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## ENGLISH CLOSED

by George R. Yates

# MARY AND DENIS - TRIPLE CHAMPIONS BOTH

AS though with indelible ink, Denis Neale stamped his impression on the 11th English Closed Championships, played at the Eston Sports Centre, Teesside on January 3-4, for it was only in the final of the mixed doubles that he dropped his only game of the whole championships.

A non-combatant in 1968-69, when expecting her daughter, Mary Wright brought her successes in the women's singles event to six, the defending champion, Judy Williams going out in the third round to Shelagh Hession 1-3, the first game going into expedite when Miss Hession led 16-14.

Mary, unlike Denis, did not have matters all her own way in reaching the final. Both in the quarters and in the semis she was stretched to the limit of five games, first by Karenza Mathews who succumbed 16-21 in the decider, and then by Pauline Piddock in an epic penultimate set which saw Mary nudge home 23-21 after Pauline had levelled from being 0-2 down.

Few were the shock results in any event, particularly so in the men's singles wherein the seeded players came through with predictable and monotonous regularity. One notable exception, however, was Peter Taylor's 3-2 win over David Brown, 25-23 in the fifth!

-12 and Peter Radford after being 2-1 up against Tony Piddock let slip his advantage albeit 20-22 to Tony in the fifth.

Described by a certain Teesside Alderman as the "scourge of the Council Offices", Alan Ransome reached the last sixteen and even took a game off Barnes which, considering just how much administration work the Ormesby player put in, bears testimony to his stamina.

Little news was afforded the national selectors by the deeds of the entrants in the women's singles except perhaps to note that Shelagh Hession is very much a candidate for inclusion in the next ranking list.

Maureen Robson, after the loss of her expected baby, resumed her table tennis activities in this tournament by disposing of Suzanne Kavallierou, the young Sussex player, and held a 2-0 lead over Mrs. Piddock before failing to reach the quarters.

Neale and Hydes, the title holders, crashed their way through their five-set programme in the men's doubles event with imperious ease. Not even the flying blade of the Barnsley left hander — which left him looking incredulously at the decapitated shaft still held in his hand, at 14-all in the third—stopped the rout of Barnes and Trevor Taylor in the final.

Ransome and Jarvis kept further Teesside interest alive by bringing off a good win over Piddock and Henry Buist after being 0-2 down. They demanded further acclaim in disposing of Warren and Ralph Gunnion in the quarters before passing quietly from the scene after threatening in the middle game of three against the champions.

In the women's doubles, Mrs. Robson and Linda Bashford lost to Lesley Radford and Diane Simpson but otherwise it was all very much one-way traffic along predictable lines.

Again in the mixed event, nothing untoward occurred to stem the constant flow of seeded successes.

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## FUTURE IN DOUBT



IN accordance with Rule 16 (d), Conrad Jaschke has informed the Association that owing to increased pressure of business he may not be able to continue in office as Chairman after this season.

Conrad is a senior executive of an international company and, as his business responsibilities are continually increasing, he has inevitably less time to devote to outside activities.

The Association regrets that Conrad's increased commitments may not enable him to continue to take an active part in table tennis administration. In his two years as Chairman of the Association, Conrad has drastically changed the image of table tennis in this country in an endeavour to obtain recognition as a major sport.

To this effect he has obtained sponsorship in excess of £60,000, including the valuable Coca-Cola sponsorship. **Note:** Rule 16 (d) states: "Notice of intention not to seek re-election to any Office should be sent to reach the General Secretary not later than January 31st in any year." Ed.



Not once throughout six sets in the men's singles event did this happen when opposed by P. Hamblett (Yorks.), Colin Deaton (Derbys.), Tony Clayton, "Les" Haslam, Alan Hydes and, finally, Chester Barnes.

Most creditable were the three scores obtained by former England junior Clayton, for both in the semis and the final Hydes and Barnes figured very much in the category of also-rans.

Much play had been made of the meeting between Neale and Barnes should it occur in the final but when it did, the first game apart, the Essex man proved no match for the defending Yorkshireman whose successes in these championships now number four, the last three times in succession.



MARY WRIGHT

The possibility of Teesside's new pin-up, Nicky Jarvis, doing something failed to materialise when he lost to "Connie" Warren -11, 20, -17,

**This month's Star Feature**

# World Championships 1971 by A. K. Vint



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**Bright Prospects**

TIME was, not very long ago, when England's prestige abroad rested very firmly on the shoulders of our women whose exploits in international competition have filled many a page of previous table tennis journals.

Not so now, however, for the pendulum seems to have swung towards the male fraternity spear-headed by Denis Neale and Chester Barnes. From the welter of results obtained against continental opposition in recent months, the forthcoming European Championships to be held in Moscow could well see England starting out as second favourites to Russia in the men's team championships.

Furthermore any one man of our elite squad could take the men's singles title for all have brought off spectacular successes against opposition who at one time could pick us off like crows on a telegraph pole.

Trevor Taylor has improved his game tremendously and his victory over Hans Alser in the Anglo-Swedish encounter at Pontefract confirmed his maturity as a player of consequence rather than that of a young hopeful.

Alan Hydes, too, despite his lack of success in home tournaments is nobody's pushover in international conflict and Janos Börzsei of Hungary, for one, will readily vouch for this assessment.

Mike Johns also, having quitted his employment to devote his time solely to breaking into the elite group constitutes a threat to the "establishment" which cannot be other than healthy in keeping those above him on their toes.

But this season has seen the emergence of Barnes as the master player he was predicted to become. Whether lured by the glitter of gold or not, Barnes remains the No. 1 box office attraction and long may his present form continue together with that of Neale.

The time is now ripe for the Yorkshireman to capitalise on the benefits of his trip to Japan and a Neale in full flight is a sight for sore eyes. Yes our prospects in Moscow are bright indeed.

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**International Round-up**

**by Conrad Jaschke**  
 Chairman of the E.T.T.A.



**Ivor Montagu nominated as E.T.T.A. Life Vice-President.**

THE National Council have nominated the Hon. Ivor Montagu as the E.T.T.A.'s Life Vice-President, and he has kindly consented to accept the nomination which will now be put to the Annual General Meeting for their confirmation in July 1970.



**Ivor Montagu**

It will be the first time that this position has been filled. There can only be one Life Vice-President at any time, and only Past-Presidents are eligible for election to this post, which takes precedence over the distinction of Life Member.

No honour bestowed on Ivor Montagu can be more than a small token of the enormous debt owed to him by the game of Table Tennis, by the I.T.T.F., of which he is the Founder-President, and by the E.T.T.A. which he led for so many years.

It will give great pleasure to Ivor's countless friends that he will occupy this place of high esteem within the Association for the rest of his life. His agreement to be associated with us in this way will enrich English table tennis.

**Changes in Czechoslovak T.T.A.**

The Czechoslovak T.T.A. announce the election of a new leadership in their Association. Mr. Frantisek Hanek Pivec of Prague is the new President, Ing. Gustav Sturdik of Bratislava is the new Vice-President, Mr. Vaclav Mourek is the new General Secretary and Mr. Josef Nekvasil is responsible for international affairs. Mr. Vaclav Vebr, Deputy President of the European Table Tennis Union, is no longer a member of the Presidium of the Czechoslovak T.T.A., having taken up a new position.

**Swedish girls instruct**

Swedish international players Marita Neidert and Eva Johansson are both at the Boson School and hope to graduate in the spring as fully-fledged sports instructors.



**Marita Neidert**

**EUROPEAN LEAGUE**

**Division 1**

APART from the Anglo-Soviet match reported elsewhere in this issue, the only other result to hand is that in which Czechoslovakia brought off a shock 4-3 win over Federal Germany in front of 1,200 people in Freudenstadt on December 18.

Individual scores:—  
 E. Schöler lost to V. Miko 22, -19, -18.  
 W. Leick lost to G. Turai -19, -21.  
 Mrs. D. Schöler bt A. Grofova 11, 13.  
 Leick/M. Ness lost to Miko/Turai 16, -19, -16.  
 Schöler/Schöler lost to Miko/Grofova 13, -16, -17.  
 Schöler bt Turai 18, 11.  
 Leick bt Miko 23, 10-14 (Miko retired with cramp).



**Vlado Miko**

**Current League Table:—**

	P	W	L	F	A	Ps
U.S.S.R. ....	3	3	0	15	6	3
Sweden .....	2	2	0	11	3	2
England .....	3	2	1	11	10	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

Fixture changes and agreed dates have been approved as follows:—

**January—**  
 Hungary v. Federal Germany, Budapest, 29.1.70.

**February—**  
 Sweden v. Federal Germany, Halsingborg, 20.2.70.  
 Federal Germany v. U.S.S.R., Wuppertal, 24.2.70.

**May—**  
 France v. Federal Germany, Strasbourg, 6.5.70.

**Second Division**

Again, only one result has come in recently and that was a win by Denmark over Ireland, 6-1, taking them to second place in the League table.

**News from "Down Under"**

The following scale has been set for cash prizes at tournaments by the Australian T.T. Association.

Australian Championships	\$200
State Championships	\$100
3-Star Championships	\$50
Other Championships	\$25

It would appear that a grading system for tournaments is operating in Australia as we are told that the 3-Star Championships are required to have good facilities.

**EUROPEAN CLUB CUP COMPETITIONS**

By beating Standard Leige (Belgium), Ormesby T.T. Club, Middlesbrough are through to the quarter-final of the men's competition and await the outcome of the second round tie between S.C. Amiens (France) and Mariestads Bois (Sweden). Also through to the quarters are Slavia, Praha (Czechoslovakia), Budapesti Sparticus S.C. (Hungary), VfL Osnabruck (Federal Germany) and Trud, Moscow (Russia).

In the women's competition, Gainsford T.T.C., England lost to Statistika P.S.C. (Hungary) and join Start Praha (Czechoslovakia) in the semi-finals.

**YELLOW BALLS**

Unfortunately the Yugoslav Association had insufficient time in which to secure all entrants' agreement to the use of the yellow balls in their recent Open Championships, so that a valuable opportunity to secure actual playing experience under tournament conditions has been missed. Some experiments have been carried out by leading players in New Zealand, and their conclusions communicated to the Equipment Committee of the I.T.T.F. for study.

It is unfortunate that an article has appeared in a Sports Magazine which tended to suggest that a decision has already been taken to use yellow balls in the future. This is not so. The only agreement reached so far is that tournament organisers have been given permission to use the yellow ball during this season, subject to the agreement of all the entrants. (It may, of course, be used in a closed tournament with the sole approval of the Association concerned).

**DISCIPLINARY**

The United States Association makes the following announcement:—"Martin Doss, until recently a member of the U.S.T.T.A., is now denied all privileges of membership, and other Associations are respectfully requested to consider him persona non grata."

The Japan T.T.A. requests publication of the following important announcement:—"As you may already be aware, the Japan Professional Table Tennis Federation was established last year in Tokyo and has held matches by inviting players.

## International Round-up cont.

"The said professional Federation has no relation with the Japan Table Tennis Federation. If, therefore, any European player is to play for exhibition under invitation by this Federation, it would mean to destroy amateurism in Japan and disturb the control by the Japan T.T.A.

"Under the circumstances, we desire for your notifying throughout the world that no European players or other nations' players joining the I.T.T.F. should participate in invitation matches to be held by the said Professional T.T.F. in the future."

### Ranking Lists

**HUNGARY:** Men—(1) Klampar; (2) Jonyer; (3) Börszei; (4) Beleznai; (5) Timar; (6) Papp; (7) Kocsis; (8) Harangi; (9) Pignitsky; and (10) Marosffy.

**Women**—(1) Papp; (2) Kishazo; (3) Jurik; (4) Magos; (5) Poor; (6) Voros; (7) Petranyi; (8) Schneller; (9) Nemeth; and (10) Zongor.

**WALES:** Men—(1) Davies; (2) Bishop; (3) Anderson; (4) Griffiths; (5) Thomas; and (6) Nocivelli.

**Women:** (1) Phillips; (2) Pickering; (3) Evans; and (4) Gray.

## IRISH CORNER

The absence, owing to business reasons, of Ireland's No. 2 Tommy Caffrey from almost all the major Irish tournaments this season and from the away European League fixture against Denmark is a sad blow for Irish table tennis (writes **Kevin Drum**). This was clearly seen when Ireland were crushed 6-1 by Group leaders Denmark in their recent European League match in Copenhagen. Although Jim Langan had a straight sets victory over Danish Champion Claus Pedersen, without Caffrey, Ireland's task against the Danes was an impossible one. This match saw the newly crowned Irish Closed Champion, sixteen-year-old Kyra Stewart make her international debut. Miss Stewart took the title for the first time the previous week-end when she justified the selectors' faith in her by beating Betty Warwick whom she had deposed from the Irish team. She also won the ladies' doubles title with Mrs. Warwick who too had a double when partnering Jim Langan to win the Mixed. Langan made a clean sweep beating younger brother Tony in the Men's decider after he had earlier teamed up with him to win the Men's Doubles.

Both the Armagh and Bangor Open Men's Singles titles crossed the channel. In the former, Stewart Lennie won all three titles, triumphing over Irish No. 3 Cliff Thompson in the singles' final. On this occasion Betty Warwick got the better of Kyra Stewart to win the Women's title.

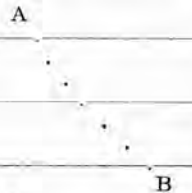
## New Techniques

by Les Gresswell

FROM both junior and senior players alike, in varying parts of the country, I get many technical enquiries concerning the numerous training camps which are being conducted. To answer each and every question is quite impossible as each course varies according to its specific demand. There are, however, a number of general points which are common to all and the following observations might be considered relevant.

Primarily when players are gathered together for a length of time, concentrated table tennis practice is the purpose. In the present day game, where mobility, speed and aggression are the key factors, specialised practices are used, centred upon the individual.

It is common knowledge that players need tremendous flexibility in movement, so during a course players are put under pressure and conditioned to produce strokes whilst moving. A form of sparring technique is used where one player controls the rally whilst the other develops a particular aspect of his game. Thus static practices, i.e. forehand to forehand along one line



are avoided.

Obviously there is a place for pure stroke play, but the sooner we get out of producing players who are static stroke machines the better. The champion is not the one who can force his game, no matter how limited, upon his opponent.

On training courses other important aspects can be administered besides concentrated practice. Physical and mental conditioning being prominent.

The Chinese and Japanese left Europe behind in traditional thinking and impose new standards upon the players, especially their condition. Over the last three years our national courses are now specialising in this field and, at last, are eliminating the lazy player who relies on technique alone.

Until this is done throughout all our table tennis, then we shall not attain world dominance.

At a recent course for juniors, under 15, they were required to run before breakfast, do warm-up exercises before practise sessions and sleep and relax in the afternoon. Concentration practice, gymnastics, heavy endurance work, football and other forms of severe exercise was further demanded of those individuals attending the course.

One can always argue that this does not necessarily create good table tennis players, but given the necessary talent and skill, it will ensure that the talent is fully utilised.

Schöler, a great player with natural mobility, stamina and mental application does not use the foregoing method. Three times he has failed in the World Championships in the final stages to those who did.

Many other activities make up the full course including lectures following which players analyse opponents, modern trends, performance, diets and general discussion topics. Friendship and team spirit are encouraged as they must be when players live and train with each other, learning to be adaptable and helpful one to the other.

A concluding remark which seems applicable to much of our general table tennis thinking, is that if a person attains any standard, be it world-champion or county player, he would do so anyway, system or not. This surely is rubbish and the sooner we can encourage all our players to overcome their 'ping-pong' ways then the seventies can see England rightfully at the top.

## LOOKING AHEAD

by Brian & Mary Wright

A TRAINING camp for our leading juniors was held at the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace, from December 9-12. This camp was the first of a number planned for the current season, designed to bring our juniors to peak form for European Junior Championships to be held on Teesside next August, and to create the necessary team spirit vital to produce the best from our players.

All the courses have been expertly planned by the Association's Staff Coach, Les Gresswell who has put particular emphasis on the importance of fitness.

For those players intending to bid for places in the forthcoming European Junior Championships it must be stressed that only those whose fitness complies with the accepted standards will be considered for selection. To give an indication of the required standards a normal day at the Crystal Palace Camp was as follows:—

- 7-15 a.m.: Morning Call.
- 7-30 a.m.: Light Running.
- 8 - 9 a.m.: Breakfast.
- 9-30 - 11-45 a.m.: Physical Conditioning and Pressure Training on the table.
- 11-45 a.m. - 12-30 p.m.: Recreation.
- 12-30 - 1 p.m.: Rest.
- 1 - 2 p.m.: Lunch.
- 2 - 3 p.m.: Rest.
- 3 - 3-45 p.m.: Lecture and discussions.
- 4 - 6-30 p.m.: Practice.
- 7 - 8 p.m.: Dinner.
- 8 - 9-30 p.m.: Match play.
- 9-30 p.m.: Bed.

A new innovation was the introduction of afternoon lectures and discussions on varied topics ranging from the preparation for Open Tournaments to the importance of relaxation.

The juniors who attended the course were Susan and Linda Howard (Surrey), Susan Beckwith and Janet Hellaby (Essex), Susan Lisle (Lancs.), Alan Fletcher, Neil Fulstow and David Rayner (Yorks.), Michael Read, Robert Hellaby and Ian Horsham (Essex), Simon Heaps (Ches.), John Dabin (Kent), Peter Taylor (Herts.) and Tony Boasman (Lancs.).

England's Team Manager, Johnny Leach, who attended some of the sessions was extremely impressed with the dedication and hard work shown by the players. A further course was held at Crystal Palace from December 30 - January 2 for those juniors under 15 years of age.

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**AN UPHILL TASK  
INDEED...**

**Re: Uphill Task for England's Juniors**

THUS the heading of last month's article by Tom Blunn. After our exchange of pleasantries in the same edition (which appeared only to make it clear that the Coca Cola Award Scheme was a bit of a farce, and to cause Ron Penfold to challenge me to play him at Fulham (!)) I must join issue with Mr. Blunn in a far more serious vein.

In the October edition Mr. Blunn told us that the Selection Committee (of which he is Chairman) was very upset at receiving letters "complaining about selections not being in accordance with the ranking list" and that in future correspondence would be acknowledged but that "no discussions will be entered into".

I for one am certainly not surprised that the Selection Committee is so coy about its decisions and entirely agree that England's Juniors have an uphill task so long as the present members of the Committee operate from the fastnesses of their several abodes.

There have been to date four Junior Opens, i.e., the Essex, the Newbury, the North Herts and the Kent. As Secretary for Junior Affairs in the County of Essex I have attended at all these Tournaments, but I regret to say that Mr. Blunn has been very conspicuous by his absence. For years I have been a fervent admirer of Brian and Mary Wright both as players and people, but apart from a fleeting appearance by Brian on one day of the Kent Tournament, when he did not stay for the Finals, they have not been seen either. Finally I do not know whether Johnny Leach, as England's Team Manager, is still the final arbiter, or whether Brian and Mary are going (unlike Laurie Landry) to have complete authority, but if Johnny is still in overall charge, where has he been?

I may be very simple and naive, but if the person in charge of a humble County can attend all these tournaments, why cannot those who are entrusted with the affairs of England? How can the Chairman of the Selectors, the England Team Manager and the Junior Captains decide their Ranking List and select their teams **without actually seeing the Juniors play?**

No, Mr. Blunn, it just won't do.

You have sacked Laurie Landry and the fact that he still attends most of the Junior Tournaments and can tell you what he sees there is no adequate substitute for you and your colleagues getting out there where the action is.

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**'ONLY BLEMISH'**

I WAS surprised that Northumberland saw fit to mention in their report of the Northumberland II v. Yorkshire II match that Ron Kettlewell was "correctly" awarded the point at 19-20 down to Yorkshire's Neil Fulstow in the 3rd game of the final match-deciding set. Surprised, because this was the only blemish in an otherwise entertaining match and the incident was best forgotten.

Since it has been mentioned, I think it should be known that it was the emphatic opinion of the Yorkshire team and at least one Northumberland supporter that Kettlewell volleyed the ball at the point in question, and that the Yorkshire non-playing captain, Kathleen Thompson, at first refused to sign the result sheet because she was so upset by the umpire's decision. It was not surprising that Kettlewell took the next two points to win. Even a more seasoned campaigner than the 15-year-old Fulstow would have had difficulty in recovering from the shock of having to start again at such a crucial point, having thought the game was won.

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**SETTING THE  
STANDARD**

AFTER reading in the latest edition of Table Tennis News that Jack Carrington is to retire from full time coaching, my thoughts went back to the first time I met him.

I had enrolled on the Christmas coaching course at Lilleshall Hall in 1953. As is usual on the first night we were all in the table tennis hall waiting to meet our coaches. At the appointed time, in walked Jack looking immaculate in black blazer and grey slacks, and sporting a snazzy County badge. He was accompanied by Elsie, looking equally as smart. They looked every inch "The Coaches". In the days that followed they always looked impressively neat and tidy. The impression on me was so great that I decided that "this was for me".

After several such courses I attained my Basic Coaching Diploma which gave me the opportunity to pass on a little of the example that Jack always set.

If he is now to take life a little easier, I for one would like to say 'Thank You' to Jack and Elsie for the standard they have set for us all.

May their part time activities last for many years to come.

J. R. LOCKING.

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Grimsby, Lincs.

**HANDS OFF!**

IT seems to be the unattractive custom of many top players during the course of a match for them to wipe the sweat (or in the case of women — perspiration) from their hands on the playing surface of the table.

I have always understood that tables should be kept dry and free from grease or polish—even if they do belong to someone else!

I note that tennis players arrange things more neatly. And you can always use the back of your shorts.

A. E. BOND.

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**WELL SATISFIED**

THE European League match between England and the U.S.S.R. was a memorable occasion.

Those who were enthralled by the scintillating skills of the competitors would, I am sure, wish to join me in thanking the officials of the Exeter and District Table Tennis League for providing us with such a sporting opportunity, and commend all concerned on the meticulous organisation and the impressive presentation.

R. S. ELLIS.

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Exeter, Devon.

**BACKING A WINNER**

AS a player of a few year's standing, I have been interested in the correspondence over the last few years on the subject of 'The Service'.

Having been told by a National Umpire in a recent Inter-Town match that I was occasionally cupping the ball, led me to thinking "How can this tendency be overcome?"

The Service rule has been altered in the past to try to eliminate the problem of players gaining advantage by cupping or holding the ball, but even the slightest cupping is a natural tendency because the hand bends that way.

May I, therefore, through your magazine suggest an alternative method which I feel if adopted could end the controversy and make life easier for both players and umpires alike.

Instead of placing the ball in the palm of the hand, why not place it on the back of the hand, on the crack formed by the Index and 2nd finger. Now the ball cannot possibly be cupped or hidden.

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# International Encounters

## European League

### HOPES DASHED AT EXETER

ENGLAND'S fond hopes of emulating their Munich Swaythling Cup defeat of Russia did not materialise in their all-important European League encounter with the U.S.S.R. at the University Sports Hall, Exeter on December 3, 1969.

A 5-2 result in favour of Russia was most disappointing from the England point of view, a contributory factor being the large number of loose shots made by our pair in the men's doubles which gave the Russians a 3-1 lead.

The match was possibly lost at this stage despite another splendid performance from Chester Barnes whose opening win over Stanislav Gomozkov was deserving of a better end result.

Denis Neale was still not at his best and Mary Wright, although losing, stuck grimly to her task against Zoya Rudnova and played extremely well in the second game.

Other than the Japanese, Miss Rudnova is probably the most difficult player in the world for Mary to beat.

The match was most excellently staged by the Exeter League who did not overlook the slightest detail and

provided the 1,160 spectators with perfect match conditions.

Individual results (in match order) were:—

C. Barnes bt S. Gomozkov 17, 12.  
D. Neale lost to S. Sarkhojan -18, -16.  
Mrs. M. Wright lost to Miss Z. Rudnova -8, -18.  
Neale/Barnes lost to Gomozkov/A. Amelin -17, 19, -13.  
Neale/Mrs. Wright bt Gomozkov/Miss Rudnova 7, -13, 18.  
Barnes lost to Sarkhojan -19, -17.  
Neale lost to Gomozkov -21, -11.

### NO REVENGE AT MAIDSTONE

Ironically at the Y Sports Centre, Maidstone on the following night, it was the men's doubles which provided England with their only win when Alan Hydes and Trevor Taylor beat Gomozkov and Amelin.

Russia won this international match 6-1 but the score hardly does justice to the fighting displays put up in the four men's singles events.

Even though beaten, Hydes played brilliantly especially against Sarkis Sarkhojan and actually led 19-14 in the decider.

Despite narrowly losing both singles, Trevor Taylor was most

impressive fighting hard and moving well. By winning the men's doubles, the English pair proved that two left handers can combine successfully.

Like Mary Wright on the previous night, Jill Shirley played well but Miss Rudnova was just too good.

Individual scores (in match order) were:—

T. Taylor lost to A. Amelin -22, -21.  
A. Hydes lost to S. Sarkhojan -12, 18, -21.  
Miss J. Shirley lost to Miss Z. Rudnova -13, -13.  
Hydes/Taylor bt Gomozkov/Amelin 19, -16, 13.  
Hydes/Miss Shirley lost to Gomozkov/Rudnova -14, -13.  
Taylor lost to Sarkhojan 16, -16, -19.  
Hydes lost to Amelin 11, -17, -14.

## Versus Hungary

### NEALE GAINS REVENGE

SUBSEQUENT to the Southend Open, in which the Hungarians swept the board, England engaged Hungary in a second friendly international at the P.E. Centre of Loughborough's College of Education on November 24, 1969.

Differing again from the European League side, which won 6-1 at Hove, and that which lost 3-4 at Guildford, Denis Neale spearheaded a trio otherwise comprising Trevor Taylor and Linda Bashford.



Janos Börzsei

Neale, playing with a great deal more purpose, avenged his European League defeat by Janos Börzsei laid his "bogey" over three games after having beaten Tibor Klampar in the opening set.

Börzsei had previously beaten Taylor in two-straight and Linda Bashford lost her women's singles only narrowly to Angela Papp over three games. Individual results:—

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## International Encounters

D. Neale bt T. Klampar 17, 18.  
T. Taylor lost to J. Börzsei -14, -15.  
Miss L. Bashford lost to Miss A. Papp  
16, -15, -19.  
Neale/Taylor bt I. Jonyer/F. Timar  
13, 24.  
Neale/Miss Bashford bt Jonyer/Miss  
Papp -22, 15, 11.  
Taylor bt Klampar 20, 18.  
Neale bt Börzsei 15, -17, 15.

## Tour by Sweden

### BARNES INSPIRES FINAL WIN

IN a three-match series against Sweden, played in mid-December, England twice bent the knee before striking with a hammer blow in the final match at Northampton.

The series opened on Teesside at the Eston Sports Centre where Nicky Jarvis, England's No. 1 junior, made his senior international debut in the company of his Ormesby team-mate Denis Neale and Karenza Mathews.

It was very much a case of a baptism under fire for young Jarvis who was called upon to engage such notables as Kjell Johansson and Hans Alser, both former European champions.

Although encouraged by the partisan 1,100 crowd the teenage Yorkshireman had not the experience to match the fierce forehand drives of Johansson or the guile of Alser who delighted the audience by allowing Jarvis to attack. This he readily did thereby showing his potential as a player very much with a great future.



**HANS ALSER**  
(Sport and General Photograph)

Having lost to Alser in the opening set, Neale prevented the whitewash when, in the final set, he well and truly mastered Johansson. Not so Karenza Mathews who, against Eva Johansson, tried too hard and overhit herself to an unexpected defeat.

Scores:—  
D. Neale lost to H. Alser -18, 18, -13.  
N. Jarvis lost to K. Johansson -10, -13.  
Mrs. K. Mathews lost to Miss E. Johansson -12, 15, -16.  
Neale/Jarvis lost to Alser/Johansson -16, -16.

Neale/Mrs. Mathews lost to Alser/ Miss Johansson 7, -18, -17.  
Jarvis lost to Alser -15, -12.  
Neale bt Johansson 12, 15.

Although losing 2-5 in the second match played on the following night at Pontefract, England's players showed far more determination as evidenced by five of the seven sets going to third game deciders.

Both Alan Hydes and Trevor Taylor gave of their utmost and Taylor especially played as well, if not better, than he has ever done in subjugating Alser for a final set win which received tumultuous applause.

Hydes was unlucky not to record a win for in each of his deciding singles games, only two points separated him from victory over Johansson and Alser.



**KJELL JOHANSSON**

England's second win came from Jill Shirley who defeated Eva Johansson by most intelligent play.

Scores:—  
A. Hydes lost to H. Alser -13, 15, -20.  
T. Taylor lost to K. Johansson -18, 19, -17.  
Miss J. Shirley bt Miss E. Johansson 15, -18, 11.  
Hydes/Taylor lost to Alser/Johansson -12, 18, -14.  
Hydes/Miss Shirley lost to Alser/ Miss Johansson -12, -12.  
Hydes lost to Johansson 17, -18, -19.  
Taylor bt Alser 22, 19.

With the Coca-Cola Trophy at stake in the final match at Northampton on December 18, England's full-strength team of Neale, Barnes and Mary Wright really took the bit between their teeth to win 6-1.

After Neale had gone down in the opening set to Alser, Chester Barnes really demoralised the opposition with the manner in which he disposed of Johansson.

Such was the seeming effect in the Swedish camp that thenceforward it was almost one-way traffic with only two sets needing a deciding game.

Barnes really stamped his impression on this encounter making good the lapses of Neale in the men's doubles and finishing off a wonderfully successful evening by coming from behind, 15-19, to beat Alser 27-25 in the first game of the final set.

Never allowing his opponent to settle in the second, Barnes ran out a good winner.

Prior to, Mary Wright had played her part in beating Miss Johansson and Neale had brought about the

unusual experience for Kjell Johansson who lost all his three sets which for a player ranked No. 4 in Europe was harsh treatment indeed.

Scores:—  
D. Neale lost to H. Alser -19, -18.  
C. Barnes bt K. Johansson 10, 18.  
Mrs. M. Wright bt Miss K. Johansson 13, 19.  
Barnes/Neale bt Alser/Johansson -17, 7, 19.  
Neale/Mrs. Wright bt Alser/Miss Johansson 14, -18, 10.  
Neale bt Johansson 14, 17.  
Barnes bt Alser 25, 16.

## Obituaries

### STALWARTS, BOTH

Mr. R. "Dickie" C. Dawson has been a familiar, if unobtrusive, figure in Southern table tennis for over 40 years. His activities covered almost every sphere from International player and national administrator to club official and league player.

Throughout his life he was closely associated with the St. Bride's Club which had dominated the English game in its early years and it was from his position with the club that he became Hon. Treasurer of the E.T.T.A. in 1930. He held the post for only one year and was succeeded by "Bill" Vint.

As a player he represented England in Home Internationals in the thirties, and his varied game made him a doughty opponent to his contemporaries and enabled him to bridge the gap of years and still hold his own in a lower division of the Central League in the sponge era of 1969. He had served on the committees of the London, South London, and Central Leagues.

In 1929 he married Phyllis Moser, also a member of the St. Bride's Club and an English International who won the Women's Doubles at the English Open of 1928-29; we extend to her our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. H. (Rene) Lentle represented England against Czechoslovakia in 1948 and from 1939 to 1949 was one of the best doubles players in the country. During the war years she built up a fine partnership with Connie Miles, her own attacking game combined so well with the steady defence of her partner and they won numerous titles.

On Mrs. Miles' retirement, she had a series of partners and, although still an opponent to be reckoned with, never quite achieved the same understanding.

She was a regular member of the County Championships-winning Middlesex team from 1947 to 1949. We extend our sympathy to her husband Harry, a Middlesex County committee member in the 1940's and also to their daughter.

G.J.

## 'Play Right From the Start'

FOR some years now, Mrs. Dolly Harmer has been pioneering in the teaching of Table Tennis to children in Primary Schools with no little success although handicapped by the lack of literature on the subject that children of this age are able to read for themselves.

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All the children illustrated are members of the Leighton Linsdale and District Schools Table Tennis Association.

The book, price 6/- (inclusive of postage) can be had from Mrs. D. Harmer, 84 Brooklands Drive, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

## IRENE STARS in DETROIT

IN the United States Open Team Championships, played in Detroit, Michigan, on November 8/9, Miss Irene Ogus, the former English International and Middlesex County player, lost only one set, to the Canadian National Champion, Violetta Nesukaitis. After performing rather indifferently in this tournament last year, Irene underlined her come-back with wins over all the top U.S. women including National Champion, Patty Martinez, and No. 2 Wendy Hicks.

Violetta was voted the most valuable player, but this vote was taken before the final between Canada and California, in which Violetta lost to Patty and Wendy. The winning California team comprised Patty, Wendy, Angelita Rosal and Heather Angelinetta, formerly of England.



**MISS IRENE OGUS**

Photograph and news item from Malcolm Anderson, Chairman, Photographic Committee, U.S.T.T.A.

# NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

by Leslie Davis

## EMECZ TREBLE IN VAIN

FIRSTLY I must applaud Wilmott Cup secretaries of Croydon and Crawley for returning their result so promptly. This very closely contested match resulted in a 5-4 win for Crawley after no fewer than seven sets had gone to three. Yet E. Emezc must have been the outstanding player since he won three sets—and for the losers too!

**Southampton 5 Bournemouth 4** - Another cliff-hanger. Although Chris Shetler won but one set, it was the final one that gave Southampton the verdict.

**London Business Houses 0 Bromley 6** - Bromley's team of T. Fairlie, P. Shill and John Dabin won two sets each. A Campbell and M. Kercher provided the best opposition.

**Liverpool 7 Nottingham 2** - While Tony Clayton won all his sets for the winners, A. Croome performed well for the losers.

**Blackpool 2 Bolton 7** - Wrongly given as a home win for the seashiders in the third round draw schedules, this tie brought Bolton's Stephen

Kaufman into prominence with a forceful treble. Bob Kelly and Clive Heap shared the other winning sets.

**Norwich 8 Wisbech 1** - An apparently one-sided affair yet J. Sell played well for the losers.

**Bristol 4 Plymouth 5** - The score card proves that Bristol's Tony Kinsey was the best player of the evening. Full marks for Bob Parkins and Cleve Judson both accounting for Bristol's No. 1 Eric Hall.

**North Yorks 5 Northumberland 3** - Denis Neale - playing for a Teesside league for the first time - was in great form. He was ably assisted by Nickey Jarvis and Alan Ransome against a strong Northumberland side. Brian Burn played extremely well to win two sets for the losers.

**East London 8 Woolwich 1** - An impressive victory by Stevie Smith over Kent No. 2 Derek Basden, ensured a comfortable win for East London.

**Leicester 7 Walsall 2** - A particularly good performance by Leicester's Graham Hughes and Charlie Jacques who were always in command.

**Staines 5 Slough 2** - L. Gresswell played good table tennis to take two vital sets against Slough's Paul Shirley and Robin Napper.

**Ely 1 Cambridge 8** - B. Jones was Ely's only winner.

**Ilford 9 London Banks 0** - The score belies the London Banks' effort. Six sets went to a deciding game.

**Manchester 6 Chester 0** - Clear-cut victory although three sets needed a third game. Kevin Forshaw won with little effort.

**S.W. Middlesex 4 Guildford 5** - It was left to R. Bradstreet (Ilford) and M. Bax (S.W. Middx.) to decide the result in the ninth set. Bradstreet won 17, 12. A. R. Miller played a substantial part in Guildford's win by succeeding in all his sets.

**Willesden 9 Dagenham 0** - No doubt at all with all sets in straight games.

**Chiltern 1 Oxford 8** - I. Gough was Chiltern's only winner.

**Gloucester 7 Taunton 2** - Gloucester, without stars Bryan Merrett and Ian Harrison, overcame a weaker Taunton side. Roy Morley—almost a veteran—won easily.

**Birmingham 2 West Bromwich 5** - A hard-fought match. The three sets that went to a deciding game were all won by West Brom. Barry Hill won the two for Birmingham.

**London Civil Service 5 Beckenham 1** - After Henry Buist had lost to Clive Morris of Beckenham, the Civil Service side won the next five sets comfortably.

## Rose Bowl

**Eastbourne 5 Hastings 4** - Diane

Gard pulled off a brilliant victory in the ninth and deciding set against Margaret Dignum (Hastings). Her hitting was—according to John Woodford—the fiercest seen in Sussex, by a woman, for many years. The best player on view was Carol Randall—also of Eastbourne. Miss Sheppard played well for the losers.

**Ely 3 Peterborough 6** - Miss G. Chapman's great effort by winning Ely's three sets went unrewarded.

**Birmingham 6 Leicester 3** - Birmingham's young Jenny Cornock deserves special mention. She won her three sets 13, 11; 12, 12 and 14, 6. The other sets were much closer.

**Stockport 4 Manchester 5** - Another very closely contested match. Doreen Schofield gained a maximum for the losers. Mary Leigh played well throughout and won the fifth deciding match for Manchester.

**Bognor 1 Bournemouth 8** - This must have been an exasperating evening for Bognor. Six of the sets went to three games and all were won by Bournemouth.

**Southampton 5 Portsmouth 4** - Another match that consisted of a ninth set decider and six three-game sets. Mrs. A. Gilbert won three for Southampton although all the games were close.

**Leighton Buzzard 2 Oxford 7** - Both D. Winget and M. Davies won maximums for Oxford.



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## National Team Competitions cont.

**London Business Houses 5 Barking 4** - Barking had no other player to emulate Susan Beckwith's example. She won three sets for the losers.

### Carter Cup

**Exeter 8 Plymouth 1** - A clear-cut verdict for Exeter's R. Davis, K. Baker and M. Melmoth. D. Tucker won the loser's only set.

**Wellingborough 5 Dunstable 3** - G. Reid won all the sets for the losers.

**Birmingham 4 Leicester 5** - A real turn up for the book! This same Birmingham trio had beaten Leicester 9-1 the previous week in a Midland League match. In that match Paul Randall only won one but in the cup encounter won three. Andy Holdsworth beat M. Davis, 17 in the third, with the match score at 4-4.

**North Yorkshire 6 Northumberland 3** - Jimmie Walker won three sets for the winners. David Armstrong played well for Northumberland.

**N.W. Kent 4 East London 5** - G. Blomfield won three for East London. R. Dunmall played best for the losers.

### Bromfield Trophy

**Birmingham 5 Liverpool 4** - Susan Clarke won a maximum for the winners. Diane Williams played well for Liverpool.

**Leicester 9 Loughborough 0** - The Loughborough girls never gave up trying against much stronger opposition.

## ZONE FINALS - DRAWS

### \*Wilmott Cup

#### Zone

- Huddersfield v. North Yorkshire
- Boston v. Chesterfield
- Liverpool v. Bolton
- Stockport v. Manchester
- Leicester v. West Bromwich
- Cambridge v. Norwich
- Cheshunt v. North Herts.
- Oxford v. Bletchley
- East London v. London Civil Service
- Willesden (holders) v. Ilford
- Central London v. Wembley
- Bromley v. Basildon
- Crawley v. Brighton
- Newbury v. Southampton
- Guildford v. Staines
- Gloucester v. Plymouth

### \*Rose Bowl

- North Yorkshire v. Northumberland
- Chesterfield v. Sheffield
- Manchester v. Blackpool
- Lincoln v. Spalding
- West Bromwich v. Birmingham
- Peterborough v. Lowestoft
- Harlow v. North Herts.
- Reading v. Oxford
- Willesden v. Chelmsford
- Central London (holders) v. Sutton
- London Business Houses v. Romford
- Walthamstow v. London Civil Service
- Worthing v. Eastbourne
- Southampton v. Bournemouth
- Slough v. Guildford
- Bristol Bye

### \*Carter Cup

- North Yorkshire v. Whitehaven
- Burnley v. Preston
- Leeds Bye
- Stockport v. Manchester

- Boston Bye
- Leicester v. Loughborough
- Kings Lynn v. St. Neots
- Banbury v. Wellingborough
- Lowestoft Bye
- Reading v. Willesden
- North Herts. (holders) v. Barking
- East London v. Bromley
- Brighton v. Bognor
- Basingstoke v. Southampton
- Bournemouth v. Bristol
- Exeter v. Tavistock

\*To be played by January 11, 1970

### \*\*Bromfield Trophy

- North Yorkshire v. Northumberland
- Manchester v. Birmingham
- Leicester v. Ipswich
- Cheshunt v. Willesden
- Barking v. Dagenham
- Slough (holders) v. Sittingbourne
- Worthing v. Newbury
- Taunton v. Bournemouth

\*\*To be played by February 15, 1970

## National Club Competitions

### WELL WORTHWHILE

READERS may remember that the runners-up of last season's National Club Championships were Gidea Park of Essex. This team of Ken Beamish, Dave Garner and Brian Bond entered the European Fairs Towns Cup at their own expense. Their opponents were the Maderischer Club of Duisberg who won 5-1.

Mrs. Phyllis Lauder—the Romford League secretary—informed me that although Gidea Park contained no County players, each player very much appreciated the opportunity of meeting players of a different nationality.

The first round of this season's competition has been completed the results being:—

- Valves (Coventry) 5 Cambridge TTC (Walsall) 1.  
Westminster (Birmingham) 5 Weston YMCA (Bristol) 4.  
Kents (Luton) 2 AHW (Bletchley) 5.  
Inter Computers (N. Herts.) 0  
Enfield Highway WMC (Cheshunt) 6.  
Rosebery (Chelmsford) w.o. Lloyds Bank (London Banks).  
Ellenborough TTC (N. Middx.) 5  
Metro Water Board (Walthamstow) 1.  
Aldershot Social (Aldershot) 1 Four T's (Southampton) 8.  
North Mundham (Bognor) w.o. Hastings NALGO (Hastings).  
Second round matches in the men's competition are:—  
Highgate (Grimsby) v. Ormesby (Middlesbrough).  
Ruston Bucyrus (Lincoln) Bye.  
Darwen SC (Blackburn) v. Burnley Cricket Club (Burnley).  
Liverpool YMCA (Liverpool) v. Silcoms SC (Bolton).  
Albion (Sheffield) v. Sheepbridge (Chesterfield).  
Victoria TTC (Leeds) v. Nottingham YMCA (Nottingham).  
Westminster (Birmingham) v. Barwell Constitutional (Leicester).  
Valves (Coventry) v. South Wye Gypsies (Hereford).  
Watford YMCA (Watford) v. Enfield Highway (Cheshunt).  
A.W.H. (Bletchley) v. Cryselco (Bedford).  
Gidea Park (Romford) v. Roseberry (Chelmsford).  
Gascoigne (Dagenham) v. Tye Green C.A. (Harlow).

Chadwell Heath LTC (Ilford) v. John Keble (Willesden).  
Ellenborough (N. Middx.) v. Fellows Cranleigh (Barking).  
Bournemouth YMCA (Bournemouth) v. North Mundham (Bognor).

Ties are to be completed on or before January 18, 1970.



## 200 Representative Appearances For Charlie Jacques

IN 1947, a 14 years old lad had just left school to begin work at a local firm in Leicester, Byron and Knight, and each lunch time he would sit eating his sandwiches watching his work-mates play table tennis.

He scorned initial attempts to get him onto the table to play, in his own words at the time: "That sissy game!" But eventually he relented.

That young lad, Charles Alfred Jacques, always Charlie to his friends, had begun a table tennis career that was to take him to the top of the tree in Leicester and keep him there for twenty years—with, seemingly, many more years to come.

Within six months of first picking up a bat Charlie was representing Leicester in the Midland League by way of the junior team, actually winning his very first set. This was to be the first step to an achievement which was completed when he played a recent Wilmott Cup match: 200 representative appearances for Leicester and Leicestershire. A remarkable achievement for a player who has never figured prominently on the National Open circuit.

This is his 19th season in Division One of the Leicester and District League, two of them being spoiled to a large extent by National Service, but in the sixteen full seasons to date Charlie has finished at the top of the individual averages 10 times and, at the time of writing, is still 100 per cent. this term. He has, in fact, never lost more than seven sets during any one season in the local league.

While many players like to pretend that averages mean very little to them Charlie rates these ten times at the top as his most pleasing performances. "Maintaining that sort of form throughout a whole season means

more to me than coming good on just one day and winning a tournament—I think it shows more consistency." Certainly not a statement which offers much argument.

His game is predominantly defence, being one of the rapidly dwindling band who still use a hard bat yet youngsters have come on to the local scene with loop and other modern techniques for him to sort out and then brush aside.

Dislikes include rubber floors which sap the strength and, perhaps surprisingly for a defender, slow tables. . . . "At least the ball comes off the table at a consistent speed when the table is true and fast."

His overall record speaks for itself:

	Sets	P	W
Leicester League	1329	1261	94.8%
Leicester Cup	237	225	95.0%
Midland League	293	183	62.5%
County Senior	76	50	65.8%
Wilmott Cup	69	38	55.1%

Charlie's biggest asset is a superb temperament which has lifted him out of many a sticky patch and has produced, without doubt, the most consistent and loyal servant Leicester has ever had—and is ever likely to have.

JOHN BOWNESS,

(Press Officer),

Leicester & District T.T. League.

## BOOK REVIEW

THERE are few table tennis players who take the trouble to have their life story printed, but this is what Chester Barnes has done—at the ripe old age of 22!

In it Chester talks of his clashes with officialdom, of his reactions when he won the English Closed Men's Singles at fifteen years of age and became, overnight, the sportsman everyone wanted to know.

The book itself is much like the man who wrote it—colourful, controversial and interesting.

'MORE THAN A MATCH' tells of Chester's trips round the tournaments in both this country and abroad. His likes and dislikes are sprinkled liberally throughout the pages. Of the pictures I found the instructional ones by far the most interesting.

Chester's ideas on coaching will differ with many people's but I think most people will read his chapter on this aspect.

Not always consistent in his views, Chester recommends that when playing better players you should 'fight back and get every point you can. If he's very strong on his forehand don't put a single ball to that wing, you'll still lose but you won't be steam-rollered'. Fifteen pages later Chester's views seem to have changed somewhat. He says, 'There are those occasions when I let things slip, because I'm not interested in fighting to lose 15-21 instead of 10-21'.

Nevertheless, I found it an interesting book from start to finish and even at 25/- I think it should sell well. One thing I'm sure of—once you start reading it you won't want to put it down until you've read it.

P.R.



## English Closed continued from Page 1

Sponsored by Coca-Cola Bottlers, the total prize money amounted to £345 of which sum Neale claimed £125 and Mary Wright £70.

Unfortunately, the clash of Middlesbrough and West Ham in the third round of the F.A. Cup had a most adverse effect on the attendance for many would-be spectators were drawn to Ayresome Park. This was a pity for a great deal of work put in to make these championships a financial success was deserving of a better reward than was the case. Results:—

### Men's Singles: Round 3:

D. Neale (Yorks.) bt A. Clayton (Yorks.) 17, 19, 18; O. Haslam (Middx.) bt H. Buist (Kent) 21, 15, 20; C. Warren (Surrey) bt F. Mitchinson (Nthld.) -17, 19, 14, 12; A. Hydes (Yorks.) bt P. Hoyles (Nthld.) 11, 6, 15; T. Taylor (Herts.) bt P. Taylor (Beds.) 12, 8, 8; A. Piddock (Kent) bt P. Radford (Essex) -19, 19, -14, 12, 20; M. Johns (Ches.) bt D. Munt (Warwks.) 9, 16, 16; C. Barnes (Essex) bt A. Ransome (Nthld.) 16, 11, -19, 19.

### Quarter-finals:

Neale bt Haslam 10, 14, 21; Hydes bt Warren 16, -15, 5, 14; T. Taylor bt Piddock 17, 16, 11; Barnes bt Johns 13, -17, 11, -19, 13.

### Semi-finals:

NEALE bt Hydes 10, 11, 10; BARNES bt Taylor 17, -14, 8, -17, 18.

### Final:

NEALE bt Barnes 20, 16, 15.

### Women's Singles: Round 2:

J. Shirley (Bucks.) bt D. Simpson (Essex) 7, 13, 14; L. Howard (Surrey) bt V. King (Yorks.) 14, 15, 11; S. Hession (Essex) bt S. Lisle (Lancs.) 8, 11, 8; J. Williams (Sussex) bt L. Sutton (Yorks.) 12, 10, 16; P. Piddock (Kent) bt M. Robson (Nthld.) -14, -9, 7, 14, 17;

L. Bashford (Yorks.) w.o. P. Clark (Nthld.); K. Mathews (Middx.) bt L. Radford (Essex) 13, 19, 9; M. Wright (Surrey) bt S. Howard (Surrey) 20, 15, 16.

### Quarter-finals:

Shirley bt L. Howard 9, 13, 13; Hession bt Williams 19, -14, 16, 9; Piddock bt Bashford 14, 16, 9; Wright bt Mathews -13, 22, -19, 19, 16.

### Semi-finals:

SHIRLEY bt Hession 10, 12, 20; WRIGHT bt Piddock 20, 14, -12, -20, 21.

### Final:

WRIGHT bt Shirley 14, 19, 19.

### Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Barnes/T. Taylor bt D. Basden/B. Meisel (Kent) 15, 15, -17, 18; Haslam/Johns bt N. Fulstow/D. Rayner (Yorks.) 17, 10, 19; N. Jarvis (Yorks.)/Ransome bt R. Gunnion (Warwks.)/Warren 20, 16, 17; Hydes/Neale bt D. Brown/R. Stevens (Essex) 12, 15, 18.

### Semi-finals:

BARNES/TAYLOR bt Haslam/Johns 15, 8, 14; HYDES/NEALE bt Jarvis/Ransome 9, 21, 11.

### Final:

HYDES/NEALE bt Barnes/Taylor 16, 19, 18.

### Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Mathews/Wright bt Lisle/G. Macrae (Surrey) 17, 9, 13; Howard/Howard bt King/Sutton 22, 14, 14; Radford/Simpson bt Bashford/Robson -15, 11, 9, 19; Piddock/Shirley bt Hession/Williams 14, 18, 16.

### Semi-finals:

MATHEWS/WRIGHT bt Howard/Howard -16, 19, 14, 10; RADFORD/SIMPSON bt Piddock/Shirley -14, 16, 17, -19, 17.

### Final:

MATHEWS/WRIGHT bt Radford/Simpson 12, 20, -19, 16.

### Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Neale/Wright bt A. Fletcher (Yorks.)/S. Howard 14, 18, 10; T. Taylor/

Piddock/bt B. Hill (Surrey)/L. Howard 14, 17, 14; Haslam/Radford bt Jarvis/Bashford 17, 15, 24; Barnes/Mathews bt Hoyles/C. Duncombe (Nthld.) 11, 14, 10.

### Semi-finals:

NEALE/WRIGHT bt Taylor/Piddock 5, 20, 5; BARNES/MATHEWS bt Haslam/Radford 14, -6, 17, 19.

### Final:

NEALE/WRIGHT bt Barnes/Mathews 17, -11, 9, 9.

### Consolation Singles

#### Men's Semi-finals:

B. Burn (Nthld.) bt G. Warwick (Staffs.) -18, 15, 15; A. Chilvers (Nthld.) bt Fletcher 18, 18.

#### Final:

CHILVERS bt Burn 15, 15.

#### Women's Semi-finals:

S. Kavallierou (Sussex) bt B. Shaw (Notts.) 12, 14; S. Howard bt A. Jones (Warwks.) 16, 14.

#### Final:

S. HOWARD bt Kavallierou 8, 13.

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## Coca-Cola Points Scheme

The current position—the Coca-Cola Bottlers' Award, up to and including the recent English Closed Championships, is set out below.

All points awarded are subject to scrutiny and amendments have already been made to the calculations which produced the list issued on December 1, 1969.

The winner of the Award will receive a cash prize and a training scholarship.

G. C. Barnes (Essex)	1770
D. Neale (Yorks.)	1625
Mrs. M. Wright (Surrey)	675
A. Hydes (Yorks.)	595
T. Taylor (Herts.)	585
Miss J. Shirley (Bucks.)	555
Mrs. K. Mathews (Middx.)	515
Mrs. P. Piddock (Kent)	450
Miss L. Bashford (Yorks.)	295
Miss J. Williams (Sussex)	270
M. Johns (Ches.)	205
Miss S. Hession (Essex)	200
B. Burn (Nthld.)	150
O. B. Haslam (Middx.)	120
R. Penfold (Surrey)	115
A. R. Piddock (Kent)	105
Miss S. Howard (Surrey)	105
N. Jarvis (Yorks.) and C. Morris (Kent)	70
D. S. Basden (Kent) and C. J. Warren (Surrey)	60

The issue of a revised Ranking List has been delayed until the next meeting of the National Selection Committee later this month and the existing list will remain in force until then.

## MASTER POINTS SCHEME

MIKE JOHNS recently became the 24th player to attain the rank of County Master with his last 400 points coming from his successes in Open Tournaments this season. Soon to join him will be Dennis Johnson of Essex providing he can strike the tournament form that seems to be eluding him at present.

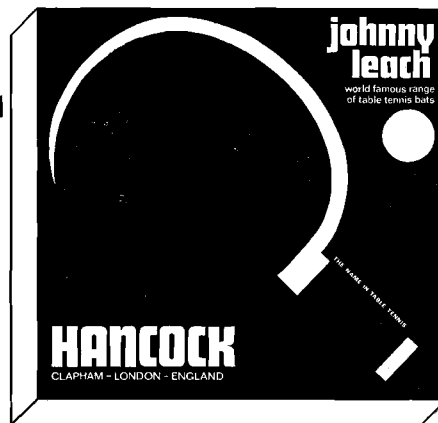
The number of Club Masters continues to rise towards the 1,000 landmark, where a £10 prize is waiting, so search your wallets and replace those certificates by £1 notes! Club and League Masters are reminded that shirt badges are available at a cost of only 2/- each.

## E.T.T.A. LOTTERY

ALL League Secretaries have been offered the chance to sell tickets in the Lincoln Handicap Draw. There is a first prize of £250 for the winner but Leagues or Clubs can earn rewards by selling tickets as a rebate of 50% is given on ticket sales. So for every £1 a Club or League remits in respect of tickets sold, 10/- is returned. Full details from the Promoter, Albert Shipley, c/o E.T.T.A., 26 Park Crescent, London, W1N 4HA.

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# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1971



**By A. K. VINT**

**Hon. Secretary International Table Tennis Federation**

COINCIDING with the visit of the European Table Tennis team to Japan for a series of matches with the Japanese players, I was invited by the Japan Association to go as their guest to discuss and observe the arrangements they are making for the World Championships in 1971.

It was a delightful and happy visit which was not only informative but gave one the opportunity at first hand to see how table tennis has progressed since the World Championships were last held there in 1956.

The outward air journey on the Polar route was in the company of the team most ably led by Jupp Schlaf, the President of the European Table Tennis Union, and the Hon. Secretary Nancy Evans. In fact, I spent a little over a week with them in Tokyo, Osaka, Takamatsu, Okayama and Hiroshima before reaching Nagoya where the World Championships will be played.

As those who have participated in these tours well know they are exacting. Travelling by plane, train, boat and car, time for practice, the parades, matches, sightseeing with a full social programme and virtually living in one's bag are all part of the trip.

Welcomes by the Mayors of towns and leading citizens and officials of local Associations, enthusiastic audiences always around 3,000 people

were the general pattern in each town. It was all a great demonstration of friendliness and hospitality for which the Japanese are noted.

## SEATING FOR 4,490

After the match in Nagoya, the team left for Kyoto and I remained behind with the officers of the Japan Association for meetings and visits to the Hall proposed to be used for the World Championships.

Nagoya is the capital of the Aichi Prefecture and is Japan's third largest city with a population of 2 million people and has many tourist attractions. The Aichi Gymnasium where the Championships will be played is a modern air-conditioned building built about 4 years ago.

It has seating for 4,490, tiering for another 2,000. The floor which is of special timber on composition will take 20 tables. Many sports are accommodated in the hall including a large swimming pool.

Special arrangements will be made for meals and modern hotels of which the City has many will be within 15 to 20 minutes with adequate transport between hotels and the hall.

The Aichi Prefecture Industrial Trading Hall will house the Congress which is fully equipped for international conferences and will meet all our requirements. The dates for the Championships are April 2-11, 1971, but at this stage the detailed plans are not settled but early next year the Japan Association will provide the first information bulletin.

## DYNAMIC PRESIDENT

Without question, they have excellent facilities for the Championships. They also possess an excellent team of officers led by the dynamic President, Koji Goto, ably supported by Ikuji Yotoe an indefatigable Secretary, and Takashi Nomura who, it is understood, will be the Referee.

With such leadership they clearly will have a good organisation to carry out the intricate and involved task of

running the Championships and all that goes with it.



**KOJI GOTO**

During my stay in Nagoya, I witnessed the running in one day of a tournament consisting of 3,000 young people from local schools. Sixty tables were used, true each game was limited to the best of 21 but it was delightful to see boys and girls queuing to play their games so as not to waste time.

Everything seemed to go like clockwork including giving a small souvenir to each participant who obviously greatly enjoyed the Tournament.

Japan I am sure will do their utmost to make the 1971 Championships such that they will add to the debt of gratitude the table tennis world already owes to the Japan Association for making such strides in the development of our game in the last 20 years. Our good wishes go to them in their efforts.

## INCREDIBLE MOMENTS AT LONDON DINNER

MEMBERS of the Sports Writers' Association and their guests, numbering over 600 in all, gathered at the Bloomsbury Centre Hotel, Russell Square on December 8th for their annual dinner and dance to honour their choices of "Sportsmen" and "Sportswomen of the Year".

The incredible achievements of the "Disabled Sportsman of the Year", Bill Griffiths of the Stoke Mandeville Centre left me and I am sure, all present, astounded and humbled. How ever great the achievements of Tony Jacklin and Ann Jones the two winners, the courage shown by this man must be deserving the highest possible recognition.

During 1969 Bill ran 100 metres in 11.8 secs. and swam for England's paraplegic team. He is **totally blind and has no arms**. This followed his experiences during the war in Japanese P.O.W. camps.

In the voting by the sports writers, Denis Neale came 31st in the men's list and Mary Wright (12) and Pauline Piddock (16) featured in the women's rankings.

Although this was a magnificent evening, hearing of the heroism of Bill Griffiths and seeing him accept his awards to tremendous applause left me with a lump in my throat. I shall never forget that night or such a man. J.W.

## MIDLAND LEAGUE

by Philip Reid

### PAUL JUDD BACK ON TARGET

SINCE my last notes there have been a number of changes in the divisions. In the Men's 'A' only Birmingham 'A' (Munt, Judd, Hill) have maximum points and look clear favourites. In their match with Chesterfield a maximum by Paul Judd made certain of victory in what was an excellent match.

Hinckley's defeat by Coventry in Division 2 has greatly weakened their chances of topping the division and the outcome of the Coventry-Oxford is now expected to provide the eventual winners of the division. Alan Bury and D. Cutcliffe are both playing very well for Coventry but Oxford have their own potential match-winner in Stanley Hahn.

Chesterfield, the team I fancied to top Division 3, promptly let me down by losing to both Nottingham and Leicester. Both these teams have maximum points and must be co-favourites to top the division.

Nottingham have a fine Intermediate side in Division 1 with T. Bull, D. Collins and D. Fairholm a very strong combination.

The Loughborough - Worcester match should provide the key to the 2nd Intermediate Division. Two 10-0 wins by Loughborough will illustrate their all-round strength but in D. Aston, Worcester have a player capable of holding his own with the best.

The Veterans' First Division has provided many thrilling games. Only Walsall 'A' (Peach, Coggins, Pritchard) can boast a 100% record, although they have still to play three very strong 'A' teams in Birmingham, Leicester and Nottingham. The latter beat Leicester 6-4 in a splendid match with Ron Bolton (Notts) and Phil Overend (Leics.) the stars.

Gloucester are the only team with maximum points in the Veterans' 2nd Division where L. Allen and S. Ewens are playing well. But what about Derby's record of three consecutive draws? It shows how tight the matches can be!

With Leicester losing heavily to Birmingham, it looks like a straight fight between Birmingham and Nottingham for the Junior 1st Division. The 2nd Division, however is already settled since Coventry 'A' have already played all their matches and won them all! Well done F. Lasek, G. Ransley and G. Gear!

Maurice Goldstein and I both underestimated the strength of Birmingham, who beat West Bromwich Ladies 7-3. Jenny Cornock won three and with Andrea Jones and Doreen Griffiths taking two the result was never in doubt.

### GWENT OPEN

Shown in the E.T.T.A. Tournament Diary to be played on Sunday, April 5, the Gwent Open at Newport, Mon., will take place on Saturday, April 18th, 1970.



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# The Cold and 'Flu War

by "MARTIN THORESBY"

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**DO YOU "TAKE COLD"?** If chills and influenza lay you low, sapping vitality and preventing you from playing Table Tennis during the winter months—if colds are getting you down—THEN YOU NEED TO COMBAT THE PROBLEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

The Winter is here bringing for many men and women (not to mention children) frequent colds, catarrh and Influenza. It is now that we see that heart-breaking army of table tennis players giving up their sport if only for a week or two due to the bombardment of these winter ills.

It is difficult in this so-called "enlightened age" to envisage any other single complaint which wreaks greater havoc on body and mind than does the common cold which, if it is not dealt with NATURALLY can lead to Influenza, Pleurisy, Pneumonia and more insidious diseases. There have been table tennis players laid low for months due to the ravages of a cold which has been improperly treated.

You may wonder why, when there are so many "cold cures" and "preventive measures" available the common cold and 'Flu still exist. There is a very simple explanation, but first let us consider these "cold cures" and "preventive measures".

In the first place it must be borne in mind that, as with all forms of disease or discomfort, the common cold is a germ and must be tackled as such. There are literally hundreds of different germs making up the common cold and 'Flu . . . and it is, therefore, impossible to find any vaccine or other preventative measure which will effectively deal with the prevention of all colds and influenza.

In any event these vaccines or serums are not claimed to be effective by the medical profession—and the majority of family doctors have no time for these measures.

There are other "preventative measures"—in the form of cod-liver oil, halibut-oil capsules and vitamins but they need to be taken over a long period of time. And even then their effectiveness is not as spectacular as natural therapy.

It is frequently at this time of the year that men and women are introduced to herbal and natural healing . . . as a result of the ravages of colds and influenza. I have lost count of the number — including brilliant table tennis players—who ended up with chronic bronchitis, pneumonia, lung disorders of a permanent nature

to say nothing of heart disease, liver disorders and, in the case of the fair sex, complaints which for a life-time defy the efforts of surgeons.

There are NO "cold cures" which live up to this term. There are numerous drug preparations which alleviate the SYMPTOMS of the common cold and influenza. But in the natural treatment of disease the symptoms must never be masked in this way. To do so simply asks for trouble—there are thousands of men and women who have masked the common cold and 'flu symptoms by taking powders, tablets and medicines

the active ingredients of which were calculated merely to stave off a "really good cold". The very process of suppressing colds and 'flu leads to serious underlying diseases and often permanent disabilities.

Yes, I know you eat all the good food your pocket will allow—but is it NOURISHING food? I wager some of it is not! Again, you may take great care of yourself, wrapping up in warm clothing but this is not sufficient.

You "take cold" or become a victim to Influenza because the

outside temperature is greater than the internal temperature of your body. THAT IS THE SIMPLE UNDERLYING REASON. By wrapping yourself up well you are, at least, ensuring that the entire area of the body is warm but you must ensure that the internal heat is always greater than the external.

How do you achieve this? By taking into your system hot liquids, hot food (NOT SANDWICHES PLEASE) but there are other ways such as having a hot drink each night and as frequently as possible during the day-time. Get a wide-mouthed

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vacuum jar and take your hot lunch to the Office—you will be surprised how much better you feel during the afternoon. These flasks are inexpensive and last for years.

One of the finest ways of combating chills, colds and influenza is to take a stimulant but again it should be of the natural form. The drinking of spirits is a temporary stimulant, the effect lasting for around half an hour. The stimulant you drink should be such as is capable of lasting for at least 3 hours.

The finest natural stimulant and cold preventative is Ginger. It can be used either in the powdered or Tincture form. Take a pinch of ginger powder in a cup of hot milk at bedtime and if you have a chill coming on you will find it rapidly dispersed.

As a preventative against chills, colds and 'flu Ginger should be taken in the form of a tea. Pour about a quarter of a teaspoonful of ginger into a cup. Top up with boiling water and flavour with 1 teaspoonful of Honey. When HOT stir and drink this liquid. Within a few minutes and lasting for hours you will experience a sensation of "inner heating" and exhilaration that no amount of spirits can give. The internal heat-exchanger unit in your body will remain at constant temperature—rather like a thermostatically-controlled electrical or gas fire.

Instead of ordinary tea or coffee drink Essence of Dandelion Coffee. There are various proprietary brands available at any health food store. You will be drinking your way to health . . . and minimising the possibilities of taking cold or influenza. Incidentally, in the case of Ginger this can be obtained from a pharmacist when it is known as Strong Tincture of Ginger. The dosage is 1-2 drops in a cupful of hot water sweetened with sugar or honey. There are also Ginger pills which are excellent to ward off chills.

Eat highly nourishing foods . . . HONEY (as much as possible) cereals, wheat foods, wholemeal bread. All these give you natural energy and virility. If you can maintain vitality you will have little to fear.

But what happens if you DO get a cold, cough, chill or an attack of 'flu? If possible go to bed, placing a hot water bottle at the feet. Get someone to prepare this medicine—it has stood the test of time. One ounce of Elderflower herb, 1 ounce of Yarrow herb and 1 ounce of Peppermint herb. Mix well. Put a small handful into a jug, pour a pint of boiling water over it and flavour with a dessertspoonful of honey. STRAIN THE LIQUID AND DRINK IN TEACUPFUL DOSES WHILST HOT . . . three times daily. Remain in bed until the shivering and temperature have vanished. In the case of a feverish cold or attack of influenza never go to work until you feel really fit . . . and this depends, of course, on the individual's health. But in the case of 'flu always stay in bed for at least 3 days and do not go to work or play table tennis for at least a week.

If you prefer you will be able to obtain this medicine ready made in Fluid Extract form from any good herbal store.

It is a remedy that has saved thousands from pneumonia and other serious lung disorders to say nothing of heart and liver complaints.

Now that you have succeeded in minimising colds, chills and flu—and attacking them correctly—you will probably wish to know of a 'tonic' for that could-not-care-less, nervous attitude that always follows these ailments. Avoid drugs. Obtain 1 ounce of Mistletoe, 1 ounce of Wood Betony and 1 ounce of Raspberry leaves. Mix well. Place a small handful in a jug, pour 1 pint of boiling water over the herbs and flavour with Honey. When cold sieve into wineglasses and take 1 glass full four times a day half an hour before meals.

AWAY! with chills, colds and 'flu. Well, not quite, but providing you follow this advice and combat these scourges NATURALLY you will not need to fear serious illnesses or be one of those unfortunate people who seldom play table tennis during the winter.

## ESSEX TOUR OF NORTHERN IRELAND

by Mike Watts

ON Wednesday, November 26th, a party consisting of David Brown, Bobby Stevens, Dennis Johnson, and Mrs. Lesley Radford, accompanied by County Secretary, Mike Watts, flew from Heathrow to Belfast on a short tour at the invitation of the Irish T.T.A. (Ulster Branch).

During our short stay two representative matches were played, the first on the evening of our arrival against Ulster at Ballymena. Before a crowd of about 120 Essex won 9-0.

On the following night, at Lisburn, against a Lisburn Select team which included Irish No. 1 Jim Langan, the score was 6-3 in our favour. Unfortunately, this match was marred by the non-appearance of Miss Kyra Stewart and two sets had to be conceded by Lisburn. Captain Bobby

Stevens had a fine win over Langan.

Finally, the whole party participated in the Bangor Open over the weekend, and Lesley Radford succeeded in capturing the women's singles title and, in partnership with Alma Taft and Stevens, the women's and mixed doubles.

The tour was a great success and the hospitality afforded the Essex team first rate. This was the first tour made by an English County side to Northern Ireland and, according to Irish officials, will not be the last.

During the day of our arrival, we were taken to Gallaghers Tobacco factory at Ballymena and were shown over the whole of the factory. On leaving, the team were presented with mementoes of the occasion. Indeed, presentations were made at both matches and, at Lisburn, local television cameras filmed part of the proceedings. Match details:-

### Essex 9 Ulster 0

D. Brown bt C. Thompson 10, -21, 15; bt C. McBride 13, 9.  
R. Stevens bt Thompson 15, 15; bt D. Addy 12, 11.  
D. Johnson bt McBride 21, 19; bt Addy 19, 17.  
Mrs. Radford bt Miss K. Stewart 15, 18.  
Brown/Stevens bt Thompson/McBride 23, 17.  
Johnson/Mrs. Radford bt Addy/Miss Stewart 15, 15.

### Essex 6 Lisburn Select 3

D. Brown lost to J. Langan -16, 15, -16; lost to Thompson -14, -10.  
R. Stevens bt Langan 16, -13, 15; bt Addy -19, 13, 17.  
D. Johnson lost to Thompson -19, -18; bt Addy 16, 15.  
Brown/Stevens bt J. Langan/T. Langan 12, 19.  
WS and XD conceded by Lisburn.

## BANGOR OPEN

RUN on five tables at the Dufferin Hall, the Bangor Open was sponsored by the Milk Marketing Board of Northern Ireland. Apart from the Essex team, other visiting players included Malcolm Sugden (the eventual winner), "Connie" Warren, Tommy Caffrey, Jim Langan, and Stuart Lennie. Alma Taft and Joan Fitzsimons

were entrants in the women's events.

An audience of well over 500 watched some thrilling play in the final stages with Sugden reigning supreme over Tony Langan (semis) and Warren in a wonderful final.

Earlier, "Connie" had edged out Jim Langan after the Irish No. 1 had avenged his defeat by Stevens in the match at Lisburn. Jim's up-and-coming younger brother, Tony, had a great win over David Brown, at 17 in the third, in the quarters before falling to Sugden.

Joan Fitzsimons, eager to prove the selectors wrong in naming young Kyra Stewart—the 16-year-old Ballymena junior—as the Irish Senior No. 1, reached the final of the women's singles beating Bernadette McGroarty in the semis. Bernadette had earlier knocked out Miss Stewart.

### Results:-

**Men's Singles: Semi-finals:**  
M. SUGDEN (Scotland) bt T. Langan (Ireland) 11, 16; C. WARREN (Surrey) bt J. Langan (Ireland) 13, -16, 10.  
**Final:**  
SUGDEN bt Warren 14, 17.  
**Women's Singles:**  
Mrs. L. RADFORD (Essex) bt J. Fitzsimons (Ireland) 13, 10.  
**Men's Doubles:**  
LANGAN/LANGAN bt Sugden/Warren 20, 15.  
**Women's Doubles:**  
RADFORD/A. TAFT (Middx) bt D. Magowan/D. Smyth (Belfast) 6, 17.  
**Mixed Doubles:**  
STEVENS/RADFORD bt Langan/B. Warwick (Ireland) 19, 14.  
**Boys' Singles:**  
T. LANGAN bt Z. Dorrian 19, 10.

## SURREY SCHOOLS PAIRS COMPETITION

PLAYED at Crystal Palace on December 14, Kingston Grammar School swept the board in the boys' events whilst George Abbott and Coombe shared the girls' prizes.

### Results:-

**Boys' U-19.**  
Kingston I (Paul Bishop and Andrew Wakeling) bt Abbotsford (Roy Mason and Alan Dalton) 3-0.  
**Boys' U-15.**  
Kingston I (Alun Jeans and Timothy Hooper) bt Tiffin I (David Bishop and James Hampton) 3-0.  
**Girls' U-19.**  
George Abbot (Susan and Linda Howard) bt Nonsuch I (Diane Sutcliffe and Joy Rydquist) 3-0.  
**Girls' U-15.**  
Coombe (Angela Crisp and Jane Burton) bt Tolworth I (Julia Kemp and Shelagh Ryde) 3-2.

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Teams at Ballymena (l. to r.): Back Row — M. Watts, D. Brown, R. Stevens, D. Johnson and C. McBride. Front Row — C. Thompson, Mrs. L. Radford, Miss K. Stewart and D. Addy.



# Scandinavian Tour



by Pauline Piddock

For the first time, an English team comprising Chester Barnes, Alan Hydes, Jill Shirley, captain Peter Simpson and myself, arrived in the Finnish capital, Helsinki to play a match against Finland. Before we got down to the business of playing, however, we spent a cordial hour or so over cocktails in the company of pretty well the entire British population of Helsinki, numbering about 30, at the residence of Mr. Donald Marsion from the British Embassy.

The match took place on the following day at the Television Studios. Two matches were actually played, the men on one table and Jill and I on the other.

Finland's girls Liisa Jarvenpaa and Maija Niemines had two things in common; both were blondes and both were very awkward. It took us almost three sets to get used to their unusual styles and the slow table.

Jill had the opportunity to win 2-0 straight against Jarvenpaa, holding a good lead in the 2nd which she lost. However, in the final game, Jill made no mistake winning easily. I struggled throughout my opening set, finding the occasional hitting of Niemines unsettling, but I held on to put us 2-0 up. The deciding game of the doubles saw both Jill and I come into our own and we carried on with comfortable victories in the subsequent two singles sets.

The men's match saw Finland gain their only win, that of Max Laine over Chester. This "freak" win put Finland level at 1-all after Alan had got the better of Tapio Penttila. But Finland's joy was short-lived as the remaining three sets all went very easily to us.

Later during the evening, after we had eaten very well at a reception, we had the opportunity of seeing the match on Finnish TV thus rounding off a very pleasant, though short, stay in Finland.

On the morrow we moved on to Trollhatten, Sweden, which we found even colder than Helsinki! Here we met up with the last member of the team, Trevor Taylor, to complete our entry in the Scandinavian Open.

Jill and I were rather unlucky to be drawn against Rumania in the team events. We lost 0-3 and never looked like winning any set. Rumania went on to lose in the semi-final to Federal Germany who, in turn, lost to Russia.

The boys, however, had an easy first round match, ironically enough against Finland! Neither Chester nor Alan were extended against a team that was completely different from that in Helsinki.

## WONDERFUL WIN

In the next round, the quarters, England played Yugoslavia, Chester and Alan playing singles whilst Trevor came in for the doubles with Chester. We went straight into the lead with a wonderful win over Istvan Korpa by Alan.

Korpa is ranked No. 15 in the world but he was never allowed to settle by Alan who moved the Yugoslav around, using his loop to great effect. We had a great chance to go into a 2-0 lead when Chester was a game and 20-18 up against Surbek.

The European champion, as ever, fought back to win that game, and the next, against a spirited English-

man. But the next set, the doubles, saw England regain the lead with a marvellous win over Korpa and Surbek—one of the best doubles pairings in the world.

Chester, now encouraged by the doubles performance, gave England victory with a win over Korpa in two tight games.

The semi-final against Russia was a match of missed opportunities on our part. After Gomozkov had gained revenge over Alan for that defeat in Munich, Chester went on to level the scores with a nerve-racking win over Amelin.

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## Scandinavian Tour

Chester won the first game easily but, in the second, from being 9-11 down, he won the next five points only to lose the following ten and the game! In the decider, Chester raced to a 10-2 lead only to be nearly caught at 19-16. But the Essex player kept control and took the last two points.

Trevor again partnered Chester in the doubles and at one stage looked set for another surprise win. But after sneaking home 21-19 in the first, the English pair never looked in with a chance.

Going on for his third in a row, Chester looked as though he was going to be blasted off the table by Gomozkov's renowned backhand. Going quickly into a 17-9 lead, the Russian looked unbeatable.

However, Chester fought back to win 11 out of 12 points to hold two game points at 20-18. In fact he held a further 5 game points before losing that game 25-27! The first proved vital, for Chester took the next game, led 16-14 in the decider only to lose 7 points in a row, and with them the match.

Sweden took the men's team event from Russia 3-2. There were few individual surprises in this event although Ebby Scholer lost to Sweden's Bernhardt as well as Amelin.

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

In the singles events, Chester and I fared the best both reaching the quarter-finals. To reach this stage, Chester overcame Bernhardt in the 1st round, a Swedish club player, Halverson in the 2nd, and an excellent win over Jaroslav Stanek brought him to the quarters where he went down over five well-fought games to Sarkis Sarkhojan of Russia.

Trevor survived a tough first round against Niels Ramberg of Denmark—a repeat of his win in Munich. He was a little unlucky in the next round losing to Bjorn Neidert of Sweden, 19 in the 5th. Alan found it difficult to penetrate through Bengt Levin, one of the best Swedes, and lost 1-3

Jill got through her 1st round against Christel Kaib (nee Lang), Federal Germany but then came up against Eleanora Mihalca (Rumania) and went down 0-3. I survived a nerve-racking 1st round against Lena Andersson, a 17-year-old, who is already No. 2 in Sweden.

I then had an easy 2nd round to reach the quarters where I played Wibke Hendriksen of Federal Germany who had knocked out Maria Alexandru, the top seed. After leading 2-1, I lost the next two, the fifth being 18.

We did not fare well in the doubles, Jill and I losing to Di Scholer and Agnes Simon; Alan and Chester rather surprisingly going out to a Swedish club pair, while Trevor and his scratch partner, A. Johansson, did well to take Miko/Stanek to five.

Alan and Jill lost to Lieck/Simon 0-3, whilst Chester and I, after beating Bernhardt/Eva Johansson over five, lost to the two Scholers in four.

The surprise winner of the men's singles was Tibor Klampar of Hungary who, having beaten Hans Alser, Gomozkov and Sarkhojan, took the title from Kjell Johansson in the final.

Agnes Simon beat Zoya Rudnova in one women's semi, while Di Scholer was fully extended to five by teammate Hendriksen in the other. Di had a really good chance to beat her "bogey", Simon, leading 10-7 in the fifth. All five games were on expedite.

We were all pretty glad to be leaving the freezing cold of Sweden for the relatively warm temperature of England. We were a bit dismayed, however, to read of all the snow that had fallen at home and were glad to find that most of it had disappeared when we got back.

### RESULTS

#### Men's Team Final:

Sweden 3, Russia 2.  
ALSER lost to GOMOZKOV -15, -18; bt Amelin 15, 8. JOHANSSON bt Amelin 23, 12; lost to GOMOZKOV -18, -15. ALSER/JOHANSSON bt Amelin/Gomozkov 15, -19, 10.

#### Women's Team Final:

Russia 3, Federal Germany 0.  
RUDNOVA bt Scholer 17, 12. POGOSOVA bt Simon 17, 16. RUDNOVA/POGOSOVA bt Scholer/Simon 20, -21, 18.

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

K. Johansson (Sweden) bt I. Korpa (Yugoslavia) 18, -19, 17, 13; T. Klampar (Hungary) bt S. Sarkhojan (USSR) -17, 18, 18, 14.

#### Final:

KLAMPAR bt Johansson -10, 15, -12, 12, 18.

#### Women's Singles:

A. SIMON (Fed. Germany) bt D. Scholer (Fed. Germany) 18, 14, -11, -15, 17.

#### Men's Doubles:

AMELIN/GOMOZKOV bt Alser/Johansson -14, 18, -19, -17, 18.

#### Women's Doubles:

ALEXANDRU/MIHILCA bt Rudnova/Pogosova -19, 14, 19, -12, 12.

#### Mixed Doubles:

GOMOZKOV / RUDNOVA bt Scholer/Scholer 17, -19, 20, -18, 13.

#### Boys' Singles:

A. JOHANSSON (Sweden) bt A. Saporikain (USSR) 14, 17.

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### Press Officers

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### Resignation

It was with extreme regret that the resignation of the Association's President, T. Austin Harrison—in the last of his 3-year term of office—was accepted at the National Council Meeting on November 28, 1969.

### New Committee Chairman

Laurie Landry has taken over the chairmanship of the Open Tournaments Sub-committee and succeeded Charles M. Wyles—recently elected Deputy Chairman of the Association—at a meeting held in London on December 20, 1969.

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Date	Title and Venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Jan. 24	Exeter Junior Open, Y.M.C.A., Exeter, Devon	U-15 BS GS	Mr. K. T. O. Ponting, 21 Southport Ave., Redhills, Exeter, EX4 1RA
" 24	Pontefract Restricted Open, Assembly Rooms, Pontefract	JBS JGS VS	Mr. G. L. Johnson, 17 Rhodes Crescent, Pontefract, Yorks.
" 24/25	Kent Open, Marine Pavilion, Folkestone	JBS JGS VS	Mr. G. Daniels, 89 Harvey Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent
" 31	South Yorkshire Open, Recreation Hall, Middlewood Hospital, Middlewood Road, Sheffield	JBS JGS	Mr. K. Robinson, 62 Twentywell Road, Sheffield, S17 4PW Closing date: 17-1-70
" 31	West of Scotland Open		Mr. D. C. Hogg, 13 Barnflat St., Rutherglen
" 31/Feb. 1	Bucks Open, Slough Community Centre, Farnham Road, Slough		Mr. L. Thompson, 39 The Avenue, Sunnymeads, Wraysbury, Staines, Middlesex
Feb. 1	North Bournemouth Club Restricted Open, Y.M.C.A., Jameson Road, Winton, Bournemouth	JS	Mr. C. B. Cashell, 16 Victoria Avenue, Winton, Bournemouth
" 1	Burford Junior Open, Burford Grammar School, Oxon	U-15 BS GS BD GD U-13 BS JS (no mixed events)	Mr. M. J. Chalk, Burford Grammar School, Oxon
" 6/7	County Antrim Open		Mr. S. Rea, 36 Glenariff Cres., Ballymena, Co. Antrim
" 7	Midland Counties Open, Harry Mitchell Rec. Centre, Broomfield, Smethwick, Warley	JBS JGS JBD VS	Mr. M. Goldstein, 416 Moseley Road, Birmingham 12
" 12/14	Irish Open, Orange Hall Ballroom and Assembly Hall, Technical College, Mountjoy Road, Omagh	JBS JGS	Mr. T. Patterson, "Clandeboye," 19 Edenvale Road, Omagh, Co. Tyrone Closing date: 7-2-70
" 13/14	Merseyside Open, Dunlop Rubber Co's Canteen, Speke, Liverpool 24	JBS JGS VS	Mr. B. A. Leeson, 16 Avolon Road, Liverpool, L12 9ER Closing date: 31-1-70
" 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 JS 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 MS WS VS	Mr. A. W. Dale, 9 Paternoster Close, Waltham Abbey, Essex
" 21/22	Teesside Open, Eston Sports Centre	U-18 YS VS Men's Team Women's Team	Mr. A. Ransome, 21a Church Lane, Ormesby, Middlesbrough
" 21	Glamorgan Junior Open		Mr. H. Roy Evans, 198 Cyncoed Road, Cardiff, CF2 6BQ



# Open Tournament Survey

by Laurie Landry  
and Geo. R. Yates

## HUNGARIAN MONOPOLY AT SOUTHEND

### Three in a row for Neale

IN the final of the Southend Open played over the weekend of November 22-23, Tibor Klampar won the men's singles title after beating Chester Barnes in an extremely scrappy semi-final. Mistakes flowed thick and fast from both players but the Hungarian was able to produce brilliant winners when he needed.

Istvan Jonyer won a good encounter with Trevor Taylor when his speed of shot got him home in straight games. The final had some superb touches but one felt that Klampar, without looking the part, was the better player.

The men's doubles was all Hungarian but Karenza Mathews was far too good for Judy Williams in the women's final. Judy scored a nice win over Angela Papp in the semis.

Marjorie Walker was brilliant in the mixed and won this event with Ferenc Timar. She was as good as

any of the others in the semi against Jonyer/Papp and superb with her hits in the final.



Chester Barnes

The boys' final was a very well played one and Simon Heaps played better than before, this season, against

Michael Read. Susan Beckwith again beat Susan Howard who seemed more concerned with outside influence than in getting on with the play.

Up at Workington on the Saturday of the Southend weekend, England's top junior Nicky Jarvis worked overtime to claim both the men's and boys' singles titles as well as the men's doubles with his Ormesby teammate Alan Ransome.

Best set of the staged events was a pulsating struggle between Jarvis and Tony Clayton in the semis with the Middlesbrough lad just edging home against Hull's former junior international.

Women's singles winner Linda Bashford was given a fright by Susan Lisle who, after losing the first game -18, took the second at 11, only to fall away in the decider. Susan had earlier won her fifth junior singles title of the season in most comfortable fashion.

The Ormesby Club players almost monopolised this tournament only the girls' singles escaping their grasp although Doreen Schofield claimed a half share of the women's doubles.

Denis Neale, playing in his first tournament of the season at Newbury, quickly got himself into the money

by taking the men's singles and the mixed with Mary Wright.

Success in the men's doubles was denied him however as, together with Ralph Gunnion, they succumbed to Henry Buist and Tony Piddock.

On the following weekend at Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough Gymnasium, Neale again demonstrating his prowess in the Yorkshire Open by taking the men's singles, doubles with Alan Hydes and the mixed with Lesley Radford.

Main shock at Sheffield was the ousting of Hydes in the second round by Brian Burn who triumphed 19 and 9 but what a fight Ian Robertson gave Burn in the semis!

Sue Howard gave Mrs. Radford a run for her money in the final of the women's singles but only in the first game. Thereafter the Essex player was untroubled which was not the case in the women's doubles as partnered by Linda Bashford they were totally unable to stop the Howard sisters getting amongst the titles.

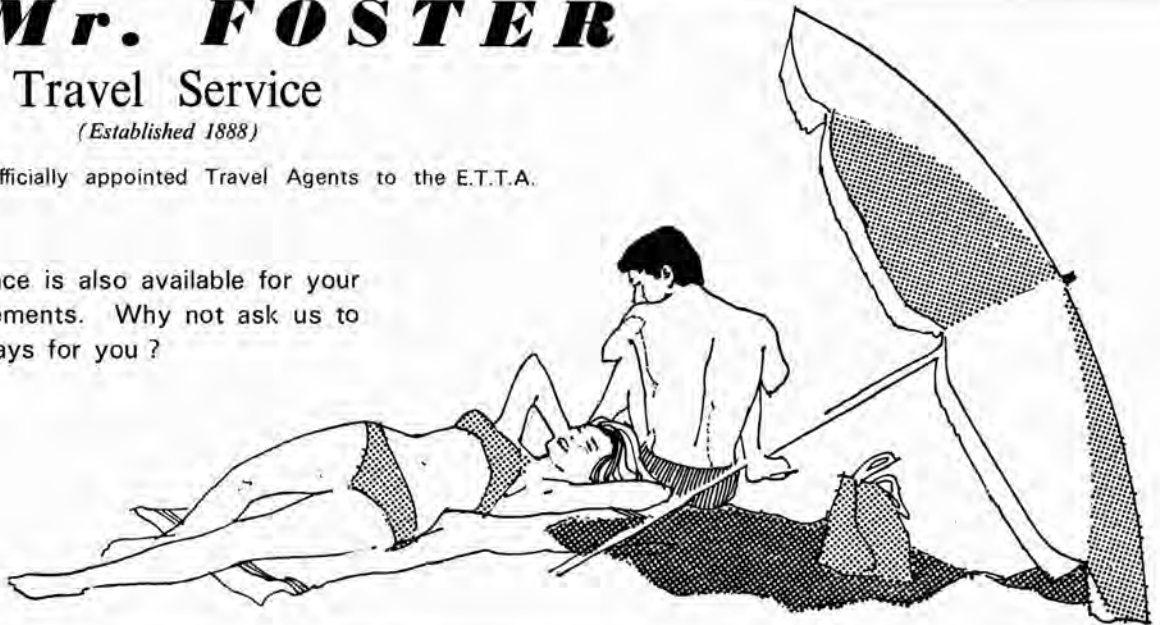
To complete his hat-trick of singles successes, Neale subsequently journeyed down to the Hampstead Civic Centre, Swiss Cottage to compete in the star-studded Middlesex Open

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whose £150 prize money was sponsored by Gillette Industries.

Of the top players only Chester Barnes was a non entrant. Trevor Taylor being an absentee because of 'flu. In the final against Mike Johns, as in other meetings between the Cheshire and Yorkshire stars, Johns won the first narrowly, and was then blasted off the table in the subsequent two, which win netted Neale £25.

Life continued hard for Hydes who again fell early in the proceedings going out to Ron Penfold 11, -12, -18. Mary Wright too failed in her quest for the £15 women's singles prize losing to Pauline Piddock in the semis.

In the first game of the final against Jill Shirley, Mrs. Piddock held a 20-15 advantage only to lose but she came up trumps in the next two. In this event Jill beat Karenza Mathews 15, -17, 14 and Judy Williams ousted Linda Bashford -17, 17, 9, Susan Howard falling to Miss Shirley -17, 11, -8.

Big shock in the men's doubles was brought about by the young Teesside pair B. Bradley and J. Walker beating Haslam and Johns 8, -13, 20, but there was no repeat performance against Penfold and Peter Williams the beaten finalists.

ton (Middx) 12, 15; S. HOWARD (Surrey) bt C. Mann (Middx) -17, 9, 13.

**Final:** BECKWITH bt Howard -9, 19, 19.

**Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:** K. SNAITH (Kent) bt S. Norton (Essex) 12, 12; L. HOFFMAN (Middx) bt R. Kimm (Essex) 12, 19.

**Final:** SNAITH bt Hoffman 13, 16.



Trevor Taylor

## SOUTHEND OPEN

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:** C. Barnes (Essex) bt F. Timar (Hungary) 11, 23; T. Klampar (Hungary) bt S. Heaps (Ches) 12, 13; J. Borzsei (Hungary) bt M. Johns (Ches) 13, 17; I. Jonyer (Hungary) bt T. Taylor (Herts) 17, 18.

**Semi-finals:** KLAMPAR bt Barnes 17, -17, 18; JONYER bt Borzsei 9, 17.  
**Final:** KLAMPAR bt Jonyer 19, -18, 17.

**Women's Singles: Semi-finals:** J. WILLIAMS (Sussex) bt A. Papp (Hungary) 13, 17; K. MATHEWS (Middx) bt P. Piddock (Kent) 18, -11, 22.

**Final:** MATHEWS bt Williams 14, 12.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:** JONYER/TIMAR bt Barnes/Taylor 18, -16, 19; BORZSEI/KLAMPAR bt Johns/A. Piddock (Kent) 11, -10, 16.

**Final:** JONYER/TIMAR bt Borzsei/Klampar 19, 19.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:** MATHEWS/PIDDOCK bt L. Radford/D. Simpson (Essex) 12, 12; S. HESSION (Essex)/WILLIAMS bt Papp/K. Perry (Warwks) 11, 20.

**Final:** HESSION/WILLIAMS bt Mathews/Piddock 16, 18.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:** TIMAR/M. WALKER (Middx) bt Jonyer/Papp -17, 22, 22; BARNES/MATHEWS bt Klampar/Perry -17, 17, 18.

**Final:** TIMAR/WALKER bt Barnes/Mathews 19, 18.

**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:** HEAPS bt R. Hellaby (Essex) -17, 10, 15; M. READ (Essex) bt P. Taylor (Herts) 15, -20, 17.

**Final:** HEAPS bt Read -21, 16, 17.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:** S. BECKWITH (Essex) bt S. Hamil-

## CUMBERLAND OPEN

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:** L. A. Clayton (Yorks) bt M. Stephenson (Yorks) 15, 16.

N. Jarvis (Yorks) bt P. Hoyles (Nthld) 16, 10.  
A. Ransome (Nthld) bt B. Crook (Lancs) 11, 6.  
D. Schofield (Ches) bt J. R. Davies (Yorks) 21, 11.

**Semi-finals:** JARVIS bt Clayton 12, -10, 21.  
RANSOME bt Schofield 11, 19.  
**Final:** JARVIS bt Ransome 20, 12.

**Women's Singles: Semi-finals:** L. BASHFORD (Yorks) bt S. M. Lisle (Lancs) 18, -11, 14.  
D. SCHOFIELD (Ches) bt C. Rose (Cumb) 15, 18.

**Final:** BASHFORD bt Schofield 8, 9.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:** CLAYTON/DAVIES bt S. Kaufman (Lancs)/J. A. Yeats (Yorks) 10, -16, 11.  
JARVIS/RANSOME bt P. Beck (Surrey)/B. W. J. Kean (Ches) 11, 21.

**Final:** JARVIS/RANSOME bt Clayton/Davies 23, -18, 13.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:** BASHFORD/SCHOFIELD bt M. Hail (Cumb)/Rose 9, 13.  
S. BROADBENT (Yorks)/LISLE bt V. Lee/K. Pemberton (Lancs) -18, 15, 13.

**Final:** BASHFORD/SCHOFIELD bt Broadbent/Lisle 15, 19.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:** RANSOME/BASHFORD bt R. J. Kelly (Lancs)/Lisle 13, 15.  
SCHOFIELD/SCHOFIELD bt Yeats/Broadbent 14, 14.

**Final:** RANSOME/BASHFORD bt Schofield/Schofield 19, 5.

**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:** JARVIS bt R. Shutt (Yorks) 17, 13.

P. ABELL (Yorks) bt P. Broughton (Cumb) 9, 11.

**Final:** JARVIS bt Abell 12, 20.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:** LISLE bt J. Dyer (Ches) 14, 17.  
P. LISTER (Yorks) bt J. Priestley (Nthld) 18, -15, 12.

**Final:** LISLE bt Lister 7, 9.

## NEWBURY OPEN

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:** D. Neale (Yorks.) bt B. Burn (North'd) 20, 9;

A. Piddock (Kent) bt F. Nilan (Middx.) 19, 19;

O. Haslam (Middx.) bt P. Williams (Sussex) 9, 13;

M. Johns (Ches.) bt S. Ogundipe (Sussex) 5, 10.

**Semi-finals:** NEALE bt Piddock 15, 19; HASLAM bt Johns 9, 16.

**Final:** NEALE bt Haslam 11, 9.

**Women's Singles: Semi-finals:** M. WRIGHT (Surrey) bt S. Hamilton (Middx.) 9, 11;

K. MATHEWS (Middx.) bt J. Williams (Sussex) 18, 17.

**Final:** WRIGHT bt Mathews 19, 16.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:** A. Piddock (Kent)/H. Buist (Kent) bt D. Neale (Yorks.)/R. Gunnion (Worwicks.) 19, 14;

O. Haslam (Middx.)/M. Johns (Ches.) bt Z. Rashid (Oxfords.)/J. Chiang (Oxfords.) 9, 13.

**Final:** HASLAM / JOHNS bt H. Buist (Kent)/Piddock 14, -19, 16.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:** Miss Williams (Sussex)/Miss S. Hession (Essex) bt Miss D. Simpson (Essex)/Miss M. Walker (Middx.) 17, 19;

Mrs. M. Wright (Surrey)/Mrs. K. Mathews (Middx.) bt Miss S. Howard/Miss L. Howard (Surrey) 20, 18.

**Final:** MATHEWS/WRIGHT bt S. Hession (Essex)/Williams -20, 16, 16.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:** M. Johns (Ches.)/Miss D. Simpson (Essex) bt S. Ogundipe/Miss J. Williams (Sussex) -19, 9, 15;

D. Neale (Yorks.)/Mrs. M. Wright (Surrey) bt A. Piddock (Kent)/Mrs. K. Mathews (Middx.) 17, 19.

**Final:** NEALE / WRIGHT bt Johns / D. Simpson (Essex) 21, 17.

## YORKSHIRE OPEN

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:** D. Neale (Yorks) bt P. Radford (Essex) 5, 12; M. Johns (Ches) bt A. Ransome (Nthld) -16, 14, 16; I. Robertson (Nthld) bt R. J. Kelly (Lancs) 18, 22; B. Burn (Nthld) bt R. Kettlewell (Nthld) 12, 10.

**Semi-finals:** NEALE bt Johns 19, 15; BURN bt Robertson -22, 19, 19.

**Final:** NEALE bt Burn 11, 21.

**Women's Singles: Semi-finals:** L. RADFORD (Essex) bt K. Perry (Warwks) 17, 15; S. HOWARD (Surrey) bt L. Howard (Surrey) 17, 18.

**Final:** RADFORD bt Howard 21, 12.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:** JOHNS/B. KEAN (Ches) bt A. Fletcher (Yorks)/P. Freeman (Durham) -19, 12, 15; HYDES/NEALE bt Burn/J. Hilton (Ches) 10, 12.

**Final:** HYDES/NEALE bt Johns/Kean 21, 17.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:** L. BASHFORD (Yorks)/RADFORD bt S. Broadbent/M. Sutcliffe (Yorks) 10, 9; HOWARD/HOWARD bt S. M. Lisle (Lancs)/J. Roe (Yorks) 13, 17.

**Final:** HOWARD/HOWARD bt Bashford/Radford 14, 17.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:** FLETCHER/PERRY bt Johns/S. Howard 14, -7, 18; NEALE/RADFORD bt Ransome/Bashford 14, 8.

**Final:** NEALE/RADFORD bt Fletcher/Perry 8, 18.

**Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:** W. MORAN (Lincs) bt T. Donlon (Ches) -8, 8, 11; A. SUMMERFIELD (Ches) bt S. Nunn (Yorks) 10, 14.

**Final:** MORAN bt Summerfield -18, 18, 15.

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## MIDDLESEX OPEN

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:** O. Haslam (Middx.) bt R. Penfold (Surrey) 18, 19;



Alan Hydes (left) and Denis Neale who, in partnership, won the men's doubles events at both the Yorkshire and Middlesex Opens. (Photo by Peter Madge.)



## Middlesex Open cont.

M. Johns (Ches.) bt C. Warren (Surrey) 20, -13, 18;  
A. Pidcock (Kent) bt N. Jarvis (Yorks.) 13, 10;  
D. Neale (Yorks.) bt D. Brown (Essex) 15, 15.

### Semi-finals:

NEALE bt Pidcock 12, 12;  
JOHNS bt Haslam 19, 12.

### Final:

NEALE bt Johns -23, 5, 11.

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

P. PIDDOCK (Kent) bt M. Wright (Surrey) -20, 14, 18;

J. SHIRLEY (Bucks.) bt J. Williams (Sussex) 14, 19.

### Final:

PIDDOCK bt Shirley -20, 14, 18.

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

A. HYDES (Yorks.)/NEALE bt H. Buist (Kent)/Pidcock 19, 7;

PENFOLD/P. WILLIAMS (Sussex) bt Brown/R. Chandler (Sussex) 17, 19.

### Final:

HYDES/NEALE bt Penfold/Williams -19, 11, 11.

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

K. MATHEWS/WRIGHT bt L. Howard/S. Howard (Surrey) 16, -19, 13;

S. HESSION (Essex)/WILLIAMS bt Pidcock/Shirley 15, 15.

### Final:

MATHEWS/WRIGHT bt Hession/Williams 16, -16, 15.

### Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:

NEALE/WRIGHT bt Johns/D. Simpson (Essex) 19, -19, 13;

S. OGUNDIPE (Sussex)/WILLIAMS bt Hydes/Shirley -12, 17, 13.

### Final:

NEALE/WRIGHT bt Ogundipe/Williams 14, 14.

### Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

JARVIS bt P. Abell (Yorks.) 16, 12;

J. DABIN (Kent) bt P. Taylor (Herts.) -15, 16, 18.

### Final:

JARVIS bt Dabin -15, 13, 18.

### Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

L. HOWARD bt C. Mann (Middx.) 23, -17, 13;

S. HOWARD bt S. Lisle (Lancs.) 15, -18, 15.

### Final:

S. HOWARD bt L. Howard -18, 18, 8.

### Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:

A. THOMAS (Wales) bt M. Close (Herts.) 16, -13, 17;

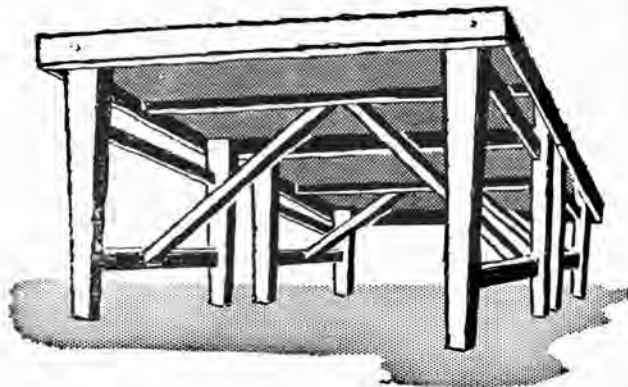
T. DONLON (Ches.) bt P. Leckie (Bucks.) 13, -19, 18.

### Final:

DONLON bt Thomas 8, -19, 13.

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## CRYSTAL PALACE

NO Regional Training Sessions will be held during January and February, 1970, the next session now being scheduled for Sunday, March 15.

## "SURREY COMET" TOURNAMENT

PLAYED at Kingston Grammar School (by kind permission of the Headmaster, Mr. P. W. Rundle) on December 18-19, the 5th "Surrey Comet" Schools Table Tennis Tournament was finally wound-up on December 22 with the semi-finals and finals of twelve events. Principal results were:—

### Boys' U-14.

James Hampton (Tiffin) bt Peter Matthews (Southborough) 20, 17.

### Girls' U-14.

Julia Kemp (Tolworth) bt Shelagh Ryde (Tolworth) 11, 19.

### Boys' U-16.

\*Paul Bishop (Kingston) bt David Bishop (Tiffin) 7, 4.

### Girls' U-16.

Angela Crisp (Coombe) bt \*Gillian Hancox (Tolworth) 16, 21.

### Boys' U-19.

\*Paul Bishop bt David Bishop 9, 7.

### Girls' U-19.

\*Gail McCulloch (Tiffin) bt Angela Crisp 18, 15.

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## GAINSFORD LOSE

STATISZTIKA P.S.C., Budapest (Hungary) advanced to the semi-final of the Women's European Club Championships when they beat Gainsford Club 5-2 at Drury Lane, London.

Individual scores:-K. Mathews lost to B. Kishazi -18, -15; lost to J. Magos -13, 8, -18; bt. P. Rozsas 7, 20. J. Williams lost to Kishazi -23, -13; bt Magos 17, -18, 8. S. Hession lost to Kishazi -12, -11; lost to Rozsas -12, -13.

## RALLY POSTPONED

THE Middlesex Rally, proposed for January 18 at Stanmore, has been postponed.

Probable date is now February 15 but please await published confirmation of this Rally. J.C.

## HOW THE SPHERES MOVE FOR YOU in JANUARY

by Stellar

### Born between Dec. 21 and Jan. 19.

Your Zodiacal sign is Capricorn, your planet Saturn.

Domestic matters tend to dominate the lives of Capricornians during the next few weeks and their ability to carry responsibilities is much in evidence. A financial reward is likely. Aspects are also good for sports activities and Table Tennis should be most successful.

### Born between Jan. 20 and Feb. 18.

Your Zodiacal sign is Aquarius, your planet Uranus.

Typical idealistic and sympathetic Aquarians are due for a period of mental upheaval. Their humanitarianism will be sorely tried in connection with a most important decision. Help with Table Tennis will be asked for and should be gladly given.

### Born between Feb. 19 and Mar. 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Pisces, your planet Jupiter.

Try to stop worrying about the small things this month and concentrate on things that really count. You'll be surprised how well matters turn out! Shy Pisceans—and there are quite a number of them—should play more T.T. to bring them out of their shells.

### Born between Mar. 21 and April 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Aries, your planet Mars.

There is a very active time ahead for those born under Aries. Where business is concerned an opportunity for greater authority comes along. Take it. As regards Table Tennis, where you lead, others will follow.

### Born between April 21 and May 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Taurus, your planet Venus.

Having weathered the changes of last month, typical Taureans will now have a period of calm and can look forward to enjoying the things they like doing most. As one of these is Table Tennis their tenacity of purpose should prove very successful.

### Born between May 21 and June 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Gemini, your planet Mercury.

Ever active, get-up-and-go Geminians will still be on the move this month but would do well to take it easy and stop "flogging" their nerves! It is a good time for mental activity and ideas for T.T. promotion should be concentrated on.

### Born between June 21 and July 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Cancer, your planet the Moon.

The restless side of Cancer types will predominate this month and

you will want to be doing something new. The stars will look kindly on you. Any opportunities for T.T. travel should be taken soon.

### Born between July 21 and Aug. 21.

Your Zodiacal sign is Leo, your planet the Sun.

The executive side of Leos should be well to the fore now — your personal magnetism and force of character should serve you well. If you can direct some of that capacity for getting things done in the field of T.T., so much the better.

### Born between Aug. 22 and Sept. 22.

Your Zodiacal sign is Virgo, your planet Mercury.

Naturally industrious people, many opportunities lie ahead for Virgos during this period, both at work and play. You should receive an important offer towards the latter part of the month. Surprising developments occur connected with your T.T. activities.

### Born between Sept. 23 and Oct. 22.

Your Zodiacal sign is Libra, your planet Venus.

Librans can sometimes be too kind and their sense of judgment too liberal. It could be a period of strain if you allow yourself to be "put upon". A mixed period generally for T.T. and the not-so-robust Librans may experience some throat trouble.

### Born between Oct. 23 and Nov. 22.

Your Zodiacal sign is Scorpio, your planet Mars.

The energetic trend of last month continues for Scorpions. Fortunately your great powers of resistance keep you going at a great pace. But Scorpions with excitable natures must keep their tempers cool during T.T., especially if playing in a different locale.

### Born between Nov. 23 and Dec. 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Sagittarius, your planet Jupiter.

Sagittarians can expect new attachments during this Astrological period. They are good companions and the time is propitious for "popping the question". Experienced T.T. players could benefit from passing on some of their knowledge!

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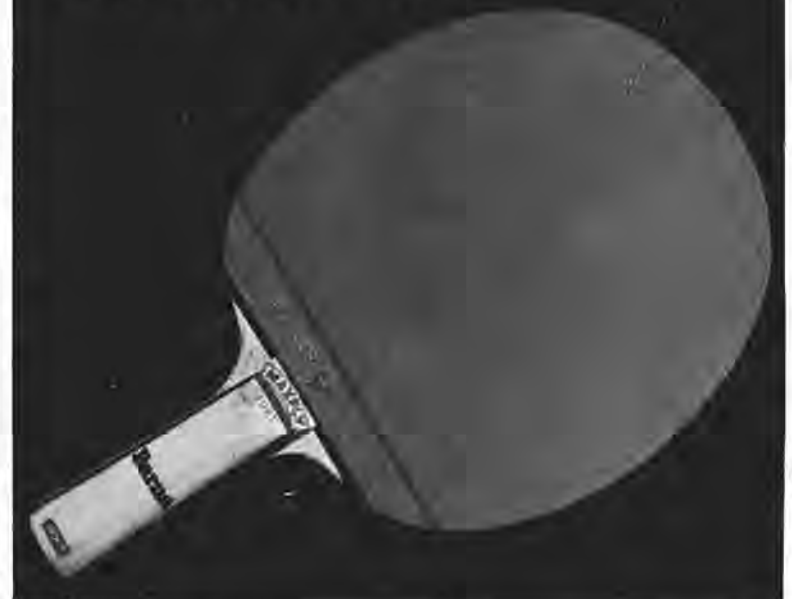
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**WESTERN COUNTIES**

by Grove Motlow

**PAM & ROGER BACK IN ACTION**

BRISTOL went into a 4-0 lead in their home match against Newport but the visitors fought back to narrow the gap to 4-3 which created the spur for excellent and exciting wins by B. Reeves and J. Wise, over T. Huish and M. Nocivelli, to provide a 6-3 result in favour of Bristol.

Highlight of the match in which Taunton beat Salisbury 6-3 was Jim Andrews' win over Bill Moulding. Andrews returned a maximum being ably supported by John Philpott, with two wins, for a worthy victory.

Newport triumphed 5-4 away to Weston, the result being in doubt right up to the last set in which Michael Nocivelli beat Ray Philpott 22-20 in the deciding game. For Newport, Bloomer and Nocivelli each won two and Huish one, whilst Roger Morris (the former Birmingham player) won two and Philpott and John Hartry had one each.

Another exciting tussle took place at Exeter where the home team avenged themselves of their Wilmott Cup defeat by beating Plymouth 5-4. For Exeter, Michael Rattue and Michael Putland had each won two sets, as had Cleve Judson and Bob Parkins for Plymouth. All then depended on the final set in which Rattue nosed home 23-21, 22-20 for Exeter to scrape their win.

Weston easily beat Bristol 2nds 9-0 with trebles from J. Garland, Philpott and J. Hartry. Bristol 1st romped home by a similar margin over Swindon 2nds, only the first set needing a third game.

Newcomers Salisbury had a good away win over Swindon 5-4. For the winners Phil Brown was unbeaten and, for Swindon, Mike Andrews showed up well in winning two including a victory over Moulding. Tony Wolff did well only losing 21-23 to Brown in the decider.

Joan Collier made a welcome return for Bristol in their match against Exeter winning all her three sets in a 7-2 result. Pat Rowe and Jean Golding each won two. Exeter's wins came from Joan Farmer, who beat Pat Rowe, and from Valerie Addicott who beat Jean Golding.

Devizes beat Swindon 7-2 in a match which was much closer than the final score suggests. Paving the way for Devizes was Margaret Alexander to whose maximum Miss Boyce and Mrs. Price added two each losing respectively to Gwen Hazell and Kath Waters.

Newport had a surprising 5-4 win over Bristol, after trailing 2-3, with Betty and Stella Jones each winning two. For Bristol, Jean Golding was unbeaten but Joan Collier was without success.

Newbury beat Exeter 6-3 thanks to a maximum from Heather Masters and two supporting sets from Mrs. Waters. Exeter's star was Val Addicott who won two. Newport also had a 6-3 win over Exeter with

Stella Jones in brilliant form claiming three.

Swindon were beaten 7-2 at home by Newbury whose Heather Masters was again in good form to record a treble with Miss J. Smith and Mrs. Waters sharing the other four wins. Surprisingly for Swindon, Gwen Hazell lost all three sets.

Pam Lake—better known as Pam Mortimer, the former English international—strengthened the Exeter side against Devizes who they beat 5-4 for their first win, Pam being undefeated.

Leading positions:—

MEN		P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Bristol	.....	5	4	1	32	13	8
Newport	.....	4	3	1	24	12	6
Taunton	.....	3	3	0	18	9	6
Exter	.....	4	3	1	21	15	6
WOMEN		P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Bristol	.....	5	4	1	36	9	8
Devizes	.....	3	2	1	16	11	4
Newbury	.....	3	2	1	14	13	4
Newport	.....	4	2	2	18	18	4

**YORKSHIRE**

by Cliff Darley

**HYDES MK. II INTO ORBIT**

BRADFORD City Corporation and Messrs. Fields, Colour Printers will sponsor the England versus Yugoslavia TV clash to be held in the St. George's Hall, Bradford on Friday, January 23. Tickets can be obtained from County Secretary, Frank Briggs, 10, Merton Gardens, Farsley, Pudsey (Home telephone: Pudsey 4152).

Hydes Mk. II was launched at Bradford when 14-years-old Glyn, like his brother—a left hander, made an unbeaten Yorkshire League debut for Barnsley Juniors. He stopped Bob Shutt in an excellent penultimate set when tied the the match score at 4-all. But Bradford then produced their own secret weapon in the form of 12-years-old Robert Bartle whose forehand carried him to a fighting victory over David Starkie to give Bradford their third consecutive success.

Hull women's team, at one time 2-5 down to Sheffield in the Yorkshire League, fought back splendidly to take the last three singles and draw. Linda Lowthorpe was undefeated, whilst their juniors were convincing 6-3 winners over Bradford.

Sheffield's Jimmy Coleman was soon back in action after an accident at work. At first it was thought that Jimmy's arm was broken, but an X-ray revealed only bad bruising. David Sykes—his suspension for the whole of last season by the Sheffield League completed—turned out for Barnsley in the County League.

Both the Castleford/Pontefract Men's and Veterans' teams are pointless in the Yorkshire League, but are gaining valuable experience with every match. The organising committee of the recent international match wish to thank Pollard Bearings Ltd. for a donation and B. Topley,

Esq., for a raffle prize which were received too late for acknowledgement in the programme.

Ake Eldh, President of the Swedish Association and Deputy President of the I.T.T.F. made his second visit to Pontefract for this match having accompanied the Swedish Juniors in 1952 when they played Yorkshire at the same venue. He met a few familiar faces and seemed to know the town fairly well. Let us hope he returns more frequently.

Plans are under way for the Yorkshire Closed to be held in Bradford either in late April or early May.

**HAMPSHIRE**

by David Cosway

**SHOCKS AT GOSPORT**

MAIN event of the month in Hants was the County closed tournament staged by the Gosport Association. Southampton dominated the proceedings, winning all the major events.

The men's singles was full of surprises from the very first round. An out-of-touch Derek Holman was beaten at this stage by A. Bukovsky. Next main shock, in Round 2, was provided by Chris Shetler who completely out-hit county champion and No. 1 seed Chris Pickard and went on to defeat David Davies in the next round.

In the semis, Chris Edwards beat Shetler who gradually ran out of steam after winning the first game, losing the next two 15 and 9. Brian Pickard came through from the other half to beat Ray Lush in the semi-final. In the final Edwards beat Brian Pickard 21 and 18 to win back the title he last held in 1965-66.

This win was even more remarkable when one realises that Chris has virtually retired from top table tennis this season, to concentrate on his studies, and is not playing in town or county matches, and has only the occasional club match to keep his eye in.

The women's singles was the usual battle of the twins, with Christine Davies and Pauline Edwards. Christine had the hardest passage to the final beating Portsmouth's Daphne Gray and Sheila Foster. Pauline's hardest set was her semi defeat of Angeline Gilbert.

The final was perhaps the finest seen for this event, the twins putting on a fantastic display, in all aspects of the game. It was a pity there had to be a loser, but the ovation they received was a tribute to both players. Pauline eventually won 8, -19, 17.

All three doubles events went to Southampton with Bill Moulding and David Davies beating Trevor Smith and Holman for the men's title.

The women's singles finalists beat Sheila Foster and Daphne Gray for the women's but the mixed produced a truly great final with David and Christine Davies recovering from 15-20 in the third to beat Holman and Pauline Edwards.

Chris Pickard recovered some of his self respect by beating Shetler in the intermediate final, while in the junior events, Stuart Tannahill celebrated his omission from the county team by becoming champion for the third time in four seasons. He beat "Skip" Jacona in the final. Cyril Bush retained the veterans title with a final win over Ray Yates.

In the inter-town league, Southampton beat main challengers Portsmouth 7-5 in the mixed first division to take a clear lead. Gosport "A" lead the second mixed after being held to a draw by their "B" team. Basingstoke have emerged as favourites for the junior division for the first time with an 8-2 win over champions Southampton.

**NORFOLK**

by J. S. Penny

**NAMES TO BE REMEMBERED**

NORFOLK NOTES appear this month in a new decade. What has been accomplished in Norfolk during the past ten years?

There is little doubt that Norfolk have increased in stature during this period, until, in 1967/68, they won their Eastern Division with an unbeaten record and were promoted to Division II (South). This was largely due to Alan Coby and Betty Cassell, two names which will always be remembered here.

Then, again, who would think nowadays that, at the beginning of the decade, we had no county team in the Junior County Championships? In fact, it took several seasons of money-raising, in which selling magazines played a most useful part, and a wait of a couple of seasons until our Juniors were of a sufficiently high standard. And, to conclude, we have an annual County Dinner, which has only come into being during the last ten years.

One outstanding event of last season will still be fresh in everybody's memory, namely the "Beer Crate International" organised by Norwich League for the England v. Sweden European League Match.

To start the new decade, we have Norwich League's new magazine "Monthly Mardle," and moreover, Eric Fairhead is now contributing a Saturday column in "The Eastern Daily Press." Norfolk exiles will be interested to hear that the "Press" has now left Redwell Street and is installed in imposing new premises at Prospect House, Rouen Road, where "The Eastern Evening News" has moved also. We are most grateful to the local press for splendid Table Tennis coverage during the past decade, and wish them well with their new premises and new format.

That very brief survey over, we have to remember that Norfolk are once again back in the Eastern Division, after a disastrous season last year, so that we have to start all over again. The latest county match saw us defeated by Bedfordshire at King's Lynn, but we are sure that it will not be long before we can record another victory! So, all the best to Norfolk for the 1970's!

## HUNTINGDON and PETERBOROUGH

by David Obee

### CHAMPERS AT LAST!

AFTER some 8 years in county competition, the County team finally pulled off its first win, against Northants at Daventry.

Some five years ago, Peterborough merged with Huntingdonshire, after being part of Northants since the last war, so it was ironical that several Peterborough League players were instrumental in the 6-4 win.

Pride of place must go to Paul Charlton, last year's top junior, who turned in a brilliant display to win both his singles and partner David Obee to success in the men's doubles.

He completely dominated home No. 1 Steve Lyon in the first singles to win in straight games and then beat George Tsow to win the match. In between Hunts won the other doubles sets comfortably, the women's through Evelyn Allinson and Barbara Webb, and the mixed through Obee and Barbara Webb. Alan Albon was at his best to beat Steve Lyon after a nail-biting second game.

Mention must be made of the superb playing conditions provided by the Daventry League in their mixed youth club, right up to international standard.

The match programme mentioned the fact that this correspondent was the custodian of a bottle of champagne, to be opened on the occasion of the county's first win. This was duly enjoyed by the players who had waited for some time for the bubbly!

As predicted by John Wright in his last County Championships Round-up, Dec. 13 was the day of reckoning as far as the junior team was concerned. After wins in their first two matches, the youngsters were out-gunned by Herts, but this was not wholly unexpected in view of the strong Herts line-up.

John Last extended D. Rawlinson to two 19's and Paul McArthur lost only 21-23 in the decider against M. Baines. Home No. 1 M. Harris had taken a singles in a senior match against Cambs the previous evening, so not surprisingly proved too strong for the visitors, for whom Robert Mellin stood in for Max Hall.

Peterborough continue to progress in the Rose Bowl competition. They beat Ely 6-3 despite Carol Chapman's 3 wins to enter the next stage of the event.

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

by J. D. Ellis

### INVASION AT BINGHAM

SEVENTY students attended the first ETTA Training Session at Bingham Sports Centre and whilst this number was apparently more than anticipated, it was nonetheless most gratifying.

In the senior Inter-Town League, Mansfield "B" had mixed fortunes for after losing 2-8 to their own "A" team they subsequently beat Grantham 7-3. Dave Smith scored

both successes against the "A" team with surprise wins over A. Packer and J. Wilbraham. Against Grantham, Bernard Brown obtained a maximum.

More defeats for the County senior team, down 3-7 to Staffs, and 1-9 to Derbyshire. The juniors, however, maintained their unbeaten record with a division of the points against Northants.

Two junior county players were included by Nottingham for their junior inter-league match against Grantham who were beaten 8-2.

## NORTHANTS

by Gwyn Powell

### CHESTER SPARKLES AT NORTHAMPTON

THE England v. Sweden International match at the Sports Hall, Northampton, produced the finest table tennis ever seen in the town with Chester Barnes, especially, in scintillating form and mood. Despite the proximity of the match to Christmas and the short space of time available for organising the event, a good crowd was present to see England deservedly win by the unexpected margin of 6-1. It was good to have world class players competing in Northampton for the first time and after the success of this match we can surely look forward to more similar events in the future.

'Pop' went the Champagne corks at Daventry after the first county match to be played there, but, alas, it was not in honour of Northants, who crashed to their third defeat of the season, but to celebrate Huntingdonshire's first-ever win in the County Championships.

Steve Lyon, the home No. 1 was well below form and lost both his singles but Roderick Marchant, playing his second match in the senior team won both his. George Tsow returned to the team but failed to find the confidence of last season when he was unbeaten in singles and lost to Paul Charlton. Emily Twiselton won the first ladies' singles of the season for Northants but with Hunts, taking all the doubles the home team went down by 4-6. Apart from this, however, the match was a great success, being excellently staged by the Daventry league officials who are to be congratulated on all the hard work and thought put into their first venture.

In the Wellingborough league, Old Grammarians, although under greater pressure each year, still look likely to win the first division title for the fourth successive time. The James-Hodde combination are too strong for any other team but Wellingborough W.M.C. which has Marchant and Brian Dangerfield ready to challenge and possibly cause their downfall. Elsewhere in the league the London 'overspill' companies look capable of collecting trophies in many divisions and any budding migrants from the London area must be encouraged by their colleagues' immediate integration. Messrs. Whitworths have opened their new Table Tennis Centre which is loaned to the league for coaching, practice and S.E. Midlands league matches and should

prove to be a great benefit to players in the area.

In Northampton, U.T.C. 'A', with Goodall, Hogg and Bond, are still unbeaten at the top of the Premier Division and look like remaining that way unless something drastic occurs. Nick Haycock, who has been going great guns this season, made his debut for the Northampton Men's team in the S.E.M.L. match against Kettering and won both his singles. Recently he had a good win against Cambridge's Steve Andrews and if he maintains his rapid improvement must soon be knocking on the doors of the County selectors. The Town juniors are now playing well and improving rapidly, Dave Berridge and Paul Blincow fighting it out against the top players in the Premier Division and Tom Billing having moved up to play for Y.M.C.A. 'C' in the first division. The veterans lost their first match since the 67-68 season to last season's runners up Cambridge for whom newcomer J. Dyer did the most damage by beating all three Northampton players.

## HERTFORDSHIRE

by John Barnes

### 100% AGAIN AT CHESHUNT

IN the First Division of the County Senior Inter-League Competition, with only a quarter of the results to hand so far, it is difficult to foretell the likely final positions. At the time of going to press, the latest League Table shows North Herts with maximum points from two matches, but Watford 1st have yet to play. All other teams have dropped points.

The position in the Inter-League Second Division, with forty per-cent of the matches played, is a little clearer. Cheshunt 2nd have not dropped a point, but have yet to play Hemel Hempstead who are also unbeaten, though the latter have dropped a point.

In the Junior Division, Cheshunt, Watford, and North Herts 1st are all unbeaten and matches between these three should produce some close results.

The Preliminary and First Rounds of the County Inter-Club Knock-out Competitions should have been completed by now. This season, and the last two, have shown an increase in interest but the rate of it is slow. Last season's Open winners, I.C.L., were drawn against Ravens Youth Club, and the other previous finalists, Letchworth Settlement, against Letchworth L.T.C. In the Women's Competition, last season's winners, Water Lane, drew Cheshunt T.T.C. 1st and the other finalists, I.C.I., were to meet Cheshunt T.T.C. 2nd.

The Cheshunt League's Team Knock-out Competitions have received the usual 100% entry. The mammoth entry can partly be attributed to the onus being placed on teams to opt out, rather than send in an entry form. It is also partly due to the enthusiasm of the players, which is also reflected in the Closed Tournament entry of always more than 50% of all registered players. The League Competition itself is tighter

this year, with East Herts. College a close second to Enfield Highway, and Cheshunt T.T.C. maintaining contact. Barry White, of East Herts. College, holds a 100% average, with Roger Brown, Frank Chapple and Mick Borshell, all of Enfield Highway, on 89%.

## TEESSIDE

by George Lambelle

### NICKY DELIGHTED BUT . . . .

Spare a thought for Nicky Jarvis. Only 15 years of age. Just played his first full English international match—and that against Sweden, with Alser and Johansson in the side.

You may be pardoned for feeling that the doors are opening upon a great career in table tennis and that Nicky has every right to feel pleased with himself.

Of course Nicky's delighted. And Teesside's delighted with his spirited performance against these world-ranked stars.

But Nicky's got a grouse.

"I'm not," he says, "the Georgie Best of Teesside."

That remark was the climax of nearly two weeks of non-stop publicity which surrounded his selection for England seniors.

Pictured in bed on the day his inclusion was announced (he had tonsillitis); pursued by the Press (including delicious women's page writer's who can interview me any time they like); questioned on television . . . . Nicky really had a rough time of it and came out of it really well.

Until the matter of the girls came up.

You see, Nicky, with his coach, Alan Ransome, have been touring the schools and clubs of the district "selling" table tennis with exhibition games.

The trouble was that after the games, schoolgirls pursued him with autograph books.

"It was Nicky they wanted," declared Alan jealously. "I don't know what he's got, but I wish I had it."

Teesside's next event will be the Teesside Open. Clashing as it does with the European Championships, we can't expect the entry of last year. Nevertheless there will be £115 of prize money, with £25 for the men's singles winner.

The tournament takes place on February 20-21.

For Jarvis and Denis Neale, the third round of the European club championship means a return meeting with Hans Alser. They played him in the England-Sweden friendly at Eston last month.

Alser turns up again when Ormesby, the English club champions, meet Mariestads Bois, of Sweden. It's going to be a tough one for the Englishmen. In addition to Alser, the club No. 1, the Swedes also have their country's Nos. 5 and 6 playing for them.



**LANCASHIRE**

by George R. Yates

**REMOTE PROSPECTS**

LANCASHIRE'S failure to capitalise on a 5-3 lead over Northumberland II in Division 2 (North) of the County Championships spotlights the weaknesses within the County Palatine.

After Bolton's Stephen Kaufman and Susan Lisle of Manchester had brought off an unexpected mixed doubles win over Ron Kettlewell and Cynthia Duncombe, victory should have been assured over the Northumbrians' second string.

But, sadly, both Burnley's Jack Keogh and Bob Kelly of Bolton, failed to take even a game in the final two sets which went to Kettlewell and Arthur Chilvers for a division of the spoils.

Having been held to a draw by Lincolnshire, the chances of Lancashire contesting the play-offs for a place in the Premier Division are now remote indeed.

Victories over Lincolnshire and Yorkshire II, together with a point from Lancashire, make Northumberland II hot favourites for the title affording them the opportunity to maintain the first team's status in the top flight.

This has been a disastrous season for the Red Rose county, for the junior team, having championed the Junior Division (North) for the past three seasons, lost their opening match to Cheshire when No. 2 David Newton let the side down through confusion of his own particular calendar.

Still going strong in Division I of the Lancs. and Cheshire League, Stockport have stretched their winning sequence to four matches but also unbeaten are Manchester who have matches in arrears.

Bolton, last season's champions, lost a second time when going under to Liverpool who with the assistance of Yorks County star, Tony Clayton, have taken on a new lease of life. They also beat Bolton in the Norman Cook Memorial Trophy competition and now face them a third time in the Wilmott Cup to be played in Bolton. Leading positions:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Stockport ...	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Burnley ...	4	2	1	1	20	20	5
Manchester ..	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Liverpool ...	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Bolton ...	4	2	0	2	23	17	4

had the edge in a close fought Ladies' Doubles taking it on the third at 22-20. Colin Deaton, County No. 3, had no trouble in winning his two singles, and the Men's Doubles with his regular partner Tony Hunt.

The 2nd team had a 7-3 win over Shropshire fielding the same team that lost to Warwickshire 1-9. Huntingdon's loss has been Derbyshire's gain, for Miss D. Maxfield, a student at the Matlock College, is now turning out in our 2nd team. Dave Stills (Derby) has made two appearances for the County 2nd team and has yet to be selected for his town. Dave's

illness at the start of the season may account for his failure to make the town's team, although on his present form, his re-appearance cannot be long delayed.

Our Junior side without K. Twitty now over age, are no match yet, but the girls in the team need only a small improvement to take a set or two from their opponents.

The County League seems to be a slow moving affair, with matches being postponed and late arrival of the score cards. Last minute arrangements, and slip-ups over re-arranged matches, gives this com-

petition an appearance of being generally badly run. Letters from the Secretary do not appear to have much effect, so more positive action by the County Committee is needed to restore some importance to the league.

Derby's hopes of retaining the Div I Championships took a tumble when they lost to an in-form Matlock. The Derby No. 1, Doug Foulds, won his three sets, Dave Dawkins took one, but town Champion Chris Francis could not match the good play of the Matlock trio Holmes, Ridyard and Arnold.



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**DERBYSHIRE**

by Walter Reeves

**FORWARD TO THE 70's**

THE County's 1st team are having a wonderful season so far, and are top of their division on sets average, four teams being equal on points. We appreciate that the tougher matches have yet to come, but with all the Derbyshire players in form we are looking forward to 1970. The last match was a 9-1 victory over neighbouring Notts, with the County No. 1 John Wallhead dropping the set to P. Spencer. Derbyshire just

**SUSSEX**

by John Woodford

**TRIANGULAR SQUEEZE**

AS SUSSEX, Northumberland and Cheshire tumble to the foot of the premier division table, it now looks as though every set is going to count in avoiding the drop.

The criterion of every premier division player is to beat ranked players. Sussex are very fortunate to have a strong reserve in John Clarke from Bolton who failed the crucial test in his battle to take the Sussex No. 3 spot from Sam Ogundipe. Although John beat Sam in the trials that was only part of the story — John had a few other losses at tournaments whilst Sam re-substantiated his position by stopping Malcolm Sugden against Middlesex and overcoming the fine loop-and-hit play of Ron Penfold at the Portsmouth Open.

Talking of Portsmouth, where the venue must be one of the most difficult to find in the country, there were two more Sussex successes — Peter Williams took his first open title of the season and Carol Randall reached

the semi-finals of the women's singles. Carol was a member of the Sussex squad which made its first appearance on that day.

The majority of players these days seem to prefer two types of play, local league and tournaments. In some areas including Sussex certain extra events are being abandoned because of small entries. In Sussex the casualties are the Seaman and Nicholls cups for the top eight men and the top eight women and now the Sussex Towns tournament. The established tournaments are still receiving good entries and the number of players in local leagues continues to increase. More players are also appearing in more than one league so the interest is there but the preferences are changing.

Changes in the field of top women's play are now occurring. Carol Randall is, now it seems, making her way into the No. 2 spot understudying Judy Williams. Carol's last big step came in the women's inter-league event when she beat Beverley Godfrey (nee Sayer) 21-19, 21-14. Amongst the experienced lady campaigners now in the process of retiring from the scene are Daphne

Barontini (Crawley) and Ann Woodford (Eastbourne). Ann and Worthling's Pat Wales are two players both involved in coaching in Sussex. Both are finding the strain of successful coaching and competitive play difficult to manage. Pat is restricting her competitive play to certain arenas whilst Ann is pulling out after 17 years in either the Sussex No. 1 or 2 spots.

A strong German player Hans-Dieter Skuballa, a schoolteacher from Hamburg on a nine-month visit to this country, is currently beating most players in East Sussex. He won the Hastings Tigers tournament and has only been defeated once so far by Colin Monson of Hailsham. Hans has moved to Hove and may soon appear in the Brighton premier division where much stronger opposition is likely to be found.

**SURREY**

by John Zenthon

**OTHER FORTS TO CONQUER**

AT THE last meeting of the Surrey Council, Colin Clemett officially resigned as County Secretary, a position which he has held continuously since 1955. This unfortunate event, from the County's point of view, is due to Colin, who is in electronics engineering management, taking up a new civil service appointment at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, U.S.A. working on military communications systems.

One of the most dedicated officials in table tennis, his past reads like an extract from Who's Who. His first official post was on the Croydon League Council (1952-65) and he has represented Surrey on the E.T.T.A. National Executive (now National Council) since 1957, being a member of the first Management Committee after the revision of the E.T.T.A. constitution.

He has served on many sub-committees of the national bodies including the National Team Competitions (drafted the present rules except for the later amendments), County Boundaries, Rules and Umpires being Secretary of the last named since 1959.

Qualified as a County Umpire in 1952 and as a National Umpire in 1957. He has been on the English Championships Committee for many years usually being responsible for the organisation of umpires and other match officials and, I am sure, one of his most interesting duties was that of Assistant Referee at the 1966 European Championships.

Currently secretary of the I.T.T.F. Rules Committee, his main activity here has been concerned with the preparation and publication of the new I.T.T.F. Handbook for Umpires.

A busy family man with four children ranging in age from 14 to 2, it is good to see the eldest, at least, is following the right path, currently holding the Portsmouth girls' singles title.

It seems likely that Colin will be making the occasional visit to the U.K. during the future and we can

only hope that his absence otherwise will not be too prolonged. In any event, I know that all will join me in wishing him every success in his new venture.

Stan Buchan, the present Assistant General Secretary and Competitions Secretary, has agreed, after some arm twisting, to take on the duties of General Secretary until the end of the season at least.

If you were one of the 700 spectators at Guildford recently, when the Guildford T.T.A. acted as hosts for the England v. Hungary match, I am sure you were as impressed as I was with both the excellent arrangements and the conditions.

It certainly set a new standard in spectator comfort. The only disappointment was the standard of the English team for certainly one cannot help thinking that the Surrey first team would probably have been almost as strong. As it was very much an England second team, it seems a pity that some local interest could not have been provided.

Furthermore, I cannot help feeling that for the peace of mind of the organisers charging £2 for the best seats, the composition of the team should have been made known well in advance.

**DORSET**

by Barry Weller

**IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES**

DORSET again came away with credit from their latest county match, this time only narrowly losing 6-4 to Somerset, last season's runners-up. The Somerset officials, like Hants, before them, remarked on the tremendous improvement in the team and it was hardly surprising. In their last two games against Somerset, Dorset had lost 10-0 and 9-1.

But it was not to be this time. Dorset led well up to the half-way mark and at 4-2 it looked as if another surprise result was on the cards. But Somerset took the next four sets to win, and it left Dorset without a success after four extremely tough matches, the last three away.

Dorset played well as a team with Trevor Smith and Dickie Diment excelling in the men's singles, Joyce Coop really going to town in the women's singles, and the ever-improving Jenny Vass doing well in her two doubles.

This was a different picture to Dorset's last match against Gloucs. a month ago when they badly disappointed in losing 8-2. Only consolation in this match was the form of Diment, who playing his first county match for 12 months, won one singles, and fought hard before losing his second.

But with such difficult fixtures in succession the county could be excused for slipping once, and with two more players in the squad would promise even greater things next season.

The Dorset county league has got under way with seven teams—two each from Weymouth, Poole and Dorchester and a late entry from Wimborne.

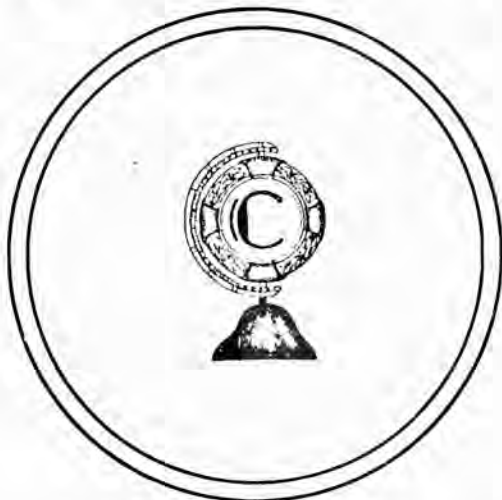
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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE**  
by Leslie Constable

**MORE NEEDED LIKE SUCKORSKI**

DRAWS in their first two matches in the County Championships has been the lot of the Cambs. team and in each case a victory was very much on the cards. However, the result against Beds. was creditable and Barry Wilson played an important part by beating Nichol in the last set to force a draw. Alan Ponder also played well, as did Carol Chapman who beat Anita James in an important women's singles.

Cambs. Juniors are having a lean time and came a cropper against Herts. although the form of John Suckorski in the South East Midlands League augurs well for the future. Although Cambs. have a strong nucleus of junior players, their form has not been very encouraging and to keep on a par with other counties there will have to be a vast improvement in their standard of play.

In the Cambs. League, the champions, New Chesterton Institute, again head the First Division, but were surprisingly beaten by University Press. In this fixture Tony Littlechild again beat John Thurston and with Keith Chapman making a come-back with victories over Stephen Andrews and Victor Tiplady, the Press had the match well in hand. Littlechild can now be regarded as Thurston's 'bogey' as the same player defeated him twice last season. This defeat has opened up the top of Division I, only one point separating the top four clubs; N.C.I. and Soham III have each dropped two points, while University Press and Guildhall have dropped three. Soham III kept their championship hopes alive when they beat Cambridge University 6-4. In this encounter Brian Jones, Keith White, and John Ashman each won two for Soham.

In the top-of-the-table Second Division clash, St. George's I beat "Cambridge Evening News" 7-3 after the "News" had held a 3-1 lead. Starring for St. George's were John Puddick, with three wins, and Mick Byrd with two, whilst Stephen Lee had two victories for the newsmen. In Division 3A, Telephones II, one time leaders, went down 4-6 to Torchbearers II. In this fixture, Sid Dunster who was re-registered from Torchbearers' first team, won all his three, now Melbourn Village College, who are unbeaten in this division, are in a strong position.

In Division 3B, Swavesey dominate despite the absence of their top player, Maurice Circus. But Brian Thomas, who has replaced him, must be given credit for some fine performances.

Ely are to be congratulated on winning their first round ties in the Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl competitions. The men had a fine victory over Lowestoft, Brian Jones being undefeated. In the next round, however, they came a cropper against a strong Cambridge City side. Ely Women annihilated Kings Lynn 9-0 with their team of Carol Chapman, Phyllis Everett and Pat Williams and

now meet Peterborough in the next round.

On March 7th the Wisbech Open Invitation Tournament will be held and so far quite a good entry has been received. This should be a good tournament and at present Wisbech officials are doing their best to make the event a big success.

Coaching sessions are still in progress at Cambridge Y.M.C.A. and still the youngsters come in great numbers to keep the coaches busy!

**SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE**

IN the Mens' Section, Cambridge City are easily leading the division, without the loss of a set, although they had a close call against Northampton winning 6-4. Thurston has been in excellent form, backed up by Tony Littlechild and Stephen Andrews. Gerald Coteman, who has recently come into the side, has made a very impressive debut and had a good win over Len Saywell of St. Neots. Wellingborough and Northampton are also doing well. Peterborough inflicted the first defeat on North Herts by surprisingly winning away from home, although North Herts were considerably weakened by the absence of their three star juniors who were playing in the Southend Open Championships. Dunstable won their first fixture in the league when they beat Bedford by a wide margin, so that things are indeed looking up for them.

In the Ladies' Section, Bedford and Bletchley are well placed at the top and look like staying there for some time. In the Junior Division, Wellingborough are playing extremely well but their chief danger is from North Herts, who seem to have a wealth of juniors. In this division, former champions of two seasons ago, in the shape of Cambridge City, are having trouble in keeping away from the bottom of the division.

In the Veterans Section, Cambridge City look like improving upon their position of last season, when they were runners-up to Northampton, as they beat that team by a narrow margin. In this fixture, newcomer John Dyer won all his sets handsomely, including a splendid victory over Ingle. St. Neots, too, are playing well and of course Northampton cannot be ruled out.

**WARWICKSHIRE**  
by Ralph Gunnion

**EARLY DOORS FOR BRUM**

ALL our teams are still unbeaten in the County Championships but with vital matches to come in the New Year, the first team will have to be on their toes if we wish to take part in the promotion challenge matches later in the season.

The Birmingham Men's team of Derek Munt, Paul Judd, and Barry Hill was soundly beaten by West Bromwich in the 2nd Round of the Wilmott Cup, Barry Hill winning two for Birmingham. This is the first time for a number of years that Birmingham have been beaten so

early in the Competition, but on the night West Bromwich were the better team.

The Boys' team also suffered an unexpected 4-5 reverse at the hands of Leicester, Marcus Hall failing to turn up for the match — but the women and the girls are still going in their competitions.

The Birmingham Schools' League is to take a coach load of 40 to the Yorkshire Junior Open, and this is a really good sign for Birmingham Table Tennis. The Schools are also hoping to enter one or two teams in one of the Birmingham Leagues next year — another encouraging pointer to their progress.

Martin Davies did very well in the Cardiff Open, reaching the final of the Junior Boys' Singles, beating Haydn Thomas, but losing to Alan Griffiths in the final.

An Invitation Tournament was held at the North Warwickshire Sports Centre on Nov. 30 and it looks as though a very fine venue has been

found for domestic tournaments. It is hoped to revive the Warwickshire Closed, and to use this new venue for it.

The Warwickshire League has now got under way. The holders (for 2 seasons) North Birmingham started off in fine form, and look as though they will take some stopping. Stratford, now in their second season, beat Nuneaton, but lost very narrowly to East Birmingham 4-5, and the Business Houses and Works League recorded their first victory for two seasons with a 6-3 win over Coventry.

20 entries were received for the Warwickshire Club Competition, an improvement on last year's figure. Brandwood Secondary School have entered two teams, comprising some of Birmingham's up-and-coming players, Dunne, Taylor, and Cotton. Taylor, incidentally, winning the under-17 and under-15 boys' events at the North Warwickshire Sports Centre Tournament.



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**LINCOLNSHIRE**

by Joan Robinson

**HILL INVINCIBLE IN CLOSED**

IN the Lincolnshire Closed Championships held at Grimsby on Sunday, Nov. 23, 69, Brian Hill once again proved himself master of Lincs. Table Tennis. He won the three events he participated in without the loss of a single game.

The Men's Singles went largely to the form book except for a fine win by Tony Patrick over Mick East, a regular County player. Hill's ultimate opponent was John Beaumont who reached the final by beating Hill's doubles partner David Armstrong. In the final however, Beaumont never looked like upsetting the rock-like defence of the champion.

The Women's Singles was a repeat of last year's final with Mrs. Mary Burgess again getting the better of her Spalding teammate Miss Jean White. An interesting feature was the use of the expedite rule at 17-all in the 2nd game, the first time this has occurred in a championships final in Lincs.

The Men's Doubles title was again retained by Hill and Armstrong, once again at the expense of Beaumont and East. The Women's Doubles was a comfortable win for the two singles finalists over Mrs. C. Moran and Mrs. K. Fisher. Hill's third title came in the Mixed when partnering Mrs. Moran.

The boys' singles went to last year's runner-up Gary King over L. Brown. Gary is a much improved player and Lincolnshire will be looking to him in the next few years to bolster the County team.

In the girls' singles, the two Hammond sisters from Spalding met in the final with the younger P. Hammond winning the title.

Probably the most interesting final was the Veterans' Singles with those two seasoned campaigners from Grimsby, Bill Moran and Bernard Finneran keeping the crowd on the edge of their seats until Bill finally wrested the title previously held by Bernard.

Finally, a special word for the Grimsby people who organised the event, everything went very smoothly and to time, and was a credit to their organising ability.

**RESULTS**

**M.S.: Semi-finals:**  
B. Hill (Boston) bt A. Patrick (Gainsborough) 10, 7; J. Beaumont (Spalding) bt D. Armstrong (Boston) 19, 15.

**Final:**  
HILL bt Beaumont 16, 12.

**W.S.: Semi-finals:**  
J. White (Spalding) bt C. Moran (Grimsby) 19, 17; M. Burgess (Spalding) bt P. Hale (Grimsby) 13, 15.

**Final:**  
BURGESS bt White 16, 20.

**M.D.: Semi-finals:**  
Beaumont/M. East (Boston) bt B. Allison/D. Smith (Grimsby) -16, 9, 10; Armstrong/Hill bt B. Finneran/W. Moran (Grimsby) 12, 19.

**Final:**  
ARMSTRONG/HILL bt Beaumont/East 22, 13.

**W.D.: Final:**  
BURGESS/WHITE bt K. Fisher (Grimsby)/Moran 7, 10.

**X.D.: Final:**  
HILL/MORAN bt Armstrong/White 17, 20.

**B.S.: Final:**  
G. KING (Boston) bt L. Brown 13, 9.

**G.S.: Final:**  
P. HAMMOND bt R. Hammond 17, 13.

**V.S.: Final:**  
MORAN bt Finneran 12, -15, 20.

**LINCOLN NOTES:**

In the Haigh Cup Competition, Lincoln had an 8-2 win over Skegness with John Radley and Roy Norton both winning three and the doubles, and Roy Davidson, a little unlucky perhaps, notching one.

Lincoln women's team of Mrs. P. Fowler, Mrs. J. Robinson and Mrs. J. Wright started off the season with a 6-4 win over Louth's Miss J. Clark, Mrs. A. Casswell and Mrs. J. Norman. Miss Clark and Mrs. Norman each won two for Louth.

Against Gainsborough, Lincoln's Haigh Cup Team of John Radley, Roy Norton and Barry Johnson had a close 6-4 win. Johnson, playing his first match for Lincoln, lost all three.

Gainsborough's team of N. Slater, D. McKenzie and J. Pardon were unfortunate not to have their strongest player B. Edlington available. Don McKenzie and Jack Pardon who both play in the Lincoln and Gainsborough Leagues having an away but home fixture. The Lincoln boys in the Butcher Cup had a fine 10-0 victory. Lincoln's team comprised G. Payne, R. Bowes and S. Brophy. Steve Brophy playing his first match for Lincoln must surely have shocked the Gainsborough team as he only stands just above table height.

In the National Team Competitions, Boston entertained Lincoln in the Wilmott Cup. The Boston Team of Hill, Armstrong and East had a comfortable 9-0 win over the Lincoln team of John Radley, Roy Norton and Alan Robinson.

**DEVON**

by David Bazell

**NOMINATIONS PLEASE**

NEXT season Devon hopes to compete for the first time in the national junior division.

To this end efforts to fix friendly matches with neighbouring counties are at present going ahead.

A county ranking list will be drawn up following trials for boys (at Plymouth) and girls (at Exmouth) early this month and all leagues have been asked to nominate at least three players.

Devon's coaching policy should ensure a good turnout for these trials which will be a very important date in the county's calendar of events for juniors. Many youngsters have been brought up to a very reasonable standard in the last two years. And it is considered that entry into the national league will give an incentive that will lead to even greater progress being made.

Schools at Barnstaple, CREDITON, Newton Abbot and Ottery St. Mary—effectively to cover the county—have been selected by the association as the first venues for its exhibition campaign to improve the image of the game.

Properly dressed and behaved county, or near-county players are to show how table tennis should be played. The object is to impress youngsters and others who consider table tennis to be little more than a parlour game.

As part of the Mayflower 70 celebrations in the Westcountry, the Plymouth Mayflower Open tournament is being planned for September 5 at H.M.S. Drake, Devonport. It could be the biggest ever tournament in the Westcountry. Referee will be Mrs. A. P. Archdale, of Bristol.

Exeter's junior team is doing really well this season. The side has won its first three matches in the junior league—twice by 10-0 margins and once 8-2. Also the team disposed of Plymouth 8-1 in the Carter Cup.

These boys are playing better all the time and must be favourites for the title. It's a pity that Exeter will have to look for a fresh team in a couple of year's time; it could be back to square one.

A super league? That's the idea which has caught on in Exeter. An experimental "season" is at present being played out between four teams, specially selected to give approximate equality of strength.

Behind the innovation is the expressed desire of players to be able to more frequently meet those opponents for whom there is the utmost respect when they face each other twice a year in ordinary league matches.

If it's a success—the matches are being played on a Sunday—the number of teams will be increased.

**LEICESTERSHIRE**

by Philip Reid

**WORST DEFEAT IN YEARS**

LEICESTERSHIRE suffered their worst defeat for a very long time when Derbyshire beat them 10-0 in a **Second Division (Midland)** fixture. There was really only one team in it and this result seriously puts Leicestershire's second division place in jeopardy.

By contrast, the juniors had a really splendid match with Staffordshire in the **Junior (Midland) Division** and the result was the fairest possible one — a 5-5 draw. Janet Hamer was the star here with a great win over Barbara Eardley. Andy Holdsworth was below his best but both Alan Philpott and Robert Neal played well. Both, however, could do with a bit more speed.

In the **Midland League**, most Leicesters teams are doing fairly well but promotion or championship honours now look beyond them.

Loughborough are playing well in the **Midland League Second Division Intermediate Section** and two 10-0 wins have put them in with a great chance of the championship. Hincley

opened their account in the Men's 2nd Division with a 10-0 win over Walsall but then failed 8-2 against Coventry.

The **Rose Johnson Bowl**, the Handicap Competition for teams in Leicestershire is producing its usual crop of close finishes. In the 2nd Round, Wyvern I player, R. Butler, needed to beat Imperial Typewriter II's G. Hewitt 21-18 in the last game to give his team victory. He managed it with nothing to spare, his team winning 332-331. Northwood III beat Barwell Liberal III 327-324 with D. Smith and J. Middleton the stars.

In the **Leicestershire Towns League**, Coalville are emerging as a considerable force. Their win over champions Melton Mowbray was a fine effort with John Lenton the star. Wigston have joined the league to play friendly matches only and it is likely the scope of the league will be extended next season.

In the **Coalville League N.L.M.W.** have set a hot pace in Division I but this division is still very open. The irrepressible Roy Gregory is still starring in Peggs Green side, who are doing so well in the 2nd Division. Some will remember Roy from his A.E.I. days some years ago in the Leicester League!

Leicester Y.M.C.A. 'A' hold a marginal advantage in the 1st Division of the **Leicester and District League** but any of the big three — Leicester Y.M.C.A., King Richards Rd W.M.C. and Barwell Constitutional — could top the division. Big match in 5A was between Lutterworth Boys' Club and County Hall and ended in a 5-5 draw. Bill Zillberts recorded the only maximum, with Malcolm Wainwright winning two for County Hall.

The 8B promotion battle between Records II and National Provincial Bank II produced another draw. Here nobody emerged unscathed but John Noble (N.P. Bank) and David Gregory and Wayne Frith (Records) each won two.

In the **Rose Johnson Cup**, shock result was the defeat of Leicester Y.M.C.A. by Knighton Park. There was nothing lucky about it though, with Graham Elsdon and Paul Randall each winning two for the Park and Nigel Ive a similar number for Leicester Y.M.C.A.

In the **Loughborough and District League** Mustangs look almost certain winners of Division I. Maurice Newman, Mike Meredith, Edmund Dixon and Phil Jacques look a very powerful side indeed and their 9-1 win over Loughborough 'A' puts them way out in front of the field.

Fisons 'B' and 'C' seem to be fighting it out in 2A. With Voce, Needham and Smith in their side, the 'B' team must have a great chance of topping the division, although their 'C' team, spearheaded by J. Thompson and D. Porter, will be in there with a great promotion chance as well.

Moss Sports and 1st Loughborough B.B. had a splendid match in the 3rd Division with the B.B. side winning 6-4. All their team (N. Richards, G. Blood and T. Challenger) won two with D. Kidger the most successful player for Moss Sports.



STAFFORDSHIRE

by John Pike

KATH. PERRY RETURNS

ONLY one county match for Staffordshire in December and that resulted in an 8-2 win for the "A" team against Monmouthshire at Newport. Now that Derek Baddeley has retired from the county scene, Brian Keates is back in the first team again and so too is Kath Perry after her short stay with Warwickshire.

Both showed up well on their visit to South Wales and they keep their place in an unchanged team to meet Derbyshire this month.

With three county players in their line-up, West Bromwich made short work of Birmingham in the Wilmott Cup to the tune of 5-2. This Warwick. Keates and Baddeley combination should have a good run this season.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 will be a day to remember for four Wolverhampton officials. On that day the Wolverhampton Table Tennis Schools Centre will be officially opened and playing no small part in this has been Malcolm Scott, A. H. McIlreath, Jim Hayward and Alan Cavell.

The recent Woodfield tournament again did a good job for charity by giving something like £40 to the local Spastics. For the first time in the history of this tournament there were more girls playing in the junior events than boys. Encouraging news this for county coach Jim Hayward. As we move into a New Year I hope the county meet with some success in their drive to get more umpires.

COUNTY TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

DIVISIONAL TABLES TO 20th DECEMBER

PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kent	4	4	0	0	25	11	8
Middlesex	4	4	0	0	24	12	8
Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	20	7	6
Essex	4	3	0	1	23	13	6
Surrey	5	2	0	3	21	24	4
Sussex	3	0	0	3	10	17	0
Nthmland	5	0	0	5	12	33	0
Cheshire	4	0	0	4	9	27	0

II NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Surrey II	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Bucks.	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Essex II	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Kent II	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Middx. II	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Hertfordshire	2	0	0	2	6	14	0
Suffolk	2	0	0	2	4	16	0

II SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Nthmland II	3	2	1	0	17	13	5
Cheshire II	4	2	1	1	19	21	5
Yorks. II	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Lancashire	3	1	2	0	20	10	4
Durham	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Lincolnshire	4	0	3	1	19	21	3
Cumberland	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

II MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Derbyshire	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Glamorgan	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Warwicks.	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Staffordshire	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Nottingham.	4	0	0	4	8	32	0
Leicestershire	4	0	0	4	6	34	0
Monmthshire	4	0	0	4	5	35	0

II WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Hampshire	4	3	0	1	27	13	6
Devon	3	3	0	0	18	12	6
Somerset	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Worcesters.	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Gloucs.	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Dorset	4	0	1	3	15	25	1
Wiltshire	4	0	1	3	12	28	1
Cornwall	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

SOUTHERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Bucks. II	4	3	0	1	23	17	6
Hamps. II	4	2	1	1	26	14	5
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.
Warwicks. II	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Staffs. II	2	2	0	0	19	1	4
Derbys. II	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Shropshire	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Denbighshire	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

EASTERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Herts. II	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Bedfordshire	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Norfolk	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Camb.	3	0	2	1	14	16	2
Hunts.	3	1	0	2	9	21	2
Northants	3	0	0	3	7	23	0

J. SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kent	3	3	0	0	29	1	6
Middlesex	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Surrey	3	2	1	0	23	7	5
Sussex	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Hampshire	4	1	1	2	14	26	3
Berkshire	4	0	0	4	5	35	0
Bucks.	4	0	0	4	1	39	0

J. NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Cheshire	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Lancashire	2	1	0	1	14	6	2
Durham	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Cumberland	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Nrthland	2	0	0	2	1	19	0

J. MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Leicestershire	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Warwicks.	2	2	0	0	19	1	4
Notts.	3	1	2	0	18	12	4
Staffs.	2	0	2	0	10	10	2
Northants	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Derbyshire	3	0	0	3	2	28	0

J. 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	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Hunts.	3	2	0	1	12	18	4
Norfolk	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Suffolk	4	0	0	4	9	31	0
Camb.	4	0	0	4	4	36	0

J. WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Glamorgan	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Mon'shire	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Wiltshire	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Somerset	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Worcs.	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
Gloucs.	3	0	0	3	4	26	0

COUNTY DIARY

FIXTURES AND VENUES, JANUARY 1970

PREMIER DIVISION

Jan. 10—Cheshire v. Sussex, C.C.P.R.O., Grove Lane, Cheadle Hulme, Nr. Stockport.	7-30 p.m.
Essex v. Middlesex, King Edward VI Grammar School, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford.	7-00 p.m.
Kent v. Yorkshire, The Prince of Wales Club, Canterbury.	7-15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Jan. 10—Middlesex II v. Surrey II, East Finchley T.T. Centre, 142, High Street, East Finchley, N.2.	7-30 p.m.
Suffolk v. Buckinghamshire, Mutford Village Hall, Mutford, Lowestoft.	7-30 p.m.
Jan. 17—Hertfordshire v. Kent II, Oxhey Community Centre, Broadfields Lane, Eastbury Road, Oxhey, Watford.	7-00 p.m.
Jan. 24—Hertfordshire v. Suffolk, Brookside Boys' Club, Buckton Road, Borehamwood.	7-00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Jan. 10—Durham v. Lancashire, David Brown Gear Division, St. Luke's Road, Sunderland.	7-00 p.m.
Northumberland II v. Cumberland, Room D6, North Shields Y.M.C.A. Church Way, North Shields.	6-30 p.m.
Yorkshire II v. Cheshire II, Sedburgh Boys' Club, Huddersfield Road, Odsal, Bradford.	6-30 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

Jan. 10—Leicestershire v. Monmouthshire, Newbridge School, Coalville.	6-00 p.m.
Staffordshire v. Derbyshire, Raleigh Hall, Eccleshall.	7-15 p.m.
Warwickshire v. Glamorgan, Coventry Radiators Ltd., Coventry.	7-00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION WEST

Jan. 10—Devon v. Wiltshire, Y.M.C.A., Torquay.	7-15 p.m.
Dorset v. Cornwall, Youth Centre, Colliton Street, Dorchester.	7-15 p.m.
Gloucestershire v. Somerset, Bedminster Y.M.C.A., Gladstone Street, Bristol.	7-15 p.m.
Jan. 17—Worcestershire v. Hampshire, Cripplegate Pavilion, Tybridge Street, Worcester.	7-00 p.m.
Feb. 5—Gloucestershire v. Worcestershire.	

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Jan. 10—Hampshire II v. Berkshire, Boys' Brigade Mission, George Street, Basingstoke.	7-15 p.m.
Oxfordshire v. Worcestershire II, Banbury Youth Centre, Hilton Road, Banbury.	7-00 p.m.
Jan. 17—Buckinghamshire II v. Hampshire II.	
Jan. 24—Berkshire v. Worcestershire II, Baptist Church Hall, Newbury.	2-30 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION

Jan. 10—Derbyshire II v. Staffordshire II, The Police Station, New Beetwell Street, Chesterfield.	7-00 p.m.
Shropshire v. Denbighshire, Oswestry Youth Centre, Oswestry.	7-00 p.m.

EASTERN DIVISION

Jan. 10—Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire II, Pioneer Boys' Club, Dunstable.	7-30 p.m.
Huntingdonshire v. Cambridgeshire, Eaton Socon Institute, Eaton Socon.	7-30 p.m.
Northamptonshire v. Norfolk, Wetherby's Sports Centre, Denington Industrial Estate, Wellingborough.	3-00 p.m.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Jan. 10—Buckinghamshire v. Hampshire, Beaconsfield Youth Centre, Maxwell Road, Beaconsfield.	3-00 p.m.
Kent v. Surrey, Woolwich Recreation Institute, Kings Park, Eltham.	7-00 p.m.
Palace Road, Eltham, S.E.9	
Middlesex v. Sussex, East Finchley T.T. Centre, 142, High Street, East Finchley, N.2.	3-00 p.m.

JUNIOR NORTH

Jan. 10—Durham v. Lancashire, David Brown Gear Division, St. Luke's Road, Sunderland.	3-00 p.m.
Northumberland v. Cumberland, Room D6, North Shields Y.M.C.A., Church Way, North Shields.	3-00 p.m.
Yorkshire v. Cheshire, Sedburgh Boys' Club, Huddersfield Road, Odsal, Bradford.	3-00 p.m.

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Jan. 10—Derbyshire v. Northamptonshire, Derby and District T.T.A., H.Q., Sherwood Foresters Rec. Centre, Normanton Barracks, Derby.	3-00 p.m.
Nottinghamshire v. Leicestershire, Nottingham T.T.A., H.Q., Beech Avenue, New Basford, Nottingham.	3-00 p.m.
Warwickshire v. Staffordshire, Sheldon Youth Centre, Sheldon Heath Road, Birmingham, 26.	7-00 p.m.

JUNIOR EAST

Jan. 10—Bedfordshire v. Huntingdonshire, Scout Hut, Hockliffe Road, Leighton Buzzard.	3-00 p.m.
Cambridgeshire v. Suffolk, Soham Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Soham.	2-30 p.m.
Feb. 8—Essex v. Hertfordshire, Waltham Abbey Community Centre, Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey.	3-00 p.m.

JUNIOR WEST

Jan. 10—Monmouthshire v. Glamorgan, Alcan Industries, Rogerstone.	2-30 p.m.
Somerset v. Gloucestershire, Chard Table Tennis Club, Park Road, Chard.	2-30 p.m.

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NO real shocks in the Premier Division, although both Essex and Yorkshire must have expected less resistance from Sussex and Surrey respectively. No real pattern has emerged in many of the divisions and a most interesting second half is promised particularly in 2 Midland and 2 West — in the first of these, four counties are level with 6 points each and in 2nd West one point covers no fewer than 5 Counties!

#### Premier Division

##### KENT 6 CHESHIRE 3

A. Piddock bt M. Johns 18, 8; bt B. Kean 15, 17.  
D. Basden lost to Johns -10, -14; lost to D. Schofield -20, -19.  
H. Buist bt Kean 21, -16, 18; bt Schofield 5, 12.  
Piddock/Buist bt Kean/Schofield 16, 12.  
Mrs. P. Piddock bt Mrs. D. Schofield 13, 8.  
Basden/Mrs. Piddock lost to Johns/Mrs. Schofield -15, 17, -18.

A poor crowd saw an undistinguished match. With his own 100% singles (and doubles) record, Tony Piddock must wish for Coca-Cola points in these matches.

##### NORTHUMBERLAND 2 MIDDLESEX 7

B. Burn bt O. Haslam 18, -21, 15; lost to M. Sugden -11, 17, -10.  
A. Ransome lost to Haslam -14, -16; bt B. Petch -21, 21, 22.  
S. Lennie lost to Sugden -22, -17; lost to Petch -18, -19.  
Burn/Lennie lost to Haslam/Sugden -13, -16.  
Mrs. P. Clark lost to Mrs. K. Mathews -7, -11.  
P. Duncombe/Mrs. Clark lost to Petch/Mrs. Mathews -15, -12.

Middlesex given good start by "Les" Haslam and Malcolm Sugden, and Brian Petch (making singles debut in Premier) made it 3-0 by beating the wily Stuart Lennie. Both doubles and an easy win for Karenza Mathews took the score to 6-0 before Brian Burn opened the home account after three fast and furious games with Haslam. Final set also helter-skelter (and sometimes disputed) with Alan Ransome getting home by the narrowest of margins over Petch.

##### SUSSEX 4 ESSEX 5

P. Williams lost to D. Brown -21, -18; lost to R. Stevens -14, -18.  
R. Chandler lost to Brown -12, -16; bt D. Johnson 10, 18.  
S. Ogundice lost to Stevens -9, -9; bt Johnson -16, 13, 19.  
Chandler/Williams bt Brown/Johnson 16, -17, 16.  
Miss J. Williams bt Mrs. L. Radford 15, 17.  
Ogundice/Miss Williams lost to Stevens/Mrs. Radford -17, -19.

Essex missed Chester Barnes (poisoned foot). The vital set at 3-all with David Brown successful against Peter Williams in thrilling clash; Brown recovered from 18-20 in the 1st and 2-7 in the 2nd. Bobby Stevens showed much of his old sparkle when outclassing Sammy Ogundice.

##### YORKSHIRE 5 SURREY 4

D. Neale bt C. Warren 11, 15; lost to R. Penfold 16, -15, -15;  
A. Hydes bt Warren 9, -17, 10; bt B. Hill 8, 8.  
A. Clayton lost to Penfold -22, -23; bt Hill 19, 12.  
Hydes/Neale bt Hill/Penfold 13, 18.  
Miss L. Bashford lost to Mrs. M. Wright -13, 17, -17.  
Clayton/Miss Bashford lost to Warren/Mrs. Wright 22, -17, -19.

Very exciting match, and fine display by Ron Penfold with wins over Denis Neale and Tony Clayton (the latter the real highlight of the evening). Mary Wright seemed in command against Linda Bashford who then fought back to get rather close. Alan Hydes in form and the match a good advertisement for the game.

#### Second Division (South)

ESSEX II 4 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 6 MIDDLESEX II 6 HERTFORDSHIRE 4

A disappointing display by Middlesex against a Herts. team again without Trevor Taylor. Dave Gilbert had a good match for the visitors winning both singles and MD with Michael Harper, Marjorie Walker and Christine Mann saved the day for Middlesex.

#### Second Division (North)

CHESHIRE II 5 LINCOLNSHIRE 5 CUMBERLAND 2 DURHAM 8

With 5 sets needing a 3rd game this was closer than the score might suggest. Clarice Rose comfortably notched 3rd successive singles win and Bernard Hand also got one. Eddie Taylor outstanding for visitors.

LANCASHIRE 5 NORTHUMBERLAND II 5

#### Second Division (Midland)

GLAMORGAN 7 LEICESTERSHIRE 3 MONMOUTHSHIRE 2 STAFFORDSHIRE 8

Glenn Warwick and Co. in good form. Nice MD win for Haydn Thomas and Michael Nocivelli, but not much doubt about the final result.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 1 DERBYSHIRE 9

#### Second Division (West)

CORNWALL 2 GLOUCESTERSHIRE 8

Roy Morley head and shoulders above the rest, but given good run by John Basset and made to use all the available room. Both sides fielded junior as No. 2 woman (G. Wooton for Cornwall, G. Wetmore for Gloucs.) and both gave creditable displays. Cornwall unfortunate not to get more than 2 sets.

HAMPSHIRE 4 DEVON 6

David Davies the only Hants. player in form but full credit to Devon for a sparkling display. First County defeat in WD for Christine Davies and Pauline Edwards since November 1965—they went down -19, 12, -17 to Barbara Pearson and Mrs. N. Hollywood!

SOMERSET 6 DORSET 4

WILTSHIRE 2 WORCESTERSHIRE 8

Visitors better able to keep their balance on slippery floor. Mike Andrews played well on debut to win a singles and combined well with Kath Waters in XD. The hard bat defence of Brian Belcher and Mike Prosser a big stumbling block and carried Worcs. through.

#### Southern Division

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE II 6 OXFORDSHIRE 4 HAMPSHIRE II 10 WORCESTERSHIRE II 0

Good opening win by Keith Summerfield over Mike Prosser by -4, 19, 18 shows what an improved player he is against an experienced defender. The next three sets all close but then Worcs. appeared to lose heart except for Mick Yeates in furious battle with Chris Shetler.

BERKSHIRE 8 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE II 2

The division thrown wide open by this result. Worcs. II out of hunt, but pick the winners from the other four if you can!

OXFORDSHIRE 2 HAMPSHIRE II 8

#### Midland Division

DERBYSHIRE II 7 SHROPSHIRE 3

Not a high standard of play, but entertaining. After a dour start the 42-minute battle between D. Marples and Bert Hiscock (won by Hiscock 11, -19, 19) developed into a cliff-hanger with good attacking play from both players.

WARWICKSHIRE II 9 DENBIGHSHIRE 1

#### Eastern Division

HERTFORDSHIRE II 9 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 1

Herts. lucky to win WD from a game and 13-20 down. But their more experienced team had little further difficulty.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE 4 HERTFORDSHIRE II 6

Two good wins by Stephen Andrews, and first county defeat of season for Alan Ponder who fell -19, 25, -16 to Barry White. Herts. women undefeated and this proved the vital factor in the result.

NORFOLK 3 BEDFORDSHIRE 7

With the score at 3-all, A. Hipperson led Bill Astbury by a game and 10-5. "Hippo" changed his tactics, lost 19, -13, -13 and Norfolk fell away from here to defeat.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 4 HUNTINGDONSHIRE 6

Hunts. have waited since 1962 for this first-ever victory and all the players turned in good performances and played above themselves. The successful side was Alan Albon, Paul Charlton, Malcolm Stennett, David Obee (doubles), Evelyn Allinson and Barbara Webb. Well done!

#### Junior (South)

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 0 KENT 10

After a hammering in the first game Karen Mashford played well against Lynda Chesson but Kent's

superior team had a comfortable passage.

MIDDLESEX 10 BERKSHIRE 0

HAMPSHIRE 5 SURREY 5  
Poor "Skip" Iacona on debut trailed 0-19 to Paul Bishop in the opening game, then held him to 15-all in second before losing -2, -16. Bishop then fully extended by Colin Sargeant winning -12, 19, 18. The Howards also unbeaten but Surrey got no more — two good straight-games wins for Philip Crane.

#### Junior (North)

CUMBERLAND 4 DURHAM 6

A much better display by Cumberland who trailed 0-4 but fought back well. Main difference in the girls' events where Durham (Cynthia Waite and Brenda Murtagh) much superior.

LANCASHIRE 10 NORTHUMBERLAND 0

#### Junior (Midland)

DERBYSHIRE 0 LEICESTERSHIRE 10

Michael Barber and Ivor Warner came near to scoring a BD success, going under 23, -10, -16 to Andy Holdsworth and R. Neal. Leics. young girls doubles pair (S. Elsdon and K. Rogers) combined well and look good prospects.

WARWICKSHIRE 9 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 1

#### Junior (East)

BEDFORDSHIRE 7 SUFFOLK 3 ESSEX 9 CAMBRIDGESHIRE 1

A shock defeat for Ian Horsham by "unknown" John Willis gave Cambs. a 1-0 lead, but only one more game came their way. Three brother-sister pairs selected for this match in Robert and Janet Hellaby, Michael and Sheila Read, Micky and Gillian Locke but Robert Hellaby required for senior match and did not play.

HERTFORDSHIRE 10 HUNTINGDONSHIRE 0

A comparatively easy win for the Herts. side for whom Jane Hartwell played exceptionally well. A "bleeding" for Lena Williams, daughter of the County Coach. Paul Macarthur shaped well for visitors—this lad not afraid to go for his shots.

#### Junior (West)

WILTSHIRE 8 GLOUCESTERSHIRE 2

Helen Rusby a little fortunate to beat Gillian Wetmore 9, -16, 19 but did not lack the confidence to hit forehands late in the 3rd game. Richard Arney and Ken Harrison not extended—Gloucs. without 1 and 2 boys—and the sole boys success for the visitors gained by enthusiastic P. Drew.

WILTSHIRE 6 SOMERSET 4

Somerset may feel themselves robbed: from 4-all the last two singles were dreadfully close and both went to the home boys. Narrow win for Alan Bruce and Ken Harrison in BD by -12, 18, 19 which put Wilts. back in the match after trailing 1-3. Great efforts made by all players.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE 2 MONMOUTHSHIRE 8

An improved performance by Gloucs. against a strong visiting side. Two nice wins for Gillian Wetmore.

WORCESTERSHIRE 1 GLAMORGAN 9

Only XD went to Worcs., won by Trevor Davies and Patricia Woodward 15, -15, 18.