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## RE-ESTABLISHMENT

WHATEVER the underlying motives in China's readily accepted invitation to cross her borders and engage in table tennis matches, there can be no denying that from the publicity viewpoint Charles Wyles and his fellow travellers have hit the jackpot.

Never has there been such attention paid by the Press, Radio and T.V. mediums to this sport of ours and although not represented at Nagoya for the World Championships, correspondents whose knowledge of the game must be slight, have allied themselves to the English party like long lost friends.

Let us not kid ourselves. It is not the results of matches played in Peking, Shanghai or wherever they may take place, that is of paramount interest to the populace at large or to the moguls of the Press.

China has opened her doors and the world wants to know what is behind the green, or in this case, the red doors of the People's Republic.

And rightly so for man is the most inquisitive of animals, but let us not lose sight of the fact that negotiations for a closer relationship with China, on the table tennis front, did not come about overnight.

Contact with Chinese table tennis officials was first made by the ETTA Chairman in Halmstadt during the period of this season's Scandinavian Open Championships and have been furthered in London through contact with the Chinese Embassy.

So the ETTA can take credit, along with ITTF President, Roy Evans, in having done their part in re-establishing links of communication which one can only hope will lead to a better understanding between East and West.

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# 1st Commonwealth Championships

## ENGLAND SWEEP THE BOARD IN SINGAPORE

by The Editor

### ROLL OF HONOUR

**Men's Singles**  
**TREVOR TAYLOR**  
(England)

**Women's Singles**  
**JILL SHIRLEY**  
(England)

**Men's Doubles**  
**ALAN HYDES and**  
**TREVOR TAYLOR**  
(England)

**Women's Doubles**  
**KARENZA MATHEWS and**  
**PAULINE PIDDOCK**  
(England)

**Mixed Doubles**  
**ALAN HYDES and**  
**PAULINE PIDDOCK**  
(England)

**Men's Team**  
**ENGLAND**

**Women's Team**  
**ENGLAND**

Lacking top players Chester Barnes and Denis Neale, England made a clean sweep of all seven titles in the first Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships at the Singapore Badminton Stadium over the period March 20th-25th.

Proceedings were climaxed on the final day when Trevor Taylor won the prestigious men's singles title with a hard-fought victory over India's Mir Kasim Ali.

Earlier Jill Shirley took 56 minutes before she subdued her teammate Karenza Mathews to annexe the women's singles title.

Apart from these two glamour events, England won gold medals in the men's and women's team championships, and came out on top in the men's doubles with Alan Hydes and Taylor beating Chan Cheuk Nin and Mah Lung Sang of Hong Kong for the uppermost position on the rostrum.

Karenza Mathews and Pauline Piddock triumphed over Violetta Nesukaitis and Helen Simerl of Canada to win the women's doubles title and, in the mixed, Hydes and Pauline Piddock won an all-English final from Tony Clayton and Karenza Mathews.

### FRACAS

Following an eve-of-departure fracas with E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles Wyles, the England party, without their top men, flew out from Heathrow on Mar 17th aboard Japan Airlines D.C.8 Flight J.L. 462 bound for Singapore and the 31st World Championships in Nagoya, Japan.

The row in London was sparked off by a cable invitation to stay on in Japan after the world championships and play an international match at Sendai on Sunday, April 11th. But, due to contracted undertakings in England, neither Barnes nor Neale

were prepared to extend their time abroad beyond the limits of the period originally afforded them.

were prepared to extend their time abroad beyond the limits of the period originally afforded them.

And so it was, in the first men's team championship event at Singapore, that travelling supporter Alan Ransome, a Northumberland county player with but one junior international match appearance against Scotland to his name, was pressed into service whilst awaiting the arrival of Tony Clayton.

Clayton, runner-up to Barnes in the English Closed and a Liverpool University student, had been selected as the non-travelling reserve but, having suffered the necessary thrust of inoculation needles, his was to have been the unfortunate role of remaining at home.

Not so, however, for came the morning of March 18th and a tele-

phone call from E.T.T.A. Secretary, Derek Tremayne, which had the England No. 5 scrambling to pack his bags and be off in 'hot' pursuit of colleagues he had previously envied.

Meantime, in steamy Singapore where the temperature rose daily, in the hall, to hover around the 'ton' mark - the Equator being only 85 miles away - England went into battle against Nigeria with Ransome occupying the No. 3 position behind Hydes and Taylor.

### ONLY LOSS

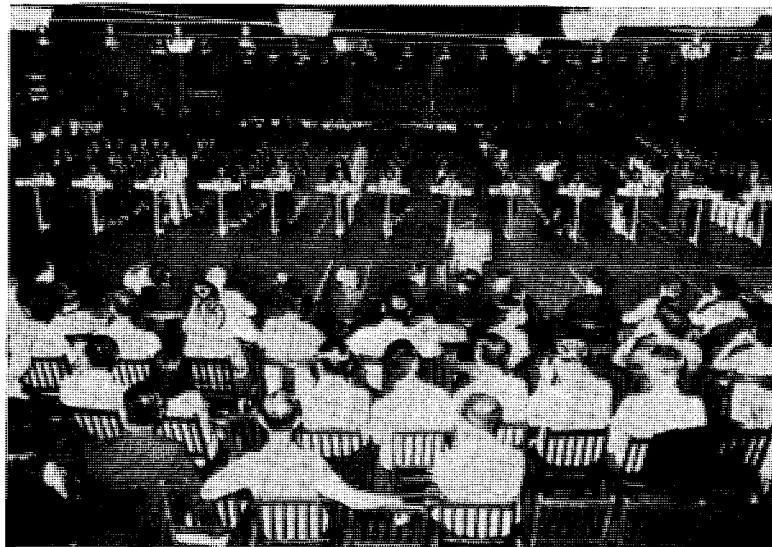
Given this unexpected chance to make a name for himself, the major domo of Teesside gave all he had without avail as he lost, first to Phillip Santos and then to Lassey Wilson, although England, thanks to a treble from Hydes and a couple from Taylor, got home 5-3.

Taylor's loss was to Waidi Dawodu and proved to be the only one sustained by the Hitchin boy in singles combat throughout the six days of the championships and if it was that he went out as a boy, he most certainly will return as a man.

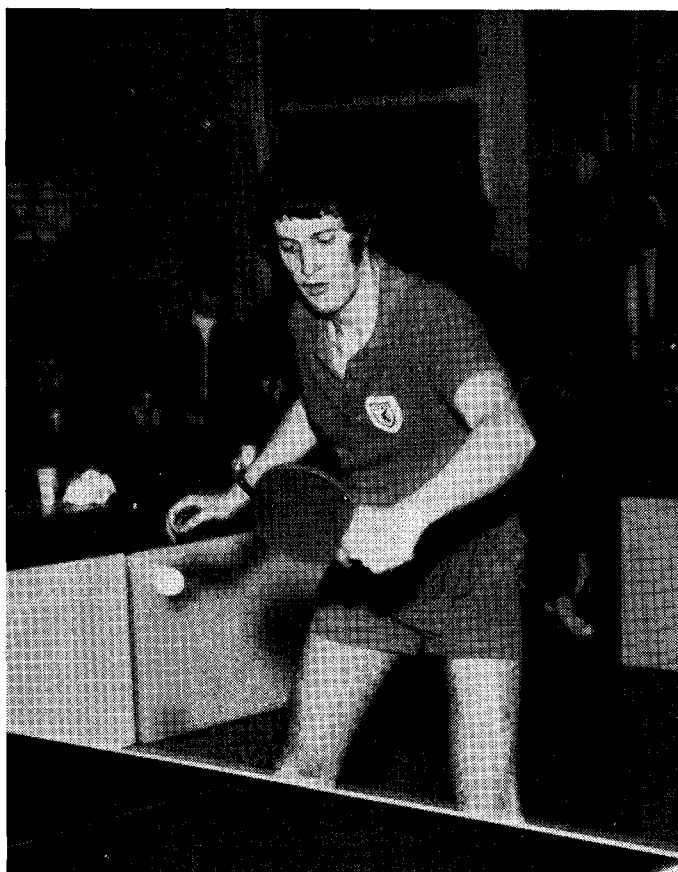
Following on the match against Nigeria in the initial Group 'A' of the men's team championship England, now with Clayton replacing Ransome, found themselves 2-3 down to Malaysia. But from then on, Taylor cruised his way to a treble with Hydes making his return 2 from 3.

Clayton was without success but gave promise of better things to come especially after acclimatisation. And this was in evidence in the subsequent match against Singapore, won 5-0, a result which hardly does credit to the fight put up by the losers.

Final match in this particular group was against a woefully weak Pakistan team whose notions of going on to Nagoya were discarded completely after finishing bottom country of



A general view of the opening ceremony at Singapore's Badminton Hall.



Tony Clayton—the latecomer.

eleven in this particular competition with 2 sets only to show for their labours, against Canada.

#### KNIFE EDGE

From Group "A", England and Singapore went forward to join up with India and Hong Kong, from Group "B", to make up the elite quartet for the final top rankings.

Opening match for England was against India and our chances of finishing first were balanced on a knife edge as the Indians went into a 4-1 lead!

In the opening set, Clayton failed completely to counteract that ace of pushers, Jagannath, and Hydes too, had no answer to the volatile Mir Kasim Ali and so 0-2 stood the score against us.

Taylor restored a little of the balance with a 2-straight win over V. M. Merchant but down went Hydes again, this time to Jagannath, and Clayton followed suit in losing to Merchant. Not one more set of the four remaining could we afford to lose if we were to triumph.

Nor did we as, by the boot laces, we pulled ourselves up from the floor with Taylor beating both Mir Kasim and Jagannath, and Hydes, despite being taken to three accounting for Merchant.

Now came the crunch match, Clayton v. Mir Kasim, and one died a thousand deaths in the second game as Clayton, after winning the first at 10, obtained match point after match point before thundering home the winner.

Hong Kong, despite the presence of Chinese player Chan Cheuk Nin in their ranks, posed no such threats and England won 5-2 but with 5 of the 7 sets going to a deciding game this was no pushover contest by any means.

Thus was a gold medal won but how close was the call when England performed the rope-trick and not India!

Apart from the loss of a doubles set to Malaysia's Ong Mooi Mooi and Tan Sook Hong, England's women steamrollered their way to the final elite group in the counterpart women's competition. 3-0 victories were the order of the day against Ghana, India and Hong Kong with one of 3-1 against Malaysia.

Malaysia accompanied the English into the final jousting to be joined by New Zealand and Canada and, on paper, it looked easy meat.

#### ANOTHER SCARE

And so it was against New Zealand in the final match but oh the anguish occasioned by our meeting with the Canadian team!

It started expectantly enough with Jill Shirley finding it all so easy to beat bespectacled Helen Simerl, nor was the equaliser obtained by Violetta Nesukaitis over Karenza Mathews totally against the book.

We were back on course when winning the doubles but then, after the way she had been playing, Jill too lost to Violetta to surprise us all. But the Canadian champion is not a player to be underrated. Blonde, bespectacled, and with a tremendously long reach she is a very difficult player to beat.

So it was 2-2 with Karenza left to administer the coup de grace against Miss Simerl which, on the face of it, was not likely to last long.

But it lasted a lifetime for, after Karenza had taken the first at 18, back came the Canadian to level the set score at 10. With her confidence ebbing with every stroke, the Middlesex girl trailed throughout a nail-biting decider.

It was indeed England's darkest hour in Singapore, for coincidentally with Karenza being 18-20 down, our men trailed to India 1-4! And yet the age of miracles was still apparent for just as England's men turned the tide so too did Karenza to win four points in a row for match victory.

Top seeds in the men's singles were Yorkshire's Alan Hydes with Malaysia's Soong Poh Wah occupying berth No. 64. But neither reached the quarters!

First to be ousted was Hydes, knocked out by India's Mir Kasim Ali in Round 2. The Indian went into a 2-0 lead with scores of 13 and 19, only to have the set score equated when the Barnsley left-hander won the next two at 19 and 17.

Ali's name was pencilled in as the winner when he led Hydes 20-15 in the decider but the set was by no means over as the Yorkshireman stormed back to take the next five points for "deuce".

Every eye was then focussed on Court No. 2 but the complete fold-up of the Indian was not to be for, overcoming his nervousness, he steadied himself and despite the loss of set point at 21-20 he won 23-21.

#### TAYLOR'S TITLE

It was another Indian, Merchant, who disposed of No. 2 seed Soong Poh Wah in Round 3 but, unlike his compatriot who went on to contest the final, Merchant was seen off in 3-straight by Australia's Chayonond Wuvanich, a Thailer by birth.

It was from the lower order of seeds that England's Trevor Taylor made his successful bid firstly assisted by an opening round breather occasioned by the scratching of Pakistan's Michael Nasir.

India's Deepak Vadhera was beaten in Round 2 (17, 10, 10) and Phillip Santos of Nigeria (19, 10, -17, 19) afforded Taylor a place in the quarters opposed by Tan Khoo Hong, the local hero.

The Singapore schoolboy had earlier beaten the former World No. 8, Chen Cheuk Nin of Hong Kong but, apart from easing up to let the third game go, Taylor was a comfortable winner just as he was against "Charlie" Wuvanich in the semis.

In the top section of the draw, Mir Kasim Ali continued his winning ways, after beating Hydes, by accounting for Canada's Derek Wall and, in the quarters, Lau Sek Fong of Hong Kong.

Ace "pusher" Jagannath barred his compatriot's way in the semis, but it was Mir Kasim Ali who steamed home a most comfortable winner.

And so to the final in which Taylor pounded out his superiority over India's "giant-killer" in 24 minutes of savage execution to become the first Commonwealth men's singles champion.

Surveying matters "down the field", Tony Clayton, in Round 1, was surprisingly beaten by Singapore's Tan Kai Kok (14, -14, 9, 20) and Alan Ransome, after beating Foo Soo Peng and Lee Chan Heng, both of Singapore, lost (-17, -17, 15) to Jagannath.

In the counterpart women's event, England's representatives swamped the proceedings coming out Nos. 1, 2 and 3 with Pauline Piddock beating

Violetta Nesukaitis to place the Canadian girl fourth.

#### DEFEAT AVENGED

It was in this event that Karenza Mathews avenged her defeat in the team championships when she had a 3-straight win over Miss Nesukaitis having previously beaten New Zealand's Neti Traill, Ann McMahon of Australia and, in the first round, Yap Ai Suan of Singapore.

Jill Shirley, the eventual champion, began with a comfortable (8, 10, 12,) win over Wong Siew Chun of Malaysia and was no less pushed in the next round by Canada's Helen Simerl who was beaten 4, 10 and 8.

Again, in the quarters, Ghana's busy champion had no answer to the Slough girl's all-round ability and so to the penultimate round and a meeting with Mrs. Piddock which was as hard-fought as one would expect from these two antagonists.

No quarter was asked or given but Jill came through 3-1 just as she did against Karenza in the final to become, like Taylor, a Commonwealth champion at the first time of asking.

Pauline's path to the semis had been accomplished without the loss of a game taking in Rupa Mukherjee (India), Joyce Hecht (Canada) and Yvonne Fogarty (New Zealand).

Scotland's sole representative in these championships was Mrs. Helen Hamilton (nee Elliott) now playing for Warwickshire in the County Championships.

But Helen, after winning her opening game against Miss Mukherjee in the first round, went down -10, -12, -13 in the next three to make an early exit.

In the women's doubles, won by Karenza and Pauline, Scotland and England combined when Helen and Jill got under way with a 14, 13, 8 opening victory over Ng Aik Choo and Ong Tong Luan of Singapore.

It was a win which carried them into the quarters and a ding-dong encounter with Malaysia's Ong Mooi Mooi/Tan Sook Hong, the latter pair getting home 17 in the fifth.

Winning this section of the draw however were the Indians Kaity Chargeman and Miss Mukherjee whose efforts in the final were rewarded by one game only as Jill and Pauline swept otherwise to victory.

#### NO LOSS

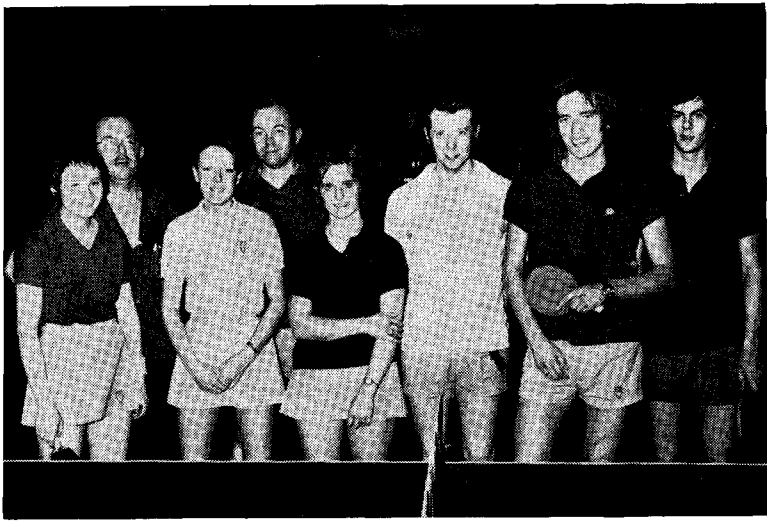
In the men's doubles, Hydes and Taylor cruised majestically to a final victory over Hong Kong's Chan Cheuk Nin and Ma Lung Sang without the loss of a single game in 5 sets.

#### COVER PICTURE

Pictured on the tarmac at London's Heathrow Airport in front of the engine cowling of Japan Airlines D.C. 8 Flight JL. 462 of March 17th are England's female representatives bound for the 1st Commonwealth Championships in Singapore and the 31st World Championships in Nagoya, Japan.

Bright as buttons in their red suits presented by Dan Air are (l. to r.) Pauline Piddock, Jill Shirley and Karenza Mathews.

Photo by Bernard Photographic Service, London Airport.



**Initial practice over, the line up here is (from left to right) Karenza Mathews, Jill Shirley, Pauline Piddock, Alan Ransome, Alan Hydes and Trevor Taylor. Bringing up the rear is the Editor and non-playing captain Bryan Merrett.**

Clayton and Ransome crashed to the local combine of Tan Khoon Hong/Tan Kai Kok (Singapore) after beating Paul Pinkewich/Wuvanich.

England's fifth title in the individual events came in the mixed doubles although beaten finalists Clayton and Karenza had a whale of a struggle against Merchant/Chargeman before winning 22-20 in the fifth.

Champions Hydes and Pauline had no easy time of it either although winning their semi 3-1 against Wuvanich/Vicki Woodward. And the final, spread over five games, left all four contestants in a veritable lather of perspiration.

All in all, these 1st Commonwealth Championships were admirably conducted and the Organising Council under the Chairmanship of Othman Wok, Minister for Social Affairs, are to be congratulated on a job well done.

Tang Tuk Wah, the Secretary-General of the Championships, is also to be complimented for his was a heavy burden to shoulder but one which he accomplished to a degree of excellence.

The memories of the opening ceremony will long remain with all who witnessed the colourful pagentry and the friendships that were created by this meeting of East and West will long out-distance the battle stories from the contests.

Friendliness was the key note throughout and hospitality on a scale which was only matched in quantity by the amount of washing that was daily handed in at Singapore's University wherein all the competitors were comfortably housed.

Well done Singapore and may your turn come round again soon.

### Individual Results :

#### Men's Singles: Round 3:

Mir Kasim Ali (India) bt D. Wall (Canada) 15, 6, 15;  
Lau Sek Fong (H.K.) bt S. Knapp (Aus.) -19, 19, -19, 12, 11;  
G. Jagannath (India) bt A. Ransome (Eng.) 17, 17, 15;  
Chai Chong Boon (Sing.) bt P. Pinkewich (Aus.) 18, 16, 12;  
Tan Khoon Hong (Sing.) bt A. Frankenburg (Aus.) 18, 14, 17;  
T. Taylor (Eng.) bt P. Santos (Nigeria) 19, 10, -17, 19;  
C. Wuvanich (Aus.) bt Mah Lung Sang (H.K.) 14, 11, 13;  
V. Merchant (India) bt Soong Poh Wah (Mal.) -11, 21, 13, -17, 8.

#### Quarter-finals:

Mir Kasim Ali bt Lau Sek Fong 11, 12, -21, 7;  
Jagannath bt Chai Chong Boon -15, 16, 9, 18;  
Taylor bt Tan Khoon Hong 6, 12, -19, 12;  
Wuvanich bt Merchant 6, 19, 22.

#### Semi-finals:

MIR KASIM ALI bt Jagannath 10, 10, 8;  
TAYLOR bt Wuvanich 15, 13, 14.

#### Final:

TAYLOR bt Mir Kasim Ali 14, 18, 20.

#### Places 3 and 4:

Wuvanich bt Jagannath -11, 16, -10, 17, 21.

#### Women's Singles: Round 3:

K. Mathews (Eng.) bt A. McMahon (Aus.) 21, 9, 12;  
N. Traill (N.Z.) bt Ong Yong Luan (Sing.) 11, 7, 12;  
V. Nesukaitis (Canada) bt K. Chargeman (India) -11, -18, 19, 14, 14;  
K. Fraser (N.Z.) bt J. Wan (Sing.) 12, 14, 6;  
J. Shirley (Eng.) bt H. Simerl (Canada) 4, 10, 8;  
E. Jacks (Nigeria) bt Peck Noi Hwoy (Sing.) -16, 19, -17, 13, 10;  
P. Piddock (Eng.) bt J. Hecht (Canada) 12, 19, 16;  
Y. Fogarty (N.Z.) bt Ong Mooi Mooi (Mal.) 17, -9, 18, 13.

#### Quarter-finals:

Mathews bt Traill 13, -15, 8, 9;  
Nesukaitis bt Fraser -13, 8, 13, 7;  
Shirley bt Jacks 5, 13, 14;  
Piddock bt Fogarty 16, 17, 11.

#### Semi-finals:

MATHEWS bt Nesukaitis 16, 18, 16;  
SHIRLEY bt Piddock 18, 16, -16, 19.

#### Final:

SHIRLEY bt Mathews 21, -17, 19, 18.

#### Places 3 and 4:

Piddock bt Nesukaitis 14, 17, 12.

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

Loong Peng Sun/Soong Poh Wah (Mal.) bt J. Hanson/E. Quaye (Ghana) 15, -12, 10, -15, 19;  
A. Hydes/Taylor (Eng.) bt W. Dawodu/B. Obisanya (Nigeria) 12, 13, 10;  
Tan Kai Kok/Tan Khoon Hong (Sing.) bt A. Clayton/Ransome (Eng.) 18, -14, 13, 13;  
Chan Cheuk Nin/Mah Lung Sang (H.K.) bt R. Lee/I. Morris (N.Z.) 15, 14, 9.

#### Semi-finals:

HYDES/TAYLOR bt Loong Peng Sun/Soong Poh Wah 12, 16, 17;  
CHAN CHEUK NIN/MAH LUNG SANG bt Tan Kai Kok/Tan Khoon Hong 13, -11, 17, 18.

#### Final:

HYDES/TAYLOR bt Chan Cheuk Nin/ Mah Lung Sang 17, 16, 11.

#### Places 3 and 4:

Tan Kai Kok/Tan Khoon Hong bt Loong Peng Sun/ Soong Poh Wah 10, -12, 15, 20.

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

Mathews/Piddock bt Jacks/N. Okwan (Ghana) 10, 13, 13;  
Nesukaitis/Simerl bt Er Ley Mei/Wong Siew Chun (Mal.) 15, 15, -16, 13;  
Chargeman/R. Mukerjee bt P. Minwala/J. Tayabiee (Pak.) 11, 13, 14;  
Ong Mooi Mooi/Tan Sook Hong (Mal.) bt H. Hamilton (Scott.)/Shirley 19, -18, 12, -10, 17.

#### Semi-finals:

MATHEWS/PIDDOCK bt Nesukaitis/Simerl 13, 18, 11;  
CHARGEMAN/MUKERJEE bt Ong Mooi Mooi/Tan Sook Hong -14, 22, 22, -14, 13.

#### Final:

MATHEWS/PIDDOCK bt Chargeman/ Mukerjee 15, 16, -16, 18.

#### Places 3 and 4:

Ong Mooi Mooi/Tan Sook Hong bt Nesukaitis/Simerl 16, 16, 17.

#### Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Hydes/Piddock bt Mir Kasim Ali/Mukerjee 16, -13, 22, 14;  
Wuvanich/V. Woodward (Aus.) bt Loong Peng Sun/Tan Sook Hong 19, -15, 13, 16;  
Clayton/Mathews bt Merchant/Chargeman 12, 12, -18, -17, 20;  
Soong Poh Wah/Ong Mooi Mooi bt Taylor/Shirley 13, -15, -18, 18, 17.

#### Semi-finals:

HYDES/PIDDOCK bt Wuvanich/Woodward -19, 7, 20, 19;

CLAYTON/MATHEWS bt Soong Poh Wah/Ong Mooi Mooi 8, 17, 11.

#### Final:

HYDES/PIDDOCK bt Clayton/Mathews -12, 18, -17, 15, 15.

#### Places 3 and 4:

Soong Poh Wah/Ong Mooi Mooi bt Wuvanich/Woodward 14, -19, 16, 20.

### Team Competitions :

#### MEN

Group "A"	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
England	4	4	0	20	6	8
Singapore	4	3	1	15	10	6
Malaysia	4	2	2	14	10	4
Nigeria	4	1	3	12	15	2
Pakistan	4	0	4	0	20	0

#### English results:

v. Nigeria (won 5-3)  
A. Hydes bt L. Wilson 18, -19, 10; bt W. Dawodu 2, -21, 10; bt P. Santos 16, 9.  
T. Taylor lost to Dawodu 11, -16, -19; bt Santos 14, 19; bt Wilson 9, 14.  
A. Ransome lost to Santos -16, -16; lost to Wilson 12, -13, -10.

#### v. Malaysia (won 5-3)

Hydes bt Peong Tuck Seng 13, 16; lost to Loong Peng Sun 15, -19, -18; bt Soong Poh Wah 18, 17.  
Taylor bt Soong Poh Wah 5, 14; bt Peong Tuck Seng 5, 15; bt Loong Peng Sun 12, -15, 14.  
A. Clayton lost to Loong Peng Sun -13, -23; lost to Soong Poh Wah -18, -15.

#### v. Singapore (won 5-0)

Hydes bt Tan Kai Kok 13, 11; bt Tan Khoon Hong 16, 18.  
Taylor bt Chai Chong Boon 8, -16, 18; bt Tan Kai Kok 12, 20.  
Clayton bt Tan Khoon Hong -20, 21, 16.

#### v. Pakistan (won 5-0)

Hydes bt J. Hayat 14, 9.  
Taylor bt S. Hayat 12, 10; bt M. Ibrahim 15, 10.  
Clayton bt Ibrahim 7, 4; bt J. Hayat 11, 6.

#### Group "B"

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
India	5	4	1	23	10	8
Hong Kong	5	4	1	23	12	8
Australia	5	3	2	21	15	6
New Zealand	5	3	2	15	16	6
Canada	5	1	4	9	23	2
Ghana	5	0	5	10	25	0

#### Final Pool

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
England	3	3	0	15	6	6
Hong Kong	3	2	1	12	11	4
India	3	1	2	12	13	2
Singapore	3	0	3	6	15	0

#### English results:

v. India (won 5-4)  
Hydes lost to Mir Kasim Ali -11, -18; lost to G. Jagannath -21, -18; bt V. Merchant 13, -18, 11.  
Taylor bt Merchant 18, 19; bt Mir Kasim Ali 10, 12; bt Jagannath 14, 14.  
Clayton lost to Jagannath -5, -12; lost to Merchant -19, -23; bt Mir Kasim Ali 10, 23.

#### v. Hong Kong (won 5-2)

Hydes bt Ma Lung Sang -23, 19, 18; lost to Chan Cheuk Nin 20, -21, -16.  
Taylor bt Tang Hung Bor 12, 15; bt Ma Lung Sang 13, 8; bt Chan Cheuk Nin 15, -12, 18.  
Clayton bt Chan Cheuk Nin -22, 18, 20; lost to Tang Hung Bor -19, 10, -18.

#### v. Singapore (won 5-0)

Details as per group "A"

#### Final Positions

1. England
2. Hong Kong
3. India
4. Singapore
5. Malaysia
6. Australia
7. New Zealand
8. Nigeria
9. Canada
10. Ghana
11. Pakistan

#### WOMEN

Group "A"	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
England	4	4	0	12	1	8
Malaysia	4	3	1	10	4	6
India	4	2	2	6	6	4
Hong Kong	4	1	3	4	10	2
Ghana	4	0	4	1	12	0

#### English results:

v. Ghana (won 3-0)  
K. Mathews bt N. Okwan 5, 9, P. Piddock bt E. Jacks 13, 12. Mathews/Piddock bt Jacks/Okwan 11, 16.  
v. Malaysia (won 3-1)

J. Shirley bt Tan Sook Hong 14, 12; bt Ong Mooi Mooi 4, 19.  
Mathews bt Ong Mooi Mooi 14, 16.  
Mathews/Piddock lost to Ong Mooi Mooi/Tan Sook Hong -17, -17.

#### v. India (won 3-0)

Shirley bt R. Mukherjee 11, 14. Mathews bt K. Chargeman 17, -17, 12. Mathews/Piddock bt Chargeman/Mukherjee -19, 20, 18.

#### v. Hong Kong (won 3-0)

Shirley bt Lo Yuk Mui 6, 6. Mathews bt Lau Wai Lim 16, 17. Mathews/Piddock bt Lau Wai Lim/Lo Yuk Mui 12, 11.

#### Group "B"

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
New Zealand	4	4	0	12	5	8
Canada	4	3	1	11	7	6
Singapore	4	2	2	9	9	4
Pakistan	4	1	3	6	10	2
Australia	4	0	4	5	12	0

#### Final Pool

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
England	3	3	0	9	3	6
New Zealand	3	2	1	6	7	4
Malaysia	3	1	2	6	8	2
Canada	3	0	3	6	9	0

#### English results:

v. Canada (won 3-2)  
Shirley bt H. Simerl 6, 10; lost to V. Nesukaitis -21, 6, -16.  
Mathews lost to Nesukaitis -10, -13; bt Simerl 18, -10, 22.  
Mathews/Piddock bt Nesukaitis/Simerl 15, 18.

#### v. New Zealand (won 3-0)

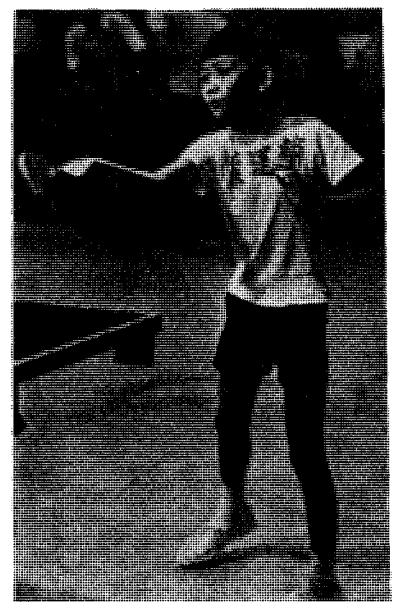
Shirley bt Y. Fogarty 15, 15. Piddock bt N. Traill 9, 12. Mathews/Piddock bt Fogarty/Traill 13, 15.

#### v. Malaysia (won 3-1)

Details as per Group "A".

#### Final Positions

1. England
2. New Zealand
3. Malaysia
4. Canada
5. India
6. Singapore
7. Pakistan
8. Hong Kong
9. Australia
10. Ghana



**Singapore's Yap Chin Boon, 10, the youngest competitor in the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships, caused quite a stir at the Badminton Stadium.**

Making his debut in his first major tournament, tiny Chin Boon gave India's V. M. Merchant some embarrassing moments in the men's singles first round match.

Merchant, a former professional in Japan, was taken close before winning 21-18, 21-17, 21-16.

The crowd cheered Chin Boon at every point he scored with his top spin smashes.

"Chin Boon has a great future. He is one of the few young players with a fluency of strokes. He also has an intelligent approach to his game," said the Republic's Japanese coach Keiji Kozono.

**Individual Team Records**

Men				Opponents	F	A
Hydes	Taylor	Clayton	Ransome	Nigeria	5	3
3-0	2-1		0-2	Malaysia	5	3
2-1	3-0	0-2		Singapore	5	0
2-0	2-0	1-0		Pakistan	5	0
1-0	2-0	2-0		India	5	4
1-2	3-0	1-2		Hong Kong	5	2
1-1	3-0	1-1				
10-4	15-1	5-5	0-2		30	12

Women				Opponents	F	A
Mathews	Shirley	Piddock	Mathews/Piddock	Ghana	3	0
1-0		1-0	1-0	Malaysia	3	1
1-0	2-0		0-1	India	3	0
1-0	1-0		1-0	Hong Kong	3	0
	1-0	1-0	1-0	Canada	3	2
1-1	1-1		1-0	New Zealand	3	0
	1-0	1-0	1-0			
4-1	6-1	3-0	5-1		18	3

**Complete Team Results**

**MEN**

Group "A"	Eng.	Nig.	Pak.	Mal.	Sing.	W	L	Pos.
England	x	5-3	5-0	5-3	5-0	4	0	1
Nigeria	3-5	x	5-0	0-5	4-5	1	3	4
Pakistan	0-5	0-5	x	0-5	*0-5	0	4	5
Malaysia	3-5	5-0	5-0	x	1-5	2	2	3
Singapore	0-5	5-4	*5-0	5-1	x	3	1	2

\* Conceded result

Group "B"	Ind.	Can.	Gha.	Aus.	H.K.	N.Z.	W	L	Pos.
India	x	5-1	5-1	5-3	3-5	5-0	4	1	1
Canada	1-5	x	5-3	0-5	2-5	1-5	1	4	5
Ghana	1-5	3-5	x	2-5	2-5	2-5	0	5	6
Australia	3-5	5-0	5-2	x	5-3	3-5	3	2	3
Hong Kong	5-3	5-2	5-2	3-5	x	5-0	4	1	2
New Zealand	0-5	5-1	5-2	5-3	0-5	x	3	2	4

Final "A"	Eng.	Sing.	H.K.	India	W	L	Pos.
England	x	5-0	5-2	5-4	3	0	1
Singapore	0-5	x	3-5	3-5	0	3	4
Hong Kong	2-5	5-3	x	5-3	2	1	2
India	4-5	5-3	3-5	x	1	2	3

Final "B"	Mal.	Nig.	N.Z.	Aus.	W	L	Pos.
Malaysia	x	5-0	5-1	5-0	3	0	5
Nigeria	0-5	x	5-2	1-5 (6-12)	1	2	8
New Zealand	1-5	2-5	x	5-3 (8-13)	1	2	7
Australia	0-5	5-1	3-5	x (8-11)	1	2	6

Final "C"	Pak.	Can.	Gha.	W	L	Pos.
Pakistan	x	2-5	0-5	0	2	11
Canada	5-2	x	5-3	2	0	9
Ghana	5-0	3-5	x	1	1	10

**WOMEN**

Group "A"	Eng.	Mal.	H.K.	Gha.	Ind.	W	L	Pos.
England	x	3-1	3-0	3-0	3-0	4	0	1
Malaysia	1-3	x	3-1	3-0	3-0	3	1	2
Hong Kong	0-3	1-3	x	3-1	0-3	1	3	4
Ghana	0-3	0-3	1-3	x	0-3	0	4	5
India	0-3	0-3	3-0	3-0	x	2	2	3

Group "B"	Aus.	Can.	Sing.	N.Z.	Pak.	W	L	Pos.
Australia	x	2-3	2-3	0-3	1-3	0	4	5
Canada	3-2	x	3-1	2-3	3-1	3	1	2
Singapore	3-2	1-3	x	2-3	3-1	2	2	3
New Zealand	3-0	3-2	3-2	x	3-1	4	0	1
Pakistan	3-1	1-3	1-3	1-3	x	1	3	4

Final "A"	Eng.	Mal.	N.Z.	Can.	W	L	Pos.
England	x	3-1	3-0	3-2	3	0	1
Malaysia	1-3	x	2-3	3-2	1	3	3
New Zealand	0-3	3-2	x	3-2	2	1	2
Canada	2-3	2-3	2-3	x	0	3	4

Final "B"	Ind.	H.K.	Sing.	Pak.	W	L	Pos.
India	x	3-0	3-0	3-0	3	0	5
Hong Kong	0-3	x	1-3	1-3	0	3	8
Singapore	0-3	3-1	x	3-1	2	1	6
Pakistan	0-3	3-1	1-3	x	1	2	7

Final "C"	Gha.	Aus.	W	L	Pos.
Ghana	x	0-3	0	1	10
Australia	3-0	x	1	0	9

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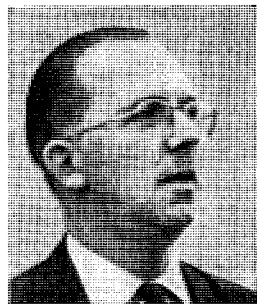
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# 31st World Championships



by **GEORGE R. YATES**

## Europe's men bridge the gap

BORN in Falkenberg on July 26, 1952, Sweden's 18-years-old STELLAN BENGTTSSON bridged a gap of 18 years when, in the Aichi Prefectural Gymnasium, Nagoya, on April 4, he wrested the coveted St. Bride Vase from the holder, 25-years-old Shigeo Itoh of Japan.

It was back in 1953 when the men's singles event was last won by a European on which occasion, in Bucharest, Ferenc Sido of Hungary beat Ivan Andreadis of Czechoslovakia.

The men's doubles crown also went to Europe when ISTVAN JONYER and TIBOR KLAMPAR of Hungary overcame an inauspicious beginning to smash their way to victory over China's 3-times former world champion Chuang Tse-tung partnered by Liang Ko-liang.

China did, however, provide a triple champion in LIN HUI-CHING, a 29-years-old worker in a Shanghai sporting goods company, who came to Japan not only as a player, but also as the team's assistant manager.

Together with the beaten singles finalist CHENG MIN-CHIH, the women's doubles was captured with a final victory over Japan's Mieko Hirano and Reiko Sakamoto and, in the mixed event, the third title was annexed when, paired with CHANG SHIN-LIN, Anton Stipanovic of Yugoslavia and Maria Alexandra of Rumania provided the last scalps.

### OUTNUMBERED

European players outnumbered those of Asia by five to three in the quarter-finals of the men's singles event when Bengtsson was joined by Dragutin Surbek (Yugoslavia), Milan Orlovski (Czechoslovakia), Klampar and Jaroslav Kunz (Czechoslovakia) against Itoh and China's Li Fu-jung and Hsi En-ting.

Bengtsson's route to the final took in Motokuni Aramaki (Japan), 6, 14 and 14, Kim Yung-Sam (North Korea), 9,

13 and 12, followed by a best-of-five against China's Li Ching-kuang and Japan's Nobuhiko Hasegawa.

In the quarters against his first and only European opponent, Kunz was seen off in 3-straight as was Hsi En-ting, although China's No. 4 ranked player obtained 19 points in each of his three games.

Itoh began with a 12, 9, 16 win over Israel's Yosef Shifman followed by a pulsating struggle against the Yugoslav pen-holder attacker Milivoj Karakasevic which went -10, 15, 17, -20, 9 to the Japanese No. 1.

Then followed yet another 5-gamer against North Korea's Chung Ryang Woong and the full distance was again called for in Round 4 when opposed by his compatriot Masahiko Ohya, nationally ranked in Japan at No. 13!

3-1 were the victories obtained by the title holder against both Li Fu-jung and Surbek and thus the stage was set for the final encounter which had a crowd of 5,000 eagerly awaiting the outcome.

### SPLINTERED

Spurred on by his home crowd, as was Ebby Schöler in Munich two years previously, Itoh equated the set score after going down -17 in the first game. He levelled matters with a 21-19 win in the second and the springboard was there for the bespectacled world champion to retain his title.

But, splintering the elasticity of the board's would-be impetus, the Swedish left-hander went from strength to strength as he hammered home his superiority with scores of 13 and 10 to add his name to the list of truly greats in the annals of world table tennis.

**When one recalls that in the Swaythling Cup competition, China's Li Ching-kuang, nicknamed "Tomahawk" by the English boys, beat Itoh 3 and 6, Bengtsson's victory over him must rank as a magnificent performance, as indeed it was.**

What then of England's gallants in this exalted company?

First to be summoned to the table was Alan Ransome who renewed his Commonwealth relationship with Fam Sin Wai of Malaysia and, winning -17, 18, 8 and 20, secured a place in the first round proper.

ROLL OF HONOUR	
<b>Men's Singles</b>	<b>Women's Singles</b>
STELLAN BENGTTSSON (Sweden)	LIN HUI-CHING (China)
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	<b>Women's Doubles</b>
ISTVAN JONYER and TIBOR KLAMPAR (Hungary)	CHENG MIN-CHIH and LIN HUI-CHING (China)
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	
CHANG SHIN-LIN and LIN HUI-CHING (China)	
<b>Swaythling Cup</b>	<b>Corbillon Cup</b>
CHINA	JAPAN
<b>Jubilee Cup</b>	
LADISLAV STIPEK (Peru)	

Again his opponent was one he had met in Singapore but without playing him. But, as with his two defeats against Nigeria in the Commonwealth Championships, the third nail was driven in by Solomon Bamgbose who won -14, 15, 18 and 12.

Tony Clayton was next into the arena and a first round meeting with Thailand's Chuchai Plernpruksa saw the Yorkshire left-hander go forward with scores of 11, 14 and 17.

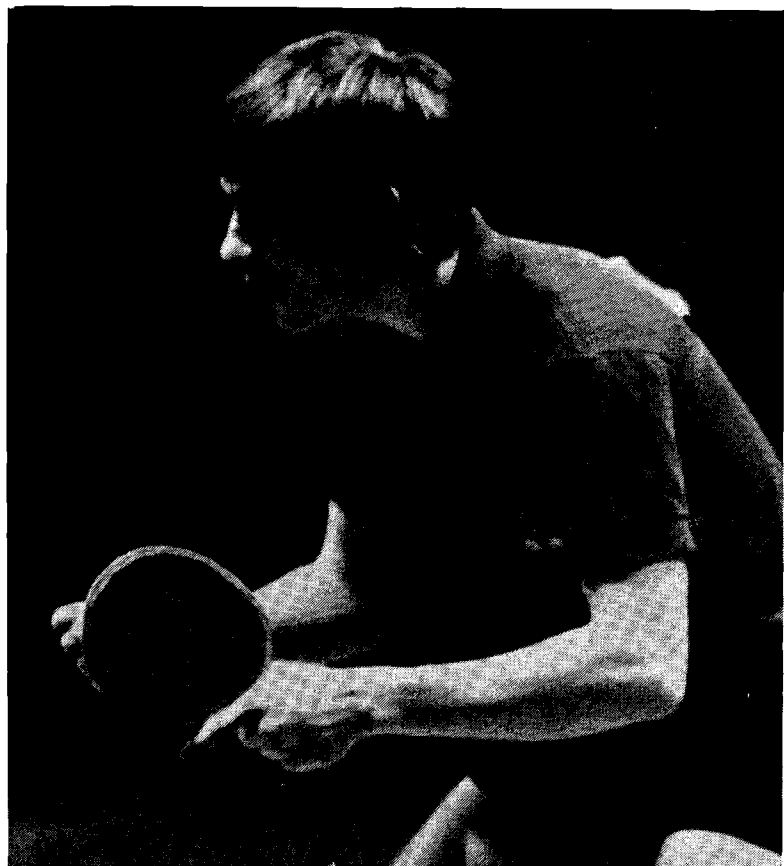
Equally convincing was Clayton's defeat in Round 2 by Japan's No. 3 Mitsuru Kohno who won 12, 14 and 12.

Suffering a like fate, Trevor Taylor, after beating Cambodia's Pal Bunthou -17, 13, 15 and 14 went out like a light in Round 2 to South Korea's No. 1 Chung Cha-Hyun -14, -17, -13.

### DEHYDRATED

Back in Nagoya's Miyako Hotel, Alan Hydes was confined to his bed with a tummy upset and being according to a Hungarian doctor of Bryan Merrett's acquaintance, completely dehydrated after sweating it out in the cloying heat of Singapore.

Had he been able to answer his name in the hall, the Barnsley international would have been in receipt of a first



Stellan Bengtsson, Sweden's 18-year-old world men's singles champion-  
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China make their entrance at the opening ceremony in the Aichi Gymnasium, Nagoya.

round walk-over as neither Karl Johan Bernhardt (Sweden) nor Spiro Abour-jaily (Lebanon) were present to contest their opening set.

Thus Japan's No. 15—ranked Yukio Shibata was afforded a second round walk-over, as was Cambodia's Khau Bou against who Chuang Tse-tung scratched because of China's objection to the players of South Vietnam and Cambodia being recognised by the I.T.T.F.

Shock first round defeat was that suffered by Sweden's Kjell Johansson, beaten 14, -13, 8, -12, -17 by Japan's Ohya. But the tables were well and truly turned when Zlatko Cordas of Yugoslavia registered a -21, 16, 23, -15, 17 victory over the host country's No. 5 Fetsuo Inoue.

Another home player, Tokio Tasaka crashed to Yugoslavia's Anton Stipanovic who won 15, 16, -21, 16 but his compatriot Istvan Korpa went down to Shibata -16, -12, -20.

Fallers of note in Round 2 were Jiri Turai of Czechoslovakia, to Chung Ryang-Woong; Ebby Schöler (-13, -17, -20) to Li Fu-jung; Stansilav Gomozkov (USSR) to Orlovski (-12, -11, -12); European champion Hans Alser (Sweden) to Stipanovic (-19, 10, 12, -12); Jacques Secretin (France) to Pak Sin-II (North Korea) 15, -15, -16, -17 and South Korea's Chung Cha-Hyun to Hasegawa.

#### DOMINATION

Asia's women dominated on the distaff side with Czechoslovakia's Ilona Vostova and Alicia Grofova (Vos and Grof) lining up with four Chinese and 2 Japanese in the quarters.

But from then on, China took command to eventual victory by Lin Hui-ching, the No. 1, over second-ranked Cheng Min-chih, the former disposing of Vostova with consummate ease.

In the qualifying competition, England's Pauline Piddock disappointed against Sweden's No. 4 Birgitta Wiktorsson, losing 16, -13, -10, 7, -14, but Karenza Mathews had a heartening win over Japan's No. 8-ranked Setsuko Kobori (9, 17 and 22).

Again, in the first round, Karenza had all her guns blazing when shooting down Eleanora Mihalca of Rumania (-10, 11, 11, 16) but failed to counter, apart from one game, the fire power

brought to bear by Russia's European champion Zoya Rudnova.

China's Cheng Huai-ying snuffed out the threat of Jill Shirley's progress in Round 1 (15, 14 and 10) and, back to the qualifying competition, Helen Hamilton lost, as she had done in Singapore, to India's Rupa Mukherjee (-14, -12, -20).

Round 1 proved the graveyard for European hopes when such personages as Marta Hejma (nee Luzova) of Federal Germany lost to Toshiko Kowada (-11, -13, -8), Svetlana Grinberg (U.S.S.R.) lost to Grofova (-20, -19, 18, 18, -16), Beatrix Kishazi (Hungary) lost to Ohba (Japan) 19, -18, -8, -11), Agnes Simon (Fed. Germany) lost to La In-Sook (S. Korea) and Diane Schöler (F. Germany) eventually bowed the knee to Japan's No. 14-ranked Kiyoko Inoue (13, -16, 10, -11, -10).

Kyra Stewart, the young Irish girl on a sponsored improvement visit to Japan, had the benefit of a qualifying walk-over when Ho Ah Chung (Hong Kong) was absent but was beaten 9, 20 and 14 by Sonia Moriceau of France in Round 1. Also, in this round, Canada's Violetta Nesukaitis, who had done so well in Singapore, lost to Rudnova -16, -11, -19.

Reigning champion Kowada fell in Round 3 to China's Cheng Hui-ying, after establishing a 2-1 lead, whilst in this round also Maria Alexandru fell to China's Li Li and Rudnova gave second best to Yuki Ohzeki.

#### RHAPSODY

Hungary's Jonyer and Klampar were not in harmony in their opening encounter in the men's doubles event being taken to five games by Christodoulatos/Diakakis of Greece.

Subsequently, their rhapsody became more apparent as "feed-man" Jonyer got the lifted returns for Klampar to melt away before the ve-y eyes of unbelieving would-be retrievers.

Still on the sick list, Hydes was a non-combatant in this event leaving Taylor free to follow the fortunes of his all-fated men's singles choice, Klampar, but this time with more success.

Left to carry the flag, Clayton and Ransome knew just how many beans made ten when clobbering off Mexico's Jose Luis Montes and

#### Roberto Otero in the qualifying competition.

And, in the first round proper, they put up a whale of a fight before losing to Japan's Tanaka and Isamu Koiwa -15, -13, 20, -20.

Early fallers in this event were the Russians, Gomozkov and his young partner Anatoliy Strovatov, beaten over five games by the Czech combine of Orlovski/Turai, whilst out in three went Hungary's Matyas Belezna and Ferenc Timar to Freddy Hansen and Claus Pedersen of Denmark!

In Round 2, Alser and Johansson lost interest when beaten by Chou Lan-sun and Yu Chang-chun of China whilst "Ebby" Schöler, partnered by South Korea's Chu Chang-Suk lost to the Czechs, Kollarovits/Kunz -19, -22, 10, -17.

Sweden's other pair, Bengtsson and Bo Persson, were never in it against Japan's Itoh and Kohno, nor were Chuang Tse-tung and Liang Ke-liang in that devastating final, after the first game.

#### INTERLOPERS

Russia's Rudnova and Grinberg were the European interlopers in the quarter-finals of the women's doubles but only one game were they allowed to win by Miho Hamada and Ohzeki of Japan.

In a purely Asiatic affair, western couples had no further interest beyond this point and seldom in with a chance were Japan's Mieko Hirano and Reiko Sakamoto in the final against Cheng Min-chih and Lin Hui-ching of China.

Partnered by Hungary's Beatrix Kishazi, Jill Shirley began brightly enough when beating Ng Aik Choo and Ong Yong Luan of Singapore but that was the end of their winning ways.

In Round 1 they lost to Mieko Fukuno and Asako Yamaguchi of Japan -10, -9, 18, -17 whilst Karenza and Pauline, who never really clicked in Nagoya, lost to the host country's Hirano/Sakamoto, 14, 14, -11, -12, -17.

Kyra Stewart had Martine Rioual of France as her partner but, after beating a Thailand pair, they succumbed to Indonesia's Carla and Diana Tedjasukmana.

One intriguing women's doubles combination was listed as Te/Pot (KH) which, when converted to their programme numbers, turned out to be Te Eng and Pot Saran of Cambodia—an unbelievable brew!

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As in the men's singles, Europe was represented five to three against the Asiatics in the quarter-finals of the mixed, but the only pair to advance to the final was the further "mixed" one of Stipanovic and Maria Alexandru.

But this Yugoslav/Rumanian combine failed to make any great impression on the eventual winners from China, Chang Shin-lin and triple champion Lin Hui-ching.

#### WALK-OVER

Clayton and Karenza Mathews were England's first representatives to go into action in the qualifying competition from which they emerged 19, 13, 14 winners over Ghana's John Hanson and Ethel Jacks.

In the second qualifying round they were awarded a walk-over when Derek Wall and Helen Simerl of Canada scratched. And so to Round 1 and an impressive win over South Korea's Kim Eun-Tae and Choi Jung-Sook (11, 21, 21).

Journey's end came with their second round meeting with Hasegawa and Yasuko Konno and defeat (-15, -9, -13).

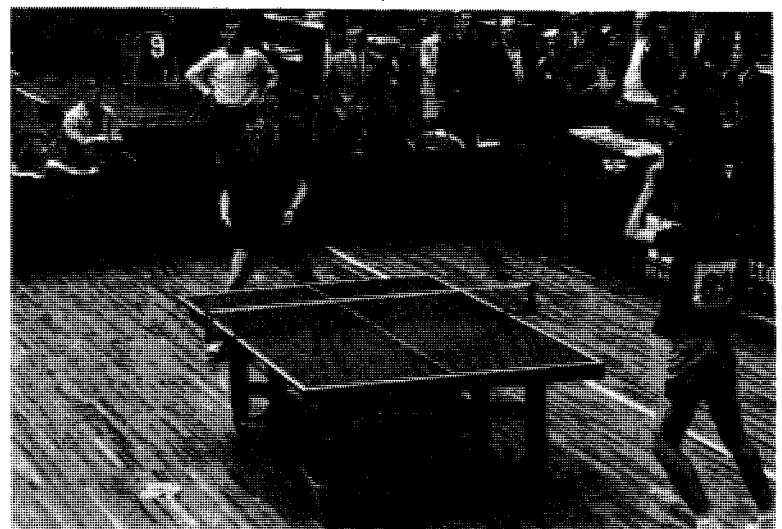
Back in action for this particular event, Hydes had Pauline Piddock as his partner but, after beating the Greek pair Diakakis/Lovka, the Yorkshireman showed signs of further distress and the English pair withdrew.

Big hopes Taylor and Jill Shirley slumped to a first round defeat by Japan's Aramaki/Motohashi (-19, -13, -16) and thus went any real chance of furthering our headline successes in Singapore.

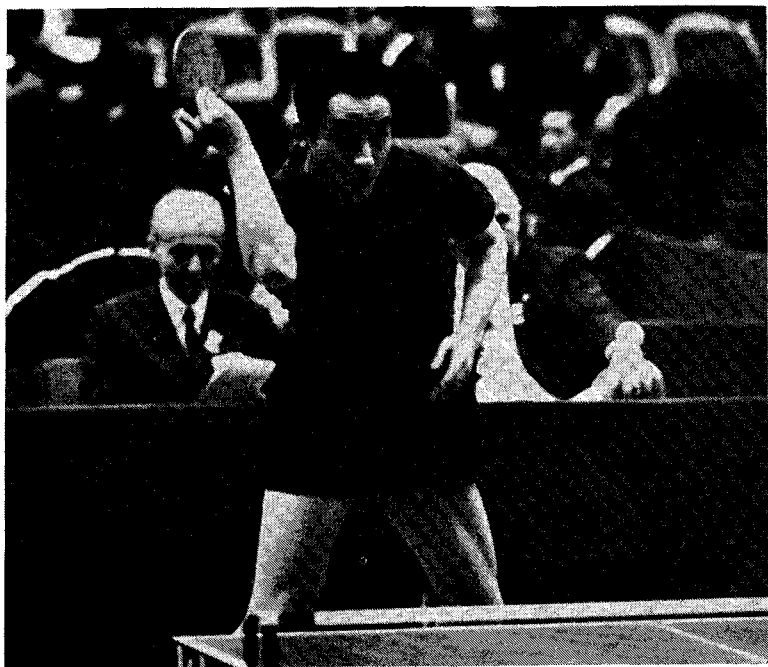
#### UPSET

Major upset in the Jubilee Cup competition was the third round defeat of holder Ferenc Sido by Tim Boggan, Editor of the U.S.A.'s "Table Tennis Topics" and possessor of a "below stairs" ranking across the Atlantic.

Nor was this the limit of Tim's activities amongst the past masters, for



Trevor Taylor (61) in action against Federal Germany's Ebby Schöler in the Swaythling Cup competition.



The ageing maestro Chung Tse-tung. Still good enough to beat Japan's Shigeo Itoh in the Swaythling Cup final although losing to Mitsuru Kohno.

he went on to contest the final and gave Ladislav Stipek a few anxious moments before the former Czech Swaythling Cup player won 17 and 18. Next issue of "T.T.T." should make interesting reading!

Messrs. Clayton and Ransome comprised England's entrants in the men's consolation singles and the Hull left-hander reached the third round with wins over Manuel Silva (Mexico) and Danny Dhondt (France) before losing to Hansen of Denmark -17, -12.

Poor old Alan had another Commonwealth opponent to contend with in the person of Hong Kong's No. 2 Mah Lung Sang and, sad to relate, a quick exit -8, -19.

But how about these names as winners of the consolation events? Istvan Korpa of Yugoslavia and Svetlana Grinberg of the U.S.S.R.! No wonder they had a fanfare of trumpets for the presentation of awards.

Under the Presidency of Koji Goto, the organisation of the championships by the Japanese Association was really superb.

Hotel accommodation in the city of Nagoya simply left one awe-struck and in the words of Tony Clayton—"We have never had it so good".

One shudders to think of the cost, for the opening and closing parties alone were "out of this world". Couple all this with the friendliness and willingness to please of all officials, from top to bottom, and the picture becomes the work of a master.

The journey from Tokyo to Nagoya by the "Bullet" train was an experience in itself, travelling as it does at 130 m.p.h. Distance lends enchantment it is said, but the memories of the 31st World Table Tennis Championships in Japan, can only be indelible.

Finally it was fitting that the Swaythling Club's award for fair play, now known as the "Richard Bergmann Fair Play Award", should go to the host country's Shigeo Itoh.

A modest man in defeat, yet a tiger at the table, Itoh was quick to acknowledge the slightest touch which went

against him and never once was guilty of the slightest tantrum, not even when things went totally against him as in his meeting with Li Ching-kuang in the Swaythling Cup final.

#### RESULTS:—

##### Men's Singles: Round 3:

S. Itoh (Japan) bt Chung Ryang Woong (N. Korea) 15, -19, -19, 17, 14;  
M. Ohya (Japan) bt F. Timar (Hung.) 15, -17, 19, 16;  
I. Jonyer (Hung.) bt N. Kamata (Japan) 14, 20, 18;  
Li Fu-jung (China) bt Z. Cordas (Yugo.) 12, 3, 18;  
T. Tasaka (Japan) bt B. Jansen (Fed. G.) -13, 19, 14, 15;  
M. Orlovski (Czech.) bt K. Abe (Japan) 13, 16, 15;  
D. Surbek (Yugo.) bt B. Persson (Swed.) 13, 21, 18;  
Y. Imano (Japan) bt Khau Bou (Camb.) 14, 9, 13;  
A. Stipanec (Yugo.) bt Liang Ko-liang (China) -20, 21, 12, 13;  
T. Klampar (Hung.) bt H. Bozorgzadeh (Iran) 15, 17, 15;  
Hsi En-ting (China) bt Pak Sin-Il (N. Korea) -16, 20, 18, 18;  
M. Kohno (Japan) bt U. Soewindo (Indo.) 13, -16, 13, 12;  
J. Kunz (Czech.) bt U. Shibata (Japan) 14, 12, 11;  
W. Lieck (Fed. G.) bt Chou Lan-sun (China) 21, 13, -7, -10, 12;  
S. Bengtsson (Swed.) bt Li Ching-kuang (China) -9, 16, -14, 14, 19;  
N. Hasagawa (Japan) bt S. Kollarovits (Czech.) 15, 20, 17.

##### Round 4:

Itoh bt Ohya -16, -17, 18, 14, 20;  
Jonyer bt Li Fu-jung -11, 16, -21, 11, 20;  
Orlovski bt Tasaka -16, 7, -7, 12, 22;  
Surbek bt Imano 16, 13, 16;  
Klampar bt Stipanec -15, 15, 14, -19, 14;  
Hsi En-ting bt Kohno 14, 20, 18;  
Kunz bt Lieck 22, 11, 18;  
Bengtsson bt Hasegawa 13, -7, -18, 12, 19.

##### Quarter-finals:

Itoh bt Li Fu-jung -17, 12, 16, 12;  
Surbek bt Orlovski -19, 12, 15, 19;  
Hsi En-ting bt Klampar 21, 17, -14, 18;  
Bengtsson bt Kunz 14, 19, 17.

##### Semi-finals:

ITOH bt Surbek 12, -19, 16, 18;  
BENGTSSON bt Hsi En-ting 19, 19, 19.

##### Final:

BENGTSSON bt Itoh 17, -19, 13, 10.

##### Women's Singles: Round 2:

T. Kowada (Japan) bt K. Chargeman (India) 22, 10, 21;  
Cheng Huai-ying (China) bt C. Bergeret (Fr.) 12, -16, 16, 9;  
Li Li (China) bt R. Pogosova (U.S.S.R.) -18, 15, 19, -18, 12;  
M. Alexandru (Rum.) bt T. Sakakibara (Japan) 19, 10, 17;  
A. Grofova (Czech.) bt Tan Sok Cheng (Cam.) 19, 15, -19, 20;  
E. Ohba (Japan) bt La In-Sook (S. Korea) 13, 13, 13;  
R. Sakamoto (Japan) bt Lee Ailesa (S. Korea) 20, 17, -18, 19;  
Cheng Min-chih (China) bt K. Itoh (Japan) 11, 18, 15;  
I. Vostova (Czech.) bt J. Magos (Hung.) 18, 18, 20;  
Y. Konno (Japan) bt B. Scharmacher (Fed. G.) 16, 15, 18;  
E. Antonyan (U.S.S.R.) bt Y. Kawamorita (Japan) 10, 15, 15;  
K. Inoue (Japan) bt C. Tedjasukmama (Indo.) 12, 14, -23, 12;  
Lin Hui-ching (China) bt L. Andersson (Swed.) 12, 12, 14;  
M. Hamada (Japan) bt S. Moriceau (Fr.) 12, 14, 14;  
Y. Ohzeki (Japan) bt W. Hendriksen (Fed. G.) 18, 6, 10;  
Z. Rudnova (U.S.S.R.) bt K. Mathews (Eng.) 8, -17, 11, 18.

##### Round 3:

Cheng Huai-ying bt Kowada -12, 23, -17, 16, 11;  
Li Li bt Alexandru -19, 12, 12, -13, 17;  
Grofova bt Ohba 17, 16, 21;  
Cheng Min-chih bt Sakamoto 10, 15, 9;  
Vostova bt Konno 11, 15, -19, 10;  
Inoue bt Antonyan -23, 14, 16, 13;  
Lin Hui-ching bt Hamada 9, 6, -15, 15;  
Ohzeki bt Rudnova 15, 11, 20.

##### Quarter-finals:

Li Li bt Cheng Huai-ying 14, -16, 12, 20;  
Cheng Min-chih bt Grofova 9, 10, 12;  
Vostova bt Inoue 18, -17, 12, 13;  
Lin Hui-ching bt Ohzeki -18, 10, 9, -16, 10.

##### Semi-finals:

CHENG MIN-CHIH bt Li Li 11, 10, 13;  
LIN HUI-CHING bt Vostova 9, 5, 14.

##### Final:

LIN HUI-CHING bt Cheng Min-chih 17, 15, -13, 19.

##### Men's Doubles: Round 3:

Chou Lan-sun/Yu Chang-chun (China) bt Orlovski/J. Turai (Czech.) -9, 12, -16, 18, 14;  
Jonyer/Klampar bt T. Inoue (Japan)/Shibata -15, 16, 19, 20;  
Stipanec/Surbek bt Jansen/Schmittinger (Fed. G.) 11, 17, 14;  
Hasegawa/Tasaka bt Kim Chang-Ho (N. Korea)/Pak Sin-Il 16, 15, 17;  
Abe/Imano bt M. Karakasevic/I. Korpa (Yugo.) 17, 18, -16, 15;  
T. Nishii/M. Ohya (Japan) bt Kollarovits/Kunz 17, 18, -23, 16;  
Chuang Tse-tung/Liang Ko-liang (China) bt Choi Seung-Kuk/Whang Sang-Wan (S. Korea) -16, 12, 12, 9;  
Itoh/Kohno bt Lieck/M. Ness (Fed. G.) 5, -17, 19, 15.

##### Quarter-finals:

Jonyer/Klampar bt Chon Lan-sun/Yu Chang-chun 21, 18, 15;  
Hasegawa/Tasaka bt Stipanec/Surbek 17, -10, 18, -15, 12;  
Abe/Imano bt Nishii/Ohya 20, 12, -18, 11;

Chuang Tse-tung/Liang Ko-liang bt Itoh/Kohno 16, 18, -20, 16.

##### Semi-finals:

JONYER/KLAMPAR bt Hasegawa/Tasaka 15, 16, 14;  
CHUANG TSE-TUNG/LIANG KO-LIANG bt Abe/Imano 18, 19, 18.

##### Final:

JONYER/KLAMPAR bt Chuang Tse-tung/Liang Ko-liang -11, 16, 10, 16.

##### Women's Doubles: Round 2:

S. Grinberg (U.S.S.R.)/Rudnova bt Grofova/Vostova 20, 7, -19, -19, 8;  
Hamada/Ohzeki bt Bergeret/Moriceau -19, 15, 16, 16;  
M. Fukuno/A. Yamaguchi (Japan) bt B. Kishazi (Hung.)/J. Shirley (Eng.) 8, 16, -15, 16;  
Cheng Min-chih/Lin Hui-ching bt Itoh/Ohba 19, 15, 14;  
N. Motohashi (Japan)/Sakakibara bt Alexandru/E. Mihalca (Rum.) -17, 13, 19, 17;  
Kawamorita/S. Kobori (Japan) bt D. Schöler/A. Simon (Fed. G.) -19, 15, 20, 17;  
M. Hirano (Japan)/Sakamoto bt Andersson/Neidert (Swed.) 18, 13, -17, 17;  
Kowada/Konno bt C. and D. Tedjasukmama (Indo.) 13, 16, 11.

##### Quarter-finals:

Hamada/Ohzeki bt Grinberg/Rudnova 22, -13, 12, 14;  
Cheng Min-chih/Lin Hui-ching bt Fukuno/Yamaguchi 10, 9, -18, 17;  
Kawamorita/Kobori bt Motohashi/Sakakibara -14, 19, 10, -22, 18;  
Hirano/Sakamoto bt Kowada/Konno -13, -18, 15, 22, 23.

##### Semi-finals:

CHENG MIN-CHIH/LIN HUI-CHING bt Hamada/Ohzeki 19, 20, 14;  
HIRANO/SAKAMOTO bt Kawamorita/Kobori 12, 14, 16.

##### Final:

CHENG MIN-CHIH/LIN HUI-CHING bt Hirano/Sakamoto 11, 16, 10.

##### Mixed Doubles: Round 3:

Stipanec/Alexandru bt Hasegawa/Konno -15, 12, -17, 19, 19;  
H. Alser (Swed.)/Pogosova bt Hsi En-ting/Li Li 20, 10, 18;  
M. Beleznai (Hung.)/Kishazi bt Tanaka/Ohba -19, -14, 20, 22, 21;  
E. Schöler (Fed. G.)/Scholer bt Orlovski/Vostova 9, 17, 11;  
Chang Shin-lin (China)/Lin Hui-ching bt Itoh/Sakamoto 15, 18, 17;  
S. Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.)/Rudnova bt Liang Ko-liang/Chang Li (China) -12, 15, -14, 18, 11;  
Nishii/Fukono bt T. Furukawa (Japan)/Inoue 10, 18, 8;  
Kohno/Kowada bt Schmittinger/M. Hejma (Fed. G.) 17, -16, 6, 18.

##### Quarter-finals:

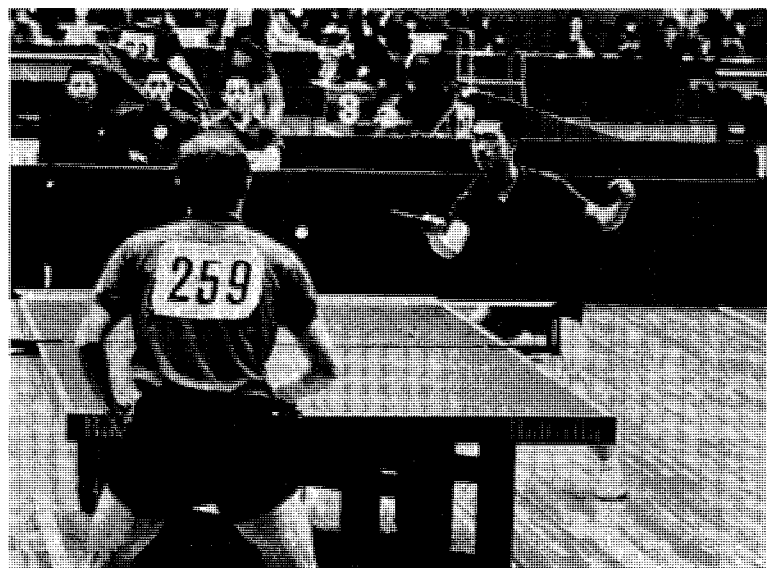
Stipanec/Alexandru bt Alser/Pogosova 9, 14, 14;  
Schöler/Scholer bt Beleznai/Kishazi 17, -19, 16, 21;  
Chang Shin-lin/Lin Hui-ching bt Gomozkov/Rudnova 18, 15, 17;  
Nishii/Fukono bt Kohno/Kowada 19, -17, -16, 16, 11.

##### Semi-finals:

STIPANEC/ALEXANDRU bt Scholer/Scholer  
CHANG SHIN-LIN/LIN HUI-CHING bt Nishii/Fukono -19, 15, 12, 12.

##### Final:

CHANG SHIN-LIN/LIN HUI-CHING bt Stipanec/Alexandru 19, -15, 16, 18.



China's Liang Ke-liang in action against Sweden's Hans Alser (259). The European champion was beaten 22-20, 21-19.

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### Round 3:

T. Boggan (U.S.A.) bt F. Sido (Hung.) 17, 16; H. Yiptong (Maur.) bt E. Cheal (N.Z.) 14, 15; G. Roland (Bel.) bt A. Efunkoya (Nig.) 5, 8; Ostravicky (Czech.) bt T. Nomura (Japan) 4, 15; Z. Uzorinac (Yugo.) bt R. Gruber (Fed. G.) 14; Shi Su Chu (H.K.) bt R. Harrison (U.S.A.) -18, 12, 7; Nhi Le-Van (S. Viet.) bt S. Tejavanija Thai.) 16, 13; L. Stipek (Peru) bt A. Ehrlich (Fr.) 18, 15

### Quarter-finals:

Boggan bt Yiptong 6, 16; Ostravicky bt Ro'and 17, 13; Uzorinac bt Shi Su Chu 14, 15; Stipek bt Nhi le-Van 14, 21.

### Semi-finals:

BOGGAN bt Ostravicky 18, 7; STIPEK bt Uzorinac 19, -15, 11.

### Final:

STIPEK bt Boggan 17, 18.

### Consolation Singles

#### Men: Quarter-finals:

Korpa bt S. Knapp (Australia) 16, 12; F. Hansen (Den.) bt P. Pinkewich (Australia) -17, 18, 15; Schmittinger bt Furukawa 18, -19, 17; M. Aramaki (Japan) bt H. Budianto (Indo.) 10, 12.

#### Semi-finals:

KORPA bt Hansen 11, 18; SCHMITTINGER bt Aramaki -16, 7, 20.

#### Final:

KORPA bt Schmittinger 14, 21.

#### Women: Quarter-finals:

Grinberg bt A. McMahon (Australia) 6, 12; Yamaguchi bt B. Rattanak (Cam.) 19, -16, 12; Hejma bt J. Siswono (Indo.) -14, 20, 17; V. Woodward (N.Z.) bt H. Hamilton (Scot.) -13, 11, 19.

#### Semi-finals:

GRINBERG bt Yamaguchi 18, 13; HEJMA bt Woodward 10, 13.

#### Final:

GRINBERG bt Hejma 17, 14.

# Team Championships for China and Japan

by THE EDITOR

Japan lost their hold on the Swaythling Cup (men's team championship) when beaten 5-2 by China whose Li Ching-kuang brought off a scintillating treble with victories over Mitsuru Kohno, Nobuhiko Hasegawa and, finally, wins of 21-3, 21-6 over the then-reigning world champion Shigeo Itoh!

Many considered the host country to be fortunate in reaching the final, for in their last match in the second stage Group A1 against Yugoslavia, they were 1-4 down and seemingly out.

If ever a "big fish" got off the hook it was Japan but all credit to them and commiserations to Yugoslavia's trio who failed to land this prize catch.

The match started comfortably enough for Japan when Kohno rode the initial game success of Dragutin Surbek to win -18, 17 and 13.

But from then on, the Yugoslavs went "berserk" with Milivoj Kara-



China's victorious Swaythling Cup squad (from l. to r.) Hsi En-ting, Liang Ke-liang, Chuang Tse-tung, Hsu Yin-sheng (coach), Li Fu-jung and Li Ching-kuang.

kasevic beating Itoh (19, 24), Anton Stipanovic accounting for Hasegawa (16, 17), Surbek thundering home (22, -18, 15) against Itoh, and Stipanovic returning to leave Kohno a very much beaten man (14 13).

How could any team come back from such a mauling and win? Amazingly Japan did that with Hasegawa leading the fight-back beating Karakasevic 8 and 18.

Next to the table was Itoh to face the twice successful Stipanovic and cut the left-hander down to size with a 17, -13, 15 win narrowing the match to 4-3 in Yugoslavia's favour.

Sensing the extreme pressure now on the Yugoslavs—was he aware of what happened to them against Sweden in Moscow—Hasegawa out-bounced Serbek to defeat this ferocious forehand thumper 17 and 17 and the match score was level.

The crowd erupted, as well they might, as Hasegawa threw up his arms in joy but the "crunch" set was yet to come between Kohno and Karakasevic.

When finally the noise subsided the vital set got under way and what a cracker it was! To the anguish of the crowd Kohno went down in the first game -19 yet fought back to take the second at 10.

And so to the decider with hit and counter hit screaming across the Butterfly table with a rapidity more in keeping with automatic rifles. One waited for the ricochet from the back walls but it was from the bat that the returns sped and the more from Kohno who triumphed 21-18 to give Japan match victory.

The final was really anti-climax after this with China never in any such trouble although they had been en route when barely successful against Hungary (5-4) and both Sweden and France (5-3) in the final group competition.

England's men were not expected to hold their sixth position as obtained in Munich, nor did they in finishing tenth. But they will still be eligible to apply themselves in the elite groups when next the battles are resumed in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia in 1973.

Up against the unknown capabilities of South Vietnam in their opening first stage Group 1 match, a 5-4 win was acceptable enough. This was followed by a 5-1 success against the

Netherlands which really had the English party in gay spirits.

Both wins were the result of all-round team performances with Clayton chipping in with a solo success in each match to supplement doubles chalked up by Hydes and Taylor.

Up then to the dizzy heights of Group A1 in the second stage of the competition and an opening match against Federal Germany.

A treble by Taylor over Schöler, Lieck and Jansen, with a solo for Hydes against Lieck, placed England in a 4-3 lead but, alas, the expected win did not materialise when, in the penultimate set, Hydes lost to Jansen -15, -17, and in the decider, Clayton went under to Lieck -12, -10.

Our chances of troubling Japan in the next match were scant and so it proved although Taylor did account for Inoue 17 and 18 for a 5-1 result that went against us.

Clayton came into his own against South Korea winning both his sets, as against three losses sustained by Taylor and two by Hydes for a 5-2 result in favour of the opposition.

Up against Yugoslavia who were "going like bombs", a 0-5 reverse was not unexpected but the manner of it, all in 2-straight games was confidence shattering to say the least.

But salvation came in the 5-2 victory obtained against Indonesia which secured a play-off position for Nos. 9 and 10. But it was in 10th position that we finished beaten 5-0 by North Korea in the final encounter.

Unlike Munich, Alan Hydes was but a poor shadow of the demon player he was in Germany and one can only speculate as to the reason, for his form deteriorated to a degree whereby he was without success in the last five matches.

Taylor was the undoubted No. 1 on this trip with Clayton gaining enough experience to make him a force to be reckoned with in the near future.

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Final team placings (previous positions in brackets) were:—

1	China (—)
2	Japan (1)
3	Yugoslavia (3)
4	Sweden (5)
5	Hungary (9)
6	Federal Germany (2)
7	France (10)
8	South Korea (4)
9	North Korea (—)
10	ENGLAND (6)
11	Czechoslovakia (7)
12	Indonesia (19)
13	Austria (16)
14	India (14)
15	Denmark (11)
16	Iran (23)
17	Nigeria (29)
18	Cambodia (14)
19	Netherlands (20)
20	Greece (32)
21	Hong Kong (—)
22	Canada (28)
23	Thailand (—)
24	U. A. R. (26)
25	Malaysia (—)
26	Philippines (—)
27	Singapore (—)
28	U. S. A. (18)
29	Australia (39)
30	Ghana (37)
31	South Vietnam (—)
32	Peru (36)
33	Brazil (—)
34	Colombia (—)
35	Nepal (—)
36	Mexico (—)
37	Israel (38)
38	New Zealand (—)
39	El Salvador (—)

Non-competing teams in Nagoya who contested the competition in Munich were:—

U.S.S.R. (8); Ireland (12); Poland (15); Bulgaria (17); Finland (21); Scotland (22); Wales (24); Belgium (25); Luxembourg (27); Spain (30); Switzerland (31); Pakistan (33); Norway (34); Turkey (35); Italy (40); Chile (41); Argentine (42); Jordan (43); Jersey (44); Lebanon (45) and Guernsey (46).

**Swaything Cup Results:**

**FIRST STAGE**

GROUP A					
	P	W	L	F	A Pts
JAPAN	3	3	0	15	0 6
Austria	3	2	1	10	8 4
Australia	3	1	2	8	13 2
Israel	3	0	3	3	15 0
GROUP B					
SWEDEN	3	3	0	15	0 6
Iran	3	2	1	10	7 4
Ghana	3	1	2	6	13 2
New Zealand	3	0	3	4	15 0
GROUP C					
CHINA	2	2	0	10	0 4
Greece	2	1	1	5	6 2
Peru	2	0	2	1	10 0
(Jamaica scratched)					
GROUP D					
YUGOSLAVIA	3	3	0	15	0 6
Thailand	2	1	1	5	5 4
Brazil	2	0	2	0	10 0
(Pakistan scratched)					
GROUP E					
F. GERMANY	3	3	0	15	0 6
Nigeria	3	2	1	10	9 4
Malaysia	3	1	2	9	10 2
El Salvador	3	0	3	0	15 0
GROUP F					
HUNGARY	2	2	0	10	0 4
Canada	2	1	1	5	8 2
Colombia	2	0	2	3	10 0
GROUP G					
N. KOREA	2	2	0	10	0 4
U.A.R.	2	1	1	5	7 2
Singapore	2	0	2	2	10 0

**GROUP H**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
S. KOREA	2	2	0	10	0 4
Hong Kong	2	1	1	5	6 2
U.S.A.	2	0	2	1	10 0

**GROUP I**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
ENGLAND	2	2	0	10	5 4
Netherlands	2	1	1	6	8 2
South Vietnam	2	0	2	7	10 0

**English results:**

v. South Vietnam (won 5-4)  
Hydes lost to Ngoc Huynh-Van -17, -10; bt Inh Le-Van 13, 19; bt Duong Tran-Thanh 13, 14.  
Taylor bt Duong 16, 12; bt Ngoc 21, 7; lost to Inh -13, -16.  
Clayton lost to Inh -22, -20; lost to Duong -10, 15, -22; bt Ngoc 11, 12.

**GROUP J**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
CZ'LOVAKIA	2	2	0	10	1 4
Cambodia	2	1	1	6	5 2
Nepal	2	0	2	0	10 0

**GROUP K**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
FRANCE	2	2	0	10	1 4
India	2	1	1	6	6 2
Philippines	2	0	2	1	10 0

**GROUP L**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
INDONESIA	2	2	0	10	3 4
Denmark	2	1	1	8	5 2
Mexico	2	0	2	0	10 0

**SECOND STAGE**

Block A (Group A, D, E, H, I, L.)

**GROUP A1**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
JAPAN	5	5	0	25	6 10
Yugoslavia	5	4	1	24	8 8
Fed. Germany	5	3	2	19	7 6
South Korea	5	2	3	13	19 4
England	5	1	4	12	22 2
Indonesia	5	0	5	4	25 0

**English results:**

v. Federal Germany (lost 4-5)  
Hydes bt W. Lieck -19, 12, 18; lost to E. Schöler -11, -19; lost to B. Jansen -15, -17.  
Taylor bt Jansen -10, 14, 20; bt Lieck -18, 19, 18; bt Schöler -5, 9, 19.  
Clayton lost to Schöler -10, -13; lost to Jansen -10, 16, -15; lost to Lieck -12, -10.

**v. Japan (lost 1-5)**

Hydes lost to S. Itoh -10, -13; lost to N. Hasegawa -15, -15.  
Taylor bt T. Inoue -20, 14, 19; lost to Itoh -12, -10.  
Clayton lost to Hasegawa -13, -15; lost to Inoue -17, -18.

**v. South Korea (lost 2-5)**

Hydes lost to Chu Chang-Suk -17, 14, -10; lost to Chung Cha-Hyun -19, -14.  
Taylor lost to Choi Seung-Kuk -19, -16; lost to Chu Chang-Suk 9, -17, -18; lost to Chung Cha-Hyun 14, -13, -16.  
Clayton bt Chung Cha-Hyun -18, 21, 15; bt Choi Seung-Kuk 18, -19, 18.

**v. Yugoslavia (lost 0-5)**

Hydes lost to A. Stipanovic -12, -17.  
Taylor lost to I. Korpa -11, -12; lost to M. Karakasevic -18, -14.  
Clayton lost to Karakasevic -18, -18; lost to Stipanovic -14, -16.

**v. Indonesia (won 5-2)**

Hydes lost to S. Soewindo -13, -10; lost to E. Wuisan 20, -14, -20.  
Taylor bt H. Budianto 13, -18, 15; bt Soewindo 11, -17; bt Wuisan 17, 17.  
Clayton bt Wuisan 15, 17; bt Budianto 17, -15, 19.

**GROUP A2**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
AUSTRIA	5	5	0	25	6 10
Denmark	5	4	1	23	10 8
*Nigeria	5	2	3	14	22 4
Netherlands	5	2	3	16	15 4
Hong Kong	5	1	4	12	20 2
Thailand	5	1	4	7	24 2

\* bt Netherlands 5-3

**GROUP A3**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
*MALAYSIA	5	4	1	20	11 8
U.S.A.	5	4	1	23	8 8
**Australia	5	3	2	20	15 6
South Vietnam	5	3	2	20	11 6
Brazil	5	1	4	7	20 2
Mexico	5	0	5	0	25 0

\* bt U.S.A. 5-3

\*\* bt S. Vietnam 5-4

Block B (Group B, C, F, G, J, K.)

**GROUP B1**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
CHINA	5	5	0	25	11 10
Sweden	5	4	1	23	13 8
Hungary	5	3	2	23	17 6
France	5	2	3	19	21 4
North Korea	5	1	4	12	23 2
Czechoslovakia	5	0	5	8	25 0

**GROUP B2**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
INDIA	5	5	0	25	6 10
Iran	5	4	1	22	15 8
Cambodia	5	3	2	21	17 6
Greece	5	2	3	17	20 4
Canada	5	1	4	15	22 2
U.A.R.	5	0	5	5	25 0

**GROUP B3**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
PHILIPPINES	5	5	0	25	4 10
Singapore	5	4	1	20	7 8
Ghana	5	3	2	17	16 6
Peru	5	2	3	15	17 4
Colombia	5	1	4	9	20 2
Nepal	5	0	5	3	25 0

**GROUP B4**

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
ISRAEL	2	2	0	10	3 4
New Zealand	2	1	1	8	5 2
El Salvador	2	0	2	0	10 0

**PLAY-OFFS**

For Positions 1 and 2—

China bt Japan 5-2  
Liang Ko-liang lost to Hasegawa 15, -8, -19; bt Itoh 11, 15.  
Chuang Tse-tung bt Itoh 19, -17, 15; lost to M. Kohno -12, -16.  
Li Ching-kuang bt Kohno 13, 18; bt Hasegawa -15, 19, 18; bt Itoh 3, 6.

3 and 4—

Yugoslavia bt Sweden 5-3  
D. Surbek lost to K. Johansson 21, 15, -17; bt S. Bengtsson 15, -19, 20.  
M. Karakasevic bt B. Persson 18, 20; lost to Johansson 12, -14, -19; bt Bengtsson -13, 16, 16.  
A. Stipanovic lost to Bengtsson -16, -14; bt Persson 13, 10; bt Johansson 15, 9.

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5 and 6—

Hungary bt Federal Germany 5-2  
M. Beleznai lost to Schöler -14, -17; bt Jansen 19, 9.

T. Klampar bt K. Schmittinger 14, 19; lost to Schöler 22, -17, -19; bt Jansen -13, 17, 11.  
I. Jonyer bt Jansen 20, 12; bt Schmittinger 15, -20, 12.

7 and 8—

France bt South Korea 5-3  
I. Secretin lost to Chu Chang-Suk -18, -19; bt Chung Cha-Hyun 16, 4; bt Choi Sung-Kuk 16, 13.

D. Dhondt lost to Chung Cha-Hyun -10, -12; lost to Choi Sung-Kuk -19, 20, -11.  
J. P. Weber bt Choi Sung-Kuk 12, 9; bt Chu Sang-Kuk 10, 12; bt Chung Cha-Hyun 15, 10.

9 and 10—

North Korea bt England 5-0  
Kim Chang-Ho bt Clayton -18, 12, 21; bt Taylor 14, -18, 16.  
Pak Kil-Du bt Taylor 15, 17.  
Pak Sin-Il bt Hydes 9, 14; bt Clayton -20, 18, 17.

11 and 12—

Czechoslovakia bt Indonesia 5-1  
M. Orlovski bt Wuisan 13, 8; bt Soewindo 17, -19, 18.  
S. Kollarovits bt Budianto 18, 10; bt Wuisan 17, 15.  
J. Kunz lost to Soewindo -13, -13; bt Budianto 15, 8.

13 and 14—Austria bt India 5-1  
15 and 16—Denmark bt Iran 5-4  
17 and 18—Nigeria bt Cambodia 5-4  
19 and 20—Netherlands bt Greece 5-3  
21 and 22—Hong Kong bt Canada 5-3  
23 and 24—Thailand bt U.A.R. 5-2  
25 and 26—Malaysia bt Philippines 5-2  
27 and 28—Singapore bt U.S.A. 5-3  
29 and 30—Australia bt Ghana 5-2  
31 and 32—South Vietnam bt Peru 5-0  
33 and 34—Brazil bt Colombia 5-0  
35 and 36—Nepal bt Mexico 5-0



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2-0	2-0	1-1	Netherlands	5	1
1-2	3-0	0-3	Fed. Germany	4	5
0-2	1-1	0-2	Japan	1	5
0-2	0-3	2-0	South Korea	2	5
0-1	0-2	0-2	Yugoslavia	0	5
0-2	3-0	2-0	Indonesia	5	2
0-1	0-2	0-2	North Korea	0	5
5-11	11-9	6-12		22	32

**Corbillon Cup**

JAPAN were greatly indebted to their No. 1 player Toshiko Kowada in overcoming China 3-1 in the final of the Corbillon Cup competition.

Firstly, the then-reigning world singles champion accounted for the opposition's No. 2 Cheng Min-chih and then, after Yukei Ohzeki had brought about the near miraculous defeat of champion-to-be Lin Hui-ching, Toshiko achieved the same success after the doubles had been won by China.

It was a remarkable victory and, as it later turned out, the only Gold medal award to be won by the host country!

Russia, the defending title holders, finished fifth their final second stage Group A1 position being third to China and (mathematically) to Czechoslovakia.

England could well have been competing for positions 3 and 4 but for an inferior games average to those of Czechoslovakia and Russia which gave the former 2nd position to China with 0.521 to Russia's 0.500 and England's 0.478!

But it should never have come to slide rule techniques, for after an opening group win over Indonesia, the lights were at green after an unexpected but totally deserved 3-2 win against the U.S.S.R.

This match was set alight when in the opening encounter Jill Shirley beat Svetlana Grinberg, and with Zoya Rudnova on the "bench", Rita Pogosoova was seen off in 2-straight by Karenza Mathews.

But the Russians were not going under without a fight and 2-2 stood the match score when, in straight games the doubles was won to be followed by Grinberg beating Karenza.



Japan's Corbillon Cup final heroines, Toshiko Kowada (left) — she beat both China's Lin Hui-ching and Cheng Min-chih—and Yukei Ohzeki who triumphed 25-23 in the deciding game against Lin Hui-ching to give Japan a surprising 2-0 lead.

Photo by Cliff Darley

All then depended on the last vital set and Jill was equal to the test when she nudged home 18 and 20 which brought forth congratulations from all quarters of the arena.

A 0-3 reverse to China was followed by startling victories over Sweden (3-0) and France (3-1) the one set lost in these two encounters being the doubles, and so to the final match against Czechoslovakia.

Jill set us off on the right foot with a 2-1 win over Alicia Grofova countered, expectantly, by Vostova beating Karenza.

The doubles event was a 50-50 affair but, sad to relate, our combination of Karenza and Pauline left much to be desired as witness their return of 1 win in 7 sets in Nagoya's Corbillon Cup matches.

But we were back in the game when Jill brought off a great win over Vostova which left Karenza to account for Grofova for victory. It was never on, however, as the scores of -11, -17 would indicate.

The real anti-climax came with our meeting with Federal Germany's Di Schöler and Agnes Simon when we went

under 0-3 with not one set needing a deciding game.

Still an improvement of one position was a feat and one cannot belittle the efforts which had preceded the Anglo-German meeting.

To beat Russia, Sweden and France was no small undertaking but most credit must deservedly go to Jill Shirley whose return of 9 wins against 2 losses in 7 matches speaks for itself.

Final team placings (previous positions in brackets) were:—

1. Japan (3)
2. China (—)
3. South Korea (6)
4. Czechoslovakia (4)
5. U.S.S.R. (1)
6. Rumania (2)
7. Federal Germany (5)
8. ENGLAND (9)
9. Hungary (12)
10. Sweden (10)
11. France (15)
12. Cambodia (13)
13. Indonesia (—)
14. Austria (21)
15. India (—)
16. Canada (22)
17. Malaysia (—)

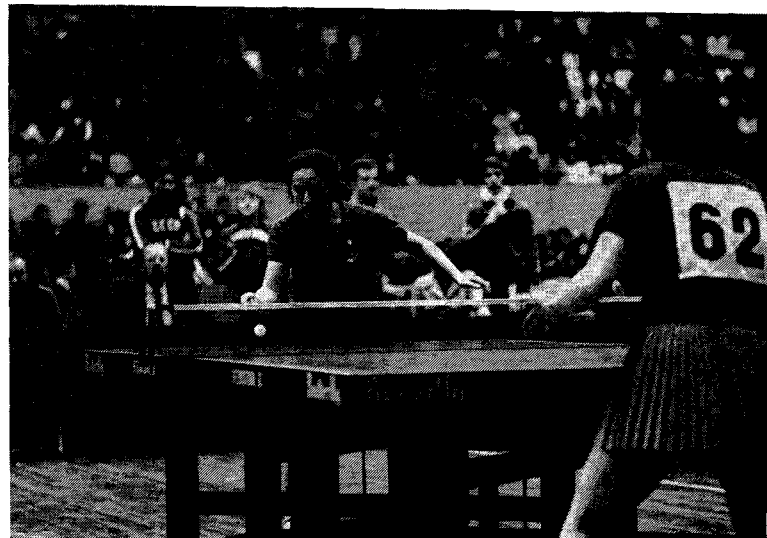
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Rita Pogosoova on her way to a second defeat against Karenza Mathews (62) in the Corbillon Cup match between England and Russia.

PLAY-OFFS

For Positions—  
1 and 2—

Japan bt China 3-1  
T. Kowada bt Cheng Min-chih 17, 9; bt Lin Hui-ching 18, -17, 19.  
Y. Ohzeki bt Lin Hui-ching -18, 16, 23.  
Kowada/E. Ohba lost to Lin Hui-ching/Cheng Min-chih -9, 15, -15.

3 and 4—

South Korea bt Czechoslovakia 3-2  
Chung Hyoun-sook bt Grofova 16, -18, 13; bt Vostova 10, 17.  
Lee Aileas lost to Vostova -19, -11; bt Grofova 17, -6, 17.  
Chung Hyoun-sook/La In-sok lost to Grofova/Vostova -14, -14.

5 and 6—

U.S.S.R. bt Rumania 3-0  
Z. Rudnova bt E. Mihalca 17, 8.  
Grinberg bt M. Alexandru 15, 19.  
Grinberg/Rudnova bt Alexandru/Mihalca 13, 19.

7 and 8—

Federal Germany bt England 3-0  
A. Simon bt Shirley 14, 15.  
D. Schöler bt Pidcock 9, 18.  
Schöler/Simon bt Mathews/Pidcock 12, 9

9 and 10—

Hungary bt Sweden 3-2  
B. Kishazi lost to Neidert 13, -11, -19; bt Andersson 6, 11.  
J. Magos bt Andersson 19, -18, 18; bt Neidert 21, -10, 11.  
Kishazi/Magos lost to Andersson/Neidert -16, -20.

11 and 12—

France bt Cambodia 3-2  
Bergeret lost to Rattanak Bopha -10, -17; bt Tan Sok Cheng -12, 11, 18.  
Rioult lost to Tan Sok Cheng 16, -19, -15; bt Rattanak Bopha 12, 14.  
Moriceau/Rioult bt Rattanak Bopha/Tan Sok Cheng -9, 15, 20.

13 and 14—Indonesia bt Austria 3-1

15 and 16—India bt Canada 3-1

17 and 18—Malaysia bt Australia 3-0

19 and 20—Greece bt Hong Kong 3-0

21 and 22—U.S.A. bt Thailand 3-1

23 and 24—Colombia bt Nepal 3-0

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v. Czechoslovakia (lost 2-3)  
Shirley bt Grofova -14, 7, 19; bt Vostova 20, 16.  
Mathews lost to Vostova -17, -19; lost to Grofova -11, -17.  
Mathews/Pidcock lost to Grofova/Vostova -15, 19, -15.

GROUP A2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
INDONESIA	5	5	0	15	3	10
India	5	4	1	13	5	8
Malaysia	5	3	2	11	8	6
Greece	5	2	3	8	10	4
U.S.A.	5	1	4	6	12	2
Colombia	5	0	5	0	15	0

Block B (Group B, C, F, G, J, K)

GROUP B1

JAPAN	5	5	0	15	2	10
South Korea	5	4	1	14	4	8
Rumania	5	3	2	10	9	6
Fed. Germany	5	2	3	8	10	4
Hungary	5	1	4	4	12	2
Cambodia	5	0	5	1	15	0

GROUP B2

AUSTRIA	5	4	1	14	6	8
Canada	5	4	1	13	6	8
Australia	5	3	2	11	7	6
Hong Kong	5	3	2	10	9	6
Thailand	5	1	4	7	12	2
Nepal	5	0	5	0	15	0

GROUP B3

NEW ZEALAND	2	2	0	6	0	4
Singapore	2	1	1	3	5	2
Ghana	2	0	2	2	6	0

K. Mathews bt Siswono 17, 17.  
Mathews/P. Pidcock lost to C. and D. Tedjasukmana -18, -17.

GROUP I

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
SWEDEN	1	1	0	3	0	2
Colombia	1	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP J

HUNGARY	1	1	0	3	0	2
Canada	1	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP K

CAMBODIA	1	1	0	3	0	2
Australia	1	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP L

FRANCE	1	1	0	3	1	2
U.S.A.	1	0	1	1	3	0

SECOND STAGE

Block A (Group A, D, E, H, I, L)

GROUP A1

CHINA	5	5	0	15	1	10
Czechoslovakia	5	3	2	11	10	6
U.S.S.R.	5	3	2	12	8	6
England	5	3	2	11	9	6
Sweden	5	1	4	4	12	2
France	5	0	5	2	15	0

SET POINTS

	Czh	USSR	Eng
Czechoslovakia	x	5-6 12-11 (0.521)	7-5
U.S.S.R.	6-5	x	5-6 11-11 (0.500)
England	5-7	6-5 11-12 (0.478)	x

English results:

v. U.S.S.R. (won 3-2)  
J. Shirley bt S. Grinberg -18, 17, 12; bt R. Pogosova 18, 20.  
K. Mathews bt Pogosova 20, 12; lost to Grinberg -12, -17.  
Mathews/P. Pidcock lost to Grinberg/Pogosova -9, -16.

v. China (lost 0-3)

Mathews lost to Lin Hui-ching -21, -11.  
Shirley lost to Lin Mei-chun 20, -20, -9.  
Mathews/Pidcock lost to Cheng Min-Chih/Lin Hui-ching.

v. Sweden (won 3-0)

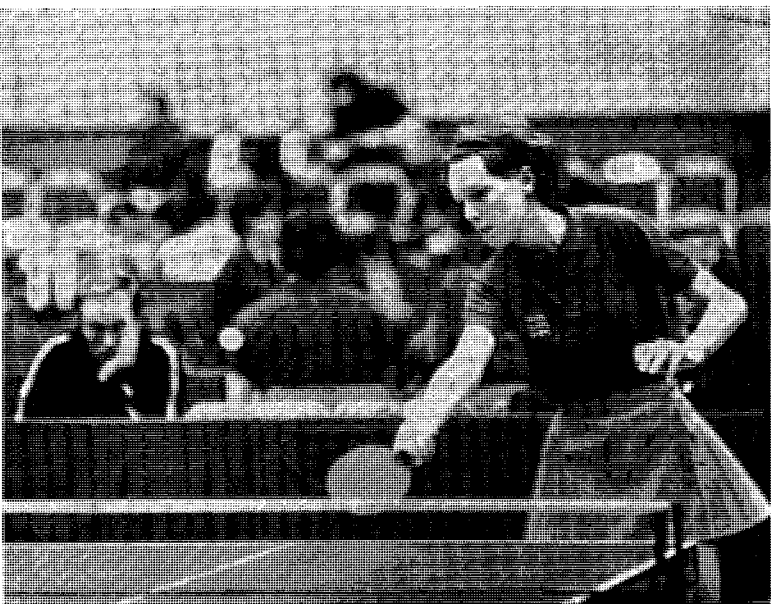
Mathews bt L. Andersson 5, 12.  
Shirley bt M. Neidert 11, 12.  
Mathews/Pidcock bt Neidert/B. Radberg 17, 18.

v. France (won 3-1)

Shirley bt C. Bergeret 9, 12; bt M. Rioult 22, 15.  
Mathews bt Rioult 14, 17.  
Mathews/Pidcock lost to Bergeret/Rioult 11, -14, -16.



Triple champion Lin Hui-ching of China poses with her partner Chang Hsieh-lin both having a hand on the Heydusek Prize.



England's non-playing captain Bryan Merrett in pensive mood as he watches Jill Shirley going down to China's Cheng Huai-ying.

- 18. Australia (19)
- 19. Greece (23)
- 20. Hong Kong (-)
- 21. U.S.A. (17)
- 22. Thailand (-)
- 23. Colombia (-)
- 24. Nepal (-)
- 25. New Zealand (-)
- 26. Singapore (-)
- 27. Ghana (-)

Non-competing teams from Munich were:—

East Germany (7); Poland (8); Yugoslavia (11); Netherlands (14); Belgium (16); Switzerland (18); Bulgaria (20); Denmark (24); Chile (25); Finland (26); Ireland (27); Peru (28); Luxembourg (29); Scotland (30); Norway (31); Wales (32); Jordan (33); Jersey (34) and Spain (35).

Corbillon Cup Results

FIRST STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
U.S.S.R.	2	2	0	6	0	4
India	2	1	1	3	3	2
Singapore	2	0	2	0	6	0

GROUP B	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
JAPAN	1	1	0	3	0	2
Hong Kong	1	0	1	0	3	0

(Pakistan scratched)

GROUP C	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
RUMANIA	2	2	0	6	0	4
Austria	2	1	1	6	2	2
New Zealand	2	0	2	2	6	0

GROUP D	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
CHINA	2	2	0	6	0	4
Greece	2	1	1	3	3	2
Ghana	2	0	2	0	6	0

GROUP E	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	1	1	0	3	0	2
Malaysia	1	0	1	0	3	0

(Nigeria scratched)

GROUP F	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
FED. GERMANY	1	1	0	3	0	2
Nepal	1	0	1	0	3	0

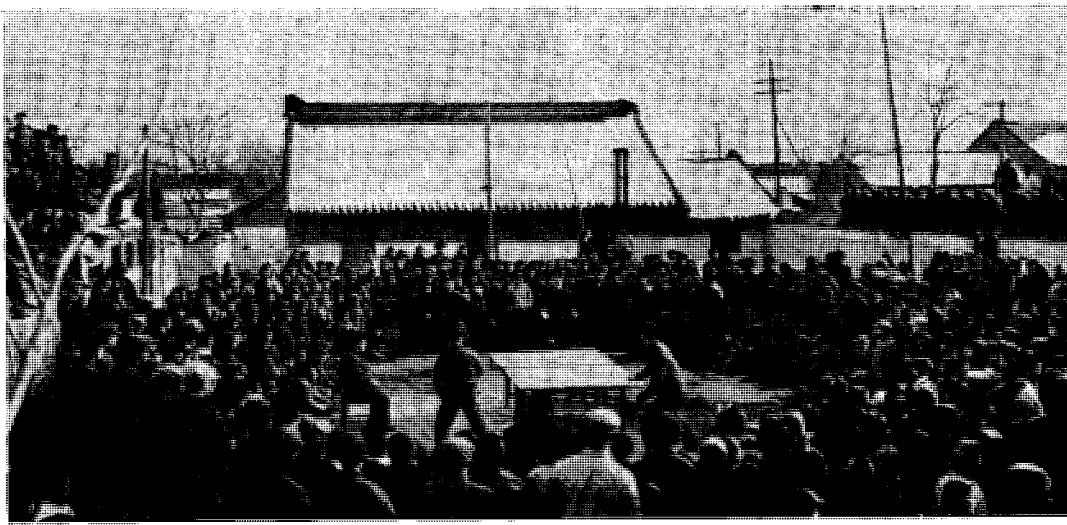
  

GROUP G	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
SOUTH KOREA	1	1	0	3	0	2
Thailand	1	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP H	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
ENGLAND	1	1	0	3	1	2
Indonesia	1	0	1	1	3	0

RESULTS:  
J. Shirley bt C. Tedjasukmana 13, -19, 6; bt J. Siswono 15, 15.



Not a bad crowd for a winter afternoon's match . . . .



. . . . But more congenial the anticipation as shown on the faces of these budding Chinese aspirants.

**INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, CORBILLON CUP**

K Mathews	J Shirley	P Piddock	Mat/Pid	Opponents	F	A
1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	Indonesia	3	1
1-1	2-0	0-1	0-1	U.S.S.R.	3	2
0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	China	0	3
1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	Sweden	3	0
1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	France	3	1
0-2	2-0	0-1	0-1	Czechoslovakia	2	3
	0-1	0-1	0-1	Fed. Germany	0	3
4-4	9-2	0-1	1-6		14	13



China's Cheng Min-Chih obliges a young autograph hunter.

**Midland League Notes**

by PHILIP REID

**BRUM MAKE IT**

WITH the season nearly ended much has already been decided in the promotion and relegation stakes. Birmingham 'A' have topped the Mens' first division but they have had a shaky time. In their final match—against Nottingham—Derek Munt could manage only one win and moved down to third place in the averages. Barry Hill, who was undefeated in the match moved to second place. Birmingham salvaged a point and it was enough to guarantee first place. Dennis Holland has topped the averages, only Eric Hall (Chesterfield) being able to beat him. At the other end of the chart Hinckley took a point off both Birmingham 'A' and Birmingham 'B' and are safe for another season in the 1st Division. West Bromwich have been doomed since the start of the season, having lost all their star players but it is something of a surprise to find Coventry accompanying them. Players of the calibre of Alan Bury and Phil Richardson really look too good for division two.

Leicester 'A' have led the Men's 2nd Division all season and in taking the title dropped only six sets whilst collecting 64. Graham Hughes has completed the season 100 per cent—the only player in the top two divisions to accomplish this feat. At the other end of the chart are Derby and Coventry 'B'. Leicester will be accompanied by Wolverhampton to the first division.

Bristol have led the Men's 3rd Division in great style all the season and have looked out of their class. John Wise was unbeaten and in fact hardly ever looked like losing. But Bristol are no one-man team with C. Feltham and B. Reeves making a big contribution to the team's success. Who goes up with them? That's still in

the balance. Odds will slightly favour Oxford 'B' but if Leamington can win their last two games the place will be theirs.

The Intermediates Division has been won by Loughborough. They trailed 3-5 against Birmingham, needing a draw to top the chart. However first Chris Brewer and then Roger Hassall recorded good wins and the North Leicestershire side were there.

Birmingham's junior strength will be seen in the Junior 1st Division where they have finished both first and second. Desmond Douglas (Birmingham 'B') is already certain of first place in the divisional averages but second place is still very open. If Keith Fellows can record a maximum against Coventry 'B' then he will finish second. At the bottom of the chart Leicester 'B' and Coventry 'B' are sure of relegation, though both these teams have several promising youngsters and their spell in the second division could be temporary.

Moving up to the Junior 1st Division will be 2nd Division Champions Loughborough and runners-up Derby. Loughborough have two girls in their side in Anita Stevenson and Janet Billson but along with Peter Angrave they could form a team well capable of holding their own in the higher standard. Ivor Warner of Derby too could fare well.

Nottingham 'A' have dominated the Veterans 1st Division—hardly surprising with players of the calibre of Johnny Burraston and Ron Bolton about! Between them this pair have won 47 of their 48 singles and have been well supported by the ever-cheerful Frank Marriott. Leicester 'A' occupy the runners-up berth where John Bryant has finished third in the divisional averages. At the other end of the chart West Bromwich and Cheltenham are the relegation candidates.

**CHESHIRE NOTES**

by Jim Beckley

Stockport Ladies are through to the semi-finals of the national Coca-Cola competition. Over the years the ladies of Stockport have had their successes and reaching this stage of a national competition must be one of the highlights. An interesting point is that there are no ladies teams in the Stockport Association, if a girl wants to get on she has to play against male opposition, which, if this latest performance is anything to go by, can't be bad.

It was good to see Mike Johns and Judy Heaps ranked so high in the tournament ranking lists, it's a great pity that they will have to be content with 2nd Division table tennis again next season. In soccer circles they would be asking for a transfer.

Derek Schofield continues to do well, despite pressure of age. In the recent Stockport table tennis championships he beat county colleague Roger Hampson to win the Men's Singles title for the eleventh time in twenty-two years of competitive table tennis.

Simon Heaps, younger brother of Judy, continues in good form and represents England in the junior championships later this month. Great prospect for Cheshire and in another couple of seasons I see him regularly representing his county.

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## The Coca-Cola National Team Competition

by Keith Ponting

### HISTORY IN THE MAKING CASH PRIZES FOR 4th ROUND WINNERS

History is being made at this stage of the competition, when, for the first time, cash prizes are being awarded to the winning teams as a result of the sponsorship agreement with the Coca-Cola organisation. The sixteen winners in the senior competitions, the Wilmott Cup and the J. M. Rose Bowl will each receive £5, whilst in the Carter Cup the prize will be £3. In the case of the Bromfield Trophy the amount will be the same, but payable from the third round. The cash awards will increase at each further stage in the competition, a tremendous incentive to all remaining teams.

A word now about the competition for Press Officers. Entries at present are not very encouraging so I appeal to all you scribes who send in reports to your local weeklies to send copies of your reports to Derek Tremayne, at Head Office. Remember, the Coca-Cola company will be giving a bottle of Bacardi to each of the six best entries, plus a supply of their own products. The judges will be Sidney Hulls, of the Daily Express, Barry Rickets of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation P. R. Dept., and Derek Tremayne, General Secretary of the E.T.T.A.

As I have not received all the 4th round score-sheets I am not able to give a complete list of results. I would like all team Captains to send in all the results of the matches which were played during the postal strike as they are urgently needed for the names of the players to be written on the very attractive certificates which the Coca-Cola organisation are giving to each winning team, as part of the sponsorship agreement.

#### Wilmott Cup (Fourth Round).

##### Chesterfield 5, Cheshunt 2.

A fine maximum from former Somerset player Eric Hall paved the way for Chesterfield. He was well supported by Colin Deaton and D. Marples who won 1 each, whilst the two wins for Cheshunt were recorded by A. Campbell and B. White.

##### Cambridge 0, Birmingham 5.

A suprisingly easy win for the Midlanders with Cooper, Brown and

Munt in devastating form. Even R.A.F. Champion Dick Clode could not stem the tide.

#### Bristol 0, Bromley 6.

Barry Meisel, Tom Farlie and Paul Guttormsen were far too strong for the Bristol trio.

#### Willesden 6, Croydon 0.

Chester Barnes made his first appearance in this season's competition in place of Laurie Landry and led Willesden to this easy win, every set decided in straight games.

#### Bournemouth 2, Staines 5.

Another maximum from Graham Davies was too good for the seashiders. David Welsman and Andrew Schooler weighed in with one each. Tom Smith and Philip Crane were the victors for Bournemouth.

#### Rose Bowl (Round 4).

##### Northumberland 5, St. Neots 2

The ladies from Huntingdonshire found Maureen Robson in determined form and she played well to win three backed up by Miss N. Ferguson and Miss P. Jackson.

##### Chesterfield 5, Spalding 1

Another comfortable win for Chesterfield. Diane Johnson and Sandra Walters won two sets each and "Rusty" Hall one. Mrs. M. Burgess broke the visitor's duck.

##### West Bromwich 5, Watford 3

A close match, but after Watford took a 3-2 lead West Brom. won the next three to clinch it, Kath Perry leading the way with a fine maximum.

#### Willesden 8, Exeter 1

The only West Country team left in this competition, Exeter had no welcome from the Londoners as far as table tennis was concerned. Six sets went to three but Willesden were good value for their win. Christine Mann and Marjorie Walker were unbeaten whilst the only Exeter success came when former England Player Pam Mortimer beat Mary Symes in straight games.

#### Guildford 1, Central London 5

Central march on their merry way, and had no trouble in disposing of Guildford. Judy Williams, Karenza Mathews and Diane Simpson, stepping in for Shelagh Hession recovering from her serious car injuries, were a little apprehensive about this match, Adrian Howard tells me, but they need not have worried.

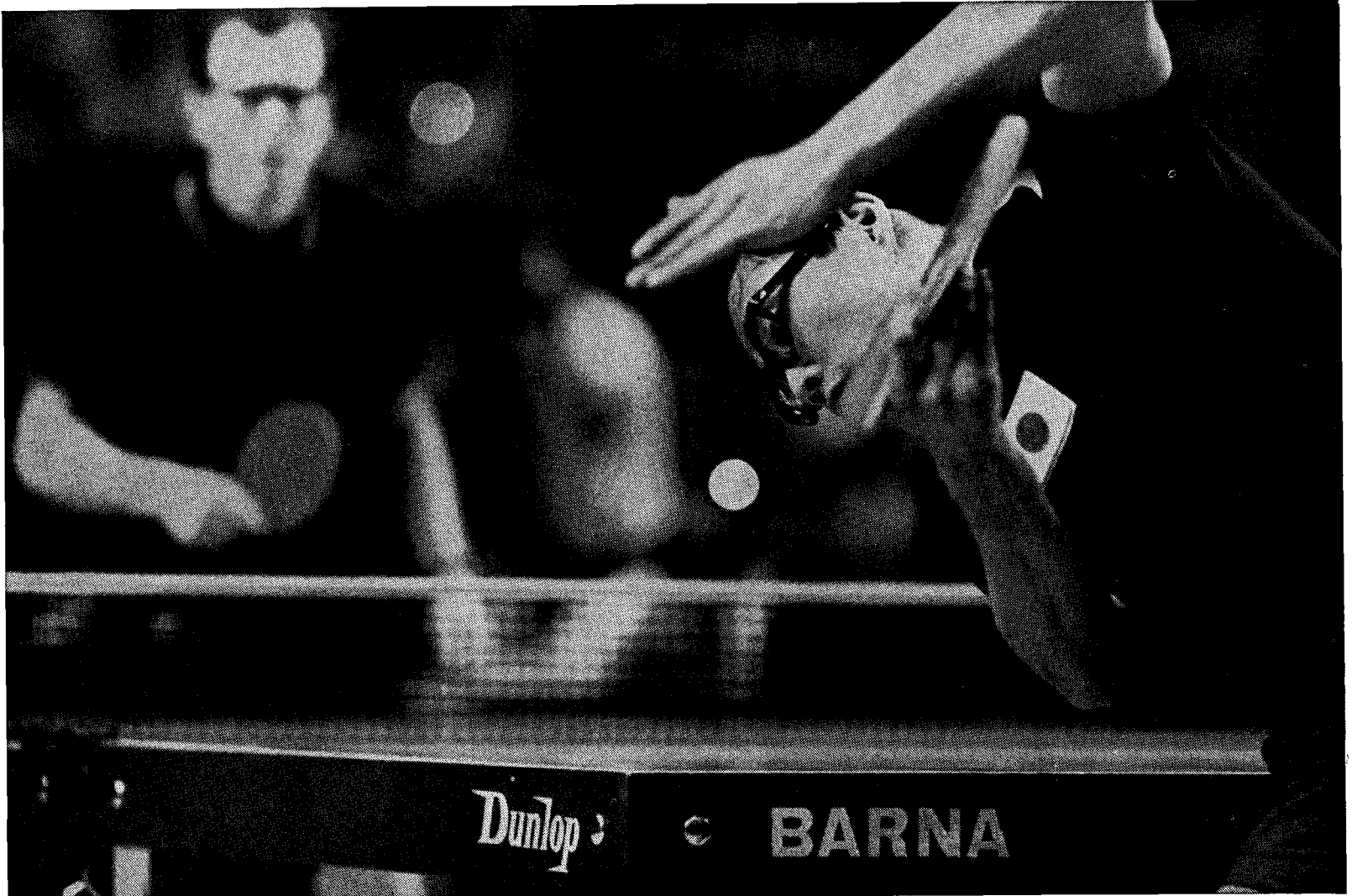
#### Eastbourne 4, Portsmouth 5

Eastbourne were well beaten when the visitors took a 5-2 lead. Daphne Gray was in great form for "Pompey" winning all her sets. Shelia Foster and Janet Woolf won one each and for Eastbourne Diane Gard won two and Linda Woodcock and Carol Randall one each.

#### Carter Cup (Round 4)

##### Dunstable 4, Birmingham 5

A real thriller with the result depending on the last set between P. Norton and R. Broadmore, with the latter pulling it off for the Midlanders. P. Taylor was in excellent form for Dunstable to win all his sets convincingly. M. Davis and



J. Nix for Birmingham and K. Reid for Dunstable all contributed to this hard-fought match.

### Wirral 3, Cambridge 6

The visitors won this match fairly easily, thanks to a maximum from Michael Harper, aided by two from Paul Day and one from Colin Dellar. John McNee played well for Wirral to win two.

### Great Yarmouth 6, Preston 3

A magnificent solo effort by David Parker for Preston but, alas, to no avail as J. Fuller, G. Bensley and J. Kitchener won two sets each for Yarmouth.

### Hull 0, North Yorkshire 5

Hull proved no match for the Teesiders with Nicky Jarvis, Jimmy Walker and David Alderson in devastating form. It is certainly going to take a really good team to stop Alan Ransome's lads from winning this trophy this season.

### Basingstoke 1, North Middlesex 8

Another very convincing performance by the North Middlesex team, but full marks for the Basingstoke side who never gave up trying. R. Aldrich and D. Jemmett won three sets each and M. Locke two. C. Sargeant won the only set for the home team.

### Plymouth 1, Bromley 8

Another easy win for the holders, although young Keith James, of Plymouth, played very well, taking all his opponents to three games, and

winning the one for them. However, three wins each from P. Endersby and S. Endersby plus two by S. Williams, gave Bromley their win.

### East London 9, Crawley 0

Once again the London team won without conceding a set, G. Blomfield, S. Hughes and R. Hellaby being far too good for Crawley. A sad note now as it has come to my notice that Mr. E. Lawrence, who looks after these lads, has had a very serious illness and I am sure all his many friends in table tennis will join me in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

### Quarter-final results:-

#### Wilmott Cup

#### Birmingham 2, North Yorkshire 5

An easy win for the visitors, with Denis Neale leading the way, well supported by Alan Ransome and Nicky Jarvis, Richard Cooper played very well for Birmingham to win two.

#### Staines 1, East London 7

This was a repeat of one of last season's semi-finals, with East London again coming out on top. Bobby Stevens and David Brown were the outstanding players, being unbeaten, whilst Graham Davies beat Stuart Gibbs for the home team's one success.

#### Bolton 5, Chesterfield 1

Bolton have done well to reach the semi-finals, and did so with this easy win over Chesterfield. Mike Johns has certainly strengthened Bolton and

his two wins, with Derek Schofield's two and Bryn Farnworth's one did the damage. Eric Hall won the only set for Chesterfield.

### Bromley 0, Willesden 5

Brian Wright, Malcolm Sugden and Laurie Landry had no trouble in winning this match, only one set needing a decider. Willesden must have a great chance of reaching the final, and possibly winning the Cup.

### Rose Bowl

#### Northumberland 4, Stockport 5

This fine win by Stockport prevented the Geordies from reaching their second successive semi-final. Ex-England International Judy Heaps was in magnificent form and won all her sets for Stockport and was given first class support by Myra Lypnyckyj, who won two. Full marks to Miss V. Baker, Miss P. Jackson and Miss N. Ferguson who never gave up for the home team in what the score-sheet suggests was a very close match.

#### Portsmouth 5, Willesden 2

A surprise, but nevertheless outstanding win for the seiders to put them into the last four. Once again Daphne Gray was in tremendous form to win all her sets. Shelagh Foster won two and although Janet Woolf failed to score, she played very well. Marjorie Walker, Mary Symes and Christine Mann all contributed to very fine match.

#### East London 1, Central London 5

Central London must be hot

favourites to retain the Rose Bowl. They have had little trouble all season, and this match was no exception. Judy Williams and Karenza Mathews won two sets each and Alma Taft weighed in with one. Elsie Carrington won the only set for the home team.

### West Bromwich 4, Chesterfield 5

A real thriller this, with the fortunes swaying one way then the other. The heroine for Chesterfield was Diane Johnson, who was unbeaten, and clinched the match by beating Mrs. A. Baker in the final set. "Rusty" Hall and Sandra Walters won one set each, whilst Kathy Perry and Dorothy Deeley won two each for West Bromwich.

### Carter Cup

#### Bournemouth 2, Bromley 7

A somewhat easier win than expected for Bromley. Allen Fisher tells me that the conditions were excellent and a good crowd turned up to watch the match, which was dominated by Philip Crane for Bournemouth and Paul Guttormsen for Bromley. None of the other players could really extend them and the seventh set between them was a real blistering affair, with Guttormsen running out the winner 21-11 in the third game. S. Endersby and A. Mitchell also won two sets each for Bromley, who have so far travelled 780 miles in the last three rounds. If they reach the final, this figure could well reach 1,000 miles in defence of their title. That's keenness for you.

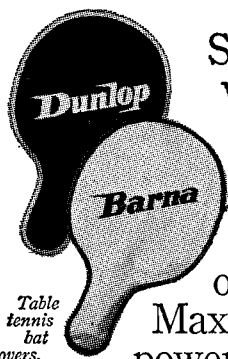


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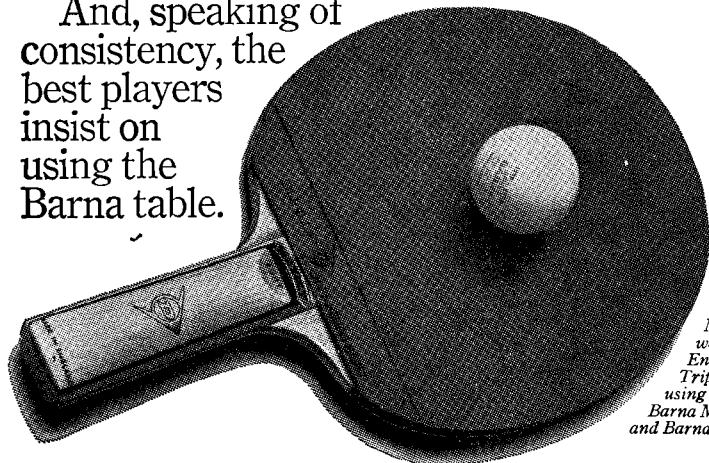
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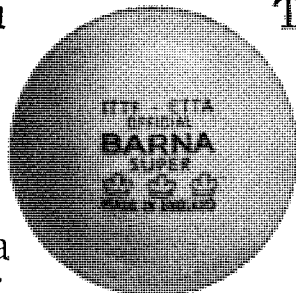
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## Coca-Cola Competition cont.

### Cambridge 0, North Yorkshire 5

The North Yorkshire lads, not to be out done by their Wilmott Cup team, reached the semi-finals with this easy win over Cambridge. Jimmy Walker and Nicky Jarvis won two sets each, whilst David Alderson won one. Michael Harper played well for Cambridge and took Walker to three.

### Great Yarmouth 1, Birmingham 8

The youngsters from East Anglia have done well this season, but came down with a bump against the Midlanders. Bob Broadmore and M. Davies were unbeaten and S. Taylor gave them good support with two wins. J. Kitchener won the only set for Great Yarmouth.

### North Middlesex 6, East London 3

The East London team had previously won all their matches without conceding a set. This highlights the performance of Alan Shepherd's young lads from North Middlesex. There were some close sets in an interesting match. D. Jemmett, M. Locke and R. Aldrich all won two sets each. G. Blomfield with two wins and R. Hellaby with one scored for the visitors.

### Bromfield Trophy

#### Southampton 1, Barking 8

Barking were far too strong for Southampton. Ron Locke tells me that the match was played in a very happy atmosphere. Susan Beckwith

and Gillian Taylor were unbeaten for the visitors whilst Lesley King beat Gillian Locke to gain a consolation win for Southampton when the match was already won.

### Hull 5, Leicester 4

Despite a very fine maximum from 13-years-old Karen Rogers, Leicester just failed to make the last four. Hull took the first two sets, but the visitors fought back to take the next three. They led 4-3, but now it was Hull's turn to fight back, and they did so in fine style to win the last two sets. The winners for Hull were Miss L. Sutton and Miss V. Rutter with two sets each and Miss B. Zealey with one. Miss S. Elsdon won the other sets for Leicester.

### North Middlesex 6, Liverpool 3

Another bouquet for Alan Shepherd's young players, this time the girls. The North Middlesex League have cause to be proud of their two Junior teams who have reached the semi-finals in both Junior Competitions. Against Liverpool the girls had little trouble, only one set going to three. Miss A. Painter played very well to win three and was well supported by Miss S. Hamilton, who won two and Miss J. Beaven with one. The winners for Liverpool were Miss S. Manning, with two sets and Miss B. Williams with one.

### Sittingbourne 5, Taunton 4

Although the final score suggests a very tense struggle, in fact the Kent

team won the match at 5-2, with Lynda Chesson and Julie Holtam in fine form, particularly Lynda who won three. However every credit to the Somerset girls, Pat and Susan Beazer and Rebecca Bryant, who fought very hard all through the match.

## NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Satisfactory Progress

by Keith Ponting.

The competition has progressed very satisfactorily, and there have been no real surprises. The holders of the Men's event, Ormesby, and of the Women's, Gainsford, are still in with every chance of holding on to their titles.

The finalists in the Women's event are Central Y.M.C.A. from Birmingham who will play Gainsford from Central London. The London team have all the stars, and should pull it off again, but I am sure Kath Perry and her teammates will fight every inch of the way.

I am sorry to report that on the way home from High Wycombe after playing Broomwade, two of the Enfield Highway team, Mick Borshell and Frank Chapple were involved in a very serious car accident. The car was a complete write-off and by a miracle the only damage done to the players was a cracked rib for Mick.

The semi-final draw for the men is as follows:—

Boston Penmaen (Boston) or  
English Electric (Liverpool)

v.

Ormesby (Middlesbrough), or  
Weston Y.M.C.A. (Bristol)

Fellows Cranleigh (E. London)

v.

John Keble (Willesden)

### Men's Competition

Results so far:—

#### Round 2:

Ormesby (Middlesbrough) w.o. Moor  
Allerton (Leeds).

Waterpark (Manchester) 7

Lytham St. Annes (Blackpool) 2.

Silcoms (Bolton) 4

English Electric (Liverpool) 5.

Highgate (Grimsby) 1

Notts. Y.M.C.A. (Nottingham) 8.

Boston Penmaen (Boston) 7

King Richard's Rd. (Leicester) 2.

Cope Chat (Stroud) 0

Weston Y.M.C.A. (Bristol) 9.

Cookhill (Redditch) 7

Mere (Warminster) 2.

St. Neots (Bedford) 3

Broomwade (High Wycombe) 6.

Apsley Village (Hemel Hempstead) 1

Enfield Highway (Cheshunt) 5.

Fellows Cranleigh (E. London) 9

Malden Wanderers (Chelmsford) 0.

Dartford Y.M.C.A. (Gravesend) 1

Little Foxes (Tonbridge) 5.

Elves Ltd. (Ilford) 3

John Keble (Willesden) 6.

Kenton (Wembley & Harrow) 1

Metropolitan Water Board (Wal-

thamstow) 5.

Four T's (Southampton) 2

St. Annes (Staines) 5.

G.P.O. (Reading) 1

Y.M.C.A. (Bournemouth) 5

#### Round 3:

Harrogate Villa (Harrogate) 0

Ormesby 6

Waterpark 4

English Electric 5.

Notts. Y.M.C.A. 3

Boston Penmaen 6

Cookhill 1

Weston Y.M.C.A. 5.

Broomwade 2

Enfield Highway 7.

Little Foxes 1

Fellows Cranleigh 8.

John Keble 5

Metro Water Board 1.

St. Annes 5

Bournemouth Y.M.C.A. 2.

### Quarter-finals:

Fellows Cranleigh 5

St. Annes 3.

John Keble 7

Enfield Highway 2.

Results awaited from:

Ormesby v. Weston Y.M.C.A. and

Boston Penmaen v. English Electric.

### Women's Competition

#### Round 2:

British Legion (Grimsby) 0

Ormesby 9.

Central Y.M.C.A. (Birmingham) 7

Letchworth Settlement (N. Hert-

fordshire) 2.

Gainsford (C. London) 9

Crittall/Hope (Chelmsford) 0.

Merton (Bournemouth) 3

Four T's (Southampton) 5.

#### Semi-finals:

Central Y.M.C.A. 7

Ormesby 2.

Four T's 0

Gainsford 9.

## MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

### EVER-PRESENTS IN JUNIOR TEAM

BETTER news on the County team front was the unexpected success of our junior team in the Junior Premier Division of the County Championships.

We are conscious of the strength of the Yorkshire junior side who beat us 8-2 but whilst they were not always able to put out their best team, ours of Robert Aldrich, David Jemmett, Julian Colin, Sheila Hamilton and Anne Painter played in every match.

The new Bernard Crouch Trophy competition took the form of a tournament this season consisting of four events (MS, WS, MD and WD) for players under 25 years of age.

Middlesex, Essex, Surrey and Kent each had a team of 8 men and 4 women and one point was given for each win with 2 bonus points going to the County winning an event.

Successful in all events Middlesex amassed 33 points to lift the trophy. Essex finished second with 21 points followed by Kent (14) and Surrey (8). Individual winners were:—MS: Firoz Nilam; MD: Robert Aldrich and Melvyn Waldman; WS: Sheila Hamilton; WD: Hamilton/Anne Painter.

North Middlesex won both the Senior and Junior inter-league competitions again, whilst Acton teams won the 2nd and 3rd Divisions.

Essex, last year's Junior County champions, play this year's Middlesex team in a challenge match on May 29 as part of the Chipwell Expo 71 Arts and Sports Festival.

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# COACHING AND SCHOOLS

By PHILIP REID

NOT too much to write about this month but certainly not due to our coaches being inactive! Not Bryan Merrett at least who has been out of the country since March 16 having taken in, during the course of his duties as England team captain, the Commonwealth and World Championships and a further fortnight in China!

Peter Simpson has been his usual active self in the North and took a junior team to Paris early in April for four days.

Peter Hirst, our new coach in the East, is settling in nicely and you will, no doubt, be hearing more about his work 'ere long. I have now heard that Peter is on the telephone and his number is 01-889 1485.

The latest issue of the "Coach" magazine has recently been published and is up to the usual high quality Jack Carrington always sets himself. If you are not having regular copies of this excellent publication—a line to Jack at 24, Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex will bring you all particulars.

I would like to draw your attention to the Loughborough Summer School table tennis course. This course is being held from July 18—27 and is for teachers, coaches and players who wish to improve their knowledge of the game.

It should be a most rewarding course for those fortunate enough to attend. The National Coaching Committee appreciate that the cost of £30.75 is rather expensive and are prepared to consider applications for grants to cover part payment always provided that applicants have not received other grants from Education Authorities etc.

Applications should be made to the E.T.T.A., 26-29 Park Crescent, London W1N 4HA. However, to go on the course itself, please apply to the Registrar (Summer School), Loughborough College of Education, Loughborough, LE11 3TN.

## COACHING PROGRAMME

BRYAN MERRETT

May		
10/11	C.C.P.R. South West Region	Tour.
12	Warwickshire School Teachers	
13/14	C.C.P.R. South West Region	Tour.
19	Warwickshire School Teachers	

21/23	Gloucestershire Teachers (Crystal Palace).
26	Warwickshire School Teachers.
PETER SIMPSON	
May	
3	Lecture, Trinity and All Saints' College, Leeds.
9	Practical Session, Durham.
10/14	Visits to Universities and Colleges in the North-East with visits to Durham leagues each evening.
14/15	Teachers Coaching Course, Teesside.
16	Coaching Course, Peterlee.
22	Proficiency Day, Moor Grange School, Leeds.
23	Durham Coaching Course, Peterlee.

## Book Review

### 'YOUR BOOK OF TABLE TENNIS'

OVER the past twelve months or so there has been a virtual flood of table tennis books. Chester Barnes, Johnny Leach, Jack Carrington and Denis Neale have all had books published and the latest to reach me is Victor Barna's 'My Book of Table Tennis'.

This book is beautifully produced and whilst there is a lack of illustrations the book makes compelling reading.

Victor, was of course, one of the really great pre-War players and it says much for him that his name is still a household word in the table tennis world. Victor's profound knowledge of the game is excellently and pleasantly portrayed in the book and whilst some of the things he says are rather controversial there is nothing dictatorial about the way he says them. The common push stroke which some people regard as very important Victor suggests disregarding completely. The half-volley and the chop are the shots to concentrate on says Victor—not the push. Victor too is very insistent on the necessity for good footwork. One chapter which particularly took my attention was the one on Human Element and Temperament and this chapter alone is nearly worth the cost of the book for the advice it gives. No young player who gets a copy of the book should fail to read this chapter—in fact I would heartily recommend they turn straight to Chapter 15 and read that one first. How to play the expedite rule to the best advantage, advice on how to get the best value from practice sessions—it is all in the book.

Every aspect of the game is covered and after I had read it I felt almost as though I had been talking to Victor himself—it was that good and easy to read.

P.R.

### SOUTH AFRICA

A CORRESPONDENT has sent in a small correction to the two articles on "Table Tennis and South Africa" by Ivor Montagu which appeared in the February and March issues of Table Tennis News.

Although, as stated therein, the non-racial table tennis organisation (The SATTB) did for a time introduce the additional word 'National' into its name, a few years after its formation, it has since reverted to its original title, simply the "South African Table Tennis Board."

## North Bournemouth Restricted

### DOUBLE FOR LUSH

by C. B. Cashell

Although several competitors were unable to make it, due to heavy snowfalls in the Taunton and Exeter areas, the North Bournemouth Club Restricted Open attracted a good entry. Results:—

M.S.: R. Lush (Hants) bt P. D. Brown (Hants) 15, 19.

W.S.: P. Perry (Somerset) bt A. Gilbert (Hants) 18, 14.

M.D.: P. Crane/T. Smith (Hants) bt J. R. Andrews/J. Phillott (Somerset) 20, 17.

W.D.: A. Gilbert/J. Woolf (Hants) bt T. Dale (Essex)/J. Vass (Dorset) 21, 15.

X.D.: Lush/Woolf bt Phillott/Perry -11, 10, 17.

J.B.S.: C. Sargeant (Hants) bt Crane -20, 11, 12.

J.G.S.: L. King (Hants) bt B. Davies (Hants) 19, 17.

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# THE STRESSES OF FINANCE



By E.T.T.A. Treasurer  
**Tom Blunn**

IN endeavouring to give a full financial picture of the Association's current position one must also glimpse into the future. When I consider the figures myself I get very worried with regard to the future.

Since the Council decided to ask the members to increase the individual fee from 12½p to 20p there have been serious setbacks and the net amount that would come to the Association has already been severely eroded.

The T.V. contracts have been renewed for the 1971-72 season and the gross fees will be down by £3,000 and such mundane things as postage stamps will cost an extra £400 per annum.

With increases in salaries, coaches fees, rates, etc., the cost of living is certainly taking its toll. It must be remembered also that if the increased fees are agreed at the A.G.M. this year, the increase will not become effective until the 1972/73 season, by which time further increases will have arisen. The hope is, therefore, that there will be no further cut in income. In the meantime our efforts will be concentrated on finding other sources of income to make up for the reductions in T.V. fees.

The principle I have always tried to follow is that the cost of administration and coaching is the responsibility of the members and should be paid for by affiliation fees and other income attached to the membership. The following figures show how the accounts will probably look at the end of this season, next season, and the first year of the increased fees, if they are agreed to:

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### Administration Account

Estimated expenditure:	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73
	£	£	£
Salaries, etc. ....	7,250	7,600	7,750
Travel Accommodation, etc. ....	2,000	2,200	2,250
Rooms .....	125	125	150
Rent and rates .....	1,100	1,150	1,175
Office Expenses .....	225	225	250
Telephones .....	1,000	1,000	1,025
Printing & Stationery .....	1,100	1,150	1,175
Postages .....	900	1,250	1,275
Insurances .....	175	175	200
Audit fee .....	75	75	75
Depreciation and repairs .....	200	250	75
Subscriptions .....	25	25	50
Handbook .....	525	550	600
Sundries .....	175	200	225
	£14,875	£15,975	£16,275
Coaching:			
Fees .....	3,850	4,800	5,000
Expenses .....	3,000	3,500	3,650
	£21,725	£24,275	£24,925
Estimated income:			
Permit members .....	370	380	390
Affiliation fees .....	10,250	10,500	16,750
Open Tournaments .....	300	310	325
	£10,920	£11,190	£17,465
Less: 20% rebates .....	2,180	2,240	3,490
	£8,740	£8,950	£13,975
Bank interest .....	150	200	250
Sundry sales .....	150	175	200
Magazine .....	500	500	500
Ministry grant .....	8,250	9,500	10,000
	£17,790	£19,325	£24,925
Deficit at this stage .....	£3,935	£4,950	—

It will be seen that it is only in the third year that the account balances. If there is a deficit then this has to be covered from outside sources or by profits from organised events. This is shown in the Working Account which is financed by assistance from manufacturers, sponsors and television.

There is very little scope for manoeuvre on the Administration account without a material change in policy which would be a serious step backwards and would be resorted to only in drastic circumstances.

The grant from the Ministry is shown in the Administration account as it is given specifically for administration and coaching. A reduction in

certain administrative expenses would result in a proportionate reduction in the grant.

The expenditure Working Account is capable of control year by year by direction of the Council, in accordance with the anticipated income. Unfortunately, the income varies and is not regular so the activities must be considered separately each season.

It is not Association policy to make a large profit but to put as much back into the game as possible but there should be a reasonable balance on the Accumulated fund as a reserve and to maintain a flow of cash during the summer period.

The probable working account for the three years is as follows:—

Working Account	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73
	£	£	£
Estimated income:			
Fund Raising .....	1,500	1,750	2,000
International activities .....	2,250	* 250	* 250
Manufacturers .....	3,500	3,750	4,000
Sponsors (net) .....	1,000	1,500	2,000
	£8,250	£7,250	£8,250
Estimated expenses:			
English Open—Seniors .....	750	800	850
English Open—Juniors .....	250	250	250
English Closed—Seniors .....	250	50	50
English Closed—Juniors .....	50	75	100
World Championships .....	1,750	—	2,000
European Championships .....	—	1,000	—
European Youth Championships .....	500	300	300
Selection Committee Activities .....	1,250	1,750	2,000
Umpires & Referees Committee .....	100	250	125
Publicity Committee .....	250	300	350
Sponsorship expenses .....	150	200	250
Sundries .....	100	125	125
	£5,400	£5,100	£6,400
Surplus .....	£2,850	£2,150	£1,850

Circumstances may well change but there is no doubt that the 1971/72 season will be a very difficult one financially and that we are going to depend more and more on outside assistance, which includes a substantial contribution from the Ministry towards the fares of teams travelling overseas.

To complete the picture, putting the two accounts together, the following result emerges:

Summary:	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73
	£	£	£
Deficit on Administration Account ...	3,935	4,950	—
Less: Surplus on Working Account ...	2,850	2,150	1,850
Result for the season .....			
Loss £1,085	Loss £2,800	Gain £1,850	

## HERTFORDSHIRE NOTES

by R. Bridges

CHESHUNT look set for the Herts Inter League Championship, for the first time, after defeating North Herts, who were the only other team unbeaten. Cheshunt hold a 100% record and only have to play North Herts 'B', and draw the match to clinch the top spot.

Hertford League have won the Second Division of the Inter League Competition.

The Inter-Club Competition is now in the Semi-final stage, with, in the Open Section draw Meredews (North Herts) v. Acorn Cavaliers (Watford); Settlement (North Herts) v. Enfield Highway (Cheshunt).

Intermediate Section: B.A.C. (North Herts) v. Watford C.C.; Cheshunt T.T.C. v. Staveley Lapointe (Watford).

Ladies Section: I.C.L. (Letchworth) v. I.C.I. (Welwyn Garden City); Settlement I v. Settlement II.

An unfortunate result of the Post Office Strike was the postponement of the Herts Closed Championships. It is anticipated to hold these championships at the start of the 1971-72 season.

The Watford League also had to postpone their Closed Championships.

The Hertfordshire Junior Closed Championships report an entry comparable with past years, and these were held at the end of March at The British Aircraft Corporation, Canteen, Stevenage.

Merck Sharp and Dohme look set to win the Hertford League, but they will have a close tussle with Hoddesdon T.T.C. before the championship is won. M.S.D. have a good chance of performing the 'double', having already defeated Hoddesdon.

Cheshunt League fixtures terminate in April, and it will not be until then that the Division I champions will be known. East Herts College and Enfield Highway are running neck and neck, the results when these teams met were both 7-2, the home team winning in both cases.

# ANOTHER WORLD RECORD FOR CRESCENT CLUB?

By attaining the English No. 1 Junior ranking, Lynda Chesson brought great honour, not only to Sittingbourne, but also to the Crescent Club, of which she was a member for four years, during which she first reached National ranking. She also completed what might well be another World record for the Crescent Club, as another young lady, who joined the Club ten years ago at the tender age of 7 and is still a member of the Club, i.e. Bernadette McGrorty, had already attained the Irish No. 1 Junior ranking and, if this is not a record, it must surely be a most unique event for a small local Club to be able to provide two separate countries simultaneously with their No. 1 ranked players!

Bernadette, who is at present living in Ireland, has also made her mark in senior circles, by attaining the Irish No. 3 Senior ranking, after recently having beaten the present No. 1 lady, and last month she was a member of the Irish team which competed in the English Open Championships at Brighton. Before leaving England she was also on the English National ranking and played for Kent both in Junior and Senior County matches. Now, in addition to playing for Ireland, she plays for her County of Antrim and for the Province of Ulster as well as playing in the Belfast League.

Incidentally there was a remark-

able happening at the Southend Open Championships in December when during the course of the Ladies' singles, Bernadette met the then English No. 1 Junior, Linda Howard, to whom she lost after a three game struggle. Had she have won she would have next met Anne Hewitt, who was a member of the Crescent Club in 1955 and, as Anne Jacobs, was Nationally ranked and played for England. However, Mrs. Hewitt managed to beat Linda Howard and then found that her next opponent was none other than Lynda Chesson!

Other present or recent members of the Crescent Club who have brought honour to the Club are the members of the team which at present holds the Bromfield National Trophy, members of the Westland School team which last season won the Under 15 National Schools trophy, the Middle-tune School team which has reached the Finals of the National Under 11 Schools' competition, and the Crescent team which holds the Triangle trophy and hopes to win it again this year.

And what was the first World Record held by a member of the Club - this was when Bernadette McGrorty became the youngest qualified County Umpire in the world at the age of 9!

## SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

THE 1971 Sussex Closed championships held on 16 tables on March 14th at Brighton Corn Exchange, organised as always by the Brighton and District League was a streamlined affair completed in 13 hours.

Due mainly to the absence of Roger Chandler this year's tournament was not as exciting as in recent years. Peter and Judy Williams sailed their expected courses and were victorious in the main singles events.

But there were comforting happenings for the Sussex senior selectors concerning the surprise advance to the men's singles final of the 16-year-old Chichester carpet-fitter Stephen Marley, holder of the Sussex junior boys title. Young Marley, who won the Worthing senior title last year, seems to excel at senior tournaments. His star victims included Terry Riley (Crawley) in the quarters and Robin Stone (Hove) in the semis.

As expected he made little impression on Peter Williams in the final but the Chichester lad who is a product of Bernard Rowley's coaching centre at Littlehampton, has now made his mark as a player of senior county status and might well be in demand for the senior section of the county championships next season as well as the junior division.

The other notable happening occurred in the women's singles semi-finals when Diane Gard (No. 3 in Sussex) beat Suzanna Kavallierou (No. 2) in three sets. The Hailsham lass was promptly returned to the Sussex senior second team in place of Miss Kavallierou for their last match.

## RESULTS OF FINALS:

### Men's Singles:

P. Williams bt S. Marley 10, 15.

### Women's Singles:

Miss J. Williams bt Miss D. Gard 18, 12.

### Men's Doubles:

J. Clarke/T. Riley bt S. Ogundipe/L. Gunn -21, 15, 17.

### Women's Doubles:

Miss S. Kavallierou/Miss C. Randall bt Miss Gard/Miss L. Woodcock -12, 15, 19.

### Mixed Doubles:

Ogundipe/Miss Williams bt Clarke/Miss Kavallierou 16, 18.

### MVS:

P. Wales bt J. King 17, 16.

### Intermed.:

### Men's Singles:

Marley bt J. Avey 12, 11.

### Intermed.:

### Women's Singles:

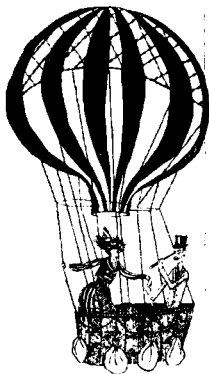
Miss Carol Randall bt Miss Christine Randall 14, 13.

In the county championships, all three Sussex sides have finished in creditable positions. The premier side, after a successful first half finish in the middle, Sussex II have won the Southern division quite easily and Sussex juniors should finish second in the junior (southern) division.

Some changes amongst the officers of the Sussex T.T.A. are certain at the mid-summer A.G.M. Stalwart treasurer Brian Gordon is off to Bournemouth whilst senior match secretary Robin Pierce is seeking new pastures in table tennis administration within the county.

With the emergence of the young players Stephen Marley and Arthur Downer plus a strong trio of girls, Sue Kavallierou, Diane Gard and Carol Randall, prospects are now looking much better in the search for premier division players to under-stand the present long-serving side.

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# Senior Promotion Challenge

## PREMIER PLACES FOR LANCS AND GLAMORGAN

WELL staged by Peter Charters at the Berkshire College of Education, Reading over the weekend April 17-18, the Senior Promotion Challenge saw Lancashire and Glamorgan take Premier Division places but desperately close for positions 2, 3 and 4; had Hampshire beaten Glamorgan 6-3 instead of 5-4 in their last match they would have gone up.

Lancs. have a well-balanced team but Glamorgan's weakness in W.S. and X.D. (no wins in these events) will be a handicap.

Kevin Forshaw unbeaten and the best player; Ray Lush presented difficulties to his more younger opponents.

### FINAL TABLE:

	Gn	Ha	La	Wa II	W	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
Glamorgan	x	4-5	2-7	5-4	1	2	11	16	2	2
Hampshire	5-4	x	2-7	3-6	1	2	10	17	2	4
							(27-41)			
Lancashire	7-2	7-2	x	9-0	3	0	23	4	6	1
Warwicks II	4-5	6-3	0-9	x	1	0	10	17	2	3
							(28-40)			

### RESULTS:

#### HAMPSHIRE 3

#### WARWICKSHIRE II 6

K. Summerfield bt R. Cooper 12, -12, 12; lost to R. Broadmore -17, 14, -18.  
 C. Pickard lost to B. Mitchell -12, -13; lost to Cooper -13, -15.  
 R. Lush bt Broadmore 15, 21; lost to Mitchell -14, 21, -20.  
 Mrs. D. Gray lost to Mrs. H. Hamilton -18, 10, -14.  
 Lush/Summerfield lost to R. Brown/Cooper 13, -16, -17.  
 Pickard/Mrs. A. Gilbert bt P. Glynn/Mrs. Hamilton -20, 15, 15.

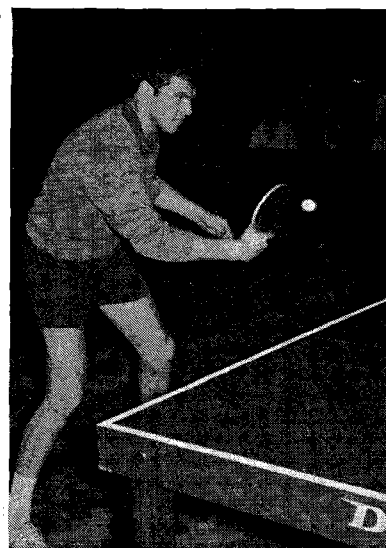
#### GLAMORGAN 2 LANCASHIRE 7

A. Griffiths bt A. Boasman 15, 20; bt D. Parker 15, 17.  
 G. Davies lost to K. Forshaw -17, -17; lost to Boasman -17, -19.  
 S. Davies lost to Parker -12, -16; lost to Forshaw -3, -21.  
 Miss L. Jones lost to Mrs. D. Johnson -14, -10.  
 Griffiths/G. Davies lost to Boasman/Parker 19, -18, -13.  
 F. Anderson/Mrs. B. Gray lost to Forshaw/Miss S. Lisle -14, -18.  
**WARWICKSHIRE II 4**  
**GLAMORGAN 5**  
 Mitchell lost to G. Davies -15, -15; lost to Anderson -13, 11, -14.  
 Cooper lost to Griffiths -22, -18; lost to G. Davies -15, -11.  
 Broadmore bt Anderson 14, 15; bt Griffiths 19, -9, 16.

Mrs. Hamilton bt Miss Jones 18, 10.  
 Brown/Cooper lost to G. Davies/Griffiths 18, -16, -20.  
 Glynn/Mrs. Hamilton bt Anderson/Mrs. Gray 17, -14, -20.

#### LANCASHIRE 7 HAMPSHIRE 2

Forshaw bt Summerfield 13, 18; bt Lush 5, 15.  
 Boasman bt P. Crane 18, 18; lost to Summerfield 9, -17, -20.  
 R. Kelly lost to Lush 14, -13, -18; bt Crane 18, 13.  
 Miss Lisle bt Mrs. Gray 15, 9.  
 Boasman/Parker bt Pickard/Summerfield -19, 13, 18.



Kevin Forshaw, Lancashire's unbeaten No. 2 at Reading.

—Photo by John O'Sullivan

Forshaw/Mrs. Johnson bt Pickard/Mrs. Gilbert 17, 16.

#### GLAMORGAN 4 HAMPSHIRE 5

Griffiths bt Summerfield 10, -19, 15; lost to Lush -18, -14.  
 G. Davies bt Crane 16, 17; lost to Summerfield 18, -12, -16.  
 Anderson lost to Lush 14, -11, -19; bt Crane -17, 14, 9.  
 Miss Jones lost to Mrs. Gray -19, -18.  
 G. Davies/Griffiths bt Pickard/Summerfield 14, 20.  
 Anderson/Mrs. Gray lost to Pickard/Mrs. Gilbert -12, 19, -14.

#### WARWICKSHIRE II 0

#### LANCASHIRE 9

Mitchell lost to Boasman -18, -17; lost to Parker -14, 14, -20.  
 Cooper lost to Forshaw -18, -18; lost to Boasman -17, -15.  
 Broadmore lost to Parker -20, -18; lost to Forshaw 13, -15, -18.  
 Mrs. Hamilton lost to Mrs. Johnson 14, -17, -15.  
 Brown/Cooper lost to Boasman/Parker -12, -20.  
 Glynn/Mrs. Hamilton lost to Forshaw/Miss Lisle -20, 11, -20.

## SURREY SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Four matches were played at the end of March against the Middlesex Schools' T.T.A. Results:—

#### B.U-15:

Surrey (David Bangertter, Brendan McCabe, Peter Matthews) 2  
 Middlesex (Andrew Barden, Robert Huson, Anthony Southcott) 8

#### G.U-16:

Surrey (Julia Kemp, Shelagh Ryde, Susan Tame) 6  
 Middlesex (Trude Jepson, Mary Nagle, Susan Nowak) 4

#### B.U-13:

Surrey (Adrian Bull, Ian Girdler, Andrew Wrist) 5  
 Middlesex (Mark Mitchell, Michael O'Mahony, Keith Thorn) 5

#### G.U-13:

Surrey (Stephanic Clarke, Kay Greenough, Nicola Lynwood) 3  
 Middlesex (Jill Campion, Angela Mitchell, Angela Palmer) 7

## APOLOGY

The late publication of this month's issue is regretted, together with the omission of certain notes and features.

Due amends will be made in respect of the latter in the final May issue but three weeks' absence abroad by the Editor is solely responsible for the former fall from grace.

In consequence, the May issue due to be published on the 10th, will be correspondingly late and your indulgence is hereby solicited.

## STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by John Pike

BECAUSE the postal strike took its toll on a lot of county notes last month, Staffordshire included, it means that this column now looks back over a longer period than usual.

After a poor start to the season, the county first team finished their fixtures in a blaze of glory with convincing wins over Worcester and Gloucester. It was good to see Stan Ward back in the fray again but even his comeback was overshadowed by a car accident involving our No. 1, Glenn Warwick. At the time of writing these notes Glenn was still detained in a Nuneaton hospital, and from all in the county, we wish him a speedy recovery.

The B team did well to finish runners-up to Glamorgan in the Midland division, but it is the juniors that really make the headlines this season. Going through the season unbeaten, they won the Midland group with something to spare and are now keenly awaiting the play-off at the end of this month. Holding this at the Woodfield club, Wolverhampton, must surely be something in their favour, but beware Staffs., these other youngsters are as keen to get in the Premier division next season as you are.

Don Pritchard and his veterans team had a lean time in their first full season, but next season I am sure they will be at it again, despite John Woodford's campaign to put an end to their enjoyment.

On now to the tournament front. The county restricted turned out to be a double triumph for the Potteries with Reg Wain and Barbara Eardley taking the honours. The Staffs. Closed was played over two weekends earlier this month at the Woodfield club and not Northwood as was originally planned. Talking of Northwood, what a good job John Wright and his team did at the English Schools finals last month. After a fine run by West Bromwich in the Rose Bowl, they met their Waterloo when they took on a Chesterfield side playing above themselves.

Coaching in the county is still going very well and in recent weeks Ralph Gunnion has come over from Birmingham to give Jim Hayward a helping hand.

To end on a social note, Walsall hold their annual dinner on Thursday, May 13th and their committee has very kindly invited yours truly to present the 'pots'.

## TABLE TENNIS

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# SUSSEX JUNIOR OPEN

## ESSEX DOMINATE

The Two-Star Sussex Junior Open of 1971, originally scheduled as a two-day event, but restricted to Sunday, 4th April through force of circumstances beyond the control of the Organisers, the Worthing and District Association, and beset by the confusion caused in the issue and receipt of entry forms at the height of the postal workers dispute, finally resulted in a splendidly-run tournament which bore tribute to the hard-working Organiser, Frank Rayner, and his Committee.

The tournament, which attracted entries from over a wide area of the South and Midlands, and included a high proportion of National and County ranked Juniors, was dominated by the powerful Essex contingent, which secured no less than five of the eight titles in contention.

Graham Blomfield, seeded 3, secured the BS U/17 title at 21-8 in dominating the deciding game of the final against number 1 seed, Michael Locke, after narrowly conceding the first 21-23, and then levelling the score at 21-16.

The predicted win for the number 1 seed, Susan Beckwith, in the GS U/17, came at 21-12, 21-17 in the final over Gillian Locke, whilst the latter was also on the losing end at the final stage against Elaine Tarten for the GS U/15 title at 21-18 in the third game.

The host county also produced two title winners in John Avey, from Littlehampton, in one of the best performances of his career in defeating Paul Day, of Cambridge, at 21-17 in the third game of the BS U/15 final after pulling back from a considerable early deficit, and in Linda Wales, of Worthing, who edged out Julie Kelly, from Essex, 21-19, 19-21, 21-18, at the final stage of the GS U/13, at a level of play consistent with the high standard now being produced at open tournaments at the under 13 age level.

### RESULTS:

BS U/17:  
M. Locke (Essex) bt P. Crane (Hants.) 19, 19.  
G. Blomfield (Essex) bt S. Marley (Sussex) 17, 14.  
BLOMFIELD bt Locke -21, 16, 8.  
GS U/17:  
S. Beckwith (Essex) bt E. Tarten (Essex) 11, 19.  
G. Locke (Essex) bt G. Macrae (Surrey) 14, 17.  
BECKWITH bt Locke 12, 17.  
BS U/15:  
J. Avey (Sussex) bt P. Matthews (Surrey) 21, 9.  
P. Day (Camb.) bt D. Younger (Sussex) 16, 20.  
AVEY bt Day -9, 17, 17.  
GS U/15:  
E. Tarten (Essex) bt G. Taylor (Essex) 14, 18.  
G. Locke (Essex) bt G. Macrae (Surrey) 18, 17.  
TARTEN bt Locke -14, 14, 18.

BS U/19:  
P. Day (Camb.) bt G. Pugh (Sussex) 13, 16.  
M. Douglas (Sussex) bt S. Newman (Essex) 18, 18.  
DAY bt Douglas 10, -18, 12.  
GS U/13:  
L. Wales (Sussex) bt A. Gedge (Sussex) 19, 7.  
J. Kelly (Essex) bt K. Greenhough (Middx.) 14, 17.  
WALES bt Kelly 19, -19, 18.  
BD U/17:  
S. Marley/P. Rivers (Sussex) bt C. Willshire/P. Crane (Hants.) 20, 19.  
G. Blomfield/S. Hughes (Essex) bt C. Sargent/M. Caudrey (Hants.) 16, -8, 15.  
BLOMFIELD/HUGHES bt Marley/Rivers 22, 16.  
GD U/17:  
S. Read/G. Locke (Essex) bt N. Leslic/G. Macrae (Surrey) -16, 19, 20.  
E. Tarten/G. Taylor (Essex) bt A. Terry/P. Murrell (Sussex) 14, -19, 18.  
TARTEN/TAYLOR bt Read/Locke 15, -14, 7.

The girls' U-13 singles went to C. Reeves of Newbury and a convincing win it was against a less experienced player in B. Reeves of Exmouth.

I feel it must be mentioned that the manners of Miss Tarten and Miss Taylor are to be deplored and certainly marred the finals. If this is how they behave at this age what will they be like later? I hope the county they represent read this and take note. A rebuke would be well in order. Such actions of these do themselves and the game no good.

Results:—  
B. S.: Semi-finals:  
P. Crane bt M. Green, M. Harper bt C. Sargeant.  
Final: Harper bt Crane 13, 14.  
G.S.: E. Tarten bt G. Whetmore 14, -16, 13.  
B.D.: Crane/C. Wilshere bt Harper/K. Baker 23, -19, 15.  
G.D.: Tarten/G. Taylor bt P. and S. Beazer -18, 21, 21.  
X.D.: Harper/Tarten bt Crane/S. Beazer -14, 20, 13.  
U-15:  
B.S.: P. Day bt K. James 19, 11.  
G.S.: Tarten bt G. Taylor -15, 16, 12.  
U-13:  
B.S.: Day bt M. Green -15, 8, 11.  
G.S.: C. Reeves bt B. Reeves 7, 11.

# EXETER JUNIOR OPEN

## FAVOURITES WIN

by B. J. G. Snook

MICHAEL HARPER, the England No. 5, won the boys' singles title, as expected, defeating Philip Crane in straight games. The final provided little of the excitement as had been hoped for and Harper won easily against a player who seemed to run out of steam after a hard day.

Harper had the easier passage to the final while Crane had to overcome a fellow county player, C. Wilshere, and the promising M. Green from Gloucester.

Some consolation came for Crane by way of the doubles where he and Chris Wilshere won a 3-game match against Harper and the Exeter player, Keith Baker. Harper went on to take the mixed with Elaine Tarten against Crane and Susan Beazer in another three-legged affair.

The girl's singles also went to the favourite Elaine Tarten who had to go the distance to win against Jill Whetmore who allowed her opponent to get on top in the decider.

Miss Tarten took the U-15 singles, also in 3 games, against her doubles partner Gillian Taylor. This wasn't a very inspiring final in which the histrionics of both seemed to overshadow the game itself.

Miss Tarten and Miss Taylor won the doubles and were lucky to get the opportunity of surviving the second game to go on to win the third by the same score. In all fairness, I can't say they deserved to win and the Beazer sisters did well to stand up to the antics of their opponents.

The most entertaining finals were those of the U-13 and U-15 events which were won by Paul Day. In the former he had to go the three games with M. Green. After losing the first he gave his opponent little chance to get into the game. In the other final, after a close first game against Keith James (Plymouth) the holder, Day had no trouble, being too sharp for his adversary.

## Obituary JULIAN COLIN

Julian Colin, 17, died in a tragic accident early this month. He will be missed not only by his family, to whom we send our deepest sympathy, but friends at the North West Jewish Boys' and Girls' Club and players in the table-tennis world.

He joined North West when he was twelve and although he took part in many activities table-tennis was his forte

He won the Association for Jewish Youth championships for the last four years, the Willesden junior event in 1970 and was the reigning Brent and National Association of Boys' Clubs champion. This year Julian was a member of the Middlesex junior county team that won the premier title. He played in many inter-league and representative matches and was described by his colleagues as an ideal team man.

His quality lay in wanting to help other people. He would encourage and play with anyone, whatever their standard, in table-tennis and other sports.

He left school eighteen months ago and began a successful numismatist business - a hobby turned into a profession.

Julian will be remembered for his warmth, his undoubted sporting ability, but above all respected for his true sportsmanship.

A memorial match will be played on Thursday May 20th at Ultra Electronics Ltd., Western Ave., Acton, London from which a cup will be donated to the North West Jewish Club.

David Luddy.

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In this month's

# CONTROVERSY

## John Woodford

comes in on the side of Lou Hoffman.

CONTROVERSY and Lou Hoffman have walked hand-in-hand for many years . . . and so for the final article of the season I will look forward to the next campaign when Lou's SUPER-LEAGUE is due to start operating on October 5th at Hornsey Town Hall.

Lou, who is of course a member of the E.T.T.A. Development Committee has been given the go-ahead to form a pilot scheme for his Super-League. There are a number of details and facts which need to be absorbed before one is in a position to judge the proposals. Briefly, six teams will be formed comprising the strongest players in the south. Each must have a leading junior in the No. 3 spot—this is certainly the best asset of the whole scheme.

The six sides will play each other twice during the season, always on Tuesday nights on fixed dates at Hornsey Town Hall. Clashes with other big events are unlikely, except possibly with the odd foreign tour.

Every team will be sponsored by a company and presumably carry that firm's name.

£300 will be the cash prize for the winning team, 2nd £150, 3rd £75, 4th £50, 5th £25 and 6th £15. The strength of the teams will be evenly balanced with three matches being played at each match-night in front of paying spectators.

Bringing the top senior players together regularly is a factor only slightly less important than bringing the star juniors up against the star seniors. How often in senior opens the youngsters are chopped off by experienced campaigners before they can take a crack at the top men.

The die-hards who will form opposition to the scheme will I feel, fasten immediately on the fact that young players are to play for money, but in this day and age I do not think for a moment this will lead any youngster down the road to ruin. Sport at national level is being "commercialised" all over the world.

Firms everywhere are providing players with facilities and rewards and I see no reason why, if we are to go forward, England should be an exception.

This sort of scheme is one which could contribute substantially to the eventual emergence of a new English world champion—it is a step as far forward as the veterans in the county championships is backward—so well done Lou, I hope you manage to burst through all the remaining obstacles in time for a super-launch for a great idea!

# Scottish Open Championships

BY ALBERT SHIPLEY

The most successful Scottish Open Championships ever held, took place at the magnificent Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh on March 13th/14th, 1971.

The men's singles event provided shocks and excitement, for in a quarter-final, young Peter Taylor, England's No. 5 Junior defeated Chester Barnes. Playing with a style similar to his elder brother, Peter was able to counter and block every attempt at attack by Chester and soon found himself two games up. Chester then changed his game completely to one of push and chop with only an occasional hit. This he did so successfully that he took the third and fourth games easily, but the increase in speed in the fifth game again suited Peter and this time he managed to stay level with Chester: most of the way. When Barnes held a 20-17 lead in the fifth, everyone got ready to applaud a fine effort by the young player but an unbelievably nervous Chester put a service return in the net and hit two forehands off the end of the table. Taylor, now with nothing to lose and all to gain, went for his man, needing only two points to inflict one of the rare tournament defeats of Chester Barnes.

By the time the semi-finals were staged, a crowd of about 700 Scots were gathered to help their hero Malcolm Sugden in his battle with Denis Neale. How nearly they succeeded, for with Denis convinced that his troubles were due to the use of the Barna Super ball, Sugden put on one of his best displays. With the crowd cheering his every shot, Malcolm found himself two games to one up and 17-11 up but, as he has done on other occasions, a moments relaxation allowed the fighting spirit of the Yorkshireman to break through and level at two games all.

Few of us in the crowd were sorry that the contest was extended to five games for this was table tennis in its finest form—a partisan crowd and a superbly lit arena. In the fifth game, Denis finally got the scent of the £100 prize in his nostrils and so won his way to a final with Tony Clayton who had easily defeated Taylor, the conqueror of Barnes. Clayton was then just as easily defeated by Neale in the final.

A long finals session ended on a high note with a men's doubles match between Barnes and Neale of England and Sugden and Kean of Scotland. Having established a 2-1 lead the English pair went over to the crowd-pleasing spectacle of long range

defence, aided and abetted by their opponents, thus achieving a grand climax to a really great tournament.

### RESULTS

#### Men's Singles:

D. Neale (Yorks) beat A. Clayton (Yorks) 17, 14, 14.

#### Women's Singles:

J. Shirley (Bucks) beat L. Chesson (Kent) 8, 4, 12.

#### Men's Doubles:

D. Neale (Yorks)/C. Barnes (Essex) beat M. Sugden/B. Kean (Scotland) 9, 16, -11, 21.

#### Women's Doubles:

J. Heaps (Ches.)/S. Lisle (Lancs.) beat C. Waite/L. Murtaugh (Durham) 13, 8, 11.

#### Mixed Doubles:

B. Kean (Scotland)/J. Shirley (Bucks.) beat J. Walker (Yorks.)/L. Chesson (Kent) -18, 16, -18, 15, 17.

#### Junior Boys' Singles:

J. Walker (Yorks.) beat I. Horsham (Essex) 15, 15.

#### Junior Girls' Singles:

L. Howard (Surrey) beat L. Chesson (Kent) -19, 19, 13.

# INTERNATIONAL CLUB Seventh Birthday

by LAURIE LANDRY

The 8th Annual General Meeting was held at Brighton on Feb. 27th and it is pleasing to note that the Club has been in existence for seven years and still maintains a membership of some 130 full and associate members. At the Meeting it was agreed to admit, as a special associate member, any foreign international living in England for over two years, subject to agreement of the Annual Meeting.

The match against Maldon Wanderers Club (Essex) was a really first class one with Brian Brumwell, Eddie Hodson, Susan Howard and myself playing for the International Club. Eddie showed shades of real class despite having played seldom in the past five years.

Brian Brumwell produced patches of brilliance particularly in the mixed with Susan. The Club won the match 8-1.

The hard-rubber bat Open Tournament is fixed for Sunday, Jan. 9/72, the day following the English Closed, and will be held at the Barnet T.T. Centre. Events will be M.S., W.S. and X.D. with consolation events for the singles.

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# Lancashire Junior Open

by Geo. R. Yates

**SURPRISE** winner of the U-17 Boys' Singles event at Bolton's Institute of Technology on March 14th was David Rayner of Sheffield who, as an "A" Group junior was not expected to beat the national No. 2 Tony Boasman. But beat him he did in as close and tense a final as one could wish to see.

Liverpool's Susanne Manning avenged the Red Rose defeat when she turned the tables on Sheffield's Judith Walker in the counterpart girls' event and, in the Boys' Doubles, it was another home triumph when Boasman and Donald Parker got the better of Rayner partnered by Bromley's Paul Guttormsen.

Yet another victory for the County Palatine was chalked up in the Girls' Doubles when Miss Manning obtained her second title of the day with her Liverpoolian teammate Brenda Williams with final victory over the Essex combination of Gillian Locke and Sheila Read.

In the U-15 events Judith Walker suffered another final defeat when she went under to the fiery Welsh champion Linda Jones of Merthyr Tydfil. Guttormsen put down the stern challenge of Teesside's David Alderson in the Boys' event.

Paul Day, the Cambridgeshire junior star carried too many guns for Ormesby boy Robert Wiley in the final of the U-13 Boy's Singles, and York's Janet Richardson withstood a second game defeat to come home against another Yorkshire lass, Kathleen Wilson, in the final of the U-13 Girls' Singles.

Results::

## UNDER 17 EVENTS

### Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals

A. Boasman (Lancs.) bt D. Alderson (Yorks.) 12, 18;  
R. Broadmore (Warwks.) bt D. Parker (Lancs.) 10, -21, 20;  
M. Davis (Warwks.) bt P. Guttormsen (Kent) 21, -10, 17;  
D. Rayner (Yorks.) bt P. Fennon (Yorks.) 15, 16.

### Semi-finals:

Boasman bt Broadmore 13, -15, 19;  
Rayner bt Davis 14, 21.

### Final:

RAYNER bt Boasman -20, 20, 20.

### Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:

L. Sutton (Yorks.) bt R. Jaeger (Lancs.) 16, 13;  
S. Manning (Lancs.) bt J. Green (Ches.) 14, 8;  
J. Walker (Yorks.) bt K. Rogers (Leics.) 18, 17;  
G. Locke (Essex) bt J. Rutter (Yorks.) 15, 13.

### Semi-finals:

Manning bt Sutton 19, -17, 16;  
Walker bt Locke 15, 17.

### Final:

MANNING bt Walker -15, 18, 14.

### Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Boasman/Parker bt Broadmore/Davis 16, -10, 17;  
Guttormsen/Rayner bt M. Harper (Herts.)/M. Locke (Essex) 19, 12.

### Final:

BOASMAN/PARKER bt Guttormsen/Rayner -15, 19, 16.

### Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Locke/S. Read (Essex) bt D. St. Ledger (Warwks.)/C. Stonell (Essex) -20, 15, 16;

Manning/B. Williams (Lancs.) bt E. Tarten/G. Taylor (Essex) -16, 11, 18.

### Final:

MANNING/WILLIAMS bt Locke/Read 18, 13.

## UNDER 15 EVENTS

### Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:

Guttormsen bt B. Crook (Lancs.) 15, -16, 10;  
Parker bt P. Day (Camb.) 12, 8;  
J. Nix (Warwks.) bt D. Douglas (Warwks.) 17, 16;  
D. Alderson bt B. Alderson (Yorks.) 15, 20.

### Semi-finals:

Guttormsen bt Parker -10, 14, 17;

Alderson bt Nix 18, 19.

### Final:

GUTTORMSEN bt Alderson 14, 19.

### Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:

Tarten bt Rogers 15, -12, 16;  
L. Jones (Wales) bt Williams 19, 15;  
Walker bt R. Stevenson (Leics.) 5, 13;

Locke bt S. Ledger 16, 9.

### Semi-finals:

Jones bt Tarten -17, 20, 17;  
Walker bt Locke 19, 18.

### Final:

JONES bt Walker 18, 13.

## UNDER 13 EVENTS

### Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:

Day bt M. Howarth (Derbys.) 11, 6;  
C. Rogers (Leics.) bt M. Thirkettle (Yorks.) 10, 18;  
A. Bawden (Essex) bt G. Hall (Leics.) 13, 13;

R. Wiley (Yorks.) bt C. Wainwright (Warwks.) 16, 17.

### Semi-finals:

Day bt Rogers 8, 18;  
Wiley bt Bawden 20, 19.

### Final:

DAY bt Wiley 13, 18.

### Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:

J. Black (Lancs.) bt J. McLean (Yorks.) -8, 18, 20;  
K. Wilson (Yorks.) bt B. Moore (Middx.) 4, 18;  
J. Richardson (Yorks.) bt J. Kelly (Essex) -11, 19, 11;  
B. Shepherd (Yorks.) bt S. Lister (Yorks.) 15, 16.

### Semi-finals:

Wilson bt Black -13, 12, 16;  
Richardson bt Shepherd 8, 18.

### Final:

RICHARDSON bt Wilson 8, -16, 14.



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## Junior Assessment Camps

FORMERLY known as the Junior Trials, these camps will again be held this year, using the experience learned from the staging of similar camps last season. The two major differences this season will be that nomination for the camps will come through County Associations and that Counties will be asked to bear a proportion of the cost of their players attending the camps.

Because of holiday arrangements, parents of leading Juniors will be interested in the following time table but final confirmation of the dates and venues has been delayed by the postal strike.

### South West

July 30—Aug. 1 Venue unknown.

### North

Aug. 6-8 Trinity and All Saints' College, Leeds.

### South

Aug. 9-11 Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre.

### East

Aug. 13-15 Wensum Lodge, Norfolk.

### Midlands

Aug. 27-29 Cheltenham.

Staff Coach Bryan Merrett will attend each of the camps in order to achieve a standardisation of assessment for selection to the final trials.

## Junior International

### ONE-WAY TRAFFIC AT LANCASTER

A WELSH junior side comprising Alan Thomas, Chris Myden, Walter Hussey and Robert Ambrosan took a 10-0 hammering at Lancaster Boys' Club on March 12 when, in a junior international match which lasted barely two hours, their capitulation to an England quartet was utter and complete.

Led by the seasoned Tony Boasman, England had three players making their international debut but neither Michael Harper, Paul Guttormsen nor Robert Broadmore faltered in matching the steps of their tall and rangy Mancunian anchorman.

### Results:

A. Boasman bt C. Myden 13, 11; bt A. Thomas 13, 16.

M. Harper bt Thomas 11, 14; bt Myden 13, 8.

P. Guttormsen bt R. Ambrosan 8, 11; bt W. Hussey 7, 8.

R. Boadmore bt Hussey 16, 9; bt Ambrosan 16, 14.

Boasman/Harper bt Hussey/Thomas 16, 14.

Broadmore/Guttormsen bt Ambrosan/Hussey 17, 19.



Birmingham's leading ladies (from left to right) "Andy" Jones, Kath Perry and Janet Rowley.

Photo by courtesy of Birmingham Post and Mail.

## WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Richard Habgood

BIRMINGHAM'S Central Y.M.C.A. top three women players have again proved that "Central" must be one of the strongest English clubs by reaching the final of the National Club competition.

The three pictured with this article, "Andy" Jones, Kath Perry and Janet Rowley, pulled off an impressive 7-2 victory over Ormesby in the semi-final, and go on to meet the Central London side of Karenza Mathews, Judy Williams and Diane Simpson.

"Central" were the first holders of the National Club men's title and are also the current Y.M.C.A. champions, so it is congratulations all round to these women who in the past seem to have been overshadowed by the men.

Denis Neale proved the stumbling block in Birmingham's Wilmott Cup clash with North Yorkshire. Beaten 5-2, Richard Cooper gained Birmingham's only two successes with impressive wins over Nicky Jarvis and Alan Ransome.

Still in the Carter Cup, Birmingham achieved an excellent 8-1 victory over Great Yarmouth.

Predictably the Warwickshire Selection Committee took no chances for the County Championship play-offs and yet it was a tale of woe that was brought back from Reading.

Stephen Taylor made his debut for the Junior "A" side for their matches against Kent and Middlesex. It was the first scheduled team change for the boys this season with Stephen earning his place with consistently good performances in the Junior "B" team.

Congratulations to Bob Broadmore on winning his first England Junior cap against Wales at Lancaster. May this be the start of many such appearances.

Details have now been fixed for Birmingham's trip to Frankfurt (June 3-7). With only 41 vacancies, this reciprocal visit by Birmingham to its twin city has been over applied for.

Frankfurt's S.K.G. Club, who visited us last year, won many friends, with everyone who participated last season "dying" for the return trip. A com-

plete itinerary has been worked out and includes a civic reception, a trip on the Rhine, and last but not least—a visit to a local brewery!

## A MATCH FOR THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS!

Alan Lindsay has been running the Fulham Table Tennis Centre for some time now and when he helped "Connie" Warren set up the Larkhall Centre this season, comparisons soon began to be made. So on Mar. 31st, a match was organised at the Stockwell home of the Larkhall T.T. Centre when Fulham were having a day off.

Each side fielded 26 players of varying standards including internationals, county and club players.

The duly assembled company was split into 8 teams - six of 3 players and two of 4 - and amazingly enough each Centre won 4 victories, a very fair result.

## ITTF COUNCIL MEMBER

E.T.T.A. CHAIRMAN, Charles M. Wyles, came second top to Mrs. Nancy Roy Evans for a place on the International Table Tennis Federation's Council (formerly the Advisory Committee) at the World Congress in Japan.

Deputy Chairman, George R. Yates, was also successful in securing a place on the I.T.T.F.'s Propaganda and Publicity Commission.

A report on the World Congress will be featured in the May issue.

## TABLE TENNIS

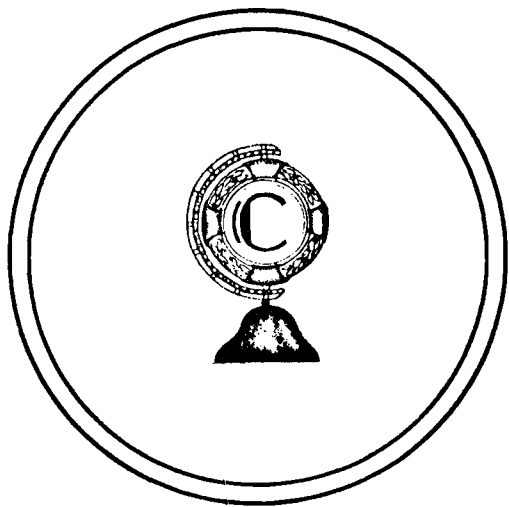
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## SURREY NOTES

by Geoff. Ryan

SURREY supporters present at East Grinstead on Saturday, 13th February were saved from heart failure when Ron Penfold defeated John Clarke 23-21 in the third with the match score 4-4. This slender victory over Sussex ensured another season in the top division after a disappointing season. Connie Warren has been the mainstay being involved in some thrilling games including victories over Brian Burn, Tony Piddock and Peter Williams.

What a wonderful nights entertainment provided by England and West Germany in Guildford's Civic Hall on Thursday the 11th February. A capacity crowd fully appreciating the

efforts of all players concerned. Full marks to the efficient organization undertaken so ably by Trevor Channing and his fellow committee members of the Guildford League.

Surrey players meeting with most success in the English Open at Brighton were Gordon Chapman, in winning the veterans title at his first attempt and Linda Howard in reaching the final of the Ladies consolation.

The under 25 team contesting the Bernard Crouch Trophy met with little success and finished bottom of the table, best performance was by Chris Thornes in reaching the quarter finals of the singles.

Croydon duly lost but were not disgraced 0-6 to Willesden (Barnes, Sugden and Wright) in the inter-zone final of the Wilmott Cup and Guild-

ford were put out of the Rosebowl 1-5 by Central London (Karenza Mathews, Judy Williams and Diane Simpson).

Paul Bishop has been awarded the Leslie Forrest Memorial trophy for this season which is the first time a boy has won the award since its inception three years ago. First ever tournament success for Brian Windett the Croydon Business House and Wandsworth star in winning the South London invitation tournament, he beat Mick Bishop in the final 21-15, 12-21, 21-16.

Guildford have won this season's Percy Johnson Cup by defeating Wandsworth 7-2 they take the title on sets average over Dulwich who beat Byfleet 8-1. South London and Croydon Business Houses are relegated

to the 'B' division. The fight for promotion from the 'B' division is becoming exciting, Croydon II, Guildford II and Wandsworth II are all level with one game each remaining. Croydon and Guildford face bottom club South London II while Wandsworth play Reigate.

Latest Results are as follows:—

**Percy Johnson Group 'A'**  
Croydon B.H. 1, Thames Valley 8.

**Percy Johnson Group 'B'**  
Leatherhead 3, Croydon II 6.

**Harding Cup (Mixed)**  
Guildford 5, Byfleet 3.  
Sutton 0, Thames Valley 8.

**Arthur Williams Rosebowl (Women)**  
Guildford 9, Byfleet 0.  
Byfleet 4, Thames Valley 5.  
Leatherhead 0, Guildford 9.

**Sutton Trophy (Junior Mixed)**  
Guildford 6, Thames Valley II 2.

### RESULTS OF THE LEATHERHEAD CLOSED—

**Men's Singles:**  
P. Benning bt R. Pearson 21-11, 21-17.

**Veterans Singles:**  
P. Benning bt W. Roberts 21-17, 21-15.

**Men's Doubles:**  
R. Pearson/J. Hoar bt R. Stracey/W. Roberts 21-14, 21-17.

**Mixed Doubles:**  
P. Benning/M. Rogers bt J. Calcutt/C. Francis 17-21, 21-8, 21-17.

**Junior Singles:**  
P. Matthews bt J. Long 21-14, 21-15.

**Ladies Singles:**  
M. Rogers bt G. Hancox.

**Ladies Doubles:**  
M. Rogers/G. Hancox bt E. Cooper/P. Martin.

**Restricted Singles:**  
P. Matthews bt E. Smith.

### RESULTS OF REIGATE CLOSED—

**Men's Singles:**  
K. Horton bt K. Fogwill 21-16, 21-10, 21-18.

**Handicap:**  
I. Bowring bt J. Divell 21-17, 12-21, 21-13.

**Men's Doubles:**  
J. Millward/C. Weller bt A. Love/K. Fogwill 13-21, 21-14, 21-16, 21-15.

**Junior Singles:**  
N. Higden bt S. Kingston 22-20, 21-13.

**Ladies Singles:**  
Mrs. D. Foreman bt Mrs. R. Brown 21-15, 22-20.

**Veterans Singles:**  
K. Fogwill bt B. Sargent 21-8, 21-10.

A good performance achieved by the Juniors in drawing with Hampshire minus Paul Bishop (injured) and Linda Howard on England international duty in Scotland. David Bangerter in his first match for the county saved Surrey a point in defeating Colin Sargent 21-19 in the third in the final set of the evening.

Tournament successes during the last month have been Linda Howard's victory over Lynda Chesson in the Girls singles at the Scottish Open in Edinburgh and in the same tournament Paul Beck achieved his first major success in winning the Mens consolation over Scotland's Peter Forker.

Croydon No. 1 Keith Horton has had a fine season in winning the Croydon, Sutton and Reigate mens titles and also reaching the quarter-finals of the Sussex closed losing to the eventual winner Peter Williams.

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## WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Ian R. Crickmer

### CLOSED ANALYSIS

NOW that the tournament has been restored as an end-of-season event, the results of the Worcestershire Closed can again be analysed in the light of previous happenings.

It would have taken a brave prophet to predict that John Heathcote would storm his way through to his second singles title in three years—his wretched County match performances (no singles success in four outings) were cast behind him as he completed a "treble" to come through the day unscathed. Seeded No. 3, John would be the first to admit that his task was lightened by

the shock dismissal of the holder, John Bell, in a pushing battle with Ledbury's Neville Meredith at 17-21 in the third.

In an intriguing event, surprises came at regular intervals. Steve Phillips ousted Hereford's Trevor Davies in straight games, but another Trevor, Washington, of Dudley, did well to defeat Nick Bottomley 21-14 in the decider. Graham Collier accounted for "dark horse" John Perrett, ex Wolverhampton and Staffordshire, only to go out in the next round to Colin Hammond, representing Redditch. Hammond also took "Nim" Hodges before narrowly losing 18-21 in the third to eventual finalist Mick Prosser. Brian Jarvis had his progress stopped by Heathcote, while Meredith's conquest of Bell brought him up against Melvyn Wood of Dudley, who had

steadily gone through his quarter, before becoming Heathcote's semi-final victim.

Russell Preece, champion in 1968, had a good run till halted by Brian Belcher. The Belcher-Prosser semi-final went to expedite in the second game, and was marred by a strange incident when the count stopped unexpectedly at 19-all and seven good returns by Belcher! Prosser took the replayed point, and went on to the final.

As expected, Linda Reid posed the greatest threat to Joyce Lloyd's singles crown—after capturing the first game of the final, she eventually succumbed 12-21 in the decider. Three junior girls gave encouraging performances in this senior event: Pat Woodward went out 20-22 in the third to Evesham's Fay Bomford, and Julie Bearcroft 19-21

in the third to Betty Greening. Wendy Salter also put up a game fight before bowing out to County No. 3 Janet Hunt 13 and 17.

Redditch gained its first Closed title for ten years when Graham Warby took the Veterans' Singles, just outlasting Malvern's Derek Reynolds, beaten finalist for the second successive season. In the junior events, Ian Schofield had just reward for his fine performances in County matches when he took the Boys' title at the expense of Trevor Gatfield. His most resolute challenger proved to be Richard Warby who returned to his best form in going to 15-21 in the third. Form in the girls' events throughout the season has been so variable that any of the top four could have captured the championship—as it was, Wendy Salter retained her title with a competent display to confound the County selectors who have preferred Sheila Foley and Pat Woodward for most fixtures. Both fell victim to Julie Bearcroft, whom Wendy beat in a repeat of the 1970 final.

Sheila and Pat brought off a fine doubles success when ousting Noreen Price and Betty Greening to go into the semi-finals against Linda Reid and Diana Moss.

Beaten in two finals, Linda Reid took her first Worcestershire title in the mixed—amongst the earlier results of this event, Trevor Davies in partnership with Miss Salter had eliminated Nim Hodges and Margaret Newcombe 21-19 in the third.

As expected, the Heathcote-Jarvis men's combination demonstrated its potentiality in storming through to victory, conceding only one game en route. Similarly, Schofield and Gatfield, having recorded a 100 per cent record in Junior Division West matches, proved too strong for challengers in the junior doubles, taking the championship on their final outing and third finals appearance in this event.

### FINALS:

M.S.:—

J. Heathcote bt M. Prosser 11, 9.

L.S.:

Mrs. J. Lloyd bt Mrs. L. Reid  
-17, 15, 12.

B.S.:—

I. A. Schofield bt T. A. Gatfield 17, 15.

G.S.:—

Miss W. Salter bt Miss J. Bearcroft  
16, 17.

V.S.:—

G. Warby bt D. Reynolds 10, -19, 18.

M.D.:—

Heathcote and B. Jarvis bt J. Bell and  
K. Firkins 14, 18.

L.D.:—

Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. J. W. Hunt bt  
Mrs. Reid and Mrs. D. M. Moss  
18, 19.

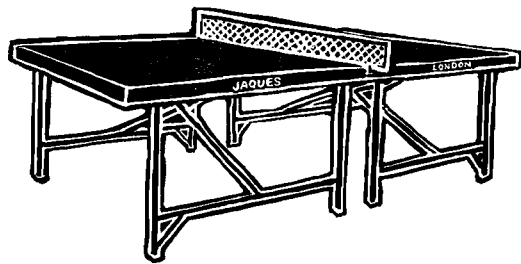
X.D.:—

Heathcote and Mrs. Reid bt Firkins  
and Mrs. Lloyd 10, 12.

J.D.:—

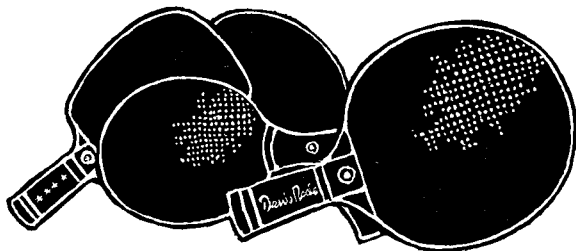
Schofield and Gatfield bt K. Hodges  
and R. Dowers 11, 14.

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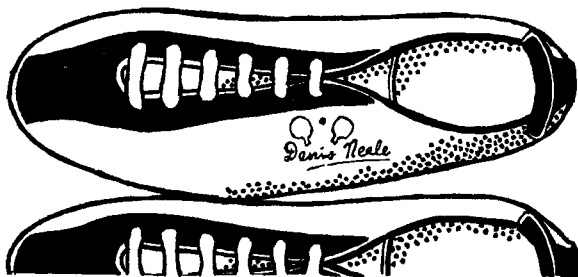
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WARWICKSHIRE County player, Brian Burn, is doing a thesis on "The Social and Economic reasons for the growth of Table Tennis in England and Wales between 1923 and 1939."

He would appreciate the loan of any relevant material which would be duly returned from his home at 99, The Quadrant, North Shields, Northumberland.

**COUNTY TABLE TENNIS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS — FINAL**  
**DIVISIONAL TABLES 1970-71**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>PREMIER</b>							
Essex	7	7	0	0	51	12	14
Yorkshire	7	5	0	2	35	28	10
Middlesex	7	4	0	3	37	26	8
Sussex	7	4	0	3	32	31	8
Kent	7	3	0	4	28	35	6
Surrey	7	3	0	4	26	37	6
Warwickshire	7	2	0	5	28	35	4
Buckinghamshire	7	0	0	7	15	48	0
<b>2nd SOUTH</b>							
Essex II	6	6	0	0	49	11	12
Middlesex II	6	4	1	1	42	18	9
Kent II	6	4	1	1	38	22	9
Surrey II	6	3	0	3	28	32	6
Hampshire	6	1	1	4	23	37	3
Hertfordshire	6	1	1	4	19	41	3
Buckinghamshs. II	6	0	0	6	11	49	0
<b>2nd NORTH</b>							
Lancashire	6	5	1	0	45	15	11
Cheshire	6	5	1	0	40	20	11
Northumberland	6	3	0	3	29	28	6
Yorkshire II	6	3	0	3	29	31	6
Derbyshire	6	2	0	4	25	35	4
Lincolnshire	6	1	0	5	20	40	2
Durham	6	1	0	5	19	41	2
<b>2nd MIDLAND</b>							
Warwickshire II	6	6	0	0	43	17	12
Nottinghamshire	6	4	1	1	36	24	9
Leicestershire	6	3	2	1	32	28	8
Staffordshire	6	2	2	2	29	31	6
Gloucestershire	6	1	1	4	26	34	3
Bedfordshire	6	0	2	4	24	36	2
Worcestershire	6	0	2	4	20	40	2
<b>2nd WEST</b>							
Glamorgan	6	6	0	0	47	13	12
Devon	6	4	1	1	38	22	9
Somerset	6	3	1	2	32	28	7
Dorset	6	3	0	3	29	31	6
Wiltshire	6	2	1	3	28	32	5
Cornwall	6	1	0	5	19	41	2
Monmouthshire	6	0	1	5	17	43	1
<b>SOUTHERN</b>							
Sussex II	6	5	1	0	49	11	11
Berkshire	6	3	1	2	36	24	7
Hampshire	6	3	0	3	23	37	6
Oxfordshire	6	0	0	6	12	48	0
<b>EASTERN</b>							
Hertfordshire II	5	4	1	0	33	17	9
Cambridgeshire	5	3	1	1	34	16	7
Norfolk	5	3	1	1	31	19	7
Northamptonshire	5	2	0	3	20	30	4
Huntingdonshire	5	0	2	3	14	36	2
Suffolk	5	0	1	4	18	32	1
<b>MIDLAND</b>							
Glamorgan II	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Staffordshire II	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Worcestershire II	4	1	2	20	20	3	3
Denbighshire	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Shropshire	4	1	0	3	10	30	2
<b>JUNIOR PREMIER</b>							
Middlesex	7	5	1	1	44	26	11
Yorkshire	7	5	0	2	47	23	10
Lancashire	7	4	2	1	42	28	10
Essex	7	3	3	1	42	28	9
Warwickshire	7	3	1	3	36	34	7
Kent	7	3	1	3	34	36	7
Hertfordshire	7	1	0	6	26	44	2
Glamorgan	7	0	0	7	9	61	0
<b>JUNIOR SOUTH</b>							
Surrey	8	6	1	1	57	23	13
Sussex	8	6	1	1	51	29	13
Hampshire	8	4	2	2	47	33	10
Berkshire	8	1	1	6	25	55	3
Buckinghamshire	8	0	1	7	20	60	1
<b>JUNIOR NORTH</b>							
Cheshire	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Durham	4	3	0	1	27	13	6
Derbyshire	4	1	1	2	15	25	3
Lincolnshire	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Northumberland	4	0	1	3	12	28	1

<b>JUNIOR MIDLAND</b>							
Staffordshire	5	5	0	0	37	13	10
Warwickshire II	5	3	1	1	29	21	7
Leicestershire	5	1	3	1	26	24	5
Bedfordshire	5	1	1	3	23	27	3
Nottinghamshire	5	1	1	3	20	30	3
Northamptonshire	5	1	0	4	15	35	2
<b>JUNIOR EAST</b>							
Essex II	5	4	1	0	39	11	9
Cambridgeshire	5	3	1	1	29	21	7
Norfolk	5	3	0	2	26	24	6
Suffolk	5	3	0	2	25	25	6
Huntingdonshire	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
Hertfordshire II	5	0	0	5	15	35	0
<b>JUNIOR WEST</b>							
Devon	5	5	0	0	33	17	10
Wiltshire	5	3	1	1	27	23	7
Somerset	5	2	1	2	24	26	5
Gloucestershire	5	1	2	2	23	27	4
Worcestershire	5	1	1	3	26	24	3
Monmouthshire	5	0	1	4	17	33	1
<b>VETERAN SOUTH</b>							
Oxfordshire	3	3	0	0	22	5	6
Essex	3	2	0	1	20	7	4
Hertfordshire	3	1	0	2	9	18	2
Hampshire	3	0	0	3	3	24	0
<b>VETERAN MIDLAND</b>							
Nottinghamshire	3	3	0	0	16	11	6
Cheshire	3	2	0	1	18	9	4
Leicestershire	3	1	0	2	13	14	2
Staffordshire	3	0	0	3	7	20	0
<b>Championship Round-up cont.</b>							
SURREY 9 BERKSHIRE 1							
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 3							
SURREY 7							
SUSSEX 5 HAMPSHIRE 5							
HAMPSHIRE 5 SURREY 5							
On debut, with score 4-5, David Bangerter saved defeat beating experienced Colin Sargeant -18, 19, 19.							
SUSSEX 7 BERKSHIRE 3							
Fine recovery from 1-4 to 3-4 by Berks., and Michael Juett had to fight very hard to keep unbeaten record . . .							
SURREY 3 SUSSEX 7							
. . . but Gerald Walsh relieved him of it 8, -13, 11. The other home wins came from Linda Howard in GS and GD (with Nicolette Leslie). Maximums recorded by both Stephen Marley and Grant Taylor. Surrey's 1st Junior South title since 1953-54.							
BERKSHIRE 5							
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 5							
A match full of exciting moments with Bucks. recording their first point at any level this season.							
<b>Junior North</b>							
LINCOLNSHIRE 1 DURHAM 9							
No discredit to Lincs, in this result - their first Junior season. 14-year-old Paul Carter lost on experience to John Crawford and in the last set went under to T. Brown -17, -28 in a real tinger.							
DERBYSHIRE 6							
LINCOLNSHIRE 4							
NORTHUMBERLAND 4							
CHESHIRE 6							
Nice GD win for Janet Priestley and Carolyn Little, and 3 sets from the absent John McNee. Brian Johns outstanding.							
<b>Junior Midland</b>							
STAFFORDSHIRE 7							
WARWICKSHIRE II 3							
A dreadful start for Staffs, who trailed 0-3 but Barbara Eardley and							

Elizabeth Akerman showed the boys how it should be done and 0-3 became 3-3. Stephen Rowe hit Staffs to a 4-3 lead, helped in XD to 5-3 and then Keith Fellows clinched the match beating B. Dunne -19, 20, 17. Staffs. 3rd J. Midland title and ending a string of 6 Warwicks. successes (Warwicks this season in J. Premier).

**LEICESTERSHIRE 7**  
**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 3**

Dave Barry and Peter Crawley the stars. The only 'girls' match this season to be dropped by Leics. in XD.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 6**  
**BEDFORDSHIRE 4**

**BEDFORDSHIRE 3**  
**STAFFORDSHIRE 7**

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 7**  
**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 3**

A much-improved performance by Northants. who led 4-0, and whose girls were unbeaten.

**Junior East**

**HERTFORDSHIRE II 4**  
**NORFOLK 6**

This second team has been used to blood players and in terms of results the season has not been successful. The fruits likely to be reaped in 2-3 years time.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE 9**  
**HUNTINGDONSHIRE 1**  
**ESSEX II 8 SUFFOLK 2**

Two wins for John Kitchener but the title for Essex II.

**Junior West**

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE 2 DEVON 8**

Gillian Wetmore completed 100% season in GS and GD (with Julie Mortimer). A long time since a Glous. player did this. Their boys were not allowed to play to form by a useful Devon team, worthy division winners.

**MONMOUTHSHIRE 4**  
**SOMERSET 6**

5-5 said the result sheet, but one of the 5 "won" by Robert Ambrosan who was played out of order and should not have met J. Pratlett.

**WORCESTERSHIRE 4**  
**WILTSHIRE 6**

3rd 4-6 reverse for Worcs. who have better set average than two Counties above them, Trevor Gatfield and Ian Schofield 100% BD season but the latter's 13-set run of BS, BD wins stopped by A. Bruce. Fine pull-back by David and Pat Woodward from 2-10 in 3rd and with wrong order to take XD 17, -17, 20.

**Veteran Challenge**

1st leg: **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 4**  
**OXFORDSHIRE 5**

2nd leg: **OXFORDSHIRE 5**  
**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 4**

Veteran Champions 1970/71  
**OXFORDSHIRE**

**DURHAM NOTES**



by Fred Inch

**TRAGIC DEATH**

ON Saturday, March 6, Durham County lost one of its most promising junior players, namely DAVID HARTIS, aged 15, of Houghton Y.M.C.A. He was stricken down the previous Saturday with a brain haemorrhage only hours before he was due to play his first County match against Cumberland.

The funeral service was conducted at Nesham Place Methodist Church, Houghton-le-Spring and was attended by County officials as well as representatives from many local leagues. A wreath of blue and yellow flowers, the Durham County colours, was laid at the graveside by the Joint Secretaries of Durham, Jean and Edgar Reay.

Despite the season drawing to a close the County Registrar, Charles Freeman still cannot complete the inter-league tables as there are still some 26 matches to be decided.

The Durham County Club Championship was won by Stockton Y.M.C.A. who beat Thorns of Sunderland 6-2 in the final. The Stockton team comprised Malcolm Corking, K. Skipp and T. McCourt who won 2 sets each with Wilf Barker winning two for Thorns.

At a very well attended meeting on March 25, Harry Dignan and Peter Simpson met the County Officials and interested players from 9 leagues to explain the workings of the E.T.T.A.'s Northern Coaching Panel. After outlining the many possibilities that existed for both players and coaches in County Durham, a Coaching Course was duly arranged.

It will be the first of many and will cost £1.50 (including the E.T.T.A. fee) and will take place over four Sundays in May beginning at Peterlee Sports Centre on May 2 at 2 p.m.

Peter Simpson will also be available from May 10-14 for the coaching of players at local league level and prospective coaches are invited to attend these sessions. Applications for the Course and enquiries for the Coaching sessions must be made to the Hon. Joint Secretaries, Durham County T.T.A., 7 Forfar Street, Fulwell, Sunderland, SR6 9RY.

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