

## £10,000 EQUIPMENT ADOPTION

The E.T.T.A. announced, on Nov. 24, the conclusion of an Equipment Adoption Agreement for the 1973 World Championships, to be played in England, with Bakelite Xylonite Ltd., who will pay the E.T.T.A. the sum of £10,000.

The Halex 3-star table tennis ball, made by B.X.L. (the world's largest table tennis ball manufacturers) and the Jaques "Tournament" table tennis table, made by John Jaques & Son Ltd., have been selected exclusively.

E.T.T.A. Chairman, Conrad Jaschke, who negotiated the agreement, and who authorised the statement for release to the Press, has also stated that in addition to this equipment adoption, the E.T.T.A. looks forward to negotiating an overall sponsorship agreement to cover the 1973 World Championships in England.

## GREAT START TO EUROPEAN LEAGUE PROGRAMME

as reported by JOHNNY LEACH and JOHN WOODFORD

ENGLAND got off to a brilliant start by beating Federal Germany 4-3 in their first European League match of the season which took place in Berlin on Oct. 29.

It was a great team effort as England were trailing 2-3 when Chester Barnes saved the day with a victory over Ebby Schöler.

With the score at 3-all after the penultimate set, Denis Neale faced Martin Ness in the decider and lost the first game -15. Neale, recently returned from Japan, was finding great difficulty in adjusting his game and looked sluggish and out-of-touch. Despite this, however, he mustered all his instinctive skill and fighting spirit to recover and beat Ness to give England a well-earned victory.

Winning her set against former England colleague Diane Rowe-Schöler, Mary Wright played fine attacking table tennis and made another significant contribution towards this triumph.

Playing at home, before a packed and enthusiastic audience, Federal Germany are one of the toughest

teams in the world to beat. Individual scores in match order:—

D. Neale lost to E. Schöler -9, -22.  
C. Barnes bt M. Ness 21, -14, 14.  
Mrs. M. Wright bt Mrs. D. Schöler 19, -15, 8.  
Neale/Barnes lost to Schöler/Ness -20, 17, -19.  
Neale/Mrs. Wright lost to Schöler/Mrs. Schöler -8, -13.  
Barnes bt Schöler 18, 18.  
Neale bt Ness -15, 11, 13.

An unchanged England team moved into second place in the European League's premier division with an inspired 6-1 win over Hungary at the King Alfred Sports Centre, Hove, on Nov. 20.

Throughout the evening, all three England players performed with confidence, the process only being in reverse in the deciding game between Neale and Janos Börzsei. Memories of the great Munich clash between Alan Hydes and Börzsei were revived as the Hungarian showed his defensive skill to run out a winner 21-5! How many players in the world can keep Neale down to 5 points?

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### Winners of the Hungarian and Yugoslav Opens



Kjell Johansson

### Deputy Chairman

KENT'S national councillor Charles M. Wyles will succeed Walter Mitton as Deputy Chairman of the E.T.T.A. for season 1969-70.

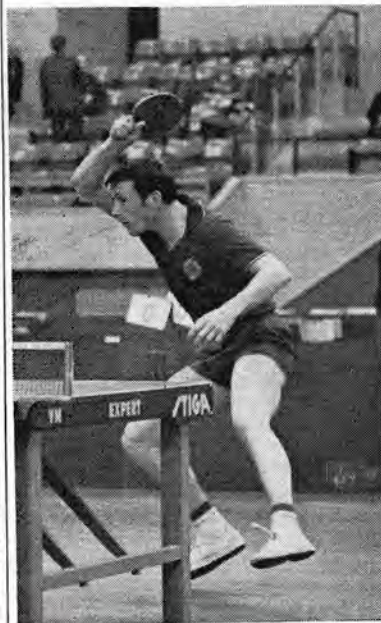
The result of the ballot announced on Nov. 19 was:—

- C. M. Wyles (Kent) — 143 votes — ELECTED.
- L. Hoffman (Middlesex) — 66 votes — not elected.
- L. C. T. Davis (Gloucs.) — 15 votes — not elected.

### PROGRAMME CHANGE

England's match against Sweden originally scheduled for Crystal Palace on Dec. 19 will now take place at Northampton's College of Technology's Sports Hall, on Thursday, Dec. 18.

(See Northants. Notes for details).



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# International Round-up



## by Conrad Jaschke

Chairman of the E.T.T.A.

### EUROPEAN LEAGUE OFF TO GOOD START

THE European League got off to a much better start this time due to the arrangement and publication of fixtures prior to the beginning of the season. Results so far in the top two divisions (excluding those of England reported on the front page) are:-

#### DIVISION 1

**Sweden 6 France 1.** Johansson bt Dhondt 13, 14; lost to Secretin -19, 17, -17. Alser bt Secretin 11, 14; bt Dhondt 15, 13. Eva Johansson bt Lecler 19, -11, 12. Alser/Johansson bt Secretin/Dhondt 12, 18. Alser/Eva Johansson -17, 6, 15.

**Czechoslovakia 2 Sweden 5.** Kollarovits bt Alser -19, 10, 22; lost to Johansson -19, -17. Stanek lost to Johansson -10, -11; lost to Alser -19, -16. Grofova bt Neidert 20, -11, 14. Miko/Staneck lost to Alser/Johansson -18, -13. Miko/Jitka Karlikova lost to Johansson/Neidert -13, -14.

**U.S.S.R. 5 Czechoslovakia 2.** Gomozkov bt Stanek 10, 11; bt Miko 14, 15. Sarkhojan lost to Miko -17, -12; bt Stanek -18, 19, 19. Rudnova bt Grofova 11, 9. Gomozkov/Amelin lost to Miko/Staneck -15, -7. Gomozkov/Rudnova bt Miko/Grofova 16, 11.

**France 3 U.S.S.R. 4.** Secretin bt Amelin -19, 15, 13; bt Gomozkov -20, 14, 18. Purkart bt Gomozkov -15, 18, -15; lost to Amelin -12, -15. Lecler lost to Rudnova -15, -17. Secretin/Dhondt lost to Gomozkov/Sarkhojan -9, -18. Secretin/Lecler lost to Gomozkov/Rudnova -25, -14.

Undoubtedly the scalps of Kjell Johansson, Stanislav Gomozkov and Anatoliy Amelin, obtained by the French No. 1 Jaques Secretin further emphasises the progress being made by this more-than-capable left-hander. U.S.S.R. owed their win to Amelin who, in the last set, with the score tied at 3-all, bt Vincent Purkart.

#### DIVISION II

Denmark 3, Austria 4.  
Ireland 4, Netherlands 3.  
Luxembourg 2, Belgium 5.  
Belgium 5, Ireland 2.  
Switzerland 0, Denmark 7.  
Belgium 1, Austria 6.  
Netherlands 5, Luxembourg 2.

Austria have put themselves in a strong position by their win over Denmark. With the score at 3-3, Austrian Heinz Shluter defeated Niels Ramberg -15, 15, 21 to clinch the match.

**Gibbs runner-up in Australian Championships.** Former England and Essex player Stuart Gibbs who now lives in Australia was runner-up in the men's singles of the recent Australian National Closed Championships, losing to former Thailand champion Chayanond Wuvanich by 1-3 in the final. The championships were held in Brisbane (Queensland) and the entry included two former Malayan players Lee Mun Chow and Yeo, and also ex-England junior Linda Henwood.

In a recent test series, New Zealand defeated Australia by 2-1. New Zealand won the first two tests 7-4 and 8-3, and Australia won the last one 6-5. Victor Barna is now touring Australia on behalf of the Dunlop Sports Company.

**Alser stays in Sweden.** Hans Alser has decided to decline tempting offers he has had to coach abroad, to concentrate on competitive play for another two seasons. He told me in Sarajevo that he feels he can still achieve successes for his country in the international field, but that after the 1971 world championships in Japan he would be ready to retire, and at that time he would be interested in a top coaching appointment. His decision will be welcomed in Sweden.



Denis Neale in action in Japan

**Full results of Japan v Europe series.** England's Denis Neale spearheaded a European trio, otherwise comprising Anton Stipanovic (Yugoslavia) and Bernt Jansen (Federal Germany), in a 12-match series against Japan from the 1st of October to the 21st. During that time, ranging from Osaka to Tokyo, Neale acquitted himself well despite a final 11-1 series-score in favour of Japan. The England No. 1 finished up with a personal score of 14 wins against 17 losses. Results:-

**Osaka.** Europe 2, Japan 5.  
Neale bt Tasaka 15, -22, 14; bt Kohno 9, 19; lost to Itoh 19, -20, -14. Stipanovic lost to Itoh 19, -16, -14; lost to Tasaka -12, -14. Jansen lost to Kohno -8, -18; lost to Itoh -14, -6.

**Takamatsu.** Europe 3, Japan 4.  
Neale lost to Kasai -6, 19, -10; bt Kohno 18, 9; bt Uzu 13, 18. Stipanovic bt Ewai 10, 17; lost to Itoh -16, -10. Jansen lost to Tasaka 12, -16, -19; lost to Furukawa -11, -15.

**Okayama.** Europe 3, Japan 4.  
Neale bt Kondo 8, 19; bt Tasaka 8, 14; lost to Hasegawa 19, -14, -16. Stipanovic lost to Kohno 19, -19, -12; bt Kasai 11, 14. Jansen lost to Abe 19, -18, -12; lost to Itoh -17, -13.



Anton Stipanovic

Photograph by Peter Madge

**Hiroshima.** Europe 4, Japan 3.  
Neale bt Kondo 25, 18; bt Abe 18, 15; lost to Itoh -15, -8. Stipanovic lost to Kasai -20, -20; bt Kohno 12, 15. Jansen bt Tasaka 19, 12; lost to Hasegawa -12, 12, -12.

**Nagoya.** Europe 2, Japan 5.  
Neale lost to Kasai 19, -17, -17; bt Inoue 17, 19; lost to Itoh -11, -12. Stipanovic lost to Itoh -14, -14; bt Kasai 16, -17, 15. Jansen lost to Inoue 17, -13, -19; lost to Itoh -15, -13.

**Kyoto.** Europe 2, Japan 5.  
Neale lost to Kohno 20, -18, -23; bt Jiro 20, 21. Stipanovic lost to Hasegawa -12, -10; bt Nishii 16, 18. Jansen lost to Murakami -20, -19; lost to Itoh -18, -14; lost to Hasegawa -19 -8.

**Takaoka.** Europe 3, Japan 4.  
Neale lost to Kohno 23, -13, -17; bt Nishii 10, -21, 15. Stipanovic lost to Hasegawa -12, 15, -18; bt Tanaka 6, 11; lost to Itoh -17, -16. Jansen lost to Itoh -13, -25; bt Tanii 15, 21.

**Fukuoka.** Europe 2, Japan 5.  
Neale bt Nagaishi 10, 12; bt Koga 15, 17; lost to Kasai 16, -16, -16. Stipanovic lost to Hasegawa -17, -17; lost to Nakandakare 10, -17, -21. Jansen lost to Kohno -17, -17; lost to Itoh -17, -18.

**Morioka.** Europe 2, Japan 5.  
Neale bt Tasaka 13, 14; lost to Hasegawa -16, 16, -13; lost to Itoh -12, -14. Stipanovic lost to Kohno -17, -22; bt Inoue -15, 18, 18. Jansen lost to Aramaki -20, 18, -18; lost to Takahashi 12, -10, -10.

## SILENCE IS GOLDEN

HOW often during the playing of a table tennis set is the umpire called upon to deliver those time-honoured words "Quiet please"?

Time and again, especially it would seem during staged tournament finals — when perhaps a women's or mixed doubles set is in progress — does the noise distraction begin.

Together with the general buzz of conversation, out come the bags of crisps, wrapped confectionery, fags, matches and newspapers football edition whilst Tom, Dick or Harry announce to all and sundry that he is off for a pint!

It really is not good enough and most ungallant to the contestants, the umpire, and to those onlookers who have an interest in the proceedings on the table.

And this sort of thing goes on and on so that the umpire's voice becomes lost like that of a landlord in the tap room when closing time is called on a Saturday night.

Should any one particular set be of insufficient interest then, rather than spoil it for others, why not quit the arena for a while.

Nip round the back, clash the dustbin lids (but don't empty unless you have a union card) and generally let off steam away from the hearing of those who are concerned with concentrating on a game of table tennis.

Furthermore, when presentations are being made, it is quite unnecessary, indeed downright rude, to have them accompanied by background noises more in keeping with feeding time at Belle Vue or Whipsnade.

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## International Round-up cont.

### Sendai. Europe 1, Japan 6.

Neale lost to Imana -16, 20, -20; lost to Tasaka -15, -13. Stipancic lost to Itoh 23, -13, -19; lost to Hasegawa -19, -11; lost to Kohno 20, -18, -14. Jansen lost to Inoue -14, -11; bt Shibata -13, 10, 17.



Bernt Jansen

### Yamagata. Europe 3, Japan 4.

Neale lost to Suzuki 20, -17, -13; lost to Hasegawa -14, -12. Stipancic bt Kumachi 15, 16; lost to Itoh 18, -20, -15; bt Tasaka -17, 19, 19. Jansen bt Kohno -19, 18, 11; lost to Inoue 15, -15, -12.

### Tokyo. Europe 0, Japan 5.

Neale lost to Kohno -12, -20; lost to Hasegawa -21, -15. Stipancic lost to Itoh -12, -20. Jansen lost to Hasegawa -13, -9; lost to Itoh -12, -11.



Maria Alexandru

Photograph by Sport & General

Represented by Rumania's Maria Alexandru, and Edit Buchholz of Federal Germany, a Europe v Japan women's series was run in conjunction with the men's matches but with the same end result — 11-1 in favour of the host country.

The single victory was obtained at Kyoto where Miss Alexandru beat both Yagi and Murakami, and Miss Buchholz had a win over Hirota in a 3-2 success. Overall, the Rumanian Corbillon Cup player had 6 wins and 14 losses and Miss Buchholz had 4 wins and 17 losses. Together in doubles, the European pair had 2 wins and 10 reverses.



Edit Buchholz

**Ireland score exciting win.** Ireland beat the Netherlands 4-3 in their European League game at the Jacobs Recreation Centre, Dublin (writes Kevin Drum). They got off to a great start when, after Jim Langan had beaten Bert Schoofs, Tommy Caffrey followed up with a straight games win over the Dutch No. 1 Bert v. d. Helm.

Betty Warwick proved no match for Aukje Wynia and, with Langan, lost the mixed. However, our men saved the day when they just got the better of the Dutch pair in the men's doubles. There were some nail-biting moments before Langan clinched the match beating van der Helm -13, 17, 20.

Travelling north to participate in the Ulster Open, the Dutch women dominated with Veronique van der Laan, who did not play in the European League match, beating her compatriot in the women's singles final, the pair combining for a doubles victory over Joan Fitzsimons and Betty Cody.

Major upsets in the women's singles occurred when Miss Fitzsimons lost to the unseeded Ballymena girl Kyra Stewart, and Betty Warwick was ousted by Dolores Fox.

In the men's final, "Connie" Warren, who just got the better of van der Helm in the semis, just managed it against Jim Langan from a score of 19-all in the third.

The brothers Jim and Tony Langan won the men's doubles beating the Dutch pair in the final.

### SCOTTISH RANKINGS

TO date, two tournaments have taken place in Scotland (writes Donald Maclean), the Northern Open at Aberdeen, and the Midlands Open at Dundee. Before the Aberdeen tournament, the selectors issued their initial ranking list which is:-

- MEN**
1. M. Sugden
  2. B. Kean
  3. E. Sutherland
  4. R. Kerr
  5. R. Yule
  6. J. Hawkins
  7. I. Barclay
  8. P. Cameron

### WOMEN

1. L. Barrie
2. K. Angus
3. O. Hawkins
4. = E. Smith
- = L. Montague

The Aberdeen tournament saw Eric Sutherland gain his second title of the season. An unexpected finalist in the men's singles was P. Brown of Birmingham. His all-forehand game easily accounted for the left-handers John Hawkins and Terry Forker but, in the final, he was just as easily beaten by Sutherland.

Men's doubles winners were Ian Hay and Hawkins, with Kath Perry of Birmingham winning the women's singles and David Charleston the junior event.

A large entry for the Midlands Open included Brian Kean making his first Scottish appearance of the season. In the semi-final he met Aberdonian, Richard Yule and although winning the first game 11, Yule who was suited to the very fast conditions won the next two at 15 and 17.

The final was a repeat of the Aberdeen semi — Yule v Sutherland. Having won the Aberdeen encounter, at no time did Sutherland look like repeating his success. Yule was much faster to the ball and was the harder hitting, winning in two straight 15, 15.

Another significant result at Dundee was Elaine Smith's defeat of Olive Hawkins, a feat she has performed only once before. Elaine went on to win the women's title defeating Kathy Angus 21 and 18.

The junior title was won by A. McCulloch of Glasgow; the men's doubles by Sutherland and Forker; the women's by Smith and Angus, and the mixed by Bert Kerr and Olive Hawkins.

## Crowded Calendar

BETWEEN now and Christmas, there are five international matches including a European League match being played in this country.

On Dec. 3 in the Premier Division of the European League, England take on last season's champions, the Soviet Union, at Exeter. This is followed by a second match against the Russians at the "Y" Centre, Melrose Close, Maidstone.

Also in December, we have a visit from the popular Swedish team who will be playing matches at Teesside on Dec. 16, at Pontefract on Dec. 17 and at Northampton on Dec. 18.

Details of all these matches can be obtained from the E.T.T.A. office at 26-29 Park Crescent, London, W1N 4HA (Phone: 01-580 6312).

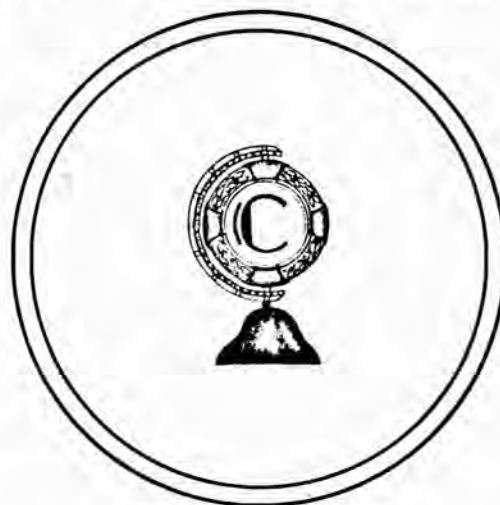
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## Great start to European League Programme. cont. from page 1

Apart from that odd lapse by Neale, the match took on a steam-roller course for England. "Man-of-the-match" can only be Chester Barnes. So many adjectives have been used over the last decade that it is difficult to find new ones. The Essex man played uncompromising, determined and superlative table tennis.

If he can keep up this consistent world-class form with wins over Schöler and now Börzsei, his elevation from No. 24 in the world rankings much surely follow.

A word of praise for Mary Wright who played well up to her No. 10 world ranking in looping and killing the new Hungarian No. 1 Angela Papp. The 19-years-old clerk from Budapest looked nervous on her first appearance in England and had little chance against Mary in determined mood.

The match which was sponsored by the Borough of Hove was played under extremely fine conditions and succeeded in every respect—except the 600 crowd hoped for numbered only 300.

Brighton's 600 league players, having lost the England Open, had

a (last?) chance to show they were still interested in watching first-class play. The Mayor of Hove, at a reception following the match, said that the next time Hungary played at Hove there would be many more spectators.

IF he has the opportunity to carry out that promise, the Mayor may need a team of wild horses to drag the Brighton players to the next international match held in the district . . . but then that's how it always has been at Brighton.

Scores:

Barnes bt F. Timar 19, 14.  
Neale lost to Börzsei 20, -19, -5.  
Mrs. Wright bt Miss A. Papp 8, 17.  
Neale/Barnes bt I. Jonyer/Timar -19, 9, 14.  
Neale/Mrs. Wright bt Jonyer/Miss Papp 13, 10.  
Barnes bt Börzsei 14, 13.  
Neale bt Timar 18, 14.

### HUNGARIANS WIN

In a second match against Hungary, played at the Civic Hall, Guildford on Nov. 21, the Hungarians gained a narrow 4-3 victory over an entirely different England team.

Scores:

A. Hydes lost to T. Klampar 18, -16, -14.  
M. Johns lost to Jonyer -13, -12.  
Miss J. Shirley bt Miss Papp 19, 20.

Hydes/Johns bt Jonyer/Timar 17, 22.  
Hydes/Miss Shirley lost to Jonyer/Miss Papp 18, -17, -15.  
Johns lost to Klampar -19, 16, -21.  
Hydes bt Jonyer 19, -21, 12.

## 11th ENGLISH CLOSED

### TOP MONEY & YELLOW BALL AT ESTON

IN association with the Teesside County Borough Council, Coca-Cola are sponsoring the 11th English Closed Championships to be held at Eston Sports Centre on January 1-3, 1970.

The maximum cash prize of £100 will be awarded to the winner of the men's singles event with a prize of £50 for the winner of the women's singles.

Entries (to D. R. Tremayne, 26-29 Park Crescent, London. WIN 4HA) close on December 8 and the draw will take place four days later.

Halex 3-star (yellow) balls will be used in conjunction with Jaques tables, the tournament Referee being Tony Chatwin of Derbyshire, a National Umpire.

The Championships will commence

on the Thursday evening with the qualifying competitions to be followed, on the Friday morning (9 a.m.) by three rounds of the two singles competitions.

Friday's afternoon session, from 2 p.m., will be devoted to three rounds of the men's and women's doubles and from 6-30 p.m., the quarter and semi-finals of all the foregoing events will be staged.

At 9 a.m. on Saturday, the mixed doubles event will be played through to the final pairs and starting at 2 p.m., will be the grand finals of all five events.

Admission charges are as follows:—Thursday: 5/- (Children and O.A.P's 2/6d.).

Friday: Morning and Afternoon 5/- (2/6d.); Evening 7/6d. (3/-).

Saturday: Morning 5/- (2/6d.) Afternoon: (Finals) 7/6d. (3/-).

Rover Ticket (inclusive) 15/- (no reductions).

Location of the Eston Sports Centre is at the junction of Redcar Trunk Road and Normanby Road taking the A1, A19 through Middlesbrough, proceeding East towards Redcar on Trunk Road.

United omnibuses Nos. 262, 224, 225 and 263 (approximately one every ten minutes). Corporation 'bus 'T', every 20 minutes, all from Middlesbrough Town Hall.

## TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date	Title and Venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Dec. 20/21	Middlesex Open, Swiss Cottage Centre, London, N.W.3.	JBS JGS VS	Miss I. Moss, 49 Okehampton Rd., Kensal Rise, London, N.W.10.
<b>1970</b>			
Jan. 1-3	English Closed Championships, Eston Sports Centre, Middlesbrough, Teesside.		D. R. Tremayne, E.T.I.A., Room 323, 26-29 Park Crescent, London, WIN 4HA.
" 4	Yorkshire Junior Open, Ferens Recreation Centre, Chanterlands Ave. North, Hull.	U-15 BS GS BD GD U-13 BS GS	R. Balmford, 205 Park Avenue, Hull, Yorks.
" 4	Winton Restricted Open, Winton Y.M.C.A., Winton, Bournemouth, Hants.	JBS JGS	Mr. J. Luther, G.F. Flat, 66 Frederica Road, Bournemouth, BH9 2NA.
" 11	Bournemouth Restricted Open, Town Hall, Bournemouth.	JS	Mr. C. J. Buck, 18 Sherwood Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.
" 17	Lancashire Open, Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Lostock, Bolton.	VS	G. T. H. Fackrell, 9 Clive Avenue, Orford, Warrington, Lancs. Closing date 31.12.69
" 17	Glamorgan Open		Mrs. S. Sturgess, 16 Turnham Green, Penylan, Cardiff, Glam.
" 18	Oxfordshire Open, The Sports Hall, Gosford Hill School, Kidlington, Oxford.	VS	Mr. P. S. Goode, 56 The Fairway, Banbury, Oxon. Closing date 1/1/70.
" 24	Exeter Junior Open, Y.M.C.A., Exeter.	U-15 BS GS	Mr. K. T. O. Ponting, 21 Southport Avenue, Redhills, Exeter, Devon.
" 24	Pontefract Restricted Open, Assembly Rooms, Pontefract.	JBS JGS VS	Mr. G. L. Johnson, 17 Rhodes Crescent, Pontefract, Yorks.
" 24/25	Kent Open, Marine Pavilion, Folkestone.	JBS JGS VS	Mr. G. Daniels, 89 Harvey Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Closing dates approximately 14 days prior to event.



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## Neale leads in Coca-Cola Award Scheme

TAKING into account performances up to and including Nov. 10 (excepting the Hungarian and Yugoslav Opens), the current situation in the Points Scheme for the Coca-Cola Award (as outlined in the October issue of Table Tennis News) finds Denis Neale out in front.

The Selection Committee decided that players selected to represent England abroad will be awarded 50 points irrespective of ranking. If, by their performances, they earn a higher number, such a number will go to their credit but not additional to the 50 which will be the minimal for all.

Neale's points, following his results in Japan, have been awarded for wins obtained against world-ranked players only.

The original conception of the Scheme did not take into account such tours as undertaken by the England No. 1. In the lead:—

1 D. Neale (Yorks.)	650
2 Mrs. K. Mathews (Middx.)	475
3 C. Barnes (Essex)	450
4 Mrs. M. Wright (Surrey)	300
5 Miss J. Williams (Sussex)	265
6 M. Johns (Ches.)	
7 Miss L. Bashford (Yorks.)	200
8 Miss J. Shirley (Bucks.)	150
9 A. Piddock (Kent)	140
= Mrs. P. Piddock (Kent)	140
11 Miss S. Hession (Essex)	130
12 T. Taylor (Herts.)	110
13 O. Haslam (Middx.)	90
14 C. Warren (Surrey)	80
15 D. Basden (Kent)	70
16 A. Hydes (Yorks.)	50
= C. Pickard (Hants.)	50
= P. Williams (Sussex)	50

Linda Bashford picked up half her points when beating Mary Wright in the North Middlesex Open while Shelagh Hession, that prolific tournament player, has amassed her total in consequence of her travels up and down the country.

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### AFFILIATION FEES

League Secretaries are reminded that E.T.T.A. Rule 10 requires affiliation fees to be paid by November 15th. Please check with your Hon. Treasurer to see that your fees have been paid. If you have misplaced the affiliation forms, further copies will be supplied on request.

### HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT

The Supplement to the Handbook is in the closing stages of production, and will contain lists of all affiliated Leagues, Counties, Individuals and other Organisations. These are extremely useful for reference purposes and copies will be sent direct to all recipients of the Handbook. However, we still require all Aff.1 forms (green) in order to show the most up-to-date information possible; so if you have not already done so, an early return would be much appreciated.

### FUND RAISING SCHEMES

(a) **Master Points Scheme.** This will be administered from the E.T.T.A.

Office, with Mrs. Betty Shipley carrying out the work involved.

(b) **E.T.T.A. Lottery — Lincoln Handicap Draw.** This will also be administered from the E.T.T.A. Office and County Secretaries will have already received a circular regarding the availability of tickets.

(c) **"100 Club".** Albert Shipley has been appointed Secretary to the Club, full details of which will be supplied on request.

ALL correspondence concerning the three Fund Raising Schemes should be addressed to the E.T.T.A. Office, Room 323, 26-29 Park Crescent, London, W1N 4HA.

### TOURNAMENT DIARIES

We still have a few E.T.T.A. Tournament Diaries available price 2/6d.

each post free. These contain details of all Open and Restricted Tournaments, home European League matches and other internationals, printed against the appropriate date. The diaries cover the full period of the 1969/70 season.

### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Secretaries are requested to address all official correspondence to the E.T.T.A. office and not to the private addresses of Derek Tremayne or Albert Shipley, in order to avoid possible delay in receipt or reply.

### PERMIT MEMBERS

Reminders have been sent to all existing members that on 1st September each year, the renewal fee of £2

becomes due. League Secretaries are asked to remind their members that anyone earning money by his skill or knowledge of table tennis should, under the rules of the E.T.T.A. register as a Permit Member.

### JAQUES TABLES FOR HIRE

This scheme has proved so popular that the allocation for the 1969/70 season has been exhausted and a waiting list is now being prepared. Further tables will not become available for hire until August, 1970. Under the terms of the Agreement with Messrs. Jaques, it is recommended that tables should not be distributed to areas where the company has an active stockist of Jaques tables. This may result in our having to refuse some applications for these 'hire' tables.



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# Open Tournament Survey

by Rea Balmford  
Ralph Gunnion  
and Laurie Landry

In the north's first top prize money tournament at Hull on November 2nd sponsored by the Hull Brewery Co. Ltd., the £25 men's singles award went to top seed Mike Johns but not before many shock results preceded his meeting with Tony Piddock.

Out went seeds Tony Clayton (3) -10, -16 to Nicky Jarvis and Ralph Gunnion (4) to Huddersfield's Malcolm Mear. Out too went such County stars as Derek Schofield (to Ron Kettlewell) and Jarvis again wielding the axe to oust Sammy Ogundipe.

In the semis, young Jarvis stretched Johns to the limit of 19 in the third while in the final, the winner's more varied game just saw him home in a set as tight as the national rankings of 7 and 8 would indicate.

Top match of the staged finals was the meeting of Karenza Mathews and Judy Williams. The English Closed champion's dogged defence saw her safely through the first game but then Karenza found her touch to level and in a ding-dong decider, the Middlesex girl picked her winners to gain a narrow verdict.

Jarvis took the boys' title, the only real threat coming from his Teesside colleague Peter Abell who beat David Rayner. Local hopes Alan Fletcher and Neil Fulstow were both shot out by rising Teesside star Jimmy Walker. Susan Lisle took the girls' title without trouble.

The men's singles title at the Birmingham Open on November 8th was won very narrowly by "Les" Haslam over Tony Clayton seeded No. 2. Only in the art of serving was the Middlesex man superior.

Surprise winner of the women's singles was Shelagh Hession, who easily beat No. 1 seed Linda Bashford, the Essex player's hardest set being in the quarters against Kath Perry.

Jarvis added the boys' title to his collection with a final victory over Rayner and Susan Lisle beat Sue Clarke to bring off her fourth open win of the season.

The only local successes were Derek Munt who, with Derek Schofield, had a fine win over Haslam and Clayton — and Jenny Cornock who, with Linda Bashford, won the women's doubles.

Down at Woolwich, over the weekend of November 8th/9th, Malcolm Sugden again headed the prize list with a final victory over Tony Piddock in a superb set to which the audience rose.

Likewise, the women's final saw Judy Williams retrieve hit after hit from Karenza Mathews, who managed to beat her after having to save several match points.

Having won the Birmingham Open on the previous day, Miss Hession was still going strong on the Sunday reaching the women's doubles semi-final in partnership with Miss Williams.

Main surprise at the Kent Junior Open, played in the Marine Pavilion,

Folkestone, over the weekend of November 1/2, was the defeat of Susan Howard by Susan Beckwith. The Essex girl hit hard and well maintaining her consistency after, perhaps, being lucky to dispose of Janet Hellaby, who was not yet 15.

Top seed, John Dabin, won the main singles event but only just. Robert Hellaby, brother of Janet, hit very well to only just lose in the semi. David Jemmett beat Simon Heaps and then lost to Paul Bishop.

## HULL AND EAST RIDING OPEN

### Men's Singles, Quarter-finals:

M. Johns (Ches) bt R. Kettlewell (Northld) -7, 8, 10; N. Jarvis (Yorks) bt S. Ogundipe (Sussex) 19, -24, 12; A. R. Piddock (Kent) bt B. Burn (Northld) 19, 16; R. J. Kelly (Lancs) bt J. M. Mear (Yorks) 14, 13.

### Semi-finals:

JOHNS bt Jarvis 14, -18, 19; PIDDOCK bt Kelly -20, 13, 10.

### Final:

JOHNS bt Piddock 19, -18, 17.

### Women's Singles, Semi-finals:

K. MATHEWS (Middx) bt P. Piddock (Kent) 16, -15, 11; J. WILLIAMS (Sussex) bt K. Perry (Warwks) 14, 14.

### Final:

MATHEWS bt Williams -16, 13, 23.

### Men's Doubles, Semi-finals:

OGUNDIPE/D. SCHOFIELD (Ches) bt Burn/Johns 14, 19; R. E. GUNNION (Warwks)/PIDDOCK bt L. A. Clayton/A. D. Fletcher (Yorks) 12, 17.

### Final:

OGUNDIPE/SCHOFIELD bt Gunnion/Piddock 13, -12, 11.

### Women's Doubles, Semi-finals:

MATHEWS/PERRY bt L. Bashford (Yorks)/Piddock -12, 8, 24; S. HESSION (Essex)/WILLIAMS bt S. M. Lisle (Lancs)/D. Schofield (Ches) 14, 18.

### Final:

MATHEWS/PERRY bt Hession/Williams -19, 14, 12.

### Mixed Doubles, Semi-finals:

JOHNS/HESSION bt J. Kedge/L. Forkes (Yorks) 14, 17; OGUNDIPE/WILLIAMS bt Piddock/Piddock 21, -9, 15.

### Final:

JOHNS/HESSION bt Ogundipe/Williams -19, 13, 19.

### Veteran Singles, Semi-finals:

T. DONLON (Ches.) bt L. J. Brownning (Yorks) -11, 13, 15; E. HILL (Yorks) bt F. Briggs (Yorks), 22, 9.

### Final:

DONLON bt Hill 11, 19.

### Boys' Singles, Semi-finals:

JARVIS bt P. Abell (Yorks) -17, 9, 20; J. WALKER (Yorks) bt N. A. Fulstow (Yorks) 19, 14.

### Final:

JARVIS bt Walker 17, 7.

### Girls' Singles, Semi-finals:

LISLE bt C. North (Yorks) 7, 15; V. KING (Yorks) bt L. F. Sutton (Yorks) 14, 22.

### Final:

LISLE bt King 14, 12.

## BIRMINGHAM OPEN

### Men's Singles, Quarter-finals:

L. A. Clayton (Yorks) bt G. Davies (Wales) 5, 18; R. E. Gunnion (Warwks) bt S. Davies (Wales) 10, 16; B. Burn (Northld) bt D. Schofield (Ches) 16, 17; O. B. Haslam (Middx) bt A. Ransome (Northld) 15, 15.

### Semi-finals:

CLAYTON bt Gunnion 18, 11; HASLAM bt Burn 22, -10, 12.

### Final:

HASLAM bt Clayton -20, 13, 19.



"LES" HASLAM  
(Middlesex)

Winner of the Birmingham Open

Photo by J. O'Sullivan.

### Women's Singles, Semi-finals:

L. BASHFORD (Yorks) bt S. Walters (nee Pegg) (Derbys) 20, 11; S. HESSION (Essex) bt J. Cornock (Warwks) 10, 16.

### Final:

HESSION bt Bashford 15, 19.

### Men's Doubles, Semi-finals:

CLAYTON/HASLAM bt N. Jarvis (Yorks)/Ransome 18, -13, 15; D. MUNT (Warwks)/SCHOFIELD bt R. Cooper (Warwks)/I. Robertson (Northld) -14, 18, 13.

### Final:

MUNT/SCHOFIELD bt Clayton/Haslam 20, -19, 19.

### Women's Doubles, Semi-finals:

BASHFORD/CORNOCK bt Hession/S. M. Lisle (Lancs) -12, 20, 17; K. PERRY (Warwks)/WALTERS bt D. Griffiths/A. Jones (Warwks) 14, 15.

### Final:

BASHFORD/CORNOCK bt Perry/Walters 16, 19.

### Mixed Doubles, Semi-finals:

GUNNION/CORNOCK bt S. Davies/J. Evans (Wales) 16, 12; RANSOME/BASHFORD bt P. Judd (Warwks)/Perry -18, 19, 10.

### Final:

RANSOME/BASHFORD bt Gunnion/Cornock -16, 17, 18.

### Veteran Singles, Semi-finals:

T. DONLON (Ches) bt D. Jackson (Ches.) 18, 19; A. SUMMERFIELD (Ches) bt B. Griffiths (Warwks) 23, 9.

### Final:

SUMMERFIELD bt Donlon 18, 14.

### Boys' Singles, Quarter-finals:

Jarvis bt A. Griffiths (Wales) -13, 16, 20; S. Heaps (Ches) bt M. Maslivec (Lancs) -16, 15, 20; P. Abell (Yorks) bt N. Fulstow (Yorks) 16, 15; D. Rayner (Yorks) bt M. Nocivelli (Wales) 16, 10.

### Semi-finals:

JARVIS bt Heaps 18, 17; RAYNER bt Abel -17, 18, 12.

### Final:

JARVIS bt Rayner 14, -19, 14.

### Girls' Singles, Semi-finals:

LISLE bt C. North (Yorks) 13, 12; S. CLARKE (Warwks) bt L. Jones (Wales) 6, 9.

### Final:

LISLE bt Clarke 11, 17.

### Boys' Doubles, Semi-finals:

R. BROADMORE/M. DAVIES (Warwks) bt B. Dunne/K. Dunning (Warwks) 16, 18; ABELL/D. BRADLEY (Yorks) bt Griffiths/Nocivelli 18, -18, 21.

### Final:

ABELL/BRADLEY bt Broadmore/Davies -19, 15, 13.

### Girls' Doubles, Semi-finals:

CLARKE/W. SLADE (Berks) bt P. Lister/L. Oliver (Yorks) 11, 14; J. DYER/J. GREEN (Ches) bt J. Carney/A. McReddie (Yorks) 8, 6.

### Final:

CLARKE/SLADE bt Dyer/Green -15, 18, 14.

## WOOLWICH OPEN

### Men's Singles, Quarter Finals:

A. Piddock (Kent) bt D. Basden (Kent) -11, 14, 20; P. Williams (Sussex) bt R. Stevens (Essex) 15, -14, 19; M. Sugden (Middx.) bt M. Johns (Ches.) 13, 11; C. Warren (Surrey) bt C. Morris (Kent) 14, 16.

### Semi-finals:

SUGDEN bt Williams 10, 13; PIDDOCK bt Warren 19, -11, 18.

Final: SUGDEN bt Piddock 11, -11, 19.

### Women's Singles, Semi-finals:

K. MATHEWS (Middx.) bt P. Piddock (Kent) -16, 20, 21; J. WILLIAMS (Sussex) bt S. Howard (Surrey) 17, -18, 15.

Final: MATHEWS bt Williams -19, 26, 9.

### Men's Doubles, Semi-finals:

O. HASLAM (Middx.)/JOHNS bt E. Coster (Herts.)/Sugden -16, 19, 18; H. BUIST (Kent)/PIDDOCK bt Basden/B. Meisel (Kent) 15, 6.

Final: HASLAM/JOHNS bt Buist/Piddock 11, 20.

### Women's Doubles, Semi-finals:

L. RADFORD/D. SIMPSON (Essex) bt Mathews/A. Taft (Middx.) 17, -11, 13; E. CARRINGTON (Essex)/PIDDOCK bt S. Hession (Essex)/Williams 17, -14, 16.

Final: RADFORD/SIMPSON bt Carrington/Piddock -13, 14, 15.

### Mixed Doubles, Semi-finals:

JOHNS/SIMPSON bt R. Penfold (Surrey)/M. Walker (Middx.) -14, 12, 15; SUGDEN/MATHEWS bt Stevens/Taft 4, 11.

Final: JOHNS/SIMPSON bt Sugden/Mathews 18, -17, 16.

### Junior Singles, Semi-finals:

J. DABIN (Kent) bt P. Guttormsen (Kent) 4, 12; M. READ (Essex) bt P. Bishop (Surrey) 18, 12.

Final: DABIN bt Read 11, 18.

# KENT JUNIOR OPEN

## UNDER-17 EVENTS

### Boys' Singles, Semi-finals:

P. TAYLOR (Herts) bt P. Bishop (Surrey) 6, -19, 8; J. DABIN (Kent) bt R. Hellaby (Essex) 15, -18, 19.

### Final:

DABIN bt Taylor -19, 18, 19.

### Girls' Singles, Semi-finals:

S. HOWARD (Surrey) bt L. Howard (Surrey) 10, 17; S. BECKWITH (Essex) bt J. Hellaby (Essex) 18, -15, 20.

### Final:

BECKWITH bt S. Howard -10, 18, 14.

### Boys' Doubles, Semi-finals:

DABIN/HELLABY bt S. Endersby/P. Guttormsen (Kent) 17, 19; R. ALDRICH/D. JEMMETT (Middx) bt Bishop/M. Locke (Essex) 8, 18.

### Final:

DABIN/HELLABY bt Aldrich/Jemmett 18, 19.

### Girls' Doubles, Semi-finals:

HOWARD/HOWARD bt S. Hamilton/S. Painter (Middx) 5, 12; L. CHESSON (Kent)/L. PACITTO (Bucks) bt Beckwith/C. Mann (Middx) -16, 16, 14.

### Final:

HOWARD/HOWARD bt Chesson/Pacitto 9, 18.

### Mixed Doubles, Semi-finals:

S. HEAPS (Ches)/L. HOWARD bt

Dabin/P. Brenchley (Kent) 15, 14; TAYLOR/S. HOWARD bt B. Johns (Ches)/Hellaby 17, 13.

### Final:

HEAPS/L. HOWARD bt Taylor/S. Howard 18, 18.

## UNDER-15 EVENTS

### Boys' Singles, Semi-finals:

TAYLOR bt B. Johns 18, 16; HEAPS bt P. Endersby (Kent) 9, 26.

### Final:

TAYLOR bt Heaps -18, 18, 21.

### Girls' Singles, Semi-finals:

HELLABY bt Pacitto 9, 18; L. HOWARD bt G. Macrae (Surrey) 7, 17.

### Final:

HELLABY bt L. Howard 18, 15.

### Boys' Doubles, Semi-finals:

ALDRICH/GUTTORMSEN bt G. Harding (Berks)/J. Willson (Essex) 13, -18, 19; HEAPS/TAYLOR bt M. Bawden (Essex)/K. Matthews (Berks) 18, 13.

### Final:

HEAPS/TAYLOR bt Aldrich/Guttormsen 18, -17, 18.

### Girls' Doubles, Semi-finals:

L. HOWARD/PACITTO bt L. Gresswell (Kent)/E. Tarten (Essex) 19, 16; HELLABY/S. READ (Essex) bt P. Heale/J. Kelly (Essex) 2, 7.

### Final:

HOWARD/PACITTO bt Hellaby/Read 14, -14, 19.

### Mixed Doubles, Semi-finals:

B. JOHNS/PACITTO bt Taylor/Hellaby -17, 17, 23; HEAPS/L. HOWARD bt Guttormsen/A. Chesson (Kent) 7, 18.

### Final:

HEAPS/HOWARD bt Johns/Pacitto 11, 17.

## UNDER-13 EVENTS

### Boys' Singles, Semi-finals:

D. DINO-SMITH (Kent) bt A. Bowden (Essex) 15, 8; D. BANGERTER (Surrey) bt T. Everitt (Herts) 11, 15.

### Final:

DINO-SMITH bt Bangarter 13, 1.

### Girls' Singles, Semi-finals:

J. WALKER (Yorks) bt G. Taylor (Essex) 12, 10; C. STONELL (Essex) bt K. Mashford (Bucks) -16, 18, 16.

### Final:

WALKER bt Stonell 5, 6.

### Boys' Doubles, Semi-finals:

A. BAWDEN/M. THORNE (Essex) bt Everitt/B. Matthews (Berks) 16, 21; DINO-SMITH/P. KEMP (Kent) bt D. Newman/S. Newman (Essex) 4, 11.

### Final:

BAWDEN/THORNE bt Dino-Smith/Kemp 17, 12.

### Girls' Doubles, Semi-finals:

N. LESLIE (Surrey)/MASHFORD bt C. Randall/A. Terry (Sussex) 17, -17, 20; A. GEDGE (Sussex)/WALKER bt S. Cook/J. Gavin (Kent) 16, 16.

### Final:

LESLIE/MASHFORD bt Gedge/Walker -16, 15, 18.

## UNDER-11 EVENTS

### Boys' Singles, Semi-finals:

A. WILLIAMS (Berks) bt J. Newman (Essex) 18, 16; M. ROMANO (Kent) bt D. Risbridger (Kent) 20, 18.

### Final:

WILLIAMS bt Romano 9, 17.

### Girls' Singles, Semi-finals:

GEDGE bt Gavin 16, 14; L. WALES (Sussex) bt E. Baker (Kent) 9, 13.

### Final:

GEDGE bt Wales 16, 17.

## New Coaching Appointment

THE E.T.T.A. announces the appointment of Bryan Merrett to complete the team of professional staff coaches working for the Association.

He will be responsible for coaching in the Midlands and South-Western Region, Les Gresswell moves to the Eastern Region and Peter Simpson remains responsible for the Northern Region. Mr. Merrett will be senior to the other two staff coaches.

Jack Carrington will retire from full time coaching at the end of 1969 but will be retained by the E.T.T.A. in a part-time capacity.

Bryan Merritt, who has represented England in international matches more than 100 times and is 35-years-old, will take up his duties on Jan. 1, 1970, and in addition he immediately assumes the post of Deputy Team Manager responsible to Johnny Leach.

On coaching activities he will, like all staff coaches, report to General Secretary, Derek Tremayne who is in charge of the organisation of the E.T.T.A. Coaching Scheme, headed up by Coaching Committee Chairman Gordon Steggall.



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Date	Venue	Subject
Dec. 1—	Wakefield	Teachers' Course
" 2—	Skegby Hall, Mansfield	(7-30) Coaching Course
" 3—	Louth	Coaching Course
" 5—	Hull Y.P.I.	Coaching Course
" 6—	Louth	Schools' Centre
" 7—	York	Coaches' Course
" 8-11—	Chapelfield Youth Centre	(10 a.m.)
" 8-11—	Crystal Palace	National Coaching Conference
" 12—	London	National Coaches' Meeting
" 13—	Weaverham	Schools' Centre
" 14—	Bradford	All levels
" 16—	Skegby Hall, Mansfield	Coaching Course
" 19—	York	Coaching Course
" 20—	Louth	Schools' Centre
" 21—	Bingham	All levels
" 28—	Stockton	All levels

Enquiries for all sessions to P. Simpson,  
30 Vesper Gate Mount, Leeds 5 (Phone: Leeds 57510)

### PROGRAMME OF COACHING EVENTS IN EAST AREA

Dec. 1—	7-15 p.m.	Salesian College S.W.11	Coaches' Study
" 6—	10-30 a.m.	Leicester Ellis School	Schools Rally Regional Training Centre
" 7—	11-30 a.m.	Ipswich	Regional Training Centre
" 8—	7-15 p.m.	Salesian College S.W.11	Coaches' Study
" 12—	7-0 p.m.	Boreham Wood	Coaches' Study
" 13—	10-30 a.m.	Northampton Y.M.C.A.	Regional Training League Coaching
" 14—	2-0 p.m.	Daventry Y.C.	League Coaching
" 15-19 + 22—	7-0 p.m.	I.L.E.A. College Paddington St. W.1.	Coaches' Study
" 20—	1-30 p.m.	Billericay	Junior School Centre
" 28—	11-30 a.m.	Crystal Palace 1970	Regional Training
Jan. 3—	11-0 a.m.	Burford	Proficiency Awards Rally
" 10—	1-30 p.m.	Billericay	Junior Schools Centre
" 11—	11-30 a.m.	Ipswich	Regional Training
" 16—	7-0 p.m.	Boreham Wood	Coaches' Study
" 18—	10-30 a.m.	Stanmore R.A.F. Station	Mass Rally (Middlesex)
" 25—	11-30 a.m.	Crystal Palace	Regional Training
" 31—	1-30 p.m.	Billericay	Junior Schools Centre
Feb. 1—	11-0 a.m.	St. Neots Longsands School	Proficiency Awards Rally
" 8—	11-30 a.m.	Ipswich	Regional Training
" 13—	7-0 p.m.	Boreham Wood	Coaches' Study
" 21—	11-0 a.m.	St. Neots	Proficiency Awards Rally
" 21—	1-30 p.m.	Billericay	Junior Schools Centre
Mar. 1—	11-30 a.m.	Crystal Palace	Regional Training

Enquiries for all sessions to:  
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## 100 CLUB CORNER

MEMBERS of the E.T.T.A.'s "100 Club" have, over the past three years, been given the opportunity of winning nearly £1,500 in prize money.

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The annual subscription is only £12, and even when we have a full complement of one hundred members, the chance of a win will never be greater than 100 to 1.

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March, 1968	M. E. Barrett	D. Robson	D. Stanley
July, 1968	B. T. Worts	Mrs. K. Scott	R. E. Ransome
November, 1968	L. M. Bromfield	K. Dewar	R. E. Ransome
March, 1969	S. R. Dane	J. T. Ingleson	E. Lawrence
July, 1969	D. Robinson	G. A. Collins	S. H. Crevald
January, 1970	?	?	?

The next Dinner and Draw will be held in Scarborough following the English Closed Championships, the finals of which will be on the afternoon of Saturday, 3rd January, 1969, at Eston Sports Centre, Teesside.

In-between each Draw, there is the weekly and monthly Premium Bonds draw that may turn out to be very lucky for 100 Club members, as the Club holds £450 in Bonds jointly with the E.T.T.A.

Full details on how you can add your name to the list of winners are obtainable from the Club's Secretary, Albert Shipley, at the E.T.T.A. office.

## Netherlands Twice Beaten

BY GEO. R. YATES

SELDOM, I would venture to say, has an international match gone through without a single hitch as was the case in Cumberland on October 27th when, in only their second year of existence, the Millom League staged the opening match of two between England and the Netherlands at Millom School.

It really was a most well-organised affair and all credit to the local administrators. The match too, despite an 8-0 result in favour of England, was seldom lacking in interest with "Connie" Warren endearing himself to the Cumbrian public in his own inimitable style.

Twice, Tony Piddock was involved in deciding games, against Bert van der Helm and Bert Schoofs, and Dutch junior champion Veronique van der Laan fully extended Pauline, Tony's wife.

On the following night at Atkinson Vehicles Social Centre, Walton-le-Dale, a different England team made hard work of their 6-2 win over the same opposition who had sampled the delights of an overnight stay at a north country inn.

Indeed, they were indebted to debutante Linda Bashford, the youngest member of the team who replaced Judy Heaps who was not available.

The 17-years-old Middlesbrough lass displayed commendable coolness in disposing of Miss van der Laan to give England a winning 5-2 lead after "Les" Haslam had faltered in losing to van der Helm and the women's doubles had gone to the Netherlands with surprising ease.

Individual scores:-

at Millom

C. Warren bt Bert v. d. Helm 22, 10; bt B. Schoofs 14, 14. A. Piddock bt Schoofs -17, 19, 19; bt v. d. Helm 19, -15, 14. Miss J. Williams bt Miss A. Wynia 23, 9. Mrs. P. Piddock bt Miss V. v. d. Laan 17, 18. Warren/Piddock bt Helm/Schoofs 16, 14. Piddock/Williams bt Wynia/v. d. Laan 9, 18.

at Walton-le-Dale

M. Johns bt Schoofs -15, 14, 15; bt v. d. Helm 15, -14, 18. O. Haslam lost to v. d. Helm -20, -17; bt Schoofs -18, 18, 10. Mrs. K. Mathews bt Wynia -19, 15, 17. Miss L. Bashford bt v. d. Laan 20, -19, 19. Johns/Haslam bt v. d. Helm/Schoofs -18, 26, 12. Mathews/Bashford lost to Wynia/v. d. Laan -14, -16.

## First Appearances



Aukje Wynia playing in her first match in England

(Photo by John O'Sullivan)



Linda Bashford who made her senior international debut at Walton-le-Dale

(Photo by Cliff Darley)

## TAKING THE MICKEY

TOM BLUNN, Hon. Treasurer of the ETTA, wanted to contact a leading woman player during the Hull Open Championships. As the lady in question was in the one place the Treasurer was not expected to visit he asked a young lady to go in and ask the player to come out.

The young lady made no move or comment. The request was repeated but again there was no response, but a spectator pointed out that the "young lady" could not comply with the request as she was a boy!

You can be sure that the person asked was NOT Northumberland's Ian Robertson who, when last seen, sported a "skinhead". Ed.

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Future Dates: December 21st, January 18th, February 15th, March 15th, April 5th, May 10th.

For further information please contact Peter Simpson, E.T.T.A. Staff Coach (North), 30 Vesper Gate Mount, Leeds LS5 3NN. Telephone Leeds 57510.

# Master Points Scheme

## NEALE BECOMES NATIONAL MASTER

by Albert Shipley

AS a result of the reduction in the number of points required for a National Master, Denis Neale becomes the first of the men players to attain this award, which must surely be some justification for the amendment. Denis is one of our most suc-

cessful players and had amassed a total of over 13,000 points, so he fully deserves the award.

The announcement of a prize of £10 to the 1,000th Club Master has produced increased activity in this field and it looks as though Treasurer Tom Blunn will be parting with the money sooner than expected!

The first rounds of the National Team Competitions have now been completed and Master Points are due to some of the losers. These will be sent to the respective match secretaries in one batch when all of the teams from a League have been eliminated.

Tournament organisers are reminded of the need to send in their entry totals for the events in the Scheme, together with the number of ranked layers. This enables the certificates to be prepared in advance and they can then be handed to the losers at the appropriate stages of the tournament.

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## R.A.F.T.T.A.

by W/O. L. Yeoman

### INTER-COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 1969

UNDEFEATED in four matches, Maintenance Command with the greater depth of playing strength, and Air Support Command, with a well balanced side, were the clear-cut winners of the Inter-Command Championships at R.A.F. Stanmore Park on November 7th to 8th.

Results:

R.A.F.	Command	Won
1.	Maintenance .....	4
2.	Strike .....	3
3.	Air Support .....	2
4.	Training .....	1
5.	Coastal .....	0
<b>W.R.A.F.</b>		
1.	Air Support .....	4
2.	Strike .....	3
3.	Maintenance .....	2
4.	Training .....	1
5.	Coastal .....	0

A change this year increased the teams to 5-a-side which gave more players the opportunity to play for Command teams, making the competition more open.

Dick Clode, the R.A.F. singles champion, playing for Training Command, won all his sets and, for the winners, Graham Wilson lost only to Clode. Several up-and-coming players were seen especially L.A.C. Gibbins from R.A.F. Odiham playing for Air Support who won 16 of his 20 sets.

For the W.R.A.F., S.A.C.W. Gallichan played extremely well to win all her sets, and the only set that Mo Hughes lost was to this Channel Isle champion.

At the conclusion of the championships the trophies and prizes were presented to the winners and runners-up by Mrs. R. I. Jones, wife of Air Vice Marshal R. I. Jones, C.B., A.F.C., President of the Royal Air Force T.T.A.

# NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

by Leslie Davis

## SURPRISE WITHDRAWALS BY HULL AND HARLOW

ALL team secretaries will have received the results of the first round together with the draw sheets for the second in all competitions.

Unfortunately there were the usual few early withdrawals. Hull General Secretary, Tony Ross, withdrew both his Carter and Bromfield teams as did Mr. Barber for Harlow — both for domestic reasons.

Apart from this and the Watford Wilmott Cup team disqualification (due to their inability to field a team within the prescribed period) the first round preceded satisfactorily.

## WILMOTT CUP

First result in was the East London v. Chelmsford match which was a very close affair in which no player recorded a maximum. Peterborough 2, Wisbech 7 — J. Sell played well to win three for the winners.

Walthamstow 3, Ilford 6 — Veteran Brian Brumwell won his three for Ilford but not before J. Andrews had forced Brian to a 27-25 decider.

Oxford 7, St. Albans 2 — Stan Hahn's convincing triple victory contributed to his side's victory.

Brighton 6, Worthing 2 — I must comment here on Brighton's attitude to this game. Playing at home, they provided but two players — Roger Chandler and Sammy Ogundipe. These two well-known competitors achieved the desired result but could not Brighton have found a third member — no matter who — to give the visitors a chance of playing for the minority?

Slough 5, Reading 4 — Mike Lijinsky just couldn't pull it off for Reading, losing -16, -21 in the final set to Slough's M. Wald.

Willesden 8, Barking 1 — D. Johnson broke Barking's duck by beating Laurie Landry 16, 17.

Blackpool 8, Preston 1 — The score belies the fight. Either luck or lack of "staying power" conspired to bring about Preston's downfall as the five sets that went to three were all decided in Blackpool's favour.

Barnet 1, North Herts 5 — After the home side's first set triumph with D. Holden winning 21-5 in the third, North Herts, took the next five sets to win the match.

Northumberland 6, Leeds 1 — Although the Tyneside team of Peter Duncombe, Brian Burn and Peter Hoyles won comfortably, Leeds player Peter Hirst did well to win the first set 22-20 in the decider.

Leighton Buzzard 5, High Wycombe 4 — Another of those matches that must have kept players and officials on tenterhooks. P. Harmer clinched the L.B. victory by beating J. Cooper in the final set. P. Sears played remarkably well for the losers outclassing each of the Leighton players.

Southampton 7, Portsmouth 2 — Extraordinary final set figures in this West Country contest. The players: M. Putland (Exeter) and D. James (Plymouth). The score: 20-22, 25-23, 25-23!

Bury 1, Chester 8 — Five sets went to three but Chester won them! Ted Foster was Bury's lone winner.

Aldershot 3, Croydon 6 — D. Eneas, though meeting with valiant opposition, won three sets for the winners.

## ROSE BOWL

Luton 1, St. Albans 8 — Although the bare result indicates a walk-over for St. Albans, a study of the score card reveals that no less than seven sets needed a deciding game.

Bedford 0, Central London 9 — Mesdames K. Mathews, S. Hession and J. Williams simply romped through the Bedford side.

Sutton 5, Bromley 2 — It is noticeable that many matches began — possibly nervously — with a three-game first set. This was one of them. Jean Clay decided the issue by winning 21-17 in the third against Miss T. Thomas of Bromley.

Norwich 6, Gt. Yarmouth 3 — Miss S. Perry played steadily for the winners. Her victories over the Gt. Yarmouth girls were executed in straight games.

Peterborough 5, Cambridge 4 — Another match decided in the final set. Miss S. Browning played admirably to win three sets for the losers.

Southend 5, Ilford 4 — This was a very closely contested affair. The ninth set proved necessary after six sets had gone to three. The aggregate points score was a record for the first round of all the competitions.

## CARTER CUP

Staines 5, Maidenhead 4 — A cliff-hanger with four sets needing deciding games. Staines must thank their lucky stars for R. Mason.

Bletchley 2, Dunstable 7 — Score card suggests that G. Reed of Dunstable was the best player on view.

Chester 3, Manchester 6 — Only star player Tony Boasman won three sets. Ian Johns played well for the losers.

Wellingborough 7, Bedford 2 — Brothers P. and S. Crawley shared four victorious sets between them.

Wycombe 8, Newbury 1 — K. Mathews won the only game for the losers.

N. Herts 9, Dagenham 0 — No doubt about this one! Every set won two-straight and lots of single figures.

Watford 4, Willesden 5 — Two evenly matched teams excepting for Julian Colin's prominence.

Bognor 5, Crawley 4 — Another contest resolved in the final set. This was accomplished by S. Marley's 21-11, 22-20 win against Crawley's A. Terry.

Luton 5, Leighton Buzzard 4 — After 4-4, the result depended on the set between B. Carpenter and R. Prosser. The Luton boy won easily 9 and 14.

Hastings 2, Bromley 7 — G. Good played well for the losers and was rewarded with the two Hastings wins.

Worthing 2 Brighton 7 — P. Hall and D. Oldmead carried the day for Brighton.

## BROMFIELD TROPHY

Due to the large number of byes few games were played.

Romford 3, Dagenham 6 — A good win for Dagenham especially since this was their debut.

Southend 3, Barking 6 — Miss G. Locke and Miss M. Thacker

played well for their respective sides. Meeting in the last set of the evening Miss Locke (Barking) won in the third.

Cheshunt 6, N. Herts 3 — Brothers in the Carter Cup and sisters in the Bromfield! The Misses J. and S. Hartwell aided Miss L. Williams in the Cheshunt victory.

## NATIONAL CLUB

### COMPETITIONS 1969/70

Invitations to league secretaries to submit their best clubs for these competitions resulted in a much better response. This is evident in the respective figures:

	1969/70	1968/69
Men's Entries	39	7
Women's Entries	11	3

First round ties to be completed by December 14th are:—

## MEN

Valves (Coventry) v Cambridge TTC (Walsall).  
Westminster (B'gham) v Weston YMC (Bristol).  
Kents (Luton) v A.H.W. (Bletchley).  
Intl. Computers (N. Herts) v Enfield Highway WMC (Cheshunt).  
Rosebery (Chelmsford) v Lloyds Bank (London Banks).  
Ellenborough (N. Middx.) v Metro. Water Board (Walthamstow).  
Aldershot Social v Four T's (Southampton).  
Hastings (NALGO) v North Mundham (Bognor).

## WOMEN

Ormesby (Middlesbro') v Amazons (West Bromwich).  
NALGO (Hereford) v Kents (Luton).  
Leichworth Settlement (N. Herts) v Langley Sports (Slough).

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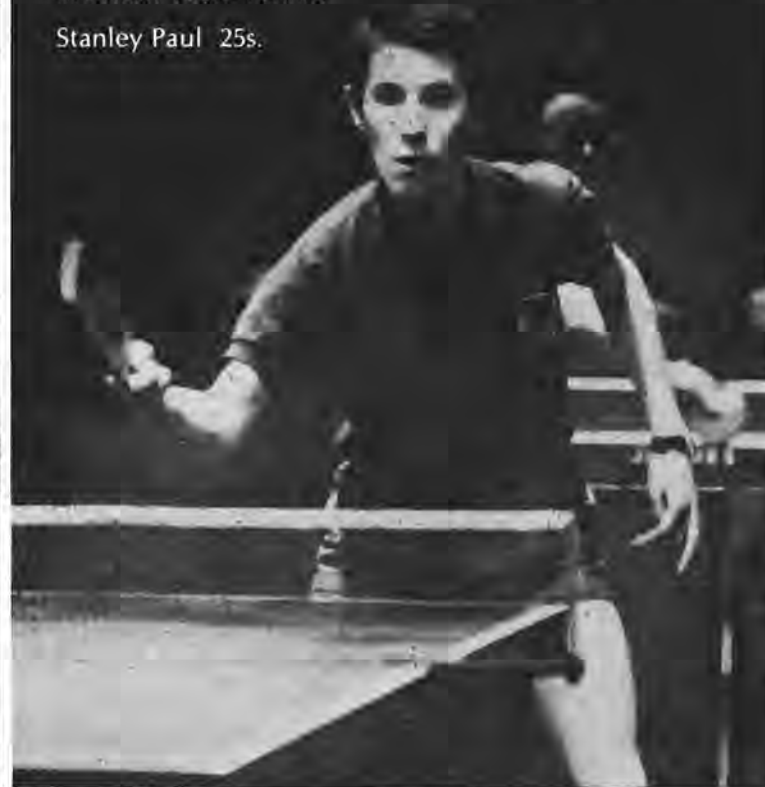
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# Midland League

by Philip Reid

## TEN DIVISIONS AND ALL GO

ALREADY there are indications that there will be exciting finishes in most of the ten divisions making up this league and none more so than in the Men's First Division where Birmingham "A" and Chesterfield "A" look likely contenders.

With Derek Munt, Paul Judd, and Barry Hill (a Premier Division player with Surrey), Birmingham seem assured of doing well but the challenge from Chesterfield (John Wallhead, Colin Deaton, and Tony Hunt) is sure to be a strong one.

Gloucester have already lost to both these teams but Roy Morley showed what a great player he still is by winning his six sets against such opposition.

Coventry "A" have made a fine start in Division 2 led by Alan Bury with P. Arkell and D. Cutcliffe also in form. Hinckley (Ernest McLeish, John Iliffe, and Maurice Newman) could be their chief challengers here with Walsall "A" and Oxford also in with a chance.

Division 3 is wide open but Chesterfield "B" (Derek Marples, Stuart Morris and D. Wilson) are the team I fancy to finish first. Walsall (B. Parsons, R. Morgan and C. Norman) have a good chance of topping the Intermediates first division though Nottingham are a force to be reckoned with.

Loughborough's team of Chris Brewer, Terry Hall and Steven Harding had put them off to a good start in Div. 2 and only Worcester, for whom D. Aston is the star, appear to have the power to stop them.

Nowhere is competition more fierce than in the Veterans' Division. Both Birmingham teams, Leicester and Walsall are fighting for honours with Birmingham "A" slight favourites. Walsall "B" have already emerged as clear favourites in Div. 2 where Harry Dixon is playing as well as ever.

Junior-wise Division 1 looks likely to be won by Birmingham "A" but not if Leicester or Nottingham have their way. Shock winners in Division 2 could be Leicester "B" who have a very young side in Sally Elsdon, Karen Rogers, Bob Davies and 9-years-old Chris Rogers.

The Women's Division looks almost sure to become another battle between Birmingham and West Bromwich and it is difficult to see who will take more than the odd set off them. It is equally difficult to forecast the eventual winners but I accept Maurice Goldstein's advice and plump for the West Brom team of Dorothy Deeley, Kath Perry, and Ann Baker.

## European Seeding List

THE European Table Tennis Union announce the following seeding list for the guidance of tournament organisers, valid up to February, 1970. During the English Open Championships at Crystal Palace an official E.T.T.U. Ranking list will be announced, and this will be valid for the European Championships in Moscow.

### MEN

1. E. Scholer (Fed. Germany)
2. D. Surbek (Yugoslavia)
3. S. Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.)
4. K. Johansson (Sweden)
5. I. Korpa (Yugoslavia)
6. A. Stipanovic (Yugoslavia)
7. H. Alser (Sweden)
8. J. Stanek (Czechoslovakia)
9. D. Neale (England)
10. V. Miko (Czechoslovakia)
11. J. Borzsei (Hungary)
12. S. Sarkhojan (U.S.S.R.)
13. T. Klampar (Hungary)
14. J. Secretin (France)
15. A. Amelin (U.S.S.R.)
16. S. Kollarovits (Czechoslovakia)

### WOMEN

1. M. Alexandru (Rumania)
  2. G. Geissler (E. Germany)
  3. S. Grinberg (U.S.S.R.)
  4. I. Vostova (Czechoslovakia)
  5. D. Scholer (Fed. Germany)
  6. Z. Rudnova (U.S.S.R.)
  7. M. Wright (England)
  8. E. Buchholz (Fed. Germany)
  9. C. Crisan (Rumania)
  10. E. Mihalca (Rumania)
  11. M. Resler (Yugoslavia)
  12. D. Hovestadt (E. Germany)
  13. A. Papp (Hungary)
  14. M. Neidert (Sweden)
  15. D. Szmit-Calinska (Poland)
  16. R. Pogosova (U.S.S.R.)
- (Marta Luzova and Agnes Simon are not included because of insufficient recent results).

### EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Premier Division	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	2	2	0	11	3	2
England	2	2	0	10	4	2
U.S.S.R.	2	2	0	9	5	2
Hungary	2	1	1	6	8	1
Fed. Germ'y	1	0	1	3	4	0
Czech'slka	2	0	2	4	10	0
France	3	0	3	6	15	0
Second Division						
Austria	2	2	0	10	4	2
Belgium	3	2	1	11	10	2
Denmark	2	1	1	10	4	1
Netherlands	2	1	1	8	6	1
Ireland	2	1	1	6	8	1
Luxemb'g	2	0	2	4	10	0
Switzerland	1	0	1	0	7	0

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# HUNGARIAN AND YUGOSLAV OPENS

by Les Gresswell

## TOUR OF MIXED FORTUNES

ON the day following the European League match in Berlin, the English party departed for Budapest to play in the Hungarian Open (Oct. 31 - Nov. 2) which, from our point of view, proved wholly disastrous.

Try as they did nobody could find form. Denis Neale lost to Temes (Hungary) 1-3, Chester Barnes to Alser 0-3, Alan Hydes to Kollar (Hungary) 2-3 and Trevor Taylor to Beleznai (Hungary) 1-3.

No man passed the second round. Mary Wright playing a whirlwind Jitka Karlikova went down 1-3 at the same stage leaving Jill Shirley alone to carry the flag into the last 16 losing 1-3 to Doris Hovestadt.

We did a little better in the doubles, but nearly all our pairs fell in the quarters, our best results being Mary and Jill losing to Diane Schöler / Agnes Simon and Hydes/Taylor who lost in the fifth after holding two set points over Dragutin Surbek/Zlatko Cordas. Results:—

### Men's Singles: Semi-finals:

**K. Johansson** (Sweden) bt D. Surbek (Yugoslavia) 21, -20, 7, 14;

**T. Klampar** (Hungary) bt H. Alser (Sweden) 18, 16, 21.

**Final:** Johansson bt Klampar 16, 15, 12.

### Women's Singles: Semi-finals:

**G. Geissler** (East Germany) bt R. Pogosova (U.S.S.R.) -11, -13, 13, 9, 20;

**D. Schöler** (Federal Germany) bt E. Mihalca (Rumania) 22, 7, 14.

**Final:** Schöler bt Geissler -16, 18, 18, -18, 6.

### Men's Doubles: Final:

**I. Jonyer/F. Timar** (Hungary) bt J. Börzsai (Hungary)/E. Schöler (Fed. Germany) 18, 15, 18.

### Women's Doubles: Final:

**Geissler/D. Hovestadt** (East Germany) bt Schöler/A. Simon (Fed. Germany) 17, -17, 17, 15.

### Mixed Doubles: Final:

**Schöler/Schöler** bt G. Averin/Anisimova (U.S.S.R.) 16, 13, -20, 5.

Minus Mary Wright and Denis Neale, our party next travelled to Yugoslavia for an international match and the Yugoslav. Open. Journeying via Belgrade, we arrived in Duga Resa, near Zagreb, to play a men's match against Istvan Korpa, Anton Stipanovic and Edvard Vecko.

I cannot praise our men too highly in winning this match 5-3 to record our first victory in a men's international against Yugoslavia for many years. A special mention of Taylor and Hydes who won two each in a nerve-racking atmosphere which even had seasoned campaigner Barnes a little unsettled.

From Duga Resa we travelled overnight by train to Sarajevo, the metropolis of Bosnia and Hercegovina, on the Miljacka river, for the 18th Yugoslav Open staged in the magnificent sports complex known as the Skenderija covering some 100,000 square metres. As usual, the tournament was excellently organised, with a vivid opening ceremony.

In the men's team event, Taylor and Hydes went down 0-3 to Stipanovic and Cordas, our players finding some difficulty with the very bright floor.

All our players performed adequately and young Taylor showed some real endeavour. Barnes lost 1-3 to a very sharp Johansson in the third round; Hydes beat Bernhard (Sweden) but lost 0-3 to Surbek in the last 16. The Yorkshire left-hander should have won two games, especially the third when he held a 20-16 lead.

Taylor also lost in the last 16, beating Gadic (Yugoslavia) in the fifth but losing to Alser 1-3 in a very close affair. Jill lost in Round 2, to Mirjana Resler, the eventual finalist.

The most urgent problem for our players throughout, was the clinching of winning leads, too many games went unnecessarily.

Although the tour was exhaustive with many hours of travelling and playing, our team conducted themselves excellently and I feel sure, especially our younger members, gained invaluable experience which should help to produce good results in the future. Results:—

### Men's Singles:

**D. Surbek** bt S. Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.) 15, -10, 16, -12, 16.

### Women's Singles:

**M. Alexandru** (Rumania) bt M. Resler (Yugoslavia) -16, -19, 15, 14, 12.

### Men's Doubles:

**H. Alser/K. Johansson** bt Gomozkov /S. Sarkhojan (U.S.S.R.) 3-2.

### Women's Doubles:

**E. Golubkova / Z. Rudnova** (U.S.S.R.) bt Alexandru/E. Mihalca (Rumania) 3-0.

### Mixed Doubles:

**J. Stanek/J. Karlikova** (Czecho.) bt T. Klampar/G. Geissler 3-2.

### International Match:

England 5 Yugoslavia 3

**C. Barnes** lost to I. Korpa -11, 9, -18; lost to A. Stipanovic -13, 20, -11; beat E. Vecko 15, 15.

**A. Hydes** bt Vecko 14, -20, 10; lost to Korpa -13, -18; bt Stipanovic 12, 15.

**T. Taylor** bt Stipanovic 18, 10; bt Vecko 18, 16.

# Myers Grove boys blaze a trail

By JOHN HAWKER



THE MYERS GROVE pathfinders . . . back row (left to right): Paul Dyson, Stephen Walker, and David Fleet; front (left to right): Daryl Bye, Ian Cundy and David Bujko

BLAZING a trail this season which, it is hoped, many other Sheffield schools will follow, are the boys of Myers Grove Comprehensive, the first school team in the history of the Sheffield and District League.

This can be the most important development in Sheffield table tennis since its inception forty years ago.

For in a sport where most players reach their peak by the age of 21, it is almost impossible for anyone to achieve star rating unless in addition to natural ability and determination they make a start of their table tennis career by the age of 15 — and much earlier if possible.

It is, however, extremely difficult for the average youngster of school age to find a club with facilities for taking up the game. There is the classical instance of the top under-13 player in the north of England, Judy Walker, who has to travel from her home in Darnall as far as Parson Cross for her table tennis — and that has only been possible thanks to the perspicacity of Meynell Youth Club, in the person of secretary Roy Pendall.

Efforts have been made in the past to initiate a Sheffield Schools' League, but they always ran into the same stumbling block — the necessity for some member of each school staff having to give up valuable spare time.

In charge of the Myers Grove table tennis squad, schoolmaster John Ibbetson is making history — indeed he is confident that other schools will follow suit very soon, and hopes to field a girls' team later on at his own school.

Myers Grove are, of course, no strangers to the sporting scene — in Sheila Sherwood they have on their staff a nationally-known figure and

only last Saturday their cross-country runners were hitting the headlines.

It may be found, however, in years to come that Ian Cundy, David Bujko, Stephen Walker, and David Fleet, the boys who make up this first-ever Sheffield school team, will have done even more to put Myers Grove, and Sheffield, on the map.

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## FIXTURE AMENDMENTS

### European League

Federal Germany v. Czechoslovakia at Freudenstadt on 18th December, 1969.

Hungary v. Federal Germany at Budapest on 4th February, 1970.

## T.T. News

### JANUARY ISSUE

Because of the Christmas and New Year Holidays the January issue of the 'T.T. News' will be approximately one week late. There will be a full report of the English Closed Championships held at Tees-side on January 1, 2, and 3, 1970.



# HOW THE SPHERES MOVE FOR YOU in DECEMBER

by Stellar

## Born between Nov. 23 and Dec. 20

Your Zodiacal sign is Sagittarius, your planet Jupiter.

The stars foretell a pleasant time socially for Sagittarians this month. New places will be visited, new friendships made. But don't be impatient with your progress at Table Tennis — success will come your way if a more rational approach is adopted.

## Born between Dec. 21 and Jan. 19

Your Zodiacal sign is Capricorn, your planet Saturn.

The leaden influences of Saturn are gradually disappearing and life will take on a brighter hue, particularly where romance is concerned. In fact, this trend continues into 1970. A Table Tennis engagement or marriage is likely.

## Born between Jan. 20 and Feb. 18

Your Zodiacal sign is Aquarius, your planet Uranus.

The accent is on travel for Aquarians and opportunities for getting away should not be ignored. The stars will look on you kindly. If Table Tennis takes you further afield, so much the better!

## Born between Feb. 19 and Mar. 20

Your Zodiacal sign is Pisces, your planet Jupiter.

This a creative time for Pisceans. Make the best of any artistic talents you may have — painting, drawing, sculpture, writing — or even improving your Table Tennis style. Your stars favour the arts

and the results could be very gratifying.

## Born between Mar. 21 and Apr. 20

Your Zodiacal sign is Aries, your planet Mars.

Arians will be happy to know that this is a good period for them financially. Outstanding debts will be paid, speculations prove successful and increased pay packets look likely! But don't let this lead you into extravagance, unless it is for the benefit of Table Tennis.

## Born between Apr. 21 and May 20

Your Zodiacal sign is Taurus, your planet Venus.

The stars favour change for Taurus this month. The average Taurus won't like this advice as he will prefer the status quo, but a change in routine will be to your advantage. A different job is possible. Certainly a change in Table Tennis tactics should pay off.

## Born between May 21 and June 20

Your Zodiacal sign is Gemini, your planet Mercury.

Geminians can't stand inactivity and fortunately for them their stars denote a very active time. Family affairs and relatives play a large part — as always. Table Tennis prospects look good but diplomacy must be used in connection with a partner.

## Born between June 21 and July 20

Your Zodiacal sign is Cancer, your planet the Moon.

A period of worry is now passing for Cancer types and their depressed mood will be over. Plans will be fulfilled, family affairs improve and burdens lifted. The improvement in your Table Tennis is also marked and wins seem likely.

## Born between July 21 and August 21

Your Zodiacal sign is Leo, your planet the Sun.

Exuberant Leos, ruled by the life-giving Sun, would be wise to calm down a bit and not burn up that abundance of energy. This applies especially towards the end of the month, when your energies should be reserved for Table Tennis.

## Born between Aug. 22 and Sept. 22

Your Zodiacal sign is Virgo, your planet Mercury.

Ambitious Virgos (and there are plenty among you) should set their sights high this month for the stars favour their plans. Try out that new idea on the boss! Any new schemes for Table Tennis should be put in hand now.

## Born between Sept. 23 and Oct. 22

Your Zodiacal sign is Libra, your planet Venus.

Librans thinking of moving house should take advantage of their stars during this period. Their good judgment will serve them well in any business dealings. Money-raising efforts for Table Tennis will have good results.

## Born between Oct. 23 and Nov. 22

Your Zodiacal sign is Scorpio, your planet Mars.

Scorpios can expect a very strenuous time ahead but must curb that tendency to make impulsive judgments. And don't expect the same high standards from others as you have yourself. An opportu-

nity for leadership comes along. Take it, especially if it is connected with Table Tennis.

## OFFICIAL NEWS

THE Formal Calendar (including dates laid down by Rule) has been compiled as follows:

### 1969 Rule

**Sunday, 30th November**  
Last day for County Associations to send in list of Local Leagues 32(bb)

**Wednesday, 31st December**  
Last day for circulation of date and venue of English Open Championships 57(a)

**Wednesday, 31st December**  
Date on which individuals cease to be Members of E.T.T.A. if they have not renewed membership of Local League, etc. 7A(b)

### 1970

**Thursday, 1st January**  
Local Leagues whose fees not paid by this date lose voting rights in elections for rest of season 11(b) (i)

**Saturday, 10th January**  
Election Calendar to be issued.

**Saturday, 28th February**  
Last day for proposed changes of Rule to reach General Secretary 59(b)

**Tuesday, 31st March**  
Last day for circulation of proposed changes of Rule 59(b)

**Tuesday, 31st March**  
Last day for payment of Local Leagues', Directly Affiliated Clubs', and Directly Affiliated Individuals' Affiliation Fees, and Registered Members' Fees to qualify for "County Rebate" 32(g)

**Thursday, 30th April**  
Last day for receipt by General Secretary of amendments to proposed changes of Rule 59 b)

**Thursday, 30th April**  
Affiliation terminates of any Local League, Directly Affiliated Club or Directly Affiliated Individual not having paid due Affiliation Fees 7A(a)

**Sunday, 31st May**  
End of Financial year 24

**Monday, 1st June**  
Last day for giving Notice of A.G.M. and sending out Agenda 29(b)

**As soon as possible after 1st June**

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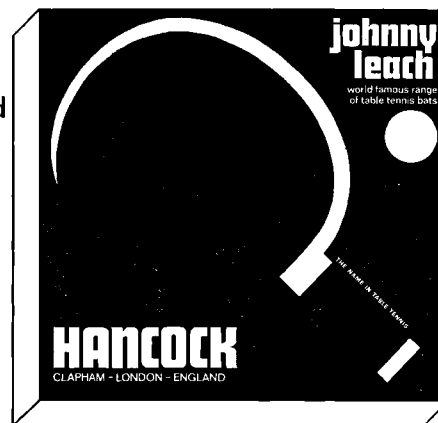
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## A QUESTION OF INCENTIVES

I HAVE read Table Tennis News for several years and consider that in many ways it gives a good coverage of our sport. However, at the same time I have attempted to increase the modest sales within our area and am concerned that, in an expanding and progressive League, the sales are, if anything, declining. This is despite numerous appeals and I have therefore attempted to discover the reason.

Firstly our readers are only from the higher echelons of the game whether they be players, administrators or spectators. Our League has about 400 players and yet we reach less than 10% of them. Why is this? It seems to me the answer is the contents of the News. Most players know of England's top players but, unless you either play in, or watch Tournaments, District matches etc., the large number of players reported on are often just names and provide little interest. Likewise reports of Official Business means little to ordinary club members. There is no doubt that such facts are a necessary part of the News but could not regular space be given to topics of more interest to the legions of players in lowly teams. In my view, regular serial articles on such topics as coaching and new and old tactics for people who have never had the chance to be taught, and even some who have, would greatly benefit the game and increase sales.

Another reason which has inhibited sales is simply the risk involved with the low margin between profit and loss. Prior to this season a 25% discount was given if an 'agent' bought 24 copies. How simple it was to get eighteen regular customers and attempt to increase sales with the other six. Thus sellers were able to slowly increase their order without undue risk to their League finances. Now the margin is much lower and it is not possible to do this.

In summary I feel that sales could be increased by both aiming the News a little more at what is probably the largest potential market and giving local Leagues a little more incentive to push sales by making the discount nearer a normal business working margin. I would be interested to see if other Leagues have views similar to my own.

G. BROWN.

199 Mill Road,  
Wellingborough.

## COLOUR BLINDED

AT a recent Premier Division match, I was asked on more than one occasion to identify the two sides as they were both wearing the same coloured shirts and shorts. I must say that besides being difficult to identify, it looked quite odd.

Cannot teams come to some arrangement when it is known that colours are to clash. Every other sports seems to, why not table tennis?

And cannot we get away from the traditional strip of maroon, green and blue shirts with grey shorts. Why not an all red strip or stripes, with socks to match of course.

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JIM BECKLEY.

41 Fountains Road,  
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All the ranking lists will go, well-told all the yarns, of the day Ten, nine, nine, nine, beat young Chester Barnes.

Such confusion would this cause, to our smashing game, that all of us must take the stuff to keep things just the same.

DON KENNY.

27 Carnarvon Road,  
Barnet, Herts.

## DEPRESSION FOR MALCOLM

THERE are many enthusiasts like myself who like to read the National chatter and would also be very pleased to see the T.T. News adopt the ecclesiastical trend in parish magazines, namely a local middle.

Divide the country into areas and encourage T.T. journalists to contribute about four pages of local gossip. This should make for increased circulation.

The article in November's issue about "Connie" Warren and other personalities were top rate but the snippets about the County were far from satisfying to the rank and file.

There are hundreds of players in my own county who may think that Malcolm Sugden is a television weather forecaster but give them more news of local matches in the town leagues and you'll sell more magazines . . . or is the answer a County rag instead of a National one!!!

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Gwynn Powell was given a fair crack of the whip with his Northants news in the November issue. 334 Leagues were listed in the official handbook (Part 11) for 1968-69 of which Wellingborough & District was just one!!—Ed.

## GRADED TOURNAMENTS MAKE FINER PLAYERS



by Tom Blunn  
Chairman of England Selectors

BY the end of the season fourteen open tournaments will have gone through the sieve of the Open Tournaments Sub-committee for graded status next season.

When the rules for graded tournaments were first announced, it was considered that they were so stringent that only a very few tournaments would be able to comply. The number of applications has been surprising and encouraging because it shows a genuine desire to improve and progress.

Some applicants are indulging in a little wishful thinking, but evidence so far is that more tournaments will meet the conditions than there are places available in the calendar. The number in mind at present is six.

The tournament season stretches from the last week in September to the second week in April, covering a period of twenty-eight weeks, which means that one graded tournament each month, the maximum number would be eight.

So the first headache for the Open Tournaments committee is to decide on the number and make a choice. This is going to be very difficult and it is almost certain that two or more tournaments in one area will have to work on a rota system each season.

The second headache is to find a new name. At the recent conference at Sheffield University, delegates felt that the word "graded" could give the wrong impression and could indicate second or lower grade, which is quite the opposite to what is intended. So, let us have some ideas please — "Super", "Five star", "Elite", etc., etc.

There is no doubt that the new money prizes are proving to be very popular. Each tournament so far had to return entries due to over applications. Players are travelling the country and even those who have little chance of winning a cash prize, find the playing and general conditions of the tournament to be very enjoyable.

The restriction on entries is always a worry for open tournament organisers and the first way to increase entries will be to eliminate junior and veteran events, and run local preliminary rounds as much as possible.

It is essential that the events should be properly timed with adequate rest for players between each round and between each event. This means that working on twelve tables on a one day tournament starting at 10 a.m., the maximum number of sets to be played is 300, in order to give adequate time for a staged finals to commence at 7-30 p.m. or earlier.

The rest period is very important to a player who is hoping to get in the prize money. It is no use expecting players to play three or four rounds of doubles consecutively and then be ready to play the men's singles semi-finals straight afterwards.

If the experiment with graded tournaments is successful, then the next step will be to consider the Junior tournaments and, as open tournaments are the life blood of table tennis, the general playing standard is bound to benefit.

## Resignation of Secretary

COLIN CLEMETT informed the National Umpires and Referees Committee at their meeting on October 26 that it was necessary for him to give up the post of Hon. Secretary to the Committee as he was shortly to take up a business appointment in the U.S.A. He expected to return to England after a two-year period in America and expressed the hope that he might be able to remain as a corresponding member of the Committee during that time.

It was noted that Colin had held office of Hon. Secretary to the Committee for 10 years and members expressed appreciation for the very substantial contribution that he had made to the work of the Committee during that time.

Pending the appointment of a new Secretary, it was agreed that as a temporary measure the administrative work of the Committee should be carried out by the following members: Acting Secretary—A. W. Shipley; Minutes Sec.—W. G. Goldfinch; Interpretation of Laws—E. G. White; Arrangements for Umpires Conference—G. A. Owen; Referees Qualification Scheme—G. James; Referees Lists (Tournament and International)—H. A. Spraggs and National Umpires Examinations — A. J. Hobday.



# E.T.T.A. Coaching Conference

by Syd Frohlick

## ANOTHER NORTHERN SUCCESS

AS with the Press, Publicity and Tournament Conference at Sheffield in September, so too was success achieved at the North West Region Coaching Conference held at Blackburn Y.M.C.A. on Sunday, October 26th.

Speakers and officials comprised D. R. Tremayne, J. H. Carrington, P. Simpson, S. Frohlick, G. R. Yates, A. Ransome, A. E. Upton all of the E.T.T.A. and Mr. J. B. Royle of the C.C.P.R., N.W. Region.

Guests included the Chairman of the N.W. Sports Council, Mr. W. F. Roberts, and his wife, Mr. C. Ainsworth of the C.C.P.R. and Miss R. E. S. Catton, the Physical Education Organiser of Blackburn.

Chairman for the morning session was George R. Yates (Editor, Table Tennis News) and the timetable ran as follows:-

### 11.00 hrs to 12.15

Syd. Frohlick (E.T.T.A. Senior Coach) reviewed and analysed coach reports.

Other reports presented by: Alan Magnall (E.T.T.A. Coach) — reporting on success of Burnley Wood School and the Burnley Table Tennis Centre. Bob Wood (E.T.T.A. Coach) — presenting details of newly-formed E.T.T.A. Schools' Centre at Fleetwood. Harold Myers — describing table tennis activities in the Blackburn area.

### 12.15 to 13.00

Jack Carrington (E.T.T.A. Director of Coaching) gave a report on the E.T.T.A. Junior Proficiency Awards Scheme. — Described as natural heir to the Schools Group Competition. Methods of training for the awards were presented including involvement of players of varying standards. David Newton and Brett Cooper assisted with practical demonstrations.

Chairman for afternoon session: Syd Frohlick.

### 14.00 to 14.45

Peter Simpson (E.T.T.A. Staff Coach) explained modern developments in match play.

—Suggested that fast counter-hitting and the loop-drive did not constitute the modern game. That players involved in counter-hitting lived off each other's speed and played to each other even though in competition. More power and less spin now required in attack and a move to more defensive play expected as a result of development of thinner sponge sur-

faces on bats as players can feel the ball on the bat.

David Newton and Brett Cooper again assisted with practical demonstrations.

### 14.45 to 15.45

Methods of improving coaching service in N.W. Group discussions chaired by: Mr. F. W. H. Coles (Lancs. Schools' T.T.A. Chairman).

### 15.45 to 16.30

Presentation of reports by chairmen.

Recommendations:

- Extra strong competition and supervision required for top juniors.
- Coaches training/assessment was inconsistent.
- Information re coaches courses should be more widely distributed.
- N.W. Area too extensive for one staff coach to control — methods of assisting to be considered.
- More use to be requested of school premises. (Mr. Roberts, Chairman of N.W. Sports Council) spoke of P.E. masters/Headmasters who were jealous to preserve facilities but that with more sports halls being built there should be a better chance of outside bodies using the facilities.
- Efforts should be made to present table tennis to teachers in parti-

cular through universities and training colleges.

- Some thought to be given to transfer of junior players from schools to league clubs.

### 16.30 to 16.45

Derek Tremayne (Gen. Sec. E.T.T.A.) summed up and thanked the chairmen, speakers, Y.M.C.A., C.C.P.R., and delegates for the success of the conference.

## CHANGE OF SECRETARY

SCOTTISH T.T.A. Secretary, Jimmie McCormack of 2, Bramdean Place, Edinburgh 10, has taken over the secretaryship of the Swaythling Club in succession to Dr. Zarko Dolinar who now joins Ichiro Ogimura as a vice-president of the Club. Press Officer Joe Veselsky is now concerning himself with the publication of the Club's first bulletin.

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**CHESHIRE**

by Jim Beckley

**TOO SOON INTO BATTLE?**

AT the time of writing Simon Heaps the younger brother of Judy, is about to make his senior debut for Cheshire at the tender age of 14.

Now although Simon is an outstanding player for his age and no doubt has a great future ahead of him, are not the Cheshire selectors throwing a lad of this age into battle too soon. The psychological effects can bear heavily on a lad of this age, could not Cheshire summon a player with more experience.

With the apparent loss of Roger Hampson to the Channel Isles and Derek Schofield to the ranks of veteran next season (that should be interesting), I reckon Cheshire are going to find life at the top somewhat difficult this season.

The two county matches played at C.C.P.R.O. and the I.C.I. works in Macclesfield were played under first-class conditions, but it's a pity that the rest of the county cannot be given the chance to play hosts to Premier Division table tennis. Apparently there just isn't the accommodation, which to me seems just a little hard to believe.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

by J. D. Ellis

**NEW SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION**

THE E.T.T.A. are now using the Bingham Sports Centre as a Regional Coaching Centre and players of all standards who wish to improve their game are welcome to attend. For full details contact your league secretary or myself, at 145a Station Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield (Phone: Suttin-in-Ashfield 2543).

Although at least one inter-town match has been played I am unable to give details as I have not received a score card. Would match secretaries please ensure that I receive a copy score card of all inter-town matches.

I was delighted to attend recently a meeting where a decision was taken to form the Mansfield and District Schools' T.T.A. — the first Schools' Association in the County. It is hoped that this may encourage Nottingham and other towns to put their "schools in order."

As Denbighshire have withdrawn from the Junior Division of the County Championships, a friendly match against Lincolnshire has been arranged for Saturday, December 13th.

**MIDDLESEX**

by Laurie Landry

**BEST OF LUCK, BRIAN**

AFTER many years service to the County, we were sad to learn of Brian Wright's retirement from playing. We wish him luck in the future.

The County side, with the re-introduction of Alan Lindsay, scored nice wins over Surrey and Sussex. The junior team with a set of new boys,

Robert Aldrich, David Jemmett, Douglas Brown and Julian Colin have got off to a good start with wins over Bucks (10-0) and Hampshire (7-3).

Middlesex players have been doing well lately with Malcolm Sugden winning the £100 Nissen as well as the Woolwich Open. "Les" Haslam opened his season's account by winning the Birmingham Open whilst Karenza Mathews has been coming into real form.

On December 20th-21st, the Middlesex Open will be held at the Hampstead Civic Centre, Winchester Road, Swiss Cottage, N.W.3. With sponsorship from Gillette Ltd., it is hoped that the new venue will be a success. We have a first class entry with all leading Middlesex players taking part.

**WARWICKSHIRE**

by Ralph Gunnion

**MIXED FEELINGS**

ANOTHER Birmingham 'Open' has come and gone — the 24th to be exact, and I am sure it will be viewed and remembered with mixed feelings — especially by the organisers.

With the advent of money prizes, cash prizes were introduced for the first time — and very good ones, considering there was no sponsorship. Unfortunately, two other tournaments were held on the same day — the Woolwich 'Open', and the Bristol 'Restricted' — all a couple of hours driving away from each other, and probably all three suffered as a result.

Not a very impressive piece of organisation.

Better luck for the Midland 'Open' in February — the only event on that day — except that I now hear that Middlesex have re-arranged their County match against Yorkshire from the Sunday to the Saturday. The same thing happened last year, following which an assurance was given that a similar clash would not be allowed. What about changing to Saturday, 31st January, and see what the organisers of the South Yorks 'Open' think about it?

Still on the tournament scene, congratulations to Derek Munt on winning his first ever Men's Singles title at the Swansea 'Open', and in an entry which included Malcolm Sugden and Peter Williams.

For sheer enthusiasm Bob Brown deserved to win the North of Scotland 'Open', after a 11-hour journey. As it was he lost in the final to Eric Sutherland, the Scottish International.

The County first and second teams were both successful in their last matches, the first team beating Nottinghamshire 8-2, and the second team beating Shropshire 7-3. The second team's win being particularly pleasing as this was an entirely new team, with Finbarr Gunning being undefeated.

In Birmingham we have just produced for the first time in 10 years a News Letter of our own — 'The Birmingham Table Tennis News'. It is to be hoped that all Birmingham players will support, what is designed to be a Magazine for all players in Birmingham, and not just the few who get mentioned in the Press and E.T.T.A. Magazine.

I hope in the next issue of the Magazine to be able to give news of all the Leagues in Warwickshire, the Birmingham Schools, the Coaching Committee, and the Umpires' Committee, as long as the various people in these organisations let me have some information.

I would like to thank all the people who supported the Tombola at the Birmingham 'Open', the players, the officials and the spectators, who bought tickets. But most of all the people who donated the prizes.

**HAMPSHIRE**

by David Cosway

**PIRATICAL TRIP IN STORE?**

AFTER a good win against Wilts., the County First Team really struggled against Dorset, who fought for every point, and a 6/4 win did not look likely at one stage.

For once the women's side of the team was not its strength, for although the twins won their doubles, Christine Davies lost to Joyce Coop and Pauline Edwards, playing with Derek Holman, lost the mixed. Once again, Chris Pickard was the star and fully justified his promotion to No. 1. An encouraging feature of this well-staged match, at Gosport, was the abundance of qualified umpires present.

The County now face the long trip to Penzance, to meet Cornwall, and one wonders whether, perhaps, a slightly shorter journey could not have been arranged with a little co-operation. Still, I suppose there could have been a table in the lighthouse at Lands End!

Hampshire's problems in the Dorset match were not helped when Holman dropped out at the last minute. Derek has been struggling this season to regain his old form, and has not been able to find the time for top-class practice, now he has moved to London. In deputising, Phil Brown had to forego his entry in the Portsmouth Open. Ray Lush moved into the second team for his first match for Hampshire, after returning to Portsmouth following a successful spell with Worcestershire.

As expected, the juniors were swamped by the might of Kent, but there were a number of close games, and Hampshire did not deserve to end without a set. Particularly praiseworthy was Janet Woolf's 19-21 in-the-third defeat by Paula Brenchley.

In the inter-town league, Portsmouth dented Bournemouth's championship hopes, in both the mixed and junior divisions. In the mixed match Bournemouth fielded a weakened team but were convincingly beaten 9-3 by Portsmouth's women. The junior defeat was perhaps more predictable for Bournemouth are playing their top juniors in the mixed second team, and building for the future. Great credit is attached to Portsmouth's 9-1 win for they have not done well in recent years, and added to their laurels by drawing with Southampton in a later match. Southampton, without Stuart Tannahill and Nicky Chulk, led 4/0, but Portsmouth fought back well, to lead 5/4 before Southampton salvaged a point.

Janet Woolf did well to beat Chris Wilshere. Basingstoke lead the junior division with a 100% record so far.

Southampton commenced their Wilmott Cup matches with a 7-2 win over Portsmouth with David Davies and Phil Brown unbeaten for both recording wins over Ray Lush.

**SUSSEX**

by John Woodford

**JUNIOR SPONSORSHIP**

GREAT efforts continue in Sussex to keep the premier team in that division. The county are sponsoring a "squad" of young players, mainly those just out of junior territory, to tour six of the biggest open tournaments in the South.

The theory behind this move, which most but not all Sussex officials support, is that premier division players will only come from many appearances on the open circuit. The odd player might fall into our lap, like John Clarke from Lancashire, but we cannot hope for exceptional talent to come "out of the blue."

Clarke made his debut for Sussex against Kent and played better than Sussex No. 1 Peter Williams on the night, but still did not score. The great battles for supremacy between Williams and Chandler over the past two years have flared up again with the pendulum moving across in favour of Chandler who overcame his rival both at the county trials and at the Sussex Open.

Only one more victory to Roger, and Peter seems likely to lose his No. 1 rating taken from Chandler last season. The coming batch of county matches should tell us whether Sam Ogundipe or John Clarke will take the No. 3 spot.

Two other well-known young lady players, Beverley Godfrey (née Sayer) of Essex and Sandra Goldsmith (Surrey) are now in Sussex hands — they came of their own free will! Beverley now lives at East Grinstead and is expected to appear for Crawley in the forthcoming women's inter-league events backing up Daphne Barontini. Sandra is now learning to be a physical education teacher at the Chelsea College of P. E., Eastbourne.

By chance, her impending move from Surrey was known well in advance and she is becoming established in Division 1 of the Eastbourne league in weekly leagues matches.

In the Sussex men's inter-league championships, held for the first time in a Littlehampton convent gymnasium, Brighton won Division 1 with their usual ease and Lewes triumphed over Haywards Heath in Division 2.

Judy Williams, with the aid of her No. 4 national seeding, is proving as difficult as ever to beat in tournaments, reaching a number of singles and doubles finals all over the country and taking the North of England title at Manchester. Her principal understudies, Carol Randall and Suzanna Kavallierou are also going great guns in tournaments and in the Brighton premier division. Both Sussex girls have recently beaten Joan Fitzsimons the Irish No. 1 in their preparation to upset more established stars.



**NORFOLK**

by J. S. Penny

**CREDITABLE DEBUTS**

NORFOLK started their senior season against Cambridgeshire at the Metal Box Company's canteen, Wisbech. This match finished honours even, Norfolk being 3-5 down then winning the last two singles. Norfolk were without the services of Betty Cassell and Edna Allen, but Edna's daughter, Jean, and Penny Melton both made a creditable debut. Penny was last season's Norfolk Junior Champion.

On the same day, at Norwich C.E.Y.M.S., Norfolk Juniors proved themselves much too strong for Cambridgeshire Juniors, being 9-1 winners. Jean Allen was playing in this match before travelling to Wisbech for the senior encounter.

We were hopeful that the Juniors might then beat Huntingdonshire at St. Neots, although Jean Allen would be playing for the seniors at Dereham, but it was not to be. Huntingdon's new blood from Kent proved a major stumbling block, and Norfolk went down 6-4.

In the Senior match, Norfolk triumphed 7-3 against the same

County. Tony Hipperson and Bob Mitcham won both their singles for Norfolk and Stan Honor beat M. Sennett but lost to P. Charlton. Hipperson and Mitcham won their doubles and Paul Gilbertson and Jean Allen the Mixed.

North Norfolk League, where the competition is not quite so fierce as in the East Anglian League of Leagues, have a points system for their leading players, awarding three points for a straight games win, and two to the winner and one to the loser in a three-gamer. King's Lynn and Wisbech head Dereham, Cromer, Wymondham and Fakenham, after each have played two matches.

Norwich League had a double victory over Great Yarmouth in the national team competitions. In the Wilmott Cup, Norwich (Hipperson, Mitcham and P. Graver) beat P. Gilbertson, D. Tasker and G. Wood by 7-2, and in the J. M. Rose Bowl it was 6-3 to Norwich Women (Mrs. Stella Parry, Marion Harrison and Mrs. V. Trayler) against Jean Allen, Lesley Read and Ann Pearson.

Norwich League have launched a new official magazine, "Monthly Mardle", a Norfolk word for a good gossip. We wish the Magazine and its Editor, Ken Edwards, every success.

**SURREY**

By John Zenthon

THE Surrey Closed will be held again this season at Goblin Works, Ermyn Way, Leatherhead, on Saturday and Sunday, 10th-11th January, 1970.

You should now be sending off for your entry forms if you haven't already done so. Forms, as usual, can be had from Stan Buchan, 124 Portnalls Road, Coulsdon, Surrey and the closing date for entries is 29th December, 1969.

This competition seems to be going from strength to strength and don't forget that even the average League players will not be out of place from the playing standard point of view.

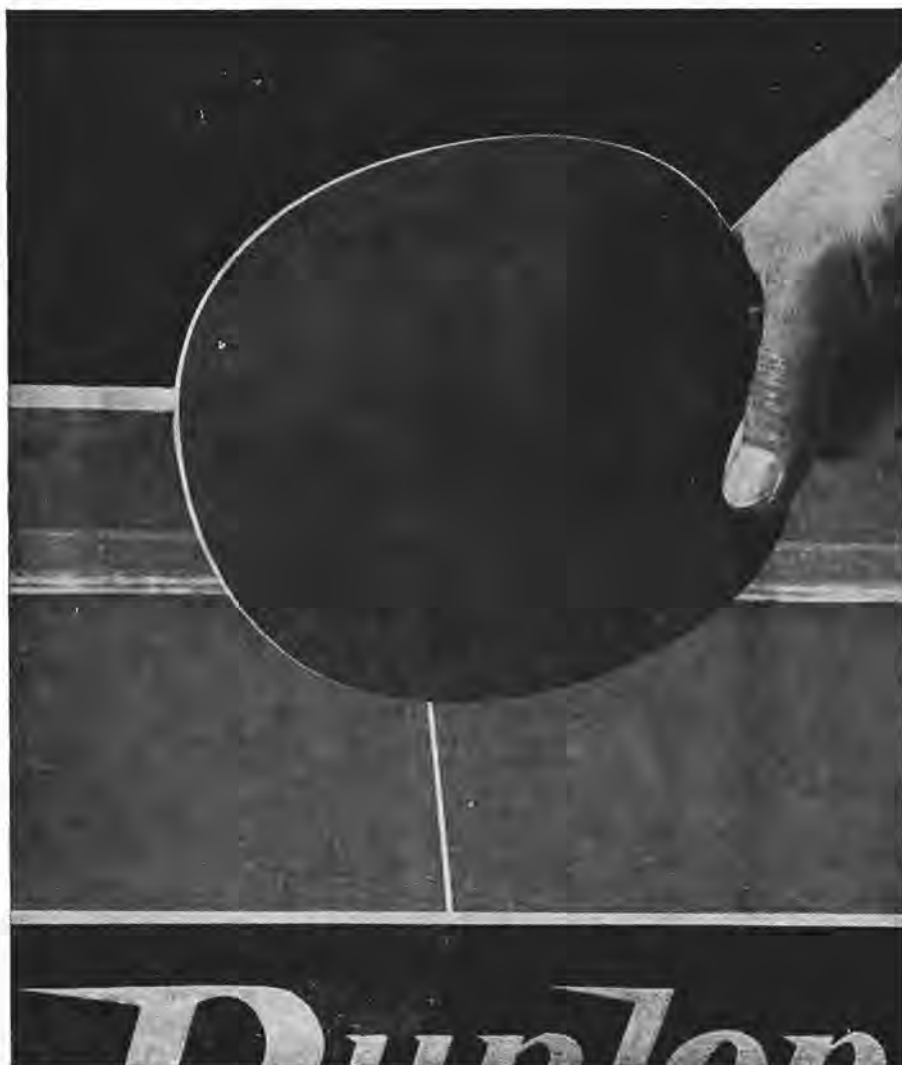
For the second year running Susan Howard, who plays for the Leatherhead and Guildford Leagues, has won the Jim Forrest Award. This award is for the junior showing outstanding improvement, dedication and sportsmanship over the past season. I am sure a great future is open both to Susan and her equally talented sister, Linda.

An interesting match in the Percy Johnson competition was when Croydon (Emecz, Horton, Eneas, Ellis) played Guildford (Miller, Brad-

street, Darlington, Phelps). The match started at 7-55 p.m. and did not finish until 12-10 a.m. notwithstanding the fact that expedite was used, it came in during the Eneas/Darlington game. A match had a very high standard of play and not a little tenseness about it (don't forget Tony Miller was playing). Perhaps it was fortunate that the match was decided in Croydon's favour (5-4) before the last set of the evening was played between Emecz and Miller.

I hear that one of the League's Match Secretaries, although given all the facts, only realised that the Percy Johnson matches had been reduced from ten to nine in the middle of one of them and feels most aggrieved. Perhaps he would have liked to have taken part in the Croydon v. Guildford match — 12-10 a.m., one more to go and an hour or so drive home!

**Stop Press:** I have only just heard that Colin Clemett is having to disappear from table tennis life, for some time at least, and is having to resign as County Secretary and from the many other positions he holds. Colin, one of the most helpful and dedicated men in the County administration, will be sorely missed and we can only hope his absence will be temporary. I hope next month, with a little more time in hand, to be able to pay to Colin the tribute he deserves.



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**HUNTINGDON AND PETERBOROUGH**

by David Obee

**JUNIORS SHOW THE WAY**

IN THEIR first match of the season, the County junior team pulled off a fine 6-4 win against Suffolk at Ipswich. Stars for the team were John Last and Max Hall, each unbeaten in their singles matches.

Linda Mellin turned in a great performance too and was unfortunate to go down by the narrowest of margins in the third game.

On the same evening as the juniors' success, last year's No. 1 junior Paul Charlton was playing at No. 2 in the County senior team, at home to Herts II.

In the opening match of the night he went down to visiting No. 1 David Seaholme, after leading 20-18 in the first game and 20-19 in the second.

This fighting performance by the Herts No. 1 inspired his team who went on to brush Hunts aside and register an otherwise effortless 10-0 win. The County will obviously miss the Maxfield twins (both at College) as well as Brian Cullis who has been posted overseas.

In the various national competitions, at the time of writing St. Neots had lost 6-0 to Cheshunt in the Wilcott Cup, and their women were due to visit Reading in the Rose Bowl.

Peterborough had lost 7-2 to Wisbech in the Wilcott Cup but the women had pulled off a good 5-4 win over Cambridge in the Rose Bowl competition.

**TEESSIDE**

by George Lambelle

ORMESBY Table Tennis Club is in the quarter-finals of the European Cup. After a tight match with Standard Liege in Belgium until the score stood at two-all, Ormesby ran away to win 5-2.

Despite the presence of English champion Denis Neale, the glory belonged to 15-years-old Nicky Jarvis, the England Junior Number One.

In the first match of the evening he beat Sanctoario, the Belgian Number Three 15-21, 21-14, 24-22. Later in the evening Sactoario defeated Neale 22-20, 21-17.

But the highlight of the evening was an inspired spell by Jarvis when he recorded a straight set-win over the Belgian Number One, Lanckman 21-14, 21-19.

Two wins by Neale and another by Alan Ransome completed the Ormesby scoring. Standard Liege's other victory was by Lanckman over Ransome.

But, quite apart from the result, it was a night to remember for the Englishmen. In fact, so far as the support of the Belgian fans was concerned, it was more like a football match.

As Ransome commented on his return home: "We saw what appeared to be members of a band coming in and assumed there would be anthems or at least some kind of a ceremony.

"But nothing happened until Nicky Jarvis went out for the first match. Then we realised the people carrying trumpets, bugles, rattles and whistles were simply the fans.

"Imagine the scene. Nicky served for the first point. The rally only lasted four strokes. Then Nicky made a mistake and lost the point.

"Then the whole place just erupted. Whistles blew, trumpets sounded . . . And the racket those rattles made had to be heard to be believed.

"One old lady was sitting right in the front row with an enormous rattle. When Sanctoario won this first point she just let it rip—right into Nicky's ear. And don't forget this was the first point of the whole match."

Not that Ormesby are complaining. By all accounts Nicky settled the old lady's hash with a glare that would have made Frankenstein run for cover and went on to win after dropping the first game.

But more important than that, the Belgians were a good audience in the true sense of the words. Naturally, Ormesby didn't expect delirious scenes when they won anything.

On the other hand sportsmanship was conspicuous by its presence. Anything achieved by an Englishman received fair applause.

And the net result? — Alan Ransome: "I think the atmosphere in the hall actually helped us to raise our games. The audience put us on our mettle and once we got used to it we got right on top."

It's a good job Ormesby were able to wrap things up by the seventh game, though. The match started at 7-30 p.m. — and didn't finish until 11-30 p.m. because of the time players stood waiting for the audience to stop cheering and rattle-swinging.

**YORKSHIRE**

by Cliff Darley

**FAMILY AFFAIR AT BAILDON**

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to Pamela Dawson (née Briggs), Ruby Cowen (née Milnes), and Linda Lowthorpe (née Twidale) all of whom have married in the close season.

Janet Pilkington made an impressive debut for Barnsley women, winning both her singles and, with Joan Rose, the doubles in a 6-4 victory over a Bradford side which included Sandra Barstow and Brenda Emmott also making their debuts.

There have been many father and son partnerships in Bradford and several pairs of brothers, but it is rare to have a mother and two daughters turning out in the league. As father plays as well, the Emmotts of Baildon hold the largest family registration in the league.

They virtually live on the premises where they play, for Harold is the caretaker of Wellfield Moravian Church, and their house is attached.

Still in Bradford, it is of interest to note that of 53 registered players in Division 1, only nine have never figured in a Yorkshire League match.

Huddersfield, without David Hirst (having his tonsils out) lost to Bradford 4-6; the first time in 15 years! Veteran Ray Hinchliffe came through with two singles, and a doubles with Geoff Brook, the other win being attributable to Stuart Sykes. Huddersfield have been champions 13 times in the last 18 seasons.

Over at Sheffield, they have two spots on the local Radio Sheffield programme, one on Friday which is repeated on Saturday lunchtime. Anything in Leeds, or elsewhere in Yorks.?

Under-13 Northern Junior champion Judy Walker made an impressive start to the season with wins over Ruby Cowen, and Christ Church new signing Pat Moore (Yorkshire Police champion for the past three seasons).

Cathie North is doing well with her new club Rotherham Y.M.C.A. and David Rayner has had good wins over England No. 1 junior Nicky Jarvis, and the current Yorkshire No. 2 Jimmie Walker in Yorkshire League matches.

Jarvis proved what a great player he is at the Hull Brewery-sponsored Hull Open with a fine victory over Sammy Ogundipe whilst Malcolm Mear beat Ralph Gunnion.

New names in the Hull Junior rankings are 10-years-old Mike Thirkettle, who reached the final of the Newbury U-11's, and Brenda Zealey. Five of the seven women ranked by Hull are juniors including 12-years-old Janet Rutter.

It is with regret I have to report the death of Roland Jakeman (York), one of the County's Hon. Auditors and a member of the Board of Appeal for many years.

Finally, congratulations to Linda Bashford on her selection to play for England against the Hungarians at Loughboro' on November 24th.



Cliff Darley's photograph is of Lynda Sutton (Hull), Yorkshire's No. 1 Junior Girl of whom the County have great hopes.

**LANCASHIRE**

by Geo. R. Yates

**BRYN FARNWORTH BREAKS LEG**

LACKING the services of John Clarke (now resident in Sussex) and, on the night, Bob Kelly recovering from tonsillitis, Bolton had occasion to call on players from far and wide for their match against Stockport at Gatley in Div. 1 of the Lancs. and Ches. League.

From the Universities of Hull and Birmingham came Alan Heap and Brian Mitchell to team up with Bryn Farnworth, opposed to Derek Schofield, Brian Kean and Don Berry. But down went the champions 7-3 with Don Berry alone the only Stockport sufferer being thrice defeated.

Further trouble hit Bolton on Saturday, October 15th, when Bryn Farnworth, playing football, sustained a broken leg the nature of which looks like keeping him in Bolton Royal Infirmary (Barnes Ward) for a deal longer than he anticipated.

Having so decisively polished off the champions, Stockport followed up with a 9-1 win over promotees Widnes, whose D. Bryning accounted for Schofield, and an 8-2 victory over Hyde when Berry lost to Wilf Crompton and Schofield was beaten by John Hilton.

After beating Chester 7-3 when represented by Tony Boasman, Jack Warne and Vince Mole, Manchester brought out their big guns for Hyde's benefit and with Kevin Forshaw and Jeff Ingber teaming up with young Boasman avenged their last season's defeat by winning 9-1. Boasman lost the one in going down to Crompton.

Burnley are the only other unbeaten team in the top flight following up their mediocre 6-4 win over Widnes by beating Liverpool, led by Tony Clayton — England's No. 11 now at Liverpool University — by a similar margin. This was George Livesey's farewell match for his home town before emigrating, on November 18th to Australia.

Star of the night however was Jack Keogh who basked in the glory of defeating Clayton and the Merseysiders' George Smith, stand-in for Gordon Birch, failed to make an impression.

Never before has a Lancashire lass done as well, so early in the season, as Susan Lisle the former Warrington player now with Manchester. To date she has won four open junior girls' titles namely: The Teesside, North of England, Hull and East Riding and the Birmingham which is not bad, to say the least, before the end of November, and the possibility of a fifth at Workington in the Cumberland Open.

A £25 cash prize for the men's singles winner of the Lancashire Open has been sponsored by Unit Pallets (KV) Ltd., of Bolton.

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**DORSET**

by Barry Weller

**IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES**

DORSET almost shook the record book a second time when they travelled to Gosport and lost 6-4 to the reigning champs Hants. in their second county match. This followed their fine performance in drawing with the previous season's winners, Worcs., and was a vast improvement on 8-2 defeats by both counties last season.

This performance against Hants. makes it clear that Dorset will be a force to reckon with in future after several seasons at the foot of the table. It was the result of a tremendous team spirit that has been with the side for the past twelve months and is now paying dividends.

Undoubtedly the outstanding performer was Joyce Coop. She repeated her last season's win over Mrs. Christine Davies by 23-21 in the final game which levelled the score at 3-3, and if Trevor Smith had beaten Chris Pickard in the next set, Dorset might well have pulled off a shock win. Smith lost narrowly 23-25, 17-21. Then Mrs. Coop teamed up with Cyril Bush to win the mixed, to level once again at 4-4. But Hants won

the last two men's singles comfortably to squeeze home. Earlier Dorset had shaken the home side by winning two of the first three men's singles, Smith beating Derek Holman and Cliff Diffeey accounting for Brian Pickard.

On this form Dorset should improve on last season's fourth place, particularly as there have been so many surprise results.

There will probably be six entries in the County League, which starts shortly. Two teams have entered from Dorchester and Weymouth, and one from Poole. But it looks as if Poole will enter a second team for the new style league, which is now a mixed competition for the first time.

Dorset boosted their funds recently when they held a jumble, and bring and buy sale, which made nearly £25.

**DEVON**

by David Bazell

**IMPACT SQUAD**

DEVON is tired of the dining-room ping-pong image with which the sport is too often associated. And in an effort to show that the game can be one of the fastest on earth and an exciting and skilful entertainment

between able players, it is going to take the sport to the public.

A mobile table and squad of county class players will be concentrating mainly on "educating" children. Preliminary plans are already under way to fix exhibition dates at schools throughout the county.

The squad will have the task of selling the game: besides capably showing the many aspects of the game in practice, strict attention will be paid to dress and behaviour.

League secretaries are being asked to earmark schools in their area to take part in the campaign. At Exmouth, one junior school has become so interested that it has helped raise money to buy a second-hand table. But to many schoolchildren, table tennis is as remote as euchre.

Already on a drive for more umpires, the county may soon have two of national standing: Keith Ponting (Exeter) and Cliff Hollywood (Plymouth) would be the county's first-ever national umpires.

County secretary for many years, Mrs. Frances Jarvis, of St. Jude's, Plymouth — she resigned recently because of the ill-health of her husband — is to be presented with an inscribed pen and pencil set during the county's first home match against Wiltshire in Division 2 West on January 10th.

It would be difficult to imagine a closer match than that between Tavistock and Tamar Secondary School (Plymouth) in the Devon section of the under-19's national schools competition played at Tavistock.

Two tables were in use and the scoring went, 1-1, 2-2, 3-3 and finally 4-4 — which meant the result had to be decided on games. But as these stood at 9-9 a count of points was necessary.

Tavistock (O'Connor, Bryning, Tresedor and Bartlett) won by 323 to 314. Tamar's team comprised Horton, Cause, James, and Briddle.

Tavistock now play the winners of Crediton G.S. and Barnstaple in the semi-finals of the tournament.

In the under-13 boys first round, Tavistock School (Russell, Gale, Gedge, and Murphy) beat Buckfast Abbey School (Whiteside, Clarke, Franklin, and Watson) 5-3.

The South Devon and Torbay League had to ask the fire service and the gas board to rename their teams submitted for this season — because both clubs decided on "Jets". When the club had a rethink they submitted their second choice . . . but both chose "Flames"!

A match in this league had to be abandoned because of "a premature baby"! two of the players were on call for St. John Ambulance Brigade!

Club facilities often fall far short of perfection but how about the club whose table is divided from a fencing class by only a curtain?

Apparently bending over near the curtain can be quite a risky business.

Cliff Hollywood has been elected vice-chairman of the county association. Chairman is Mike Lyons (Exeter).

England's top trainer Les Gresswell paid his first official visit to Exeter last month (November). Among the

coaches present to learn of the latest techniques of this important aspect of the game were Mike Lyons and Brian Worts (Exmouth).

**STAFFORDSHIRE**

by John Pike

**"A TASTE OF HONEY"**

WITH six county matches gone, Staffordshire have yet to taste defeat this season. This fine start must be encouraging to players and officials alike. The two senior teams have made this sort of start before, but it is the juniors that have really caught the eye this time.

For three good reasons the county will be forced into making changes for their remaining senior matches. Dorothy Deeley, who is expecting a baby in May, has already dropped out of the "A" team and it now looks like Derek Baddeley will only be available for selection if the county are really in trouble. Derek, who has done well as the new No. 1 this season, has already hinted to Staffs. captain, Alan Deeley, of an early retirement from the county scene. If my mind is working on the same lines as the selection committee, these changes should see Brian Keates and Kath Parry back in the "A" team for the away game with Monmouth. If Kath is selected, this will be her first game for the county since returning from Warwickshire. As things are at the moment their loss is very much our gain.

Still staying with county fixtures, I was interested to hear that Herts., Notts., Shropshire, as well as ourselves, are making some sort of effort to get veteran matches under way.

Pressure from other sports means that the county will be missing out on the 1970 coaching session at Lilleshall.

Two items of interest for the juniors. On December 7th they are holding their rally at the Northwood Sports Centre and then later this season they will be involved with the Beattie trophy, a cup, which will no longer apply to the senior players as in the past.

The new coaching facilities at the Highfield School, Wolverhampton, will be used early in December when a course has been laid on for the teaching staff. Both the local schools and the county must benefit from this new venture. The new county handbook has now been published and this has been distributed to all leagues throughout the county. I still have some spare copies if anyone else is interested.

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**NORTHANTS**

by Gwyn Powell

**INTERNATIONAL AT NORTHAMPTON**

THE main event of the month is the recently appointed International match at Northampton on Thursday, Dec. 18 when England play Sweden at the Northampton College of Technology's Sports Hall, St. George's Avenue, starting at 7-15 p.m. It will be the first match of this calibre to be held in the County and should attract a large crowd from all over the Midlands. Tickets are being allocated by Phil Rivett, 52, Greenfield Avenue, Northampton and there may still be some left at 15/- and 10/- (Cash with order).

The next home County match is against Huntingdonshire on Dec. 13 and officials of the Daventry league have been working hard to make a success of their first-ever representative match. This will take place at the Mixed Youth Club, Falconer's

Hill which has now been adopted as the league's headquarters, and will start at 7 p.m.

With the change over to three-a-side and an increased entry, Daventry now have three divisions, the leaders of which are B.B.C. 'A', Weedon Conservative Club and Newnham 'C' respectively.

In the Northampton Premier Division the champions, U.T.C. 'A' have opened up a slight gap over their closest rivals, Y.M.C.A. 'A' and with the additional signing of Pete Root look set to take the championship yet again. The Roadmender star, Nick Haycock, began the season with a tremendous unbeaten run, including victories over some of the top players in the town, which was finally brought to an end by the County Champion, Steve Lyon. This has inspired the other members of the team and as a result Roadmender are currently occupying third place. In Division 1, N.P. Bank 'A' have burst to the top as a result of good performances by Tony Fowkes and Reg

Dick and hold quite a lead over second placed U.T.C. 'B'. Some of the other pace setters are Sepulchre in Division 2, Avon 'A' in Division 3 and Manfield 'B' in Division 4.

Congratulations to National Councillor, Ken Marchant, on becoming the County's first one-star diploma coach, an honour he thoroughly deserves.

formidable side for any team in the County.

The Burton organisation is suffering at present due to stalwart Brian Smith having to curtail his activities on doctor's orders. Brian has been the power behind the County Challenge Cup these past few years, and his task has been undertaken by the Alfreton League.

The County Championships are at present undecided, for Matlock who staged the event last season, have not renewed their option and no other town has come forward as yet. The next County meeting is not until January, so the event looks like being late this season.

Derby have now opened their new headquarters — the Sherwood Foresters' Recreation Centre. There is still a deal of work to be done yet, and the driving force behind the venture is Chairman, Mike Yallop.

Derbyshire are hoping that they have discovered a second Carol Randall in young Susan Holmes of Derby. Susan, a regular player in a Celanese team, is improving with every game and her place in the County's junior team is secure.

Derby are providing the present junior talent in the County side, and when Ivor Warner strengthens his close-to-the-table game, there will be a further challenger for a place in the team.

Further honours for our National Umpire, Tony Chatwin. He is to referee the English Closed Championships at Teesside in January.

**DERBYSHIRE**

by Walter Reeves

**CAROL'S DEPARTURE BRING SUSAN 'HOLMES'**

COUNTY League matches got under way with Alfreton holding Chesterfield I to a draw. It was thanks to County No. 1 John Wallhead that Chesterfield managed a division of the spoils for he won all his three sets and helped with a doubles success.

His colleagues, F. West and D. Brown, only managed one set between them. For Alfreton, Stuart Morris — a former Chesterfield player — and Chris Jones each had two wins with Malcolm Allsop contributing one.

Matlock are having a better season, winning their opening games 8-2 and 10-0 against Derby II and Burton. R. Arnold, a student from Southampton at present attending Matlock Training College, has revived their spirits and stimulated Max Holmes, both boasting unbeaten records. With D. Ridyard completing the trio, they are a

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FIXTURES AND VENUES, DECEMBER, 1969

**PREMIER DIVISION**

- Dec. 13—Kent v. Cheshire, Duncan Bowen School, Woodchurch Turning, Ashford. 7-30 p.m.
- Northumberland v. Middlesex.
- Sussex v. Essex, North Mundham Village Hall, North Mundham, Nr. Chichester. 7-00 p.m.
- Yorkshire v. Surrey, Fields & Co., Clayton Road, Bradford. 7-00 p.m.

**SECOND DIVISION SOUTH**

- Dec. —Essex II v. Buckinghamshire, T.A. Drill Hall, Prittlewell, Southend. 7-00 p.m.
- Middlesex II v. Hertfordshire, East Finchley, T.T. Centre, 142, High Road, East Finchley, N.2. 7-30 p.m.

**SECOND DIVISION NORTH**

- Dec. 13—Cheshire II v. Lincolnshire.
- Cumberland v. Durham, Seekers Social Club, Richmond, Whitehaven. 6-30 p.m.
- Lancashire v. Northumberland II, Elgin Manufacturing Co., Spring Hill Road, Burnley. 6-30 p.m.

**SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND**

- Dec. 13—Glamorgan v. Leicestershire.
- Monmouthshire v. Staffordshire, Emmanuel Church Hall, London Street (off Chepstow Road) Newport. 7-15 p.m.
- Nottinghamshire v. Derbyshire, Nottingham T.T.L. H.Q., Beech Avenue, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. 7-00 p.m.

**SECOND DIVISION WEST**

- Dec. 13—Cornwall v. Gloucestershire, Delabole Wesley Schoolrooms, Delabole, North Cornwall. 7-30 p.m.
- Hampshire v. Devon, Winton & Moordown School, Coronation Avenue, Winton, Bournemouth. 7-00 p.m.
- Somerset v. Dorset, Y.M.C.A., High Street, Weston-super-Mare. 7-15 p.m.
- Wiltshire v. Worcestershire, The Duchy Manor School, Mere, Warminster. 7-00 p.m.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION**

- Dec. 6—Buckinghamshire II v. Oxfordshire, Slough Community Centre. 7-00 p.m.
- Hampshire II v. Worcestershire II, N.P.R.C.E., Grange Road, Gosport. 7-15 p.m.
- Dec. 13—Berkshire v. Buckinghamshire II, Y.M.C.A., Parkside Road, Reading. 7-00 p.m.
- Oxfordshire v. Hampshire II, St. Margaret's Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford. 6-30 p.m.

**MIDLAND DIVISION**

- Dec. 13—Derbyshire II v. Shropshire.
- Warwickshire II v. Denbighshire, Colebridge Youth Club, Colebrook Road, Shirley, Solihull. 7-00 p.m.

**EASTERN DIVISION**

- Dec. 12—Cambridgeshire v. Hertfordshire II, Y.M.C.A., Alexandra Street, Cambridge. 7-30 p.m.
- Dec. 13—Norfolk v. Bedfordshire, Y.M.C.A., Kings Lynn. 7-15 p.m.
- Northamptonshire v. Huntingdonshire, Mixed Youth Club, Falconers Hill, Daventry. 7-00 p.m.

**JUNIOR SOUTH**

- Dec. 6—Buckinghamshire v. Kent, Slough Community Centre. 3-00 p.m.
- Dec. 13—Hampshire v. Surrey.
- Middlesex v. Berkshire, East Finchley T.T. Centre, 142, High Road, East Finchley, N.2. 3-00 p.m.

**JUNIOR NORTH**

- Dec. 13—Cumberland v. Durham, Seekers Social Club, Richmond, Whitehaven. 3-00 p.m.
- Lancashire v. Northumberland, Elgin Manufacturing Co., Spring Hill Road, Burnley. 2-00 p.m.

**JUNIOR MIDLAND**

- Dec. 13—Derbyshire v. Leicestershire, Railway Institute, Railway Terrace, Siddals Road, Derby. 3-00 p.m.
- Warwickshire v. Northamptonshire, Coventry Chain Social Club, Spa End, Coventry. 6-30 p.m.

**JUNIOR EAST**

- Dec. 13—Bedfordshire v. Suffolk, Scout Hut, Hockliffe Road, Leighton Buzzard. 2-30 p.m.
- Essex v. Cambridgeshire, St. Luke's, Jude Street, Canning Town, London, E.16. 2-30 p.m.
- Hertfordshire v. Huntingdonshire, Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Road, South, Letchworth. 3-30 p.m.

**JUNIOR WEST**

- Dec. 6—Wiltshire v. Somerset, Upper Room, Lower Building, Youth Centre, Newtown, Bradford-on-Avon. 3-00 p.m.
- „ 11—Gloucestershire v. Monmouthshire, Ramblers Boys Club, Milton Avenue, Podsmead Road, Gloucester. 7-15 p.m.
- Dec. 14—Worcestershire v. Glamorgan, Cripplegate Bowling Pavilion, Tybridge Street, Worcester. 3-00 p.m.

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**PREMIER**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Kent	3	3	0	0	19	8	6
Middlesex	3	3	0	0	17	10	6
Yorkshire	2	2	0	0	15	3	4
Essex	3	2	0	1	18	9	4
Surrey	4	2	0	2	17	19	4
Sussex	2	0	0	2	6	12	0
N'th'm'land	4	0	0	4	10	26	0
Cheshire	3	0	0	3	6	21	0

**SECOND SOUTH**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Surrey II	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Essex II	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Kent II	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Bucks.	2	1	1	0	13	7	3
Middlesex II	2	0	0	2	6	14	0
Herts.	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Suffolk	2	0	0	2	4	16	0

**SECOND NORTH**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Yorks. II	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
N'th'm'land II	2	2	0	0	12	8	4
Cheshire II	3	2	0	1	14	16	4
Lancashire	2	1	1	0	15	5	3
Lincs.	3	0	2	1	14	16	2
Durham	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Cumberland	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

**SECOND MIDLAND**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Warwicks.	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Derbys.	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Glamorgan	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Staffs.	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Notts.	3	0	0	3	7	23	0
Leics.	3	0	0	3	3	27	0
Monmouth.	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

**SECOND WEST**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Hampshire	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Devon	2	2	0	0	12	8	4
Somerset	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Worcs.	2	1	1	0	14	6	3
Gloucs.	3	1	1	1	17	13	3
Dorset	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Wiltshire	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
Cornwall	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

**SOUTHERN**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Bucks. II	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Oxfords.	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Berkshire	3	1	1	1	17	13	3
Hants. II	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Worcs. II	3	0	0	3	7	23	0

**MIDLAND**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Staffs. II	2	2	0	0	19	1	4
Warwicks. II	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Shropshire	2	0	0	2	3	17	0
Denbighs.	1	0	0	1	1	9	0
Derbys. II	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

**EASTERN**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Bedfords.	2	1	1	0	13	7	3
Norfolk	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Herts. II	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Cambs.	2	0	2	0	10	10	2
Northants.	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Hunts.	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

**JUNIOR SOUTH**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Kent	2	2	0	0	19	1	4
Surrey	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Middlesex	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Sussex	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Hampshire	3	1	0	2	9	21	2
Berkshire	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
Bucks.	3	0	0	3	1	29	0

**JUNIOR NORTH**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Cheshire	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Lancs.	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Durham	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
N'th'm'land	1	0	0	1	1	9	0
Cumberland	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

**JUNIOR MIDLAND**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Notts.	3	1	2	0	18	12	4
Leics.	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Warwicks.	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Staffs.	2	0	2	0	10	10	2
Northants.	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Derbys.	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

**JUNIOR EAST**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Essex	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Herts.	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Hunts.	2	2	0	0	12	8	4
Norfolk	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Bedfords.	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Suffolk	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Cambs.	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

**JUNIOR WEST**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Glamorgan	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Monmouth.	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Somerset	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Wiltshire	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Worcs.	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
Gloucs.	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP**

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**WORCESTERSHIRE II 2**  
**BERKSHIRE 8**  
Superb hitting by Bob Thornton the feature of this match. John Bell v. Alf Foster produced the expected Expedite (at 8-4 in 1st!). Foster proved the better at this game and only one of 97 points decided by 13 good returns. 0-7 down, the XD victory brought Worcs. to life and Mick Yeates won a hitting duel with Duncan Campbell.

**Midland Division**  
**DENBIGHSHIRE 1**  
**STAFFORDSHIRE II 9**  
**SHROPSHIRE 3**  
**WARWICKSHIRE II 7**  
Great home start, with experienced Ken Morris and Bert Hiscock respectively overcoming Marcus Hall and Richard Cooper. But "man of the match" Finbar Gunning then stepped in and restored the status quo although sets 4-9 all very close. Fine set between Grace Gee and Andrea Jones, won by the latter's fine attack at 15, -7, 19.

**STAFFORDSHIRE II 10**  
**SHROPSHIRE 0**  
**WARWICKSHIRE II 9**  
**DERBYSHIRE II 1**

**Eastern Division**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE 5** **NORFOLK 5**  
Two wins for Alan Ponder added to the 3 taken from the Norfolk reserve women gave Cambs. their draw. Two singles successes for Norfolk's Stan Honor.

**HUNTINGDONSHIRE 0**  
**HERTFORDSHIRE II 10**  
**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 2**  
**BEDFORDSHIRE 8**  
Promising debut by Steve Lyon, losing -17, 18, -18 to experienced Colin Crowe and beating Alan Nichol. But Anita James and Barbara Hammond too good and played a big part in the visitors' revenge for last season's defeat.

**BEDFORDSHIRE 5**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE 5**

**NORFOLK 7**  
**HUNTINGDONSHIRE 3**  
An interesting match which could have been even more so had the visitors captured XD from leads of 8-2 and 18-12 in 3rd. Very friendly atmosphere.

**Junior (South)**  
**BERKSHIRE 2** **SUSSEX 8**  
Some good attacking play, particularly in GS and the meeting of the No. 1's. But too often the home players were over-anxious with the exception of Keith Matthews who (although recording no wins) produced well-controlled and intelligent play.

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 0**  
**SURREY 10**  
This match showed how far Bucks. standard has dropped—at no stage was a workmanlike Surrey side in any trouble.

**KENT 10** **HAMPSHIRE 0**  
**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 0**  
**MIDDLESEX 10**  
Bucks. again outclassed, only girls events proving of interest. Karen Mashford showing up well for Bucks., and good win for Sheila Hamilton, 16, 11 over Lesley Pacitto.

**HAMPSHIRE 3** **MIDDLESEX 7**  
Two wins at 19 in 3rd, and one at 24 in 3rd gave Middlesex the edge. Robert Aldrich in very good form although losing BD with David Jemmett in straight games to Colin Sargeant and P. Crane.

**SURREY 8** **BERKSHIRE 2**  
Garry Harding looked streets ahead of his team-mates, although Keith Matthews had the fight knocked out of him by Paul Bishop in singles and XD. His set with David Fisher the best of the match with the pokerfaced Surrey boy coming home -18, 17, 21. A gentle afternoon for the Howard sisters.

**SUSSEX 9** **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 1**  
**Junior (North)**  
**LANCASHIRE 4** **CHESHIRE 6**  
**YORKSHIRE 10** **DURHAM 0**  
**CHESHIRE 9** **CUMBERLAND 1**

**NORTHUMBERLAND 1**  
**YORKSHIRE 9**  
The greater experience of the visitors generally pulled them through when danger loomed, but did not save Jimmy Walker who led Chris Shepherd 20-15 only to lose -23, -15. Neil Fulstow and Peter Abell sparkled for Yorks., and Janet Priestley, on debut for Northumberland, hit her forehand well to 20-18 in 3rd against Linda Sutton.

**Junior (Midland)**  
**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 3**  
**LEICESTERSHIRE 7**  
The greater experience of the visitors showed at crucial points. A. Holdsworth the best player, but made to work by both J. Maloney and P. Crawley, while Steve Crawley played well to win both singles on debut.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 8**  
**DERBYSHIRE 2**  
Notts. far stronger in the boys' events but their girls (although improving) are lacking in experience at present. Good performance for visitors by 14-years-old I. Warner who took a game from David Fairholm.  
**LEICESTERSHIRE 5**  
**STAFFORDSHIRE 5**  
Keith Fellows, the star, with two good singles wins—nice win by Janet Hamer over Barbara Eardley -14, 21,

20. Enjoyable match in a division which promises to produce some close and good matches.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 5**  
**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 5**  
A fluctuating match, with a fitting result. Terry Bull took both singles and added XD in great style. All 4 girls lacking experience, and the visitors able to take home GD and GS.

**Junior (East)**  
**BEDFORDSHIRE 1** **ESSEX 9**  
**NORFOLK 9**

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE 1**  
Cambs. quite swamped by a Norfolk side which was rarely extended. Only consolation for the visitors was a straight games GD win.

**SUFFOLK 4**  
**HUNTINGDONSHIRE 6**  
A fine match in a tense atmosphere. With 2 sets at 19 in 3rd, one at 18 in 3rd Suffolk unlucky not to get a point from a team they were on a par with.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE 0**  
**HERTFORDSHIRE 10**  
What a pity that a well-above-average crowd saw the home side quite outclassed.

**HUNTINGDONSHIRE 6**  
**NORFOLK 4**  
A second win for Hunts. But the "moment of truth" likely to come on December 13th! Good luck, though, to this small County in only its second season.

**SUFFOLK 0** **ESSEX 10**  
Not at full strength, but Essex still superior in all departments. John Kitchener had interesting clash with Micky Locke before falling -15, 18, -17 and Suffolk did quite well to take 3 other sets to 16 or closer in 3rd.

**Junior (West)**  
**GLOUCESTERSHIRE 0**  
**GLAMORGAN 10**  
Disappointing for Gloucs., who have 4 of last season's team. Only the final set needed 3rd game.

**MONMOUTHSHIRE 6**  
**WILTSHIRE 4**  
A much improved Wiltshire side made Monmouths. work for their victory. Haydn Thomas and Michael Nocivelli the stars, and Ken Harrison did well for the visitors to beat Graham Sell.

**GLAMORGAN 8** **SOMERSET 2**  
**WORCESTERSHIRE 1**  
**MONMOUTHSHIRE 9**  
Mainly one way traffic. GD was close, and Worcs. success came in XD when a good start in 3rd game (Pat Woodward taking from Graham Sell) saw them eventually home -11, 10, 8.

**THE LESLIE FORREST TROPHY**  
The Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy is awarded annually to anyone in the administrative capacity in a County affiliated to the County Table Tennis Championships who has rendered the greatest contribution to Table Tennis in the County field.

The Hon. Secretary of the C.T.T.C. (Mr. J. M. Wright, 124 Russhall Avenue, Bedford Park, London, W4) will be pleased to receive from County Associations nominations for the above Award. Nominations will be received not later than 31st December, 1969.

# County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

AN extremely good win by Surrey, 5-4 over Essex, has seriously damaged the champions' chances of their 5th title in 6 years. With Middlesex weakened and Kent a useful but hardly a powerful side, the way seems clear for Yorks. to repeat their success of 1966-67.

Although their 1st team is struggling, the new Northumberland II has made a cracking start in 2nd North. Could the unlikely event of a 2nd team challenging to keep up its 1st team happen?

## Premier Division

**CHESHIRE 2 ESSEX 7**  
M. Johns lost to C. Barnes -15, -18; bt R. Stevens -10, 14, 10.  
D. Schofield lost to Barnes -12, -7; bt D. Johnson 14, -16, 9.  
B. Kean lost to Stevens -19, 12, -16; lost to Johnson -21, -19.  
Johns/Kean lost to Barnes/Stevens -16, 17, -6.  
Mrs. D. Schofield lost to Mrs. L. Radford -6, -14.  
Schofield/Schofield lost to Johnson/Radford -9, 19, -20.  
A large crowd saw Chester Barnes and Denis Johnson give Essex an early lead, and the visitors went further ahead when Derek and Doreen Schofield were pulled back from 19-12 in the 3rd of XD. Essex never looked back from here, with Barnes showing some of his great ability against the much-improved Mike Johns.

**NORTHUMBERLAND 2 YORKSHIRE 7**  
S. Lennie lost to D. Neale -16, 15, -16; lost to A. Hydes -13, 15, -18.  
P. Duncombe lost to Neale 17, -21, -15; lost to J. Kedge -20, 18, -19.  
A. Ransome lost to Hydes -13, -15; bt Kedge 13, 14.  
Duncombe/Ransome lost to Neale/Hydes 18, -17, -17.  
Mrs. M. Robson bt Miss L. Bashford -17, 17, 11.  
Lennie/Robson lost to Kedge/Bashford -20, -19.

**SURREY 3 MIDDLESEX 6**  
C. Warren lost to O. Haslam 17, -19, -14; lost to M. Sugden, -9, -9.  
R. Penfold lost to Haslam -17, -21; bt A. Lindsay 18, 20.  
B. Hill lost to Sugden 15, -7, -6; lost to Lindsay -15, -12.  
Hill/Penfold lost to Haslam/Lindsay 17, -15, -17.  
Mrs. M. Wright bt Mrs. K. Mathews -21, 10, 19.  
Warren/Wright bt Sugden/Mathews 15, -11, 17.

Middlesex too good for a Surrey team rather lacking fire—even Mary Wright a little below par and a bit lucky to take Karenza Mathews. Malcolm Sugden "man of the match" but "Connie" Warren and Barry Hill "off".

**SUSSEX 2 KENT 7**  
P. Williams lost to A. Piddock -12, -15; lost to D. Basden -18, -8.  
R. Chandler lost to Piddock -10, -10; bt H. Buist -18, 13, 15.  
J. Clarke lost to Basden 14, -17, -12; lost to Buist -19, -9.  
Chandler/Clarke lost to Buist/Piddock -12, -11.  
Miss J. Williams lost to Mrs. P. Piddock -11, -16.  
S. Ogundipe/Williams bt Basden/Piddock 13, 18.

A disappointing start by Sussex. Newcomer John Clarke (ex Lancs.) tried hard but, like his colleagues, was unable to counter some inspired play by Kent.

**ESSEX 4 SURREY 5**  
C. Barnes bt C. Warren 15, 23; bt R. Penfold 12, 15.  
D. Brown lost to Warren 16, -19, -17; bt B. Hill 13, 16.  
R. Stevens lost to Penfold -16, -15; lost to Hill -11, -12.  
Barnes & Brown bt Hill & Penfold 14, 10.  
Mrs. L. Radford lost to Mrs. M. Wright -11, -18.  
Stevens & Radford lost to Warren & Wright -10, -15.

A first class result for Surrey. The opening set, when Connie Warren got home narrowly against David Brown, the vital one.

**KENT 7 NORTHUMBERLAND 2**  
A. Piddock bt B. Burn 18, -18, 19; bt S. Lennie 9, 9.  
D. Basden lost to Burn -13, -14; bt P. Duncombe 17, 18.  
H. Buist bt Duncombe -21, 19, 18; bt Lennie 16, 12.  
Buist & A. Piddock bt Burn & Lennie 13, 15.  
Mrs. P. Piddock lost to Mrs. C. Duncombe 15, -17, -20.  
Basden & P. Piddock bt Duncombe & Duncombe -18, 19, 14.

A poor crowd saw a disappointing match, with Northumberland fighting well and a little unlucky not to get closer. Great win for Cynthia Duncombe over a disappointing Pauline Piddock, but the best set of the evening between the much improved Brian Burn and Tony Piddock.

**MIDDLESEX 5 SUSSEX 4**  
O. Haslam lost to P. Williams -16, -11; bt R. Chandler 16, 16.  
M. Sugden bt Williams 19, 19; lost to S. Ogundipe -11, 20, -16.  
A. Lindsay bt Chandler 13, 16; bt Ogundipe 18, 16.  
J. Bender & B. Petch lost to Chandler & P. Williams -13, -16.  
Mrs. K. Mathews bt Miss J. Williams 17, 18.  
Sugden & Mathews lost to Ogundipe & J. Williams -14, -18.

Good recovery for Sussex from 0-3 to 3-4 but Alan Lindsay then clinched the match for Middlesex. Karenza Mathews very steady against Judy Williams and Peter Williams in command against Les Haslam. Fine win by Sammy Ogundipe — Malcolm Sugden could not get through him but disappointing 1st team debuts by Brian Petch and Jack Bender.

**YORKSHIRE 8 CHESHIRE 1**  
D. Neale bt M. Johns 20, -19, 8; bt D. Schofield 4, -16, 10.  
A. Hydes bt Johns 18, -19, 15; bt S. Heaps 12, 17.  
J. Kedge lost to Schofield 17, -18, -16; bt Heaps 17, 10.  
Hydes & Neale bt Johns & B. Kean 14, -23, 15.  
Miss L. Bashford bt Mrs. D. Schofield 17, -22, 12.  
Kedge & Bashford bt Kean & Doreen Schofield -19, 13, 20.

A weak Cheshire team outplayed by what now must be the favourites for the title. Derek Schofield played superbly against an "in form" John Kedge to notch the visitors' only success and fully deserved his ovation

at the close. Wife Doreen also had a good match.

## Second Division (South)

**ESSEX II 8 SUFFOLK 2**  
**KENT II 6 MIDDLESEX II 4**  
The new XD pairing of Clive Morris and Ruth Wilson, and WD pairing of Wilson and Paula Brenchley, the outstanding success of the matches so far—events of recent Kent weakness. A very exciting match with the young Kent team just too good for their more experienced visitors.

**SURREY II 5 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 5**  
A very fair result, with Paul Shirley the outstanding player.

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 8 KENT II 2**  
**SURREY II 7 ESSEX II 3**

## Second Division (North)

**LANCASHIRE 10 CHESHIRE II 0**  
**LINCOLNSHIRE 4**

**NORTHUMBERLAND II 6**  
A great start by the visitors. Leading 3-0 they slumped to 3-4 (being weakened by withdrawals from WD and WS). Ron Kettlewell and Florence Kauffman took XD, then two more MS won the day. Good win early on by Kettlewell over Brian Hill by 15, -13, 17 (the former trailed badly in 3rd game).

**YORKSHIRE II 8 DURHAM 2**  
**CHESHIRE II 8 CUMBERLAND 2**  
**DURHAM 5 LINCOLNSHIRE 5**  
Durham's early 2-0 lead soon cancelled at 2-all but restored when MD went their way. Wilf Barker broke his bat in 2nd game which made this a particularly meritorious result. Connie Moran levelled the match again and then John Beaumont put Lincs. ahead for first time. XD success gave Lincs. a point, but steady play by Paul Freeman (earlier looped off by D. Armstrong) and Ernie Taylor earned a draw.

**NORTHANS II 6 YORKS. II 4**  
Another excellent win by Northumberland, with men again predominant. A real thriller — result in doubt to very end. Neil Fulstow led Ron Kettlewell 20-19 in 3rd then hit off onto Kettlewell's right fore-arm. Correctly awarded the point, Ron took the next two points for victory. Unbeaten Peter Hoyles and Arthur Chilvers outstanding.

## Second Division (Midland)

**GLAMORGAN 10**  
**MONMOUTHSHIRE 0**  
**WARWICKSHIRE 8**  
**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 2**  
**LEICESTERSHIRE 1**

**STAFFORDSHIRE 9**  
This new-look Staffs. side clearer much superior. A wonderful set between Graham Hughes and Glenn Warwick, won by Warwick at -20, 15, 19. With hit and counter-hit of the highest order this was the best set seen in Leics. for years.

**DERBYSHIRE 10**  
**LEICESTERSHIRE 0**  
With the home players in form, a 6-0 lead came fairly comfortably. The match was then "lifted" by the clash between John Wallhead and Charlie Jacques, the former winning a battle with some fine rallies at 17, -16, 21.

**MONMOUTHSHIRE 1**  
**WARWICKSHIRE 9**  
Following their drubbing from Glamorgan, Monmouths. made several changes. Michael Nocivelli, now ranked 2, the star going down to Ralph Gunnion -22, 20, -17 and accounting for Paul Judd -9, 19, 17. Haydn Thomas recaptured some old sparkle, falling to Gunnion -23, 17, -19 (but getting no joy from Derek Munt). Useful debut by Mrs. B. Roden in a match much better than 1-9 suggests.

**STAFFORDSHIRE 7**  
**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 3**  
Nice win for young Alan Croome over Derek Baddeley by -18, 10, 18.

## Second Division (West)

**HAMPSHIRE 6 DORSET 4**  
Although rather a "local derby" and despite only 2 sets needing a 3rd game, a well fought match with interest to the end. WS the highlight with Joyce Coop just getting the better of a hard fight with old rival Christine Davies by 17, -16, 21.

**SOMERSET 4 DEVON 6**  
Eric Hall the outstanding player of a very good match, but taken to 22 in 3rd by Cleve Judson. Doreen Henderson started Somerset's fight-back (from 1-4) with an Expedite win over Barbara Pearson (11, -19, 15) and the match was levelled at 4-all before Devon clinched their win.

**WILTSHIRE 5**  
**GLOUCESTERSHIRE 5**  
Bill Moulding's -16, 22, 18 win over Roy Morley the highlight, with young Richard Arney again showing his promise to win the last singles for the draw. Mrs. J. Golding refused to accept defeat by Gwen Hazell, eventually winning 20, -16, 16.

**CORNWALL 1 HAMPSHIRE 9**  
Although rather flattered by the margin (two sets won at deuce in 3rd) Hants. deserved to win a splendid match. A much better performance by Cornwall.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE 8 DORSET 2**  
Gloucs. steady improvement gave them their first victory of season. Two wins for David Harvey, first senior success for Stuart Griffin and Jean Golding and Pat Taylor again triumphant.

**WILTSHIRE 3 SOMERSET 7**  
Eric Hall, Doreen Henderson and Pat Beazer played large parts in this match, emerging unbeaten. Last 5 sets all needed deciding game, and the visitors got 6 to 9! Had Gwen Hazell continued hitting when up in 3rd of WS, and had Richard Arney more experience a different story could be written.

## Southern Division

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE II 8**  
**WORCESTERSHIRE II 2**  
Dropped from Bucks, 1st team after 24 consecutive appearances, Alec Watson heads a team that looks rather strong. Much will depend on young Robin Napper who surprisingly dropped his doubles with Watson.

**OXFORDSHIRE 6 BERKSHIRE 4**  
Keenly fought, with Alf Davies steering Oxfords. home after their 4-1 lead had been trimmed to 5-4. For the visitors Bob Thornton won both singles and the deciding factor Janet Brown (nee King) succeeding in both doubles. Good all-round home performance, and interest in the County reviving after two good victories.

**HAMPSHIRE II 3**  
**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE II 7**