

## NISSEN INVITATION

by John Woodford

# 100% MALCOLM WINS NISSEN £100



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WHEN the next tournament played on the Nissen Tuck-Away tables is announced, the first entry form to be received should be from Scotland's No. 1 player Malcolm Sugden. The left-handed, pale-complexioned attacker from Edinburgh produced a winning forehand kill on this new surface which was faster than anything his three victims — Trevor Taylor, Chester Barnes and Alan Hydes could match.

The player who looked most likely to provide a Hadrian's Wall against the Scot's invasion was Taylor who swapped shot for shot with Sugden who won 24-22 third set. Taylor had to wait until the following day to get his revenge over Sugden — at the Sussex Open. Advancing to the semis, Malcolm then slashed his

way past a surprised Chester Barnes who was far from happy with the bounce. Any suggestions that the express hitting was difficult can be answered by the pace which Sugden obtained for his kill-shots.

The new England No. 3, Alan Hydes, heading towards a high temperature which caused him to scratch from the Sussex Open, fought his way to the final via "Connie" Warren and Mike Johns. Alan displayed his usual consistency and took the first set, but more big hitting from the Scot took him to a fine victory and a place in history as the first man to win £100 in an official tournament in this country.

True to form, Mary Wright became the first woman player to win £50

when she fought off another strong challenge from Jill Shirley just arrived back from Japan, in the final. Other early winners were Judy Heaps who accounted for Karenza Mathews and Pauline Pidcock who took care of Judy Williams by 7-30 p.m. Jill's challenge came early in the final when she held a game-point over Mary before losing 22-24. Jill, who substantiated her claim to the England No. 2 spot at this event, went on to win the second. In the third, Mary, as she so often does, really cut loose to win at 21-16.

Even so, Jill's thoughts might well be turning with envy to Mary's No. 10 world ranking . . . which is not such a distant target for Jill now as it was a year ago.

A big crowd gathered at Crystal Palace for the Nissen. One of the neatest touches of the night (apart from Sugden's kill) was the ease with which these tables are folded away. A mere touch of the hand and they spring into a vertical position ready to be wheeled away on castors! Chester Barnes also made a similar lightning exit!

### Scores:

#### MEN

##### Round 1:

C. J. Warren (Surrey) bt G. Davies (Wales) -17, 14, 15.

##### Round 2:

G. C. Barnes (Essex) bt J. Langan (Ireland) 18, 19;

M. Sugden (Scotland) bt T. Taylor (Herts.) -12, 18, 22;

M. Johns (Cheshire) bt B. D. Wright (Middx.) 13, 16;

A. Hydes (Yorks.) bt Warren 5, 11.

##### Semi-finals:

SUGDEN bt Barnes 16, -15, 16;

HYDES bt Johns -16, 6, 9.

##### Final:

SUGDEN bt Hydes -15, 18, 19.

#### WOMEN

##### Round 1:

P. Pidcock (Kent) bt J. Williams (Sussex) 16, 22.

J. Heaps (Cheshire) bt K. Mathews (Middx.) -9, 15, 19.

##### Semi-finals:

M. WRIGHT (Surrey) bt Pidcock 20, 8;

SHIRLEY bt Heaps 15, 12.

##### Final:

WRIGHT bt Shirley 22, -14, 16.

Quote from Scottish T.T.A. Secretary, Jimmie McCormack: "Great news for the Scots that Malcolm won the Nissen. It is 655 years since Bannockburn when a similar feat was performed by Robert the Bruce!"

## English Closed 1970

THIS season's English Closed Championships will be held at Eston, Teesside, on Thursday evening, January 1, all day Friday and the morning of Saturday, January 3 with the finals in the afternoon.

Umpires are needed for all sessions, particularly Friday, and offers of assistance, from those suitably qualified, should be made to either Cliff Darley, 13, The Booth, Pontefract, Yorks or Charles M. Wyles, 48, Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

A daily meal allowance of 15/- will be paid with bed and breakfast provided for those obliged to stay overnight. Travelling expenses will be paid at the rate of 50% for those persons journeying by train, and at 4½d. per mile for those using a car. If two or more share a car the full cost of petrol will be met.

### Bergmann ill

Richard Bergmann, four times world's singles champion, was taken ill while playing an exhibition match in Southport and is now in hospital on Merseyside.

### This month's Star Feature

# Belgian Open by Mary Wright



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## ALL IS NOT GOLD

RUMOUR had it that because no cash prizes were offered by the Manchester and District League, the incentive was not there for ranked players to participate in the North of England Open Championships.

Certainly the organisers were hard hit by the number of star players "on location" elsewhere, for no less than four ranked men and three women were in Antwerp concurrently with Denis Neale being in Japan.

Even so, a far from insignificant company still remained within the confines of our shores, and yet the sum total of ranked players who made the journey to Manchester amounted to five—two men and three women! A fourth woman did enter but had to be scratched for non-attendance.

Only a fortnight previously, the North Middlesex Open attracted all and sundry to Alexandra Palace, London, N.10 where a cash prize of £30 was on offer to the men's singles winner.

Irrespective of the points to be won in chase of the Coca-Cola Award—best illustrated by Linda Bashford's feat in obtaining 100 pts. as the result of her win over Mary Wright in the North Middlesex affair—the glitter of immediate gold would appear to be the all-powerful magnet.

But, as points are amassed in pursuit of the £300 sponsored award, other factors will become apparent when entry into even a minor or restricted open tournament might possibly be of vital significance.

Such, it is to be hoped, will be the outcome of the Points Scheme for affiliated players, to be used not only for the Coca-Cola Award but also in respect of the ranking list for open tournaments.

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# International Round-up

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

**NEALE GREAT IN JAPAN.** Denis Neale proved himself the outstanding European player during the recent tour of Japan, and thanks to him the European men's team achieved some quite respectable results against strong Japanese sides which included the world champion on several occasions. By courtesy of Reuters we are able to print the men's results in the Japan v. Europe series which were available at the time of going to press.

- Oct. 2—At Osaka:  
 Japan 5 Europe 2.  
 (Neale beat Tasaka and Kono).
- " 4—At Takematsu.  
 Japan 4 Europe 3.  
 (Neale beat Kono and Uzu).
- " 5—At Okayama.  
 Japan 4 Europe 3.  
 (Neale beat Kondo and Tasaka).
- " 6—At Hiroshima.  
 Japan 3 Europe 4.  
 (Neale beat Kondo and Abe).
- " 8—At Nagoya.  
 Japan 5 Europe 2.  
 (Neale beat Inoue).
- " 9—At Kyoto.  
 Japan 5 Europe 2.  
 (Neale beat Ajiro).
- " 12—At Toyama.  
 Japan 4 Europe 3.  
 (Neale beat Nishii).
- " 14—At Fukuoka.  
 Japan 5 Europe 2.  
 (Neale beat Nagaishi and Koga).
- " 16—At Morioka.  
 Japan 5 Europe 2.  
 (Neale bt Takaka).

(Full results will appear in the December issue)

Neale will be greatly helped this season by a new contract with John Jaques & Son which will enable him to concentrate on table tennis full time. Jaques are providing him with a guaranteed income that will enable Denis to play and train under the direction of team manager, Johnny Leach (who, on behalf of the E.T.T.A., negotiated the contract with Jaques) without job worries. This planned full-time programme will be designed to help Denis reach a peak at the time of the European Championships in Moscow in April.



Denis Neale  
 Photograph by Peter Madge

**JILL IS BACK.** Jill Shirley returned to England early in October following a most valuable period of training in Japan, made possible through the generosity of Koji Goto, President of the Japan T.T.A. One must allow Jill a short time of adjustment in England before judging how far this experience has helped her to take another step forward towards bigger things, but it can already be seen that her attack has greatly improved.



Jill Shirley in kimono arriving at London airport.

Photo by courtesy of Sandra Cutter Young Public Relations, London.

### SWEDES GOING TO JAPAN.

Sweden, who were the first European country to make extensive use of Japanese training methods are sending two of their young players — Bo Persson and Stellan Bengtsson (II) for two months training with Japanese players at Nihon University. Hans Alser, who for many years has been not only a world-class player but also one of Sweden's foremost coaches, has received an offer from Federal Germany to become a national coach for a two-year period. Germany are anxious to find a first-class replacement for the Yugoslav coach, Harangozo, who has achieved such outstanding successes for them, but who has decided that after such a long absence he must return to his family in Yugoslavia.



Hans Alser

Alser, who has already achieved success abroad as well as in Sweden, would be a splendid choice if he were

willing to accept, and whilst the Swedes would naturally be sorry to lose him for such a long period, it is known that they would not stand in the way of this opportunity should Alser decide to take it.

Meanwhile, we in England, despite our improving financial position, are still a long way from being able to afford a full-time foreign coach of this calibre. Early in 1968 the Department of Education and Science turned down a scheme we presented to them which would have enabled us to join with the other Home Countries in employing a Japanese coach for a limited period in the second half of that year. The Department did state, however, that they would be prepared to give consideration towards grant aiding the expenses involved in bringing a foreign coach to this country for a longer period. The amount of money involved in bringing a top-level coach to this country—air fares, a good salary, expenses—is considerable for E.T.T.A. circumstances, but one feels that grant aid of the required few thousand pounds would be amply repaid by much greater successes of our players, within a short time.

Years ago, English coaches such as Johnny Leach, Jack Carrington, and Harry Venner did much to help other countries get started and were considered as amongst the world's best. Today we are training a number of young coaches to become the successors to this tradition, but there will be a gap of a few years until they achieve this standard.

The Sports Council have indicated a greater interest in supporting applications for grant aid towards the employment of leading foreign coaches and this aspect of our development must be pursued. The lack of finance for such development at the present time means English players have to carry a heavy handicap compared with many foreign players.

Nevertheless, we shall continue to strive for—and I believe we shall achieve—success in the international field. But how much more we could do with a Harangozo, or Alser, or a top Asian coach, giving our coaches and players that extra experience, motivation and know-how!

### Ranking List

Hungary have issued a new ranking list as follows (previous positions in brackets):—

MEN: (1) Klampar; (2) Jonyer; (3) Borzsei; (4) Beleznai; (5) Timar and (6) Papp.

WOMEN: (1) Papp; (2) Kishazi; (3) Jurik; (4) Magos; (5) Poor and (6) Voros.

### Central Open (Falkirk)

FROM a smallish entry of under one hundred, Eric Sutherland won the men's singles event in the first open tournament of the Scottish season (writes Donald Maclean).

His opponent in the final, Glasgow policeman, John Hawkins survived a 6-15 deficit in his first round tie against young Tom MacFadden, also of Glasgow, but reached the final with a fairly comfortable victory over internationalist Peter Cameron in the semis.

## International Round-up cont.

Sutherland, showing benefit from several months' hard training, played within himself throughout the tournament. In addition to his singles success he also won the men's doubles partnered by Terry Forker.

Kathy Angus had to fight hard to win the women's singles, defeating young Elaine Smith in the final. Elaine had a very good tournament and appeared in four finals winning the women's doubles with Kathy Angus and the mixed with Richard Yule. She made David Charleston fight very hard for his junior title as he just scraped home by winning a very close third end.

### Details:

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

E. SUTHERLAND bt R. Kerr 14, -15, 17;  
J. HAWKINS bt P. Cameron -16, 18, 14.

**Final:** SUTHERLAND bt Hawkins -20, 11, 18.

#### Women's Singles Final:

K. ANGUS bt E. Smith 11, -18, 18.

#### Men's Doubles: Final:

FORKER/SUTHERLAND bt Kerr/Yule 15, 17.

#### Women's Doubles: Final:

ANGUS/SMITH bt P. Kerr/C. Macheath 9, 19.

#### Junior Singles: Final:

D. CHARLESTON bt Smith 15, -21, 19.

The 1969/70 Irish season opened with the annual Butlin tournament, and in the absence of the top Irish trio of Jim Langan, Tommy Caffrey and Joan Fitzsimons all the titles were exported, writes Kevin Drum. In the men's singles Tony Piddock reversed last year's result when he scored a straight sets victory over Ralph Gunnion. His wife, Pauline, also went one better when she beat Diane Simpson for the Ladies' title. The Piddocks, however, lost their Mixed title to the popular Gunnion/Simpson pairing. Piddock and Gunnion defeated locals Pat O'Brien and Mick Rice to win the Men's Doubles and interprovincials Betty Cody and Marie Martin were no match for Mrs. Piddock and Miss Simpson in the Ladies decider.

Ireland, promoted to Division 2 of the European League got off to an unfortunate start in their match against Belgium in Malines. The Irish team being delayed by fog both at London and Antwerp arrived at Malines only two hours before the match was due to begin, and had to go straight on without any practice. It was not surprising, therefore, that they lost by 5 to 2.

T. Caffrey lost to N. Van de Walle 17-21, 14-21. J. Langman bt F. Lanckman 24-22, 21-16. Miss J. Fitzsimons lost to Mdme. J. Detaille 15-21, 21-17, 14-21. Langan lost to Van de Walle 15-21, 10-21. Caffrey lost to Lanckman 18-21, 20-22. Langan and Caffrey bt Lackman and Beckart 21-14, 21-14. Langan and Miss Fitzsimons lost to Van de Walle and Detaille 22-20, 11-21, 18-21.

The team travelled on to Antwerp for the Belgium Open where Langan reached the quarter finals losing to Ebby Schoeler.

## EUROPEAN LEAGUE FIXTURES 1969/70

### Premier Division

Oct.	Fed. Germany v. <b>England</b>	Berlin	29.10.69
	Soviet Union v. Czechoslovakia	Moscow	28.10.69
	Sweden v. France	Trance	23.10.69
Nov.	<b>England</b> v. Hungary	Hove	20.11.69
	France v. Soviet Union	Paris	12.11.69
	Czechoslovakia v. Sweden	Prague	4.11.69
Dec.	<b>England</b> v. Soviet Union	Exeter	3.12.69
	Fed. Germany v. Czechoslovakia	(date and venue to follow)	
	Hungary v. France	Budapest	30.10.69*
Jan.	Sweden v. <b>England</b>	Borlange	9.1.70
	Hungary v. Fed. Germany	Budapest	10.2.70
	Czechoslovakia v. France	Dunajska Streda	30.1.70
Feb.	Soviet Union v. Hungary	Moscow	5.2.70
	France v. <b>England</b>	(venue to follow)	17.2.70
	Sweden v. Fed. Germany	Helsingborg	10.2.70
Mar.	Hungary v. Sweden	Budapest	11.3.70
	Fed. Germany v. Soviet Union	(date and venue to follow)	
	<b>England</b> v. Czechoslovakia	Felixstowe	3.3.70
Apr.	Soviet Union v. Sweden	(date and venue to follow)	
	Czechoslovakia v. Hungary	Ostrava	15.4.70
	France v. Fed. Germany	(date and venue to follow)	

### Second Division

Oct.	Denmark v. Austria	Vordingborg	16.10.69
	<b>Ireland</b> v. Netherlands	(venue to follow)	30.10.69
	Luxembourg v. Belgium	Luxembourg City	25.10.69
Nov.	Switzerland v. Denmark	Lausanne	1 or 8.11.69
	Belgium v. <b>Ireland</b>	Malines	10.10.69*
	Netherlands v. Luxembourg	Maassluis	15.11.69
Dec.	Denmark v. <b>Ireland</b>	Copenhagen	6.12.69
	Austria v. Switzerland	Vienna	13.12.69
	Belgium v. Netherlands	La Louviere	27.12.69
Jan.	<b>Ireland</b> v. Austria	(venue to follow)	8.1.70
	Netherlands v. Switzerland	Veghel	3.1.70
	Luxembourg v. Denmark	Luxembourg City	11.1.70
Feb.	Switzerland v. <b>Ireland</b>	Neuchatel	7 or 14.2.70
	Denmark v. Belgium	Arhus	21.2.70
	Austria v. Luxembourg	Vienna	21.2.70
Mar.	Netherlands v. Denmark	Voorburg	14.3.70
	Luxembourg v. Switzerland	Luxembourg City	28.2.70*
	Belgium v. Austria	Hannut	13.10.69*
Apr.	Switzerland v. Belgium	(venue to follow)	18 or 24.4.70
	Austria v. Netherlands	Vienna	3.2.70*
	<b>Ireland</b> v. Luxembourg	(venue to follow)	11.4.70

\* Please note these dates are outside the allocated period.

## Amateurism and Professionalism in Sport

IN the past, Government grant-aid has only been made to purely amateur organisations, but a recent Press Release from the Sports Council summarises a recommendation that sports organisations in Britain should move towards the progressive elimination of the terms amateur and professional in the regulations of their sport.

Paragraph 18 of the Sports Council release states "When the national sport so desires, or when the international federation or other supra-national body dictates, it may still be necessary to define the words for the purpose of eligibility for specified competitions. Such definitions would continue to give rise to some difficulties, evasions and infringements similar to those which occur at present, but at least the difficulties would be restricted in their occurrence to the context of the particular competition. The greater the area of sporting participation to which the preservation of a particular status was an irrelevance, the more open would financial arrangements become and hence, in the long run, the greater the difficulties of specific concealments.

"The complete avoidance of deceit and evasion will only be achieved by the recognition of open competition as the peak level of competition in every sport, but a substantial step forward will be achieved by the elimination of the words amateur and professional within the general regulations governing sport.

"The Sports Council hopes that each governing body will give urgent and careful consideration to ways in which it can help to avoid the inconsistencies, the anomalies and the abuses stemming from present regulations governing amateurism and professionalism. The Council also recognises the implications for its own terms of appointment, which made specific reference to amateur sport, which the Government will no doubt take into account in due course."

In his capacity as Hon. General Secretary of the International Table Tennis Federation, A. K. "Bill" Vint received a copy of the memorandum "Amateurism and Professionalism in Sport" from Mr. Walter Winterbottom, O.B.E., Director of The Sports Council.

In replying to Mr. Winterbottom enclosing an I.T.T.F. handbook, Mr. Vint wrote "You may be interested to know that for some 30 years we have accepted the principle of the terms amateur and professional not appearing in our regulations. We, of course, recognise that each Associa-

tion affiliated to our body has absolute discretion to regulate and determine its own practices, but we accept "players" in our World Championships and we are not concerned as to whether they are "amateur" or professional.

"A great many of our member associations (including the English Table Tennis Association) also accept the same principle."

### Obituary

#### Mr. A. J. Robinson (Robbie)

The death at The Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth, Hants. of Mr. A. J. Robinson (Robbie) on Sunday, August 31st, was a great shock to all those who knew him. He had suffered for a long time with Sciatica and Hernia trouble, which he never allowed to stand in the way of his coaching activities. He devoted his life to Table Tennis and the coaching of Junior players, involving travelling with the Bournemouth Junior Teams and arranging refreshments, etc. He was the mainstay behind the Merton Table Tennis Club, Bournemouth, and a long serving member of the Bournemouth Table Tennis Association and its former chief training officer.

It is impossible to realise the amount of work he put into Table Tennis and it will take many years, if ever, to replace Robbie. Indeed he will be greatly missed by both Bournemouth T.T.A. and Hampshire T.T.A., and in fact everyone who knew him.

## SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE sixth Annual Essex School Team Championships will be held at the Sir Charles Lucas Comprehensive School, Colchester, on Sunday, November 30th, 1969.

This will be the first occasion that the London Boroughs of Barking, Havering, Waltham Forest, Redbridge and Newham will not take part; they are holding their first independent tournament on the same day at a venue to be arranged.

Fifteen tables will be provided by the kind co-operation of John Jaques Limited and the event will be sponsored by the "Essex County Newspapers Limited" whose headquarters is situated in Colchester.

Amongst the teams taking part will be Colchester Royal Grammar School who will be aiming for a 'hat-trick' of wins in the Under-19 section, and St. Helena Secondary School who were National Runners-Up last year in the U-13 boys' competition.

### LIVESEY TO EMIGRATE

GEORGE LIVESEY, 27-years-old Lancashire County Player, from Burnley, is to emigrate to Australia later this year. In season 1959-60, George won the English Junior Open boys' singles title.



# Open Tournament Survey

by Tony Mosson, Laurie Landry and Geo. R. Yates



ETTA Chairman Conrad Jaschke presents Chester Barnes with the trophy and £30 cheque for winning the men's singles in the North Middlesex Open

PLAYED at Alexandra Palace on September 27-28, the North Middlesex Open proved a very exciting tournament with Linda Bashford in terrific form blasting through No. 1 seed Mary Wright in straight games. But she could do little against Pauline Piddock after her equipment and bat had been taken from a car. Steady Karenza Mathews won with consistency. She added the doubles and Mixed.

In the men's singles, Peter Taylor won a good match with "Les" Haslam in the first round but found David Brown too fast. Chester Barnes improved round by round and won a good final against Mike Johns fairly comfortably. What £30 does for Chester!

Three rather nice towels and a pair of pumps are with the organiser.

Up at Manchester, on October 10-11, in the North of England Open, Mike Johns took the men's singles event by the scruff of the neck and rung out an easy final victory over Roger Chandler, surprise conqueror of No. 3 seed Tony Clayton.

Peter Williams was another Johns' victim in the semis, but sister Judy retained her women's singles title by beating Linda Bashford in the semis and Shelagh Hession in the final.

Judy went on to partner her singles victim for a win in the women's doubles, the two solo artists returning for an encore duet in the Mixed.

Boys' singles winner was Alan Fletcher doing another "Newbury" in blasting Tony Boasman from the table in most convincing style. Susan Lisle had matters very much her own way in the girls' final against Jackie Dyer who had earlier won fame in beating Sylvia Broadbent, a Group "A" England Junior.

Another good win in the junior section was that accomplished by John Barton of Liverpool in ousting No. 3 seed Robert Hellaby, the No. 9 England Junior from Essex.

## Results of North Middlesex Open

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
C. J. WARREN (Surrey) bt P. Williams (Sussex) 14, 15; M. Johns (Ches.) bt T. Taylor (Herts.) 17, 16; G. C. Barnes (Essex) bt M. Sugden (Scotland) 18, 16; B. D. Wright (Middx.) bt D. Brown (Essex) 16, -18, 17.

**Semi-finals:**  
JOHNS bt Warren 27, -12, 18; BARNES bt Wright 16, 17.

**Final:** BARNES bt Johns 15, 14.

**Women's Singles: Semi-finals:**  
P. FIDDOCK (Kent) bt L. Bashford (Yorks.) 10, 12; K. MATHEWS (Middx.) bt J. Williams (Sussex) 17-9, 18.

**Final:** MATHEWS bt Piddock, 17, -15, 18.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
R. E. GUNNION (Warwks.)/WARREN bt R. Penfold (Surrey)/Williams 17, -17, 17; O. B. HASLAM (Middx.)/JOHNS bt M. Creamer (Surrey)/I. O. Harrison (Glous.) -15, 14, 15.

**Final:** HASLAM/JOHNS bt Gunnion/Warren 9, -17, 21.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
MATHEWS/WRIGHT bt J. Fitzsimons (Ireland/A. Taft (Middx.) 16, 14, PIDDOCK/M. ROBSON (Northald.) bt S. Hession (Essex)/Williams -23, -12, 16.

**Final:** MATHEWS/WRIGHT bt Piddock/Robson 16, 17.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
WRIGHT/WRIGHT bt T. Taylor/

Piddock 15, 19; BARNES/MATHEWS bt Johns/L. Howard (Surrey) 18, 11.  
**Final:** BARNES/MATHEWS bt Wright/Wright 18, 17.

**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
P. TAYLOR (Herts.) bt J. Dabin (Kent) -10, 12, 20; M. READ (Essex) bt R. Hellaby (Essex) -11, 15, 19.

**Final:** READ bt Taylor 13, -18, 24.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
S. HOWARD (Surrey) bt S. Beckwith (Essex) 12, 8; L. HOWARD bt A. Painter (Middx.) 8, 14.

**Final:** S. HOWARD bt L. Howard 13, 19.

**Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:**  
K. SNAITH (Kent) bt C. Endfield (Surrey) 7, 7; T. DONLON (Ches.) bt L. Heppell (Northld.) 13, 16.

**Final:** SNAITH bt Donlan 18, -19, 18.

## Results of North of England Open

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
M. Johns (Ches.) bt B. Parkinson (Lancs.) 12, 9; P. M. Williams (Sussex) bt J. R. Kedge (Yorks.) 11, -14, 19; B. Burn (Nthld.) bt D. Schofield (Ches.) 10, -16, 11; R. Chandler (Sussex) bt A. L. Clayton (Yorks.) -19, 16, 17.

**Semi-finals:**  
JOHNS bt Williams 15, 17; CHANDLER bt Burn 21, 23.

**Final:** JOHNS bt Chandler 18, 16.

**Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
J. Y. Williams (Sussex) bt O. Hawkins (Scotland) 9, 10; L. Bashford (Yorks.) bt D. Johnson (Lancs.) 22, 10; S. M. Hession (Essex) bt K. Perry (Warwks.) 12, 20; J. Nield (Lancs.) bt P. Lister (Yorks.) 13, 13.

**Semi-finals:**  
WILLIAMS bt Bashford 7, -16, 9; HESSION bt Nield 6, 13.

**Final:** WILLIAMS bt Hession 16, 12.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
B. HILL (Surrey)/D. MUNT (Warwks.) bt B. Johns/M. Johns (Ches.) 11, -7, 20; CHANDLER/WILLIAMS bt P. Glynn/P. Judd (Warwks.) -17, 21, 17.

**Final:** CHANDLER/WILLIAMS bt Hill/Munt 13, 15.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
J. CORNOCK (Warwks.)/L. FORKES (Yorks.) bt S. Broadbent (Yorks.)/K. Hill (Lancs.) 12, 15; HESSION/WILLIAMS bt P. Gleeson/S. M. Lisle (Lancs.) 12, 15.

**Final:** HESSION/WILLIAMS bt Cornock/Forkes 8, 16.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
M. JOHNS/WILLIAMS bt Judd/Perry 14, -18, 16; CHANDLER/HESSION bt A. Saunders/P. Hammond (Notts.) 7, 11.

**Final:** JOHNS/WILLIAMS bt Chandler/Hession 18, 16.

**Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
A. Boasman (Lancs.) bt L. Roberts (Lancs.) 15, 15; S. Heaps (Ches.) bt B. Johns (Ches.) 16, -21, 17; P. Abell (Yorks.) bt R. Broadmore (Warwks.) 15, 16; A. Fletcher (Yorks.) bt M. Hall (Warwks.) -16, 10, 20.

**Semi-finals:**  
BOASMAN bt Heaps 21, 15; FLETCHER bt Abell 18, 11.

**Final:** FLETCHER bt Boasman 9, 14.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
LISLE bt M. E. Jones (Wales) 4, 8; J. DYER (Ches.) bt Broadbent 6, 8.

**Final:** LISLE bt Dyer 6, 8.



After his victory Chester celebrates with a Coca-Cola

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## SUSSEX OPEN

by John Woodford

### CHESTER MAKES AMENDS

CHESTER BARNES must have thought he was in for an unlucky week-end beginning at Crystal Palace when he was shot out of the Nissen tournament big money by Malcolm Sugden. On Sunday night, however, he made amends when he won the men's singles final at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings, out-gunning Trevor Taylor, the holder, 18 and 15. This was Barnes' third Sussex title.

Barnes was never in serious trouble during the whole tournament, unlike some previous occasions when he fell by the wayside at this venue. Even in the semi-final against the mighty figure of "Les" Haslam, Chester sprayed the table with what seemed like hundreds of wrist-turning backhands forcing the big-hitting man from Middlesex and Jamaica into all sorts of folly. In the final, Taylor looked at times as if he might match Barnes in the all-action stakes, but in the end the extra-sharpness and accuracy of the Essex man paid off.

At the start of the finals, Mary Wright looked as though she was all set for a hat-trick of titles. Her famous forehand drive, from her backhand court to her opponent's backhand, was a winner time and time again. Her final opponent was again Jill Shirley who had Mary in some trouble on Friday evening. Not so this time, the Surrey player gave the contract-professional so little time to make her strokes that poor Jill found her normal sound game completely disorganised, leaving Mary the winner 13 and 12.

A strange combination of Bobby Stevens and Mary Wright won the mixed doubles, 19 and 18, over the more likely combination of Taylor and Pauline Piddock, which must be a tribute to the skill of stalwart Stevens who kept up with the stars as in days gone by.

The shock of the finals session came in the women's doubles when hot favourites Mary Wright and Karenza Mathews were favoured to overcome the wily choppers Judy Williams and Shelagh Hession. Mary and Karenza tried loop, top-spin and a few other ideas but the Sussex champion badly wanted to be the first Sussex player to win a Sussex Open final for many years. Miss Hession's chop was as good as ever, carrying the senior pair to another title which they did not expect to win.

Malcolm Sugden was the man most people were watching and most people wanted to know during the week-end. The strange fact was that his forehand, lethal at Crystal Palace did not pack the same punch at the seaside. In the quarters, he again found himself up against Taylor, in a battle of two left-handers, but this time Trevor turned the tables to win 21, -14, 17. The Scot, however, did well to reach the men's doubles final, partnered by Eric Coster, but it took only 10 minutes for Barnes and Taylor to win this title, 7 and 16, a lightning stroke of luck for the press men racing for the telephone!

**QUICK SHOTS** from HASTINGS — The absentees were Alan Hydes with a temperature over the 100 mark, "Connie" Warren with leg trouble and Ralph Gunnion away on business; there were no "expedite" matches

during the whole week-end—manufacturers of time clocks will soon be out of business; the biggest round of applause on the Saturday evening came after a Round 2 battle in the men's singles when the two top Sussex men Roger Chandler and Peter Williams clashed in Round 2. Williams led 19-16 in the third but Chandler then forced his great rival into errors to win 22-20.

The Sussex Open lived up to its reputation of attracting as many star players as any other county open, although the only "foreigners" were from Scotland, Sugden and Eric Sutherland. Although without a sponsor it badly needs, there was nearly £100 in prize money with £20 for the winner of the men's singles.

Something strange always seems to happen at the Sussex Open finals. After last year's scenes in the veterans final which is now staged earlier, this year's odd happening looked serious. At the moment of victory for Miss Williams and Miss Hession in the women's doubles final popular Brighton league chairman Paul Woosnam collapsed. Fortunately with the aid of a glass of water he recovered in a few minutes. It was the first Sussex win for many, many years!

## JUNIOR OPENS

### TRIUMPH FOR CHRISTINE MANN AND READ WINS AGAIN

IN many ways the Newbury Junior Open, played in the Corn Exchange on October 4/5, was a new look tournament. The set-up in the hall was altered to give six enclosed courts with improved room for spectators, and for the first time the programme was spread over two days.

The girls' singles was a triumph for Christine Mann, ranked No. 6 in the country for she beat the England No. 2 Sue Beckwith whose attack was not firing on all cylinders.

Defence was scored in the boys' finals, in which Alan Fletcher beat Robert Hellaby, for the two contestants perched like vultures on the ends of the table and tore into anything that was within reach.

At the British Aircraft Canteen, Stevenage on October 19, Michael Read followed up his win in the North Middlesex Open by winning the North Herts. Junior. In a long day, Michael seemed to last out better than Peter Taylor (England No. 3) in the semi and John Dabin (No. 2) in the final.

Susan Beckwith made up for the Newbury Junior defeat by winning the girls' event. There were many outstanding young players in the U-11 and U-13 events. Results:

### NEWBURY JUNIOR OPEN

#### UNDER-17 EVENTS

**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
A. FLETCHER (Yorks.) bt I. Horsham (Essex) 17, 19;  
R. HELLABY (Essex) bt M. Harper (Herts.) 16, 17.  
**Final:** FLETCHER bt Hellaby 13, -22, 16.  
**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
C. MANN (Middx.) bt L. Pacitto (Bucks.) 15, -15, 12;



## JUNIOR OPENS cont.

S. BECKWITH (Essex) bt L. Chesson (Kent) 14, 17.  
**Final:** MANN bt Beckwith 15, -14, 14.

**Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
HARPER/D. RAWLINSON (Herts.) bt P. Bishop (Surrey)/M. Locke (Essex) 16, 18;

N. FULSTOW (Yorks.)/P. TAYLOR (Herts.) bt G. Bloomfield (Essex)/J. Randall (Leics.) 19, -19, 13.  
**Final:** HARPER/RAWLINSON bt Fulstow/Taylor 16, -15, 14.

**Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
S. HAMILTON/A. PAINTER (Middx.) bt Chesson/S. M. Lisle (Lancs.) 15, 18;

J. HELLABY/S. READ (Essex) bt Mann/Pacitto -9, 12, 17.  
**Final:** HAMILTON/PAINTER bt Hellaby/Read 19, 20.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
P. GUTTORMSEN (Kent)/CHESSON bt D. Jemmett (Middx.)/Hamilton 13, 17;

TAYLOR/MANN bt Fletcher/Lisle 8, -19, 17.

**Final:** TAYLOR/MANN bt Guttormsen/Chesson 18, 21.

### UNDER-15 EVENTS

**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
HORSHAM bt R. Aldrich (Middx.) 14, -19, 16;

TAYLOR bt R. Morris (Herts.) 15, -20, 18.

**Final:** TAYLOR bt Horsham 13, 16.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
HELLABY bt G. Macrae (Surrey) 14, 6;

L. JONES (Wales) bt Locke 18, 15.  
**Final:** HELLABY bt Jones 15, 18.

**Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
HORSHAM/TAYLOR bt D. Dino-Smith (Kent)/M. Wright (Yorks.) 18, -22, 15;

M. BAWDEN (Essex) / K. MATTHEWS (Berks.) bt A. Bawden (Essex)/M. Thorne (Sussex) 14, 11.

**Final:** HORSHAM / TAYLOR bt Bawden/Matthews 4, -20, 9.

**Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
HELLABY/READ bt Jones/C. Smith (Berks.) -19, 10, 20;

J. DYER/J. GREEN (Ches.) bt S. Elsdon (Leics.)/K. Rogers (Leics.) 13, 19.

**Final:** HELLABY/READ bt Dyer/Green 8, 15.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
WRIGHT/LOCKE bt Taylor/Read 7, 21;

HORSHAM/HELLABY bt D. Starkie (Glouc.)/G. Taylor (Essex) 14, 16.

**Final:** HORSHAM/HELLABY bt Wright/Locke 18, 17.

### UNDER-13 EVENTS

**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
B. MATTHEWS (Berks.) bt D. Bangarter (Surrey) 13, -15, 21;

DINO-SMITH bt K. James (Devon) 17, -19, 16.

**Final:** DINO-SMITH bt Matthews 9, 9.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
E. TARTEN (Essex) bt K. Mashford (Bucks.) -18, 19, 19;

ROGERS bt S. Harding 16, 16.

**Final:** TARTEN bt Rogers 16, -9, 16.

### UNDER-11 EVENT

**Singles: Semi-finals:**  
M. THIRKETTLE (Yorks.) bt D. Newman (Essex) 19, 19;

C. ROGERS (Leics.) bt R. Jermyn (Herts.) 15, 14.

**Final:** ROGERS bt Thirkettle 9, 10.

## NORTH HERTS. JUNIOR

### U-17 EVENTS

**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
M. READ (Essex) bt P. Taylor (Herts.) 15, 18;

J. DABIN (Kent) bt D. Parker (Lancs.) 7, 17.

**Final:** READ bt Dabin 19, 15.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
S. BECKWITH (Essex) bt S. Hamilton (Middx.) -16, 11, 7;

P. BRENCHLEY (Kent) bt S. M. Lisle (Lancs.) 20, 16.

**Final:** BECKWITH bt Brenchley 17, 15.

**Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
R. ALDRICH (Middx.)/P. GUTTORMSEN (Kent) bt G. Harding (Berks.)/M. Harper (Herts.) 19, 6;

DABIN/S. ENDERSBY (Kent) bt Read/Taylor 22, -18, 21.

**Final:** ALDRICH/GUTTORMSEN bt Dabin/Endersby 18, 16.

**Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
BECKWITH/HAMILTON bt L. Chesson (Kent)/Lisle 13, 14;

C. MANN (Middx.)/L. PACITTO (Bucks.) bt K. Bashford (Bucks.)/E. Tarten (Essex) 7, 9.

**Final:** BECKWITH/HAMILTON bt Mann/Pacitto 16, 18.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
GUTTORMSEN/CHESSON bt Dabin/Brenchley 10, -8, 11;

HARDING/HAMILTON bt D. Rawlinson/M. Carter (Herts.) 18, -19, 18.

**Final:** GUTTORMSEN/CHESSON bt Harding/Hamilton 15, 17.

### U-15 EVENTS

**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
TAYLOR bt M. Foulkes (Lancs.) 18, 21;

GUTTORMSEN bt M. Wright (Yorks.) 17, 10.

**Final:** TAYLOR bt Guttormsen 11, 19.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
PACITTO bt S. Elsdon (Leics.) 17, -18, 15;

G. LOCKE (Essex) bt G. Macrae (Surrey) -14, 12, 15.

**Final:** PACITTO bt Locke 17, 19.

**Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
TAYLOR/J. WILSON (Essex) bt Aldrich/R. Morris (Herts.) -18, 18, 15;

GUTTORMSEN / J. KITCHENER (Suffolk) bt J. Fuller (Norfolk)/B. Hutchinson (Beds.) 19, 14.

**Final:** TAYLOR/WILSON bt Guttormsen/Kitchener 13, 21.

**Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
J. HOLTAM (Kent)/LOCKE bt L. Harvey (Essex)/C. Stowell (Sussex) 15, 13;

ELSDON/K. ROGERS (Leics.) bt S. Harding/K. Morton (Herts.) 16, 12.

**Final:** HOLTAM/LOCKE bt Elsdon/Rogers 19, -16, 15.

### U-13 EVENTS

**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
KITCHENER bt A. Barden (Middx.) 17, 16;

D. DINO-SMITH (Middx.) bt M. Mitchell (Middx.) 10, 18.

**Final:** KITCHENER bt Dino-Smith -14, 22, 17.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
A. TERRY (Sussex) bt C. Randall (Sussex) 9, 12;

ROGERS bt Tarten 13, 4.

**Final:** TERRY bt Rogers 22, 18.

### U-11 EVENTS

**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
BARDEN bt A. Williams (Berks.) 12, 9;

C. ROGERS (Leics.) bt B. Wilson (Essex) -14, 22, 18.

**Final:** BARDEN bt Rogers 7, -18, 13.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
L. HOLTAM (Kent) bt L. Booth (Herts.) 5, 12;

L. WALES (Sussex) bt C. Reeves (Berks.) 12, 14.

**Final:** HOLTAM bt Wales 16, 14.

## The 8th Maccabiah Games

by Alan Shepherd

### INGBER A WINNER IN ISRAEL

Lancashire's Jeff Ingber figured prominently on the table tennis scene in the 8th Maccabiah Games—held every four years—reaching the final of the men's singles event and combining with the former Middlesex player Irene Ogus (now a resident of the U.S.A.) in winning the mixed doubles.

In the final of the women's singles, Miss Ogus lost to Susy Javor, eight times Australian women's champion. Mrs. Javor can also boast eleven successive Victorian women's singles titles which makes her the most outstanding woman player in Australian table tennis history. A former Hungarian international player, she now lives in Melbourne.

Host country Israel won the men's team event beating England's Jack Bender, Melvin Waldman and Ingber by the comfortable margin of 5-1.

**Results:**  
**Team Championships: Pool 'B'**  
England 5-2; bt South Africa 5-2; bt Belgium 5-4; bt Greece 5-0; bt Finland 5-0; bt Venezuela 5-0.

**Final Placings were:**  
Israel 1—Gold Medals

Gt. Britain 2—Silver Medals

Belgium 3—Bronze Medals

Argentina 4—Bronze Medals

**Men's Singles: Round 1:**  
J. Ingber bt Arouh (Greece) 3, 3, 3;

M. Lissen bt Shylot (Sweden) 7, 9, 14.

J. V. Bender lost to Joshua (Israel) 16, -9, -19, -12.

M. Waldman lost to Bernstein (Israel) -5, -15, -11.

A. Shepherd lost to Roth (Brazil) -10, -13, -8.

**Round 2:**  
Ingber bt Chusyd (Brazil) 14, 14, 5.

Lissen lost to Rosmarin (Belgium) -20, -10, -16.

**Round 3:**  
Ingber bt Polocek (Australia) 17, 19, -20, -13, 16.

**Round 4:**  
Ingber bt Bernstein (Israel) -17, 14, 16, 17.

**Semi-final:**  
Ingber bt Pasternak (Israel) 16, 17, 20.

**Final:**  
Ingber lost to JOSHUAH (Israel) -15, 15, 16, -15, -17.

**Men's Doubles: Round 1:**  
Lissen / Waldman bt Dobrovski / Shylot (Sweden) 9, 11.

Albert (Israel) / Shepherd bt Neusfaum/Shalev (Israel) 18, 12.

**Round 2:**  
Lissen / Waldman bt Shoeg / Stein (Israel) 20, 15.

Albert / Shepherd lost to Reisman / Roth (Brazil) -6, -10.

**Round 3:**  
Lissen/Waldman bt Reisman/Roth -14, 5, 15.

Bender/Ingber lost to Schlachet (Sweden)/Yaakobi (Israel) 17, -12, -12.

**Semi-final:**  
Lissen/Waldman lost to Bukiet (USA)/Polocek (Australia) -18, 17, -19.

**Final:**  
JOSHUAH/SHIFMAN (Israel) bt Bukiet/Polachek 16, 19.

**Mixed Doubles: Round 3:**  
Ingber/Ogus bt Pasternak/Edles (Israel) -18, 8, 13.

**Semi-Final:**  
Ingber/Ogus bt Zacharias/Steklol (Israel) 10, 18.

**Final:**  
INGBER/OGUS bt Shifman/Hecht (Canada) 11, 11.

**Women's Singles:**  
**Final:**  
S. JAVOR (Australia) bt Ogus 10, 23, 8.



## Chuang returns

Fears that China's former world champion, Chuang Tse-Tung, was lost to the game forever were dispelled by a report which appeared in the 'Daily Telegraph' on October 23.

Therein appeared the news of Chuang's return beating Chang Hsieh-lins in a "dazzling power game" before 20,000 people in Peking's Capital Stadium.

Great news indeed especially if China are again contemplating a return to international competition.

# TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date	Title and Venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Nov. 16	Hastings Tigers Restricted Open.		Mr. J. F. Wyles, 48a, Eversfield Pl., St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.
.. 16	Portsmouth Open, Wimbledon Park Hall, Southsea.		Mr. P. Goldring, 52, Winter Road, Southsea, Hants.
.. 22	Cumberland Open, Moorclose School, Moorclose Estate, Workington.	JBS JGS	Mr. R. Rigg, 4, Tower Hill, Loop Road South, Whitehaven, Cumb.
.. 22/23	Southend Open, King Edward School, Vaughan Close, Rochford, Essex.	JBS JGS VS	Closing Date: 11th Nov., 1969. Mr. M. D. Watts, "Gleneagles," 25, Church Green, Sycamore Way, Canewdon, Essex.
.. 22/23	Woodfield Restricted Open, Woodfield Club, Wolverhampton, Staffs.	JBS JGS JD VS	Mr. J. Robbins, 18, Beckminster Rd. Penn, Wolverhampton.
.. 23	East of Scotland Open.		Mr. J. M. McCormack, 2, Bramdean Place, Edinburgh 10.
.. 28/29	Bangor Open.		Mr. T. Huggins, 18, Fairview Gdns., Bangor, C. Down.
.. 29/30	Newbury Open, Corn Exchange, Market Place, Newbury.	VS	Mrs. G. M. Smith, Greenacres, Pinchington Lane, Newbury, Berks.
Dec. 6	Cardiff Open.		Mr. W. Clement, 9, Montgomery St., Roath Park, Cardiff, Glam.
.. 6	Yorkshire Open, Sheffield Wednesday F.C., Hillsborough, Sheffield.	VS	Mr. F. Briggs, 10, Merton Gardens, Farsley, Pudsey, LS28 5DZ, Yorks.
.. 7	Wessex Restricted Open, Houndstone Camp, Yeovil, Somerset.	JBS JGS JBD JGD JXD VS	Mr. K. F. Palmer, 12, Barton Gardens, Sherborne, Dorset.
.. 20/21	Middlesex Open, Swiss Cottage Centre, London, N.W.3.	JBS JGS VS	Miss I. Moss, 49 Okehampton Rd., Kensel Rise, London, N.W.10.

Closing dates approximately 14 days prior to event.

## HOW THE SPHERES MOVE FOR YOU in NOVEMBER

by Stellar

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

Your Zodiacal sign is Scorpio, your planet Mars.

Important decisions loom large in the life of Scorpios this month but **don't let other people interfere.** Progress is all important and any Table Tennis plans should be carried out as soon as possible.

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

Your Zodiacal sign is Sagittarius, your planet Jupiter.

The true Sagittarian is a "dabbler"—he's inclined to have too many interests all going at the same time, so that Table Tennis has to take second place. But as this is a good month for sport generally, they would do well to put T.T. at the top of the list.

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

Your Zodiacal sign is Capricorn, your planet Saturn.

Being born under Saturn, Capricornians don't always have the best of luck where work and play are concerned, and often are not as fit as they would like to be. But good news, a Table Tennis win seems likely for you this month.

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

Your Zodiacal sign is Aquarius, your planet Uranus.

Don't expect life to be on an even keel—it never is for Aquarians, though one can never call it dull! But keep out of family arguments, please. Instead put your genius for running things to good use and help at the local tournament.

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

Your Zodiacal sign is Pisces, your planet Jupiter.

Pleasure-seeking Pisceans have a lucky period in front of them. Their

eagerness to "have a go" at things pays off. In fact, a coveted Table Tennis prize may come their way!

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

Your Zodiacal sign is Aries, your planet Mars.

The trouble with typical Aries people is that they are more enthusiastic than logical, and this month is no exception. But if your T.T. is not showing any improvement your obvious plan is to take some lessons. It will work wonders!

### Born between Apr. 21 and May 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Taurus, your planet Venus.

Taureans, being close to the Aries type, also have an abundance of vitality but in their case must be careful not to overdo things. While their constitution is strong, their hearts can get over-strained. But it's a good time for Taurean partnerships. Choose from "Virgo" or "Capricorn" people for your next Doubles partner.

### Born between May 21 and June 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Gemini, your planet Mercury.

Geminians often have dual personalities and for that reason are hard to understand. Things seem to happen to them in twos—two jobs to do at once, two appointments to keep, two decisions to make. This makes them irritable and restless but fortunately Table Tennis has a therapeutic affect on them.

### Born between June 21 and July 20.

Your Zodiacal sign is Cancer, your planet the Moon.

If Cancer people can only overcome their "Moon-moodiness" this month, they will have a very happy time, both at work and play. It's a good time for trying out new ideas and things, so get that new T.T. bat and see the improvement it makes in your game!

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

Your Zodiacal sign is Leo, your planet the Sun.

Lovely Leos, how kindly the Sun shines upon them. They can't help feeling important and they are so attractive and commanding at times, one forgives them a slight haughtiness. Some Table Tennis ambitions fulfilled for Leos towards the end of the month.

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

Your Zodiacal sign is Virgo, your planet Mercury.

Typical Virgos are cool customers, unflappable, quietly getting on with the job. Their Table Tennis may not be spectacular but they manage to get to the top unobtrusively. Incidentally, Virgos should take care with their diet and **never** play Table Tennis after a big meal.

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

Your Zodiacal sign is Libra, your planet Venus.

Though Librans are more attracted to the arts than sport, they can become very good at Table Tennis if they feel like it. They love the entertainment side of it, and their combination of good looks and charm make them popular T.T. personalities. Aquarians make them good partners.

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## NOTHING NEW

I HAVE read Mr. Ford's letter in your October issue. It adds nothing to the topic under discussion, in fact the subject of the correspondence is not mentioned. However, it does demonstrate Mr. Ford's ability to reconcile conflicting principles; one moment he calls a correspondent a 'crank' because he does not write under his own name, the next he criticises Geoff James for allegedly trying 'to impress by using his official position'. It was because 'a mere County Umpire' did not wish to try to give weight to his view by mentioning his name, but to let it be judged on its own merit, that he used a nom-de-plume.

I have nothing to add to the points enumerated by Geoff. James, whose letter I am sure gave reassurance to many competent but unqualified, except to say that, when umpiring, I like to feel confident that the Referee will back me so long as I am right, and such confidence does not come automatically because the Referee is a National Umpire.

'a mere County Umpire'

## "THANKS FOR THE MEMORY"

I SPENT a most enjoyable weekend at the North of England Open and feel my impressions would not be amiss. It is only the third senior tournament I have visited in the north but what an excellent venue. Plenty of space for the 14 tables and, more important, no cramping in a vast spectator area.

Expeditious is the only word to describe the organisation which went like clockwork with the various officials carrying out their duties as though they knew them backwards. Little wonder, methinks, for I would guess many had performed such tasks for many years previously.

There were not many "star" players involved but, frankly, I do not mind attending a tournament as such for it provides the chance to see the "lesser lights". After all, they are really just as important—a fact that is often overlooked.

Refreshment facilities were excellent, the canteen being open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. with every kind of normal refreshment and, yes, Coca-Cola too in plentiful supply.

I had occasion to be introduced to many officials of both League and County status and I could not have been made more welcome. I met people who were just "names" to me in connection with my duties in the E.T.T.A. office, and it was wonderful to meet them in person.

Such visits are really beneficial for personal contact means so much. I will not mention any names, but I would like to thank them all for their kindness and to assure them, that from my humble view, the day proved an unqualified success.

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## THE 100 CLUB

HAVING taken over the Secretaryship of the 100 Club, following the resignation of Walter Mitton, I would like to remind readers of the existence of the Club and its objects and activities.

The Membership subscription is £12 per annum, by Bankers Order monthly, and gives the right to participate in a draw held three times a year at which the prizes are £100, £50 and £10. Each draw is held at an informal dinner to which a celebrity guest speaker is invited.

After prizes have been deducted, the balance from subscriptions is paid into the E.T.T.A. funds, so in addition to the social side, the Club is a source of revenue to the Association. As an additional service to the members, the money raised for the E.T.T.A. is invested in Premium Bonds and 50% of any prize will be handed back to the current members of the Club.

At the last draw, held in London on July 4th, 1969, the lucky winner of the £100 was Dave Robson, the National Councillor for Northumberland. Mr. G. Collins of Didcot, Berks., won £50 and Mr. S. H. Crevald of Windsor won the £10. On that occasion Sam Kydd, the television actor, was the guest speaker and he lived up to his well deserved reputation.

The next dinner and draw will be held after the finals of the English Closed, at Eston, and will be at the Princess Royal Hotel, Scarborough, on Saturday, January 3rd, 1970. It promises to be a sumptuous affair.

We would very much like to start 1970 with the full membership of 100, and to achieve this aim a further 25 members are required. Although the present membership is fairly widespread, there are several areas from which representation would be most welcome.

The Club gives an opportunity to people who would like to have a link with the Association, even though maybe retired from more active service, with the added chance of winning £100.

Further details of the Club or membership forms will be supplied on request; just drop a line to the E.T.T.A. office and help us whilst perhaps helping yourself.

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## PRESS OFFICER (MIDLANDS)

To those County Publicity Officers who were unable to attend the E.T.T.A. Conference at Sheffield, may I remind them that I have recently been appointed to the above position. I want this to be a very active job and with your help, I am sure it will be.

You will notice I have used the word Publicity, for it was felt at the conference that the word press rather limited our activities.

As well as the Midland Counties for which I am now responsible, may I appeal to all other counties in the North and South to change this word press to publicity.

My main concern at the moment is to get as much publicity in Midland newspapers as possible. Most of the delegates I spoke to at Sheffield were satisfied with the amount of space they were getting in the local press, but like Warwickshire, and to a lesser extent Worcestershire, you may have a problem. It is these people I want to hear from.

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## RANKING v. SEEDING

Although very few players are likely to benefit from the Coca-Cola Award Scheme, explained by Mr. Blunn in his article in the October edition, it does all sound very interesting. However, as only 12 men and 12 women have been ranked, one cannot help wondering how the unranked thousands are ever going to collect their bonus points for "beating a higher ranked English player".

If the Ranking List was suitably extended, I would probably get in at about No. 9,862 and it occurs to me that if I could catch Ron Penfold (No. 12) on an off-day I could earn myself 98,500 points and the £100 first prize. Can it be that easy?

ALAN SHEPHERD.

10, Woodedge Close,  
Forest Side,  
Chingford, E.4.

Tom Blunn replies "I would not dispute Mr. Shepherd's assessment of his ranking but no doubt the player ranked at 9,863 would object. And the father of the junior ranked at 9,864 would conduct correspondence with the Selection Committee for the rest of the season. However, Mr. Shepherd can rest content in the knowledge that he is a much better player than he thinks. In fact he is ranked No. 13 in England, along with 79,988 others, all equal. So, if he continues to beat Ron Penfold in an off-day, he would be rewarded by 10 points only, so stop training Alan and send the coach packing."

## From W. Mitton for Table Tennis News

I WOULD like to make it known that I recognise I have done a grievous wrong to the E.T.T.A. and that the sentence of life suspension is justified.

I would also like it known that if any letters are received by Table Tennis News in my defence, I do not wish these to be published, as I consider the sentence to be just and there is nothing further to be said.

WALTER MITTON.

16, The Whins,  
Newby, Scarborough,  
Yorkshire.

## PRICED OUT

Why so much emphasis on increased prize money in Open Tournaments? This might suit a limited number of players at the top but the game must be losing the future services of many up-and-coming players who cannot afford the increased entry fees as well as travel and accommodation expenses for players living outside the main centres. I have just received forms for the Birmingham Open — the entry fees will make it a Closed Tournament for the few.

E. ALLINSON (Mrs.).

71 Wollaston Road,  
Westwood,  
Peterborough,  
Northants.

## OUT OF ORBIT ?

WAS your tongue in your cheek when you introduced that "What the stars foretell" feature in the October issue of "Table Tennis News"? I must confess my thoughts on seeing it were, "Shall we have an Aunt Mabel's column for the love-lorn in next month's issue?"

If it is meant to be serious, I would suggest that there are better (table tennis) things to put in the magazine; if it is meant to be a joke, I still think it is out of place.

Please do not take offence at my remarks, but I felt I had to get them off my chest.

A. W. A. LEIGH.

38, Haringey Park,  
Crouch End,  
London, N.8.

*Our horoscope suggested such a feature might be well received. But — we could be wrong. What do other readers think? Ed.*

## CHARLES HYPNOTISED !

ONE of the most amusing incidents of the Sheffield week-end happened at the Cavendish Club, the city's sumptuous night-spot. Charles Wyles, chairman of the E.T.T.A.'s Tournaments Committee was a member of a small party from the conference who visited Sheffield's impressive night-spot 'The Cavendish'.

The cabaret included a hypnotist who, at the end of his act, asked the 300 people present to lock their fingers over their heads. About two dozen people including Charles then found their hands were well and truly locked in this position!

The table tennis delegates had visions of Charles being taken back to Halifax Hall in this undignified position! Fortunately, Charles then appeared on the stage with the other victims and was 'de-hypnotised' in time to enjoy his midnight supper—scampi and chips!



# OFFICIAL NEWS

AT their meeting on 27th September, 1969, the National Council received a detailed report from the Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and the Management Committee about the facts which led to the resignation of Mr. W. Mitton from all E.T.T.A. posts.

The National Council have suspended Mr. Mitton for life.

The following officials have been elected to fill vacancies arising from this:

Chairman of Home Programme Co-ordination Committee: C. M. Wyles  
 Chairman of European Junior Championships Committee: T. Blunn  
 Vice-Chairman of European Junior Championships Committee:

C. M. Wyles  
 C.T.T.C. Representative:

A. M. Lijinsky  
 Northern Coaching Panel: G. R. Yates

Fund Raising Schemes:  
 To be administered from the E.T.T.A. Office, with Mrs. Betty Shipley carrying out the work involved in the Master Points Scheme and Lottery, and A. W. Shipley as Secretary to the 100 Club.

## Amateurism/Professionalism

Elsewhere in the magazine reference has been made to Sports Council views on this subject. It has been reported, however, that Local Sports Councils have refused to recognise Table Tennis because it is not a strictly "amateur" sport. The support received from the Sports Council does show that we are recognised but if problems of this nature arise at local level they should be reported to the E.T.T.A..

## Yellow Table Tennis Balls

The National Council emphasised that yellow balls had not been approved for play in approved competition other than the English Closed Championships and this was agreed with a proviso that the balls would be available for practice beforehand. There is, however, nothing to stop players using them for practice purposes or training.

It is possible that the National Council would approve the balls for other competitions on application, provided proper control could be exercised over the experiment. It was emphasised that the yellow ball was

only at experimental stage at the present time.

## National Club Competition

With reference to Regulation 23 of this competition, the National Council feel that they are unable to finance teams taking part in the International Club competition.

A re-draft of this regulation will be sent to all entrants in the competition.

## Regional Facilities

The Sports Council have asked all governing bodies to submit by 30th November, recommendations for Regional Centres for their sport. The E.T.T.A. Equipment Committee have been entrusted with this task and have already drawn up plans for one of the centres which could also be considered as a National Headquarters including office accommodation. It is envisaged that these facilities would be based on centres of large population and would probably total six in number.

It is emphasised that, at the present time, this is simply an exercise being carried out on behalf of the Sports

Council but the research involved will enable the Association to give a valuable brief to architects and local authorities when planning sports buildings which will incorporate table tennis facilities.

## Electoral Register

ONLY those Leagues whose affiliation fees are paid on the 1st of January will be eligible to take part in Officer and National Councillor elections. Each Local League and County Association will be sent a copy of the Register by January 10th and they will have until the 20th of January to challenge the accuracy of the Register. Once established, the Electoral Register will define who is entitled to participate in an election.

## Players' Permission

At a recent meeting of the Home Countries, it was agreed (and subsequently approved by the National Council) that, with the exception of members of the E.T.T.A. International squads, no special permission would be required by members wishing to play in Ireland, Scotland or Wales. Previously, this 'blanket' permission applied only to Wales and the relevant Regulations will be amended in due course.

Players in the E.T.T.A. International squads will still be required to obtain permission to participate in any tournaments outside England.



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# Sheffield Conference

by The Editor

## ALL ROADS LED TO HALIFAX HALL

AT the beginning of last season, the E.T.T.A. set up a Publicity Committee under the chairmanship of A. K. "Bill" Vint, O.B.E., and from this body germinated the idea which blossomed into a full scale Conference at the University of Sheffield's Halifax Hall over the weekend of September 19-21.

The sub-committee felt that by bringing together people concerned with table tennis publicity in all parts of the country, and by exchanging views and experiences, and also by hearing at first hand about the problems encountered by national journalists, an important step towards the possibility of increasing overall newspaper coverage of our sport would be made.

Further incorporating an exchange of views on many other matters directly or indirectly bearing on publicity, the important subject of improved presentation at Open Tournaments was also platformed.

The Conference was opened on the Friday evening by E.T.T.A. Chairman Conrad Jaschke who also addressed the delegates on the international scene as well as introducing the various speakers.

Split sessions followed throughout Saturday when, on the Publicity front, "Bill" Vint gave a talk on "Press Relations" and Sydney Hulls of the Daily Express had "What do Sports Columnists require from Press Officers?" as his subject.

Sydney's was light-hearted stuff but emphasis was laid onto his four A's which were AIMS, ACCURACY, AVAILABILITY and ATTITUDE. But as John Woodford would have it "visualise the Sports Desk at the Express with 40 phones all ringing—that is why sometimes you may not be able to get a reply!"

Coincidentally with the foregoing sessions, Tom Blunn held an audience on "The grading of Open Tournaments" and George White unfolded "The duties of a Tournament Referee" to an open mouthed gathering.

Saturday afternoon continued with Jack Thompson, of B.B.C. Radio

Sheffield, taking as his topic "Sports broadcasts on local radio stations whilst in the adjoining room Albert Shipley and I discoursed on "Tournament organisation—methods old and new".

It was then back to the press again with John Woodford, E.T.T.A. Press Officer (South), enlightening his audience on "The work of a County Press Officer" with tapes being run on his own broadcasts from Radio Brighton.

Geoffrey Harrower of the Daily Telegraph then commanded the attention of both groups, in his own inimitable way, taking as his subject "Why table tennis does not get more publicity". As well as being an excellent writer, Geoffrey also has a considerable command over the spoken word.

A split session on Sunday found Derek Tremayne lecturing on "Sponsorship" and yours truly revealing a few home truths on "Table Tennis News—how it is produced and as a magazine, its value as a publicity medium."

Finally the whole of the delegates assembled for "Any Questions" which were fired at a Panel comprising Conrad Jaschke, Bill Vint, Tom Blunn, Derek Tremayne and P.R.O. Frank Clay.

Throughout the whole of the conference, audience participation played an extremely important part and a debt of gratitude was earned by the members of the Sheffield and District Works Sports Association for acting as Stewards, especially Paul Turner who rendered such valuable assistance in the weeks prior to the event.

Albert Shipley was the Conference secretary and he too came in for a deserved vote of thanks. Some fifteen officials were in residence over the weekend together with 21 Press delegates and 27 Tournament delegates all of whom can be seen on the steps leading up to Halifax Hall in the bright sunshine of Sunday morning. The photograph was taken by Cliff Darley.

Without doubt the weekend was a success, the catering arrangements and food A1 and the company most genial.

# COACHING NOTES

## COACHING CHARGES

The scale of charges for the services of Staff Coaches as recommended by the National Coaching and Schools Committee and approved by the National Council is as follows:

	Unaffiliated	Affiliated
(i) Per session, i.e. morning, afternoon, evening .....	£5	£2/10/0
(ii) Full Day, i.e. 3 sessions .....	£12	£6/0/0
(iii) Two Days, i.e. 5 sessions .....	£20	£10/0/0
(iv) Sessions of longer duration	By negotiation	

Fees are inclusive of travel. Accommodation should be provided if a Course is longer than one day.

## FREE COACHING SESSIONS

It was agreed by the National Coaching Committee that these sessions had been most useful in the 1968/69 season and should be continued in 1969/70. Details are being circulated to League Secretaries.

## UNDER 13 COMPETITION

Because of the success of this event in the 1968/69 season, it was agreed that it should be repeated in 1969/70 and full details are being finalised which will be circulated to all Leagues shortly.

## ADVANCE COACHING PROGRAMME

Jack Carrington	Date	Venue	Subject	Enquiries to:
	Nov. 7—	Crystal Palace	Colleges Students	J. H. Carrington, 24, Worcester Gds., Ilford, Essex. Tel.: 01-554 5838.
	" 8—	Billericay	School Centre	"
	" 10—	Swanley	Coaches' Study	"
	" 14—	Boreham Wood	Coaches' Study	"
	" 15—	Billericay	Coaches' Study	"
	" 16—	Ipswich	Regional Centre Training	D. J. Barrett, 14, Sidegate Lane West, Ipswich, Suffolk. Tel.: Ips. 78943.
	" 18—	Swanley	Coaches' Study	J. H. Carrington
	" 22—	Northampton	Regional Centre Training	K. Billington, Y.M.C.A., Northampton.
	" 23—	Crystal Palace	Regional Centre Training	J. H. Carrington
	" 25—	Swanley	Coaches' Study	"
	" 28—	Leighton Buzzard	Proficiency Award Session	"
	" 30—	Essex Schools Finals Colchester and E. London		
	Dec. 1—	Boreham Wood	Coaches' Study	J. H. Carrington
	" 6—	Leicester	Schools Coaching Rally	J. Ellis, 104, London Road, Oadby.
	" 7—	Ipswich	Regional Training Session	D. J. Barrett (as above)
	" 12—	London	National Coaching Committee Meeting	
<b>Peter Simpson</b>	Nov. 5—	Derby	Coaching Course	
	" 6—	Mansfield	Coaching Course	
	" 7—	Hull	Coaching Course	
	" 8—	Hull	Proficiency Day	
	" 9—	Leeds	Training of Northern Juniors	
	" 10—	Wakefield	Teachers' Course	
	" 12—	Sheffield	South Yks. Physical Assn. Coaching Session	
	" 14—	Morecambe	Coaching Course	
	" 15—	*Fleetwood	Assessment of Coaches	
	" 16—	Bradford	All levels	
	" 17—	Wakefield	Teachers Course	
	" 20—	Mansfield	Coaching Course	
	" 21-23—	Lilleshall	C.C.P.R. Coaching Course	
	" 24-28—	Lilleshall	Derbyshire Schools Coaching	
	" 29—	Weaverham	Schools Coaching	

\*Sessions also on Nov. 22 and 29. Enquiries to S. Frohlick, 80, Princess Way, Fleetwood, Lancs. Enquiries for all other session to P. Simpson, 30, Vesper Gate Mount, Leeds 5. (Phone: Leeds 57510).

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# THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

by W. S. Mackenzie, Press Officer.

## Re-cast of National Competition

The National Competition for 1969/70 is to be recast so as to be more comprehensive both in the age range of the competitors and the playing convenience of the participants. At this stage of the planning, there are to be seven events.

- Under-19 years, boys and girls (age raised from 18).
- Under-15 years, boys and girls.
- Under-13 years, boys and girls.
- Under-11 years, boys, girls or mixed (new event).

For the purposes of playing, there will be 9 area centres, leading to 3 regional centres, leading to the Finals, with dates as follows:

**Area Finals to be played not later than Sunday, 15th February.**

**Regional Finals to be played on Sunday, 1st March.**

- North, venue Leeds, Organiser, Mr. R. Balmford (see below).
- Midlands and West, venue Swindon, date probably 28.2.70, Organiser, Mr. I. R. Crickmer, 12, Cypress Street, Barbourne, Worcester.
- South and East, venue Loughton Hall, Essex, Organiser, Mr. D. A. Lomas, 1, St. Mary's Road, Burnham-on-Crouch.

**National Finals to be played on Sunday, 15th March** at Northwood Sports Centre, Stoke-on-Trent. Organiser, Mr. J. M. Wright, 124, Rusthall Avenue, Bedford Park, London, W.4.

### REGIONS AND AREAS

#### North Region

**Area 1:** Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland and Westmorland. Finals venue Stockton or Eston, date to be arranged, organiser Mr. J. R. L. Plummer, 4, Tristram Close, Normanby, Teesside. (Tel.: Eston Grange 2645).

**Area 2.** Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire and Staffordshire. Finals venue Bolton, date to be arranged, organiser Mr. A. Jones, 9, Afon Terrace, Afon Goch, Ruabon, Wrexham, North Wales.

**Area 3.** Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutlandshire and Yorkshire. Finals venue Bradford, 25th January, organiser Mr. R. Balmford, 205, Park Avenue, Hull, Yorks. (Tel.: Hull 407760).

#### Midland and West Region

**Area 4.** Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. Finals venue Redditch, 17th January, organiser Mr. E. J. Mitchell, 37, Wishaw, Greenlands South, Redditch, Worcestershire.

**Area 5.** Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire. Finals venue probably Weston, date to be arranged, organiser Mrs. Henderson, Highfield House, Ewdon Road, Worle, Weston. (Tel.: 27279).

**Area 6.** Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire. Finals venue Burford, early January, organiser Mr. H. J. Chalk, The Flat, Old Grammar School, High Street, Burford, Oxfordshire.

#### South and East Region

**Area 7.** Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Finals venue Bury St. Edmunds, date to be arranged, organiser Mr. D. Ames, 95, Leggatt Drive, Bramford, Ipswich, Suffolk.

**Area 8.** Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex. Finals venue to be arranged, date to be arranged, organiser Mr. H. Beasley, 2, West Wing, "Merrylee", Rickmansworth Road, Northwood, Middlesex.

**Area 9.** Bedfordshire, Essex (County), Essex (London) and Hertfordshire. Finals venue Romford Y.M.C.A., 25th January, organiser Mr. D. A. Lomas, 1, St. Mary's Road, Burnham-on-Crouch,

Essex. (Tel.: B.-on-C. 2450).

Information about the Association together with details of the National Competitions are being sent to county secretaries and where possible to publicity and press officers of the senior body. In this way it is hoped to make everyone interested conversant with the activities of the E.S.T.T.A. and make liaison possible at all levels.

Further enquiries about the competition should be addressed to Mr. J. M. Wright (address above), and about the Association to the General Secretary, Mr. G. N. Gurney, Guildhall Orchard, Great Bromley, Colchester, Essex.

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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# BELGIAN OPEN

by Mary Wright

## SURBEK BREAKS GERMAN GRIP

FEDERAL Germany's domination of the Belgian Open Championships, played in Antwerp on October 11-12, was almost complete when European champion, Dragutin Surbek stepped into the finals court to face Eberhard Scholer world ranked No. 2 and finalist at Munich in the last World Championships.

And what followed provided the best table tennis of the championships and a positive joy to watch. The Yugoslav, with ferocious topspins and "kills", won the first two games from 20-all and led 20-12 in the third.

As the Belgian officials prepared for the presentation of prizes, Surbek suddenly faltered and Schöler, never the one to miss an opportunity, quickly took advantage and despite the staggering deficit actually won! The fourth game was touch-and-go all the way and, at 20-all, the Expedite Rule was introduced.

After pushing a ball into the net, Schöler, incredible as it may seem, served and "killed" the next ball and went on to win this game and level the scores. With expedite throughout the decider, Schöler stood little chance and so the title went to Surbek.

It was rather a disappointing tournament for England with our players losing the three finals in which we were represented. The mixed doubles went according to seeding with the Schölers, "Ebby" and Diane, contesting the final with Chester Barnes and myself. It was a case of working very hard for every point without getting bogged down—a difficult task against defenders of such class.

In the men's singles, Chester sailed through to play Jacques Secretin in the quarters. The Frenchman is a vastly improved player and beat Chester 25-23 in the fifth from being 0-2 down. Against Surbek, Alan Hydes fought hard but lost 1-3 after losing the third at deuce, and Trevor Taylor was ousted by Alex Rosmarin of Belgium.

In the women's singles, I reached the semis where, after winning the first two games under ten against Agnes Simon, I let it slip and lost in the fifth. Jill Shirley found Alicia Grofova a difficult proposition on the slow tables, but hit well to take the third game.

Jill and I reached the final of the women's doubles without too much trouble, but lost in three close games to the Federal German pairing of Schöler and Simon. The Anglo-German combination of Barnes/Schöler did well to reach the final of the men's doubles, but Surbek and Zlatko Cordas looped their way to a 3-0 victory in the final.

Our junior contingent found the going very tough indeed and all made their exit in the first round of the single events although Nicky Jarvis

played well to take a game from Cordas.

Susan Howard capitalised on her defeat to win the consolation singles beating Susan Beckwith in the final. The more experience our players can get on the slower conditions prevailing abroad, the quicker they will be able to acclimatize themselves.

Final Results:—

### Men's Singles:

D. SURBEK (Yugoslavia) bt E. Schöler (Federal Germany) 20, 21, -22, -22, 14.

### Women's Singles:

A. SIMON (Federal Germany) bt D. Schöler (Federal Germany) 19, 18, 12.

### Men's Doubles:

Z. CORDAS (Yugoslavia)/SURBEK bt G. C. Barnes (England)/Schöler 10, 16, 13.

### Women's Doubles:

SCHOLER/SIMON bt J. Shirley/M. Wright (England) 16, 21, 18.

### Mixed Doubles:

SCHOLER/SCHOLER bt Barnes/Wright 17, -15, 10, 17.

### Women's Consolation Singles:

S. HOWARD (England) bt S. Beckwith (England) 13, 19.

## ENGLISH RESULTS

### Men's Singles:

BARNES bt Heine (Austria) 15, 21, 19; bt Van de Walle (Belgium) 14, 17, 10; lost (Q.F.) to Secretin (France) 15, 18, -11, -12, -23.

HYDES bt Heylin (Belgium) 11, 8, 11; bt Van der Helm (Netherlands) 23, -15, 6, 7; lost to Surbek -15, 19, -25, -10.

T. TAYLOR lost to Rosmarin (Belgium) -16, -23, 19, -19.

JARVIS lost to Cordas (Yugoslavia) 16, -8, -9, -18.

P. TAYLOR lost to Juliens (Belgium) -18, -15, -20.

### Women's Singles:

WRIGHT bt Kepenne (Belgium) 12, 17, 14; bt (Q.F.) Kettnerova (Czecho.) 8, 14, 11; lost (S.F.) to Simon (Fed. Germany) 9, 9, -11, -12, -17.



Agnes Simon



DRAGUTIN SURBEK

Photograph by Peter Madge

## BRIAN WRIGHT QUILTS COMPETITIVE PLAY

by Johnny Leach

BRIAN WRIGHT, 26, a leading member of England's team for six years, currently England No. 5 and Middlesex No. 1, has decided to quit competitive play to concentrate on the captaincy of England juniors, and also to give his wife Mary—England's No. 1—the best possible chance of winning international honours. Brian, an accountant, intends to take over greater responsibility in the care of the Wrights' 11-month-old daughter Jacqueline Susan, and to devote all the rest of his time to the grooming of England's most promising teenage talent.

As England's team manager I am sad to lose a player of Brian's outstanding ability, but it was in recognition of both his, and his wife Mary's exceptional qualities of leadership that I recommended their appointment as our joint junior captains at the start of the season. At first they both wanted to continue playing as well, but now I feel sure England will profit by Brian's unselfish gesture. Freed from extra responsibilities I expect Mary to shine, and Brian to inspire great deeds from young players who already respect his experience, strength and dedication. They are Mr. and Mrs. Wright-for-the-job.

At the sacrifice of his own playing ambitions—not forgetting the extra prize-money he was fully capable of winning this season—Brian has made a positive contribution to England's table tennis future. One result of this should be success in the European Junior Championships to be staged on Teesside next August.

SHIRLEY bt Boiteux (France) 17, 8, -16, 13; lost to Grofova (Czecho.) -15, -12, 12, -13.

S. HOWARD lost to Lecler (France) -18, -14, -12.

BECKWITH lost to Wynia (Netherlands) -13, -8, -11.

L. HOWARD lost to Detaille (Belgium) -7, -11, -15.

### Men's Doubles:

BARNES/SCHOLER bt Jarvis/P. Taylor 11, 13, 20; bt Dhondt/Secretin (France). (Q.F.) 20, 15, 14; bt Dvoracek/Orlowski (Czecho.) 16, 19, -15, 11; (S.F.).

HYDES/T. TAYLOR bt Bekaert/Lanckmann (Belgium) 21, -19, 15, 6; lost to Lieck/Micheiloff (Fed. Germany) 16, 16, -12, -19, -23.

### Women's Doubles:

SHIRLEY/WRIGHT bt Van Ruiten/Wynia (Netherlands) 14, 11, 16; bt Hendriksen (Fed. Germany)/Kepenne (Belgium) 14, 17, 18.

HOWARD/HOWARD lost to Boiteux/Lecler -21, -17, -11.

BECKWITH/FITZSIMONS (Ireland) lost to Szmít Calinska (Poland)/Verlinden (Belgium) -10, -15, -20.

### Mixed Doubles:

BARNES/WRIGHT bt Schoofs/van Ruiten 13, 14, 17; bt Secretin/Lecler (3-0); bt Dvoracek/Grofova 19, 19, 18.

HYDES/SHIRLEY bt B. Schoofs/V. Kampen (Netherlands) 17, 10, 18; lost to Leick/Simon -17, -18, 14, 16, -19.

T. TAYLOR/BECKWITH bt Lanckmann/Kepenne -15, -12, 20, 17, 18; lost to Schluter/Smekal (Austria) -13, -11, -7.

JARVIS/S. HOWARD lost to Micheiloff/Hendriksen -7, -10, -13.

P. TAYLOR/L. HOWARD lost to Van der Helm/Wynia -14, -15, -14.



# UPHILL TASK FOR ENGLAND'S JUNIORS

## ETTA SHOP WINDOW



by Tom Blunn

### CHAIRMAN OF ENGLAND SELECTORS

WHILST we can look back with some measure of satisfaction at the amount of effort made on behalf of our juniors in recent years, it is only when we look at the progress made by other countries that we realise the urgency of the problem before us.

We have always supported the European Junior Championships and each year we have approached the tournament with confidence and high hopes only to be disappointed by the results despite the progress we had felt had been made by our juniors. Not always has it been a question of poor performance by our players—but often a case that foreign juniors had made substantial progress which left ours far behind. Year after year new youngsters appear abroad, capable of beating the best we can produce. This is happening even though some of our juniors have taken part in the tournament for two and even three years in succession.

Only the U.S.S.R. has more clubs than England and yet quite small Associations manage to maintain a bigger output of young players of a very high quality than we can. With this in mind we must start to look to the future and make plans for better progress than in the past. It is no use sitting back and looking for reasons why other countries will always beat us; the problem must be tackled NOW and in due course it must be overcome.

### NEW APPROACH

The Selection Committee realise that the task is not going to be easy, and that the first essential is an entirely new approach to the problem. Thus the first action Johnny Leach took on his re-appointment as overall England Team Manager, was to ask Brian and Mary Wright to take over the positions of team captains of the juniors. With their background of devoted service to the game, their general ability and great concern for the future of table tennis in this country, their names came up quite independently for consideration, and the fact that they are married to each other did not influence the choice. It is, however, a fortunate position because as a husband and wife team

they will be able to help each other and discuss mutual problems as they arise.

Mary and Brian are players of a very high level and represented England in the recent World Championships at Munich. The juniors will thus be very fortunate to have captains in charge of them who are right in-line with modern techniques. Thus the knowledge and experience available to the juniors will be completely up to date, and those who are prepared to listen and learn cannot fail to benefit, and should be capable of rapid improvement.

Juniors who are not willing to listen and learn will soon find themselves left behind. Brian and Mary are telling the juniors that there is room at the top for those with ability who have the will, the courage, the patience and the discipline, all of which are needed in this highly competitive sport. E.T.T.A. officials and senior players have experienced the training methods of some successful foreign associations and have been impressed with the emphasis placed on discipline both in practice and in training; it could be that it is in this direction that we have most to catch up, and most to gain. There are few players who have taken the regular international squad training sessions more seriously than Mary and Brian, and there is no doubt that they will expect juniors to devote sufficient time to training sessions.

### FUTURE PROGRESS

No one is expecting miracles but the juniors of today should be knocking at the door of the Swaythling and Corbillion Cup teams

for the world championships in England in 1973, indeed at least one third of our 1973 world squad should consist of players who are now in or approaching the current junior ranking list.

In stating what must be done for the future progress of English table tennis we are not unmindful of the great amount of dedicated work put into the junior captaincy by Laurie Landry these past eight years. If we have not had as much success as one would hope for, this has not been due to any lack of effort on Laurie's part. But it is clear that a change of policy has become necessary in the wider interests of the game in England, and we have selected the best people available to carry out this policy in Brian and Mary Wright.

E.T.T.A. chairman Conrad Jaschke has indicated to the National Council that he would like Laurie Landry to take on important new duties next year as chairman of the Open Tournaments Committee, and meanwhile Laurie is understudying Charles Wyles who holds this post at present, with a view to taking over in the important year when tournament grading will become a reality. Meanwhile Laurie's knowledge of current junior players is still available to us as he retains his place on the Selection Committee.

Brian and Mary Wright will receive the full support of the Selection Committee and of the National Council; they will also need the support of league and county officials whose confidence and tolerance is required in order to help build up the best junior side in Europe. This is the aim, and together we can achieve it.

## THE NEW CAPTAINS



BRIAN WRIGHT



MARY WRIGHT

### Table Tennis News

DUE to rising costs and a decision to send all copies by first-class mail, the subscription for the eight issues (October to May) has been increased to 15/- (inclusive of postage). Single copies purchased at events will be 1/6d. each. Each issue will contain 24 pages and the publication date has been changed to the 1st of each month.

### Tournament Diaries

Supplies of these popular diaries for the 1969/70 season are now available from the E.T.T.A. office, price 2/6d. plus 6d. postage. They contain details of all Open and Restricted tournaments, the name and address of each Tournament Organiser and the dates of all international matches in this country.

### Score Pads

These are for individual match results, made up in pads of 100 sheets. Each sheet has a place for the entry of the event, table, match number, checks, plus space for recording up to a five game set of doubles. Invaluable to organisers of tournaments at all levels, and at 2/6d. per pad are cheaper than anything similar available commercially.

### "Better Table Tennis"

This is the title of a new book by Johnny Leach, superbly illustrated and a first-class instructional book on the game. Price 19/- inclusive of postage.

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These have now been reduced to £1 each and are both decorative and distinctive—a credit to any car.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON . . .



## 'CONNIE' WARREN

by Philip Reid

WHILST there will always be discussions on who is the best attacker, best defender, most stylish player or fastest mover, most people will probably agree on the most controversial. Cornelius Joseph Warren, of Mitcham, Surrey, would surely take that title.

In 1955, "Connie", as he is always known, was spotted by Harry Venner, one of the shrewdest judges in the game and also one of the best coaches. The teenage Warren needed little persuasion to join Wimbledon Y.M.C.A. where he made rapid progress. Tony Meakins and Bill Holden were his teammates in the 3rd team, operating in the South London League.

"I could never have too much practice" he told me, "Right from the start I made up my mind to get as far as I could in the game and I realised I had got to devote a lot of time to it."

The following season found him in Wimbledon's Y.M.C.A.'s first team. It also saw him occupying a place in the Surrey Junior team. They finished 2nd and "Connie" had an average of 82%. He was also starting to make an impact on the tournament scene and he won the South London Open, the Kent Junior Open and the Middlesex Open.

It was altogether a very good start. Already the big Warren forehand kill was much in evidence and it was good enough to give him a place in the Surrey 2nd team the following season. Gordon Chapman and David Lowe were his teammates.

### FORMIDABLE SIDE

Surrey, in those days, were a formidable side indeed with Ken Craigie, Joseph Somogyi and Tony Miller all available. Consequently his inclusion in the first team did not come until the 1963-64 season. When it did, he wasted no time at all justifying his place. He returned an average of 64%, not bad for a player making his debut in the Premier Division!

Whilst this was satisfactory it was, Warren recalls, nothing to get complacent about. "I had set my heart on a place in the England team and it was obvious I would have to do a lot better than that if I was going to achieve it" he said.

Outspoken at times, the Surrey star may be, but few will disagree with him when he says "Neglecting Summer practice is to throw away opportunities."

"During the Summer of '64, I really got down to serious practice. I intended to go places the following season." The measure of his success can be gauged from the fact that he won 10 of his 14 sets (71%) in the Premier Division in the season that followed.

On the tournament scene he took the Birmingham Open without as much as dropping a game; he finished the season by beating "Les" Haslam in the final of the North East of England at Scarborough.

### EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1965-66 season was obviously going to be one of more than usual interest for English players in that the European Championships were to be held at Wembley. At the start of the season "Connie" moved up the Ranking List from No. 7 to No. 5, then set about justifying the promotion.

In the Premier Division, he rattled off six wins over Chandler, Ogundipe, Forshaw, Symonds, Hampson and Johns. The Middlesex Open provided Warren with one of his few tournament successes before Christmas that season, but it was a very strong tournament to win.

The English Closed provided "Connie" with some more successes before he lost a good semi-final to Stuart Gibbs. Promotion to No. 4 in the Ranking List was followed by "Connie's" inclusion in the England team to visit Sweden. Unaccountably, he suffered from nerves in both matches and failed to win a set.

In the West German Open, which followed shortly afterwards, Warren showed much better form, beating Ramberg (Denmark)—then ranked No. 16 in Europe—in straight games. "Connie" was duly chosen for the team to play in the European at Wembley though, in fact, he only played against Malta winning both his sets with ease.

### FOREHAND KILL

"Connie's" game was still much the same as it had been for the past two or three years, though now he was playing with much more consistency. His loop was one of the most difficult in England to take and he was able to follow up with a lightning forehand kill the moment the ball was put up.

His close to the table counter-hitting exchanges were always thrilling to watch and his incredible concentration gave him the chance to pick up winners which were just not there for most other players. He was still, however, likely to find himself upsetting someone with his tactics and there could be no doubt at all he did not share the popularity some of the other top players were able to enjoy.

1966-67 was heralded by the Champions (Essex) v. The Rest match. The Rest won by a 9-0 margin, Warren beating Stevens and Brumwell in straight games. Turning his attention to County matches, he

beat Ian Harrison, Roy Morley, Peter Duncombe, Brian Wright, "Les" Haslam, Mike Johns and Roger Hampson, all before Christmas. Only Denis Neale beat him.

The odd thing was, that although "Connie" himself was playing well, the team were struggling. They won only one of those four matches. Tournament-wise, "Connie" was not doing anything exceptional but he did win the Middlesex Open again and what a win that was! He beat Johns, Lindsay, Gibbs, Haslam and Wright—all in straight games.

Now No. 3 in the Ranking List, "Connie" showed great form in reaching the final of the English Closed. He beat Brian Wright 3-0 straight in the quarters and then recovered from two games down to beat Neale, 18 in the fifth.

He was, in fact, playing so well at this stage that he looked likely to take the title but it was Ian Harrison who triumphed. In the East German Open, he was rather unfortunate to be drawn against Kjell Johansson in the first round though he fought hard to take the second game.

The World Championships, at Stockholm, provided the big event of the season but "Connie" was not included in the team. He went, however, as a private entry beating a Cambodian in the second round before losing to Bernhardt in the third.

### CLASHES WITH AUTHORITY

"Connie's" clashes with authority were becoming less and less frequent but the opening match of the 1967-8 season—against Cheshire—saw "Connie" losing two sets and the Surrey committee suspended him from the next match, against Sussex.

He took the North of England title at Manchester in grand fashion but was again involved in controversy in the final of the Birmingham Open—which he won—against Ralph Gunnion. Recalled to the Surrey team, he beat both Harrison and Bryan Merrett. Victories over Neale and Symonds followed but it was a sad season for Surrey, relegated for the first time in 21 years from the Premier Division.

Without doubt the big "event" of last season was his engagement to Ireland's No. 1 lady, Joan Fitzsimons.

"Connie" is a great thinker and the reason he has achieved such good results at home is that he is able to study at close quarters the strengths and weaknesses of all his likely opponents. Someone, whose knowledge of table tennis could not be disputed, once said to me "Connie would be in the top five of any country in Europe. When he is able to study his opponents he can work out his campaign of attack accordingly." I think this is probably true.

### RATHER DISAPPOINTING

His results against Continental opposition have been rather disappointing. In England he has had wins against every player of any note and on his day can be quite devastating. Usually he will scorn defence and carry the attack to the enemy. Whilst he may have his critics on the table, he has few, amongst those who know him well, off the table. Those who do know him well must be impressed with his sincerity. Always ready for a laugh, he is ever ready to make friends with anyone.

How much longer will "Connie" stay at the top? That could be anyone's guess. He is showing no signs of losing anything in his game yet. Always a great advocate of exercises, I remember seeing him giving demonstrations on table tennis exercises at Hornsey Y.M.C.A. and Butlin's, Skegness. His fitness is often called for because with his strong preference for forehands, he frequently has to cover an enormous amount of ground.

It says much for him, however, that he is rarely caught out of position.

Now Surrey are back in the Premier Division it is clear they will need a good output of wins from "Connie" if they are to stay there. His consistency (except for season 1967/68) has always been a hall-mark of his game.

This then, is the story of "Connie" Warren. One of the best-known players on the tournament circuit. Faults he may have. But friends he has too. And I suspect the friends he has made in table tennis mean as much to him as any win he has ever achieved in his life.

## Exeter's Potential

By Michael J. Lyons,  
Chairman.

TABLE Tennis in Exeter has grown steadily in popularity, judging by the annual increase in the number of registrations but, unfortunately, the number of clubs has not altered very much to allow for this gradual expansion.

The Executive Committee of the League, having become aware of this situation, decided to compile some simple statistics to clarify the position. A small pilot survey was drafted and circulated to every club and from the returns a useful picture was drawn.

Each club was asked specific questions regarding membership, existing facilities, and the possibility of future expansion.

A surprising fact emerged to the effect that there were as many unregistered general club members using the table tennis facilities as registered players in the League. What potential!

Generally, the standard of facilities offered was very good but the majority of the clubs were either hampered in their future development because of the demand for sharing the room with other activities or maximum development had been reached.

It is early days yet to say how the governing body will use the information obtained from the production of the pilot survey but it is hoped a forward thinking policy will be produced and with the co-operation of the existing clubs their maximum potential can be reached. New clubs must be formed somehow, using some of the information gathered to this end, to channel the potential already mentioned plus the young youth club and junior players into the League.

Exeter's time for development is well and truly here and unless controlled expansion can take place in the near future, the existing structure may stagnate and eventually decay; what is Exeter's potential?



# DO YOU LACK ... DRIVE?

A special feature  
by **MARTIN THORESBY**

Member of the National Association  
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DO YOU ASPIRE TO PERFECTION IN YOUR PLAY? Of course you do—otherwise you would not be reading this magazine! Seriously though there comes a time in the training of all table tennis players when, no matter how hard they practice, no matter what degree of efficiency they attain they fail to reach

the top; they hit the 'saturation point' or the inability to make the grade. There are numerous reasons for this . . . but experience amongst those who have consulted me has been that they suffered FROM LACK OF DRIVE!

It is this lack of drive which makes players feel below par: that detracts from a degree of skill attainable by champions. It is drive that is the key to success in every line of endeavour. Without physical momentum no player can ever hope to become a top-notch. Therefore, make it your business to understand the importance of DRIVE.

There are varying degrees of this condition. It may be you have suffi-

cient energy to permit you to work . . . but not to play table tennis as you would wish: or you may have enough to play an average game but not to take part in tournaments.

So much depends on whether you are physically on a par with the game in hand. Therefore, to a considerable extent the results of a game depend on the physical condition of players whether they are aware of the fact or not.

A great deal has been written about the correct mental approach in relation to sport . . . but this attitude of mind is governed by the degree of bodily fitness you possess. Unless you have DRIVE you lack the basic element of success.

I know. I've experienced it myself. Have you ever experienced 'seeing spots before the eyes' when on the point of making a good shot? Or a feeling of intense weariness when being suddenly asked to participate in a game at short notice? This is because you lack drive. You are suffering from a simple condition often known as 'sluggish liver' or to be more specific you fail to secrete sufficient bile. So in order to bring you to the peak of perfection—assuming always of course that there is no heart or anaemia complaint—let us consider stirring up your liver.

If you are reading this (I'm hoping you are otherwise a perfectly good typewriter ribbon is being frittered away!) you will soon adopt the practice of caring for the liver just as you care for your teeth, skin, hair. By looking after your liver you will attain a new zest and become renowned for vivacity and drive. The liver is the largest and most over-worked organ of the human body. It is often abused and commences to get its own back. It is the deciding factor as to whether you are going to the top or remain for ever an amateur.

If, of gloomy occasions, you ask yourself 'Why was I ever born?' it is probably because you have ill-treated the liver. You can take thousands of 'pep' pills and vitamin tablets and still never attain drive. Mr. Liver is no fool. He knows that if your stomach is not receiving its full quota of bile your digestive process is going to become a quagmire. It is then but a short step to developing chronic constipation. Now do you appreciate the reason for those spots before the eyes, that drowsy, weary feeling?

Now, there are two ways of overcoming this condition. Either you go to a chemist and purchase some synthetic liver tonic and automatically suffer from 'The Driveless Blues' all over again—or resort to Nature. There is no magic formula which will take you to the top overnight. You know that only sheer, dogged persistence will attain this end. But if you take my advice I guarantee that in seven days you will find a real benefit . . . and after that perseverance will bring its own reward in the form of INSTANT DRIVE.

On rising each morning drink a glass of hot water—it is an internal bath for the liver, invigorating this organ and goading it into action. Take moderate exercise such as walking. Massage the liver-area LIGHTLY six times with a warm hand. It will stir up the liver fast. Drink Dandelion Coffee—it can be obtained inexpensively in essence form: it is the finest therapy for all liver complaints. Obtain 1 ounce of Dandelion herb, pour a pint of boiling water over the herb, flavour with a tablespoonful of honey. When cold, sieve the liquid and drink a wineglassful THREE TIMES A DAY IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEALS.

If you adhere to this programme you will become healthy, energetic, with a zest for living generally . . . AND ACHIEVE INSTANT DRIVE TO THE EXTENT WHEN YOUR HARD WORK AT TABLE TENNIS BRINGS YOU NEARER TO THE TOP.

This contributor has volunteered his experience to assist all readers who can obtain further advice if they write him c/o 'Table Tennis News'

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# REALISATION OF A DREAM

by DON KENNY

It will not be long now ere the group of prematurely greying young men will be standing back and heaving a collective sigh or two of relief. People in the Barnets area will recognise them as their money-grabbers-in-chief, the men who for years now have been holding them to ransom each week in their efforts to make more and more money. Sometimes using gentle persuasion, sometimes almost at pistol point the money has been garnered. Not, as you might suppose, in any attempt to make themselves the richest players in the league but for the simple purpose of getting their own Table Tennis Centre built.

The sighs of relief will be soon for already the Centre is nearing completion with the green tiled roof standing out as a landmark, not only against the playing fields where it is situated but as a great step in the history of the Barnets League.

It has taken over seven years for this dream to come true, seven years during which the seven labours of Hercules have frequently seemed like nice little week-end do-it-yourself jobs. During which time the thousands of pounds necessary for the completion of the job have been painstakingly put together, a few at a time, until the position was reached where building could commence. Not that everything is yet paid for. Far from it! Loans have had to be secured so that the builder might be paid and that other sundry folk might be given their various pieces of silver . . . not that many were satisfied with silver!

Nor would the project have been possible without the generous intervention of the Ministry of Education and Science who made everyone very happy when they chipped in with a grant of £9,044. This, needless to say, raised 'Howells' of delight from all concerned and meant, in practical terms, that forty-five per cent of the centre was paid for. Thus

there was only about another eleven thousand or so to raise. Every Sunday morning the draw was made for the Tote Double competition and a few more pounds were raised to swell the growing kitty.

## Faithful Few

As is almost always the case, the same faithful few who had to raise the money had also to raise the building. And although there was little actual construction to be done, there was a great deal of behind-the-scenes work awaiting their pleasure. Splitting themselves up into small groups, laughingly called sub-committees, they thrashed away at the various problems. Their amateur status often being a great handicap since many of the problems would have given the professionals a headache.

Gradually conclusions were reached although whether these are or were the right ones nobody can tell yet.

It is fairly certain, however, that once the members who have been gradually recruited actually get into the centre, the lads will very quickly be told if they made the wrong decision. Almost, it is felt, before they have finished sighing those sighs. They will undoubtedly be told that the parquet floor handicaps the defensive player and the background handicaps the attacker. The lighting will not be right for some and the beer is bound to be too warm for others. The ninety feet by thirty-two is bound to be not long or wide enough for some while the five rows of strip lighting which will illuminate the proceedings will be too high for some and too low for the remainder.

## 'Tender Bodies'

The showers will burn some of the more tender bodies standing beneath them while the others will be asking for more heat due to the icicles which are forming. The table fees are bound to be almost as great an item of controversy. For although it is felt

that two shilling an hour per player is reasonable, along with £1 a year membership fee for Barnet players, and £2 for others, there will be those who think that this is robbery. Others will think it too cheap thus not allowing the thing to be exclusive enough for them.

The bar promises much, for with the choice of brews available, the wrong one is bound to have been selected. The 'tame' Bar Committee will be accused of watering the stuff; of serving it too cold; too warm and too expensively. However, having overcome many greater problems, these will be faced with a degree of equanimity never before observed by human eye. The critics themselves will, of course, be invited to take over the place and see how they make out while the original gang take a well-earned rest to allow their hair to return to its more natural colour.

But what of the future? What practical purpose will a Table Tennis Centre serve? The questions are easier to pose than to answer. Not unnaturally it is hoped that the Barnets League will take a turn for the better. The Centre will be their headquarters and it could well be that the place could become a hotbed of improvement. Already plans are afoot to get some top class coaching laid on and it is hoped that many players will take advantage of the opportunities provided.

## Sociability

With up to nine tables available there will be plenty of room, although this number will be reduced on the nights when matches are being played by the teams who have elected to play there. As much, however, as an increase in playing strength is desirable it is considered that the probable increase in sociability is even more so.

Certainly the Centre will prove an admirable place in which to run the League's annual tournament and it may well be that other folk from adjacent areas may be tempted to look at the facilities with the same view in mind. Currently the proposals are that the Centre should be opened for play each evening which leaves Saturdays and Sundays open to consideration if not to outright proposals, although it is entirely probable that these days will be popular for coaching sessions.

Built basically for Barnet players, 'others interested in Table Tennis from local areas' may join at a cost of £2 per year and visiting members may also join subject to the usual 48 hours notice at a fee of 5/- per visit. Enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Barnet Table Tennis Centre Ltd., Barnet Lane, Barnet, Herts.

The Barnets League, and their prematurely greying members, will be ready to welcome everyone to the Centre where, in all probability, they will be found still working in the intervals of not playing for points or paying for pints of which they can do with equal facility.

# The Master Points Scheme

AS League Secretaries and Tournament organisers will have already been informed, the administration of the M.P.S. will, in future, be carried out from the E.T.T.A. office, and all correspondence regarding the scheme should be addressed to the Secretariat.

At the last A.G.M., discussion revealed a few criticisms of the scheme and one of which, the lack of publicity, will immediately be rectified by this article and others to follow.

The purpose of the Master Points Scheme is twofold. One is to raise money for E.T.T.A. funds and the other is to provide a tangible yardstick for the playing success of members at all levels of play, particularly the ones who do not reach the top flight.

Whilst the finances of the Association have received much publicity lately, the income from the M.P.S. still has its part to play in the structure of the game, and without it some activities would undoubtedly have to be curtailed. It is recognised that the fund-raising aspect has lessened slightly with the assistance now being given by Coca-Cola and others but each of the schemes organised for this purpose also perform a service to members.

Therefore, it is intended to plough back some of the money raised by the M.P.S. as incentives to the membership, the first of which will be a prize of £10 to be given to the 1,000th Club Master to register his 250 (or her 200) points. The present number of Club Masters is in the 900's and it is anticipated that the prize will be claimed during the present season.

Secondly, the number of points required to become a National Master seems to be too high, and accordingly these have been reduced from 15,000 to 10,000 for men and from 10,000 to 7,500 for women.

Next season it is proposed to hold a tournament, entry for which will only be accepted from League Masters and above, depending upon the numbers registered at the time, with cash prizes for each grade.

Other incentives and privileges are being considered for those taking part in the scheme, especially at Club Master level, so we ask League Secretaries and their Committees to seriously consider taking part, for the whole League programme can be entered at a cost of only 3d. per player. A moderately successful player in a local league should obtain the Club Master grade within two seasons.

Most of the Open tournaments offer Master Points to the players in the singles events, and these often reach down to the losers in the last 32 of an average tournament.

Full details of the M.P.S. can be found on pages 59/62 of the Official Handbook but as the Scheme is open to Clubs and individuals, details will also be supplied upon request.

So if you are holding some certificates, do not throw them away but ask your League or Club to join the Scheme and who knows, the Master Points Tournament next season could be giving some worth-while prizes. At the very least there is that £10 waiting for someone with only 250 points!



No! This is not an interior shot of the Barnet Centre but the Table Tennis Centre of Victoria, H.Q., of the Victorian T.T. Association, situated in Albert Park, Melbourne, Australia. Open every day of the week, the centre boasts 41 tables, snack bar, changing rooms and hot showers. It is the largest table tennis centre in the world.



# COUNTY NOTES

## LEICESTERSHIRE

By Philip Reid

### INTERNATIONAL AT LOUGHBORO'

BIG event of the month is, of course, the International match at Loughborough on November 24th, when England play Hungary. Tickets are going well but Reg Billson will be pleased to deal with any applications (12/6 each) at 20, Gracedieu Road, Loughborough ('Phone 4356). This is the only International match to be staged in the Midlands this season and a big crowd is expected.

Leicestershire lost 8-2 to Warwickshire in their opening 2nd Division (Midland) fixture. John Iliffe won the only singles victory the team recorded and, with debutant Graham Hughes, also won the doubles.

In the Midland League, Andy Holdsworth made his debut in the Men's Second Team against Nuneaton and won all three with John Bowness and Melvin Matts winning two. The Veterans made a good start by defeating West Brom 8-2. John Ellis and John Bryant were undefeated and Phil Overend, called in at the last minute, won two. The Intermediates visited Cheltenham and returned with an 8-2 win under their belt. Alan Chapman was a late inclusion here and he justified the choice by winning all three. Bob Phillips and Dave Carter each took two. The Ladies lost their first game at Nuneaton by 7-3.

In the Leicester & District League several very important matches have been played. The King Richard's Road W.M.C. I—Leicester Y.M.C.A. I match ended in a draw with only Charlie Jacques emerging unbeaten. Graham Hughes and Phil Powell both won two for Y.M.C.A. with Alan Croome and Andy Holdsworth each winning one for K.R.R. With only one team being promoted from each of the second divisions, the Jones and Shipman—Egerton Park game in 2A would clearly have a vital bearing on the promotion race. The Melton side (Colin Truman, Ron Hunter and John Brunning) won 6-4 against the strong works team of Stephen Cloke, Melvin Matts and Fred Day.

In the Loughborough League Knightthorpe look a team to watch. Their trio of Banks, Hassall and North look capable of doing very well in the first division. Mustangs could have an excellent season and Mike Meredith showed great form in his team's match against Holy Trinity, recording a maximum. The enthusiastic Mike Newton won two for Trinity. In 2A B. Needham (Fisons) and G. Dick (Sawley) are showing good form whilst the powerful Rolls Royce team (Kerslake, Bailey and Whiteside) are doing well in 2B. Polish Youth Club are a very useful side in this division, with Peter West and Richard Stabik the stars.

The Rose Johnson Bowl has attracted a record 93 teams. This competition increases in popularity and this season it is expected that about 400 players will participate.

The County Junior trials at Loughborough provided little un-

expected by way of results with Andy Holdsworth, Paul Randell and Alan Philpott occupying the first three places for the boys and Janet Hamer, Karen Rogers and Sally Elsdon leading the way for the girls. With none of the top six boys eligible next season there will obviously be plenty of opportunities for any promising players. The position with the girls is rather more rosy, only Janet Hamer of the top six being out of the age range next season.

On December 6, Leicester will be staging a coaching rally at Ellis School. A big turnout is expected and this could be of great benefit to any youngsters or coaches. Mr. John Ellis (104, London Road, Oadby, Leics.) will be interested to hear from anyone who might wish to attend.

## LINCOLNSHIRE

by Joan Robinson

### NEW LOCATION FOR "EAST OF ENGLAND"

IT was a pleasing report at the A.G.M. that Lincs. are once again to stage the East of England Open on April 11/12, 1970 in Scunthorpe.

The only change on the County Committee this season is Mr. D. L. Worrall, of Lincoln, replacing Mr. Webb as Treasurer. Re-elected were J. J. Robinson (Chairman) K. W. Dewar (Sec.), H. J. Flowers (Match Sec.); Mrs. A. J. Robinson (Umpires/Press Sec.) and B. Hill (Director of Coaching).

The Haigh, Butcher and Butlin Cup competitions are again being held, and it is noted that Gainsborough have entered the Butlin (Women's) competition bringing all the towns into this event. The tentative date for the Lincs. Closed is November 23, 1969 at Grimsby.

### Rankings:

Men: (1) B. Hill, (2) J. M. Beaumont, (3) P. Skerratt, (4) M. East, (5) D. Armstrong, (6) R. Norton, (7) B. Edlington and (8) J. Radley.

Women: (1) M. Burgess, C. Moran and J. White (jointly), (4) J. Robinson, (5) H. Wilmore, (6) P. Hale and (7) P. Chadwick.



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**STAFFORDSHIRE**

by John Pike

**TRIALS NOT ALWAYS THE ANSWER**

It has been said before, and no doubt it will be said again, that county trials are not always the answer to getting your best side. Whatever your views on this, Staffordshire certainly came up with a 'new look' first team after their trials at the Woodfield Club, Wolverhampton.

Glenn Warwick who has been the automatic No. 1 for several seasons now finds himself at No. 2 with the top spot going to Derek Baddeley. John Pugh completes the "A" team trio and this means that last season's stalwarts, Brian Keates and Peter Eaton, start the new season in the "B" team along with Mac Evans. The No. 7 and 8 places go to Ray Dixon and Brian Martin.

An interesting situation arises in the women's section now that Kath. Perry has returned to West Bromwich after a spell with Birmingham. She has not as yet been considered for a county place, but I have a feeling she will be wearing the green shirt before the season is out. The rankings here are (1) Dorothy Deeley—what splendid service she has given the county over the years—(2) Rita Beebee, (3) Sue Warner, (4) Ann Baker, (5) Chris Bennett. If Staffs reach the play-off again this season, perhaps those county trials do give us the answer for a good team after all.

A week after the county trials at Wolverhampton, West Bromwich held their town trials, and it was interesting to see here how Glenn Warwick completely turned the tables on Derek Baddeley. That's table tennis!

Two Wolverhampton officials in the news recently are their secretary, Bernard Francis and new press officer, Joe Carroll. After devoting 25 hours a day to the cause, Bernard has found time to talk to Cannock officials in the hope of organising a new league in the town. Now that Geoff Davies has left this area, Joe Carroll steps up with a view to keeping the local press happy every week. Welcome to the fold Joe.

In an effort to improve the county image, Staffordshire, for the first time this season, have their own county handbook. It takes a simple form, but I am sure it will prove a useful asset to all leagues in the county.

It is always a pleasure to welcome top officials to the Midlands and this was the case when Les Gresswell visited Wolverhampton last month. As well as discussing the schools programme with a local headmaster, he also talked to a number of coaches in the area.

**YORKSHIRE**

by Cliff Darley

**NEW COUNTY SECRETARY**

FRANK BRIGGS, our National Councillor and former Bradford League match secretary, has taken

over the position of County Secretary and will, meanwhile, continue in his role of Tournaments Secretary for both the Open and Closed championships.

The Open, to be held on Saturday, December 6 will take place at Hillsborough, home of Sheffield Wednesday A.F.C., the closing date for entries being November 22 to Frank at 10, Merton Gardens, Farsley, Pudsey. (Phone: Pudsey 4152).

Congratulations to our five 'likely lads', Nicky Jarvis (1), Alan Fletcher (5), Neil "The Terror" Fulstow (6), David Rayner (8) and Peter Abell (10) on their national rankings. But, alas, our poor lasses Sylvia Broadbent, Valerie King and Lynda Sutton could only make Group "A".

One interesting point though, Jimmy Walker, who was not invited to the final English Junior Trials, split Jarvis and Fletcher in the Yorkshire ones. England selectors please note!

Pleased to hear that Denis Neale is doing so well in Japan. Let's hope he can pass on the experience to all our up-and-coming players, and that this season we will win the Premier and Junior (North) divisions. Incidentally, Kathleen Best has agreed to act as non-playing captain for the Juniors so that they had better watch out—and so must our opponents.

Linda Bashford is going great guns and playing better than I have ever seen her play, now being ranked No. 1 in the County followed by Pat Bassano (née Dainty), Linda Forkes, Lynda Sutton and Val King. Neale spearheads the men's rankings, followed by Hydes, Clayton, Kedge, Hirst, Jarvis, Fletcher, Yeats and Rayner.

It is with regret that we have to report the death, early last month of Charles Llanwarne, chairman of the Bradford League. Over the past seventeen years he has held every office in the Bradford League and was their representative on the Yorkshire committee for a period. A County Umpire, Mr. Llanwarne acted as referee at the majority of county matches that were held in Bradford. His passing is mourned, the loss being a sad one to his relatives, friends and to table tennis.

Pontefract Town Council have agreed to underwrite the Castleford, Pontefract and District League to the extent of £150 in respect of the town's first international sporting event when England play Sweden there on Wednesday, December 17. All seats are bookable and, priced at 15/- down to 5/- (balcony), can be obtained from Mr. E. F. Holstead, 3 Kings Close, Pontefract. A booking plan can be seen at Burton's Sports Outfitters, Pontefract.

**SUSSEX by John Woodford**

**CLARKE MAKES UP FOURSOME**

FOUR weeks after his arrival in Sussex, Lancashire star John Clarke played in Sussex senior men's trials, the first for several years, arranged to accommodate his challenge for a

spot in the premier side. He was partially successful by beating Sam Ogundipe, but then lost to the Crawley player, Terry Riley, losing the ground previously gained.

The Sussex selectors faced with the unusual position of having four men strong enough to fill three berths, decided to play Clarke instead of Ogundipe in the first match against Kent and then reverse the procedure against Middlesex, by bringing back the Nigerian ace for that match, in other words a 'horses for courses' policy.

There were other shocks at the trials. Sussex champion and No. 1 Peter Williams had a bad night—he was beaten by both Ogundipe and Roger Chandler who remained unbeaten. Another great battle is therefore in prospect between Chandler and Williams for supremacy in the county this season.

By numerical strength (10 divisions, 128 teams) and the regular production of senior county players, the Brighton league can rightly claim to be the biggest and most successful league in Sussex. Such strength should, if only by the law of averages, produce its share of junior talent. Unfortunately for Brighton the star juniors seem to emerge from the other Sussex towns, both in East and West Sussex.

As these youngsters emerge some of

them see that their best chance of weekly opposition of the highest calibre lies in playing in the Brighton premier division. The established leading men players in the top flight in Brighton rarely have the chance to play the up-and-coming county juniors unless the youngsters find a spot in the Brighton league. Suzanna Kavallierou, 17 (Littlehampton) and Carol Randall, 16 (Eastbourne) have this season started travelling to Brighton each week for the purpose of tackling the men at the top.

The first to fall was the genial, ace defender Bill Newman (British Legion 'A') a former Brighton men's champion who was beaten by Carol in the first league match of the season. Carol bagged two other senior 'scalps' that week, Joan Fitzsimons (Ireland) in the North Middlesex Open and Diane Gard, the Eastbourne women's champion. Having those three remarkable wins to her credit in the first week of the new campaign, hopes are high in the county that Carol may become the successor to Judy Williams at the top of the county women's tree.

Being able to change her game from attack to equally solid defence is the trump card that could carry Carol Randall to the heights although the sustained power attack of Miss Gard and the quality looping of Miss Kavallierou are very strong weapons indeed.

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**ESSEX by Harry Walker**

**GEORGE EAGLE RESIGNS**

One of the most coveted honours in the County is the **Corti Woodcock Memorial Award**—conferred annually in recognition of outstanding administrative services. The Trust who administer this award agreed unanimously that George Eagle, who has been County Chairman for many years, in addition to many other offices, should be the recipient for the 1968-69 season.

Although this was not announced at the A.G.M., it has since been made known and proves to be a very popular choice, despite George's previous custody of the award—a unique occurrence. At the beginning of last season, administrative difficulties nearly brought the County to breaking point and it was only the wisdom, advice and guidance of George that the County is running at the present time.

Victor Barna, a member of the Board of Trustees, is making a special visit to the Southend Open this month to make the presentation.

Now forced to resign office because of increasing business commitments, often entailing visits abroad, George Eagle has been succeeded as Chair-

man by Bob Gingell of West Essex. Birmingham's loss was an Essex gain when Mike Watts moved south, and he has taken over the important position of County Secretary.

Last season Mike carried out a wonderful job as County Match Secretary and up to very recently has been covering this position pending the appointment of a replacement. This office has now been filled by Ron Carle of Harlow who, under the guidance of Mike, is bound to succeed. His address is: 117 Lower Meadow, Harlow.

Sid Beard and Bill Dale carry on as Umpires and Tournament Secretary respectively, and by change of rule are now classified as Executive Officers. The office of Vice-Chairman has been abolished.

Whilst most of the league affiliations have been received it is encouraging, at this stage, to note an increase of 29 clubs and 75 teams. Most notable gains have been recorded by West Essex with six more clubs and 13 more teams; Southend with 4 and 14, Chelmsford (1 and 9) and East London (7 and 7).

The County first team have been invited to play two matches in Ulster and to take part in the Ulster Open.

Senior trials have been held and provisional rankings are as follows:

**Men:**

- (1) G. C. Barnes, (2) D. Brown, (3) R. J. Stevens, (4) D. Johnson, (5) P. Radford, (6) S. Smith, (7) R. Hellaby, (8) M. D. Watts, (9) D. Bowles, (10) P. Smith and A. Campbell, (12) M. Read.

**Women**

- (1) L. Radford, (2) D. Simpson, (3) S. Beckwith, (4) J. Hellaby, (5) T. Dale, (6) M. Know, (7) M. Pemberton, (8) A. Hewitt, (9) J. Caldwell, (10) A. Fearnley.

Forty-six boys and 19 girls took part in the final Junior trials. Rankings are:—

**Boys:**

- (1) R. Hellaby, (2) M. Read, (3) I. Horsham, (4) M. Lock, (5) M. Dvorak, (6) J. Willson, (7) G. Basset, (8) G. Bloomfield, (9) P. Hutton, (10) K. Double and J. Lynch.

**Girls:**

- (1) S. Beckwith and J. Hellaby (joint), (3) G. Locke, (4) H. Wesley, (5) S. Kaye and E. Tarton (joint), (7) M. Thacker and S. Jones (joint), (9) H. Brumwell, (10) S. Read.

Good news has been received from Stuart Gibbs. He is at present managing a T.T. Centre in Sydney

and enjoying life. Playing in the Victorian Championships in Melbourne, and the Australian Championships in Brisbane, Stuart was the beaten finalist on both occasions. His victor in both encounters was Chayanond Wuvanich, the 20-years-old No. 2 from Thailand, who twice won 3-1. Playing with Harry Venner in the Victorian Championships, the former metropolitan pair reached the semis.



CHAYANOND WUVANICH

Finally, congratulations to Susan Beckwith on being selected to take part in the Belgian Open, and a real Essex welcome to Gordon Steggall, who is Chairman of the National Coaching and Schools Committee, and now living in Colchester.

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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

by Leslie Constable

**12 COACHING CENTRES**

THE Cambs. League have started a "Newsletter" which will contain results, up-to-date league tables and items of local interest. Joint Editors are Dick Waterhouse and Roger Wilson. It is not a new venture, however, for in the 50's the Cambs. Association brought out a "Bulletin" which ran on similar lines.

There are now 12 centres in Cambs. where coaching is in progress under the direction of John and Margaret Cornwell, Stephen Andrews, Keith Chapman, David Alexander, David Jarvis, Jenny Williams and Derek Cupit.

United Hospitals find it impossible to field a side this season and the future of the Hospitals Cup is at present undecided. There could be a change in the form the event will take but undoubtedly the Challenge Cup is one worth winning.

First results in the Cambs. League indicate that New Chesterton Institute will again be favourites to retain the title as evidenced by their win, by an 8 sets margin, over Y.M.C.A. I. They also accounted for Torch-bearers although Gerald Coteman had a great win over Stephen Andrews.

Two divisions, each of 11 teams, will this season comprise the Ely League who can boast four new teams. Wisbech hold their Restricted Open on March 7.

**WARWICKSHIRE**

by Ralph Gunnion

**CASH PRIZES FOR NATIONAL COMPETITIONS ?**

PAT Glynn played his first game for the County 'A' and though not too successful, played with plenty of determination and fight, as did Doreen Griffiths, who won both her doubles, and is now the longest playing member of the Warwickshire team.

The Juniors without Marcus Hall, reserve for the 1st team, did exceptionally well to win away 10-0, and with youngsters like Davies and Broadmore, we shall once again have a good chance of winning this division.

It was very good to see so many Birmingham players at the North Middlesex Open, especially so early in the season. If more players from Warwickshire would enter Open Tournaments, we would soon have a higher standard of play in the County. Bob Brown, and Pat Glynn, both had good runs in the Singles, Bob being unlucky to lose.

Birmingham have not commenced their Midland League matches, but have been drawn against Redditch in the Wilmott Cup, on a date to be decided. Redditch are a new team this year in the Wilmott Cup. With all the sponsorship in Table Tennis, it might be a good idea to offer a team prize—

£250 for the Winners of the Wilmott Cup, and Rose Bowl, it might encourage more Leagues to enter teams, and create a bit of interest in the matches themselves—spectator wise !

Applications are invited from all clubs who wish to enter the Warwickshire Cup Competition, and any Club wishing to play in this competition please do so immediately. There has been a slight change in the National Club Competition, instead of Counties nominating a team, every League is entitled to enter a club team, so all League Secretaries in Warwickshire please note.

The Warwickshire Inter-League Competition will soon be starting, and this year nine Leagues have entered. This is the most for years, and is a very welcome sign. It is pleasing to see Coventry back this year, along with Nuneaton, Leamington, Stratford-on-Avon, and five Leagues from Birmingham. North Birmingham, the winners for the past two years, will be hard pushed to win the title for the third year running.

**DERBYSHIRE**

by Walter Reeves

**SUCCESS - AT THE SECOND ATTEMPT**

A Central Derbyshire League, announced last season, failed to materialise but the officials concerned, wiser after one failure, succeeded at the second attempt and I am pleased to report that the league, now called the Alfreton League, has commenced operations.

Ambitious as always, secretary Malcolm Allsop has entered representative teams in the County League, in both senior divisions and the junior section.

This season, the County League will operate with two senior divisions, each with 7 teams playing each other only once. Chesterfield and Derby are expected to be the kingpins but Alfreton could spring a surprise with a trio comprising Allsop, Chris Jones and Stuart Morris.

A deal of interest will centre on the junior section for talent is sorely needed in the County Junior team. Last season's No. 1 Kevin Twitney is now over the age limit and Derbyshire have no ready replacement.

Senior rankings are as follows:— (1) John Wallhead, (2) Tony Hunt, (3) Colin Deaton, (4) Derek Marples (all of Chesterfield), (5) Doug Foulds and (7) Dave Stills (both of Derby).

Colin Deaton is to be congratulated on a fine performance in winning the Coach and Pupil award in the News of the World Coaching Scheme.

During the summer, the County's No. 1 woman, Sandra Pegg, has become Mrs. Walters and both Nos. 1 and 2 in the Men's list have been presented with offsprings. For the Wallheads', it is his first, and for Tony Hunt it is his second. Our congratulations to one and all.

**WESTERN LEAGUE**

by Grove Motlow

**NEW OFFICIALS**

FOLLOWING the lamented death of our beloved president, Mr. Len Ollis, of Bath, soon after the commencement of last season, tributes were paid by all members at the A.G.M. to a man who had devoted his life to table tennis, particularly the Western League, right from its inception in 1935.

Newly elected president was Mr. John Ford, of Bristol, whilst Mr. Reg Salway was elected chairman due to the retirement of Mr. Ray Harris who had held office for several years. For the twentieth season I was appointed General Secretary/Treasurer and feel it an honour to serve with our two new officials both having given yeoman service to the Bristol League over many years, and are not exactly unknown in Western League circles.

New members to the League this year are Devizes, Newbury and Salisbury, but the resignation of Weston from the Women's division and Cheltenham from the Men's is regretted.

It was pleasing to receive the entry of a second men's team from Swindon who made an inauspicious beginning in going under 0-9 to Newport at home. The visitors included Chris Evans making his debut teaming up

with Michael Nocivelli and Tony Huish.

Plymouth, last year's League winners, had a surprise home defeat when losing 4-5 to Taunton. The Somerset team established a 2-0 lead with wins by R. Pendleton and J. Philpott but Cliff Hollywood and P. Dunstan equated the score.

Andrews and Philpott took the next two sets for Taunton, beating Jacobs and Hollywood, but again Plymouth struck back with victories by Dunstan and Hollywood over Andrews and Pendleton. In the decider Philpott clinched victory for the visitors when he beat Jacobs, 14 in the third.

Bristol II were beaten 8-1 by Exeter whose M. Putland, P. Stone and M. Rattue were in good form, the former dropping their only set to D. Burrage.

Swindon I beat Bristol I 6-3. For the winners M. Andrews, A. Wolff and F. Bailey each won two and all lost to B. Reeves.

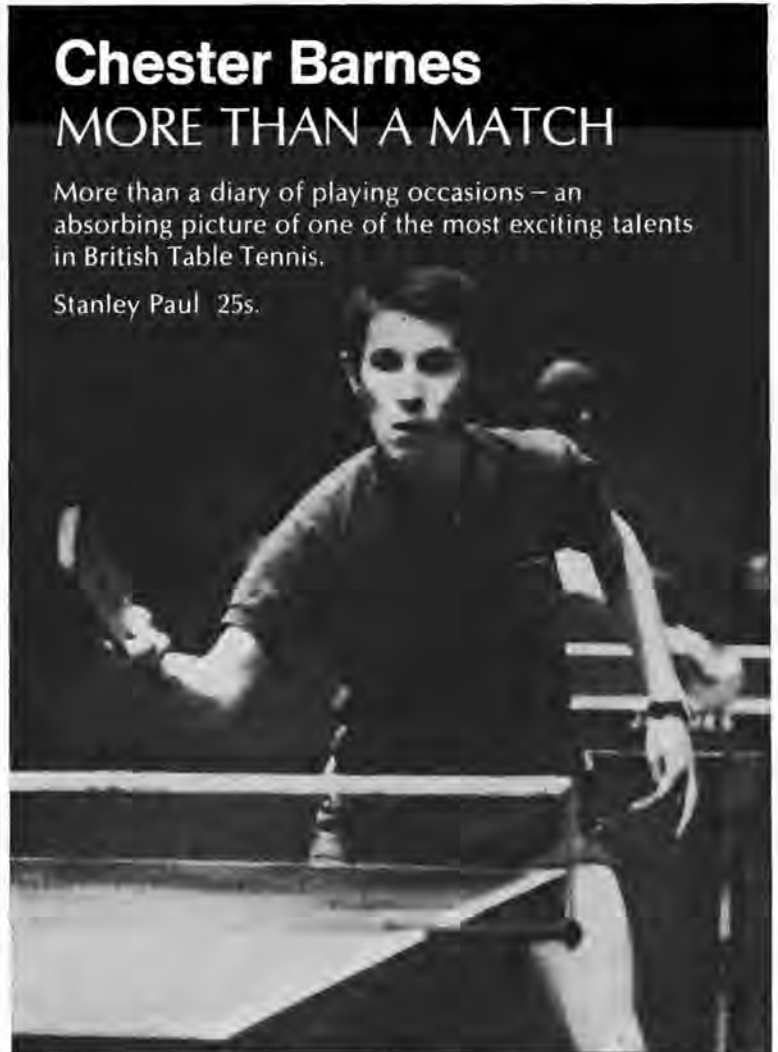
In the women's section, newcomers Devizes had a 5-4 home win over Newport who were without their No. 1, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones. But Devizes fully deserved their victory.

Newport took a 2-0 lead thanks to Barbara Roden and Stella Jones, but then lost the next 3 sets to Kath Waters, Allison Boyce and Margaret Alexander. At 4-all came the "nail-biting" thriller when Mrs. Alexander, after losing the first game to Stella Jones, took the next two for victory.

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**SURREY by J. Zenthon**

**MURANYI RETURNS**

IT WAS a shaky start to the season for the first team, with a 5-4 win over Northumberland and a 4-5 loss to Kent. Possibly a pointer as to how the season will really go will be the next match (at home) against Middlesex. Can "Connie" produce the form we all know he is capable of; will Ron produce the consistency necessary for successful County matches and will Barry Hill develop his full potential.

Welcome back to George Muranyi who has returned to the fold this season and is, in fact, currently ranked No. 4.

The Junior trials have been held and as expected Paul Bishop is way out in front of the rest of the boys. Little separates the next four or five and it is unlikely that we will go through the season with an unchanged team. The lower half of the table is also very open and it will be interesting to see if twelve-year-old David Bangerter can hold onto his ranking.

Susan and Linda apart, the girls' list too is wide open. Gillian Macrae reaps the benefit of regular tournament play—others please note! Nicky Leslie is the bright prospect here, at 11-years-old she can only go up, tennis allowing. This is the first time, for some considerable time, that we have been able to rank ten girls and this is mainly due to the work of John Wright and the Kingston Schools' Competition.

With a full team for each match our prospects are quite good, but with Susan and Linda ranked two and three in the seniors, this is an unlikely happening. Paul also is included in the senior lists and obviously the chance must be taken later to blood this most promising young man. Paul also heads the list of intermediates for the Bernard Crouch matches. The girls will probably be drawn from the junior list plus Gail McCullough (last year's No. 3). Sandra Goldsmith is out of the reckoning as she is attending a teachers' training college at Eastbourne. We wish her luck.

**SENIOR RANKING LIST MEN**

1. C. J. Warren.
2. R. Penfold.
3. B. D. Hill.
4. G. Muranyi.
5. G. Chapman.
6. P. Beck.
7. T. Campbell.
8. M. Kercher.
9. E. Emecz.
10. P. Bishop.
11. J. Garland.
12. P. Brennan.

**Bernard Crouch.**

1. Paul Bishop.
2. Andrew Scooler.
3. Chris Thorns
4. Chris Adams.
5. Mike Fisher.
6. Steve Francis.
7. Peter Vaines.
8. Don Mahoney.
9. Anthony Hickey.

**WOMEN**

1. Mrs. M. Wright.
2. Miss S. Howard.
3. Mrs. J. Head.
4. Miss L. Howard.
5. Miss J. Fitzsimons.
6. Mrs. R. Miles.
7. Mrs. H. Cathcart.

**Junior Ranking List**

**Boys:**

1. Paul Bishop
2. David Fisher
3. Graham Hickey
4. Mark Faberty
5. Alan Brackenbury
6. Leslie Parodi
7. Roland McLellan
8. Peter Winter
9. David Bangerter
10. Anthony Munroe

**Girls**

1. Susan Howard
2. Linda Howard
3. Gillian Macrae
4. Diane Sutcliffe
5. Angela Crisp
6. Ann Stork
7. Gillian Hancox
8. Ann Morris
9. Nicolette Leslie
10. Lorraine Knight

Daniels making their senior debuts for the County, after successful junior careers. Phil Brown leads this second team with Chris Shetler and Angeline Gilbert retained from last season.

How misleading trials can be! One often wonders if they prove anything. One day's form can be so different from a player's standard over a period. This was shown by the result of the junior county trials. Forced to pick the first county team before the results of the trials were known, the selectors were left in an embarrassing position when their three chosen boys finishing at third, fourth and sixth!

**FOUR T's**

A disappointing entry for the Four T's Restricted Open with few coming from outside the Hampshire area. This could well be indicative of the future for this type of tournament. With large prizes being given for the big open tournaments, top players will, I fear, be reluctant to travel for a tournament unable to obtain sponsorship and compete financially. Buck's Stan Hahn had little difficulty in reaching the semi-final where he beat Southampton No. 1 David Davies. Brian Pickard beat Summerfield and Bill Moulding to reach the semi where he lost to his brother Chris. Chris. beat Hahn in the final -19, 15, 18. Christine Davies beat Pauline Edwards to take the women's title from her twin.

In the Hampshire inter-Town league, Southampton's domination of the mixed division could well be ended if Bournemouth are able to field their strongest team. The title could well be in dispute until these teams meet next March. The junior title is wide open with champions Southampton losing Summerfield and Miss Daniels to senior ranks. Basingstoke look the best all-round team but Bournemouth have the girls' strength which could pull them through.

During the summer, the Four T's Club, having won the Hampshire women's Club title, took on Gainsford for the right to go into Europe. Gainsford, represented by Karenza Mathews, Judy Williams and Alma Taft, won 7/2 but Four T's certainly went down fighting. Christine Davies raised the home team's hopes by beating Mrs. Mathews in the opening set, and also beat English Closed champion Judy Williams, but the London team's experience pulled them through comfortably in the end.

**HAMPSHIRE**

by David Cosway

**BOURNEMOUTH PLAYERS DOMINATE**

A CHANGED look to Hampshire's teams this season. With the moving of Pete Smith to the Isle of Wight and Chris Edwards concentrating on his studies, the field was left open for Bournemouth to dominate the men's placings in the first team.

Chris. Pickard, the Hampshire champion, came through the trials unbeaten and no one can doubt his No. 1 ranking on his current form. Derek Holman drops to No. 2 followed by Brian Pickard. Both the Pickard brothers are appearing in the first team for the first time, after several years with the second string.

Twins Christine Davies and Pauline Edwards complete this strong team which could again look forward to the play-off for promotion to the Premier Division. The second team shows two changes from last season with Keith Summerfield and Julie



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**HERTFORDSHIRE**

by J. M. Barnes

**PAST AND PRESENT**

THE finals of the Inter-Club Competitions for last season were held between ICL and Letchworth Settlement in the Open Section, Bricklet Wood and Haileybury Boys' Club in the Intermediate, and Water Lane and ICI in the Women's Competition. ICL won 5-2 in the Open Section, P. Taylor winning three and J. Felstead and B. Bennett one each. The Intermediate went to Bricklet Wood by 5-0, D. Wood and D. Walford both winning two and D. Wackrill one. Water Lane took the Women's title by 5-0 with Mrs. V. Scripps and Mrs. I. Hunt winning two each and the doubles.

In the Watford League's Tournament Finals a newcomer made his name. The Men's Singles proved to be a tough competition in which some of the County's leading players made earlier exits than anticipated. George Maxwell won this event, beating Geoff Seaholme -15, 19, 13. The first game just failed to reach expedite, taking 14 mins. 20 secs., but the rule had to be brought in during the second. Pam Boulton took the Women's title over Barbara Andrews 16, -19, 22; George Maxwell joined John Garland to take the Men's Doubles; Brian Barr and Barbara Peters won the Mixed and Barbara Andrews and Joan Williamson the Women's Doubles.

The Cheshunt League's First Division title went to Roger Brown, Bob Gibson and Frank Chapple of Enfield Highway over East Herts. College. In a League where every set counts for a point, the top five players in the averages were in these two teams, making it a very hard struggle for the top position. In the Tournament, Barry White (East Herts. College) took the Men's Singles over Bob Gibson, Anne Painter (Enfield Highway) won the Women's Singles against Tina Dale (St. Joseph's), Bob Gibson and Colin Jackson (East Herts. College) won the Men's Doubles, Mrs. Janet Wood (congratulations!) and Anne Painter (both Enfield Highway) the Women's Doubles, and Anne Painter and Fred Nash (East Herts. College) the Mixed.

Coming to the present season, there has been a major change in the County administration. Mr. Aubrey Seaholme, who has done a lot of work for the County over a number of years, has retired as Chairman and has been elected as President of the County Association. His position as Chairman has been taken by Mr. C. S. Taverner.

With the season hardly begun, the Juniors had an encouraging start in the County Championships with an 8-2 win over Suffolk, North Herts. League's Representative Match Selection Committee has produced a fairly comprehensive ranking list of its players.

It is noticeable that the League has, in the previous season at least, put more effort into the Junior side of affairs with the result that a number of Juniors now appear in their Senior Ranking Lists. One wonders whether this represents the start of a determined attack on Inter-League, and perhaps even higher honours.

**KENT** by John Tulloch

£10 DONATION

KENT Schools have now formed their own "Table Tennis Association" and their first activity, a "Schools Team K.O. Competition" is being organised for the current season. Geoff Daniels is the county representative on their committee and has given valuable help and advice in the formation of such an important body. The County Association have given a donation of £10 to help with the initial expenses.

The majority of local leagues in the county have shown an increase in the number of teams playing this season. Medway for the second year running have had to form another division of 14 teams and Maidstone with Folkestone have a 25% increase. Other areas have smaller increases.

As a result of the successful E.T.T.A. conference held recently at Sheffield, Kent are now considering holding a conference of all local league press officers with the object of improving liaison between the county press officer and the local leagues, resulting in better publicity in all parts of the county.

All three county teams made a good start to the season by winning their opening matches in the county championship. The most meritorious being the first team's win over Surrey by 5 games to 4.

**DEVON** by David Bazell

**HEARTENING START**

DEVON has made a heartening start to the season. For their 6-4 victory over Gloucestershire at Bristol was achieved against a county playing its first season out of the premier division, and whose team included regular first team player Roy Morley.

Devon finished half way down the Division II West table last season, winning only twice, although drawing three times.

But with performances like this it might not be too much to hope that they will win the division—something that hasn't happened for seven seasons.

Barry Davis (Plymouth) was particularly impressive. The respective strengths of the men however cancelled out overall. It was in Barbara Pearson and Carol Judson (also Plymouth) that Devon had a decisive superiority.

Female strength in the county is not great nevertheless. And the idea of an all-women's division has been dropped for this season when only three teams—Tavistock, Exeter and South Devon were put forward.

County association committee member Cliff Hollywood probably put his finger on the real reason for this when he said recently, "Ladies are not going to get any better playing against ladies."

Mrs. Jarvis, the secretary whose work has been recognised throughout the county for a very long time, has retired from the scene because of her husband's ill-health. At a recent meeting she was thanked "for all her

work over so many years and especially during the difficult years when she carried the association."

Mike Edmunds (Barnstaple) succeeds her.

North Devon is investigating the possibility of running the county championships this season. These have been provisionally booked for March 8. The county team championships has been fixed for January 25 at Exeter.

The following teams are entering the Devon League: Division 1—Exeter, North Devon, Exmouth, Plymouth and South Devon; Division 2—Exeter, North Devon, Newton Abbot, Plymouth and Tavistock; Junior—Exeter, North Devon, Exmouth, Plymouth, Tavistock and South Devon.

Devon wants more county umpires—and a drive to get them has been started by the association under county umpires secretary Bill Spry (Exeter). "People leaving the list are not being replaced in sufficient number," he said last month.

Preliminary steps are also being taken towards staging a big county coaching rally.

Coaching continues apace in a number of places—and nowhere more prominently than at Exmouth where Brian Worts and his group of coaches have made tremendous progress with youngsters.

Six 11-year olds (girls) from the village of Littleham have done so well that they have twice beaten teams from Exeter and Chard (Somerset) and may now take on a "rest of the county" side.

For the first time, Exeter's Junior championships will be "open" when they are staged in January.

**NORTHANTS**

by Gwyn Powell

**GREAT BOOM IN NORTHANTS LEAGUES**

ALL four leagues in the County have reported increased membership this season with Daventry now having 28 teams, Kettering 52, Wellingborough 101 and Northampton 111. In Wellingborough there has been what can only be described as a boom with the league growing from 19 teams to 101 in only five years. This remarkable growth has stemmed mainly from the 'overspill' area where the new companies have been very quick to start clubs going, even before the more popular sports. This increased interest in the Wellingborough district, together with the splendid coaching efforts of Ken Marchant and his colleagues, has resulted in a rapid improvement in playing standards especially of the juniors, who will form the bulk of the County team this season.

The County juniors are for the first time competing in the Midland Division of the County Championships but, with last season's regulars Roderick Marchant, Nick Haycock and Ray Kingston all too old, will have to field a promising but inexperienced side. This includes new-

comers John Moloney, S. Crawley and P. Crawley, and last year's regular Susan Gordon, all of Wellingborough, and Jane Cherry of Northampton.

With Daventry's George Tsow not available for selection, at his request, Northampton look like providing all the men for the senior County side, at least for the first part of the season. Steve Lyon, who surprised many by winning the County Closed last season, thus makes a well earned debut and no doubt other young players will be challenging for places as the season progresses.

Members of the Daventry league are eagerly anticipating staging the first ever County match to be held there. This will be on December 13 at the brand new mixed youth club, when the opposition will be Huntingdonshire and a good response is expected from the Daventry area. George Tsow is now playing for the mixed youth club where he will also do a great deal of valuable work coaching and keeping an eagle eye on things. Several new players have signed on including Roger Castle (ex-Tonbridge and Kent II) and John Bishop (ex-High Wycombe).

One of the talking points in the Kettering league must be the Premier Division championship now that Kettering Town have split their 'A' and 'B' teams, the 'A' team having had things all their own way for the last twenty years. The new line up is 'A' team:—T. Sutton, T. Tear and Miss R. Doyle and the 'B' team:—R. Cole, D. Millman and L. Grant.

In Northampton it will be interesting to see whether U.T.C. 'A' can maintain their grip on the Premier Division or whether Y.M.C.A. 'A' can keep up the challenge they made last year. Also many people will be looking out for the young Roadmender 'A' team of Nick Haycock, Ray Kingston and Mick Hadland, which won the first division title by over 50 points last season. Already they have some fine wins under their belts with Nick playing especially well.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

by J. D. Ellis

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

The Inter Team League now consists of six teams in the Senior Division and 5 teams in the Junior Division. Once again Nottingham appear to be strongly fancied to win both Divisions with Mansfield providing the strongest opposition. New Secretary for this competition is Jack Bostock of Mansfield Woodhouse.

Now promoted to the 2nd Midland Division the Senior County team failed to make a good start by losing 8-2 to Glamorgan and much better results are required if they are to escape relegation. The Selection Committee are now including players of a more modern style.

Date of the County Closed Championships is Sunday, 1st February, 1970. Please make a note of this in your diary.



**DORSET by Barry Weller**

**THRILLS AT DORCHESTER**

DORSET'S prospects of a successful season rose after their splendid 5-5 draw with Worcs. at Dorchester in their first match. They led 3-2 but Worcs. won three sets in a row and looked to have the match sewn up at 5-3, but Dorset fought back well to draw level, and take their first home point for more than two seasons. The match was one of the closest in the county for many years. All six men's singles and the men's doubles went to three and while the clash of styles made for dour play, there were sufficient hair-raising finishes to last all season.

The men once again took the honours, winning four of the six singles, and also the doubles. Dorset were without their No. 1 woman, Joyce Coop, one of the best players in the West division, and this made a big difference to the result. It was noticeable that none of the matches involving the women went to three. The problem of support for Joyce Coop in the women's events has been with Dorset for several years, but

it is hoped that the Worcs. game was one of those nights and the improved form by the women last season, will be maintained.

In the Worcs. match, Cliff Diffey won both his singles, Cyril Bush and Trevor Smith one each, the latter pair combining to take the doubles. All three players were below their best and while Worcs. do not appear as strong as when they won the Division 2 years ago, it was an encouraging result.

The County are hoping to improve the women's performances by running the County League on the same basis as in Championship matches.

In the past there has been a men's and women's league, but by combining the two it is hoped that the women will gain valuable county championship-atmosphere and also bring on young players.

The Dorchester and Weymouth Leagues have started their seasons with new sides. Dorchester have ten new entries this season and an encouraging feature will be a junior division reforming after several years in decline. There are eight teams in the Junior section and a promise of more to come next year.

**NORFOLK by J. S. Penny**

**NEW LEAGUE AT THETFORD**

THE most interesting news of the month in Norfolk comes from Thetford, that fast-growing town in the South-West of the County. Here they have not only started a new league but they have the fair sex in command, with Mrs. Jean Bishop as President and Mrs. Jennifer Steward as Secretary. It is true that their Chairman redresses the balance, being Mr. "Dickie" Bird! He and his enthusiastic committee started the season with a buffet dance, and, wonderful to relate, they already have £150 in their league funds. There will be 24 teams playing in this first season.

Norfolk's Juniors lost their first match 9-1 to Essex at Maldon, John Fuller beating M. Dvorak, 19 in the third, to notch our only win. Our team comprised Peter Vertigan, Fuller, Steven Hales and Jean Allen with Chris Bensley and Christine Mayhew, the latter of Denton School

making her debut, brought in for doubles only.

Christine is Norfolk Under-13 Champion. Bensley was also making his first appearance, and played with John Fuller, with whom he won the Norfolk Junior Doubles.

We regret to record the sudden loss of one of Norfolk's long-standing Vice-Presidents, Mr. Jack Hilson. For over 20 years he kept the name of Denton School to the fore in our County circle. In this he was ably assisted by Mrs. Hilson, to whom we express our sincerest sympathy.

Play has started in the East Anglian League of Leagues, Fakenham going down 8-2 to Wymondham, when Roger Meadows' victory over Fakenham's Peter Vertigan was the highlight of the evening.

In the Norwich league's Premier division, it seems we shall have an interesting season, it being by no means certain that Y.M.C.A. will retain their hard-won title.

**COUNTY DIARY**

**FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR NOVEMBER, 1969**

**PREMIER DIVISION**

Nov. 15—Essex v. Surrey, St. Helena School, Sheepen Road, Colchester. 7-30 p.m.  
Kent v. Northumberland, St. Edmund's School, Old Charlton Road, Dover. 7-00 p.m.  
Middlesex v. Sussex, East Finchley, T.T. Centre, 142, High Road, East Finchley. 7-30 p.m.  
Yorkshire v. Cheshire.

**SECOND DIVISION SOUTH**

Nov. 1—Surrey II v. Bucks., Windmill Press (Heinemann Book Publishing Co.), Lower Kingswood. 7-00 p.m.  
15—Buckinghamshire v. Kent II, Slough Community Centre, Guildford. 7-00 p.m.  
Surrey II v. Essex II, Park House School, Peper Harow, Nr. Guildford. 7-00 p.m.  
29—Herts. v. Suffolk, Oxhey Hall Community Centre, Broadfield Lane, Eastbury Road, Watford. 7-00 p.m.

**SECOND DIVISION NORTH**

Nov. 15—Cheshire II v. Cumberland, Gatley Y.M.C.A., Church Road, Gatley. 7-15 p.m.  
Durham v. Lincs., Sacred Heart School, Hart Lane, Hartlepool. 7-00 p.m.  
15—Northumberland v. Yorkshire II, No. 1 Canteen, Dept. of H. & S.S., Benton Park Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 7-00 p.m.

**SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND**

Nov. 15—Derbys. v. Leicester, The Police Station, New Beetwell Street, Chesterfield. 7-00 p.m.  
Monmouths. v. Warwicks., Alcan Welfare Hall, Rogerstone, Newport. 7-15 p.m.  
Staffs. v. Notts., B.S.A. Works Canteen, Hainge Road, Tividale. 7-30 p.m.

**SECOND DIVISION WEST**

Nov. 15—Cornwall v. Hampshire, Heamoor County Secondary School, Penzance. 7-15 p.m.  
15—Gloucestershire v. Dorset, Hoffmans Canteen, Stonehouse, Wilts. v. Somerset, Lawn Evening Centre, Falmouth Grove, Swindon. 7-00 p.m.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION**

Nov. 15—Hants. II v. Bucks. II, Boys Brigade Mission Hall, George Street, Basingstoke. 7-15 p.m.  
Worcs. II v. Berks., Cripplegate Pavilion, Tybridge Street, Worcester. 3-00 p.m.  
Dec. 6—Buckinghamshire II v. Oxfordshire, Slough Community Centre. 7-00 p.m.  
Hants. II v. Worcs. II, N.P.R.C.E., Grange Road, Gosport. 7-15 p.m.

**MIDLAND DIVISION**

Nov. 15—Staffs. II v. Shropshire. 7-00 p.m.  
15—Warwickshire II v. Derbyshire II, Colebrook Youth Club, Colebrook Road, Shirley, Solihull. 7-00 p.m.

**EASTERN DIVISION**

Nov. 15—Bedfords. v. Cambs., Pioneer Boys Club, Dunstable. 7-30 p.m.  
Norfolk v. Hunts., Youth Club, Dereham. 7-30 p.m.  
Nov. 22—Herts. II v. Northants., Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South, Letchworth. 7-00 p.m.

**JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH**

Nov. 7—Bucks. v. Middlesex. 7-30 p.m.  
15—Hants. v. Middlesex. 7-30 p.m.  
Surrey v. Berks., Goblins Ltd., Ermine Way, Leatherhead. 3-00 p.m.  
Sussex v. Bucks., St. Mary's Social Centre, Christy Road, Lewes. 4-00 p.m.  
Dec. 6—Buckinghamshire v. Kent, Slough Community Centre. 3-00 p.m.

**JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH**

Nov. 15—Cheshire v. Cumberland, Gatley Y.M.C.A., Church Road, Gatley. 3-00 p.m.  
15—Northumberland v. Yorkshire, No. 1 Canteen, Dept. of H. & S.S., Benton Park Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 3-00 p.m.

**JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND**

Leicesters. v. Staffs., Knighton Park T.T.C., Avenue Road Extension, Leicester. 3-00 p.m.  
Notts. v. Northants.

**JUNIOR DIVISION EAST**

Nov. 15—Cambs. v. Herts. 3-00 p.m.  
Hunts. v. Norfolk, St. Neots T.T. Club, St. Neots. 2-30 p.m.  
Suffolk v. Essex, Chantry Secondary School, Mallard Way, Ipswich. 4-00 p.m.

**JUNIOR DIVISION WEST**

Nov. 15—Glamorgan v. Somerset, Y.M.C.A., Bridgend. 3-00 p.m.  
16—Worcs. v. Monmouths., Cripplegate Bowling Pavilion, Tybridge Street, Worcester. 3-00 p.m.  
22—Wilts. v. Gloucs.  
Dec. 6—Wilts. v. Somerset, Upper Room, Lowes Building, Youth Centre, Newtown, Bradford-on-Avon. 3-00 p.m.

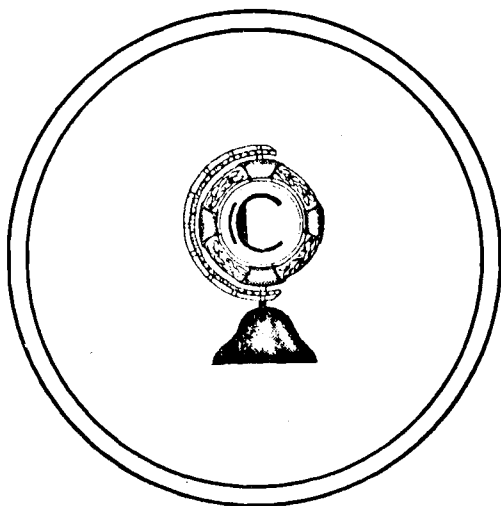
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# County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

## BRIAN WRIGHT'S LAST MATCH

A QUIET start to the season, with no real surprises (I do not count the Gloucs. v. Devon result as the former seem but a shadow of their former selves).

Brian Wright's last match for Middlesex, and how this County will miss a loyal player (73 appearances). Too late for inclusion in last month's notes came the disappointing news of Denbighshire's withdrawal from Junior Midlands—the increase in girls needed from 1 to 2 caught them seemingly unprepared.

### Premier Division

**CHESHIRE 3 MIDDLESEX 6**  
M. Johns bt B. Wright 19, 19; bt O Haslam 18, 13.  
B. Kean lost to Wright -10, -16; lost to M. Sugden -10, -11.  
J. Hilton lost to Haslam -10, -9; lost to Sugden -8, -15.  
Johns/Kean bt Haslam/Sugden -13, 14, 19.  
Miss J. Heaps lost to Mrs. K. Mathews -12, -13.  
Hilton/Heaps lost to Wright/Mathews -11, -17.

**ESSEX 7 NORTHUMBERLAND 2**  
C. Barnes bt B. Burn 11, 18; bt S. Lennie 13, 15.  
D. Brown lost to Burn 16, -15, -12; bt P. Duncombe 17, 19.  
S. Stevens lost to Lennie 20, -13, -19; bt Duncombe 10, 14.  
Barnes/Brown bt Burn/Lennie 9, 16.  
Mrs. L. Radford bt Mrs. M. Robson 19, 14.  
Stevens/Radford bt Duncombe/Robson 14, -17, 10.

**KENT 5 SURREY 4**  
A. Piddock bt C. Warren 17, -15, 16; bt R. Penfold 18, 9.  
D. Basden lost to Warren -15, -14; bt B. Hill 19, -18, 13.  
H. Buist lost to Penfold -11, -18; bt Hill 15, 19.  
Buist/Piddock bt Hill/Penfold -12, 9, 17.  
Mrs. P. Piddock lost to Mrs. M. Wright -20, -19.  
Basden/Piddock lost to Warren/Wright -16, 14, -14.

A sparkling match with never more than a single set in it. Surrey led 1-0 through "Connie" Warren, then Kent 2-1 with wins by Tony Piddock and Henry Buist. XD to Surrey, MD to Kent made it 3-2, then Mary Wright squeezed home tensely against Pauline Piddock for 3-all. A real thriller between Piddock and Warren the virtual decider as, although Ron Penfold won convincingly over Buist, Derek Basden won a fast and furious final set against Barry Hill.

**SURREY 5 NORTHUMBERLAND 4**  
C. Warren bt B. Burn 16, 9; lost to S. Lennie 18, -11, -22.  
R. Penfold lost to Burn -16, 18, -14; bt P. Duncombe 6, 14.  
B. Hill bt Lennie 13, 16; lost to Duncombe -19, 15, -18.  
Hill/Penfold lost to Burn/Lennie -19, -17.

Mrs. M. Wright bt Mrs. M. Robson 15, -16, 7.  
Warren/Wright bt Duncombe/Robson 16, 18.

What a shock for Surrey, who trailed 0-3 and then 1-4 with only XD a success. And with Mary Wright at game-all with Maureen (Heppell) Robson a first-ever Premier win for Northumberland looked on. But Mary quickly took control in the 3rd game and then Surrey's men hit form to take comfortably the last 3 MS.

### Second Division (South)

**MIDDLESEX II 2 ESSEX II 8**  
Nothing went right for Middlesex at the start, with defeats at 19 in the 3rd, 21 in the 3rd, 19 in the 3rd. Good win for Alma Taft 14, 18 over Di Simpson, and for Brian Petch and Christine Mann in XD, but the Essex men (Dennis Johnson, Peter Radford, Steve Smith) had the edge.

**SUFFOLK 2 KENT II 8**  
**HERTFORDSHIRE 2 SURREY II 8**  
Good start for Herts., who led 2-0 before falling away. Last minute change needed with Barbara Peters ill; and Trevor Taylor absent on England duty.

### Second Division (North)

**CUMBERLAND 1 YORKSHIRE II 9**  
A singles win for Clarice Rose over Linda Forkes the solitary home success.

**DURHAM 4 CHESHIRE II 6**  
Durham got a good start and led 2-0 only to see Cheshire level at 2-all. Narrow win for Wilf Barker and Ernie Taylor made it 3-2 but then Cheshire struck three times to lead 5-3. Paul Freeman pulled it back to 5-4 but Philip Mayman completed impressive Senior debut with 2-straight win over Taylor. First class conditions for this match at Hartlepool.

**LINCOLNSHIRE 5 LANCASHIRE 5**  
Stephen Kaufman was Lancashire's hero. The loss of all three doubles sets found the visitors trailing 3-5. After Jack Keogh had beaten Mike East it was left to Kaufman to salvage his county's pride. This he did against John Beaumont in 2 devastating games.

### Second Division (Midland)

**MONMOUTHSHIRE 2 DERBYSHIRE 8**  
With several of last season's players not available, Monmouths. found the visitors too good. Junior Haydn Thomas notched the two home wins, both at 21 in the 3rd, but even he seemed to be below par. A well-balanced Derbys. side which plays as a team.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 2 GLAMORGAN 8**  
Except for the continually improving Alan Croome (who should have taken Fraser Anderson when a game and 20-16 up) Notts. were just not good enough and will need to improve

to hold their place. Pat Hammond, for Notts, stretched her unbeaten singles record to 6 matches, and Graham Davies the best man on view.

### WARWICKSHIRE 8 LEICESTERSHIRE 2

A good all-round home performance, with special mention to Doreen Griffiths, Jenny Cornock and the consistent Derek Munt. John Iliffe played well against Pat Glynn despite his earlier crushing by Ralph Gunnion.

### Second Division (West)

**CORNWALL 3 SOMERSET 7**  
**DORSET 5 WORCESTERSHIRE 5**  
A fair result to a match where 7 sets went to final game. John Heathcote saw Trevor Smith cut back a 1-10 deficit in 3rd but held on to win -12, 16, 18 to put Worcs. 5-3 up. Then Cliff Diffeey and Cyril Bush each took a singles for the draw. Worcs. women unbeaten, but Dorset's Jenny Vass continues to improve.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE 4 DEVON 6**  
What a disappointment for relegated Gloucs. Roy Morley outstanding, but only David Harvey, after nervous start, gave him any support.

**HAMPSHIRE 8 WILTSHIRE 2**  
All three players making their first team debut acquitted themselves well. The Pickard brothers won all their singles for Hants. (and what a new-look team the division champions have) but lost MD; 16-years-old Richard Arney had fine win -13, 18, 19 over Derek Holman in final set.

### WORCESTERSHIRE 9 CORNWALL 1

**Southern Division**  
**BERKSHIRE 5 HAMPSHIRE II 5**  
**WORCESTERSHIRE II 3 OXFORDSHIRE 7**

**Junior South**  
**BERKSHIRE 1 KENT 9**  
Plenty of interest and spirit in the play, although many of the scores indicated comfortable away wins. Wendy Slade refused to give in when trailing Julie Holtam 4-13 in first and fought back to record Berks. only win by 18, 11.

**SUSSEX 4 HAMPSHIRE 6**  
With so many of last season's players still available, this proved disappointing for Sussex who found their visitors much improved also. Hants. could do well in this division, which promises a real tussle for the top four places.

**Junior (North)**  
**CUMBERLAND 1 YORKSHIRE 9**  
A silly error by Yorkshire, who took only 1 girl, meant that Cumberland at last took a set (their first in 6 meetings).

**DURHAM 4 CHESHIRE 6**  
Another silly error, with Cheshire

playing the Johns brothers in the wrong order. Their 8-2 win thus reduced to 6-4. Cheshire boys, with good services to use when in trouble, too strong, but Cynthia Waite and Brenda Murtagh form Durham's most promising pair of girls for many seasons.

### Junior (Midland) DERBYSHIRE 0 WARWICKSHIRE 10

Spirited display by Phil Madin who took both M. Sykes and R. Broadmore to 3 games. The latter, together with M. Davis, looks a good prospect but Sykes seems to rely too much on service which should not be necessary against inexperienced opposition? 13-years-old Susan Holmes could give many years service to Derbys. in the future.

### STAFFORDSHIRE 5 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 5

Fine start by Notts. who led 3-0. GD to Staffs., comfortably, through Barbara Eardley and Helen Blower, then a fine BD win 17 and 24 by Stephen Dunning and Keith Fellows. An easy win for Barbara Eardley in GS levelled the scores, and Terry Bull had a wonderful run from 8-7 to 17-8 v. Dunning. 4-3 to Notts., XD to Staffs., and last two singles shared gave each side a point.

### Junior (East) CAMBRIDGESHIRE 2 BEDFORDSHIRE 8

This could have been 4-6 as Peter Laughlin lost -20 in 3rd to P. Norton, and XD went at 22 in 3rd to visitors. Janet Ferguson had nice singles win over S. Dimmock and combined with June Matthews for two home wins.

**ESSEX 9 NORFOLK 1**  
Even without Bob Hellaby and Ian Horsham, Essex too good. Miroslav Dvorak on debut for Essex had best set of afternoon v. John Fuller, the latter winning 18, -14, 19.

### HERTFORDSHIRE 8 SUFFOLK 2

### Junior (West) SOMERSET 7 WORCESTERSHIRE 3

The Beezer sisters so strong that Worcs. needed 6 from their boys. Trevor Davies and Lewis Colley started well and David Murphy and Pat Woodward held Somerset to 19-all in 3rd in XD. Two edge balls finished them and at 5-3 to Somerset the match rather petered out.

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