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SURBEK SUPREME ON ENGLISH CIRCUIT



Dragutin Surbek is here seen holding the **Cussons Cup** which he won at Bolton with a final victory over **Denis Neale** in the men's singles event. Photo by Roger Price.

ON successive weekends last month, reigning European champion Dragutin Surbek, of Yugoslavia, hammered his way to success in two English county tournaments when he won the men's singles title of both the Lancashire and Kent Opens.

In the Lancashire Open, played at Bolton on January 17, he conquered English champion Denis Neale after disposing of Alan Hydes in the semis. And, at Folkestone on January 25, his final victim was his compatriot Istvan Korpa after the visitors had polished off Trevor Taylor and "Les" Haslam, respectively, at the penultimate stage.

No such success attended the efforts of Yugoslavia's top women, world-ranked Mirjana Resler, who lost to Jill Shirley at Bolton and to Mary Wright at Folkestone, the latter avenging her defeat of two nights previous in the Coca-Cola Trophy match at Bradford.

Over here on a reciprocal training visit, the Yugoslav quartet made up by the fledgling 15-year-old Erszebet Korpa—a cousin of Istvan—were lead by Dusan Osmanajic whose smile was just as captivating on departure as it was on arrival.



Getting down to it is Jill Shirley on her way to success over Yugoslavia's Mirjana Resler in the women's singles final of the Lancashire Open.—Photo by Tony Ross.

A fortnight's hard stint at Lilleshall, broken up by the Lancs Open in the middle weekend, and followed by an international match and the Kent Open was a strong diet for any athlete. But every credit to our visitors who made light of the strenuous schedule.

As you were above, but changes below!

The National Selection Committee have announced the following Ranking list for Open Tournaments. The previous rankings are shown in brackets.

Men

- | | |
|---------------------------|------|
| 1. Denis Neale (Yorks) | (1) |
| 2. Chester Barnes (Essex) | (2) |
| 3. Alan Hydes (Yorks) | (3) |
| 4. Trevor Taylor (Herts) | (4) |
| 5. Mike Johns (Cheshire) | (7) |
| 6. Brian Burn (N'thmbld) | (—) |
| 7. "Les" Haslam (Middx) | (9) |
| 8. Ron Penfold (Surrey) | (12) |
| 9. Tony Piddock (Kent) | (8) |
| 10. Nicky Jarvis (Yorks) | (—) |
| 11. Peter Taylor (Beds) | (—) |
| 12. Clive Morris (Kent) | (—) |

Women

- | | |
|----------------------------|------|
| 1. Mary Wright (Surrey) | (1) |
| 2. Jill Shirley (Bucks) | (2) |
| 3. Karenza Mathews (Middx) | (6) |
| 4. Pauline Piddock (Kent) | (3) |
| 5. Linda Bashford (Yorks) | (11) |
| 6. Judy Williams (Sussex) | (4) |
| 7. Shelagh Hession (Essex) | (—) |
| 8. Susan Howard (Surrey) | (10) |
| 9. Diane Simpson (Essex) | (9) |

The list has been compiled with the aid of the points awarded in the **Coca-Cola Award Scheme** but these are still subject to scrutiny, so some minor adjustments may have to be made.

The elite "A" squad has been enlarged to include the top four women players in addition to the top four men.

Missing from the previous list are:

Men: "Connie" Warren (Surrey) (6) David Brown (Essex) (9) and Tony Clayton (Yorks) (11) in addition to Brian Wright (Middx) (6) who has retired from the international and tournament scene.

Women: Judy Heaps (Ches) (5), Maureen Robson (Nthland) (7), Lesley Radford (Essex) (8) and Kath Perry (Staffs) (12).

ENGLISH OPEN

JOHNNY LEACH, England's Team Manager, has nominated the following players to represent England in the English Open Championships being held at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, London, S.E.19, on February 26-28.

Each of the following pairs will constitute a team to be entered in the International Team Competition, and the opportunity has been taken to give junior players some experience at international level.

Men.

1. D. Neale (Yorks)
C. Barnes (Essex)
2. A. Hydes (Yorks)
T. Taylor (Herts)
3. N. Jarvis (Yorks)
J. Dabin (Kent)
4. P. Taylor (Beds)
S. Heaps (Ches)

Women

1. M. Wright (Surrey)
K. Mathews (Midx)
2. J. Shirley (Bucks)
P. Piddock (Kent)
3. S. Howard (Surrey)
S. Beckwith (Essex)
4. L. Howard (Surrey)
J. Hellaby (Essex)

In the individual events, the players will form doubles partnerships as above with the mixed pairings as follows:—

- | |
|----------------------|
| D. Neale/M. Wright. |
| C. Barnes/K. Mathews |
| A. Hydes/J. Shirley |
| T. Taylor/P. Piddock |
| N. Jarvis/S. Howard |
| J. Dabin/S. Beckwith |
| P. Taylor/L. Howard |
| S. Heaps/J. Hellaby |

The draw for the championships will take place on Monday, February 9, 1970, at Room E91, Shell Mex House, Strand, W.C.2.

BUCKS OPEN

Wrongly given in last month's Tournament Diary were the dates of the Bucks Open as January 31st — February 1st. The correct dates, as given in the provisional list circulated at the beginning of the season, are March 21st-22nd. Mr. Leo Thompson is the Tournament Organiser, but forms will be obtainable from Tony Wickens at 2 Frensham Walk, Farnham Common, Slough. Phone: Farnham Common 3053.

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The English Open Championships 1970

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International Round-up

by **Conrad Jaschke**

Chairman of the E.T.T.A.



England	4	2	2	13	15	2
Hungary	2	1	1	6	8	1
Czechoslovakia	3	1	2	8	13	1
Fed. Germany	2	0	2	6	8	0
France	3	0	3	6	15	0

Austria continue their winning ways in the **Second Division**, having recorded recent victories over Switzerland and Ireland. With their remaining fixtures both in Vienna, against Luxembourg and Netherlands, Denmark can but live in hope. Latest results and positions:—

Austria	5	Switzerland	2
Belgium	3	Netherlands	4
Ireland	1	Austria	6
Netherlands	3	Switzerland	4
Luxemburg	1	Denmark	6

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	4	4	0	21	7	4
Denmark	4	3	1	22	6	3
Netherlands	4	2	2	15	13	2
Belgium	4	2	2	14	14	2
Switzerland	3	1	2	6	15	1
Ireland	4	1	3	8	20	1
Luxembourg	3	0	3	5	16	0

EUROPE CLUB CUP 1969/70

England's interest in this competition rests with Ormesby TTC, Middlesbrough who, on Thursday, January 29 were due to meet Swedish club champions, Mariestads Bois, at the Eston Sports Centre in the quarter-finals.

EUROPEAN FAIRS CUP 1969/70

Drawn in Pirmasens, Federal Germany on January 6, for clubs finishing runners-up in national competitions, the men's quarter-final draw resulted:—

- Boo KFUM Stockholm-Klinton v Meidericher TTC.47.
- Nedlloyd Amsterdam v Vasutas SC. Budapest.
- Akademik Sofia v GSTK Zagreb.
- AS. Messine Paris v SMEC Metz.

Semi-final draw for women's teams:—

- Lokomotiva Bratislava-Raca v Ferenvarosi TC. Budapest.
- 31.Epitok SC. Budapest v PSV Wien.

Matches in both competitions are to be completed by March 3, 1970. The final stages of each competition will be completed in Barcelona, Spain, in June.



JOSE TOMKINS

(photo by J. R. Harrison)

TABLE TENNIS IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS

Writing from West Hill, Ontario, this month, Mrs. Jose Tomkins

(Editor of The Canadian TTA News), says there was an encouraging response to the formation of a Schools' League in Ontario with 24 teams entering from the Toronto area.

As yet interest has only spread to about 30 miles north of the city although there are reports of activities as far away as London. The leader in London, Ontario, is a former North of England enthusiast, Eric Shuttleworth.

In Montreal, they are approaching junior development from another angle. Jacques Bobet (director of Etude en 21 Points — Denis Neale and Jaroslav Stanek) and Alan Miller have opened junior clinics in several areas of the city.

IN SCOTLAND

FOLLOWING Malcolm Sugden's successful raids on two Scottish tournaments (writes Donald Maclean) interest has centred mainly on the inter-district event. From the outset, it was clear that there were only two real contenders for the title—Edinburgh & District, and West of Scotland. Aberdeen, who might have proved a challenge to both, had no team forward.

Edinburgh's game with West of Scotland was to decide the event. The West team included new recruits Ian Barclay and Ram Bhalla (ex Northumberland), while Edinburgh were without their top player Eric Sutherland. John Hawkins made up the West team and Bert Kerr, Terry Forker and Billy Gibbs represented Edinburgh.

Edinburgh have held this title for many years, and when they ran to 2-0 and then 3-1 leads, things looked pretty good for them. West however, pulled powerfully back to lead 4-3 and the deciding victory by Barclay over Forker gave them the match.

Details:—

Barclay bt Forker, Gibbs and Kerr. Bhalls pt Gibbs; lost to Kerr and Forker.

Hawkins bt Kerr; lost to Forker.

Stirlingshire finished third. Their most successful player was veteran Willie Young, who was largely responsible for their finishing ahead of the more fancied Dundee.

There must be a considerable number of players in the English Leagues who are of Scottish birth or parentage. The Scottish committee would urge all those with aspirations to international recognition to present themselves at the Scottish tournaments. If you do enter, make it known to the officials that your antecedents are from the North of the border.

Current Scottish ranking list is:—

Men: (1) M. Sugden; (2) E. Sutherland; (3) R. Yule; (4) B. Kean; (5) R. Kerr; (6) P. Cameron; (7) J. Hawkins and (8) T. Forker.

Women: (1) Miss L. Barrie; (2) Mrs. O. Hawkins; (3) Miss K. Angus; (4) Miss E. Smith and (5) Miss L. Montague.

Boys: (1) D. Charleston; (2) A. McCulloch; (3) J. Graham.

Girls: (1) E. Smith; (2) L. Montague; (3) Ch. McBeath.

FRUSTRATION

IT was once said of Conrad Jaschke, when he occupied the position of ET TA Press Officer in the late 1950's, that he built a bridge from the Association's premises — then in Trafalgar Square — to Fleet Street.

This may well be true, but like the structure that spans the Forth, constant maintenance is a vital necessity less the girders erode.

Since those days of a single press officer, the Association now possesses three and, furthermore, boasts a Public Relations Officer as well.

But still the battle for publicity goes on, for it is only on special days that matters of consequence in the table tennis world stand a chance of being set in type by the national dailies.

King football reigns supreme and we betide a Press Officer, seeking to justify his existence, on a day following a glut of matches coupled with the race cards for three or four meetings. He has no chance.

Let the European table tennis champion enter an English county tournament, with three of his compatriots, and see what an impression this makes on the Sports Desk of most national newspapers. To be frank, they don't really want to know.

But a lengthy spell of suspension for a well known footballer, or a list of casualties suffered by some first division team or other is headline stuff.

The remedy lies not with the Association's P.R.O., nor with the three "wise" regional men backed by Press Releases—thirty-one have been issued this season so far — but with YOU the players and followers of our sport.

For sure, the Sports Editor who misses out on a Football League result will soon be told about it, so why not draw his attention to our demands. We are also readers.

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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Chairman: Conrad Jaschke.

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Maurice Goldstein, Charles M. Wyles, Keith Watts and George R. Yates.

SPONSORSHIP IDEA SPREADS. It is probably no coincidence that closely following on the E.T.T.A.'s sponsorship deal with the Coca-Cola Bottling Companies in England, news now comes from Nigeria that the Nigerian Table Tennis Association have concluded their own sponsorship deal with a soft drinks manufacturer.

This particular manufacturer—an English company with Nigerian sales outlets—is sponsoring a Nigerian Festival of Table Tennis which will take place either in November, 1970, or January, 1971.

Charles O. Itabor, the Hon. Secretary of the Nigerian Table Tennis Association, has written to invite the E.T.T.A. to send players to take part in the Festival and to follow this with a 3-week Exhibition tour of Nigeria and the sponsor will meet air travel and all expenses.

This offer is now being considered but clearly we shall want to co-operate with our friends in Nigeria by sending players. Table Tennis in Nigeria is growing very fast and those of us who met the Nigerian officials and players in Munich were most impressed by their enthusiastic approach to the development of table tennis.

SURPRISE FOR MR. PINTO. When I recently visited East Africa I had no idea that my stay in Nairobi coincided with the Kenyan National Table Tennis Championships. One of my Kenyan friends invited me to his Club in the evening and imagine my surprise when I was shown into a hall in which the Kenyan Championships were in full swing. Mr. E. P. Pinto, the Secretary of the Kenyan Table Tennis Association, could not believe his eyes any more than I could when he saw me and this was certainly one of the highlights of my visit to this part of the world.

The Kenyans have some very promising young players and although I could only watch for a very short time, the standard seemed pretty good to me.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Sweden's win over England by 6-1 in Borlange on Friday, January 9 (reported elsewhere in this issue) means that they now share top place in the Premier Division with the Soviet Union but lead on sets average. Current positions:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	3	3	0	17	4	3
U.S.S.R.	3	3	0	14	7	3

International Round-up cont.

FROM IRELAND

THE decision of Ireland's No. 1, Jim Langan, not to make himself available for the European League match against Austria in Ballymena resulted in younger brother Tony gaining his first cap (writes **Kevin Drum**).

With a team consisting of another 16-year-old, Kyra Stewart, plus Tommy Caffrey, Ireland were no match for the Austrians and suffered a crushing 6-1 defeat their only success coming in the men's doubles.

The Austrians then travelled on to Dublin to participate in the Leinster Open where their No. 2, Franz Thallinger caused a surprise by beating his compatriot Heinz Schlüter 17, -16, 18 to take the title.



HEINZ SCHLUTER

Women's singles winner was the glamorous 16 years old Austrian, Gabriele Smekal who beat Joan Fitzsimons 7 and 19.

Miss Fitzsimons and her fiance, "Connie" Warren, were on the losing end in the mixed final against Schlüter and Miss Smekal but in the women's doubles, partnered by the Austrian, success was obtained against Miss Stewart and Margaret O'Boyle.

Schlüter and Thallinger won the men's doubles beating Irish internationals Caffrey and Cliff Thompson 16 and 19 in the final.

Thompson had a straight games win over Caffrey in the quarters of the singles and this, probably, was instrumental, in regaining Thompson his place in the team to play Switzerland for the next European League match. Joan Fitzsimons, too, returns to the team displacing Miss Stewart. Caffrey leads the team.

OFFICIAL NEWS

NATIONAL COUNCILLORS

AS a result of the election of Charles Wyles to Deputy Chairman and the move of Colin Clemett to take up a job in the U.S.A., elections took place for the position of National Councillor in both Kent and Surrey. For Kent, Mr. D. N. Mitchell was returned unopposed and for Surrey, Mr. J. E. Zenthon was appointed by the County Association.

STAFF COACHES

FOLLOWING the appointment of Bryan Merrett from Gloucestershire as an E.T.T.A. Staff Coach, there has been a change in the allocation of areas for the three Staff Coaches and details are given below. Jack Carrington has been appointed E.T.T.A. Coaching Adviser, having retired from full time coaching activities.

Eastern Region (Les Greswell)

Northants, Hunts, Cambs, Norfolk, Suffolk, Beds, Herts, Essex, Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Middlesex.

Midland & S. West (Bryan Merrett)

Shropshire, Staffs, Leics, Rutland, Herefords, Worcs, Warws, Glos, Oxfords, Bucks, Berks, Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Hants.

Northern Region (Peter Simpson)

Cumberland, Northumberland, Durham, Westmorland, Yorks, Lancs, Cheshire, Derbys, Notts, Lincs.

ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

THIS year the venue for these Championships has been changed, and they will be held at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, Norwood, London, S.E.19, on 26th-28th February, 1970. A good entry from continental countries is expected and we hope you will give the event full publicity through your organisation. Tickets are available from the E.T.T.A. Office. Admission charges are as follows:-

Thursday/Friday, 26th/27th February, 10/- all day and 5/- evening only; Saturday, 28th February, 10/-.

Children will be admitted at half price during all sessions. For parties of 20 or more a reduction of 25% will be given. All seats will be unreserved.

RULE CHANGES

MAY we remind you that the last day for proposed changes of rule to reach the General Secretary is Saturday, 28th February, 1970.

Obituary



GHAFOUR ALBA

THE Iranian Table Tennis Federation regrets to announce the death, on December 14th, of its President, Mr. Ghafour Alba.

Mr. Alba was a versatile sportsman since his youth and a well known sports journalist and author in Iran. He had served as secretary to the Iranian Table Tennis Federation for fifteen years and had been its President for the last two years.

Mr. Alba was Iran's representative in the International Table Tennis Congress and had accompanied the National Iranian Table Tennis Team in all competitions abroad for many years.

He was a capable and dedicated man with a keen interest for Table Tennis, who will be sadly missed by all of us who knew him.

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A MOST successful Dinner was held at the Hotel York, Redcar, on Saturday, 3rd January, 1970, following the finals of the English Closed Championships. Sixty persons attended, and the guests included officials of the Teesside County Borough Council, and the newly-crowned champions, Mary Wright and Denis Neale.

The lucky winners in the Members Draw were:

£100—Mrs. C. McIlreath, wife of the Chairman of the Wolverhampton League.

£50—Gordon Campbell, a Bolton League official who has attended every dinner so far.

£10—Harry Flinton, Chairman of Yorkshire T.T.A.

The next meeting of the Club will be on the evening of Saturday, 28th February, at the Queens Hotel, Church Road, Crystal Palace, S.E.19, following the finals of the English Open Championships.

Membership continues to rise, and before the end of this season we are likely to see the "House Full" notices go up, so if you are contemplating joining this very sociable (and maybe profitable) section of our sport, contact Albert Shipley at the E.T.T.A. office.

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TABLE TENNIS HELPS MY CRICKET



says

JACK BOND, Lancs. Cricket Captain

WHAT is there about table tennis to make me confident it is a game that helps in my cricketering career? It is simply not just because it is a means of keeping fit although that is an important factor in the winter months. Table Tennis is a game that demands a top level of concentration and this is where it helps my cricket in general and my batting in particular. In winter there is nothing I enjoy more than to have a game or two of table tennis and I have been playing it ever since I was a boy in my early teens.

No game has undergone greater changes. At first table tennis was considered something of a "softie's" game. But all that began to change when more and more youngsters turned to it in the winter months between the two World Wars. Now it is an international sport with a terrific following and a legion of players of both sexes. A good fast game of table tennis is sport at its best. It is good for the eye and excellent for the reflexes. The speed at which the top-notchers play the game is tremendous and the international championships have become one of the world's most spectacular sporting events.

And yet it still remains the sort of game you can play in the youth clubs and the Sunday Schools. In my own little world in the Bolton area I have been playing and helping to administer table tennis for 20 years or more and it has taught me to discipline myself at all times. It is a game that can provide both pleasure and satisfaction from every angle and the man who has not fought back to win a game of table tennis after being 10-18 down has missed a sporting treat.

Like all other major competitive sports it produces a tactical side that appeals to the all-round sportsman. Playing on an opponent's strength or weakness gives you thrills as well as spills and an hour of table tennis can

be just the thing to tone up muscles, eyes and brain during the winter months. I must confess to being more of a workman than a stylist at the game but what does it matter just so long as you and your opponent enjoy yourselves?

In doubles or in singles it is a fast and all-demanding sport and I maintain it has certainly helped me to keep fit for cricket. I will go further. Table Tennis has taught me never to give in... never to accept defeat... and never to regard a match as over until the last point has gone against you or come your way. Like cricket it is a challenge at personal level — an all intriguing one at that.

Jack Bond is a member of Silcoms S.C. in the Bolton S.S.S. League and currently playing for his club's "C" team in the first division. Last season he topped the Division 2 averages with 34 wins from 39 sets giving him an average of 87% and he was the second division's individual champion beating his club colleague and fellow cricketer Keith Hurst to add to his sporting trophies. He is also a member of the Farnworth and District League being their men's doubles champion, with Gerald Leach, in seasons 1954-55 and 1955-56, and with Stanley Hutchinson in season 1961-62. Editor.

English Schools' Table Tennis Association NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Ian Crickmer

SEVEN counties, of the ten originally entering the Area contests, will have representatives amongst the eighteen teams battling at the Midland and West Region of the National Schools' Teams Championship at Portishead on February 28th.

First to qualify were the schools of Area 6, who came together at Burford, Here Berkshire, represented by Newbury High School, made a clean sweep in the girls' events — in the Under-19 and Under-13 sections, they won all matches 8-0, but a tense finish came in the Under-15 group, where 2-3 down, Newbury forced a 4-4 draw to oust Doctor Challoner's School, Amersham, on sets average.

A fourth Berkshire success came in the Boys' Under-19 event through Woodley, with two wins and a draw with the host school, Burford G.S. The other two places went to Hampshire, with Millbrook winning all three Under-15 encounters by 8-0 and Glen Eyre 6-2 victors in each of their Under-13 matches.

At Redditch, both Under-19 titles in Area 4 were taken by Northamptonshire, the boys of Trinity Grammar and the girls of Northampton High both coming through undefeated with 7-1 wins over Warwickshire and maximum successes against Worcestershire.

Warwickshire took all other championships, Brandwood winning the Girls' Under-15 and Boys' Under-13 and Turves Green the Boys' Under-15. Unopposed were Nechells Eliot

Street (Girls' Under-13) and Rookery Road (Primary).

In Area 5, Commonweal High (Swindon) defeated Yeovil Technical 6-2 for the Girls' Under-19 position, but Crediton Grammar came through the Boys' Under-19 with two 5-3 wins. Somerset triumphed in the Under-15 sections, through the host school, Gordano Comprehensive (Portishead) in the boys' group, and by the girls of Bridgwater Grammar. With only three players arriving, they recorded a 4-4 draw against Wiltshire's Saint Joseph's, the latter's second draw.

An outright win was needed to decide the section, and, despite their handicap, Bridgwater achieved this by 5-3 over Barnstaple. Devon however, had revenge when Exmouth beat their respective Somerset opponents to progress in both Under-13 groups.

Grand total entries from the three Regions (9 Areas) totalled 167 teams broken down as follows:—

Region: North

	BOYS		
	U-19	U-15	U-13
Area 1	2	2	2
Area 2	4	4	4
Area 3	2	2	2
Total Entries	8	8	8

	GIRLS			
	U-19	U-15	U-13	U-11
Area 1	1	2	2	1
Area 2	4	4	4	1
Area 3	2	2	2	2
Total Entries	7	8	8	4

Region: Midland & West

	BOYS		
	U-19	U-15	U-13
Area 4	3	3	2
Area 5	3	3	2
Area 6	4	4	3
Total Entries	10	10	7

	GIRLS			
	U-19	U-15	U-13	U-11
Area 4	3	3	1	1
Area 5	2	3	2	0
Area 6	3	3	2	0
Total Entries	8	9	5	1

Region: South & East

	BOYS		
	U-19	U-15	U-13
Area 7	3	3	3
Area 8	4	4	4
Area 9	4	4	4
Total Entries	11	11	11

	GIRLS			
	U-19	U-15	U-13	U-11
Area 7	2	2	2	0
Area 8	4	4	3	3
Area 9	4	4	3	2
Total Entries	10	10	8	5

The following Counties submitted no entries:—

Cornwall, Cumberland, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Rutland and Shropshire.

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South East Midlands League Chatter

by Leslie Constable

IN the Men's Section of the League Cambridge City are still leading, with sets to spare, despite a close call against Northampton and only won this fixture by 6 games to 4. North Herts, Wellingborough and Northampton are the closest rivals of Cambridge, but I cannot see any of these teams catching the champions. In the Junior Section again Wellingborough, North Herts and Northampton are the leading teams, with Hunts Central also in close attendance. Bedford, with their strong Ladies' Team, are running away with the division and have, so far, lost only one set — a great performance. In the Veterans' Section Cambridge City are still leading with Northampton and North Herts following them closely. Referring again to the Northampton and Cambridge City match D. Gwillim was outstanding for Northampton, beating Stephen Andrews and Gerald Copeman — Andrews was also beaten by N. Haycock, this being a rare experience for the Cambridge player.

L.C.

Leading positions:—

MEN'S					
	P	W	D	L	P
Cambridge	4	4	0	0	39
North Herts.	4	3	0	1	28
Wellingborough	4	2	1	1	23
JUNIOR					
Hunts Central	4	3	0	1	28
Wellingborough	3	3	0	0	26
North Herts.	3	3	0	0	23
LADIES					
Bedford	4	4	0	0	39
Bletchley	4	3	0	1	25
Cambridge City	4	1	1	2	20
St. Neots	4	1	2	1	17
VETERANS					
Cambridge City	3	3	0	0	26
St. Neots	4	2	1	1	24
Northampton	3	3	0	0	21
North Herts.	2	2	0	0	17
Kettering	4	1	0	3	17

SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE RESULTS

Men's Section:

Northampton 4, Cambridge City 6.
Bedford 8, Ely and District 2.
Dunstable 4, St. Neots and Dist. 6.
Cambridge City 9, Bedford 1.

Ladies' Section:

Northampton 7, Dunstable 3.
Northampton 6, Cambridge City 4.
Bedford 9, Ely and District 1.
Hunts Central 2, Bletchley 8.
Dunstable 5, St. Neots and Dist. 5.
Cambridge City 0, Bedford 10.

Junior Section:

Northampton 2, Dunstable 8.
Northampton 8, Cambridge City 2.
Bedford 8, Ely and District 2.
Dunstable 8, St. Neots and Dist. 2.
Cambridge City 3, Bedford 7.

Veterans' Section:

Northampton 4, Cambridge City 6.
Bedford 7, Ely and District 3.
Hunts Central 0, Bletchley 10.
Cambridge City 5, Bedford 5.

NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

By Leslie Davis

BOLTON OUT

QUITE A few surprises in Round 3. In the **Wilmott Cup**, Bolton were beaten earlier in the competition than for many years. In their match with **Liverpool**, the "Trotters" could only muster two sets. Tony Clayton won three for the winners and Peter D'Arcy the other two.

A second surprise was occasioned by the early exit of **London Civil Service** — this time with the help of Chester Barnes who, against **East London**, had three wins as did David Brown. Other exciting matches included:-

Oxford 5, Bletchley 4 - Five of the sets went to three games. I cannot single out any of the players as the score card registered two well-matched sides.

Boston 5, Chesterfield 4 - The ninth set decided the match. This was an exciting encounter between D. Armstrong and A. Hunt with Armstrong winning 21-19 in the third. This must have surprised the winning side as this was the only set won by Armstrong.

Leicester 4, West Bromwich 5 - Charlie Jacques won three sets for the losers although his second set against Derek Baddeley went to three.

Central London 6, Wembley 3 - F. Nilam and P. Williams shared the six wins for Central. Williams' games were won easily.

Cheshunt 6, North Herts. 3 - Five sets went to three. B. White won three for the victors.

Other rather more one-sided matches included:-

Norwich 5, Cambridge 1 - A. Hiperson and P. Graver won two sets each for Norwich. S. Andrews won the solitary set for the losers.

Willesden 6, Ilford 0 - The holders still going strong - very strong. Against Ilford's B. Brumwell, P. Gurr and D. Gomm, the combination of M. Sugden, B. Wright and L. Landry had little difficulty.

Crawley 1, Brighton 5 - K. Horton won a three-game set for the losers. R. Chandler and S. Ogundipe won two each for the winners.

Southampton 5, Newbury 2 - The score belies the intensity of this match. Out of seven sets, five went to three games.

Stockport 2, Manchester 5 - The team of Ingber, Forshaw and Boasman overcame Stockport with little difficulty. B. Kean and D. Schofield won one set each for the losers.

A very late result card reported Gloucester (rather surprisingly) beating Plymouth by the odd set. John Charles won this 21-19 in the third. Roy Morley just managed to win his three sets. B. Parkins won two for the losers.

Rose Bowl

I'm pleased to report that I have received a number of accounts of Rose Bowl matches from the team secretaries. In the **Chesterfield** versus **Sheffield** match, Mr. Derek Oldman (Chesterfield) expressed his satisfac-

tion with his team's performance. The Chesterfield side comprised Mrs. Sandra Walters (née Pegg), Mrs. Di Johnson, the Lancashire No. 1, and Pauline Wibberley, a county second team member. Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Johnson won all their sets in their 7-2 victory.

Central London 6, Sutton 1 - Last season's Bowl winners proved their superiority over this very good Sutton side. England's No. 1, Mary Wright, was beaten by both Shelagh Hession and Karenza Mathews.

One would, however, imagine that Mrs. Wright was out of form as she struggled to beat Judy Williams in

the third game to gain Sutton's only victory. Mr. Adrian Howard assures me that although the score suggested a one-sided affair, the table tennis was tremendously entertaining and of a very high standard.

North Yorkshire 2, Northumberland 6 - Maureen Robson and Cynthia Duncombe played extremely well for the winners.

Oxford 5, Reading 4 - D. Wingent won three sets for the winners although both M. Spratley and B. Massey made her go to three before conceding victory.

Manchester 4, Blackpool 5 - Connie Moore was Blackpool's heroine.

She won three of the five sets won. Mary Leigh played best for the losers.

Worthing 4, Eastbourne 5 - Diane Gard very easily overcame each of her adversaries. Carol Randall won the other two sets to give Eastbourne victory. Suzanne Kavallierou won two sets for the losers.

Birmingham 5, West Bromwich 4 - A very hard-fought contest - Kath Perry won three for the losers. Insufficient support caused West Brom's downfall.

Harlow 7, North Herts. 2 - Mrs. J. Rodgers won three sets for Harlow,

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National Team Competitions cont.

Mrs. S. Felstead won two for the losers.

Slough 3, Guildford 5 - A strong Slough team consisting of Mrs. J. Williams, Miss J. Shirley and Mrs. B. Stevens had to give best to last season's semi-finalists. Jill Shirley's three victories went unsupported. Mrs. Miles and Susan Howard won two each for the winners.

Walthamstow 5, London Civil Service 4 - Diane Simpson was Walthamstow's heroine. She won all her sets easily.

Carter Cup

Last year's finalists, **North Herts.** and **Barking**, met in this round. The cup holders won again by six sets to three. Peter Taylor won his three for the winners and Michael Read two for the losers.

Burnley 6, Preston 3 - Burnley must have an evenly balanced side. Each of their players won two sets, Donald Parker winning two for the losers.

Reading 2, Willesden 7 - G. Harding won two sets for Reading. D. Bloom won three for the winners.

Bromley 8, East London 1 - Bromley's J. Dabin, P. Guttormsen and C. Jones were able victors although G. Blomfield played well for the losers.

Basingstoke 5, Southampton 4 - Five of the sets went to three games and it was left for the ninth set to decide the result. S. Tannahill made a great effort for Southampton by winning all his sets. C. Sergeant and M. Caudrey won two each for the victors.

Bournemouth 1, Bristol 8 - D. King won the solitary set for Bournemouth. Bristol's R. Taysum, I. Andrews and P. Drew won fairly easily.

Fourth round draws (matches to be completed by February 15th) are as follows:-

Wilmott Cup

Boston v. North Yorkshire
Liverpool v. Manchester
Norwich v. West Bromwich
Cheshunt v. Oxford

*Willesden v. East London
Central London v. Bromley
Southampton v. Brighton
Staines v. Gloucester

J. M. Rose Bowl

Chesterfield v. Northumberland
Blackpool v. Spalding
Lowestoft v. Birmingham
Harlow v. Oxford

*Central London v. Willesden
Romford v. Walthamstow
Southampton v. Eastbourne
Guildford v. Bristol

Carter Cup

Burnley v. North Yorkshire
Leeds v. Manchester
Leicester v. Boston
St. Neots v. Wellingborough

Willesden v. Lowestoft
*North Herts. v. Bromley
Basingstoke v. Bognor
Bristol v. Exeter

Bromfield Trophy

N'th Yorkshire v. Northumberland
Manchester v. Birmingham
Leicester v. Ipswich
Cheshunt v. Willesden
Barking v. Dagenham

*Slough v. Sittingbourne
Worthing v. Newbury
Taunton v. Bournemouth

* Indicates holders

2nd NATIONAL UNDER-13 SINGLES COMPETITION

THE E.T.T.A. are organising this year's Competition on the same basis as last season, i.e. 1 Boy and 1 Girl can be accepted from each League.

Leagues are therefore asked to arrange their own qualifying competition to produce the best representatives from their area, although it is appreciated that in some circumstances only a "nomination" may be possible.

Time Table:

League's Notice of Participation to E.T.T.A. by 15th February, 1970.

Confirmation of players' names to E.T.T.A. by 30th March, 1970.

Regional Play-Offs by 30th April, 1970 (venues according to geographical entries).

National Finals by 30th May, 1970.

Age Limit:

Under 13 on 30th June, 1969.

Entry Fee:

4s. 0d. per player.

Eligibility:

In order to foster contacts between Schools or young "outside" players, and our own Leagues, these entries must normally play via an affiliated League.

However, to avoid penalising deserving youngsters who, through no fault of their own, cannot be invited into a League play-off, E.T.T.A. reserve the right to accept a small number of "Special nominations" by a Coach or a Schools organisation.



SUSAN HOWARD
(Surrey)



SUSAN BECKWITH
(Essex)

Girls

1. Susan Howard (Surrey) (1)
2. Susan Beckwith (Essex) (2)
3. Linda Howard (Surrey) (3)
4. Susan Lisle (Lancs) (4)
5. Christine Mann (Middx) (5)
6. Janet Hellaby (Essex) (A)
7. Paula Brenchley (Kent) (8)
8. Carol Brenchley (Kent) (6)
9. Sheila Hamilton (Middx) (10)
10. Lesley Pacitto (Bucks) (7)

GROUP "A"

- Pat Beazer (Somerset)
Sylvia Broadbent (Yorks)
Lynda Chesson (Kent)
Jacqueline Dyer (Ches)

- Valerie King (Yorks)
Anne Painter (Middx)
Linda Sutton (Yorks)
Judith Walker (Yorks)

Chief omission from the boys' list is Lancashire's Tony Boasman, previously at No. 4, whose lack of results debarred him from consideration. Also out from being previously ranked is R. Hellaby (7) and Ian Horsham (12).

Missing from the girls' list of previously ranked players is Kent's Lynda Chesson who has been replaced by Janet Hellaby who comes in at No. 6 after being in the "A" Group in the September, 1969, rankings.

New Junior Rankings

In conjunction with the revised senior rankings, the National Selection Committee announced the following revised Ranking List for juniors. The previous rankings are shown in brackets.

Boys

1. Nicky Jarvis (Yorks) (1)
2. John Dabin (Kent) (2)
3. Peter Taylor (Beds) (3)
4. Alan Fletcher (Yorks) (5)
5. Michael Read (Essex) (11)
6. Paul Bishop (Surrey) (A)
7. Simon Heaps (Ches) (9)
8. Neil Fulstow (Yorks) (6)
9. David Rayner (Yorks) (8)
10. Jimmy Walker (Yorks) (—)
11. Peter Abell (Yorks) (10)
12. Brian Jones (Ches) (A)

GROUP "A"

- Robert Aldrich (Middx)
Paul Guttormsen (Kent)
Marcus Hall (Warwicks)
Robert Hellaby (Essex)
Ian Horsham (Essex)
David Jemmett (Middx)
David Newton (Lancs)
Donald Parker (Lancs)

'On Safari'



E.T.T.A. Chairman, Conrad Jäschke, is here pictured at a reception given for him, in his capacity as general overseas manager of the Linguaphone Institute, in Nairobi.

Mr. Pius Menezes, proprietor of the local Minni Electronics agency, was host at a reception, out in the open on a very warm evening in December, attended by about 150 people.

Reproduction of the photograph is by kind permission of Nairobi's "Daily Nation" and depicts, left to right, Mr. Z. M. Baliddawa, Director of Civil Aviation. Mr. Tom Brown of the Ministry of Education, Conrad Jäschke, Mr. Menezes and Mr. Noah Sempira, head of the East African Literature Bureau.

GET ON LOCAL RADIO NOW!

by John Woodford

ONCE a local radio station has started broadcasting and its sports team set-up, it may be twice as difficult for sports not represented in that team to get on the air.

The two-year experimental period of the 12 established B.B.C. local stations is now ended. The result is that the operational areas of the 12 starters will, in a number of cases, be increased and another 12 new stations will, it is hoped, commence broadcasting by **this summer!** The new stations will be in London, Manchester, Newcastle, Birmingham, Chatham, Blackburn, Bristol, Southampton, Hull, Teesside, Oxford and Derby.

So, at least by the end of this year, two dozen stations will exist. Press officers (county or league) in all these new areas should now start making approaches to the sports producers. Do **not** wait until they start broadcasting, please. You will find there will be representatives of many other sports, bowls, darts, swimming, speedway—the lot—trying to gain time on the sports programmes. I say again, just like the local sports councils, unless you are there, the producer will forget table tennis exists.

The sports producer is the king-pin of the station sportswise. He is the man you have to convince that table tennis organisation in your area is not the shambles that exists in some other sports. He may ask you, (or you may have to find someone else) if you will be prepared to broadcast live for a start and then advance by stages into taped and live interviews with top players.

B.B.C. Radio Brighton was the first local station to go on the air and is to my mind still leading the country. By early 1971 it is expected that a new and powerful transmitter will reach most of the county, making, in effect a Radio Sussex.

This will widen the sports coverage enormously of course, making it impossible for many smaller sports to cover local league material. My current instructions, as a **member of the sports team**, (this should be the goal of all counties and towns where radio is now operating or about to operate) is to cut out the local town stuff and concentrate on county and of course international coverage.

"Teach-ins" are now being held at the Brighton studio showing the sports team members how to use the special tape-recorders which are taken to the action points, i.e. tournaments, internationals, county matches, etc. This enables you to make on-the-spot recordings of interviews with the stars, officials or other table tennis personalities who happen to be present. Tours of the studios with guidance on how the station actually works have also been arranged.

Another facility is the studio interview. Usually fairly brief, it involves taking along to the studio as your guest a table tennis star, possibly your leading county player, male or female and asking them questions before a big event as a live transmission. The

more colourful a personality they are of course, the better.

If the England team is playing in your area your task is to try and get an interview with Denis, Chester or Mary, or other players, either on tape or live. The top England players are quite used to being cornered by radio, TV and press man, but of course it must not interfere with their pre-match practice and the permission of the team captain and/or manager must be sought. Foreign players might also with diplomacy, be flattered by an invitation to say a few words of English.

Bearing in mind a press officer may well be covering an international match for several newspapers, looking after the national and local press men and working for the local radio

station he should be one of the busiest men on match day.

Having experience myself of operating this pattern of coverage at a number of internationals in the south during the past 18 months I can assure you of a busy time but it is all vital to the cause of publicity for table tennis.

The preparation and spadework can only be done by you pressmen in your areas. My experience of B.B.C. radio and television producers is that they are a very friendly bunch of professionals, willing to co-operate and to get on a Christian-name basis from the start.

If anyone comes up against any special problems regarding radio I shall be pleased to offer advice based on my experience here in Sussex.

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TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date	Title and Venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
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" 13/14	Merseyside Open, Dunlop Rubber Co. Ltd., Canteen, Speke, Liverpool 24.	JBS JGS VS	Mr. B. A. Leeson, 16 Avolon Road, Liverpool, L12 9ER.
" 15	Luton Restricted Open, Vauxhall Motors Canteen, Luton.	JBS JGS	Mr. J. E. Short, 59 Marston Gardens, Luton, Beds.
" 15	Portsmouth Junior Open, Wimbledon Park Hall, Southsea.	U-14 BS GS BD GD U-12 BS GS	Mr. P. Goldring, 52 Winter Road, Southsea, Hants.
" 15	North Lanarkshire Open.		Mr. G. S. Moir, 60 Catherine Street, Motherwell.
" 21/22	Essex Open, Harlow Sports Centre.	U-21 YS VS	Mr. A. W. Dale, 9 Paternoster Close, Waltham Abbey, Essex.
" 21/22	Teesside Open.	U-18 YS VS Team events	Mr. A. Ransome, 21a Church Lane, Ormesby, Middlesbrough.
" 21	Glamorgan Junior Open.		Mr. H. Roy Evans, 198 Cyncoed Road, Cardiff, CF2 6BQ.
" 22	Yeovil Restricted "American" Open, Houndstone Camp, Yeovil.	(M & W Combined Singles)	Mr. K. F. Palmer, 12 Barton Gardens, Sherborne, Dorset.
" 26/28	ENGLISH OPEN, Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, Norwood, London, S.E.19.	MVS WVS	D. R. Tremayne, 26-29 Park Crescent, London, W1N 4HA. Closing date: 2-2-70
Mar. 7	WELSH OPEN, Afan Lido, Aberavon, Glam.	JBS JGS	Mr. H. Roy Evans, 198 Cyncoed Road, Cardiff, CF2 6BQ. Closing date: 21-2-70
" 7	Northumberland Open, No. 1 Canteen, Dept. of Health and Social Security, Benton Park Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.	JBS JGS VS	Mr. T. A. Morpeth, 59 Preston Avenue, North Shields, Northumberland. Closing date: 25-2-70
" 7/8	Wisbech & District Restricted Open, Great Hall, Isle of Ely College of Further Education, Ramnoth Road, Wisbech.	JBS JGS (NO WD)	Mr. R. D. Archer, "Clinton", Salts Road, West Walton, Nr. Wisbech, Cambs. Closing date: 16-2-70
" 8	Bedford Restricted Open, Badminton Hall, Bradgate Road, Bedford.		Mr. G. Hammond, 22 High Street, Meppershall, Nr. Shefford, Beds.
" 14/15	SCOTTISH OPEN.		Mr. J. M. McCormack, 2 Bramdean Place, Edinburgh 10. Closing date: 11-3-70
" 15	Swindon Open, Pinehurst Sports Hall, Swindon.		Mr. G. S. Turnbull, 139 Grange Drive, Stratton, Swindon, Wilts.
" 21/22	Buckinghamshire Open, Community Centre, Farnham Road, Slough.		A. J. H. Wickens, 2 Frensham Walk, Farnham Common, Slough, Bucks.
" 22	Lancashire Junior Open, Bolton Institute of Technology, Deane Road, Bolton.	U-17 BS GS BD GD XD U-15 BS GS BD GD U-13 BS GS	Mr. A. F. Jones, 13 Moss Bank Close, Astley Bridge, Bolton, Lancs. Closing date: 11-3-70

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Open Tournaments

*Why do they run late ?
or What happens to
the time you thought
you had !*

By "ONLOOKER"

AFTER the Sheffield Publicity and Tournament Organisers Conference, many people went away to try tournament "scheduling" for the first time. Those tournaments whose committees had applied for "graded" status thought seriously about giving players the aimed 10 minutes rest as suggested in the draft regulations.

Detailed schedules were prepared and entries were to some extent restricted in order to try and run to time and start the finals at 7-30 p.m. Despite all this, some of the efforts did not achieve their aim and the tournaments ran as late as ever — why? In short, the answer is bad organisation but this is not an entirely fair allegation. The fact is that no matter how well a schedule is prepared it will not run to time if there are insufficient stewards on the floor to ensure that the matches go on table promptly and no time is wasted.

A survey conducted at a number of tournaments recently shows that, on average, three and a half minutes are wasted between the time when players are first given their score card and when an umpire turns up to start the set. This excludes the any "official" knocking-up time or the delay whilst the players report to control after their names have been called.

No wonder the tournament runs late, an average 300-set tournament on 12 tables, or a 350-set tournament on 14 tables will run over scheduled time by as much as an hour to an hour and three-quarters under these circumstances.

Allowance

Another factor which is beyond the control of the organisers is the nature of the venue. Some have changing rooms and catering facilities a comparatively long distance away from the main hall. This means that players tend to take longer to report to control. Allowance can be made for this factor but it must have been thought about in the first instance. It's too late on the day of the tournament.

What can we learn from all this? Probably too much attention has been given to scheduling, and as a result organisers have neglected the matter of stewards. In the ultimate it is essential to schedule the tournament properly, but equally there must be an adequate number of stewards to ensure that the minimum of time is wasted. If you have difficulty in getting stewards and umpires, then why not try paying them? Those tournaments who have, report that their difficulties are solved.

As the standard of play rises in open tournaments, and the game gets more professional, organisation must improve at least as quickly. We must seek to rid the sport of its "amateurish" image and good organisation would help a great deal in this respect at the present time.

Last, but by no means least, very few players seem to have any conception of how much work goes into the running of an open tournament. A tournament is run largely for their benefit, and once the organisers have got their house in order, the players must co-operate by promptness and a helpful attitude.

However, we cannot expect this from them if we do not do our job properly. Also, with ever-increasing sponsorship, we must prove that our sport is worthy of the money put into it in order to continue to attract more.

Prize money does not come out of thin air and both players and officials must pull together at a time when we are just beginning to gain from the hard work of those who find us our sponsors.

TRAGIC LOSS TO CUMBERLAND TABLE TENNIS



Here seen at a County presentation evening, is Cumberland's former Chairman, Brian Howitt and his wife, at ease with the bearded Whitehaven YMCA Secretary, John Cottrell.

Photo by Ivor Nicholas of Cocker-mouth.

His many friends, both inside and outside table tennis, were deeply shocked at the sad death on Monday, 19th January, of County Chairman, Mr. Brian Howitt.

Only 36 years of age, Brian was County Chairman for two years and had put a tremendous amount of effort into the job, being instrumental in the formation of the Working-ton & District League and the Cumberland Schools Association. His friendliness and tact, combined with a firmness around the Committee table, earned him the respect of everyone with whom he came in contact.

No mean player himself, Brian played for both the Carlisle and Whitehaven Leagues' in representative matches before turning to the administrative side.

The sympathy of all table tennis players in Cumberland and elsewhere is extended to his wife, Ann, who was always to be seen with Brian at various functions held in the County.

Cumberland table tennis will certainly be the poorer for his passing.

R.R.

INTERNATIONAL ENCOUNTERS

European League

HOPES DASHED AT BORLANGE

England suffered a distressing 1-6 loss to Sweden in their fourth European League, Premier Division match, played at Borlange on January 9, but the scores of the first three sets give the lie to any previous conjecture of being slammed.

Indeed with just the right break in all three, success could have been ours. Mary Wright was obviously not in top form but fought hard. She led Marita Neidert 16-15 in the first game and 21-17 in the decider.

Denis Neale was a little unlucky to lose to Kjell Johansson at 19 in the third but played brilliantly to score one of his rare wins over Hans Alser.

Chester Barnes never recovered after losing a winning lead to Alser. He led 17-12 in the third and had four match points! Individual scores (in match order) were:—

K. Johansson bt D. Neale -14, 12, 19.
H. Alser bt C. Barnes -19, 16, 24.
M. Neidert bt M. Wright 17, -10, 22.
Alser/Johansson bt Barnes/Neale 14, 19.
Johansson/Neidert bt Neale/Wright 11, 18.
Johansson bt Barnes 12, 12.
Alser lost to Neale 16, -15, -16.



COCA-COLA TROPHY MATCH

Played on the stage of St. George's Hall, Bradford, on January 23, England succumbed to Yugoslavia 3-4 after Denis Neale, in the second set of the evening, had "brought the house down" with a devastating win over Dragutin Surbek.

The Yorkshire champion later beat Istvan Korpa after losing the first game and from being 16-20 down in the second! It was a tremendous come-back, but not up to it on the night was Alan Hydes who had acquitted himself so well against Surbek in the Lancashire Open.

He appeared unwell and gone was the sparkle that had attended his play at Bolton on the previous weekend. Mary Wright too was below her known form and suffered defeat at the hands of Mirjana Resler as well as going down in the mixed although by the narrowest of margins.

Individual scores (in match order):
A. Hydes lost to I. Korpa 20, -19, -12.
D. Neale bt D. Surbek 12, -15, 13.

M. Wright lost to M. Resler -21, 15, -19.
Hydes/Neale bt Korpa/Surbek 10, -15, 13.
Neale/Wright lost to Surbek/Resler 17, -16, -20.
Hydes lost to Surbek -14, -15.
Neale bt Korpa -14, 20, 12.

Women's Internationals

Two matches played in Holland on December 18 and 19 resulted in 5-3 wins for the Netherlands against a youthful English trio comprising Susan Howard, Linda Bashford and Susan Beckwith.

Susan Howard and Susan Beckwith shared England's six wins, Linda Bashford being without success in five sets despite three going to a deciding game.



VERONIQUE VAN DER LAAN

At Weert on December 18, 1969. Netherlands 5, England 3.
Mary van Ruiten bt. L. Bashford -17, 14, 13; lost to S. Howard -16, 19, -17.
Veronique van der Laan bt S. Beckwith 16, 20; bt L. Bashford 9, -17, 13; lost to S. Howard -15, -24.
Ellen Klatt bt S. Howard 17, 12; lost to S. Beckwith -20, -19; bt. L. Bashford 15, 17.
At Utrecht, December 19, 1969, Netherlands 5, England 3.
Sonja Heltzel lost to Beckwith -17, -11; lost to Howard -12, -18.
Aukje Wynia bt Bashford 18, -20; lost to Beckwith 10, -18, -15; bt Howard 17, 21.
Van der Laan bt Howard 18, 16; bt Bashford 17, 21; bt Beckwith 16, 12.

ON TEESSIDE

With George Lambelle

THERE'S nothing quite like Alan Ransome trying to be casual . . .

Putting down the telephone receiver, he tossed out into the conversation with all the mauvaise honte of a chipmunk: "It was just Hans Alser. He's in Finland. The match is on January 29th. Definite."

It was the 15th.

So we picked Alan up, bent his knees, posterior and shoulders into the shape of a handy chair, and started planning Ormesby's assault

on Mariastad Bois, Swedish club champions, in the quarter-finals of the European Cup.

A fortnight to organise a match and at the same time bring in a four-figure crowd.

At the time of writing it is the 21st. Bed is a beautiful place. I still work for a living (my wife points out). Alan hasn't got a wife. Not surprising!

It's been a hysterical week. At previous events, the council has provided invaluable assistance with secretarial staff, but this has to be a club venture in its entirety. Except for the use of Eston Sports Centre, which we have to staff for the night.

"Right," said Alan (on the 16th). "I'll need a circular from you with 200 copies duplicated to go round all the clubs, youth clubs and schools. You always do them better than me." (It's nice being brilliant).

"Then," he went on, "we'd better get a Press release out. But I'll leave that to you."

Thank you.

Then it was Vince Doran's turn. He, it seemed, was even more brilliant than me. Vince was organising things in the second week when Alan started practising.

(He's playing, you know. Against Alser. After a week's practice, Alan should just murder Alser).

"Just do these 5,000 things," he said to Vince, "by tea-time."

And so it went on.

"I've got a great idea for a Press release," said Alan (between the 16th and 17th). "Linda Bashford turns secretary. International mucks in to help club in big match."

Lovely stuff. A message like that at midnight when Linda's got a week to go at Lilleshall.

"Get ———, Alan. I'm asleep. But in future get one of the kids to turn the handle of the duplicator or electrify it. Goodnight."

"It's all organised," said Alan (on the 17th). "I've got a hundred kids out selling tickets."

In defiance of imagination.

"I've got the umpires and door-men. And the twiddlers. Have you organised the television?"

"Well, they're not exactly queuing up."

"They're mad."

It takes one to know one.

"What about the Linda Bashford story?"

"Mind your own business."

He didn't hear. "The programme girls are in their minis. Can you fix pictures in the papers?"

"I ———"

"We've all got new track suits."

"W ———"

He'd gone!

It's been like that for a week. Goodness knows how Vince is managing. But he's pretty calm. I don't know what they find to do. After all, I'M the busy one. All they have to do is make sure there's a table, net and lights over the top, plus one or two other items.

But Ormesby club is an ant-hill. And in the middle of it all Queen ant Ransome conducts the lot like a Key-stone traffic cop.

Next week he stops organising to start serious practice.

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The combined squads at Lilleshall in a moment of relaxation. From left to right (front row): M. Resler, D. Surbek, A. Hydes, L. Gresswell, D. Osmanajic, P. Simpson (Coach), M. Johns and E. Korpa. Back row: D. Neale, N. Jarvis, S. Howard, J. Shirley, L. Bashford, K. Mathews and I. Korpa. Chester Barnes and Trevor were also in attendance during the first week.

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LETTERS

to the Editor

"NOT WANTED"

One increasingly unpleasant feature of Open Tournaments is the casual non-appearance of doubles partners.

I am not referring to agreed partnerships. After all, if one of such a pair does not turn up without notice, the remedy clearly lies with the survivor who has been let down.

No, the problem is with the players of the "partners wanted" category who, having been duly fixed up by the tournament committee, then fail to appear, without notice to either the organisers or the arranged partner. This leaves everyone stranded. Perhaps it is no wonder that these characters want partners.

Unfortunately, once the season's tournament has been "put to bed" this anti-social behaviour tends to be forgotten if not forgiven — and it should not be. Anyhow, it is going to be my intention, in the tournaments with which I am associated, to maintain a "black list", a list of players whose "partners wanted" entries cannot be accepted as bona-fide. The most they can expect, perhaps, is to be paired with other offenders.

Maybe we shall even have tournament organisers swapping their "black lists"?

G. A. OWEN.

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SUSSEX OPEN

IN the review of The Sussex Open appearing in your November issue, John Woodford states that the only 'foreigners' were from Scotland, Sugden and Eric Sutherland." He has overlooked the participation in the above Championships of Firoze Nilam of Ceylon.

I have been advised by Mr. Charles M. Wyles, President of Hastings and District Table Tennis Association, of the participation and performance of "my countryman Mr. F. Nilam" who came through the qualifying rounds, beat D. Basden of Kent in the fourth round and reached the Quarter-finals where he lost to the eventual winner Chester Barnes, -16, -18. In the doubles, partnered by S. Pokroy, he reached the 4th Round.

Nilam was Ceylon National Champion in 1966 and 1967 and has quite a good record of International participation in the East, having represented Ceylon in The Peking Internationals in 1965 and 1966, The First Asian Ganefo in Poom Penh, Cambodia, 1966 and Eighth Asian T.T. Championships in Singapore in 1967 where he reached the last 16 in a glittering array of Asian talent. I am glad that he has come back to the game after a years lay off due to concentration on marriage, a little too early, and studies, a little too late!

He has been resident in U.K. from early 1968 and perhaps for this reason John Woodford does not con-

sider him a foreigner; but we in Ceylon still regard Nilam as our very own!

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A THOUGHT

If "Spheres"
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Would "Jokes"
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COACHING AND SCHOOLS

By PHILIP REID

THE end of December saw the retirement of Jack Carrington from full-time coaching but fortunately he will still be with us in a part-time capacity to utilize the skills in which he is particularly specialised. These include Proficiency Awards, Coaching Awards, "The Coach" magazine Under 13's Competition, League Visits, Courses at Lilleshall, etc. Sounds like a pretty busy 'Part-time' job!

Leicester held a very successful Schools Rally and rallies have also featured at St. Neots and Stanmore. Livewire Harry Dignan is really getting things going in the North-East, rallies being held at Durham, Morpeth and Berwick-on-Tweed.

A Wolverhampton Schools Centre has been opened at Highfields School, Penn, and it should prove very successful in this area.

I have received the Coaches Programmes for Les Gresswell and Peter Simpson and both appear to have been very busy. Peter started the month with three days at the English Closed and then had Courses at Louth, Wakefield and Mansfield. January 10th was Proficiency Day at Bradford Grange Grammar School and was followed the day after with coaching at all levels at Bradford and Wallsend. A fortnight followed at the Training Sessions at Lilleshall of the English and Yugoslavian players, with two breaks for coaching at Birmingham and Stockton. Before the end of the month there were other visits to Mansfield and Morpeth.

Les—who has of course taken over from Jack Carrington in the East has had three days at the English Closed, a meeting of the Eastern Panel in London, a visit to Lilleshall, trained the International Squad at Kingsdale School and then had a fortnight at Lilleshall. A selection meeting at Bolton also took place and the month concluded with another training session with the International Squad and arranging for the Yugoslavians to return to their country. So when you wonder how the coaches spend their time—you know now!

Bryan Merrett has, as you probably know, been appointed Staff Coach (Midlands and South-West) and this
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Advanced Coaching Programme

Date	Venue	Subject
Feb. 1	Maiden Castle College, Durham, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Coaching Course (CCPR)
.. 2	Trinity and All Saints' College, Leeds (7-9-30 p.m.)	Training of Ranked Players
.. 3	Morpeth, Northumberland (7-9-30)	Coaching Course (CCPR)
.. 4	Maiden Castle College, Durham (7-9-30)	Coaching Course (CCPR)
.. 7	University, Hull (10-4)	Coaching Course (CCPR)
.. 8	Wallsend, Northumberland, and Bradford, Yorks.	All-levels Coaching
.. 9	Trinity and All Saints' College, Leeds.	Training of Ranked Players
.. 10	Morpeth.	Coaching Course (CCPR)
.. 11	Maiden Castle College, Durham.	Coaching Course (CCPR)
.. 14	Morpeth.	Coaching Course (CCPR)
.. 15	Maiden Castle, Stockton and Bingham.	Coaching Courses (All-levels coaching)
.. 16	Regional Centre, Bingham (11-5)	Coaching of schoolchildren
.. 17	Lea Green, Matlock, Derbys.	Proficiency Day (10-4)
.. 18	Lea Green, Matlock, Derbys.	Evening Coaches' Meeting (7-30)
.. 19	Trinity and All Saints' College, Leeds.	Proficiency Day (10-4)
.. 21	Moor Grange School, Leeds (2-5)	Training of Ranked Players
.. 22	Moor Grange School, Leeds (10-20-4-30)	Coaching Study - Student Coaches
.. 23	Edge Hill College, Ormskirk (7-9-30 p.m.)	Coaching Study - Student Coaches
.. 24	Skegby Hall, Mansfield (7-30-10 p.m.)	Coaching Course
.. 24	Skegby Hall, Mansfield (7-30-10 p.m.)	Coaching Course

All enquiries to Mr. Peter Simpson,
30 Vesper Gate Mount, Leeds 5 (Phone: Leeds 57510)

Bryan Merrett will conduct a Course for Coaches on February 13/15th at the Sports Centre, Stoke Mandeville and the Southern Region of the C.C.P.R. will conduct a tour of the Region, i.e. Berks, Bucks, Hants and Oxon. to be undertaken by Bryan. Further details can be had from Miss M. Dawson, Southern Region C.C.P.R., Watlington House, Watlington Street, Reading, RG1 4RJ.

Coaching and Schools cont.

appointment is sure to be a popular one. As a player Bryan had the very highest respect and he is a first-rate sportsman off and on the table. As a player he was mainly defensive but he had a fine forehand kill on the few occasions he chose to use it.

The Junior Proficiency Awards Scheme continues to gain in popularity and there is no doubt at all it is here to stay.

GOLD AWARD WINNERS

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ABOUT 1 in 50 candidates have achieved the exacting Gold standards. Listed below, are winners to date of the coveted Gold Badge. If we have overlooked any names, please tell us and we will publish next time.

Middlesex:
Wellsman, David; Wiles, Paul; O'Connor, Joseph.

Essex:

Shepherd, Keith; Arr, Linda; Hutson, David; Horsham, Ian; Hellaby, Robert; Topham, Brian; Williams, Stephen; Tydeman, Peter; Whiteley, Stephen; Frankel, Graham.

Worcestershire:

Kendall, Clive; Clarkson, Mark.

Warwickshire:

Jarvis, Brian.

Leicestershire:

Randell, Paul.

Somerset:

Vaughan, Roger; Bryant, Rebecca.

Cambridgeshire:

Bibracher, Josef.

Suffolk:

Henderson, David; Cracknell, Alan; List, Janet.

Devon:

Dayment, Trevor; Martin, David; Carter, Tony.

Berkshire:

Tynan, Patrick.

Cheshire:

Johns, Ian.

Yorkshire:

Rayner, David; Walker, Judith; Rutter, Janet; Barker, Janette.

Lancashire:

Boasman, Tony.



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Open Tournament Survey

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TREVOR TAYLOR BEATS BARNES AND A GREAT WIN FOR JILL SHIRLEY

IN the Oxfordshire Open, played in the Sports Hall of Gosford Hill School, Kidlington, on January 18th, Chester Barnes survived tough 1st and 3rd round matches against Charlie Jacques and R. Arney (Wilts) to reach the quarters.

At this stage the Essex player had a more comfortable passage at the expense of A. Schooler before having to fend off the threat of Firoze Nilam in the semis.

Trevor Taylor was the player to come through in the other half of the draw, having it very easy up to the quarters but then just managing it against Jack Bender by the narrowest of margins.

The final was the best seen in the Open from its inception. Taylor, adopting a defensive style managed to turn Barnes' hard-hitting shots to his own advantage and despite losing the first game, came through in the next two to claim the £25 first prize.

In the women's final, Diane Simpson, having won the first game, led Mrs. Edwards 19-16 in the second but failed to clinch matters until a deciding game.

On the previous day at Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Bolton, before the biggest crowd ever to watch the finals of the Lancashire Open, European champion Dragutin Surbek, of Yugoslavia, twice fought back from the brink of defeat to win the men's singles title in magnificent fashion.

Down 19-20 to Denis Neale in the deciding game of a pulsating final, Surbek produced a comeback for which he is renowned and which, earlier, had stood him in good stead when opposed by Alan Hydes in "the set" of the tournament.

Revenge came for the two Yorkshiremen in the men's doubles which event they won at the expense of Surbek and his compatriot, Istvan Korpa, in the final.

But the star of the show was Jill Shirley who brought off a great final victory over Yugoslavia's No. 16 world-ranked player, Mirjana Resler, in straight games having accounted for Ersebet Korpa in the semis.

Judy Williams avenged her English Closed defeat by accounting for Shelagh Hession but succumbed to Miss Resler who scorned the Sussex girl's defence.

On the following weekend at Folkestone, a train journey from Bradford failed to tell on the Yugoslavs who swept aside all opposition to contest the men's singles final with Surbek, again coming back, accounting for Korpa, who in the decider led 10-5 at the turn.

It was also a comeback for Mary Wright who gained her revenge for being beaten by Miss Resler in the Bradford international. Mary lost the

first game, after reaching deuce from being 15-20 down, but thereafter it was plain sailing.

Brian Petch was to the fore again beating Peter Taylor 15, 15 and only just losing to Mike Johns 17, -20, -19!

At Pontefract on January 24th, near-veteran Derek Schofield claimed the 22nd men's singles title of his career when beating his Cheshire team-mate Brian Kean.

Women's singles winner was Kath Perry, for the third consecutive year, and she showed no mercy on her fellow-Midlander Janet Rowley.

In the junior boys' event, Manchester's Tony Boasman gave his answer to being left out of the revised rankings by beating Brian Johns, Neil Fulstow and Alan Fletcher to win the title. It was a second dose for Fletcher who lost to the same opponent in the men's event.

A considerable number of entries had to be returned for the Yorkshire Junior Open, played at Hull on January 4th, in which the top seeds, Nicky Jarvis and John Dabin were untroubled in reaching the final of the boys' singles.

The only game dropped by either of them was in Round 1 where the younger G. C. Harding (Berks) took the first game 25-23 in his meeting with Jarvis.

There were shocks for the 3rd and 4th seeded Peter Taylor and Alan Fletcher, the local boy falling to Paul Bishop and Taylor to Michael Read.

Neither Bishop nor Read could repeat their giant-killing act in the semis, and in the final the steady top spin and penetrating kill of the Yorkshireman proved too strong for the predominantly defensive Dabin.

The girls' event brought no surprises, with the four seeds coming through and the top seeded Susan Beckwith taking the title over Christine Mann.

Paul Guttormsen dismissed second seed Ian Horsham in the U-15 semi before just failing in an advantage third game final with Taylor.

Oxfordshire Open

M.S.: Quarter-finals:

C. Barnes (Essex) bt A. Schooler (Middx.) 11, 9; F. Nilam (Middx.) bt B. Burn (Nthld.) 13, -13, 19; T. Taylor (Herts.) bt J. Bender (Middx.) 10, -15, 21; R. Penfold (Surrey) bt R. Cooper (Warwks.) 16, 12.

Semi-finals:

BARNES bt Nilam 17, 19; TAYLOR bt Penfold 18, 15.

Final:

TAYLOR bt Barnes -18, 15, 16.

W.S.: Semi-finals:

D. SIMPSON (Essex) bt M. Walker (Middx.) 15, 19; P. EDWARDS (Hants.) bt J. Williams (Bucks.) 17, -11, 16.

Final:

SIMPSON bt Edwards 13, -20, 17.

M.D.: Semi-finals:

BURN/D. MUNT (Warwks.) bt C.

Alcock (Oxon)/Taylor -18, 12, 20; BARNES/M. WALDMAN (Middx.) bt P. Glynn/P. Judd (Warwks.) 15, 17.

Final:

BARNES/WALDMAN bt Burn/Munt 17, 21.

W.D.: Semi-finals:

L. RADFORD (Essex)/SIMPSON bt Edwards/A. Jones (Warwks.) 11, 17; E. BRITTON (Bucks.)/WILLIAMS bt J. Daniels/J. Hudson (Hants.) 13, 11.

Final:

RADFORD/SIMPSON bt Britton/Williams 10, 11.

M.D.: Semi-finals:

E. COSTER (Herts.)/SIMPSON bt Barnes/W. Slade (Berks.) -18, 17, 16; P. RADFORD (Essex)/RADFORD bt Taylor/Jones 20, 16.

Final:

COSTER/SIMPSON bt Radford/Radford -16, 19, 18.

V.S.: Final:

K. SNAITH (Kent) bt K. Marchant (Northants) 5, 6.

Lancashire Open

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:

D. Surbek (Yugo) bt M. Johns (Ches) 16, 14.

A. Hydes (Yorks) bt B. Burn (Nthld) 12, 9.

D. Neale (Yorks) bt L. A. Clayton (Yorks) 22, -21, 9.

I. Korpa (Yugo) bt O. B. Haslam (Middx) 12, 14.

Semi-finals:

SURBEK bt Hydes 20, -20, 16.

NEALE bt Korpa 10, -18, 13.

Final:

SURBEK bt Neale -16, 17, 20.

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:

M. Resler (Yugo) bt K. Mathews (Middx) 17, -19, 16.

J. Williams (Sussex) bt S. Howard (Surrey) 15, 12.

E. Korpa (Yugo) bt M. Robson (Nthld) 17, 16.

J. Shirley (Bucks) bt L. Bashford (Yorks) 11, 8.

Semi-finals:

RESLER bt Williams 16, 17.

SHIRLEY bt Korpa 15, 17.

Final:

SHIRLEY bt Resler 22, 18.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:

HYDES/NEALE bt Clayton/A. Fletcher (Yorks) 9, 9.

KORPA/SURBEK bt Haslam/Johns 19, 12.

Final:

HYDES/NEALE bt Korpa/Surbek -17, 11, 13.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:

KORPA/RESLER bt Bashford/Robson 15, 16.

MATHEWS/SHIRLEY bt S. Hession (Essex)/Williams 20, 18.

Final:

MATHEWS/SHIRLEY bt Korpa/Resler -17, 14, 6.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:

SURBEK/RESLER bt Hydes/Shirley -11, 10, 14.

NEALE/MATHEWS bt Korpa/Korpa -19, 11, 19.

Final:

SURBEK/RESLER bt Neale/Mathews -20, 16, 19.

Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:

A. HARTSHORN (Lancs) bt E. Mandaluff (Lancs) 14, 14.

L. J. BROWNING (Yorks) bt V. Hankey (Ches) -13, 13, 9.

Final:

BROWNING bt Hartshorn 19, 15.

Kent Open

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:

O. B. Haslam (Middx) bt B. Meisel (Kent) 15, 20; I. Korpa (Yugo) bt A. Piddock (Kent) 15, -18, 15; T. Taylor (Herts) bt M. Johns (Ches) 15, 6; D. Surbek (Yugo) bt M. Sugden (Scotland) 14, 19.

Semi-finals:

KORPA bt Haslam 16, 19; SURBEK bt Taylor 15, 14.

Final:

SURBEK bt Korpa -15, 19, 19.

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:

M. Resler (Yugo) bt K. Mathews (Middx) 10, 17; L. Radford (Essex) bt P. Piddock (Kent) 18, -15, 10; J. Williams (Sussex) bt E. Korpa (Yugo) 11, 14; M. Wright (Surrey) bt D. Simpson (Essex) 12, 17.

Semi-finals:

RESLER bt Radford -13, 19, 18; WRIGHT bt Williams 16, 19.

Final:

WRIGHT bt Resler -20, 11, 10.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:

D. MUNT (Warwks)/T. TAYLOR bt B. Brumwell (Essex)/N. Isbell (Herts) 9, 12; KORPA/SURBEK bt H. Buist (Kent)/Piddock 15, 19.

Final:

KORPA/SURBEK bt Munt/Taylor 17, 15.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:

KORPA/RESLER bt S. Hession (Essex)/Williams 15, 19; MATHEWS/WRIGHT bt Radford/Simpson -18, 16, 21.

Final:

MATHEWS/WRIGHT bt Korpa/Resler 12, 7.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:

T. TAYLOR/PIDDOCK bt Surbek/Resler -19, 16, 21; PIDDOCK/WRIGHT bt Korpa/Korpa 13, 14.

Final:

TAYLOR/PIDDOCK bt Piddock/Wright 14, -18, 12.

Youth Singles (U-20) Boys:

Semi-finals:

T. TAYLOR bt S. Smith (Essex) 14, 6; J. DABIN (Kent) bt P. Taylor (Beds) 13, -15, 11.

Final:

TAYLOR bt Dabin 16, 11.



TONY CLAYTON

Girls' Semi-finals:

L. HOWARD (Surrey) bt M. Walker (Middx) 20, 13; P. BRENCHLEY (Kent) bt S. Kavallierou (Sussex) -16, 16, 17.

Final:

HOWARD bt Brenchley 10, 20.

Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:

J. OSBORNE (Essex) bt R. Etheridge (Kent) 16, -8, 18; P. LECKIE (Bucks) bt L. Hoffman (Middx) 16, 18.

Final:

LECKIE bt Osborne -14, 19, 17.

Pontefract Restricted Open

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:

D. Schofield (Ches) bt D. Rayner (Yorks) 10, -20, 15; A. Boasman (Lancs) bt A. Morris (Yorks) 17, 15; N. Fulstow (Yorks) bt P. Hirst (Yorks) -6, 18, 19; B. Kean (Ches) bt M. Wright (Yorks) 17, 12.

Semi-finals:

SCHOFIELD bt Boasman 19, 17; KEAN bt Fulstow 19, 13.

Final:

SCHOFIELD bt Kean 17, 18.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals:

J. ROWLEY (Warwks) bt L. Sutton (Yorks) -19, 15, 16; K. PERRY (Staffs) bt S. Walters (Derbys) -19, 12, 19.

Final:

PERRY bt Rowley 5, 5.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:

P. E. D'ARCY (Lancs)/J. DAVIES (Yorks) bt R. Brown/R. Cooper (Warwks) 14, -21, 10; HIRST/J. YEATS (Yorks) bt D. Cawthraw/G. Moore (Ches) 13, 10.

Final:

HIRST/YEATS bt D'Arcy/Davies -19, 9, 16.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:

L. HAMLETT/S. LEE (Yorks) bt C. Moran (Lincs)/Rowley 20, 12; PARRY/WALTERS bt V. King (Yorks)/Sutton 18, 19.

Final:

PERRY/WALTERS bt Hamlett/Lee 14, 14.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:

HIRST/S. BROADBENT (Yorks) bt Fulstow/Sutton 20, 19; DAVIES/PERRY bt K. Stones (Lancs)/Moran 17, 17.

Final:

HIRST/BROADBENT bt Davies/Perry 22, -18, 18.

Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:

A. Fletcher (Yorks) bt M. Maslivec (Lancs) 18, 20; Rayner bt G. Thomas (Durham) 6, 13; Boasman bt B. Johns (Ches) 14, -22, 13; Fulstow bt T. Nicholson (Durham) 8, 18.

Semi-finals:

FLETCHER bt Rayner 19, 16; BOASMAN bt Fulstow 16, 12.

Final:

BOASMAN bt Fletcher 13, -10, 10.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

KING bt J. Dyer (Ches) 16, 14; SUTTON bt Broadbent 14, 12.

Final:

SUTTON bt King 9, 12.

Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:

L. BROWNING (Yorks) bt S. Nunn (Yorks) 19, 15; K. MITCHELMORE (Yorks) bt T. Donlon (Ches) 18, 16.

Final:

BROWNING bt Mitchelmore 15, 16.

Yorkshire Junior Open

Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:

N. Jarvis (Yorks) bt N. Fulstow (Yorks) 19, 15.

J. Dabin (Kent) bt P. Abell (Yorks) 5, 13.

M. Read (Essex) bt P. Taylor (Beds) -20, 14, 19.

P. Bishop (Surrey) bt A. Fletcher (Yorks) 11, -9, 19.

Semi-finals:

JARVIS bt Read 22, 14.

DABIN bt Bishop 13, 9.

Final:

JARVIS bt Dabin 16, 12.



NICKY JARVIS

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

S. BECKWITH (Essex) bt S. Hamilton (Middx) -18, 13, 15.

C. MANN (Middx) bt S. Lisle (Lancs) -15, 18, 17.

Final:

BECKWITH bt Mann 15, 14.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

FULSTOW/D. RAYNER (Yorks) bt Abell/J. Walker (Yorks) 15, 18.

FLETCHER/TAYLOR bt M. Harper/D. Rawlinson (Herts) 18, -18, 17.

Final:

FULSTOW/RAYNER bt Fletcher/Taylor 12, -8, 18.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

BECKWITH/MANN bt E. Tarten/G. Taylor (Essex) 18, 14.

HAMILTON/A. PAINTER (Middx) bt Lisle/S. Read (Essex) -10, 10, 17.

Final:

BECKWITH/MANN bt Hamilton/Painter -13, 12, 21.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:

DABIN/LISLE bt Fulstow/L. Sutton (Yorks) 18, -16, 19.

FLETCHER/V. KING (Yorks) bt Read/Mann 18, -18, 18.

Final:

DABIN/LISLE bt Fletcher/King 13, -20, 8.

UNDER-15 EVENTS

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

TAYLOR bt R. Aldrich (Middx) -18, 15, 14.

P. GUTTORMSEN (Kent) bt I. Horsham (Essex) 17, 17.

Final:

TAYLOR bt Guttormsen -19, 16, 21.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

G. LOCKE (Essex) pt C. Stonell (Essex) 8, 13.

G. MACREA (Surrey) bt Taylor, 11, 11.

Final:

LOCKE bt Macrea -15, 19, 15.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

ALDRICH/GUTTORMSEN bt A. Black/S. Jennis (Yorks) 11, 11.

B. CROOK/D. PARKER (Lancs) bt D. Dino-Smith (Kent)/M. Wright (Yorks) -14, 15, 19.

Final:

ALDRICH / GUTTORMSEN bt Crook/Parker -20, 13, 14.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

J. HOLTAM (Kent)/LOCKE bt P. Clemants (Yorks)/Stonell 10, 14.

MACREA/READ bt J. Barker/J. Rutter (Yorks) 11, 16.

Final:

HOLTAM/LOCKE bt Macrea/Read 15, 4.

UNDER-13 EVENTS

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

DINO-SMITH bt R. Bartle (Yorks) 15, 14.

D. ALDERSON (Yorks) bt M. Hubbard (Warwks) 14, 13.

Final:

DINO-SMITH bt Alderson 13, 16.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

TARTEN bt Barker 12, 13.

TAYLOR bt Rutter -15, 17, 13.

Final:

TARTEN bt Taylor 15, -8, 19.

Master Points Scheme

ALTHOUGH this is the quiet time of the season for the Scheme, Club Masters continue to register, bringing that magical figure of 1,000 (and the £10 prize) ever nearer.

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1970 STEVENAGE OPEN

THE North Herts T.T.A. regret that due to difficulty in obtaining a venue there will be no Stevenage Open Tournament this year.

After completion of the last North Herts. Junior Open Tournament held at British Aircraft Corporation canteen, Stevenage, it was found that some competitors had seen fit to set fire to two bundles of paper in the girls changing rooms thereby damaging both the floor and some of the tables therein.

In consequence the British Aircraft Corporation do not feel inclined at the present time to let their canteen be used again for an Open Tournament and the N.H.T.T.A. feel strongly that it is most disappointing that the irresponsible acts of a small minority have yet again put the sport of table tennis into disrepute.

Scottish Open 1970

The Scottish Open Table Tennis Championships will be held on Friday, 13th March - Sunday, 15th March, in Edinburgh within St. Augustine's School. For the first time, the event will be sponsored—by 'The Edinburgh Evening News'.

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The national teams of Guernsey, Jersey, Scotland and Wales—who will also be engaged in the 'play-offs' of the West Europe zone of the European League—will be taking part and with no comparable tournament on the same dates, an excellent entry is anticipated from English players.

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HOW THE SPHERES MOVE FOR YOU in FEBRUARY

by Stellar

Born between Jan. 20 and Feb. 18.

Your Zodiacal sign is Aquarius, your planet Uranus.

It's nice to know that Aquarians with money worries can expect an easier period ahead of them—help comes from an unexpected source. And quite right, too, when they are often helping others. Aspects for Table Tennis not so good as last month—home games best!

Born between Feb. 19 and Mar. 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Pisces, your planet Jupiter.

The accent is on youthful Pisceans during this period—youngsters who take chances will be lucky, but the older ones would be wise to bide their time! Table Tennis prospects are a bit mixed, so it's best not to try out anything new.

Born between Mar. 21 and April 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Aries, your planet Mars.

Naturally warm-hearted and impulsive, typical Arians should try to hold themselves in check during the next few weeks—their tempestuous natures could lead them into trouble! This also applies to Table Tennis matters, so avoid heated arguments at all costs!

Born between April 21 and May 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Taurus, your planet Venus.

The pleasant period predicted for Taureans last month still continues into this one, especially where romance is concerned. Business

should also be good and the numbers 4 and 6 could be lucky to you. Table Tennis Taureans will find partners helpful.

Born between May 21 and June 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Gemini, your planet Mercury.

Family matters predominate for Geminians now. Good news should come from far away and invitations to go visiting, but be careful if travelling by road! Nervous tension eases up for T.T. players, leading to a successful outcome.

Born between June 21 and July 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Cancer, your planet the Moon.

Cancer types should now reap the benefit of ideas put into practice last month. Financial gains seem likely or a change of occupation. A new attachment may be made through Table Tennis.

Born between July 21 and Aug. 21.

Your Zodiacal sign is Leo, your planet the Sun.

Sun-worshipping Leos (and most of you are) would do well to fix up that holiday in the sun now—the stars are propitious for business deals and bargains! A lucky period for T.T. Leos who travel.

Born between Aug. 22 and Sept. 22.

Your Zodiacal sign is Virgo, your planet Mercury.

Virgos can be very moody at times—this makes them hard to get on with and sometimes misunderstood. But as this is a good period for outside activities, shake off any moodiness by playing more T.T. than usual!

Born between Sept. 23 and Oct. 22.

Your Zodiacal sign is Libra, your planet Venus.

Librans, beloved of the gods, have a particularly successful time ahead of them if they take advantage of the opportunities coming their way during the next few weeks. A wonderful time for sports activities and Table Tennis is no exception!

Born between Oct. 23 and Nov. 22.

Your Zodiacal sign is Scorpio, your planet Mars.

Typical Scorpions are excellent workers and planners and plans made now should be very fruitful in the near future. But take heed to read over documents very carefully before committing yourself. Health aspects not so good for T.T. players—beware feverish colds.

Born between Nov. 23 and Dec. 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Sagittarius, your planet Jupiter.

Jovial and light-hearted on the surface, Sagittarians have an undercurrent of deep emotion which may be tested and tried to the full during this Astrological period. Keep a level head and make no promises. Avoid friction at Table Tennis at all costs.

Born between Dec. 21 and Jan. 19.

Your Zodiacal sign is Capricorn, your planet Saturn.

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NORTHANTS

By Gwyn Powell

FIRST VICTORY OF THE SEASON

The new year began really well for Northants with the county teams recording their first wins of the season, the seniors against Norfolk and the juniors against Derbyshire, both by 8-2 margins. The senior team played well at Wellingborough where John Goodall lost in straight games to B. Mitcham but gave a brilliant display of attacking table tennis in beating T. Hipperson. Roderick Marchant and Joyce Rowson lost the mixed doubles with a very poor performance, especially the second game in which they only managed to scrape five points. Against Derbyshire, the boys did well to win all their singles and the doubles, and Jane Cherry took the girls' singles.

Jane is having quite a good season in the Northampton League and has been selected for the Town Women's team which plays in the South-East Midlands League. She has made a promising start in the senior ranks and in her third representative match against Peterborough she won Northampton's only points with two good victories. With county champion Joyce Rowson and Doris Rivett also in the Northampton team this was a creditable performance by the young schoolgirl. Jane is also a member, along with Margaret McInnes, Ann and Lesley Ekias, of the Northampton High School Under-19 team which won the Midland Area Final in the English Schools' T.T.A.'s team championships at Redditch. Trinity Grammar School made it a double success by winning the boys' Under-19 title by beating one of the strong Warwickshire schools, Turves Green. Nick Haycock, Dave Berridge, Paul Blincow and Alan Counsell all played well and shocked their opponents who must have been favourites to take the title before the event.

In the Northampton Premier Division, United Tennis Club 'A' have once again powered their way to the top of the table and will take some shifting. Y.M.C.A. 'A' are also doing well but one of the main points of interest is whether Roadmender 'A' can keep up their challenge to finish their first season in this division in third position. In Division 1, N.P. Bank 'A' have had their big lead reduced by Y.M.C.A. 'C' and will have to work hard to make certain of the championship in the latter stages of the season. Sepulchre seem to have the second division title in their pocket and Avon have a firm grip on Division 4 but the biggest lead of all is in Division 6A where Brooklands Aviation, one of the newcomers to the league, have built up a gap of 41 over their nearest rivals.

A newcomer to the women's section is providing stiffer opposition for the top women players in the second half of the season. She is Miss Janet Dann who played as a junior in Hertfordshire but hadn't played for several years when asked to turn up as a reserve for the Doddridge club. Since then she has beaten many of the local players and has turned out successfully for Doddridge 'A' in

Division 2. She could well cause some upsets in the Northampton Closed Tournament.

STAFFORDSHIRE

by John Pike

FULLY BOOKED

With the opening of a new schools Table Tennis centre at Wolverhampton, the Restricted tournament, and the veterans playing their first county match, January was a busy month for players and officials alike.

First that new centre at Wolverhampton. It was opened at the Highfields School by the county chairman, Malcolm Scott, and will now be used on two evenings a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, for coaching something like 60 children during the next 10 week course. Jim Hayward will be in charge of these sessions and he must be well pleased that the first course was fully booked before the centre was even open!

I am sure the education officials present at the opening were impressed by the way the whole thing was arranged. People like Malcolm Scott, A. H. McIlreath, Jim Hayward and Alan Cavell, to name but a few, must have felt that their hard work over the past months was all worth while, as they saw 250 school children wildly cheering Denis Neale and Chester Barnes at the end of a first class exhibition match. To give it the right image, it was good to see Derek Tremayne and our staff coaches present. It was perhaps fortunate that the event was held in the same week as these officials were with the England team at Lilleshall.

Talking of that training session at Lilleshall brings me to the best bit of publicity the game has had in the Midlands for years. A.T.V., my own company, took the cameras along to Lilleshall and not only was it given a fair amount of time in the local sports programme but the Midland News, on that evening, opened with that exhibition match between Neale and Barnes. As I said it was the best plug the game has had in these parts for a very long time.

I understand that a good entry was received for the Restricted tournament at the Woodfield club, Wolverhampton, and I hope to give a full report on this event in next month's issue.

With the exception of the juniors, the county made a useful start to the New Year, but the team I really want to look at is the new veterans' side who beat Hertfordshire 8-0 in a friendly at Chasetown. Staffordshire, still pressing for a veterans' division next season, should get their wish if this game was anything to go by. The spirit was good and I am sure it will be the same when they meet Shropshire and Nottingham. For those counties in the Midland area who have shown little interest so far, one can only hope they have a change of heart before next season.

Finally news of our juniors. Colin Pearse who is in charge of the youngsters found himself working overtime after the game with Warwickshire at Birmingham. Getting back into

Wolverhampton he found that the last train had left for Stoke and so had to drive up a foggy M6 to take two players back to the Potteries.

He arrived back in Wolverhampton at 1-30 a.m. but the thought of that 8-2 defeat and the bar of the Woodfield club being shut, it was a night he would rather forget.

At the Warwickshire match, Keith Fellows and Barbara Eardley were both awarded their county colours. The next Rally will be held at Lilleshall on 12th. April.

LANCASHIRE

By George Yates

BENNY LOSES HIS TITLE

KEVIN FORSHAW retained his men's singles title in the Manchester League's closed championships, played on January 6th-8th, without dropping a game, and Susan Lisle beat Mary Leigh (holder) to give her the women's singles for the first time.

Benny Casofsky, after 10 successive wins in the 'Veterans' event, was beaten 21, -18, 18 by Terry Donlon who went out to former Australian star Lou Laza in the semis.

RESULTS

M.S.: Semi-finals:
K. FORSHAW bt D. Berry 9, 15; J. CLAYTON bt B. Kean 11, -11, 10.

Final:
K. FORSHAW (holder) bt J. Clayton 10, 18.

M.D.: Semi-finals:
B. KEAN/J. HILTON bt L. Laza/B. Hymanson 9, 8; K. FORSHAW/D. BERRY (holders) bt J. Ingber/I. Walmsley 19, 16.

Final:
B. KEAN/J. HILTON bt K. Forshaw/D. Berry 12, -19, 17.

W.S.: Semi-finals:
S. LISLE bt Mrs. D. Schofield 11, 15; M. LEIGH (holder) bt Mrs. J. Nield -22, 14, 16.

Final:
S. LISLE bt M. Leigh 18, 18.

W.D.: Semi-finals:
M. LEIGH/Mrs. J. NIELD (holders) bt S. Buckley/Mrs. D. Schofield 14, 17; S. LISLE/Mrs. M. DOLBY bt J. Dyer/J. M. Green 12, 13.

Final:
M. LEIGH/Mrs. J. NIELD bt S. Lisle/Mrs. M. Dolby 16, 12.

X.D.: Semi-finals:
Mr. and Mrs. D. SCHOFIELD bt K. Forshaw/Mrs. J. Nield (holders) 13, -10, 18; A. BOASMAN/Miss M. LEIGH bt W. Crompton/Miss S. Lisle 20, 19.

Final:
Mr. and Mrs. D. SCHOFIELD bt A. Boasman/Miss M. Leigh 17, 22.

J.S.: Semi-finals:
A. BOASMAN (holder) bt R. Evans 11, 9; Miss S. LISLE bt P. Bowen -19, 20, 16.

Final:
A. BOASMAN bt Miss S. Lisle 9, 11.

Vets.: Semi-finals:
V. HANKEY bt J. Rudd 16, 11; L. LAZA bt T. Donlon 14, -14, 9.

Final:
V. HANKEY bt L. Laza 20, -17, 17.

No player in Division 1 of the Lancashire and Cheshire League can boast a 100% record but in Divs. 2 (North) and (South) Liverpool's Ted Mandaluff and Ian Walmsley (Sale) can.

In the Women's top division, both Mary Leigh and Susan Lisle of Manchester have yet to taste defeat and the same goes for Doreen Schofield and M. Lypnyckyt of Stockport. One hundred percents in the Junior divisions are John Barton (Liverpool) and Ken Hampson (Stockport) in Division 1, and D. Malkin of Macclesfield (Div. 2).

Mid-Cheshire's Brian Johns has the distinction of being the only player unbeaten in the Youth Division.

DEVON

by D. A. Bazell

JUNIOR RANKINGS

Top of the Devon junior rankings are Keith James (Plymouth) and Pauline Black (Tiverton).

The ranking lists for boys and girls were decided after special tournaments at Exmouth and Plymouth.

It's the first time the county has had such a list: reason for it now is to select a team to play neighbouring counties in friendly matches before entering the national league next season.

BOYS—1, K. James (Plymouth); 2, M. Hicks (South Devon); 3, R. Davis (Exeter); 4, K. Baker (Exeter) and D. Lee (North Devon); 6, M. Melmouth (Exeter); 7, M. Ley (Exeter); 8, C. Hanbury (South Devon); 9, N. Jackson (South Devon) and 10, D. Bullen (South Devon).

GIRLS—1, Pauline Black (Tiverton); 2, Wendy Curtis (Exmouth); 3, Lorraine Duckworth (Exmouth); 4, Ann Curryer (Exmouth); 5, Lorraine Hunt (Exmouth); 6, Katy Molland (Exmouth), Joy Reeves (Exmouth) and Kim Hooper (Exeter); 9, Audrey Mitchell (Exmouth); and 10, Jayne Lathan (Exmouth).

At the Devon-Wiltshire match at Torquay, county association president Jeffrey Michelmore presented on behalf of the association a pen and pencil set to Mrs. Frances Jarvis (Plymouth) who has retired after 15 years' service. He thanked her for her work "particularly during the difficult years" and Mrs. Jarvis—she was the county secretary before the ill-health of her husband forced her to give up—said she had enjoyed her work and promised to get back into the game as soon as she was able.

There were exactly 100 entries for Exeter's first official open junior tournament (report next month) on January 24 with players coming from many parts of the southern half of England.

SURREY

by John Zenthon

PENFOLD LOSES TITLE

George Muranyi, Surrey's No. 4, emerged as the new men's singles champion following the shock defeat of title holder Ron Penfold by Gordon Chapman in the semi-finals of the Surrey Closed. It was the biggest entry yet for these championships which were again held at Goblin Works, Leatherhead with something like £30 distributed in prizes. Congratulations to Stan Buchan for the smooth organisation. Two familiar faces missing from the tournament were those of "Connie" Warren and Joan Fitzsimons, both in Ireland.

It was a closely-fought men's final with Muranyi comfortably taking the first, throwing the second and then, in the decider, racing away to a 10-1 lead. Although Chapman rallied, picking up points to be 12-18 down, it was a little too much to ask as Muranyi coasted home. On his way to the final, Muranyi had beaten Emezc (9,13) and the surprise semi-finalist Schooler whose quarter had

been weakened by the non-appearance of Barry Hill, one of the seeds. Schooler, although managing to hold his own to the half-way stage in each game—being 11-9 up in the second—found the class of Muranyi too much. Chapman, in turn, had beaten Santic (-20, 14, 11), Beck (18, 15) and, of course, Penfold.

The men's doubles also saw a new pairing on the list of winners when Muranyi, partnered by Penfold, blasted off Beck and Chapman in straight games. This event saw Penfold, whose big hit had forsaken him in the singles back to form and killing everything in sight. Muranyi and Penfold had beaten Emezc and Horton in the semis, and Beck and Chapman had beaten the holders Kercher and Brennan both in straight games.

The remainder of the events were a repeat of last year with the Howard sisters once again sweeping the board. Susan and Linda were respectively, winner and runner-up in the women's and girls' singles, and womens doubles winners over the Byfleet pair Mrs. George and Mrs. Burnett. To round off the evening, Susan again teamed up with Peter Brennan to

achieve a narrow win over Paul Beck and Mrs. Buick in straight games — the latter having two deuce advantages in the second. Paul Bishop retained his boy's singles title with the expected easy win over Graham Hickey.

Perhaps it is a little unfair to single out one of so many promising juniors, but twelve-year-old Max Crimmins from Wimbledon, played quite impressively in the couple of men's singles I saw.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-finals:

G. Muranyi bt A. Schooler 15, 15; G. Chapman bt R. Penfold 19,16.

Final:

MURANYI bt Chapman 16, -12, 13.

Women's Singles:

MISS S. HOWARD bt Miss L. Howard 17, 15.

Men's Doubles:

G. MURANYI/R. PENFOLD bt P. Beck/G. Chapman 11, 15.

Mixed Doubles:

P. BRENNAN/S.HOWARD bt P. Beck/Mrs. R. Buick 19, 22.

Women's Doubles:

S. Howard/L. Howard bt Mrs. P. George/Mrs. D. Burnett 12, 14.

Boy's Singles:

P. Bishop bt. G. Hickey 8, 5.

Girl's Singles:

S. Howard bt L. Howard 14, 12.

until the last set. Unchanged from the match at Doncaster, Essex faced a Middlesex side made up of Robert Aldrich, David Jemmett, Julian Colin, Christine Mann, Sheila Hamilton and Anne Painter. It proved another enjoyable match which lasted for 3½ hours!

In the National Team Competitions, East London are the only representatives from Essex in the last 16 of the Wilmott Cup. In the Rose Bowl, Ramford meet Walthamstow and Harlow are at home to Oxford.

East London and Barking reached the 3rd round of the Carter Cup but both were beaten.

Barking League Secretary, Dick Roffe, spent Christmas in hospital with an internal complaint but is now home gradually recovering. All your friends wish you a speedy recovery Dick.

Ian Horsham, who broke his collar bone before Xmas, has made a complete recovery and is now trying to regain his normal form. The break was an unfortunate setback for him so soon after being selected "Boy of the Year" at Butlin's.

Essex Senior teams are passing through a bad patch as happens to all teams at some time or another. The Juniors are still unbeaten in the Championships and play their friends from Hertfordshire on February 8th, the result of which match should determine who contests the Challenge matches.

Congratulations to Susan Beckwith on her first senior "cap" — the girl who is always smiling, win or lose. Finally, news of Keith Lawrence who is training in computer programming, operating and systems at a firm in Brentwood. He is now finding time to "pick up the threads" of table tennis and is playing once or twice a week. He tells me he is enjoying his table tennis for the first time in his life!

ESSEX

by Harry Walker

SHEPHERD LEADS HIS FLOCK

QUITE an event took place during the first week of the new year, when County Junior Secretary, Alan Shepherd, organised a large coach party from Essex to take part in the Yorkshire Open at Hull. The party consisted of 22 Juniors from Essex, 13 from Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Berkshire plus 12 parents and officials.

The first stop was at Doncaster for a splendidly contested match between the Yorkshire and Essex Juniors. Yorkshire won the match 6-4 and the encounter lasted 3½ hours without a break. The issue was undecided until the final game between Alan Fletcher and Micky Locke.

Yorkshire were represented by Fletcher, Jimmy Walker, Neil Fuls-tow, David Rayner, Linda Sutton and Valerie King, and Essex by Micky Read, Ian Horsham, Locke, Susan Beckwith and Gillian Locke. The success of the match was a powerful argument in favour of the proposed Premier Division for Juniors.

Full details of the Junior Open will appear elsewhere in this issue but an interesting feature was the fact that all 3 girls' events were won by Essex players:— U-17 — Susan Beckwith, U-15 — Gillian Locke, and U-13 — Elaine Tarten.

Super organisation by Alan Shepherd made for a splendid weekend for all the Juniors from the south.

Following on this successful venture, a second friendly match was played against Middlesex Juniors on January 17th which resulted in a 5-all draw, and again the result was undecided

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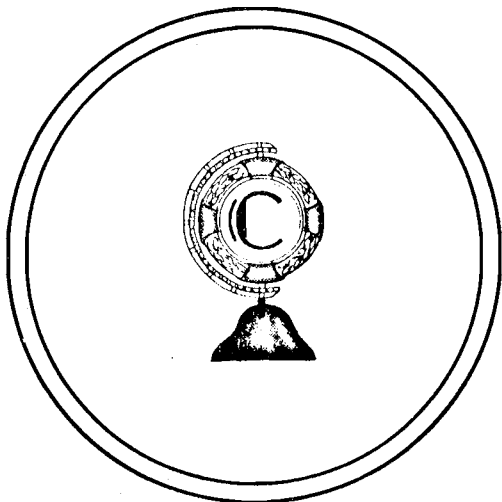
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HERTFORDSHIRE

by **J. M. Barnes**

TREVOR STILL TOPS

Following the recent Senior County Trials, a ranking list has been produced for the County:—

Men

1. T. Taylor (North Herts.)
2. E. Coster (Watford)
3. B. White (Cheshunt)
4. D. Gilbert (Watford)
5. A. Lampe (Bishops Stortford)
6. M. Harper (Letchworth)
7. D. Seaholme (Watford)
8. J. Baxter (Watford)
9. S. Seaholme (Watford)
10. D. Rawlinson (Stevenage)
11. A. Lamprell (Cheshunt)
12. J. Garland (Watford)

Women

1. Mrs. V. Scripps (Bishops Stortford)
2. Miss B. Peters (Watford)
3. Mrs. D. Baines (Letchworth)
4. Mrs. J. Rodgers (Bishops Stortford)
5. Mrs. G. Calver (Letchworth)
6. Mrs. G. Tavener (St. Albans)
6. Mrs. S. Felstead (Letchworth) (both equal)
8. Mrs. C. Haldin (Cheshunt)
9. Miss P. Bolton (Watford)
10. Miss M. Carter (St. Albans)

The foregoing ranked players will, no doubt, face keen competition, both from other ranked and unranked players, at the County Championships to be held on February 28th-March 1st.

In the Watford Premier Division, Y.M.C.A., represented by David Geoff and Stuart Seaholme, continue as the only unbeaten team. Oxhey, their nearest rivals, failed to end this unbeaten run when they lost by 7 sets to 3 against Y.M.C.A. in a recent match.

In the Cheshunt First Division, Barry White still maintains his unbeaten record, while his team, East Herts College, had, by early January, just edged in front of Enfield High-way.

Michael Nocivelli had accounted for Tony Reeves.

Swindon 2nds did well to win their first match of the season away to Salisbury. This was a "see-saw" encounter right up to the seventh and eighth sets when Salisbury might, so easily, have won. R. Smith had a set point against B. Hey, and K. Bostock was up 20-17 against G. Turnbull in the deciding game.

But Turnbull survived and pulled the match in Swindon's favour. Phil Brown did well for Salisbury remaining unbeaten.

Weston easily beat Taunton in their home game 8-1, only Richard Pendleton tasting success, beating J. Garland in the opening set! For Weston, Roger Morris and J. Hartry won their sets fairly comfortably.

Newport had a good win against Bristol 2nds by 9-0; only Geoff Douglas caused them any concern when he took Chris Evans and John Bloomer to deciding games. Against Bristol 1st, Newport pulled off a brilliant 5-4 win.

Shooting into a 3-0 lead, Newport were pulled back to 3-all but nosed in front again when Campbell beat B. Reeves only for Tony Reeves to beat C. Feltham to make the score 4-all. Kozlowski then won the match for

Newport with an exciting 19, 15 win over R. Bowden.

At home Newport's women were beaten 6-3 by Newbury. Heather Masters played well to win all her sets to pave the way for Newbury's win whilst June Costa and Avril Waters both beat Barbara Roden. For Newport, Stella Jones was easily their best player, losing only to Mrs. Masters.

Swindon were beaten at home by Exeter whose Pam Lake (Mortimer) has put punch into their team since joining them just before Christmas. She was ably supported by Maureen Spray, who won 2, and Valerie Addicott who beat K. Leslie. For Swindon, Gwen Hazell won two and Mrs. J. Price beat Val Addicott.

Leading positions:—

Men	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol	7	5	2	43	20	10
Newport	6	4	2	37	17	8
Newbury	5	4	1	28	17	8
Weston	4	3	1	28	8	6
Exeter	4	3	1	21	15	6
Taunton	4	3	1	19	17	6

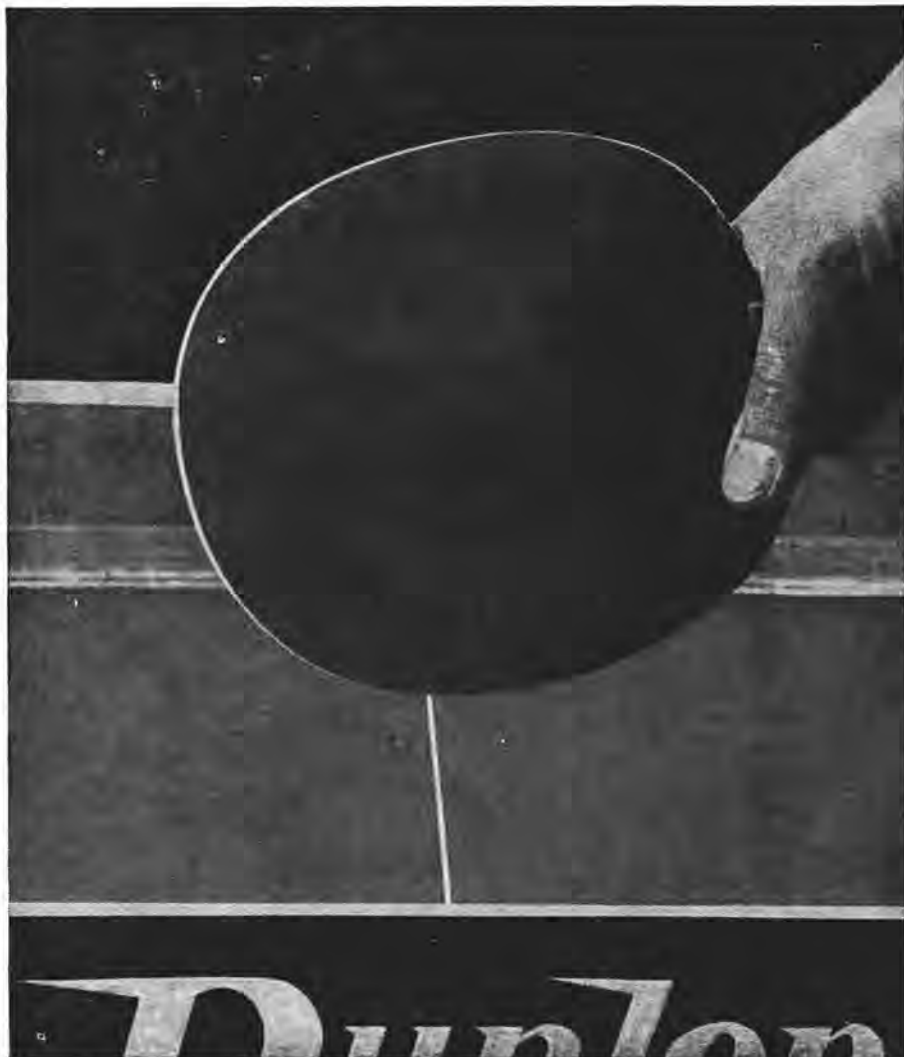
Women	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol	5	4	1	36	9	8
Newbury	4	3	1	20	16	6
Devizes	3	2	1	16	11	4

WESTERN COUNTIES

By **Grove Motlow**

NEWPORT IN SURPRISE DEFEAT

AFTER taking a 4-2 lead, Newport were surprisingly beaten by Newbury who fought back brilliantly to win 5-4 after Tony Huish had beaten Richard Kozlowski and Duncan Campbell, and John Bloomer and



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SUSSEX

by John Woodford

SAM BREAKS THE GOOD NEWS

Dawn was breaking on the rain-swept southern reaches of the M1 on Sunday, January 11th as the first of the cars carrying the Sussex premier team from Cheadle Hulme moved into the London suburbs carrying two precious points . . . Some Sussex officials turned uneasily in their sleep wondering subconsciously what was on their minds, dreaming of points lost and points gained . . . and wondering how soon after breakfast the telephone would ring with the vital news.

My telephone rang soon after 11 a.m. with a call from Sam Ogundipe, in between rounds at the Bournemouth Open, after travelling for nearly 24 hours with only a break in Cheshire. Sam gave the good news that the spell of defeats by Cheshire over Sussex had ended and we had won 5-4. Sam had travelled the 570 mile journey to play only in the mixed which was a shock win by Mike Johns and Doreen Schofield over Sam and Judy Williams.

Incredibly fortunate for Sussex, Peter Williams turned in one of his

sterling performances by winning both his singles, and the doubles with Roger Chandler. He will have few better wins during 1970 than his victory over Johns at 21-9 in the third. Although Sussex are not yet out of the relegation wood they now have a two-point advantage and a superior sets average over Cheshire and Northumberland, their companions in trouble at the foot of the premier table.

Ex-Lancashire man John Clarke was given another chance, for Sussex against Cheshire, to return to his home territory in search of success but he still found the going hard. He did however take the incredible Derek Schofield to 18 in the third and lost to Brian Kean when Sussex had the points safely in the bag.

The clash of tournament and county match fixtures with Wilmott and Rose Bowl matches must be making headaches for players and officials alike in a number of counties. Both the zone finals involving Sussex teams had problems. The Crawley-Brighton Wilmott clash (won by Brighton 5-1) was hastily arranged and just finalised the day before the event. Similarly, Eastbourne's Rose Bowl team survived perilous hours before winning 5-4 against Worthing. Without Sandra

Goldsmith, Eastbourne had to ask Bognor officials Fred Holmes and Colin Young to rush Carol Randall from the Middlesex-Sussex junior match at Finchley to Worthing. Fog on the A24 led to a 3½ hour journey and Carol arriving very late at the venue. Fortunately for Eastbourne two wins by Carol and another astonishing maximum by Diane Gard (which included Suzanna Kavallierou) saw Eastbourne through to yet another inter-zone final.

The Bournemouth Open saw the third appearance of the Sussex-sponsored squad of young players. Top honours went to Suzanna Kavallierou once again; she reached the semi-final of the women's singles after beating Carol in the quarters. The Littlehampton girl also reached the final of the mixed with Bognor player James Talman.

bt Watson/Mrs. Stevens -18, 15, 16.

Boys' Singles:
P. ACKLAND (High Wycombe) bt A. Clark (Bletchley) 16, 11.

Girls' Singles:
Miss MASHFORD bt Miss Reidy -18, 20, 18.

Junior Doubles:
ACKLAND/T. GRAY (High Wycombe) bt Clark/R. Harman (Bletchley) 15, -15, 22.

Veteran Singles:
J. HUSBANDS (Slough) bt Barnett -15, 15, 20.

Restricted Singles:
PARKS bt J. Davey (Chiltern) 20, 19.

NORFOLK

by J. S. Penny

CAMBRIDGE GIVEN THE "BLUES"

The Norfolk success story of the month comes from Norwich, whose Wilmott Cup victory over Cambridge in the Eastern Zone final took them into the last sixteen of this national team knock-out competition. In fact, it took Tony Hipperson, Phillip Graver and Stan Honor only six sets to decide the issue against Alan Ponder, Tony Littlechild and Steve Andrews. Splendid form.

Norwich League have held their annual Singles Handicap for the Copeman Cup, and Dave Hardy, the Sprowston No. 1, who received 4, beat Mick Broughton of Norfolk Dumplings (five) 21-6, 21-16 to regain the Cup he had last held in 1967-68.

Handicapping is quite an art, and Norwich have been lucky to have the services of Lennie Miller for many years. There is also a league official known as the Co-ordinating Official whose main object is — or used to be — to see that Divisional teams played in order of strength. To this end, it was useful to keep complete league records of positions played and games won. It used to be quite a revelation to see the way in which Lennie Miller combined his use of these records with his native flair. Norwich League's present Co-ordinating Official is Jack Cutmore.

Dereham League plan to enter a team in the Junior division of the East Anglian League of Leagues next season. In their Division 1, Hippos lead with 19 points from ten matches, followed by R.A.F. Swanton Morley (12) and Foulsham with 10. Cranes, Jentique, Watton, Beetley, Saints and Elmham are in single figures. In Division II, 66 Club "A" and Hippos "B" each have 12 points from eight matches. Shipdham "A" have eleven, then follow Hindolveston, Swanton Morley, Jentique "B", Youth Centre, D. & F.S.C. and 66 Club "B".

Yarmouth's Premier Division is headed by Iron Duke "B" Division 1 by Gorleston Congregational Division II by Power Station "B", Division III by Shrublands "C", Division IV by Power Station "E" and Division VI by Claydon "A".

Norfolk visited Wellingborough for their Eastern Division clash with Northants, but could scrape only two sets out of ten. Bob Mitcham beat John Goodall and Phillip Graver and Penny Melton won their Mixed, but that was all!

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

By Tony Wickens

SAME PACK, NEW SHUFFLE

AFTER 21 seasons, from the formation of the Association in 1948, Leo Thompson gave up the Secretaryship of the Bucks Association, at the end of last season, and has moved into the Chair.

His place was filled by Tony Wickens, Treasurer for the past 10 seasons. To complete the re-shuffle, Peter Hillier moved from Umpires' Secretary to Treasurer, and three new Officers were elected, R. (Gooch) Goodchild as Vice-Chairman, Robin Wickens as County Match Secretary, and Brian Webb, as Umpires' Secretary.

The only Officer to be re-elected was Ian Harvey, Inter-League Championships Secretary. With the brightest prospects for many seasons on the playing side, with Paul and Jill Shirley heading the County Ranking lists, the County face a bleak future administratively unless some new faces come along.

The Bucks Closed Championships, played at Slough Community Centre on Sunday, January 4th, saw both No. 1's absent; the No. 2's in the Ranking lists, Stan Hahn and Jean Williams, were top seeds in the singles, and both won through. Surprise in the men's singles was the defeat of No. 3, Les Wooding by Bill Barnett, not currently in the list. The results were:-

Men's Singles: Semi-finals:
S. HAHN (Aylesbury) bt M. Wald (Slough) 14, 13; R. NAPPER (Slough) bt W. Barnett (Slough) 17, 19.
Final: HAHN bt Napper 17, 13.

Women's Singles:
Miss J. WILLIAMS (Slough) bt Mrs. B. Stevens (Slough) 15, 13.

Men's Doubles:
A. WATSON (Slough)/L. WOODING (Bletchley) bt P. Leckie (Slough)/L. Parks (Chalfont) 9, 18.

Women's Doubles:
Miss J. DANIELS (Bletchley)/Mrs. J. REED (Bletchley) bt Miss K. Mashford (Slough)/Miss A. Reidy (Slough) 18, 16.

Mixed Doubles:
HAHN/Miss J. DALTON (Bletchley)

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HAMPSHIRE

by David Cosway

DISAPPOINTING RESULT

Hampshire's hopes of winning the Southern Division ended with a home defeat by Berkshire. A disappointing result with many close games lost which should not have been allowed to slip away. Phil Brown, previously unbeaten this season in County singles, lost a 13-5 lead in the third game against Duncan Campbell and, in the men's doubles with Chris Shetler, a 19-16 in-the-third lead was frittered away.

Brown also suffered his first ever defeat by Bob Thornton. Angeline Gilbert, not showing her best form, lost to Heather Massey in the singles and, with Julie Daniels, lost the women's doubles. These two women's defeats, although repeats of first half results, show how the County cannot clinch wins in these events in which they have been so strong in the past.

On the brighter side both Shetler and Keith Summerfield showed flashes of fine table-tennis which augers well for the future and each gained victories over Richard Koslowski. Summerfield also com-

bined with Julie Daniels for a good mixed doubles win.

The junior County team with Stuart Tannahill back gained an easy 10-0 win over Bucks. Two restricted Open junior titles in Bournemouth, in following weeks, confirmed Stuart as the most consistent of the current crop of juniors and he has also scored wins over Shetler in recent weeks to put him in the running for senior selection next season.

In the inter-town league, Basingstoke are almost certain to take their first title in the junior division after beating their closest rivals, Portsmouth, by 7-3. Colin Sargeant and Skip Iacona were undefeated in this match—and for the season in inter-town matches. Portsmouth had previously lost their unbeaten record surprisingly to Southampton "B" after holding Southampton "A" to a draw.

Southampton progressed further in both the Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl competitions. The men gained a 5-2 win over Newbury while the women beat Bournemouth 6-3. In this Rose Bowl match, Joyce Coop won Bournemouth's three and only Angeline Gilbert extended her to a third game.

In the Carter Cup, the earliest exit

for years for Southampton following a 4-5 defeat at the hands of Basingstoke. This match produced some of the finest junior table tennis in the area with all players at their best. Tannahill was obviously the star with three wins, but Basingstoke's team effort produced the win with Colin Sargeant and Mike Cordrey winning two each and Iacona one. The National Club competition is now in full swing with Bournemouth Y.M.C.A. to entertain Southborough from Tunbridge Wells, and Four T's (Southampton), having disposed of Aldershot Social 8-1, entertain North Mundham, the Bognor champions.

a major force for Cheshire and indeed who is there to replace him? Nobody so far.

The Cheshire Schools' championships at Malpas Secondary produced some excellent table tennis (I hope the Cheshire selectors were present). The winners were Bredbury Boys' Secondary who defeated Stanney County Secondary 9-8.

Stockport YOC League were easily beaten by neighbouring Stockport and District when they met in a first round match of the Norman Cook Memorial Trophy competition. The YOC must now concentrate on gaining their first points of the season in the Lancashire and Cheshire League to avoid finishing bottom of the Youth Division.

With over half the season completed, five players are still undefeated in the Stockport and District League. Young Peter Jefford, one of Stockport's bright hopes for the future, has sixteen victories to his credit.

Any hopes that Stockport may have had of winning the Wilmott and Carter Cups, were dashed when both senior and junior teams were defeated by Manchester at Gatley YMCA. The Juniors lost 3-6, the Seniors 2-5.

CHESHIRE

by Jim Beckley

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A comment by Peter Wilson, in the Cheshire versus Sussex match programme, that near-veteran Derek Schofield may well be making this his last season as a Cheshire player, must give serious food for thought to the Cheshire selectors. Derek, we know, has important business commitments and is deserving of a rest from top flight play but he is still



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LEICESTERSHIRE

by Philip Reid

PRESSURE OFF

Leicestershire Seniors breathed sighs of relief when they beat Monmouthshire 8-2 in their 2nd Division (Midland) fixture. It should mean they are safe for another season. The return of Ernest McLeish and Glenys Odams coupled with excellent form shown by Graham Hughes and Rita Stevenson brought about this win. One should not forget the fine sportsmanship shown by the Welsh team in defeat. As far as Leicestershire are concerned Grove Motlow's people are welcome any time.

The juniors had a tough encounter in which they escaped with a point from their visit to Nottinghamshire in a Junior (Midland) game. Leicestershire Juniors have been unbeaten by anybody except Warwickshire for three seasons but they came mighty close to it in this match. The girls—Janet Hamer, Karen Rogers and Sally Elsdon — and Alan Philpott saved them.

In the Midland League Leicester's main hopes of a Championship trophy rest in the hands of the Men's 2nd team who are unbeaten. Paul Randell has showed fine form and fully justified his place.

Loughborough, who are in the 2nd Division (Intermediates) in the Midland League are still top but they had a shock when they trailed 1-4 against Worcester. They eventually fought back to draw and all will depend on their visit to Worcester. Another draw should give them the title for they have won their own matches 10-0.

Leicester are out of the Wilmott Cup but full marks to Charlie Jacques. The team lost to West Bromwich 5-4 but Charlie was unbeaten, claiming the scalps of Baddeley, Eaton and Keates. The ladies lost 6-3 to Birmingham in the Rose Bowl after being level at 3-3 but the junior teams are doing well. The boys had a totally unexpected but thoroughly deserved win over Birmingham in the Carter Cup. Hero was Paul Randell who won three, Andy Holdsworth winning the other two. The girls (Janet Hamer, Karen Rogers and Sally Elsdon) are still going well in the Bromfield Trophy.

The recent YMCA Invitation Tournament brought a 'hat trick' of victories for Jacques. He won the Men's Singles, Men's Doubles (with Colin Truman) and Mixed (partnered by Susan Baxter). Glenys Odams was the popular Ladies' Singles winner and the youngest-ever winners of the Ladies' Doubles were Janet Hamer and Susan Baxter. Janet added another trophy when she won the newly-installed Girls' Singles. Boys' Singles winner was Paul Randell for the second year in succession. Junior Doubles provided Paul with another success, partnered by Alan Philpott. Another new event was the Restricted Singles, for players in the lower divisions only, and in this Malcolm Wainwright came out winner. A feature of the competition was that all five leagues within the county had players in the final. The Under-15 Singles was won by Loughborough's Peter Angrave whilst the Intermediate Singles was won by Alan Croome.

The Intermediate final proved least interesting of all, both players (Croome and Holdsworth) spending as much time arguing about the quality of the table as playing table tennis.

In the Rose Johnson Bowl, Imperial Typewriter are still providing plenty of close finishes. Having beaten Eagle Works by 306-304 in Round Two they went one better in the next beating Nabisco Frears 303-302. To give Imperial victory Alan Wells needed to beat John Round 21-11. He won by exactly that score. Barwell Liberal had a close win over East Goscote by 280 points to 278. Hero here was R. Bell.

In the Leicester & District League, competition is still as keen as ever. Jones & Shipman lead 5B but are being hotly pursued by Leicester Banks and Leicester University. Barwell Liberals are out on their own in 4B and look almost certain winners. At the half-way stage only two teams can boast 100% record — Egerton Park (2A) and Bentley Engineering III (9A). Several of the new teams are doing well. Old Lancastrians, led by Malcolm Bassett, have built up a formidable lead in 8A. East Goscote have got clear of the field in 9B. They have Trevor Wright and David Hawes both available so this is not surprising.

Mustangs look almost unstoppable in the 1st Division of the Loughborough League, their team of Newman, Hagger and Meredith proving too powerful for all-comers so far. The Loughborough League now have their own magazine, which was the brain child of chairman Dave Arterton and a fine publication it is. Holy Trinity had a great match with Fisons "A" which resulted in a draw. Mike Newton and John Lenton both won two for Trinity but neither could beat Brian Needham, who scored a fine maximum in only his second game.

Pegsons have taken the lead in the Coalville League 1st Division, with Mick Saunders and Roy Brearley both playing well. Grieves II look to be almost certain winners of Division 2 where B. Haywood and P. Paget are playing well. Star of the division is B. Sheppard (War Memorial) who has still to be defeated.

Arrangements are going ahead for the Leicestershire Closed on March 8/9.

WARWICKSHIRE

by Ralph Gunnion

CHALLENGING TIME AHEAD?

THE County first team remain unbeaten after four matches in the County Championships. Our latest victory over Glamorgan, 8-2, gives us high hopes of taking part in the promotion challenge matches in April.

A much closer result was expected against Glamorgan especially as they have now some very useful young players, led by Graham Davies, their No. 1. Undoubtedly the best performance of the evening, was by Derek Munt, who won both his singles in fine style, and set Warwickshire on the road to victory.

The juniors who had a fine 8-2 win against Staffs., are also unbeaten and should win their division. If they do so, they will take part in the Junior Challenge matches, again in April. Considering they are playing without Marcus Hall, our No. 1 Junior, the side is doing very well.

In the Rose Bowl, Birmingham's women had a narrow but extremely fine 5-4 win over West Bromwich. "Andy" Jones clinched the match at 4-all, 22-20 in the third! The win helped to compensate a little for our men losing to West Brom, in the Wilmott Cup.

Westminster, Birmingham's representatives in the National Club Competition, had a close shave against Weston YMCA (Bristol) in the first round, winning 5-4. For this win, they must thank Graham Binney, who won all his three sets, including a good win against Eric Hall, the No. 1 for Somerset.

The Birmingham Table Tennis News has been well received by all local players, and is definitely here to stay. It contains the local information league players want and also items of national interest.

It is strange that in our County, and with Birmingham being the largest league in the country, we have only two national and about ten County Umpires, who are active. One hears many complaints about umpires but it seems not many people are prepared to take the test to become qualified.

Jim Sykes who, with Norman Fennell, is a National Umpire, is also County Umpires Secretary, would like anyone in Warwickshire, player or not, who is interested in umpiring to contact him at 58 Beechwood Park Road, Solihull, Warwickshire.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing the Chairman of the Birmingham TTA, Mr. Dick Griffin, a speedy recovery to full health. Dick, who has done a lot of good work for Birmingham and the Schools TTA was suddenly taken ill over Christmas. I am sure all officials and players in Warwickshire will wish him all the best and hope that before long he will be back amongst us.

HUNTINGDON and PETERBOROUGH

by David Obee

NOT SUCH A "HAPPY" NEW YEAR

1970 began on a low note for the County senior and junior teams, both sides going down in their first match of the new year.

The seniors, at home to Cambs in a local derby, were optimistic following their fine win over Northants. After establishing an early 2-0 lead prospects looked rosy, but from this point on things really went the way of the visitors, who took the remaining eight sets.

This was scarcely an indication of the closeness of the men's events however, these being very keenly contested. Malcolm Stennett turned in by far the best table tennis for the County in his opening set, beating

Ken Muhr in the deciding game, while Paul Charlton rallied from 17-20 in the third against Alan Ponder to win 24-22.

Paul lost his last singles against Muhr in a fierce hitting game which delighted the spectators, but this followed four consecutive singles wins from him in county matches which is something of a record for the County.

The doubles events were a disaster for Hunts and Carol Chapman, for the visitors proved too strong in the women's singles.

Away to Beds., the junior match turned out to be a big disappointment both for those playing and for the very few spectators. There was no "atmosphere" whatsoever and the match proved the let-down of the season.

This must not detract from the merit of the Beds. win however. They were the better team on the day, and dished out a 7-3 defeat to the visitors. For the County, John Last maintained his good record with one singles win, and Linda Mellin once again played well to take the girls' singles.

Linda teamed up with Pat Bingham to take the girls' doubles comfortably, but the mixed eluded Hunts, who led 18-14 in the decider. This was probably the turning point of the match, yet despite this defeat the County can still boast a point per match average.

Playing for Bedford earlier in the month, a team of girls all from St. Neots, Linda Mellin, Pat Bingham and Hazel Dudley, were involved in a tremendous Bromfield Trophy tussle at Ipswich, eventually losing 4-5. Unluckily for Bedford, Miss King had to withdraw from the match at the last minute otherwise it could have resulted in a win for the visitors.

St. Neots are faring well in the Carter Cup. At the time of writing they are rapidly moving towards the later stages of the competition—without playing a single match! Following a bye, Kings Lynn disappointingly forfeited the next game, so it remains to be seen if the lads can actually get opponents at the other end of the table!

In the Rose Bowl, Peterborough lost their match with Lowestoft for a place in the last 16. Even without the Youngs sisters the visitors, spear-headed by Suffolk champion Linda Woodcock won 6-3.

Ironically, Peterborough women are bottom of their section in the S.E. Midlands League, with only 7 points from 4 matches. They are sure to climb, however, since they have met some of the league's strongest teams up to now, and have yet to play more lowly opposition.

In the men's section, Peterborough hold third place with St. Neots two places lower. Hunts Central are finding things tough this season, with Brian Cullis and John Tegg both missing from their line-up.

Congratulations to Diane Maxfield, last season's No. 1 woman in the County. At present she is studying in Derbyshire and is playing, and winning, for them in the Midland Division.

MIDDLESEX

By Laurie Landry

CAUSE FOR SATISFACTION

THE County is well satisfied with results so far in the Premier and Junior Divisions of the C.T.T.C. Going up to Northumberland, with new boy Brian Petch coming in, we were pleased to come away with a 7-2 win.

Alan Lindsay came back for our annual 'blood' match with Essex. We got this one 6-3 but a pity Essex were not at full strength. Our juniors, with a complete new set of boys in Robert Aldrich, David Jemmett, Julian Colin and Douglas Bloom, have won their first four matches. The decider in the Junior (South) Division will be against Kent in March.

The Inter-League competition is again a mixed bag. North Middlesex II beat a weakened Willesden team but lost to North Middlesex I who, in turn, were beaten by Uxbridge who had already lost. Acton and Staines have also lost so no league is unbeaten.

The annual 2-a-side competition for teams from our leagues is to be held at Ultra Ltd., on March 15th.

Our Open Championships at Swiss Cottage were quite a success and we broke just about even on the finances. There are a few improvements which will be made for next year. Most of the entrants were very happy with the new venue and that is the most important thing.

A wrist watch was left behind and the owner is asked to contact Geoff James at 19 St. Ann's Villas, London, W.1.

Venue for the County's Closed will be at Ultra, probably on April 11-12th. The Middlesex Schools' TFA is functioning very well indeed and later this season an individual championships will be held for the third consecutive year.

DERBYSHIRE

by Walter Reeves

CLOSED ASSURED

THE Derbyshire Championships, which were in doubt, appear to have now been settled. The arrangements are for a committee to run them, at Matlock, using the same venue as last year. If this is not available, then the venue will be in Chesterfield and run either on one day or over a weekend.

Derby were reluctant to take on these championships because of the work their committee are doing towards their own H.Q. and also because they have undertaken to stage the Midland Closed this season. The tentative date for the Midland is Sunday, April 19th, subject to confirmation by Maurice Goldstein.

I reported the trouble in the County League to the Derbyshire committee, and from the delegates present received a number of score cards that I had reported as outstanding. Also, I was told of matches that were being played on the night of the meeting. The outcome of all this is that the league positions are up-to-date in all competing towns except Glossop.

But even they are arranging Sunday matches to bring their fixtures in line which means a much more healthy situation than was first thought. It further enabled the selectors to re-view the ranking list in conjunction with the Divisional Championships results.

Only change made was with Dave Stills (Derby) being replaced at No. 6 by Trevor Manning, also of Derby. Manning was runner-up in the Derby 1st Division Championships to Dave Donnelly and is currently No. 2 in the Derby averages. The lists reads:—

- 1) John Wallhead, 2) Tony Hunt, 3) Colin Deaton, 4) Derek Marples

(all of Chesterfield), 5) Doug Foulds and Manning (both of Derby).

It was reported that Mrs. Diane Johnson, currently playing for Lancashire in the County Championships, is now living in Chesterfield and playing in their Rose Bowl team. Mrs. Johnson, if she can be persuaded to play, will certainly add strength to our County team.

For the last Junior match, at Derby, the County dropped Phil Madin and Ivor Warner, both of Derby, and replaced them with R. Lowe (Chesterfield) and B. Fowkes (Alfreton).

This was a surprise move as both demotees beat Fowkes in a recent inter-town match. Lowe certainly appears to warrant a place being unbeaten in inter-league play. The match was won 8-2 by Northants, our only successes coming in the doubles with wins by Misses M. Deakin and S. Holmes, Susan also partnering Fowkes to success.

Frank O'Sullivan, a former County player, has returned to competitive play, after a 2-year absence, and is playing for his former club Mechanics. He appears to be playing as well as ever, but then Frank never did practice.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE

by Leslie Constable

GREAT WIN BY JOHN WILLIS

IN the National County Championships, Cambridgeshire have had varying fortunes but have yet to secure an outright victory. In their match against Hertfordshire, they were narrowly beaten after being in a good position. Although this was their first defeat, they are bracketed in fourth position with Huntingdonshire and cannot now obtain promotion as hoped for. The form of the women has been encouraging, especially that of young Sally Browning, who can now be nicknamed "Our Gal Sal".

The Juniors have been outclassed, but here again, the girls have been the bright spots with Janet Ferguson and Jane Matthews showing heartening form. However, the high spot in the Boys' Section was the great win by 13-year-old John Willis over Ian Horsham, the ranked Essex Junior. This was a wonderful achievement by the Cambs youngster in only his third

County match. I am sure that John will have several seasons of successful Junior play as this feat was no mean accomplishment.

After sailing through two rounds of the Wilmott Cup, Cambridge City were soundly beaten at Norwich and could only muster one success when Stephen Andrews beat Stan Honor. Although the City were without John Thurston, this was no excuse and Norwich were worthy winners.

In the South-East Midlands League, Cambridge City are still running away with the division and although they only succeeded in defeating Northampton after a close struggle, it is obvious that they will take some catching. The team of Thurston, Tony Littlechild, Andrews and Gerald Coteman has carried all before them. The form of the Juniors has not been so good but a victory against St. Neots was heartening, to say the least, and enabled them to move away from the foot of the table. In this fixture, John Suchoski was the first player to win all three singles in a match. The Women are

holding their own, with Sally Browning gaining great success. However, in a recent fixture against Bedford, the really heavy defeat showed just how much more improvement has to be made in order to challenge for top positions. The Veterans lost their first match against Bletchley and could only draw with Bedford, which was a great setback to their championship aspirations, and victories in their remaining fixtures must be achieved.

In the Cambs League, New Chesterton Institute, University Press, and Soham III have all inflicted a single defeat on each other to make an interesting fight in Division I, so that the return games between these teams will almost certainly be the key to the championship. While Soham III are at the top, their first and second teams are in a grim struggle for survival at the bottom of the division, together with Y.M.C.A. I, Wilburton, Impington and Torchbearers. In Division II, St. George's are at the top and only Cambridge Evening News and Telephones have any chance of catching them, so that the two promotion places must come from these three teams. The only 100% team in the whole of the league are Swavesey who have a five point lead in Division 3B, and look certain champions. Four teams in Division 3A, namely Telephones II, Melbourn, Torchbearers II and Impington II, all have a chance of promotion. In Division 4A, Great Ouse River Authority II and Duxford Grange are at the helm, while in Division 4B, Swavesey II and Melbourne II lead from Spicers II and L.P.A. Divisions 5A and B are being closely contested with Soham IV and Cambridge Travellers leading only on games average from Haverhill II and New Chesterton Institute. Willingham, who have only dropped one point in Division 5C, look firm favourites.

In the Women's Division, Victoria Road Cong. are the current leaders, having shown good form throughout the season.

Ely and Wisbech are not having a very successful run in the South-East Midlands League and no doubt as the season progresses they will both be anxious to get away from the foot of the table. The increasing competition in the league is now testing the merits of the lesser teams, which is all to the good.

Concern is being felt about the standard of Junior play in the County, despite the intensive coaching that is now in progress. It seems that there is some lack of co-operation and encouragement which should be given to these young players and no doubt in the near future we shall see a drastic revision of tactics.

Doubtless his many friends not already in the know, will be interested to learn that Leslie recently became engaged to Margaret Roser of 6 Pentlands Court, Cambridge. Congratulations herewith. Ed.

Leading positions in the Cambs League:—

Division 1

N.C.I.	11	10	0	1	85	25	20
Press 1	9	7	1	1	60	30	15
Soham 3	8	7	0	1	49	31	14
Guildhall 1	9	6	1	2	58	32	13

Division 2

St. George's 1	9	8	1	0	70	20	17
"News"	10	8	1	1	67	33	17
Telephones 1	9	7	1	1	59	31	15
Spicers 1	9	4	3	2	56	34	11

YORKSHIRE

by Cliff Darley

SHOCK FOR HERMITS

MOST of my usual suppliers for this column failed, evidently, to transfer the dates from their last year's diaries, as very little in the way of news has leaked through to me.

Both our Premier and Junior teams are placed where we expected them to be, whilst we continue to give match experience to the younger end in the second team. It could be mentioned that some of our players are finding coaching a more lucrative occupation than match play!

Over at Bradford, Sedburgh in danger of relegation, beat Hermits. Tony Clayton now studying at Liverpool University collected both the singles and doubles trophies in the Universities' Championships beating Brian Mitchell (Birmingham) in the semis, and the holder Alan Heap (Hull) in the final.

My thanks to all the Sheffield people who gave us their time and help at the Yorkshire Open, and to the good citizens of Hull who did likewise for the Junior Open. The Sheffield Combined League officials are up to their eyes in it organising the England-Czechoslovakia match on February 24th with F. A. Coleman of 128 Station Road, Woodhouse, Sheffield, S13 7RB at the helm.

Yorkshire League leaders as at 6.1.70 were:—

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	4	3	0	1	29	11	6
Midd. & N. Yks.	3	3	0	0	25	5	6

Division 2

Bradford II	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Midd & N. Yks. II	3	3	0	0	25	5	6

Division 3

Harrogate	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
York	2	2	0	0	17	3	4

Division 4A

Halifax II	4	3	1	0	31	9	7
Barnsley II	4	3	0	1	29	11	6

Division 4B

Harrogate II	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Redcar	3	2	1	0	24	6	5

Division 4C

York II	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Redcar II	4	2	1	1	22	18	5

Women

Sheffield	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Barnsley	3	3	0	0	19	11	6

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the Umpires, and to the local juniors who acted as scorers at the English Closed Championships. Without them events such as this cannot go on.



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DIVISIONAL TABLES UP TO AND INCLUDING JANUARY 17th

PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesex	5	5	0	0	30	15	10
Yorkshire	4	4	0	0	26	10	8
Kent	5	4	0	1	28	17	8
Essex	5	3	0	2	26	19	6
Surrey	5	2	0	3	21	24	4
Sussex	4	1	0	3	15	21	2
Cheshire	5	0	0	5	13	32	0
Nthmblnd	5	0	0	5	12	33	0

II SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bucks.	4	3	1	0	28	12	7
Kent II	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Surrey II	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Essex II	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Middx. II	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Hertfordshire	3	0	0	3	10	20	0
Suffolk	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

II NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorks. II	4	3	0	1	30	10	6
Lancashire	4	2	2	0	27	13	6
Nthmld II	3	2	1	0	17	13	5
Cheshire II	5	2	1	2	20	30	5
Lincolnshire	4	0	3	1	19	21	3
Durham	5	1	1	3	22	28	3
Cumberland	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

II MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warwicks.	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Staffordshire	4	4	0	0	30	10	8
Derbyshire	4	3	0	1	31	9	6
Glamorgan	4	3	0	1	27	13	6
Leicestershire	5	1	0	4	14	36	2
Nottingham.	4	0	0	4	8	32	0
Monmthshire	5	0	0	5	7	43	0

II WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Somerset	5	4	0	1	31	19	8
Worcesters.	4	3	1	0	30	10	7
Devon	4	3	1	0	23	17	7
Hampshire	5	3	0	2	29	21	6
Gloucs.	5	2	1	2	28	22	5
Dorset	5	1	1	3	25	25	3
Wiltshire	5	0	2	3	17	33	2
Cornwall	5	0	0	5	7	43	0

SOUTHERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bucks. II	5	3	1	1	28	22	7
Hamps. II	5	2	2	1	31	19	6
Berkshire	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Oxfordshire	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Worcs. II	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Staffs. II	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Warwicks. II	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Denbighshire	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Derbyshire II	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Shropshire	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

EASTERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedfordshire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Herts. II	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Camb.	4	1	2	1	22	18	4
Norfolk	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Northants	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Hunts.	4	1	0	3	11	29	2

JUNIOR SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesex	4	4	0	0	35	5	8
Kent	4	3	1	0	34	6	7
Surrey	4	2	2	0	28	12	6
Hampshire	5	2	1	2	24	26	5
Sussex	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Berkshire	4	0	0	4	5	35	0
Bucks.	5	0	0	5	1	49	0

JUNIOR NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire	4	4	0	0	35	5	8
Cheshire	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Lancashire	3	2	0	1	24	6	4
Durham	4	1	0	3	10	30	2
Cumberland	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Northmblnd.	2	0	0	2	1	19	0

JUNIOR MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warwicks.	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Leics.	4	2	2	0	27	13	6
Notts.	4	1	3	0	23	17	5
Northants.	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Staffordshire	3	0	2	1	12	18	2
Derbyshire	4	0	0	4	4	36	0

JUNIOR EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex	4	4	0	0	37	3	8
Herts.	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Bedfordshire	4	3	0	1	23	17	6
Hunts.	4	2	0	2	15	25	4
Norfolk	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Suffolk	5	1	0	4	15	35	2
Camb.	5	0	0	5	8	42	0

JUNIOR WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glamorgan	4	4	0	0	34	6	8
Monmthshire	4	3	0	1	26	14	6
Somerset	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Wiltshire	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Gloucs.	4	0	0	4	8	32	0
Worcs.	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

County Championships continued from page 24

CAMBRIDGESHIRE 7
HUNTINGDONSHIRE 3
 Close result, but Suffolk never behind and always looked winners. John Kitchener and the girls were Suffolk stars.

Junior Division (West)
MONMOUTHSHIRE 3
GLAMORGAN 7

Two singles wins for Haydn Thomas but Michael Nocivelli not giving his usual support. Glamorgan worthy winners.

SOMERSET 6
GLOUCESTERSHIRE 4

Junior Friendly Match
ESSEX 5 MIDDLESEX 5

Wonderful win by David Jemmett 14, -17, 19 over Michael Read and when Julian Colin led Ian Horsham 12-7 in 3rd with Middlesex 5-4 up a surprise result seemed possible. But Horsham pulled out a few stops to win 19, -16, 17 and gain a draw. Horsham, Jemmett and Sue Beckwith all unbeaten but nothing for Read who also lost to Robert Aldrich.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the County Table Tennis Championships will be held on Saturday 13th June, 1970, in the Sutherland Room of the Waverley Hotel, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, commencing 2-00 p.m.

By rule 36, Proposed alterations to the Rules may be submitted only by a County in membership or by two officers of the Championships and shall be received, in writing, by the Secretary by the last day in February, such proposals to be acknowledged by the Secretary within 7 days. All proposals so received shall be circulated to all Counties in membership during March, and amendments or alternative proposals dealing with the same substance shall be accepted for consideration by the Annual General Meeting if submitted in writing and received by the Secretary not later than the last day of April.

It may be of interest to you to know that I have already received a comprehensive set of alterations, proposed by Essex, which if carried would mean the formation of a Premier Division for Juniors, such a division operating in 1970-71.

My thanks to the great majority of County Match Secretaries who are co-operating very well with the telephoning of results. Please keep up the good work. More disappointing is the brief report of a match sent in by the home County with the result sheet. Remember that no report sent means nothing in my column in "Table Tennis News".

COUNTY DIARY

FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR FEBRUARY, 1970

PREMIER DIVISION

Feb. 7 Middlesex v. Yorkshire, Southall Grammar-Technical School, 7-00 p.m.
 Boyd Avenue, Southall.
 Surrey v. Sussex, Crusader Insurance Sports Pavilion, Wood-hatch, Reigate. 7-00 p.m.

.. 8 Essex v. Kent, Tilbury Community Centre, Civic Square, Tilbury. 7-00 p.m.
 Northumberland v. Cheshire.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Feb. 7 Kent II v. Essex II, Woolwich Recreation Institute, Kings Park, 7-00 p.m.
 Eltham Palace Road, Eltham, S.E.9.
 .. 8 Bucks. v. Herts., Beaconsfield Youth Club, Maxwell Road, 6-00 p.m.
 Beaconsfield.
 .. 14 Suffolk v. Middlesex II, Mufford Village Hall, Nr. Lowestoft. 7-00 p.m.
 Surrey II v. Suffolk, St. George's College, Weybridge, Surrey. 7-00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Feb. 8 Cheshire II v. Northumberland II, 3-30 p.m.
 Cumberland v. Lancashire, Sekers Mill, Richmond, Whitehaven. 3-00 p.m.
 Yorkshire II v. Lincolnshire, Leeds Judean Club, Street Lane, Moortown, Leeds, 17.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

Feb. 8 Derbyshire v. Warwickshire, The Police Station, New Beet- 7-00 p.m.
 well Street, Chesterfield.
 Glamorgan v. Staffordshire, Aberaman Y.M.C.A., Aberaman, 3-00 p.m.
 Aberdare.
 Leicestershire v. Nottinghamshire, Tom Towers Boys' Club, 3-00 p.m.
 Hinckley.

SECOND DIVISION WEST

Feb. 5 Gloucestershire v. Worcestershire (at Cheltenham). 7-15 p.m.
 .. 7 Devon v. Dorset, Cranford Club, Exmouth. 7-15 p.m.
 Somerset v. Hampshire, Y.M.C.A., High Street, Weston-super- 7-15 p.m.
 mare.
 Wiltshire v. Cornwall, Lawn Evening Centre, Swindon. 7-00 p.m.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Feb. 14 Berkshire v. Oxfordshire, Thatcham Church Hall, Thatcham. 7-00 p.m.
 Worcestershire II v. Buckinghamshire II, Cripplegate Pavilion, 7-00 p.m.
 Tybridge Street, Worcester.

MIDLAND DIVISION

Feb. 8 Denbighshire v. Derbyshire II, Rhyl Methodist Schoolroom, 7-00 p.m.
 Bath Street, Rhyl.
 Staffordshire II v. Warwickshire II, Woodfield S. & S. Club, 7-00 p.m.
 Penn, Wolverhampton.

EASTERN DIVISION

Feb. 8 Cambridgeshire v. Northamptonshire, C.I.B.A. Canteen, 2-30 p.m.
 Duxford.
 Huntingdonshire v. Bedfordshire, Eaton Socon Institute, Eaton 7-30 p.m.
 Socon.
 .. 14 Hertfordshire II v. Norfolk.

JUNIOR SOUTHERN DIVISION

Feb. 7 Hampshire v. Berkshire. 3-30 p.m.
 .. 8 Surrey v. Middlesex, Goblins, Ermine Way, Leatherhead. 4-00 p.m.
 .. 8 Sussex v. Kent, Hays Bridge School, Byers Lane, South Godstone, Surrey.

JUNIOR NORTHERN DIVISION

Feb. 8 Cheshire v. Northumberland. 1-00 p.m.
 Cumberland v. Lancashire, Sekers Mill, Richmond, Whitehaven

JUNIOR MIDLAND DIVISION

Feb. 8 Staffordshire v. Derbyshire, Northwood Sports Centre, Stoke-on- 3-00 p.m.
 Trent.
 Warwickshire v. Nottinghamshire, Sports Pavilion, Mitchells 3-30 p.m.
 & Butlers Ltd., Portland Road, Birmingham 15.

JUNIOR EASTERN DIVISION

Feb. 7 Norfolk v. Bedfordshire, C.E.Y.M.S. Rooms, Brigg Street, 2-30 p.m.
 Norwich.
 .. 8 Essex v. Hertfordshire, Waltham Abbey Community Centre, 3-00 p.m.
 Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey.
 Huntingdonshire v. Cambridgeshire, St. Neots Table Tennis 3-00 p.m.
 Club, St. Neots.

JUNIOR WESTERN DIVISION

Feb. 7 Somerset v. Monmouthshire, Lower Failand Hall, Failand, Nr. 3-00 p.m.
 Bristol.
 .. 8 Glamorgan v. Wiltshire, Thorns Electrical Co. Ltd., Swansea 3-00 p.m.
 Road, Merthyr Tydfil.
 .. 13 Gloucestershire v. Worcestershire (at Cheltenham). 7-15 p.m.
 .. 21 Wiltshire v. Worcestershire, The Youth Centre, Newtown. 3-00 p.m.
 Bradford-on-Avon.

County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

NO TITLE ASSURED

IT looks as though Yorkshire's visit to Southall on February 7th will draw a big crowd for the clash of the two unbeaten Premier sides. Kent fell to the Yorkshire power and Middlesex beat Essex nicely to virtually end their hopes of the hat-trick. But the position in the majority of the divisions is still wide open and no county yet has an assured title.

Leicestershire are staging the Promotion Challenge matches at the Leicester Y.M.C.A. (Sat/Sun. — April 18-19th).

Premier Division

CHESHIRE 4 SUSSEX 5

M. Johns lost to P. Williams 14, -16, -9; bt. R. Chandler 11, 19.
B. Kean lost to Williams -7, -20; bt. J. Clarke 11, 11.
D. Schofield lost to Chandler -12, 13, -13; bt. Clarke 16, -16, 18.
Kean/J. Hilton lost to Chandler/Williams -11, -12.
Mrs. D. Schofield lost to Miss J. Williams -9, -9.
Johns/Mrs. Schofield bt. S. Ogundipe/Miss Williams 9, 12.

ESSEX 3 MIDDLESEX 6

C Barnes bt. O. Haslam 21, 8; bt. M. Sugden 13, 18.
D. Brown lost to Haslam 18, -17, -18; lost to A. Lindsay 16, -16, -18.
D. Johnson lost to Sugden -8, -7; lost to Lindsay -12, -18.
Barnes/Brown bt. Haslam/Lindsay 13, 19.
Mrs. L. Radford lost to Mrs. K. Mathews -21, -12.
Johnson/Mrs. Radford lost to Sugden/Mrs. Mathews -23, -10.

Narrow opening win for "Les" Haslam over Brown meant Essex in trouble. First game of XD could have gone either way but second beyond doubt and Middlesex led 3-1. Essex needed to fight back to take MD in straight games and then Lesley Radford had Karenza Mathews worried in first, bottled up on backhand. Desperation crept into Lesley's play in the second, 4-2 to Middlesex and then Haslam 20-15 up on Barnes! With Barnes 11-2 up in second, Haslam requested his towel: Barnes' enquiry of "Why, do you want to throw it in?" delighted the crowd now resigned to a home defeat. Essex missed Bobby Stevens, but Middlesex far better on the night.

KENT 3 YORKSHIRE 6

A. Piddock lost to D. Neale -20, -15; lost to A. Hydes -16, -17.
D. Basden lost to Neale -10, -14; lost to A. Clayton -12, -15.
H. Buist lost to Hydes -9, -16; bt. Clayton 15, 19.
Buist/Piddock lost to Hydes/Neale -12, -15.
Mrs. P. Piddock bt. Miss L. Bashford 18, 6.
Basden/Mrs. Piddock bt. Clayton/Miss Bashford -7, 20, 13.

Even the large and loyal Canterbury crowd unable to deny powerful Yorkshire a deserved victory. Tony Piddock disappointing against Alan Hydes but Henry Buist's splendid win over England ranked Tony Clayton followed by marked superiority in

XD and WS kept Kent in with a faint chance at 3-all. Piddock raised his game considerably against Denis Neale, almost snatching the first, but Neale not in charitable mood and Hydes clinched the match with a convincing win over the gallant Buist.



HENRY BUIST
(Kent)

Second Division (South)

MIDDLESEX II 8 SURREY II 2

Surrey, unbeaten before this match, must have wondered what hit them as Middlesex led 3-0 and all straight too! Every men's set to Middlesex with Firoz Nilam showing great improvement and Jack Bender on top form. For Surrey, Jean Head has lost little of her skill and won WS and WD (with Ruth Miles).

SUFFOLK 1

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 9

Bucks players called the tune in every set except XD where Colin Tucker and Jeanne Youngs deserved their win. The visitors must surely scent first-ever 2nd Division title.

HERTFORDSHIRE 4 KENT II 6

Good match for Eric Coster with wins over John Dabin and Clive Morris as well as XD with Barbara Peters. Valerie Scripps played well against Paula Brenchley only falling by -17, 17, -20.

Second Division North

DURHAM 3 LANCASHIRE 7

An entertaining match although both teams below strength. Jack Keogh got the better of old rival Eddie Taylor and nice win for Paul Freeman 11, 8 over Tony Boasman.

YORKSHIRE 9 CHESHIRE 1

Two very young teams with only one senior on each side. A good effort by Jackie Dyer who lost -19, 19, -12 to Linda Forkes and a good match for all the Yorks players.

Second Division (Midland)

LEICESTERSHIRE 8

MONMOUTHSHIRE 2

Neither side deserves relegation on this form. Fine comeback for Ernest McLeish and excellent win for Graham Hughes over Haydn Thomas,

who had played with intelligence to beat Charlie Jacques. Leics won 3rd, 4th sets at 20 in 3rd and 22 in 3rd; 4-0 could so easily have been 2-all.

STAFFORDSHIRE 6

DERBYSHIRE 4

Far too close for comfort. Glenn Warwick brittle under pressure and could only manage one singles win.

WARWICKSHIRE 8

GLAMORGAN 2

Derek Munt outstanding: his 11, 10 win over Graham Davies really started Warwicks well. Home women too good with Doreen Griffiths playing well in WD and XD.

Second Division (West)

DEVON 5 WILTSHIRE 5

Devon 5-4 up when Cleve Judson went on to play Mike Andrews, the latter struggling to hold his place. But no 4th-in-a-row 6-4 with Andrews the victor -20, 15, 19. Two more wins for Bill Moulding and great effort by Margaret Alexander against Pam (Mortimer) Lake to get as close as -19, 20, -21. 8 sets needed 3rd game in thrilling match.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE 3

SOMERSET 7

Surprise defeat for Gloucs. who returned to early season form. Two singles defeats for Roy Morley (by Tony Kinsey and Eric Hall).

CORNWALL 0 DORSET 10

WORCESTERSHIRE 8

HAMPSHIRE 2

Worcs. players rose to the occasion of the county's 100th first team match. Their team is basically defensive (bar John Heathcote) and bettered visitors eager to hit. Special mention of Mike Prosser, called up at short notice for 3rd time and still unbeaten in this division — County badge awarded. Magnificent programme by Ian Crickmer (who else?) which lists every match played by Worcs. I since 1952-53.

Southern Division

HAMPSHIRE II 3 BERKSHIRE 7

Two singles wins for both Bob Thornton and Duncan Campbell. 7 sets decided in 3rd game.

OXFORDSHIRE 7

WORCESTERSHIRE II 3

Good debut for Poppy Squires particularly in WD — overawed by partner Cecil Jackson in XD. All-round performance by home men ensured victory but without some more youth in the team the future outlook can't be too bright. Former Lancastrian junior, Barbara Yates made nervous debut for visitors.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE II 5

HAMPSHIRE II 5

Derek Holman and Chris Shetler, trailing 12-17 in 3rd of MD hit out bravely to snatch victory at 21 and gave Hants. 4-1 lead. Bucks. levelled, then trailed 4-5 but Scot Tom McMichael (on debut) saved the day. Alec Watson's defence very solid.

Midland Division

DERBYSHIRE II 2

STAFFORDSHIRE II 8

SHROPSHIRE 2 DENBIGHSHIRE 8

Eastern Division

BEDFORDSHIRE 7

HERTFORDSHIRE II 3

First 5 sets all went to three (and two more later) and Herts. trailed 1-4! Colin Crow the home star — his set against David Seaholme (won -19, 19, 20) a "cracker". Bill Astbury also scored maximum.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE 2

CAMBRIDGESHIRE 8

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 8

NORFOLK 2

An unexpectedly big win for Northants who showed their true form for the first time. John Goodall gave fine display of loop and smash to beat Tony Hipperson 17, 17 the latter producing some excellent defensive work. First maximum by Steve Lyon.

Junior Division (South)

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 0

HAMPSHIRE 10

KENT 5 SURREY 5

Surrey pleased with this, with Paul Bishop displaying some masterly controlled hitting to overcome John Dabin 13, 19. Susan Howard's steadiness told in the end against Lynda Chesson.

MIDDLESEX 8 SUSSEX 2

Christine Mann never in it against Carol Randall until she caught her at 18-all in 2nd. And then Carol's power-game went to pieces and Christine ran out a comfortable winner in the 3rd. Some fine play in the set between Julian Colin and Stephen Marley and a bad defeat by Robert Aldrich at the hands of Graham Good—David Jemmett had earlier made Good look far from it.

Junior Division (North)

DURHAM 0 LANCASHIRE 10

Durham quite outplayed and a useful maximum win for Lancs. to keep alive their faint title hopes. The home players had little idea against visiting spin services.

YORKSHIRE 7 CHESHIRE 3

Brian Johns unbeaten—a real surprise was his 16, -15, 18 win over Nicky Jarvis. But then Yorks took command with the whole team playing their parts. Well done Val King and Peter Abell (the latter a most improved and steady player).

Junior Division (Midland)

DERBYSHIRE 2

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 8

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 5

LEICESTERSHIRE 5

Five BS wins for Notts, and Roger Dawkins tried so hard against Alan Philpott to make it 6. 12-20 down in the 3rd, he levelled and twice held set point only to fall -8, 17, -22. 3 defeats for the improving home girls who are getting their experience the hard way.

WARWICKSHIRE 8

STAFFORDSHIRE 2

Junior Division (East)

BEDFORDSHIRE 7

HUNTINGDONSHIRE 3

Another competent performance by Gordon Reid and a return of Brian Hutchinson's entertaining style. Great entertainment value for the spectators in the doubles sets.