEN

"7-Up" for Sandra and Tony

TONY Boasman and Susan Howard, the new No. 7 players, both showed first class form to win the singles events in the first separate Portsmouth Junior Open on February 18.

Boasman confirmed his new ranking with good wins over Michael Wald and David James, both previously above him in the list.

Susan Howard beat County team mate Sandra Goldsmith, England's No. 4, with some excellent all-round play.

Under 17
Boys' Singles — semi-finals: A. BOASMAN (Lancs) bt D. James (Devon) 15, 13; S. TANNAHILL (Hants) bt J. Dabin (Kent) 17, -9, 12.
Final: BOASMAN bt Tannahill 14, 17.

Girls' Singles — semi-finals: S. HOWARD (Surrey) bt L. Chesson (Kent) 17, 6; S. GOLDSMITH (Surrey) bt L. Howard (Surrey) -19, 19, 17.
Final: HOWARD bt Goldsmith 16, 19.

Boys' Doubles — semi-finals: JAMES/E. MUHR (Cambs) bt Boasman/M. Foulkes (Lancs) 14, 14; R. HELLABY/M. LOCKE (Essex) bt S. Endersby/R. Tilling (Kent) 12, 19.
Final: JAMES/MUHR bt Hellaby/Locke 19, 19.

Girls' Doubles — semi-finals: GOLDSMITH/S. HOWARD bt T. Dale (Essex)/B. Peters (Herts) 14, -17, 13; C. MANN (Middx)/S. PACITTO (Bucks) bt J. Daniels/C. Hutchings (Hants) 18, 17.
Final: GOLDSMITH/HOWARD bt Mann/Pacitto 15, 16.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: D. SMITH (Surrey)/S. HOWARD bt M.

Wald (Bucks)/Pacitto 7, 18; DABIN/GOLDSMITH bt James/Peters 15, 19.
Final: SMITH/HOWARD bt Dabin/Goldsmith 8, 12.

Under 15
Boys' Singles — semi-finals: BOASMAN bt S. Heaps (Ches) 18, 14; HELLABY bt P. Bishop (Surrey) 14, -9, 18.
Final: BOASMAN bt Hellaby 12, 9.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: CHES-SON bt B. McGrorty (Kent) 17, 11; P. BRENCHLEY (Kent) bt L. Howard (Surrey) 17, 19.
Final: CHESSON bt Brenchley -11, 15, 15.

Boys' Doubles—semi-finals: BOASMAN/FOULKES bt Hellaby/Locke 8, 14; BISHOP/D. FISHER (Surrey) bt Heaps/K. James (Devon) -18, 8, 10.
Final: BOASMAN/FOULKES bt Bishop/Fisher 15, 14.

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Girls' Doubles — semi-finals: BRENCHLEY/CHESSON bt McGrorty/W. Slade (Berks) 13, 11; L. HOWARD/L. PACITTO (Bucks) bt M. Daisy/S. Hamilton (Middx) -15, 15, 13.
Final: BRENCHLEY/CHESSON bt Howard/Pacitto 20, -13, 16.

Under 14
Boys' Singles—semi-finals: HEAPS bt J. Avey (Hants) 14, 19; K. JAMES bt R. Jolly (Hants) 13, 13.
Final: HEAPS bt James 4, -19, 15.

Girls' Singles — semi-finals: L. HOWARD bt J. Holtam (Kent) 16, 11; P. CLEMETT (Hants) bt A. Chesson (Kent) 15, -20, 19.
Final: HOWARD bt Clemett 9, 18.

MIDLAND OPEN

by John Pike

Jones Spikes Brum Howitzer

ALTHOUGH some of our top players were involved in the Quadrangular Tournament in Belfast, and others in county matches, it made little difference, except in class of course, to the Midland Open, held this year for the first time at the Harry Mitchell Recreation Centre at Warley.

For the second successive year Birmingham's Ralph Gunnion failed at the last hurdle in his bid to win the men's singles. Last year he went under to Roger Chandler, this year it was Mike Johns. After winning the first, Ralph lost the second, but when he was 14-9 up in the third, few in the hall then, thought the trophy was going to Cheshire.

Mike obviously had other ideas and how well he fought back to level at 18-all. Three slips then by Gunnion and Johns had taken the title, from South to North.

Peter Williams had a fine tournament and it was only two points that separated him from a place in the final. In an exciting semi, he was beaten 24-22 in the decider by Gunnion.

While all was going well in the men's singles, the organisers had something of a problem in the women's, when the top two seeds, Lesley Radford and Judy Heaps, failed to put in an appearance. With Lesley playing for Essex and Judy resting after her venture into Europe, it meant their first round opponents had a free ticket into the second round.

The women's final turned out to be an all-Essex affair with Sheila Hession beating No. 3 seed Diane Simpson in one of the best Midland finals for many years.

Sheila put paid to any hopes of a local victory in this event with a win over Kath Perry, the No. 4 seed, in the quarters and then Dorothy Deeley of West Bromwich in the semi-final.

Diane gained some consolation for her singles defeat, when with Mike Johns, they became the new holders of the mixed doubles trophy beating Chandler and Sheila Hession.

It was no surprise to see Roger and Roy Morley win the men's doubles, but a good effort here from the Birmingham pair, Binney and Munt.

One event a Midland pair did win was the women's doubles, and here Sandra Pegg and Kath Perry came out on top against Diane Simpson and Doreen Schofield.

From the seniors to the juniors and a splendid hat-trick of wins for Birmingham. Paul Judd, who pushed Mike Johns very hard in the men's quarters, took the boys' title with ease. It was much the same story in the girls', where Jenny Cornock had a comfortable win over young Linda Bashtord from Middlesbrough.

Four Birmingham lads reached the final of the doubles and what a good match this turned out to be. Berry and Gunning got the verdict but it was 22-20 in the decider.

It would be wrong not to mention the "evergreens", for George Tsow's win over R. Etheridge in the veterans' final meant another trophy for the Midlands.

M.S.—semi-finals: R. GUNNION (Warwks) bt P. Williams (Sussex) -17, 14, 22. M. JOHNS (Cheshire) bt R. Chandler (Sussex) 15, 12.
Final: JOHNS bt Gunnion -13, 16, 18.

W.S.—semi-finals: D. SIMPSON (Essex) bt M. Rose (Warwks) 11, 16. S. HESSION (Essex) bt D. Deeley (Staffs) -19, 21, 19.
Final: HESSION bt Simpson 16, -19, 20.

M.D.: R. MORLEY (Gloucs)/R. CHANDLER bt G. Binney/D. Munt (Warwks) 11, 13.

W.D.: S. PEGG (Derbys)/K. PERRY (Warwks) bt D. Simpson/D. Schofield (Cheshire) -21, 14, 17.
X.D.: JOHNS/D. SIMPSON bt Chandler/S. Hession -9, 15, 14.

B.S.: P. JUDD (Warwks) bt M. Berry (Warwks) 9, 8.

G.S.: J. CORNOCK (Warwks) bt L. Bashford (Yorks) 13, 12.

J.D.: M. BERRY/F. GUNNING (Warwks) bt G. Allen/M. Jobson (Warwks) -15, 17, 20.

V.S.: G. TSOW (Warwks) bt R. Etheridge (Kent) 14, -14, 18.

MIDLAND TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Men, Division 1						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Gloucester	5	5	0	0	38	12 10
Birmingham 'A'	5	4	0	1	40	10 9
Leicester 'A'	7	2	3	2	31	39 6
Chesterfield 'A'	6	3	3	0	27	33 6
Coventry 'A'	5	0	1	4	24	26 4
West Bromw'h	4	2	2	0	17	23 4
Nottingham 'A'	5	0	3	2	18	32 2
Wolverh'ton 'A'	5	0	4	1	15	35 1

Ladies Division						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Birmingham	5	5	0	0	42	8 10
West Bromw'h	5	4	1	0	38	12 8
Chesterfield	6	4	2	0	32	28 8
Leicester	5	1	3	1	21	29 3
Wolverhampton	4	1	3	0	11	29 2
Nuneaton	5	1	4	0	13	37 2
Nottingham	4	0	3	1	13	27 1

BRISTOL CLOSED

M.S.: G. GFAR (Weston) bt A. Kinsey (Weston).
W.S.: J. COLLIER (Bristol Club) bt M. Massey (K. & B.).
M.D.: GEAR/KINSEY bt R. Bowles/J. Wise.
W.D.: D. HENDERSON/MASSEY bt Collier/J. Watts.
X.D.: V. ADAMS/COLLIER bt Watts/Watts.
B.S.: G. DOUGLAS (Bristol Club) bt I. Andrews (Page).
G.S.: W. HARPER (Weston) bt G. Brice (Page).
V.S.: N. THOMPSON (Page) bt W. Hill (Southmead).

YORKSHIRE OPEN

Neale - Easily

DENIS Neale was in very good form just before going to West Germany. He comfortably beat a tired Alan Hydes, in the final of men's singles event at York on February 17, who had played very well in revenging his County match defeat by Brian Wright.

Maureen Heppell was taken to three games by both doubles win-

ners, Elsie Carrington and Jackie Billington, before having a comfortable win over Lesley Proudlock in the women's singles.

Surprise mixed doubles winners were Kevin Forshaw and Jill Shirley, a scratch partnership. Established pair Landry and Cynthia Duncombe beat Neale and Pat Dainty but found Forshaw and Shirley too good.

Men's Singles—quarter-finals: B. Wright (Middx) bt K. Forshaw (Lancs) 14, 18; A. Hydes (Yorks) bt B. Burn (Northumb) 16, -7, 15; P. Duncombe (Yorks) bt J. Kedge (Kent) 9, -17, 16; D. Neale (Yorks) bt P. Walmsley (Lancs) 15, 12.

Semi-finals: HYDES bt Wright 11, -19, 9; NEALE bt Duncombe 11, -19, 9.
Final: NEALE bt Hydes 12, 11.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: M. HEPPELL (Northumb) bt J. Billington (Berks) -13, 19, 16; L. PROUDLOCK (Yorks) bt P. Dainty (Yorks) 17, 16.
Final: HEPPELL bt Proudlock 3, 17.

Men's Doubles — semi-finals: NEALE/WRIGHT bt J. R. Davies/M. Pitts (Yorks) 10, 14; BURN/HYDES bt Duncombe/Kedge 7, 13.
Final: NEALE/WRIGHT bt Burn/Hydes -15, 20, 17.

Women's Doubles — semi-finals: BILLINGTON/E. CARRINGTON (Essex) bt J. Shirley (Bucks)/M. Walker (Middx) -18, 19, 9; C. DUNCOMBE (Yorks)/PROUDLOCK bt D. Johnson (Ches)/E. Starkie (Yorks) 17, -16, 14.

Final: BILLINGTON/CARRINGTON bt Duncombe/Proudlock 15, 16.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: FORSHAW/SHIRLEY bt L. F. Landry (Middx)/Duncombe 15, 16; HYDES/HEPPELL bt Davies/K. Perry (Warwicks) 6, 17.
Final: FORSHAW/SHIRLEY bt Hydes/Heppell -16, 12, 17.

Veteran Singles—semi-finals: H. NIXON (Lancs) bt J. Sykes (Yorks) 18, 15; R. HINCHLIFF (Yorks) bt S. Nunn (Yorks) 9, 13.
Final: HINCHLIFF bt Nixon 13, 15.

Wright's Best in Kent Open

BRIAN Wright scored his best win of the season in capturing the men's singles title in the Kent Open

His victories to the semi were overwhelming and at this stage Peter Williams was able to vary his pace and control the game to just lose a real thriller.

"Connie" Warren had earlier been beaten by Williams. "Les" Haslam reached the final with a first class win over Stuart Gibbs. His consistent hitting, both backhand and forehand, was too good for Gibbs. The final was closely contested with Wright just making it.

Karenza Smith retained her women's title with a good win over Pauline Piddock who defeated Maureen Heppell in an excellent semi. Maureen defeated Karenza with an all-out assault of hitting, in the final of the U-20 singles.

Men's Singles—quarter-finals: P. Williams (Sussex) bt C. Warren (Surrey) 19, 11; B. Wright (Middx) bt A. Piddock (Kent) 12, 6; O. Haslam (Middx) bt K. Lawrence (Essex) 12, -13, 18; S. Gibbs (Essex) bt R. Stevens (Essex) 12, -17, 17.
Semi-finals: WRIGHT bt Williams 20, 20, 20; HASLAM bt Gibbs 19, 13.

Final: WRIGHT bt Haslam 19, 19.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: K. SMITH (Middx) bt J. Shirley (Bucks)

12, 9; P. PIDDOCK (Kent) bt M. Heppell (Northumb) 17, -15, 16.
Final: SMITH bt Piddock 17, 10.

Men's Doubles—semi-finals: R. CHANDLER (Sussex)/HASLAM bt Gibbs/Stevens 16, -20, 12; H. BUIST (Kent/PIDDOCK) bt G. Golding (Essex)/S. Ogundipe (Sussex) -8, 12, 15.
Final: CHANDLER/HASLAM bt Buist/Piddock 16, 16.

Women's Doubles—semi-finals: L. RADFORD/D. SIMPSON (Essex) bt Piddock/Smith 18, 19, -19; S. HESSION (Essex)/J. WILLIAMS (Sussex) bt Heppell/R. Wilson (Kent) 19, 17.
Final: RADFORD/SIMPSON bt Hession/Williams -15, 19, 16.

Mixed Doubles — semi-finals: WRIGHT/PIDDOCK bt Gibbs/Smith -19, 19, 19; STEVENS/B. SAYER (Essex) bt T. Taylor (Herts)/E. Carrington (Essex) 14, 17.
Final: STEVENS / SAYER bt Wright/Piddock 17, -17, 15.

Men's U-20 Singles—semi-finals: B. BURN (Northumb) bt D. Corbett (Kent) 15, 9; TAYLOR bt C. Mason (Kent) 17, 16.
Final: BURN bt Taylor 11, 13.

Women's U-20 Singles—semi-finals: HEPPELL bt Shirley 14, -16, 14; SMITH bt Simpson 11, 16.
Final: HEPPELL bt Smith 13, -16, 20.

Veteran Singles—semi-finals: R. ETHERIDGE (Kent) bt G. Hall (Essex) 13, 12; N. ISBELL (Herts) bt Z. Schramm (Surrey) 17, -16, 16.
Final: ETHERIDGE bt Isbell 11, 13.

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MARY Wright scored one of her greatest triumphs in the Rumanian Championships. Going through the entire programme undefeated, she overcame illness to win the ladies singles crown. She then combined with Denis Neale to win the mixed doubles.

Thanks largely to Mary's efforts, England finished fourth in the Women's Team event. Our men fought hard, but finished eighth.

Women's Team Event

England 3, Yugoslavia 2

Mary Wright was a tower of strength. She won both her singles—defeating Pirc and Ressler in straight sets—and then paired up with Judy Heaps to win the doubles.

Judy, playing in her first big international series was, not unnaturally, nervous. She lost both her singles in straight games, though leading Ressler 20-16 in the first game and holding her more experienced opponent at 18-18 in the second. Judy played well in the doubles.

England 3, North Korea 0

Though the opposition was weak, Judy looked most impressive against penhold style play and comfortably defeated Kim Pan Za, North Korea's No. 1, by 14, 17. Mary Wright had no difficulty in beating Kan Sun Za by 8, 12.

Somewhat surprisingly our pair were extended in the doubles, but won 23-21, 19-21, 21-10.

England 2, East Germany 3

Mary defeated both Hovestadt and Geissler in straight sets, but with Judy as her partner was unable to clinch the doubles which East Germany won 27-25, 21-18.

Judy played well in the singles, coming very close to winning against Hovestadt who beat her 21-11, 19-21, 24-22. The score was 2-2 when Judy met Geissler. Unfortunately she was unable to make any impression on her experienced and consistent opponent, losing 12, 14.

England 2, West Germany 3

(play-off for 3rd/4th position)

Though Mary was at her brilliant best, beating both Buchholz and Simon in straight sets, Judy was unable to extend either of the West German girls and our pair again lost the vital doubles to 15 and 18. England finished fourth.

Men's Team Event

England 5, Rumania (B) 1

This was a good win, and both Mike Johns and Alan Hydes played impressively in their first senior international match abroad. Particularly meritorious was Alan's victory of Bodea, the man who defeated Denis Neale for Rumania's sole success.

England 4, Czechoslovakia 5

What a thriller! It fell to Mike to represent us in the ninth and deciding singles against Chmelik. Mike trailed 6-10, 9-14 and 16-19 in the third, yet levelled the score at 19-all. In an electric atmosphere he just could not clinch those vital two points, so the Czechs gained the narrowest of victories.

Denis beat both Flaisinger and Stepanek, and just failed to make a clean sweep by losing to Chmelik after leading him 18-15 in the third.

Full marks to Alan for his brilliant victory over Stepanek and to Mike for his straight set win over Flaisinger.

England 4, Russia 5

(play-off for 5th/8th position)

Another tough fight and another narrow defeat. This time Denis did make a clean sweep of it by beating in turn Eglitis (2-0) Zlenko (2-0) and Gomoskov (20-22, 21-13, 21-8).

Alan started slowly, but finished magnificently. He lost 2-0 to Zlenko, and also to Gomoskov, though he led the latter 20-17 in the second. Then came a brilliant display by the young Englishman to beat Eglitis 2-1 and level the match score 4-4.

Once again Mike had the fate of the match in his hands, and he fought tremendously hard, but as much against his own lack of top form as against Zlenko. Though Mike led the Russian 20-18 in the second, he went down to defeat in straight games.

England 2, Sweden 5

(play-off for 7th/8th position)

You can't blame our lads for losing when they fight as hard as

RUMANIAN OPEN

MARY TRIUMPHS OVER ADVERSITY

this, but Mike and Alan were unable to produce their best form.

We had our chances. In the opening game Alan led Andersson 19-14, yet lost. Then Denis, who beat both Andersson and Bengtsson to record England's two successes, came very close to beating Alser, ultimately losing 21-19, 18-21, 18-21. England finished eighth.

Women's Singles

On the final day of the Championships, when she had the singles from the quarter-final stage and the entire mixed doubles to play, Mary reported sick with a high temperature. She was given an influenza injection and tablets, and decided to tackle her task as best she could. Her best was pretty marvellous!

Mary looked so ill when playing the singles quarter-final against Hovestadt I did not expect her to be able to finish the match, but she did, and she won it. Then she surpassed herself by defeating Eva Koczian by 21-19, 21-16, 21-16. Koczian had already disposed of Grinberg of Russia.

In the final Mary defeated Geissler in straight sets 23-21, 21-10, 22-20, and the fact that she trailed 4-13 and 11-18 in the first game and 17-19 in the third shows how hard she fought for this success. Despite her illness it was clear that she has improved her game tremendously. She "killed" more furiously and more frequently than I have ever seen her do before, and when forced away from the table defended with great accuracy.

Judy lost to Geissler, who subsequently defeated Simon and Alexandru to reach the final. The East German star was much too steady for Judy, who needs more experience and consistency to beat really top-class defensive players.

Men's Singles

Denis played brilliantly to record his first-ever win over Alser in a nail-biting five setter by 15-21, 21-19, 16-21, 21-18, 22-20. Then, in the quarter-final, Denis had his

chance to beat Kan Nun Hoa of North Korea when he led 20-19 in the third, only to serve off the table; and when he stood 18-18 in the fourth, only to lose that game from deuce. The final score was 15-21, 21-17, 20-22, 18-21. Had Denis managed to beat the North Korean he was certainly playing well enough to win the title.

The title in fact went to Ebby Scholer, who did not concede a single game and accounted for North Korean players in his last sixteen and semi-final.

Though ranked No. 2 in the world, the North Koreans were subdued. They only just scraped home against Russia to win the men's team event, having trailed 2-4 at one stage, and of the individual events won only the men's doubles.

Mike adopted perfect tactics, and played superbly to beat Pak Kil Tu of North Korea 23-21, 19-21, 21-17, 21-13 in the second round of the singles, but in the next round the higher ranking North Korean, Jung Ryang Woong, was too fast and too good for him. Mike lost 4-21, 16-21, 12-21.

Alan lost in the second round to Giurgiuca 17-21, 14-21, 14-21, putting up a much better fight than the score suggests. It was his first encounter with the Rumanian No. 1, and I think he must have learnt a great deal.

Doubles

At one time I seriously considered withdrawing Mary from the Mixed Doubles, but despite her illness she gallantly soldiered on with Denis to score great success. In the final our pair beat Grinberg and Eglitis 19-21, 21-19, 21-15, 21-15 after the Russians had defeated the well established Rumanian partnership of Alexandru and Giurgiuca.

Mary and Denis have partnered each other in five major championships this season and appeared in all five finals, winning the Hun-

Czechoslovakian Open

by Mary Wright

ANOTHER MIXED TITLE FOR ENGLAND

FIVE finals out of five and three titles. This is the record of Mary Wright and Denis Neale this season in international mixed doubles events.

Their latest success was featured in the Bohemians CKD Praha Hall where they overcame a very disinterested Giurgiuca (who a few minutes before had won the men's singles title) and Mihalca of Rumania 3-1.

The English pair were in greater difficulties in earlier rounds where they fought back from 0-2 against another Rumanian pair, Negulescu and Crisan, and also 1-2 down to the formidable partnership of Hans Alser of Sweden and Marta Luzova of Czechoslovakia.

Surely the most outstanding performance was that of Ilona Vostova of Czechoslovakia in taking the women's singles title. Outstanding, perhaps, to beat players of the calibre of world ranked Hovestadt, Grinberg, Wright and Luzova, but consider that Ilona has yet to reach the ripe old age of 14! Wonderful as the victory was, it was still sad to see the exuberant Marta Luzova, pale, subdued and nervous against her confident young compatriot.

RATHER UNLUCKY

Judy Heaps on her first trip abroad was rather unlucky to come up against such a good young Czech player as Jana Kettnerova in an early round.

In the men's singles, Denis Neale, for the fifth time in five tournaments reached the quarter-finals, where he found the violent chops and loops for Dorin Giurgiuca too much for him and never seemed to settle down.

Giurgiuca went on to beat world ranked No. 5 Stanislav Gomoskov of Russia in a thrilling 3-2 victory and then had little difficulty in beating Istvan Jonyer of Hungary in the final. Jonyer, who

was a junior last season, is certainly a name to watch for the future after considering his wins over Lemke (East Germany), Negulescu, Stanek (Czecho) and Beleznai (Hungary).

Alan Hydes lost a close five-gamer in the first round, but capitalised on this, by winning the consolation event, beating among others, Zlenko of Russia and Cordas of Yugoslavia in the final.

Mike Johns had a convincing win over Svab of Czechoslovakia, but then found Negulescu a little too strong for him.

WELCOME ADDITION

A welcome addition to the English party was Scotland's Malcolm Sugden who, taking advantage of the non-appearance of seeded Kollarovits, swept on to the quarters and then only lost a remarkable set to Beleznai 18 in the fifth after being 0-2 down.

In the men's doubles, it was good to see one English pair and one "half English" pair in the quarter finals. Alan Hydes and Mike Johns went out at this stage to Giurgiuca and Negulescu 3-1 whilst the scratch partnership of Denis Neale and Flaisinger of Czechoslovakia only lost deuce in the fifth to Beleznai and Jonyer, the top Hungarian pairing.

On the whole, a creditable performance by the English team, bearing in mind that three of its members were making their senior debut abroad.

M.S.: D. GIURGIUCA (Rumania) bt I. Jonyer (Hungary) 12, 15, -16, 21, **W.S.: I. VOSTOVA** (Czechoslovakia) bt M. Luzova (Czechoslovakia) 14, -11, 19, 16.

M.D.: U. EGLITIS/S. GOMOSKOV (U.S.S.R.) bt Giurgiuca/R. Negulescu (Rumania) 18, 20, 11.

W.D.: J. KARLIKOVA (Czechoslovakia/LUZOVA bt G. Geissler/D. Hovestadt (East Germany) 16, -20, 11, 11.

X.D.: D. NEALE/ M. WRIGHT (England) bt Giurgiuca/E. Mihalca (Rumania) 16, -18, 10, 8.

by JOHNNY LEACH

SANS PEUR AT SANS REPROCHE

IMPRESSED by the standard of English umpiring in the World Championship at Stockholm, the French Association are keen to have an English squad in action at Lyons.

The squad would have complete control of a table throughout the European Championship and also of one final.

Hotel expenses would be paid from April 16-25 meaning that anyone could break their journey at Paris and have an extra weekend there.

Duly qualified umpires interested in making the trip to France are asked to contact Gloucestershire's Mrs. Pat Archdale at 26, West View Road, Keynsham Bristol (telephone Keynsham 3379) who will afford them further information as received.

But do not make it that Pat will need a bigger letter-box or an extra telephone line!

The Quadrangular

by Ron Crayden

END OF A SERIES

THE ninth and final Quadrangular

Tournament was ably staged at the Central Exhibition Hall, Belfast on February 9-10. As might be expected, the hospitality and unrestrained enthusiasm of the host country predominated throughout and it was a fitting climax to the end of a series. A series I must add, that has acted as a competitive spur to the home countries and left us with so many memories.

Friday Evening

The tournament opened on Friday evening with ENGLAND played IRELAND and with SCOTLAND opposed to WALES.

Spurred on by their fervent supporters the Irish team played with much zeal and gusto, so much so that they actually won four out of the seven men's sets. It was there, however, that the challenge came to an abrupt halt, due in no short measure to the skills of two slim girls in blue, Maureen Heppell and Jill Shirley. Playing in her first international, Jill won her singles in a competent manner, then partnered the experienced Maureen to romp through her doubles debut. Ian Harrison gave one of his top flight performances and clinched it for England in the final set.

On the other table Scotland overran a Welsh side that seemed to be lacking in confidence.

Saturday Sessions

Play began in the afternoon with ENGLAND opposed to WALES and the host country against SCOTLAND.

The Welsh started out in great style and Spencer snatched victory from the rather out-of-touch Essex youngster, Keith Lawrence, to put his team one up. England's No. 1 Junior, Trevor Taylor, who incidentally acquitted himself very well in these senior matches, then faced his opposite number in the Welsh team, Haydn Thomas. The oh! so young looking Thomas raised the hopes of his side by taking what appeared to be a winning lead in the third, only for Trevor to raise his pace and come through like a thoroughbred. After that, all Welsh resistance crumbled and ENGLAND cantered to a 9-1 victory.

In the other court SCOTLAND and the green-shirted Irish had a desperate battle which ended in an honourable draw.

In the evening IRELAND thrashed WALES 8-2 and gained second place on a games average basis. At the same time SCOTLAND received a thorough mauling from the English team, only Malcolm Sugden putting up a spirited resistance. Special mention must be made of SCOTLAND'S key man whose play throughout the whole tournament was of the highest order. The only set Malcolm lost during the week-end was to Ian Harrison and that was one of the finest matches of the whole

series—a classic by any standards. Ian played magnificently and his form compared favourably with his peak, or should it have been "his Peking" year 1961.

ENGLAND 6, IRELAND 4

I. Harrison bt T. Caffrey 8, 13; bt J. Langan 11, -21, 15.

T. Taylor bt C. Thompson 14, 19; lost to Caffrey -16, -19.

K. Lawrence lost to Langan -8, -18; lost to Thompson -17, -14.

M. Heppell bt J. Geary 9, 10; **J. Shirley** bt J. Fitzsimons 11, 20.

Heppell/Shirley bt Fitzsimons/Geary 12, 16.

Harrison/Taylor lost to Langan/Caffrey -18, 11, -19.

ENGLAND 9, SCOTLAND 1

Harrison bt I. Barclay 9, 8, bt M. Sugden -14, 17, 15.

Taylor bt Kean 15, 15; bt Barclay 7, 15.

Lawrence bt Kean 14, -22, 17; lost to Sugden -14, -12.

Heppell bt L. Barrie 14, 16; Shirley bt O. Hawkins 14, 15.

Heppell/Shirley bt Barrie/Hawkins 10, 19.

Harrison/Lawrence bt Sugden/Barclay 19, 16.

ENGLAND 9, WALES 1

Harrison bt R. Bishop 8, 11; bt H. Thomas 2, 11.

Taylor bt Thomas 13, -11, 19; bt J. Spencer 12, 11.

Lawrence bt Bishop 13, 9; lost to Spencer -21, -18.

Heppell bt E. Gray 5, 9; **Shirley** bt D. Attenborough 8, 12.

Heppell/Shirley bt Gray/Attenborough 8, 9.

Taylor/Lawrence bt Spencer/Bishop -17, 16, 16.

IRELAND 8, WALES 2

Langan bt Thomas 12, 12; bt Bishop 11, 15.

Caffrey bt Thomas 16, 19; lost to Spencer -17, 18, -18.

Thompson bt Spencer 7, -11, 14; lost to Bishop -13, 11, -18.

Fitzsimons bt Gray 16, 17; **Geary** bt Attenborough 12, 18.

Fitzsimons/Geary bt Gray/Attenborough 11, 10.

Langan/Caffrey bt Bishop/Spencer 15, 17.

IRELAND 5, SCOTLAND 5

Langan bt Barclay 13, 12; lost to Sugden -16, -13.

Caffrey bt Kean 20, 9; lost to Sugden -18, -13.

Thompson bt Kean 12, -15, 10; bt Barclay 13, 9.

Fitzsimons lost to Hawkins -14, 19, -14; **Geary** lost to Barrie -17, -14.

Fitzsimons/Geary bt Barrie/Hawkins 17, 13.

Langan/Caffrey lost to Sugden/Barclay -16, 15, -19.

SCOTLAND 7, WALES 3

Sugden bt Thomas -20, 19, 15; bt Bishop 18, 15.

Barclay lost to Bishop -24, -22; lost to Spencer -18, -19.

Kean bt Spencer -20, 10, 15; lost to Thomas -12, -19.

Barrie bt Gray 9, 14; **Hawkins** bt Attenborough 19, -20, 19.

Barrie/Hawkins bt Gray/Attenborough 16, 19.

Sugden/Barclay bt Spencer/Thomas 16, 18.

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Ireland	3	1	1	1	17	13	3
Scotland	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Wales	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

SPOTLIGHT ON

DEREK MUNT

BY PHILIP REID

FIVE years ago a 12-years-old schoolboy browsing away his lunch-hour at Wheelers Lane School, Birmingham saw other boys having a knock-up at table tennis in the gymnasium. To pass away the time he decided to try his hand and before long he was playing every lunch-time. The boy—Derek Munt—was fortunate in that a teacher at the school was Harry Levine, secretary of the highly-successful Birmingham Schools T.T.A.

The team were not having a particularly good spell at the time Derek started playing and three months later Derek made his debut in the Schools League. The team finished in a moderate position in the league and Derek broke even with wins and losses.

Thus ended an unspectacular start. But the following season, 1963-64, was to be one of the big stepping stones so far in his table tennis career. A hard summer's practice brought its reward when, in a team captained by Steve Garlington, Wheelers Lane won the championship of the league.

FARTHER AFIELD

Derek had ventured farther afield and joined Birmingham Y.M.C.A. for whom he played in the third division. This may have seemed a high division for a 13-years-old to start in, but Derek had no qualms. Along with Paul Judd, he steered Birmingham to the championship of the division. Derek, who had started off playing an all-round game, had already gone very much more defensive and his regular practice with Paul, one of the fastest of all juniors, improved his defence even more.

Without doing anything spectacular he had become an outstanding prospect and few of these slip through the Birmingham net.

It was clear now that constant practice was needed if he was to gear his game up to County standard. So it was only natural that 1964-65 should see him playing for Birmingham Y.M.C.A. in the first division. He more than held his own to finish in the top six of the individual averages.

Although Derek was sometimes advised to attack more, even if only to break up his opponent's game, this he was reluctant to do,

COUNTY DEBUT

The following season saw Derek making his debut for the Warwickshire County Junior team and like everything else he had attempted in table tennis it was successful. He chopped and floated his way to a 100% record. This was very much a season of consolidation for Derek and he was ranked in the Warwickshire "Top Ten" for the first time.

Whilst Derek was building up a reputation for sportsmanship, ability and tenacity in Warwickshire, he was hardly known outside the borders of the Midland county but 1966-67 was to change all that.

Having proved successful at the Area trials he was nominated to attend the National trials.

The No. 1 and 2 spots were expected to be filled by two juniors

South Devon & Torbay Closed

THERE were 80 entries for the South Devon and Torbay Closed championships, held at Marldon, in which men's singles title holder, M. Travis, went out in the semis to the No. 3 seed and eventual winner Dave Evans.

Mrs. Marianne Wilkey won the women's singles title for the fourth successive year but her final victory over Miss I. Forbes was narrow in the deciding game.

Results :—

- M.S. : D. EVANS bt M. Angelo
- W.S. : M. WILKEY bt I. Forbes
- M.D. : EVANS/A. PARKER bt D. Peek/M. Travis
- W.D. : FORBES/WILKEY bt G. Dunn/N. Handford
- X.D. : S. FORD/M. TILLBROOK bt D. Jackson/B. Rowe.
- B.S. : TILLBROOK bt L. Crump
- V.S. : G. ASHWORTH bt K. Matthews

who were on the ranking list the previous season, Keith Lawrence and Trevor Taylor, and thus far things went according to plan, but there was a new and unexpected name in third place—D. Munt.

JUSTIFIED

His form at the trials, however, thoroughly justified his high ranking. Such a sudden rise could have affected Derek's game but the only effect his ranking had was to make him play better. He showed there is still a future for the defensive bat player if the talent and dedication is there.

He won five junior open tournaments—the North of England, Hull and East Riding, South Yorkshire, Oxfordshire and Bucks. Within weeks of being ranked, Derek was capped, against Wales, and he celebrated by winning both his sets in straight games.

A sterner test followed when he was chosen to play against West Germany. England won 5-3 and Derek won both his sets most impressively. Holland, too, felt the weight of Derek's chop when he won two of his three sets against the Dutch side.

Meanwhile, at County level, he was helping Warwickshire to top the Second Division (Midland) where Derek won eight of his 12 sets. He was also a member of the junior team which enabled Warwickshire to become national champions for the first time and he was in the Carter Cup team which won that trophy.

SENIOR RANKS

The dinner-time schoolboy had indeed come a long way from his Wheelers Lane days. A splendid season finished with Derek chosen as a member of the England team to play in the European Youth Meeting.

He soon justified his inclusion winning all his sets, in straight games, against Austria and Denmark but losing to the faster Hungarians.

The change to the senior ranks this season has of course meant falling out of the limelight as Derek will obviously find senior titles—and international badges—elusive for some time yet. But I feel both are within his grasp. Defenders as a rule take longer to mature than hitters.

It could well be that we still have to see Derek's best. I feel that to really touch the top he will need to hit a little more, particularly with the Expedite Rule. Having watched him play on numerous occasions, I feel a forehand kill would be a tremendous asset.

He is fighting the ball better this year and his variations of chop are presenting difficulties to many of his opponents.

DEEP THINKER

Off the table Derek is quiet and culling the facts from him was a task in itself. As a sportsman he is first class, and never hesitates to give credit to his conquerors. As a student of the game he thinks deeper than most.

He would never have been able to win so many games defending otherwise. His loyalty to his club, Birmingham Y.M.C.A., is also worth mentioning. Since he first played for them he has been a regular member of the side and has never shown the slightest inclination to leave.

On the table his manners are first rate. He is not interested in tantrums, conversations or discussions with umpires. Defenders are normally of placid temperament (Derek Schofield, Bryan Merrett and Eberhard Scholer spring readily to mind) and Derek falls in the same category.

Harry Levine regards Derek as one of his best-ever "finds". Were he to reach the standard where he received his full England badge it would be a triumph for Wheelers Lane, Harry Levine, Birmingham, Warwickshire and Derek Munt. I think it is an achievement within his capabilities

NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

Northumberland Still Outsiders

by Leslie Davis

TEAM secretaries excelled themselves this time! I was able to post draw sheets for the senior quarter-finals and the junior semi-finals on the fourth day after the end of the period.

Of the last eight in the Wilmott Cup the Southern area show no difference from last season and only one difference from the year before. There is a different picture at the Northern end. This is the first time for at least five years (as far as my records go) that Bolton and Manchester have not reached the quarter-finals.

Bolton's defeat at the hands of Hull was a greater surprise than the victory of Northumberland over Burnley. This Northumberland side could easily be the cocks of the North, but since the records, over the last ten years at least, prove that the South provide the winners they are still outsiders.

I anticipate extremely keen contests in the Southern area as there is very little difference in the playing strength of any of the teams. The winner of the Gloucester v. London Civil Service must, I feel, be the favourites.

ROSE BOWL

Of the remaining contenders Sutton has reached the quarter-final more often over the last six years. They have a very good chance of winning the Rose Bowl this season providing they can continue to include Mary Wright.

Doncaster, finalists in the two previous seasons, must be wondering when their turn will come. Their team is a well balanced one and must be favourites in the Northern half.

North Herts are fortunate to be so far in the competition. In their match against Bedford they won 5-4 only after six sets went to three games.

CARTER CUP

Birmingham, the holders, seem firmly established. They have a consistently successful side which includes two ranked players. Neither Hull, Bromley or Southampton have previously been represented at this stage. East London, who have been so prominent since the inception of this competition, fell to Bromley by six sets to three.

BROMFIELD TROPHY

Slough and Birmingham have reached the semi-final for the third time. Taunton have a very enthusiastic team but will have to be in top form to go any further.

This leaves Sittingbourne whom I believe to be the dark horses of

this competition. All their girls play for the Kent County junior team and represent Sittingbourne in the Kent Junior and Ladies divisions. They are each 14-years-of-age and are truly representative of the local Crescent Table Tennis Club.

WILMOTT CUP

Quarter-finals
Northumberland . v Hull
Watford v Birmingham
Willesden v Brighton
Gloucester v London C.S.

Round 4 results

Hull	5	Bolton	4
Northumberl'd	6	Burnley	3
Oxford	2	Watford	5
Birmingham	9	Norwich	0
Wembley	1	Willesden	8
Woolwich	1	London C.S.	8
Slough	0	Brighton	9
Gloucester	8	Southampton	0

J.M. ROSE BOWL

Quarter-finals
Spalding v Doncaster
North Herts v Birmingham
Sutton v Eastbourne
Portsmouth v East London

Round 4 results

Doncaster	9	Liverpool	0
Northumberl'd	3	Spalding	6
Bedford	4	North Herts	5
Birmingham	7	Lowestoft	2
Woolwich	0	Sutton	9
London C.S.	0	East London	9
Slough	3	Eastbourne	6
Plymouth	1	Portsmouth	8

CARTER CUP

Semi-finals
Birmingham v Hull
Bromley v Southampton

Round 4 results

Hull	6	Bolton	3
East London	3	Bromley	6
Southampton	5	Slough	4

BROMFIELD TROPHY

Semi-finals
Sittingbourne v Birmingham
Slough v Taunton

Round 4 results

Northumberl'd	2	Birmingham	7
N. Middlesex	4	Sittingbourne	5
Barking	1	Slough	8
Taunton	6	Newbury	3

DATE FOR FINALS?

It will be remembered that we had to alter the pre-arranged date of May 4 or 5 for the Junior Competitions finals due to its clash with the English Junior Open.

We have had an offer to arrange these finals for Friday evening, May 3, at Folkestone and, as the Junior Open will be held at Folkestone, it was thought that some juniors may wish to take advantage of this offer.

Would the secretaries of the remaining junior teams please give me their views at the earliest possible moment as Mr. Charles Wyles wishes to make the necessary arrangements. (There is no need to wait until the semi-final matches have been played as time is getting short.)

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North Bournemouth Restricted Open

CHESTER Barnes, England's controversial star, made one of his infrequent but welcome visits to Hampshire on the occasion of the popular North Bournemouth Open.

M.S.: C. BARNES (Essex) bt D. James (Devon) 14, 9.

W.S.: P. EDWARDS (Hants) bt C. Davies (Hants) 13, 11.

M.D.: BARNES/T. SMITH (Hants) bt J. Bender/B. Petch (Middx) 17, 21.

W.D.: DAVIES/EDWARDS bt E. Britton/P. Peters (Herts) 17, 17.

X.D.: D. DAVIES (Hants)/ DAVIES (Middx) bt S. Tannahill/J. Hudson (Hants) 12, 13.

J.S.: JAMES bt Tannahill 19, 10.

ENGLISH JUNIOR OPEN — REVISED JUNIOR RANKINGS

GRATEFUL thanks are hereby extended to the many who have offered trophies for the English Junior Open Championships. Trophies have been accepted for presentation to the winner of the following events:—

- Boys' Team Championship—The International Club
- Girls' Team Championship—Kent Table Tennis Association
- Boys' Doubles—A group from Yorkshire per Harry Flinton
- Girls' Doubles—Leo Thompson
- Mixed Doubles—Laurie Landry

The championships, which will be staged in Folkestone on May 4/5, are having wide appeal on the Continent.

Sweden are expected to send a team to add to the acceptances already made in respect of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany DTTB, Ireland, Netherlands, Scotland and Wales. Russia, too, are showing extreme interest and are seriously considering sending teams.

Entry forms are now available from the E.T.T.A. Office, or from the Hon. Organiser, Chas. M. Wyles, 48 Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex (Telephone Hastings 391).

- | BOYS | | Group "A" | Group "B" |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Trevor Taylor (Herts) | Peter Abell (Yorks) | Stephen Bassett (Norfolk) | Neil Fulstow (Yorks) |
| 2. Paul Judd (Warwks) | Geoffrey Allen (Warwks) | Robert Gibson (Middx) | Simon Heaps (Ches) |
| 3. Tony Clayton (Yorks) | Michael Berry (Warwks) | Robert Hellaby (Essex) | Michael Jobson (Warwks) |
| 4. Brian Mitchell (Lancs) | James Coleman (Yorks) | Frank Kennedy (Essex) | Michael Read (Essex) |
| 5. Paul Harmer (Herts) | Nicky Jarvis (Yorks) | Peter Taylor (Herts) | Raymond Tilling (Kent) |
| 6. Alan Fletcher (Yorks) | David James (Devon) | | |
| 7. Tony Boasman (Lancs) | Robin Napper (Bucks) | | |
| 8. Roger Clark (Warwks) | John Phelps (Yorks) | | |
| 9. John Dabin (Kent) | Steve Smith (Essex) | | |
| 10. Michael Wald (Bucks) | Melvin Waldman (Middx) | | |

- | GIRLS | | Group "A" |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Karenza Smith (Middx) | 10.=Linda Bashford (Yorks) | 10.=Christine Mann (Middx) |
| 2.=Judith Heaps (Ches) | | |
| 2.=Jill Shirley (Bucks) | | |
| 4. Sandra Goldsmith (Surrey) | Linda Chesson (Kent) | Sandra Lee (Yorks) |
| 5. Jennifer Cornock (Warwks) | Diane Maxfield (Hunts) | Susan Pacitto (Bucks) |
| 6. Linda Forkes (Yorks) | Barbara Peters (Herts) | Carol Randall (Derbys) |
| 7. Susan Howard (Surrey) | Moirra Stevens (Kent) | |
| 8. Ruth Wilson (Kent) | | |
| 9. Susan Lisle (Lancs) | | |

Johnny Leach Reports on

Mary — Lone Flag Carrier

ONCE again it was Mary Wright who kept England's flag flying to the final stage. There, she disappointingly failed to beat Marta Luzova, the jet-paced Czech, for the singles crown; while in partnership with Karenza Smith, she lost the doubles to Luzova and Karlikova.

Having played brilliantly to reach the singles final without conceding a game, Mary found Luzova's speed of shot much too quick for her. Although our No. 1 led 13-10 in the first game, and scrambled home to win the third after trailing 11-14, 17-18 and 19-20, she never really got to grips with affairs in this deciding match.

In earlier rounds of the doubles, Mary and Karenza looked all set to take the title. In the final, however, after recovering from 14-17 down to win the first game 21-17, they unaccountably staged a "go slow" and made lots of unforced errors in the process.

Mary Wright and Denis Neale put up a really tremendous fight in the semi-final of the mixed before going down by a narrow margin in the fifth game to Miko and Luzova, the reigning European champions.

When falling in the second round of the men's singles to Beleznai of Hungary, Denis Neale appeared to beat himself. He fought hard, but lacked concentration and got himself into the suicidal rut of trying to attack faster and still faster.

In the women's singles, Karenza Smith was also eliminated in the second round, but how well she played before losing to Jurik of Hungary! In fact she was leading 7-5 in the fifth, and giving every indication of having conquered at last the problem of coping with a top-class defensive opponent, before losing command.

Stuart Gibbs went out in the first round of the men's singles, beaten in straight sets by E. Gomolla, the West German he had defeated in a team match earlier the same week.

In partnership, Stuart and Denis were defeated by straight sets in the

third round of the men's doubles where the West German combination of Scholer and Gomolla were just too strong for them. Similarly, Stuart and Karenza fell in straight sets to Giurgiuca and Alexandru in the first round of the mixed. Frankly, the English pair were never in with a chance against this experienced and well-established Rumanian combination.

Top honours in the tournament went to Marta Luzova who won the triple crown. Korpa took the men's singles title by beating his compatriot Vecko in a final which lacked bite largely because it was contested between players of the same nationality.

... WEST GERMAN OPEN

The main surprise was the 3-2 defeat of Ebby Scholer, in the last 16 of the men's singles. His conqueror was E. Jonyer of Hungary, who last season was still a junior. However, Jonyer lost his next round in straight sets to Vecko of Yugoslavia.

M.S.: Korpa bt Vecko 19, 17, 18.

W.S.: Luzova bt Wright 16, 12, -21, 15.

X.D.: Luzova/Miko bt Koczian/Jonyer 13, 10, 9.

W.D.: Luzova / Karlikova bt Wright/Smith -17, 8, 16, 16.

M.D.: Miko/Stanek bt Scholer/Gomolla -25, -16, 15, 9, 19.

... WEST GERMAN TOUR

England Win 5 out of 6

Hamburg, February 20, 1968

ENGLAND v WEST GERMANY

Ladies

Karenza Smith bt J. Teller (Kruise) 14, 18.

Mary Wright bt E. Buchholz 14, -21, 18.

Wright/Smith bt Teller/Buchholz -11, 13, 15.

England won 3-0

A good win. Our girls were in top fighting form.

Men

Denis Neale bt Bernd Jansen 16, -15, 12.

Stuart Gibbs lost to Ebby Scholer -19, -10.

Neale/Gibbs lost to Scholer/Jansen -17, 14, -18.

Denis Neale bt Ebby Scholer -12, 18, 17.

Stuart Gibbs lost to Bernd Jansen -18, -17.

England lost 2-3

Denis played brilliantly to win both his singles. His win over top form Scholer on such difficult slow conditions when England were trailing 1-2 was exceptionally

good. The doubles cost us this match.

Osnabruck, February 21, 1968

ENGLAND v NIEDERSACHEN

Ladies

Mary Wright bt Stohr -18, 10, 11.

Karenza Smith bt Scharmacher 16, -16, 21.

Wright/Smith bt Stohr/Scharmacher 10, 14.

England won 3-0

Another good win by our girls. Karenza was certainly extended by Scharmacher, the talented West German junior champion.

Men

Denis Neale lost to Micheiloff -19, 21, -18.

Stuart Gibbs bt Jansen -13, 18, 20.

Denis Neale lost to Gomolla -15, -10

Stuart Gibbs bt Micheiloff -17, 12, 14.

Denis Neale bt Jansen 11, 14.

Stuart Gibbs bt Gomolla 18, -19, 12.

England won 4-2

This was certainly Stuart's match. He played brilliantly to win all his three games.

Saarbrucken, February 22, 1968

ENGLAND v SAARLAND

Ladies

Mary Wright bt Lauer 14, 12.

Karenza Smith bt Welter 6, -19, 17.

Wright/Smith bt Lauer/Welter 8, 14.

England won 3-0

An easy win even though Karenza was taken to three by Welter. Mary played exceptionally well.

Men

Stuart Gibbs bt Russy 19, -14, 20.

Denis Neale bt Paulus 11, -18, 21.

Gibbs/Neale bt Russy/Paulus 14, 18.

England won 3-0

National Coaching Scheme

Date	Venue	Function	Enquiries to
11	Stalybridge	Teachers' Course	Cheshire Education J. Carrington
12	Burton Road Y.C.	Staffs Coaches' Meeting	Education Office
12	Newcastle-on-Tyne	Teachers' and Coaches'	Youth Committee
14	Stockport	Leaders' Course	County Education J. Carrington
15	Droitwich	Teachers and Coaches	City Education J. Carrington
16	Harlow	East Schools	P. Simpson
16	Sports Centre	Play-Off	P. Simpson
16	Bradford	N.E. School-Team	City Education
17	Stockton	Play-Off	City Education
17	Stockton	Regional Training (All levels)	City Education
21	Coventry	Teachers and Coaches	City Education
23	Limbrick Wood	S.E. School—Team	J. Carrington
23	Crystal Palace	play-off	J. Carrington
24	Bromsgrove Y.C.	Mass Rally	City Education
30	Coventry	Schools Rally	J. Carrington
30-31	Matlock	Derbyshire Teachers	J. Carrington
April 6	Bradford	Semi-Final School Teams	P. Simpson
6	Bracknell	Semi-Final School Teams	J. Carrington
21-28	Torquay	Holiday Training	C.C.P.R. 26 Park Crescent W.1
July 13-20	Lilleshall	Holiday Training	C.C.P.R. 26 Park Crescent W.1

WESTERN LEAGUE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Cheltenham	5	4	1	30	15	8
Bristol	3	3	0	20	7	6
Weston	4	2	2	21	15	4
Exeter	4	2	2	17	19	4
Plymouth	4	2	2	16	20	4
Bath	3	1	2	10	17	2
Bristol II	4	1	3	14	22	2
Newport	5	1	4	16	29	2

Laurie Landry Writes

MOST important changes in the revised Junior Ranking Lists were the rise of Susan Howard and Linda Bashford in the Girls Section and the improvement of Alan Fletcher, Tony Boasman and John Dabin amongst the Boys.

The Juniors are going to play West Germany in two internationals from April 10-14 in Ger-

many, so shortly three boys and two girls will be picked.

From August 9-13 in Leningrad, the European Junior Meeting will be held and England will again most probably be represented by three boys and two girls.

Already the entries are coming in from European Associations for the English Junior Open to be played at Folkestone on May 4-5.

WELSH CORNER

by Roy Evans

Once More Unto The Spoon

SOME encouraging results in the European League matches in Jersey, fine play in the Welsh Closed, and in the "needle" match between Glamorgan and Monmouthshire—all generated optimism for Welsh success in the Quadrangulars in Belfast.

But it was not to be, and we departed, carrying the wooden spoon back whence it had come.

All through the season the selectors had stuck to a policy of encouraging the youngsters.

In the Welsh Closed, it seemed at last that the youth policy was vindicated, and this had followed a heartening performance in the European group in Jersey.

The match between Glamorgan and Monmouthshire which followed the Welsh Closed seemed to confirm the selectors' choice.

Came Belfast and disillusionment. In the opening match against Scotland John Spencer lost to Brian Kean, Robert Bishop squared matters with a win over Ian Barclay. Then came a brilliant game between Haydn Thomas and Malcolm Sugden. The latter lay back a little and let Haydn play the most dominating game I have ever seen from him. He won the first, led 19-17 in the second, but fell away in the third. Had he won, and our girls had been able to go on with

Wales in the lead, I believe this could have been a different result.

Against England we started quite well, John Spencer beating Lawrence, and Haydn Thomas going to 19-21 in the third against his bogey man Trevor Taylor. But after that it was a fast slide, ending up in a dismay of seeing Haydn Thomas losing 17-0 to Ian Harrison!

Our last match against Ireland was still a "possible". Spencer lost to Thompson in the opening match, and should have won, but he more than made up for that by a splendid win over Tommy Caffrey. Robert Bishop beat Thompson and that was the sum total of our success.

WELSH CLOSED:—

M.S.—semi-finals: THOMAS bt D. Samuel 6, 9. BISHOP bt Evans 19, 7

Final: THOMAS bt Bishop 13, 17

W.S.—semi-finals: ELIZABETH GRAY bt Betty Gray 19, 8.

PHILLIPS bt Attenborough 16, 16.

Final: GRAY bt Phillips 16, 14.

M.D.—final: SPENCER/SPENCER bt Davies/Everson 15, 19.

W.D.—final: GRAY/JONES bt Phillips/Pickering 13, 19.

X.D.—final: SPENCER/ELIZABETH GRAY bt Bull/Pickering 10, 19.

J.B.S.—final: THOMAS bt Gray 6, 9.

J.G.S.—final: TANNER bt Morgan -13, 8, 18.

TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
16-17 Mar.	SCOTTISH OPEN		L. Thompson, "Auchmead", The Avenue, Sunnymeads, Wraysbury, Bucks
23-24	Buckinghamshire Open	JBS, JGS	B. A. English, 64 Baldock Road, Letchworth, Herts
30-31	Stevenage Open	JBS, JGS VS	Mrs. M. A. Cornwell, 28 Harding Way, Cambridge, Cambs
Apr. 6-7	Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Open	JBS, JGS	M. D. Oldham, 25 Offington Gardens, Worthing, Sussex
7	Sussex Junior Open	U-17: Usual 5 events U-15: BS, GS BD, GD U-13: BS & GS	
13-14-15	North-East England Open	JBS, JGS VS, YS Consolations	W. Mitton, 16 The Whins, Newby, Scarborough, Yorks
17-24	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS		
20-21	Senior Promotion Challenge Matches		
20	Gwent Open		Mr. G. Motlow, 29 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, Mon. (Phone 71964)
21	British Legion (Slough) Junior Open	U-17: Usual 5 events U-15: as above U-13: BS, GS U-11: BS, GS	Closing date: 6.4.68 Mr. J. A. Pacitto, 73 Bexley Street, Windsor
21	Bedford Restricted Open		Mrs. E. W. Pacey, 17 Brook Street, Bedford, Beds.
27-28	Junior Promotion Challenge Matches		
May 4-5	ENGLISH JUNIOR OPEN		C. M. Wyles, 48 Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex
10-11	Crescent Junior Girls' Open	U-17 GS, GD U-15 GS, GD U-13 GS, GD U-12 GS U-10 GS	F. G. Mannooch, 216 Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent

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

IRISH CORNER

by Kevin Drum

ALSER WINS LEINSTER OPEN

SWEDEN'S Hans Alser won the Leinster Open men's singles title, at the second attempt, when he beat Ireland's No. 2, Tommy Caffrey, -22, 14, 16 in a magnificent final.

Caffrey, who had beaten Swedish junior champion, Rolf Andersson in the semis, gave a great display against Alser and looked like causing a big upset when he led 10-5 in the final game. Alser then showed what a great player he is.

The Swede scores a treble when, with Andersson, he beat Jim and Brian Langan in the men's doubles and partnered Scotland's Leslie Barrie to victory over Andersson and Ulster's Betty Warwick in the mixed.

Judy Heaps had a convincing victory over Miss Barrie to take the women's singles title, but the Scottish girl was on the winning end when she partnered Ireland's No. 1, Joan Fitzsimmons, to win the women's doubles.

Ireland fared better than usual in the Quadrangular Championships and looked likely to hold England to a draw when in the final set of the match Jim Langan led Harrison 10-8. But, as he has so often done in the past Langan left the table, broke his concentration, lost the next four points and Harrison eventually won 15 in the third to give England victory 6-4. By beating Wales 8-2 and drawing 5-5 with Scotland, Ireland finished runners-up.

English Open Championships-Individual Events (cont. from page 1)

Palace Pier rocking on its stanchions. Fortunate to make it against Ireland's Tommy Caffrey, the Essex star stood little chance on such form against Beleznai.

Neale, by his own confession, has no answer to Janos Borzsei

KILLED STONE DEAD

Renowned for his spider-like defence, Borzsei has no need to make use of it against the English champion whose often high returns were killed stone dead.

Neither was there solace forthcoming in the women's singles, despite the advancement of Mary Wright to the quarters, where she let slip the initiative in favour of Grinberg, over five games, after



Eleanora Mihalca (Rumania) who defeated her doubles partner, Maria Alexandru, to take the Women's Singles title

looking all-set for victory in the fourth.

Three-straight were the defeats suffered by Karenza Smith to Alexandru, Maureen Heppell to Mihalca, Pauline Piddock to Rudnova, Lesley Radford to Marta Luzova and Irene Ogus to Erzsebet Jurik.

Only Judy Williams emerged with credit from this second round massacre when she succumbed, on expedite, to Eva Koczian of Hungary in the fourth game.

Three pairs in the quarters of the men's doubles augured well for a break through, but, no it was not to be, as Gibbs/Harrison, Buist/Piddock and finally Barnes/Neale slid below the waves that Britannia failed to rule.

Again in the women's doubles, three English pairs contested the quarter-finals from which only Mary Wright and Karenza Smith emerged to be subsequently engulfed by Alexandru/Mihalca after winning the first game 11!

Only in the mixed were England's hopes carried through to the final.

Men's Singles—round 3: I. Jonyer (Hungary) bt D. Giurgiuca (Rumania) 13, 19, 19; S. Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.) bt R. Morley (Gloucs) 13, 15, 16; M. Beleznai (Hungary) bt C. Barnes (Essex) 20, 11, -14, 12; I. Korpa (Yugo) bt J. Kunz (Czecho) 22, -14, -11, 19, 19; J. Borzsei (Hungary) bt S. Kollarovits (Czecho) 9, 9, -20, 16; D. Neale (Yorks) bt D. Surbek (Yugo) 20, 18, 16; P. Rozsas (Hungary) bt T. Taylor (Herts) 13, 13, 20; J. Langan (Ireland) bt O. Haslam (Middx) 18, 17, 15.

Quarter-finals: Gomozkov bt Jonyer 11, 20, 9; Beleznai bt Korpa 18, -13, 16, 18; Borzsei bt Neale 13, 8, 16; Rozsas bt Langan 9, 16, 9.

Semi-finals: GOMOZKOV bt Beleznai 18, -13, 16, 18; ROZSAS bt Borzsei 17, 16, -21, 10.

Final: GOMOZKOV bt Rozsas 19, 15, 20.

Women's Singles—round 2: M. Alexandru (Rumania) bt K. Smith (Middx) 12, 20, 17; Z. Rudnova

(U.S.S.R.) bt P. Piddock (Kent) 13, 7, 10; E. Jurik (Hungary) bt I. Ogus (Middx) 7, 6, 16; M. Luzova (Czecho) bt L. Radford (Essex) 16, 10, 15; E. Koczian bt J. Williams (Sussex) 15, 20, -22, 12; E. Mihalca (Rumania) bt M. Heppell (Northumb) 12, 13, 20; M. Wright (Surrey) bt C. Pirc (Yugo) 9, 11, -16, 20; S. Grinberg (U.S.S.R.) bt J. Karlikova (Czecho) 15, -19, -16, 18, 18.

Quarter-finals: Alexandru bt Rudnova -19, -13, 10, 14, 18; Jurik bt Luzova -9, 11, 17, -18, 15; Mihalca bt Koczian 14, -15, -9, 14, 10; Grinberg bt Wright 15, -19, -16, 18, 18.

Semi-finals: ALEXANDRU bt Jurik 7, -14, 13, 15; MIHALCA bt Grinberg 22, 11, 19.

Final: MIHALCA bt Alexandru -18, 20, 17, 9.

Men's Doubles—quarter-finals: A. Amelin (U.S.S.R.)/Gomozkov bt S. Gibbs (Essex)/I. Harrison (Gloucs) 21, 18, 16; Korpa/Surbek bt H. Buist/A. Piddock (Kent) 16, -15, 15, 16; Kollarovits/Kunz bt Barnes/Neale 16, -20, 21, -18, 16; Giurgiuca/R. Negulescu (Rumania) bt Borzsei/Rozsas 18, 14, 24.

Semi-finals: KORPA/SURBEK bt Amelin/Gomozkov 22, -13, 19, 18; GIURGIUCA/NEGULESCU bt Kollarovits/Kunz -22, -13, 12, 16, 19.

Final: KORPA/SURBEK bt Giurgiuca/Negulescu 18, 18, 14.

Women's Doubles—quarter-finals: Alexandru/Mihalca bt J. Heaps (Ches)/Piddock 10, 16, 13; Smith/Wright bt Karlikova/Luzova 17, -19, 18; Jurik/Koczian bt C. Pirc/M. Resler (Yugo) 16, 18, 16; Grinberg/Rudnova bt S. Hession (Essex)/Williams 14, -15, 13, 21.

Semi-finals: ALEXANDRU/MIHALCA bt Smith/Wright -11, 8, 16, 14; GRINBERG/RUDNOVA bt Jurik/Koczian 14, -15, 13, 21.

Final: GRINBERG/RUDNOVA bt Alexandru/Mihalca 18, 19, 11.

Mixed Doubles—quarter-finals: Neale/Wright bt Borzsei/Jurik -15, 15, -16, 15, 19; Kollarovits/Luzova bt Amelin/Grinberg 23, 19, -12, -16, 18; Gomozkov/Rudnova bt Jonyer/Koczian 14, 10, 12; Kunz/Karlikova bt Giurgiuca/Alexandru -20, 15, 19, 13.



Runners-up in the Team Competition, Svetlana Grinberg (left) and Zoya Rudnova (U.S.S.R.) won the Women's Doubles. Rudnova also won the Mixed Doubles in partnership with Gomozkov

Semi-finals: NEALE/WRIGHT bt Kollarovits/Luzova 16, -10, 19, -18, 11; GOMOZKOV/RUDNOVA bt Kunz/Karlikova 10, 11, 10.

Final: GOMOZKOV/RUDNOVA bt Neale/Wright 22, 19, 13.

Men's Veteran Singles—quarter-finals: C. Endfield (Middx) bt A. Hill (Surrey) 14, 10; L. Hoffman (Middx) bt A. Lukowicz (Middx) -17, 17, 8; S. Norton (Essex) bt Z. Schramm (Surrey) 20, 11; N. Isbell (Herts) bt R. Wilmet (Belgium) 19, 18.

Semi-finals: HOFFMAN bt Endfield 11, 8; NORTON bt Isbell 20, 21.

Final: HOFFMAN bt Norton 13, 22.

Women's Veteran Singles—semi-finals: M. CUMBERBATCH (Staffs) bt R. Bass (Sussex) 19, 15; M. WHITEHOUSE (Surrey) bt B. Williams (Ches) 16, 11.

Final: CUMBERBATCH bt Whitehouse 20, 15.

Men's Consolation Singles—semi-finals: M. JOHNS (Ches) bt C. Morris (Surrey) 17, -10, 20; G. LIVESEY (Lancs) bt B. Burn (Northumb) 18, -19, 15.

Final: JOHNS bt Livesey 16, 20.

Women's Consolation Singles—semi-finals: J. SHIRLEY (Bucks) bt B. Peters (Herts) -16, 13, 16; M. RESLER bt Hession -18, 20, 10.

Final: SHIRLEY bt Resler 19, 16.

English Open Championships-Team Competition (cont. from page 1)

beat, however, when Hungary levelled through Borzsei slamming Neale. In the fifth and deciding set Hydes foundered and England's hopes with him.

Dorin Giurgiuca, the No. 1 seed in the singles, and Negulescu then clinched the match for Rumania crushing Harrison and Gibbs.

Yugoslavia reached the men's final after a tough 3-2 shakedown against Rumania.

The Russian men's team swept aside Hungary II 3-1 in the other semi-final. Borzsei, who seems to play better in England than anywhere else, achieved an outstanding success to beat Amelin—the only defeat of the day for a Soviet player before the finals.

Men's Championships				
Round 1	Hungary	3	Ireland	1
	Wales	0	Czechoslovakia	3
Round 2	U.S.S.R.	3	Czechoslovakia	0
	Hungary II	3	England I	2
	Borzsei bt Hydes 8, 15; bt Neale 15, -18, 13.			
	Rozsas lost to Neale -13, 14, -18; bt Hydes 15, 9.			
	Borzsei/Rozsas lost to Hydes/Neale -18, 19, -22.			
	Rumania	3	England II	0
	Giurgiuca bt Gibbs 23, 10.			
	Negulescu bt Harrison 29, -17, 20.			
	Giurgiuca/Negulescu bt Gibbs/Harrison 12, 10.			
	Yugoslavia	3	Hungary I	1
Semi-finals	U.S.S.R.	3	Hungary II	1
	Yugoslavia	3	Rumania	2
Final	YUGOSLAVIA	3	U.S.S.R.	2
	Surbek bt Amelin 18, 20; lost to Gomozkov -10, -17.			
	Korpa bt Gomozkov 19, 16; bt Amelin 18, 11.			
	Korpa/Surbek lost to Amelin/Gomozkov -19, -19.			
Women's Championships				
Round 1	Hungary	3	England II	0
	Jurik bt P. Piddock 19, 19.			
	Koczian bt M. Heppell -13, 20, 11.			
	Jurik/Koczian bt Heppell/Piddock 11, 19.			
	Czechoslovakia	3	Yugoslavia	0
	England I	3	Rumania	0
	K. Smith bt E. Mihalca -14, 16, 8.			
	M. Wright bt Alexandru 13, 19.			
	Smith/Wright bt Alexandru/Mihalca 15, 20.			
	U.S.S.R.	3	Wales	0
Semi-finals	Czechoslovakia	3	Hungary	0
	U.S.S.R.	3	England I	0
	Grinberg bt Wright 22, 16.			
	Rudnova bt Smith 19, 5.			
	Grinberg/Rudnova bt Smith/Wright 24, 16.			
Final	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	3	U.S.S.R.	2
	Karlikova lost to Rudnova -15, -15; bt Grinberg 18, 10.			
	Luzova bt Grinberg 16, 15; bt Rudnova 16, -15, 13.			
	Karlikova/Luzova lost to Grinberg/Rudnova 19, -13, -10.			



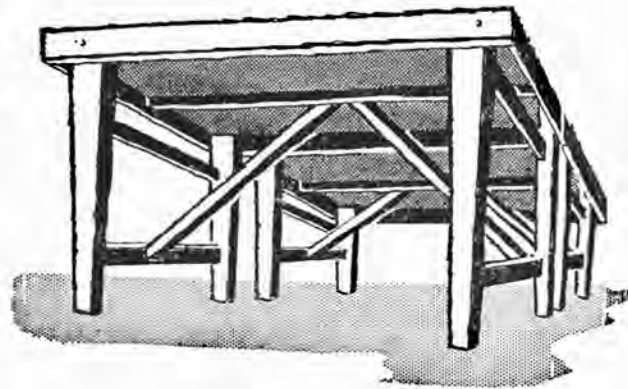
Jitka Karlikova (left) and Marta Luzova (Czechoslovakia), popular winners of the Women's Team Competition Photos by Denis Oller

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KENT NOTES

by Charles M. Wyles

Omission Rectified

THE inclusion of a Kent Junior boy in the National Ranking List has been long overdue. This omission has been put right with the ranking of 15-year-old Bromley star John Dabin. This early acknowledgement of his talent, will enable John to have every chance of further national honours. It must be the best part of five years since Graham French achieved a similar ranking and now Graham is challenging for a regular place in the County's first team.

Our congratulations to John, Ruth Wilson (on holding her ranking), and to Moira Stevens and Linda Chesson on their grading. A triple crown for Mallory School, Bromley in the recent Kent Schools team championships. This will enable them to defend their national schools' title. The girls' events were won by the Westlands School, Sittingbourne, and the Sheppey Tech. School.

The County has been pleased to present a trophy for the girls' team event in connection with the English Junior Open championships to be held in May. The trophy will be known as the "Invicta" trophy.

Another Open has been and gone the Hythe Restricted—leaving the Canterbury stars, Stan Brocklebank and Ruth Wilson the trophy holders.

The Junior Closed again produced surprises leaving the selectors a number of problems to solve.

CAMBRIDGE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

Disappointing Exit

CAMBRIDGE City's exit from the Wilmott Cup was most disappointing, although the team played well and gave all they had. Blanch, for Norwich, was the stumbling block and he won all his sets, although not without trouble from John Thurston, and Alan Ponder who extended him.

Young Stephen Andrews for Cambridge had a good chance to clinch victory when he took the first, game 7, off Tony Hipperson but could not maintain the pressure and lost the next two. Altogether a good tussle and a match which had thrills and spills.

Cambridge City's farings, however, in the South-East Midlands League have been very successful and they have almost won the Men's section. It will be for the first time and also the first time they have "fielded" a fully representative team, apart from Alan Ponder, who can only do duty in the County matches as he is away at college.

Recent victories over North Herts (9-1), Northampton (7-3) and Bedford (8-2) have carried them to an almost invincible position. The drawn game against Hunts. Central was with a depleted team and therefore a creditable performance.

The form of Thurston this season has been terrific. I have scarcely seen him play better even though he is now in his mid-thirties. His example has spurred other members of the side to greater efforts and the rise in the play of Andrews can be attributed partly by this senior member of the team.

The County match with Suffolk produced some fine play in which honours were divided. The Youngs twins proved a stumbling block to Cambs who in other departments had the best of exchanges including a great victory in the men's doubles by Thurston and Andrews who survived terrific pressure. A disappointment to take only one point but a very fair result.

Carol Chapman's set against Dianne Youngs was very close with the Suffolk girl just getting by and the return of Valerie Gillam to Cambs side was good to see although the luck went against her.

Wisbech had a good win over Peterborough in the South-East Midlands League and must now be gaining in confidence in this their first season in the league.

New Chesterton Institute maintain their hold in the first division

Results:—

B.S.: J. DABIN
G.S.: M. STEVENS
B.D.: R. TILLING/B. GRIMWADE

G.D.: R. WILSON/M. STEVENS
X.D.: J. DABIN/P. BRENCHLEY
Under-15 B.S.: J. DABIN
G.S.: L. CHESSON
B.D.: J. DABIN/S. ENDERSBY
G.D.: L. CHESSON/P. BRENCHLEY

Under-13 B.S.: P. ENDERSBY
G.S.: A. BUTLER
B.D.: ENDERSBY/S. WILLIAMS
G.D.: A. CHESSON/J. HOLTAM

It is expected that the annual dinner and dance will be one of the best ever held. The venue at Folkestone, over the week-end of the Senior Closed championships, seems a popular one accepted by both players and officials. A number of well known guests have accepted invitations to attend including the civic head of the borough.

ISLE OF ELY NOTES

by J. G. Ashman

Cambridge City Held

THE leagues are now hotting up. The Soham teams must at this stage be just favourites in Division 1 and 2, but this is very marginal, with Soham I dropping a point to Wilburton and Soham III losing to Phones III.

Exciting for our players recently was the local "derby" in the S.E.M.L. between Ely and District and Cambridge City. This according to a statement in the local press, would be comparatively easy for Cambridge.

The match resulted in a hard-fought draw, Ely's hero being Eddie Sharp who accounted for both Trevor Waller and John Laker. Denny Sore also beat Waller and the other singles win for Ely came when Bryan Jones defeated the county singles champion, John Thurston, in what was the best set of the evening.

Ely registered their other success in the men's doubles when Sore and Sharp won, but Johnny Ashman finished with a blank sheet despite giving a good account of himself against Thurston. He also lost 18-21 to Steve Andrews in the decider after some cruel umpiring.

Ely Juniors emerged victorious 6-4. Alan Jugg recorded three wins and Steve Palmer two. They also paired up to win the doubles and both accounted for the County Junior champion, David Tiplady.

We have a player performing in our first division, Martin Pratt, who is 67-years-young. Can anyone beat this?

Leading positions:—

CAMBRIDGE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N.C.I.	10	10	0	0	82	18	20
Press	11	9	0	2	79	31	18
Soham	11	8	1	2	68	42	17
Y.M.C.A.	11	6	3	2	70	40	15

In a recent friendly match Cambs entertained the R.A.F. and were heavily beaten although the County fielded a weak side to give various players experience such as John Ashman and Brian Jones of the Ely League who, however, did not have a very good match.

There are a lot more juniors who come for coaching at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday afternoons under the care of John and Margaret Cornwall.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by John Pike

Glenn Expected Back

IF past results are anything to go by Staffordshire can expect a win over Warwickshire in the next couple of years. It has taken a long time, but slowly they are closing the gap over their neighbours, and I think their 6-4 defeat at Wolverhampton proved this.

The match itself rated with the best, but it was a game Glenn Warwick, the County No. 1, will not forget in a hurry.

After his late arrival for this match and an indifferent showing in the men's doubles, Glenn found his name missing, when the team to meet Derbyshire was announced. Despite their fine 7-3 win against Derby however, I expect to see him back for the final game with Monmouthshire.

All seems to be going well with the coaching scheme the County are running for the E.T.T.A. and already, six lads from the Woodfield Club in Wolverhampton, have qualified for their gold awards. I hope, however, these will be better than the ones Jim Hayward presented at a recent County meeting.

All agreed, more thought is needed at the top.

Umpires are not one of Staffordshire's strong points, and so it was heartening news when Cyril Plimmer of Wolverhampton was selected to officiate at the international match with Russia at Smethwick this month. To complete a County double, Malcolm Scott was the official E.T.T.A. representative at this match. While congratulating Harrogate, and those other associations mentioned in the handbook competition, Wolverhampton were disappointed at not being in the running. They would very much like to see some of these handbooks, and if possible, I would like the secretaries concerned, to send them to me, at the "Express & Star", Queen Street, Wolverhampton.

It is fairly certain now that the County Closed tournament will be held towards the end of April. It is possible it will be played outside of Staffordshire, but I understand it is a first class venue, so I can no objections coming to this.

CHESHIRE NOTES

by Jim Beckley

Venue Trouble

AT the time of going to press the venue for the last Premier Division match against Sussex, a fixture of great importance to Cheshire, had not been decided.

Two possibilities in the Stockport area have been cancelled out.

The Glossop and District Table Tennis League are again holding their Centenary Cup tournament. The competition brings together the champion individual players of Stockport, Ashton, Hyde and Glossop who play against each other to determine the "champion of champions". Last season Stockport's Derek Schofield and Brian Kean reached the final.

Following their first win as members of the Lancashire and Cheshire T.T. League, the Stockport Y.O.C. team were brought down to earth with a resounding crash when they were recently beaten by the youth of Blackburn 9-1. In the league, Reddish Co-op "B", champions last season of Division 5, have already made sure of winning Division 4 title.

It looks very much as if the Stockport town teams are on their way to a great double in the Lancashire and Cheshire League, as champions of the Men's Division 1 and champions of the Ladies Division. With not long to go before the end of the season both teams head their divisions, unbeaten.

SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

'Nightmare'

MOST players have experienced a "nightmare" situation where they have held a winning lead in a vital match only to lose—an experience which is seldom forgotten. This happened to 16-year-old Arthur Downer, Brighton's most promising junior, recently, in the final of the Sussex junior inter-league championship at Bexhill A.A. Club when Brighton lost to Crawley 5-4.

Downer went to the table for the penultimate clash with Brighton

leading 4-3. He won the first set comfortably against Lawrence Bristow and led 20-14 in the second, giving Brighton five championship points. Incredibly, Bristow recovered to 20-all with the aid of edge ball that the Brighton umpire did not see. The umpire rose from his seat thinking the match was over but sportingly Downer signalled the edge ball and the match continued with the inevitable result that Bristow clinched the game and the third set to level the match at 4-all. Lucky Crawley then won the final game when Julian Crook beat Robert Wilson. So ended a thrilling final and a desperately unlucky day for Downer which he will try hard to forget!

BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES

by P. A. Denton

Disappointing Finish

THE County finished the season in a disappointing way when they lost 7-3 to Suffolk, but not without a fight. Six of the seven sets lost went to three, but Suffolk always had something in reserve.

At 3-0 down the ladies, Jennifer Racey and Anita James gave Beds their first win when they beat the previously unbeaten Youngs twins. This match also went to three games but the steady play of Miss Racey, together with Miss James's attacking ability just gave them the edge. The Beds pair are now unbeaten in four matches, which is most encouraging as in previous seasons victories in the ladies' events have been few.

Brian Smedley found the opposition more difficult than Northants, although he had a very good game against Suffolk No. 1 Tucker, with the scores level at 18-all in the third, but Tucker took the next three points for the set. Bedford's

Brian Copperwheat was in form against Buckle and he has now scored three wins in four games for the County this season. With the top three players unavailable for much of the time Copperwheat's improved play has been a considerable asset. Beds other victory came from David White, who is still struggling to find his old form, when he beat Mann. White never gives up, and earlier in the match he gave Tucker a hard game to fight back from one game, 16-9 down to take the second, only to see the match slip away in the third.

The County recently held a trial for junior boys with a view to having a junior County side next season. The results were most encouraging, with G. Taylor (Dunstable) coming out on top. The County's most promising player is B. Hutchinson (Leighton Buzzard) who is only 13. He came second in the tournament, and a good performance was given by G. Major (Dunstable) who came third.

The County Closed Championships were held on February 17 and in the junior boys' event Hutchinson and Major have reached the final to be played at Queens Works, Bedford on February 27. It was a bad day for the current County players. None of them have reached the finals in the singles events, with young Alan Nicholl the only seed still in the men's singles. He is the firm favourite to win the title, and was never really tested in reaching the last four. The other semi-finalists are Jeff Silver who had a narrow victory over Smedley, Paul Racey, who beat Copperwheat, and Bill Harlow. Semi-finalists in the other events are:—

Ladies' doubles: Miss Seymour/Miss Racey (Luton), Miss James/Mrs. Hammond (Bedford).

Ladies' singles: Miss Seymour (Luton), Mrs. Hammond (Bedford).

Girls' singles: Miss King, Miss Dimmock.

Mixed doubles: Copperwheat and Mrs. Hammond, Nicholl and Miss Nicholl.

Men's doubles: Nicholl/Silver, White/Harlow.

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NORTHANTS. NEWS

by Gwyn Powell

Goodall Form No Avail

ALTHOUGH both County matches played in the last month have resulted in defeats they were much more evenly contested than the final scores suggest. The senior team went down to Bedfordshire 7-3 despite some inspired play from John Goodall, who won his two singles events. Some of the sets were very close, notably the mixed doubles where Brian Bond and Emily Twiselton looked well ahead in the third game, but were gradually overtaken to lose 16-21. Tina Coleman was rather unlucky to lose her singles 21-23 also in the third against Anita James.

The juniors put up a good fight against Hertfordshire at Wellingborough with no less than seven of the sets going to three games. It was an enjoyable match and had the home players taken all their chances the final score would have been a lot better than 9-1 to Herts. Roderick Marchant won the only set for Northants when he met D. Rawlinson. Marchant confidently took the first game 14 and built up a 20-16 lead in the second but then nervously lost six points in a row to lose it. In the third he recovered to win 21-16.

As expected U.T.C. "A" have now taken control at the top of the Premier Division of the Northampton League and have been nominated by the County Association to take part in the eliminating contest for the right to represent England in next season's European Cup, a competition for club sides only.

John Goodall, the County No. 1, did not defend his men's singles

title at the Northampton tournament, the main parts of which were held on February 10. Colin Hogg, the No. 1 seed, and Roger Steward, unseeded this year and now living away from the area, fought their way through the early rounds to meet in the final. Steward also combined with Dick Ingle to once again knock out the No. 1 seeds Hogg and Bond in the men's doubles.

The County tournament will be held on April 6 at the same venue as last year in Wellingborough. It is being organised by the Kettering League, but as suitable premises were not available, it has been switched to Wellingborough.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by "Expedite"

Expensive Away Ties

A VERY successful Midland Open was held at the Harry Mitchell Recreation Centre, Smethwick on February 10. The finals were all over by 10 p.m. and the Organising Committee must be congratulated in getting through so quickly. It was a pity that there were County matches and the Quadrangular on the same day.

The County second team have won their division and all their games for the second year running. If the first team win their match against Derbyshire, and play well in the play-offs, there is no reason



MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

Sets Average may be Vital

A VERY good match with Yorkshire was lost 4-5 and this means that we are still in the relegation zone, but at least Middlesex have an excellent sets average to stand us in good stead should a

SUFFOLK NEWSREEL

by Arthur E. Durrant

Bumper Entry at Giselham

THE Suffolk Closed, staged on one day at Gisleham Modern School, was again an outstanding success.

A bumper entry of 225 delighted the tournament secretary, Alan

Solomon, and 13 hours of non-stop play on six tables featured quite a few shocks and surprises throughout the day. Results:—

M.S.: ALAN COBY bt Colin Tucker 18, 18.

W.S.: DIANNE YOUNGS bt Jeanne Youngs 11, 18.

M.D.: BRIAN BUCKLE/DAVID MANN bt Stewart Sharman/Tucker -19, 11, 16.

W.D.: YOUNGS/YOUNGS bt Linda Barrett/Linda Woodcock 14, 15.

X.D.: TUCKER/J.YOUNGS bt Coby/D. Youngs -21, 18, 17.

J.B.S.: STEPHEN HAMMERSLY bt Stephen Palmer 15, 15.

J.G.S.: JANET LIST bt Linda Arr 7, 12.

V.S.: REG PURNELL bt Harold Pettingill 19, 13.

TOP TEN

After two events Alan Coby leads in the table of Suffolk's "Top Ten". Leading players and marks are:—

- 1. A. Coby 30
- 2. C. Tucker 25
- 3. B. Buckle 13
- 4. D. Mann 12
- 4.=J. Garnham 12

Dianne Youngs won the first event of "Leading Ladies" at Orwell Works, Ipswich, when she beat her twin sister, Jeanne, in the inter-group tie. Leading positions:—

- 1. D. Youngs 15
- 2. J. Youngs 14
- 3. L. Woodcock 9
- 4. B. Brown 8

SURREY NOTES

by John Zenthon

Bucks Beaten but Kent's Title

WELL, the juniors have done it. Runners-up (again) this year to Kent, their last match which they won, perhaps a little luckily, against Bucks (last year's winners) clinched it. Congratulations to all concerned, particularly to Mick Kercher, as I am sure the players will themselves agree. Paul Bishop who started off playing for the juniors should get his chance next season.

The schools in the London Borough of Kingston are excelling

themselves in their T.T. activities. In this, their first season, they have formed three divisions. Division 1 (open, senior) with eight teams, 2 (girls) with five teams and 3 (under 15 mixed, but with two all-girls teams) with nine teams. Tremendous to think that they can put up 22 teams in all and heartening to see so many girls participating, particularly knowing that certain leagues are unable even to hold ladies competitions due to lack of players.

To dispel any thoughts you unkind people may have that they only play ping-pong, I would add that Kingston Grammar School's third team (they run five altogether) is at the moment top of Division 6 in the Thames Valley League (out of ten divisions). Nor are they producing the player-only variety. Andrew Wakeling (Kingston G.S.) successfully passed his practical test at the recent Surrey v. Essex match and at 15 is Surrey's youngest-ever County Umpire. Also in the pipeline is Ken Falconer, who has passed his written test and is now awaiting his practicals.

All of you who do not reside in the above borough can dispel your envy by contacting your own council or schools/education authority to see if any interest, probably there but latent, can be awakened.

Surrey were represented recently at the Oxfordshire although a mistake in entries meant that Sandra Goldsmith and Susan and Linda Howard did not enter the junior singles. Sandra made up for this by reaching the final of the ladies singles losing to Diane Simpson over three games. Barry Hill did well to reach the semi-final of the men's losing to Chester Barnes and Clive Morris partnered Sandra to a semi-finals defeat in the mixed, deuce in the third, against Davies and Edwards of Hampshire.

HARDING CUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thames Valley	3	3	0	0	18	6	6
Byfleet "A"	4	3	0	1	20	12	6
Leatherhead	3	1	1	1	15	9	3
Byfleet "B"	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Sutton	3	1	0	2	11	13	2
Guildford	3	0	0	3	2	22	0

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

Top Marks for Susan

LEICESTERSHIRE seniors lost 8-2 to Warwickshire in their Division 2 (Midland) fixture—a fair reflection on the match. Ernest McLeish gave a fine display in beating Derek Munt and Colin Truman repeated his league win over Paul Judd. This defeat makes Leicestershire's home match with Oxfordshire vital.

The junior team beat Oxfordshire 8-2 and thus finish runners-up for the first time in their history. In this match, however, it was an Oxfordshire player who was the star. D. Steel turned in a first-class display to beat both Andy Holdsworth and Ivor Billson. Tony Branson emerged undefeated and in this, his first season in county table tennis, he finished with 80%. Andy Holdsworth, another newcomer, finished with 70% and Ivor Billson gave some steady displays to finish with 50%. It was in the girls' singles that Leicestershire really came into their own. Susan Baxter completed the season 100% and for the second season in succession was undefeated with Ivor Billson. The whole of the team are still in the junior age group next season.

In the Y.M.C.A. tournament, which attracted entries from all over Leicestershire, Charlie Jacques played as well as ever to win the men's singles title. Rita Beith won the ladies' singles title yet again and partnered Jose Rogers to take the ladies' doubles. Steven White and Colin Truman won the men's doubles with the mixed going to Rodney Pickering and Marjorie Purser. A new event was the intermediate singles and Bob Phillips became the first holder of this. Tony Branson won the junior singles and partnered Steve Hobell to win the junior doubles. Nicky Baxter won the closest final of the evening when he beat Robert Neal in the under-15's singles.

Only one match to report in the Midland League. This is in the Veterans section where Leicester, having drawn three of their previous four matches—travelled to Cheltenham—and drew. Two wins each by Mike Long and John Rogers and the doubles in which this pair also featured gave Leicester their point.

Some thrilling finishes in the Rose Johnson Bowl competition, now down to eight teams from an

original entry of 89. Fourth round star was Nazarenes second team player John Chamberlain who took on the might of Soccer Pools I and beat them all. His team finally won by eight points. Other performances worthy of mention were given by Roger Williamson (Wadkin), Mick Dare (P.O. Telephones), Chris Brewer (Baxter Gate B.B.), Robert Neal (Leicester Y.M.C.A. II), Brian Mellowes (Oadby Boys Club) and Graham Hughes (Leicester Y.M.C.A.).

In the Leicestershire Towns League, Loughborough have become firm favourites to retain both the senior and junior shields.

Having a great season in the Leicester and District League are Spinney Hill W.M.C., five of whose six teams are top of their division.

Knighth Park reached the final of the Rose Johnson Cup with a comfortable semi-final win over Electricity. The other semi-final between Bentley Engineering and Northwood should be interesting with the works team favourites to reach the final. For the first time the Leicestershire Closed will be held over two days at the Boulevard Gymnasium on April 6-7.

OXFORDSHIRE NOTES

by M. J. Chalk

BURFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

THE annual school tournament attracted an entry of nearly 200, with seven tables in use from

SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE							
Men's Section							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge C.	7	6	1	0	53	17	53
Hunts. Central	6	4	1	1	41	19	41
Bedford	6	4	0	2	36	24	36
St. Neots & D.	7	3	1	3	36	34	36
North Herts.	5	4	0	1	34	16	34
Ely & District	6	3	2	1	34	26	34
Women's Section							
North Herts.	5	4	0	1	42	8	42
Kettering	5	4	1	0	38	12	38
Bedford	3	2	1	0	18	12	18
Northampton	5	1	0	4	18	32	18
Junior Section							
Wellingbor'gh	6	6	0	0	42	18	42
St. Neots	6	5	0	1	38	22	38
Dunstable	5	4	0	1	33	17	33
Northampton	5	3	0	2	26	24	26
Cambridge C.	5	1	0	4	21	29	21
Veterans' Section							
Ely & District	3	3	0	0	21	9	21
Bedford	3	2	1	0	20	10	20
Bletchley	2	2	0	0	16	4	16

why the second team should not do well in the second division.

Warwickshire have six juniors in the latest ranking lists issued by the E.T.T.A.—five boys and one girl—congratulations to each of them. Also to Paul Judd who has been selected to represent England Juniors versus Scotland.

All the Birmingham teams have progressed further in the National Cup competitions. In the girls' competition though, we have been drawn away to Sittingbourne, after playing away in the last round to Northumberland. This is proving to be an expensive hobby, and it must be debatable whether it is worth entering a competition involving so much travelling and expense.

The big event, of course, in the Midlands this year is the England v. Russia European League match. Nearly all the 1,150 tickets have been sold well in advance of the March 5 date.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

Eastern Division Champions

NORFOLK duly beat Huntingdonshire at Norwich by 8-2. After the match County colours were presented by President Bob Perry to Neville and Phillip Graver and Wes. Haydock. Later we heard that Cambridgeshire and Suffolk had drawn their match, making it impossible for them to catch Norfolk, who became Eastern Division champions.

Betty Cassell, still unbeaten in County matches, continued her remarkable series of wins in the King's Lynn championships, winning for the 18th successive time. Ken Burton of Sutton Bridge achieved a treble, winning the men's doubles with his brother Trevor and the mixed with Mrs. Cassell. King's Lynn have Closed singles for Divisions 2 to 5, won by T. V.

Rowell, W. Mathews, I. Christie and D. Everett, respectively.

The Norwich championships saw Alan Coby add another treble to that in the Norfolk Closed. The great surprise of the day was the performance of Dave Hardy of Sprowston, who beat Chris Fields and David Blanch before disposing of Neville Graver in the semi-finals; then providing an interesting final, though his veteran bat could not save him against Coby.

M.S.: A. COBY bt D. Hardy 13, 11. **M.D.:** COBY/C. FIELDS bt D. Blanch/R. Mitcham 9, 14.

X.D.: COBY/Mrs. S. PERRY bt D. Blanch/Mrs. M. Harrison -15, 9, 14.

W.S.: Mrs. V. HARTMAN bt Mrs. S. Perry 10, 15.

V.S.: D. PEGG bt W. Minors 14, 13.

J.S.: S. BASSETT bt. W. Webster 15, 20.

The Norfolk Closed Under-13 championships, becoming known as the "Junior Juniors", was held for the second time. Entries and results were very much the same as last year. John Fuller retained the boys' singles, beating Tony Carter 20, 16. Yvonne Rose retained the girls', against Margaret Dyball, at 13, 13. T. Carter and N. Tooke beat Fuller and C. McGuinness 3, 17. In the Consolation singles, nine-year-old Paul Durrant beat Miss R. Baker of Cromer. Very much another triumph for Yarmouth boys and Denton girls!

BEDFORD LEAGUE RESTRICTED OPEN

THE League Tournament Committee are now working on the arrangements for this year's Restricted Open Tournament, to be held at the Badminton Hall, Bradgate Road, Bedford, on Sunday, April 21.

Any players wishing to enter the Restricted Open are reminded that entry forms must be sent to the Tournament Secretary, Mrs. E. W. Pacey, 17 Brook Street, at the latest by Wednesday, April 3.

TABLE TENNIS EXHIBITIONS by MARY & BRIAN WRIGHT

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YORKSHIRE'S narrow victory over Middlesex and Surrey's severe thrashing from Essex means that the premier Division title is almost certain to return to Essex. The relegation issue is still far from settled and with the Surrey—Middlesex clash postponed to March 30 because of an overlooked international match will probably have to wait until this date for a final decision.

The Promotion Challenge Matches will be played on April 20-21 at the Nottingham T.T.L. headquarters. Kent and Worcestershire have already qualified and Northumberland and Warwickshire are nearly there (the former are making tentative plans to fly back Maureen Heppell from Lyons!) Nothing definite yet on the Junior Challenge although a venue in Warwickshire is hoped for; dates are April 27-28.

Keith Watts of Sussex is the new holder of the Leslie Forrest Memorial Award. The presentation was made by Tom Blunn at the conclusion of the recent English Open Championships.

PREMIER DIVISION

Essex 7, Gloucestershire 2
C. Barnes lost to I Harrison -21, 16, -21; bt R. Morley 15, 6; S. Gibbs lost to Harrison -17, -17; bt M. White 6, 7. R. Stevens bt Morley 16, -22, 13; bt White 7, -20, 13. Barnes/Stevens bt Harrison/Morley 18, 16. Mrs. L. Radford bt Mrs. L. Hawkins 5, 10. Gibbs/Radford bt White/Hawkins 9, -13, 12.

Sussex 7, Lancashire 2
R. Chandler bt K. Forshaw 17, 18; bt J. Clarke -15, 15, 13. P. Williams bt Forshaw 19, 9; bt B. Farnworth -10, 25, 14. S. Ogundipe lost to Clarke -18, -18; lost to Farnworth -11, -16. Chandler/Williams bt Clarke/Farnworth -9, 16, 16. Miss J. Williams bt Miss M. Leigh 13, 8. Ogundipe/Miss Williams bt Forshaw/Miss Leigh 22, -16, 19.

Sam Ogundipe changed his tactics when Sussex trailed 9-15 in the third of the X.D. The fight went from Lanes who slumped from 1-2 to 1-6. Bryn Farnworth the best Lanes player; Ogundipe had no answer to his drop shot. Peter Williams established himself as the home No. 2, recovering from set point down to beat Farnworth in the third with brilliant hitting—he also hit off Kevin Forshaw.

Middlesex 4, Yorkshire 5
B. Wright lost to D. Neale -10, -20; bt A. Hydes -17, 14, 14. O. Haslam lost to Neale 19, -10, -22; bt P. Duncombe 17, 16. A. Lindsay lost to Hydes -12, -12; bt Duncombe 12, 10. Lindsay/Wright lost to Duncombe/Neale -14, -20. Miss K. Smith bt Miss P. Dainty 10, 12. Haslam/Miss Smith lost to Hydes/Miss Dainty 18, -18, 14.

First victory by Yorkshire over Middlesex since 1955, and first ever

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND-UP

ESSEX ALMOST THERE

away from home. Les Haslam a trifle unlucky to lose to Denis Neale in an opening set which was often patchy but became excellent and tense at the end. Haslam and Karenza Smith seemed to be moving to a comfortable X.D. win, then suddenly found themselves in the third and lost. Alan Hydes, in his first encounter with a No. 1, lost 100% record but later surprised many people with a comfortable win over Alan Lindsay. Middlesex have a useful venue in Southall G.T. School.

Surrey 1, Essex 8
C. Warren lost to C. Barnes -18, -13; lost to S. Gibbs -17, -16. M. Creamer lost to Barnes -17, -9; lost to R. Stevens -20, 16, -18. R. Penfold lost to Gibbs -9, -13; lost to Stevens -14, -15. Penfold/Warren lost to Barnes/Stevens -19, -18. Mrs. M. Wright bt Mrs. L. Radford 17, 17. Creamer/Mrs. Wright lost to Gibbs/Mrs. Radford -16, 16, -16.

A bad night for Surrey who found the whole Essex team playing like champions they so nearly are. Every player rose to the occasion in what is usually a difficult match and although it is difficult to pick an outstanding performer Stuart Gibbs must get the verdict for his knack of hitting winners from impossible balls.

Cheshire 4 Gloucestershire 5
M. Johns lost to I. Harrison -8, -11; bt R. Morley 19, -20, 13. D. Schofield lost to Harrison -9, -15; bt B. Merrett -16, 18, 15. R. Hampson lost to Morley -19, -15; lost to Merrett -17, -19. Hampson/Johns lost to Harrison/Merrett 20, -10, -15. Miss J. Heaps bt Miss J. Eatough 7, 8. B. Kean/Miss Heaps bt Morley/Miss Eatough 17, 15.

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Hertfordshire 3, Surrey II 7
Herts forced to change team when Trevor Taylor did not arrive and Surrey took full advantage to run out worthy winners. Despite a heavy cold, Eric Coster won both his singles and teamed with Barbara Peters to record another X.D. win.

Buckinghamshire 6, Middlesex II 4
Kent 8, Middlesex II 2
Two tight games early on went to Kent who were then never in any trouble and qualify for the Challenge. Alma Taft opened the visitors' account with an expedite win 17, 5 over Joyce Fielder and their only other success came from debutant Bob Maison and Marjorie Walker in X.D.

Sussex II 2, Hampshire 8
With Terry Riley sick, Robin Pierce returned to the home side to win a tense counter-hitting set with Derek Holman. This followed Joyce Sheppard's fine win (18, 16) over Pauline Edwards and pulled Sussex to 2-5. Earlier, David Davies had saved three set points to beat Robin

Stace, but the best player on view was Chris Edwards.

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Yorkshire II 9, Cheshire II 1
The bitter memory of the heavy defeat by Northumberland removed by a Yorkshire side with three juniors. Against Barbara Cain, Linda Forkes gave her best-ever display to win 15, 21; Tony Clayton never in difficulties, and Peter and David Hirst also well in command.

Cumberland 0, Lancashire II 10
Durham 6, Cheshire II 4
The three Durham men in good form and recorded all six victories. Barbara Cain and Wendy Higgins for the visitors proved too strong for the local ladies.

Yorkshire II 7, Lincolnshire 3
Peter Duncombe, despite the long journey from the Middlesex match, in excellent form beating Brian Hill, 11, -10, 12. Linda Forkes and Linda Bashford (who lost to the experienced Connie Moran only by -16, 8, -19) will have gained much from this match the result of which must have shocked Lincs who usually do well against Yorks.

Cheshire II 2, Northumberland 8

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)
Oxfordshire 4, Monmouthshire 6
Glamorgan 5, Monmouthshire 5
With luck at the critical times, Monmouths could have got away with a 9-1 victory but finally had to settle for a single point.

Staffordshire 7, Derbyshire 3
Many very close games with only a point or two separating the players. Stan Ward and Derek Baddeley impressive for Staffs and the best Derbyshire performance from Sandra Pegg and Miss J. Walker who recovered to win W.D. from 14-20 in third.

Warwickshire 8, Leicestershire 2

SECOND DIVISION (WEST)
Wiltshire 5, Cornwall 5
Dick Clode probably says farewell now to Wiltshire (after six seasons), having been posted to Yorkshire. He won both his singles. A weakened Cornish side still managed to record their fourth draw of the season.

Dorset 3, Worcestershire 7
Cliff Diffey in excellent form to win two singles and X.D. with Joyce Coop. But what a surprise for Mrs. Coop who lost consistency against Joyce Lloyd and slumped to defeat -15, 13, -15. Determined defensive play from John Bell who beat Smith 11, 8 and Philpott 8, 11.

SOUTHERN DIVISION
Buckinghamshire II 3, Kent II 7
The visitors trailed 1-3 before John Kedge restored their confidence with excellent play. A narrow squeak for Ruth Wilson who just got home 20, -19, 25 against Susan Pacitto.

Hertfordshire II 10, Oxfordshire II 0
Hampshire II 9, Berkshire 1

MIDLAND DIVISION
Denbighshire 0, Staffordshire II 10
The margin unfair to Denbighs, as half the sets needed the deciding game. Mac Evans won his two singles for the visitors in most convincing style.

Nottinghamshire 1, Warwickshire II 9
Although not as overwhelming a defeat as 1-9 sounds this was nevertheless a good all-round team performance. If Warwickshire I fail to achieve success at the 2nd Division Promotion Challenge Matches this Notts side will still go up.

Derbyshire II 8, Worcestershire II 2

EASTERN DIVISION
Huntingdonshire 2, Cambridgeshire 8
Highlights were the men's doubles, and a ding-dong battle between B. Culls and John Thurston with the former winning -16, 18, 19.

Suffolk 7, Bedfordshire 3
No fewer than seven sets went to three here, but the best was the X.D. win by Suffolk's Colin Tucker and Jeanne Youngs in straight games, 21, 18.

JUNIOR SOUTH
Berkshire 4, Sussex 6
J. Gregory and A. Downer apart, the boys' matches were lost rather than won. For Berkshire, Wendy Slade had a convincing first win and young Christine Smith had her first taste of victory in X.D. Both sides have this season been of an experimental nature: with what lasting results remains to be seen.

Buckinghamshire 4, Surrey 6
First defeat for Bucks since falling 3-7 to Middlesex three years ago. But conceding G.D. to a strong county is no way to maintain this sort of record. Good win for Derek Smith who outplayed Michael Wald.

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was the opening set with Stuart Tannahill recovering from 17-20 in third to take Barry Grimwade.

JUNIOR NORTH

Yorkshire 9, Cheshire 1
Cheshire by no means outclassed and played attacking stuff all the time. Alan Fletcher not really fit after 'flu and dropped last set to F. Bailey. Thirteen-years-old Nicky Jarvis showed just why Yorkshire thinks so highly of him (he was awarded his county badge before the match).

Cumberland 0, Lancashire 10
Durham 4, Cheshire 6
Two singles victories for Durham's Paul Freeman and one for 13-years-old Cynthia Waite on debut. These two combined to take X.D. but Cheshire pocketed the rest.

Cheshire 6, Northumberland 4
Denbighshire 2, Warwickshire 8
Despite this result, an encouraging first season for Denbighs.

Oxfordshire 2, Leicestershire 8
Two fine wins for David Steel, but otherwise little encouragement for Oxfords.

Staffordshire 3, Nottinghamshire 7

JUNIOR EAST

Middlesex 10, Norfolk 0
Despite a brave try, Graham Fouger in the last set was unable to save Norfolk from a complete white-wash. He went down to Bob Gibson by -16, 23, -19.

Northamptonshire 1, Hertfordshire 9

JUNIOR WEST

Wiltshire 5, Worcestershire 5
Wiltshire did well to recover from 1-4, Helen Rusby setting them on the right path by retaining her unbeaten record. Three out of three again for Worcs. Derek Aston.

Gloucestershire 1, Monmouthshire 9
Lack of fight (Hunt excluded) made it easier for the more experienced visitors.

Worcestershire 0, Glamorgan 10
With their top two boys absent injured Worcs had no hope of running Glamorgan close. Only Mark Clarkson, suddenly No. 1, looked likely to get a win against excitable Alan Griffiths.

Glamorgan 10, Wiltshire 0
Wiltshire 1, Somerset 9

Divisional Tables up to 24.2.68

PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex	6	6	0	0	44	10	12
Yorkshire	6	5	0	1	37	17	10
Sussex	6	5	0	1	28	26	10
Middlesex	6	2	0	4	29	25	4
Cheshire	6	2	0	4	25	29	4
Surrey	6	2	0	4	23	31	4
Gloucestershire	6	2	0	4	22	32	4
Lancashire	6	0	0	6	8	46	0

Remaining fixtures
March 16: Ch v Sx; La v Gs; Yks v Ex. March 30: Sy v Mi.

2nd DIVISION SOUTH

Kent	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
Middlesex II	6	4	0	2	33	27	8
Hertfordshire	5	3	0	2	29	21	6
Buckinghamsh'e	5	2	1	2	22	28	5
Hampshire	5	2	0	3	25	25	4
Surrey II	5	1	1	3	20	30	3
Sussex II	5	0	0	5	10	40	0

2nd DIVISION NORTH

Northumberl'd	5	4	1	0	41	9	9
Lancashire II	5	3	2	0	37	13	8
Yorkshire II	5	4	0	1	34	16	8
Cheshire II	6	2	0	4	25	35	4
Lincolnshire	5	1	2	2	25	35	4
Durham	5	1	1	3	16	34	3
Cumberland	5	0	0	5	2	48	0

2nd DIVISION MIDLAND

Warwickshire	5	5	0	0	42	8	10
Staffordshire	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Derbyshire	5	2	2	1	31	19	6
Monmouthshire	5	2	1	2	24	26	6
Glamorgan	6	2	1	3	22	38	5
Leicestershire	5	0	1	4	16	34	1
Oxfordshire	5	0	0	5	9	41	0

2nd DIVISION WEST

Worcestershire	5	4	1	0	31	19	9
Wiltshire	5	3	1	1	26	24	7
Somerset	4	1	2	1	24	16	4
Cornwall	5	0	4	1	24	26	4
Devon	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Dorset	5	0	1	4	16	34	1

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Hampshire II	5	4	0	1	37	13	8
Kent II	5	4	0	1	33	17	8
Bucks II	5	3	0	2	29	21	6
Herts II	5	3	0	2	29	21	6
Berkshire	5	1	0	4	18	32	2
Oxfordshire II	5	0	0	5	4	46	0

MIDLAND DIVISION

Warwicks II	5	5	0	0	48	2	10
Nottinghamsh'e	5	4	0	1	28	22	8
Derbyshire II	5	2	1	2	22	28	5
Staffs II	5	2	0	3	24	26	4
Worcs. II	5	1	0	4	18	32	2
Denbighshire	5	0	1	4	10	40	1

EASTERN DIVISION

Norfolk	4	4	0	0	27	13	8
Suffolk	5	3	1	1	33	17	7
Cambridgeshire	5	3	1	1	31	19	7
Bedfordshire	5	2	0	3	25	35	4
Northampton's e	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Huntingdon's e	5	0	0	5	8	42	0

JUNIOR SOUTH

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Hampshire	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
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Cheshire	5	3	0	2	22	28	6
Northumberl'd	5	1	1	3	18	32	3
Durham	4	0	1	3	11	29	1
Cumberland	4	0	0	4	3	37	0

JUNIOR MIDLAND

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Leicestershire	5	4	0	1	37	13	8
Notts	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Staffs	5	2	0	3	22	28	4
Denbighshire	5	1	0	4	19	31	2
Oxfordshire	5	0	0	5	3	47	0

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Wiltshire	5	0	1	4	11	39	1

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FIXTURES AND VENUES, MARCH, 1968

PREMIER DIVISION

March 16	Cheshire v Sussex, C.C.P.R.O. (Ministry of Defence), Grove Lane, Bramhall	7.15 p.m.
March 16	Lancashire v Gloucestershire, Atkinson's Vehicles Ltd., Winery Lane, Walton-le-Dale, Preston	7.15 p.m.
March 16	Yorkshire v Essex, Assembly Rooms, Pontefract	7.15 p.m.
March 30	Surrey v Middlesex, Crusade Insurance Pavilion, Woodhatch, Felgate	7.00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

March 16	Hampshire v Buckinghamshire, Tanners Brook Infants School, Elmes Drive, Millbrook, Southampton	7.00 p.m.
March 16	Hertfordshire v Kent, The Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South, Letchworth	