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**FEW Sports have such a comprehensive and totally exhausting season as table tennis and to those bitten by the 'bug', the passions aroused would appear all-consuming.**

**And how many times during the course of a season has the male of the species been confronted by an irate spouse with that time-honoured observation "you should have married a table tennis ball"!**

**All of which poses the question—should a player, or for that matter an official, take unto himself a wife?**

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**"If you were making a fortune out of it, I wouldn't mind" is yet another oft-quoted barb, yet, nil desperandum, the majority are content to soldier on, oblivious of the rumblings that herald the approaching storms.**

**So beware you maidens with an amorous eye for that handsome fellow at the club. His course is more than likely set and rare indeed is the antidote to combat the infection that will surely become all too apparent. Ask any veteran!**

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## ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

# Table Tennis and South Africa

by The Hon. Ivor Montagu

Founder President of the International Table Tennis Federation

THE exclusion of South African sport participants from the Olympic Games and a number of other competitions, the recent agitation in this country against the Springbok's Rugby tour and proposed cricket tour, the growing opposition elsewhere to sports relations with South Africa on the basis of racial discrimination, have focussed attention on a fact known to most sports commentators but not perhaps fully clear to the general public, that Table Tennis was the first sport, nearly a generation ago, to move toward the outlawing of discrimination of race, colour, creed or politics at the international level of the game.

Recently an erroneous report that "South Africa would be expelled" from the coming (31st) World Table Tennis Championships at Nagoya, Japan, this year has revealed a misunderstanding. The *apartheid* Table Tennis organisation in South Africa, that is, the one with membership restricted to 'whites' or what the late George Bernard Shaw more accurately called 'pinks' ('Europeans' is the term used in South Africa), has never been expelled. It has never been qualified to participate, for it has never been qualified for membership of the International Table Tennis Federation and participation in this event is restricted to members.

### RESTRICTIVE POLICY

There are two Table Tennis organisations in South Africa. One, admittedly the stronger both numerically and, possibly, in general playing strength, is known as the 'Union', the SATTU. Because of its restrictive ("Europeans-only") policy it has never been eligible for I.T.T.F. membership. The other, which enjoys none of the local administrative favours and encouragement received by its rival, is known as the Board, the SATTB—or rather, as it has more recently been renamed, the SAN (N for National) TTB.

It rules out all discrimination in its constitution and operation. Although in practice its membership is more numerous in the communities of Asian descent, or 'Coloured' (the South African term for 'mixed'), than among what the authorities call 'Bantu', and its one time handful of 'Pink' membership was probably never of high playing standard, it is, by definition and desire, open to all.

It is therefore qualified for ITTF membership and has long been in good standing with the international body. Its failure to compete at the World Championships in Nagoya will be due to no ITTF prevention but to the fact that once more, as on many previous occasions, the South African Government has refused the grant of passports to players for their participation. Indeed only once—at Stockholm in 1957—perhaps accidentally unnoticed, were SATTB players able to slip through this net and play Table Tennis abroad.

### LOGICAL APPLICATION

The rule under which this situation obtains between the ITTF and South Africa was not formulated in relation to the latter country, nor did it originate in any way from the position there. Nor indeed did it arise as an expression of condemnation of apartheid or racial discrimination in any form AS SUCH. It arises, as we in Table Tennis have understood it, necessarily from the LOGICAL APPLICATION of principles which are applied and must apply to any degree of international sports organisation.

I stress this point, because I think that clarity upon it might help to dispel that part of the heat in controversy on this issue which is due not to difference of opinion—difference of opinion strongly held must always be accompanied by ardour—but to misunderstanding.

The defenders of sports relations with South Africa argue that other wrongs besides apartheid are committed from time to time by other nations; it is unfair to single out South Africa for 'punishment' and the precedent is liable, by 'introducing politics', to disrupt international sport. The supporters of a boycott of the apartheid bodies argue that relations at the international sports bodies disregarding their own principles and international level are possible only by bending over to favour South Africa for contrary political reasons.

I will simply state the facts of ITTF experience, since they shed some light upon this question.

It has always been our view, in the ITTF, that it is impossible to organise international sport on the basis of permitting relations only between the sports bodies and sportsmen of states where domestic or international manners are approved.

There are no international standards of individual conduct universally approved, let alone of the conduct of states.

### NO WORLD CODE

I remember several years ago an attempt to induce the ITTF to take action against a certain player who was suspected of theft. As a matter of fact there had been no trial, there was not a shred of evidence available that could have stood up in court. But we rightly refused.

There is no world code of criminal conduct. In Britain bigamy is a crime, in many countries four wives are permitted, still more are sometimes a matter for admiration, in others several husbands are coped with by each wife. In some countries people are shot for speculation. In others they are sometimes applauded and receive knighthoods. The organisation of society is even more various—in how many, of varying political complexion—is there possible detention without trial, physical torture a recognised stage in police examination etc.?

And how various, or contradictory, are the definitions and interpretations of "aggression"?

No, international sports bodies dare not set themselves up as arbiters of such codes. They risk opening the door to challenges upon scores of issues they are incapable of resolving. This could be a prescription for tearing themselves apart to no one's advantage.

### LESS THAN HUMAN

I wish to be precisely understood here. I am not making a case to exempt the individual sportsman from having his own principles and being true to them, or the national association from acting in accordance with a national consensus on moral and social questions. Personally, I hold the view that a sportsman or sportmen indifferent to social consequences, however admirable in other respects, is less than a full human being.

But this is a matter for the individual conscience, and those responsible for representing national feeling in the conduct of sport. Nor am I making a case that an international sports body cannot, and should not, act to regulate a situation where feeling in a matter concerned with sport becomes so general that the future health and survival of inter-nation competition requires codification in accordance with this feeling as a measure now no longer controversial but the only way of preserving harmony.

Or, indeed, that the prohibition of racial discrimination in sport may not have become, or be on a fair way to becoming, just such a consensus feeling. My point is: to exist at all and fulfil its function an *international sports organisation* must not attempt too much. It is not a world government. Its function is: to regulate relations between member associations—governing bodies of the sport in the territories in which they are recognised as de facto administering it—according to rules agreed between them.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

It is along this line—the strict fulfilment of our strictly sporting function—that the ITTF first came in contact with this question. The point at issue: what should be required before a governing body is recognised as fit to be a member? The minimum surely is: that it organises the sport in the territory in question in such a way as to enable participation on terms of equal opportunity for all who wish to take part in it. How can the minimum demand be less? How can a sports body be regarded as qualified to represent a given territory if it does not potentially include, and therefore accept responsibility for representing, all would-be players?

Surely every international sports organisation is bound to examine and approve the credentials of every claimant to recognition on this basis, as well as others. Can it do less, as

## Table Tennis & S. Africa (cont.)

the guardian of a sport and the protector of the sovereign equivalence of its members in their relation with one another?

In the ITTF this question not only in its racial but in directly political aspects was forced before us soon after the Nazis came to power, at Paris in 1934. Previously we had never considered it.

The German sports authorities began to drop Jewish players first from selection, then from all participation; finally they introduced a rule that all members of sporting organisations (including Table Tennis) must be members of the N.S.D.A.P. (that is, the Nazi party). The matter was raised at the A.G.M.

A delegate from one of the Central European countries (I will not name it) confided in me that he and his colleagues had been sent for by his Foreign Minister before travelling to Paris and instructed to vote with the German delegate on every issue, even if it should be a proposal to make the ball square.

In the upshot it was clear that a disapproving resolution would be carried but only by a majority so small that it would not only split the Federation but constitute no effective moral backing for the victims of persecution. In the end a modified resolution was passed in more general terms that the German governing body of that time accepted, probably because it foresaw that it would be easy to ignore.

At the first meeting after the war, also in Paris (1947) the mood was altogether different, and there was no caucus in opposition. The vote was overwhelming for making all-inclusiveness without discrimination an explicit condition of association membership of the ITTF. And we took an important practical decision.

We decided not to interfere with associations' internal organisation so long as their membership was open to everyone—this was in line with our general policy of non-interference in internal management—but that at least all *open* events also including national *open* championships, must be fully open.

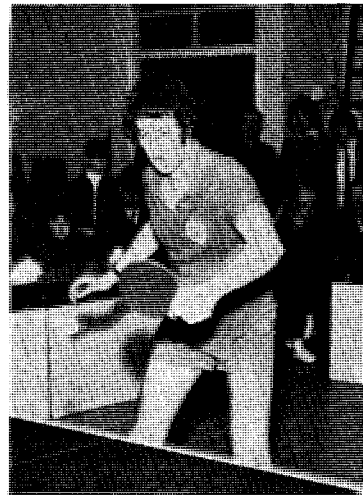
**The conclusion (Part 2) of Ivor Montagu's article will be featured in the March issue.**

## SENIOR RANKINGS

### KARENZA TAKES OVER No. 1 SPOT FROM JILL

RESULTING from their meeting held in London on Jan. 24, the National Selection Committee issued a revised Ranking List as a guide to Tournament Organisers.

Chester Barnes maintains his No. 1 position in the Men's List but, following on her triumph in the English Closed, Karenza Mathews takes over from Jill Shirley as the country's leading lady. Judy Heaps returns to the women's list.



**LUIGI ANTHONY CLAYTON,**

**Yorkshire's latest addition to the front runners.**

—Photo by Frank Davies.

Yorkshire's Luigi Anthony Clayton zooms up to No. 5 from his previously held 10th position, and Alan Hydes pushes Trevor Taylor down to No. 4. David Brown comes into the list at No. 6.

New list with previous positions shown in brackets:—

#### MEN:

1. C. Barnes (Essex) (1)
2. D. Neale (Yorks.) (2)
3. A. Hydes (Yorks.) (4)
4. T. Taylor (Essex) (3)
5. A. Clayton (Yorks.) (10)
6. D. Brown (Essex) (—)
7. M. Johns (Ches.) (6)
8. O. Haslam (Middx.) (8)
9. A. Piddock (Kent) (5)
10. B. Burn (Warwks.) (9)
11. C. Warren (Surrey) (—)
12. N. Jarvis (Yorks.) (11)

#### WOMEN:

1. K. Mathews (Middx.) (2)
2. J. Shirley (Bucks.) (1)
3. P. Piddock (Kent) (3)
4. L. Radford (Essex) (6)
5. J. Williams (Sussex) (4)
6. S. Hession (Essex) (5)
7. S. Howard (Surrey) (7)
8. J. Heaps (Ches.) (—)

Omitted from the previous list are Ron Penfold (Surrey) (7) and D. Munt (Warwks.) (12) whilst on the distaff side L. Bashford (Yorks.) (10), L. Howard (Surrey) (=11) and S. Lisle (Lancs.) (=11) take their departure.

## HUNTINGDON AND PETERBRO' NOTES

by David Obee

### ALBON THE MAINSTAY

In the most recent match of this season's County Championships programme, the County team performed disappointingly against Cambridgeshire.

Following two spirited performances versus Herts II and Suffolk, which brought two draws, the side folded hopelessly to a 9-1 defeat. Paul Charlton, so good against Suffolk had a real off-night losing very easily to both Dick Clode and Steve Andrews.

Len Saywell, taking time off from his hectic coaching schedule played some of his best table tennis in going down to Tony Littlechild and Andrews, but Alan Albion did manage to save a complete whitewash by comfortably beating Clode.

Alan's personal tally this season is five out of eight, and he has been the mainstay of the side.

If the senior result was a disappointment, how much more so was the Juniors' 6-4 defeat by Norfolk. Not surprisingly, Norfolk's John Fuller, in great form this season, won both singles but the home Nos. 2 and 3 were not so strong and should not have been allowed the luxury of taking 3 out of 4 singles.

For Hunts, Paul Macarthur took one set, Sue Richards won the girls' singles, Hazel Dudley and Sue Richards the girls' doubles and Hazel Dudley and John Last the mixed.

In the South East Midlands League, most successful teams in the county at the moment are St. Neots women and Peterborough veterans, while Peterborough women are also having quite a good season.

Congratulations to S. Neots women on their Rose Bowl success! The team of Barbara Webb, Mary Maxfield and Dianne Bushby earned a tilt against Northumberland (away) with a fine 5-1 away win over Oxford. They are now in the last 16 in the Competition.

### COVER PICTURE

England's selectors took no chances when they picked their team for the 1st Commonwealth Championships, in Singapore (Mar. 20 - 25), and the 31st World Championships, in Nagoya, Japan (Mar. 28 - Apr. 7).

Chester Barnes (Essex), Denis Neale (Yorks.), Alan Hydes (Yorks.) and Trevor Taylor (Essex) make up the Swaythling Cup team while newly ranked No. 1 Karenza Mathews (Middx.) heads Jill Shirley (Bucks.) and Pauline Piddock (Kent) in the Corbillion Cup squad.

Charles Wyles, Chairman of the E.T.T.A., will be the Leader of the party and George Yates, the E.T.T.A. Deputy Chairman, will be the Tour Manager.

Bryan Merrett will be the Team Captain, the non-travelling reserves selected being Tony Clayton (Yorks.) and Judy Williams (Sussex).

All smiles at the news of their selection, on the front cover, are (left to right) Hydes, Taylor, Neale and Barnes.



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## John Woodford returns to the major **CONTROVERSY** of the season . . .

### Veterans in the County Championships !

IN order not to have too many cats amongst the pigeons at the same time I must write again on the veterans divisions in the county championships as this topic seems to have caused the eruption of a verbal volcano in the Midlands.

Hold hard **fellow-veterans!**—your honour is **not** at stake as my opponents are suggesting . . . I would never for a moment wish to detract from the amount of administrative work, match organising, coaching etc. which the vast majority of the over 40's, over 50's and over 60's have put into the game and are still so doing . . . perhaps table tennis would not be a world sport without them. All that I accept, but what I cannot believe is right is the thought that their newest reward should be divisions in the County Championships.

Inter-county sport in England is well-established in a number of fields—cricket, amateur football, rugby, hockey and of course table tennis are just five where partisan feelings and life-long loyalties abound. Most of us are "county-proud" and rightly so. I would imagine that table tennis already has more county teams (senior and junior) than any other sport.

As Mary Wright so correctly tells us, our calendar is terribly overcrowded. The Press at all three levels (national, regional and local) is often overwhelmed with results—little wonder that even top tournaments often fail to get their bare results in the national dailies.

But to the most important point of all—the county championships **should** be one of the showpieces open to the general public. I am sure that all the companies who generously sponsor our sport would agree, that nothing, repeat nothing is more vital than to try and put on highly organised county matches in first-class conditions, players immaculately turned out and a high-standard of exciting play. I have seen people from outside the game amazed at the fine presentation of our international matches and open tournaments.

I was pleased indeed to see that even Mr. Malcolm Scott conceded that veterans' finals should not be staged at open tournaments, because I believe this proves my main argument conclusively—that the veterans game cannot possibly (except for the very rare exception) be pleasing to the eye, from the aspect of actual play or otherwise.

I have spoken with nearly 50 people, mainly players and officials in the last month or so and they were all against the 'excursion'. I am therefore confident that if a referendum were held there would be

a landslide victory of over 90 per cent against. With so much opposition the Staffordshire T.T.A. must have been fortunate and skilful at the championships A.G.M. when they met no opposition from the 21 county delegates.

And then there is the question of the ladies! Heaven knows how many women's veterans tournament events have been cancelled due to lack of entries. Those that do run are always so short of entries that the players find themselves in a farcical semi-final at the first or second hurdle. How the counties entered in the veterans' divisions find their players is another mystery to me. In the South nearly all the ladies keep their fortieth birthday to themselves—they would hardly advertise the fact by playing for their county!

Nearly all women and many men withdraw totally or partially from the more crowded playing areas when they reach the 40th milestone. If they still feel physically fit enough, they can play until they drop to the floor in local leagues and tournaments.

Surely then, as we strive to improve our image and prestige in the highly competitive sporting world of 1971 we can but ask the veterans to leave their bats and shoes behind when it comes to county play?

The crowded stage would then be clear to improve the support and conditions for the **established** county championships programme. Even a dozen or so people involved in a veterans county match would be doing the game a much greater service by watching instead a senior or junior match scheduled for the same evening!

In reply to my friend and opponent Harry Walker in the January issue: My contestants continue to hand me more ammunition! Harry admits that there is little intention to invite the general public to see the veterans perform. If then, these players virtually appear behind closed doors for their counties the objects of the championships must surely require urgent re-examination.

By all means Harry, "Create table tennis" as Corti-Woodcock once said, but this move is creating chaos and confusion in a programme which is ludicrously overloaded already. The only persons who can benefit are the players from the questionable "honour" they gain from playing for their county as veterans. The game as a whole must lose. To keep adding **extra** events for the 40's and 50's is moving backward instead of forward.

Concerning my criticism of foot wear in the December issue Messrs

Richard North Ltd., one of our foremost advertisers quite rightly point out that they market shoes with a "bar" pattern deep-tread which will root the wearer to the slippery floors for a long, long time.

### . . . AND INTO THE ARENA STEPS NATIONAL UMPIRE DEREK TYLER

MAY I join in the correspondence of "Controversy" and other matters as aired in recent editions of the magazine? In so doing I shall be expressing my **PERSONAL OPINION** and would defend the right of Messrs. Woodford, Wright and others to do the same without having these labelled as "biased" just because they hold high office in table tennis organisations. However, I cannot support their anti-veteran campaign, and commend readers to the sensible contribution by Harry Walker in your Jan. issue. Certainly these matches must be labelled as Veteran events, and no one will expect a paying public to attend. Provided the counties concerned are not dragging their feet in providing opportunities for the other age groups, this further incentive to continue in competitive table tennis is to be commended. One of the main delights of our game is that it can provide competitive competition and relaxation to such a wide range of age groups.

The point of non-inclusion of Veteran Finals as a staged Open Tournament event is valid—except in special circumstances. Twice in recent years my good friend Ivan Andreadis has agreed to participate in the Sussex Open Veterans' event—a privilege that he affords only to the Sussex Open—and I make no excuse for including the Veterans' Final when players of this calibre are to be on view. In any case the awards should be presented during the staged Finals Session.

I have some sympathy with Ken Turner's objections to the new National and County Umpires badges, and have only recently accepted the inevitable and have fallen into line with my colleagues. I doubt if the "high-ups" can be persuaded to make another change, and suggest that the lapel badge be worn on all occasions to supplement the uninformative blue leopards.

George Reid's "Root of All Evil" letter must surely find an echo from many Tournament Organisers, although I doubt whether the "subsequent rounds incentives" is really practicable, as even a modest award, when multiplied by the number of qualifiers, would cause a financial headache. True the £5 prize limit had to go, but we must watch that it does not rocket out of all proportion. I believe that the two-day Championship should include some social event open to all competitors at not more than nominal charge, so that the "rabbit" can take away other memories apart from his 1st Round thrashing!

The "bob a time" (5p) umpire system must surely be only a temporary expedient to the umpire problem. Although some assistance from competitors in the early stages is desirable (and frequently essential) I agree with Mr. Reid that the preference should be given to providing some nominal expenses and refresh-

ment for **those who** have taken the trouble to qualify. I have steadfastly avoided those Closed events that **insist** on the losing player umpiring the next match. One will never get efficiency by making the job a penalty for losing, and even the qualified umpire cannot be expected to do the job efficiently whilst still perspiring from his recent playing efforts! In these days of rising prices how long will the 5p be sufficient to produce umpire volunteers? Must this then be raised and added on to the entry fee—which may well have to rise in any case to cover other overheads?

### . . . and opposed to Mary Wright Re: Let Them Decide for Themselves

ALAN SHEPHERD writes . . .

I do not think that Mary Wright realises how many people active in the world of junior table tennis disagree violently with the apparent policy and expressed views of herself and husband Brian on the development of junior players and the junior game in general.

The key points of variance seems to be as follows:

1. Mary and Brian think that juniors are better employed training and practising than in playing in league matches. The fallacy in this line of argument is shown by Mary in her own words since she refers to "playing three sets in a club match against people I could beat anyway". I would like to know how many juniors—even the best—can guarantee to beat the top players in the top division of their local leagues? How many rubber-bat choppers, for example, are to be found on the practice tables? Does Mary know that since Ian Horsham started to play in the Ilford League he has had to contend week by week with such players as David Brown, Bobby Stevens, Stuart Gibbs, Dennis Johnson, Ken Beamish, Percy Curtis, Brian Brumwell, Ray Dorking and David Bowles to name but a few. Can she honestly say that he is not a better player for all this rather than for the practice sessions?

2. The juniors it is said, ought to decide for themselves which tournaments to enter. Unfortunately most of them appear to be under the impression that as a general rule they should limit their activities to Senior Tournaments. Mary is really quite wrong when she refers to "the numerous junior tournaments up and down the country". There are in fact nine only and only three of these clash with the Senior Opens.

So the advice really ought to be, should it not—enter all junior open tournaments except those three. One final thought, is it not better for a junior to battle through three or four rounds of a junior tournament rather than lose, as he or she probably would have done, to some elderly but excellent chiseller in the first round of a Senior Event?

I too would like to comment on the "unwanted players" at the European Youth Championships. It really is deceiving those not present to refer to there being only three Captains . . . Everyone who was present (including me) saw with their own eyes that there were some ten or more persons wearing England tracksuits or badges, all of whom were obviously in charge of the

England players. What was so irritating was to see them invariably together concentrating on one or at most two players, leaving the others to fend for themselves. Even if they were at full stretch, which I do not accept, there were certainly present a number of very knowledgeable non-establishment persons, such as Messrs. Mann and Pacitto. Why were they not roped in to help? They would not have refused you know.

## NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

### NO SALVAGE OPERATION

Norfolk started lamely in their Eastern Division top-of-the-table clash with Hertfordshire II at Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. First, Philip Graver lost in two straight to Alan Campbell, then his brother, Neville, could make no impression on George Maxwell. Tony Hipperson began to improve the position by putting paid to John Garland, but Betty Cassell and Edna Fletcher did not shine against Barbara Andrews and Susan Felstead.

The Graver brothers beat Maxwell and Garland but Edna Fletcher fell to Barbara Andrews, and Neville Graver to Alan Campbell. With the score 2-5, things looked black for Norfolk, but Hipperson and Betty Cassell were leading at the close of

the Mixed before going out to Campbell and Felstead at 23-21 in the third. One came away with the impression that, had this vital doubles been taken, Norfolk could well have salvaged a point. In the end, however, it was 3-7.

Norfolk's latest County Umpire, Ron Martin, officiated at this match. He was wearing his new E.T.T.A. County Umpires' badge, which may be described as "On a dark ground, three lions passant guardant in pale azure," very reminiscent of the England coat of arms. To this extent, it is somewhat misleading, and readers may have noticed Ken Turner's letter in January's issue suggesting that lettering be added to give the badge some umpiring significance.

Norfolk Juniors did well to beat Huntingdonshire 6-4 at the County Council Sports Club. Peter Maybury, on his first county appearance, won one of his singles.

At the halfway stage, league leaders are: Norwich: Lads' Club; Dereham: Hippos 'A'; Yarmouth: Iron Duke 'B'; Wymondham: Nomads 'A'. King's Lynn have a record entry for their Championships.

Norwich League's Amenity Fund on Dec. 19 stood at £580 18s. 10d.—a splendid total—but there is still some way to go yet before the hoped-for Table Tennis Headquarters becomes a reality. Good luck to Len Miller and his committee in their efforts!

## European Club Championships

### ORMESBY GO DOWN FIGHTING

DENIS NEALE put up a brilliant performance but failed to prevent English Club Champions, Ormesby, from losing 2-5 in their quarter-final tie against Vjesnik in Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

Unbeaten star for the home side was 23-years-old Anton Stipancic, a new signing by Vjesnik which brought up the strength of the Yugoslav team to include the national Nos. 1, 2 and 5!

A crowd of more than 1,000 saw Neale open the match by beating the home No. 3, Zlatko Cordas, but the Yugoslavs soon pulled back to lead 2-1 with former European champion, Dragutin Surbek beating Alan Ransome and Stipancic accounting for Nicky Jarvis.

## Federal Germany well beaten by England



by Albert W. Shipley

The first ever international table tennis match held in Cambridge was played before a full house and the B.B.C. television cameras at the Corn Exchange on Thursday, 21 January, and proved to be a success story for both the Organisers and the England team.

As he has so often done in the past, Denis Neale opened the account in favour of England with a two-straight win over Klaus Schmittinger, the young German No. 5 who was replacing Bernt Jansen. Then followed the most interesting match of the evening, in which Trevor Taylor and Martin Ness gave a display of perpetual motion table tennis with rallies of over 100 shots, and yet throughout the three games not a single ball was chopped by either player. Each game lasted over ten minutes with both players finding difficulty in getting their opponent out of position but, in the end, the consistency and hard hitting of Trevor Taylor gave him victory by two games to one.

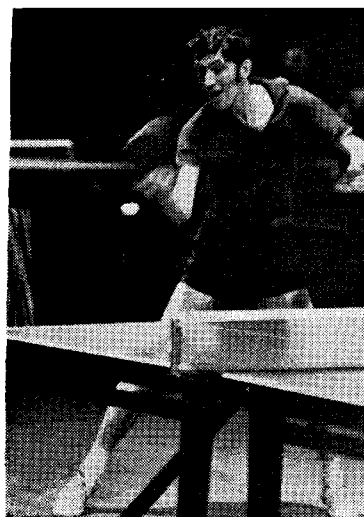
Pauline Piddock then had the unenviable task of tackling Agnes Simon, a player renowned for her awkward style, but the England girl did well to achieve a position of 19 all in the third. At this point an easy smash from Pauline ended in the net and with it, the hope of victory.

Both the doubles matches were won rather easily by England, the telling factor being Denis Neale's acutely angled forehand. These two wins gave England a 4-1 lead and both the remaining men's singles matches went England's way, our players playing with the confidence given them by the winning margin.

The event was well staged with good support by the local Council and was attended by the Mayor and several Councillors. A reception in the Mayor's Parlour was followed by both teams being entertained to a Chinese meal, a feast which set the seal on a most pleasant occasion.

### SCORES:

England 6 Federal Germany 1  
D. Neale bt K. Schmittinger 17, 15.  
T. Taylor bt M. Ness -15, 17, 16.  
P. Piddock lost to A. Simon -16, 19, -19.  
Neale/Taylor bt Ness/Schmittinger 9, 17.  
Neale/Piddock bt Schmittinger/Simon 14, 19.  
Neale bt Ness 9, 19.  
Taylor bt Schmittinger 18, 14.



ZLATKO CORDAS  
(Yugoslavia)

—Photo by Tony Ross

Neale levelled the match score by overcoming Surbek in the best set of the evening after trailing in both games. But the only real chance of victory fell in the next set when Jarvis lost to Cordas.

Jarvis won the second game of his duel with Surbek before going down and the winners are now strongly fancied to take the trophy. Results:—

Cordas lost to Neale -10, -11;  
Surbek bt Ransome 11, 12;  
Stipancic bt Jarvis 16, 22;  
Surbek lost to Neale -19, -19;  
Cordas bt Jarvis 14, 13;  
Stipancic bt Ransome 17, 14;  
Surbek bt Jarvis 9, 19, 13.

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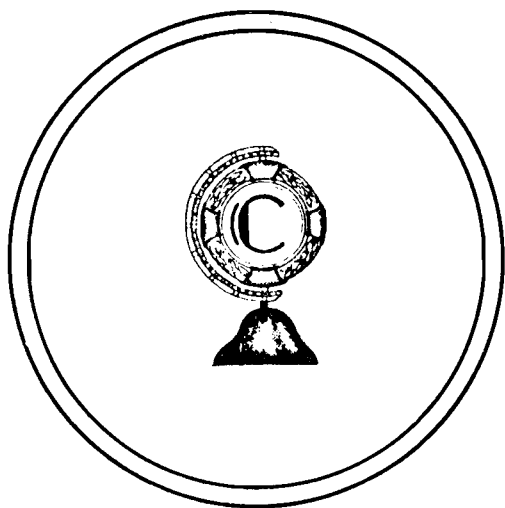
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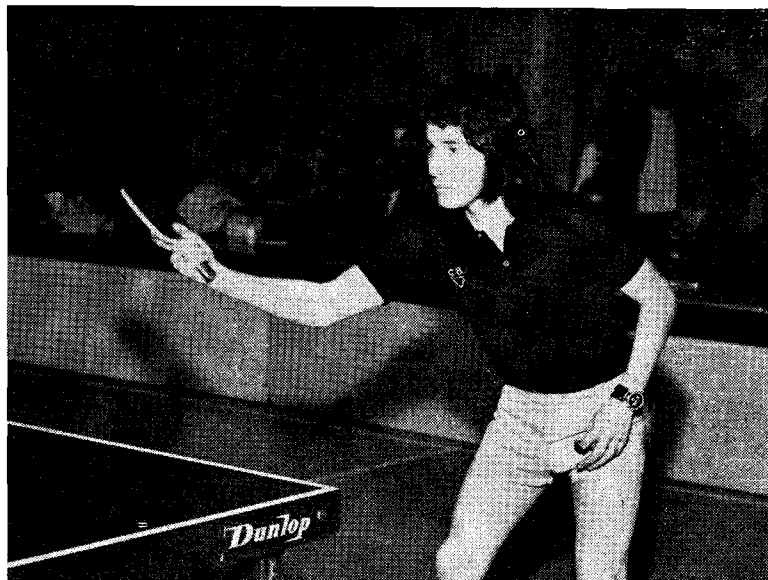
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# Open Tournament Survey

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YORKSHIRE'S Alan Hydes put paid to the expected clash of the giants at Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Bolton on January 16 when, in the semi-final of the men's singles event he ousted his fellow Tyke Denis Neale in the *Lancashire Open*.



**Chester Barnes winner of the Lancashire and Oxfordshire Opens in the one weekend.**

—Photo by Frank Davies of Bolton.

But up against Chester Barnes in the final, the Barnsley left-hander never really looked like repeating his earlier success and it was the England No. 1 playing in his first championship at Lostock, who took over the custody of the Cussons Cup previously held by Dragutin Surbeck of Yugoslavia.

Cheshire's Mike Johns, conqueror of No. 3 seed, Trevor Taylor in the quarters, occasioned Barnes far more trouble in the penultimate round and it was a smile of relief that creased the face of the Essex international after he had nosed home 21-19 in the deciding game of three.

The only seed not to reach his appointed quarter-final place was Alan Ransome who fell to David Bowles of Essex.

A winner of the women's singles title in 1963, Connie Moore, the former Lancs. County player now playing for Blackpool, repeated her triumph at the final expense of Judy Heaps having disposed of the current Red Rose No. 1 Susan Lisle in the semis.

Together in the men's doubles, Neale and Hydes avenged the loss of their English Closed title by reversing the verdict against Barnes and Taylor and, in the women's doubles, Miss Moore obtained her second title when partnered by Miss Lisle.

In addition to winning the veterans' crown, Derek Schofield also contested a second title but, with Miss Heaps, was unsuccessful in the mixed.

HARLOW

On the following weekend at the Harlow Sports Centre, Trevor Taylor won his first major title of the season when he cruised home in the men's singles event of the ESSEX OPEN. After beating Brian Burn in the semis it was Hydes again who figured in the "bridesmaid" role, although the Yorkshireman had beaten Malcolm Sugden en route and Burn had put paid to Ron Penfold 21, -20, 17.

The Howard sisters did well to reach the semis of the women's singles and did even better in the women's

Walker, of Sheffield, won her first Open singles title beating her County teammate Lynda Sutton comfortably.

In the women's doubles, it was most unusual to see a penholder on either side in Sylvia Broadbent and Gloria Stocks.

Fireworks in the Boys' singles with Brian Johns beating Boasman, and David Rayner never in trouble against Neil Fulstow. Tantrums in the veterans' with Steve Nunn throwing his bat at every ball, half way through the second game, giving away the last 10 points to Derek Marples.

HULL

The very popular *Yorkshire Junior Open* played at Hull on January 3 saw a clean sweep of the Boys' events by competitors from Alan Ransome's Ormesby stable on Teesside.

All but one of the Girls' titles remained in the south, with Sheffield's Judith Walker breaking the Metropolitan monopoly with a fighting rally in the U-15 GS which saw her whittle down Elaine Tarten's 10-0 third game lead to eventually edge home at 23-21!

With holder and top seed Nicky Jarvis a non-starter, the way was left open for clubmate Jimmy Walker, seeded No. 2, to take over the title, which he did without the loss of a game.

Ian Horsham (3) was never a real threat in the semi, while some spectacular winners pulled the Middlesbrough boy through a closely fought second game against Michael Harper.

Micky Locke took Jarvis' seeded place in the quarters, while, in the absence of Tony Boasman (6), Bradford boy Bob Shutt faced Walker at the same stage.

Only nominated boy not to take his allotted place was Yorkshire's David Alderson (8), who went out -20, 19, -21 to Neil Fulstow in his first outing. Fulstow went on to the quarters before being eliminated by Harper.



**Two northern contenders for the women's singles crown Susan Lisle of Lancashire (left) and Judith Walker (Yorkshire).**

—Photo by Frank Davies of Bolton.

Shock in the Girls' singles was the semi-final defeat of top seed Lynda Chesson by Lynda Sutton, but in the final the local girl found Sheila Hamilton far too steady.

Miss Hamilton came through with a

semi-final win over Middlesex teammate Ann Painter, who had accounted for Susan Beckwith, the holder, in the last eight.

The U-15 events were noteworthy for a very competent display by rising 14-years-old starlet Alderson, who, like Ormesby colleague Walker, lifted the Boys' trophy without the loss of a game.

His final opponent was Kent No. 2 Andy Mitchell, who gained his place with a fine semi-final win over second seed Donald Parker. Most spectacular of the finals was the U-13 BS, where yet another Teesside hopeful, Robert Wiley, hit his way to a 3-game win over Andrew Barden (Middx.) in a match which produced a very high standard of play. Barden had previously dismissed the fancied Paul Day (Cams.) in a Round 3 match.

Carol Reeves, despite the loss of the middle game, always looked a good winner in the parallel girls' event.

## Lancashire Open

*Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:*

C. Barnes (Essex) bt A. Clayton (Yorks.) -16, 15, 16;

M. Johns (Ches.) bt T. Taylor (Essex) -12, 19, 19;

A. Hydes (Yorks.) bt O. Haslam (Middx.) 11, 11;

D. Neale (Yorks.) bt D. Bowles (Essex) 8, 13.

*Semi-finals:*

BARNES bt Johns 19, -16, 19;

HYDES bt Neale -18, 16, 18.

*Final:*

BARNES bt Hydes 18, 15.

*Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:*

S. Lisle (Lancs.) bt J. Walker (Yorks.) 4, 9;

C. Moore (Lancs.) bt J. Hellaby (Essex) 15, 8;

S. Hamilton (Middx.) bt S. Beckwith (Essex) 18, 19;

J. Heaps (Ches.) bt B. Kirkman (Lancs.) 8, 15.

*Semi-finals:*

MOORE bt Lisle -14, 20, 18;

HEAPS bt Hamilton 14, 8.

*Final:*

MOORE bt Heaps -12, 20, 11.

*Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:*

BARNES/TAYLOR bt Haslam/Johns 15, 19;

HYDES/NEALE bt Clayton/L. Landry (Middx.) 13, 14.

*Final:*

HYDES/NEALE bt Barnes/Taylor -17, 13, 14.

*Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:*

LISLE/MOORE bt D. Burnett/P. Gleeson (Lancs.) 19, -14, 11;

L. CHESSON (Kent)/HELLABY bt J. Green (Ches.)/Heaps 8, -3, 13.

*Final:*

LISLE/MOORE bt Chesson/Hellaby -19, 24, 16.

*Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:*

JOHNS/LISLE bt Barnes/Chesson 22, 18;

D. SCHOFIELD (Ches.)/HEAPS

bt I. Horsham (Essex)/Hellaby

19, -16, 18.

*Final:*

JOHNS/LISLE bt Schofield/Heaps -17, 17, 13.

*Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:*

SCHOFIELD bt R. Allcock (Yorks.) 7, 13;

V. HANKEY (Ches.) bt S. Nunn (Yorks.) 15, 15.

*Final:*

SCHOFIELD bt Hankey 16, 19.

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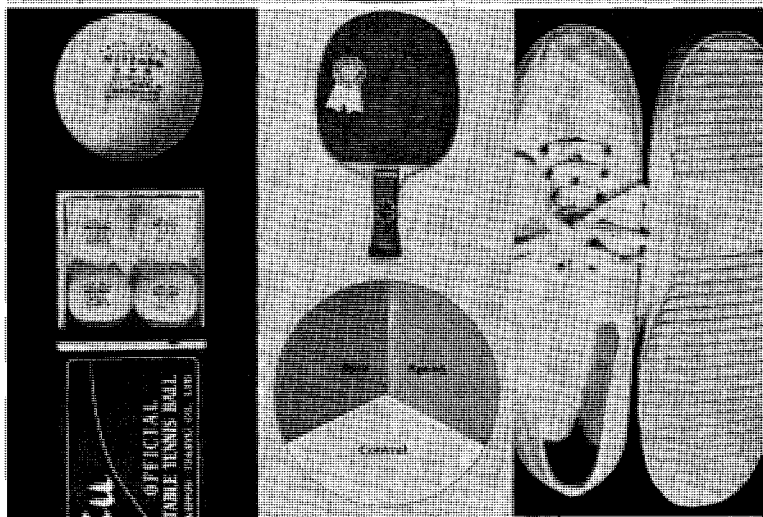
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## Pontefract Open

*Men's Singles: Semi-finals:*

M. JOHNS (Ches.) bt A. Chilvers (Northld.) -12, 11, 8;  
A. FLETCHER (Yorks.) bt A. Boasman (Lancs.) -7, 18, 18.

*Final:*

JOHNS bt Fletcher 14, 22.

*Women's Singles: Semi-finals:*

L. SUTTON (Yorks.) bt G. Stocks (Yorks.) 14, -19, 16;  
J. WALKER (Yorks.) bt S. Broadbent (Yorks.) -14, 15, 18.

*Final:*

WALKER bt Sutton 8, -9, 14.

*Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:*

R. HAMPSON (Ches.)/JOHNS bt S. Kosmowsky/R. Priestley (Yorks.) 13, 15;

BOASMAN/FLETCHER bt P. Hirst/J. Yeats (Yorks.) 17, 23.

*Final:*

HAMPSON/JOHNS bt Boasman/Fletcher 18, -23, 13.

*Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:*

STOCKS/WALKER bt J. Green (Ches.)/J. Richardson (Yorks.) 13, 17;  
BROADBENT/SUTTON bt M. Anderton/J. Appleton (Yorks.) 10, 7.

*Final:*

STOCKS/WALKER bt Broadbent/Sutton 17, 17.

*Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:*

BOASMAN/GREEN bt Hirst/Broadbent 9, 6;  
FLETCHER/SUTTON bt J. Davies/S. Lee (Yorks.) 10, -19, 18.

*Final:*

FLETCHER/SUTTON bt Boasman/Green 19, 12.

*Junior Boys': Semi-finals:*

D. RAYNER (Yorks.) bt N. Fulstow (Yorks.) 14, 14;  
B. JOHNS (Ches.) bt Boasman 16, 17.

*Final:*

JOHNS bt Rayner -19, 20, 17.

*Junior Girls: Semi-finals:*

SUTTON bt B. Zealey (Yorks.) 10, 19;  
A. STEVENSON (Leics.) bt Walker 15, 18.

*Final:*

SUTTON bt Stevenson 10, 16.

*Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:*

D. MARPLES (Derbys.) bt L. Browning (Yorks.) -15, 23, 14;  
S. NUNN (Yorks.) bt J. Morris (Lancs.) 14, 11.

*Final:*

MARPLES bt Nunn 7, 10.

## Yorkshire Junior Open

*Under-17 Events:*

*Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:*

J. Walker (Yorks.) bt R. Shutt (Yorks.) 19, 10;

M. Harper (Herts.) bt N. Fulstow (Yorks.) 21, 15;

I. Horsham (Essex) bt D. Rayner (Yorks.) 17, -13, 13;

P. Bishop (Surrey) bt M. Locke (Essex) -10, 24, 15.

*Semi-finals:*

WALKER bt Horsham 11, 14;  
HARPER bt Bishop 17, 21.

*Final:*

WALKER bt Harper 11, 21.

*Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:*

S. HAMILTON (Middx.) bt A. Painter (Middx.) 13, 18;

L. SUTTON (Yorks.) bt L. Chesson (Kent) 19, 12.

*Final:*

HAMILTON bt Sutton 17, 11.

*Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:*

D. ALDERSON (Yorks.)/WALKER bt P. Haynes (Yorks.)/Shutt 15, 11;  
BISHOP/HORSHAM bt Locke/D. Parker (Lancs.) -4, 19, 13.

*Final:*

ALDERSON/WALKER bt Bishop/Horsham -18, 14, 18.

*Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:*

S. BECKWITH (Essex)/CHESSON bt J. Billson/A. Stevenson (Leics.) 10, 17;

SUTTON/E. TARTEN (Essex) bt Hamilton/Painter 19, 5.

*Final:*

BECKWITH/CHESSON bt Sutton/Tarten 18, 16.

*Under-15 Events*

*Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:*

ALDERSON bt J. Nix (Warwks.) 15, 13;

A. MITCHELL (Kent) bt Parker -13, 18, 17.

*Final:*

ALDERSON bt Mitchell 19, 12.

*Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:*

TARTEN bt Stevenson 11, 18;  
J. WALKER (Yorks.) bt J. Holtam (Kent) -16, 17, 16.

*Final:*

WALKER bt Tarten 20, -20, 21.

*Under-13 Events*

*Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:*

R. WILEY (Yorks.) bt D. Iszatt (Essex) 15, 11;

A. BARDEN (Middx.) bt M. Thirkettle (Yorks.) 5, 14.

*Final:*

WILEY bt Barden 11, -16, 19.

*Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:*

J. RICHARDSON (Yorks.) bt J. Kelly (Essex) -9, 17, 18;

C. REEVES (Berks.) bt J. Champion (Middx.) 14, 19.

*Final:*

REEVES bt Richardson 15, -19, 11.

## Essex Open

*Men's Singles: Semi-finals:*

T. TAYLOR (Essex) bt B. Burn (Warwks.) 3, 17;

A. HYDES (Yorks.) bt B. Petch (Middx.) 12, 17.

*Final:*

TAYLOR bt Hydes 14, 12.

*Women's Singles: Semi-finals:*

L. RADFORD (Essex) bt S. Howard (Surrey) 14, 5;

K. MATHEWS (Middx.) bt L. Howard (Surrey) 15, 14.

*Final:*

MATHEWS bt Radford -19, 15, 18.

*Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:*

D. BROWN (Essex)/T. TAYLOR bt Hydes/M. Sugden (Scotland) 18, 20;

E. COSTER (Middx.)/B. HILL (Surrey) bt S. Gibbs/R. Stevens (Essex) 14, -22, 16.



David Bowles (Essex) a quarter-finalist in the men's singles event at Bolton.

—Photo by Frank Davies of Bolton.

## ESSEX OPEN (cont.)

**Final:**  
BROWN/TAYLOR bt Coster/Hill  
19, 18.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
HOWARD/HOWARD bt J. Hellaby  
(Essex)/J. Warren (Ireland) 16, 20;  
RADFORD/D. SIMPSON (Essex) bt  
B. Hammond (Beds.)/J. Hartwell  
(Herts.) 15, 15.

**Final:**  
HOWARD/HOWARD bt Radford/  
Simpson 13, 13.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
T. TAYLOR/MATHEWS bt Coster/  
Simpson 17, 13;  
P. RADFORD (Essex)/RADFORD bt  
O. Haslam/S. Howard 13, 21.

**Final:**  
TAYLOR/MATHEWS bt Radford/  
Radford 18, 16.

**Intermediate Singles (U-21) Boys:**  
**Semi-finals:**

T. TAYLOR bt D. Bowles (Essex)  
11, 17;  
M. WALDMAN (Middx.) bt P. Taylor  
(Beds.) 19, 14.

**Final:**  
TAYLOR bt Waldman 11, 18.

**U-21 Girls: Semi-finals:**  
S. HOWARD bt A. Painter (Middx.)  
14, 11;

L. HOWARD bt Hartwell 14, 11.

**Final:**  
S. HOWARD bt L. Howard 18, -15, 18.

**Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:**  
P. LECKIE (Middx.) bt S. Norton  
(Essex) 12, 18;  
K. SNAITH (Essex) bt J. Osborne  
(Essex) 15, 16.

**Final:**  
LECKIE bt Snaith 19, 15.

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## The Coca-Cola National Team Competition

### by Keith Ponting

#### LOST 0-9, BUT WRITES TO PRAISE VICTORS

IT gives me pleasure to lead this month, by referring to a letter I received from Mrs. E. Fisher, of the Colchester League. Mrs. Fisher's team lost 0-9 to East London, in Round 3 of the Carter Cup, but wrote to praise the Londoners for making the journey in very bad fog.

Although the return journey was in even worse conditions, the visitors insisted on playing all nine sets. The round trip took around six hours to complete which, under normal weather conditions, would have taken two! Mrs. Fisher also praises the sportsmanship of the young lads from the capital and goes on . . . "the result may look bad for Colchester but we made four very good friends, Hellaby, in particular, being a great example to our lads, his friendliness and sportsmanship, apart from obvious talent, being worth special note".

I sometimes get unpleasant letters from one league or another, so it is very refreshing and a pleasure to get a letter such as the one from Mrs. Fisher.

#### WILMOTT CUP

##### NORTHUMBERLAND 1

**NORTH YORKSHIRE 5**  
Peter Hoyles defeated Nicky Jarvis in the first set of the evening, but with Denis Neale and Alan Ransome in top gear, the visitors had little trouble.

**BOSTON 1 CHESTERFIELD 8**  
A comfortable win for Chesterfield, with every set decided in two-straight. Colin Deaton and Eric Hall both unbeaten for the visitors.

**BOLTON 5 LIVERPOOL 2**  
A fine maximum for Mike Johns, ably supported by two wins from Derek Schofield.

**BURNLEY 0 MANCHESTER 5**  
Tony Boasman, Kevin Forshaw and Jeff Ingber were far too strong for the East Lincs. trio.

**NOTTINGHAM 0 BIRMINGHAM 6**  
Two wins apiece from Ralph Gunnion, Richard Cooper and Derek Munt.

**GT. YARMOUTH 4 CAMBRIDGE 5**  
A close win for the visitors, who were without captain John Thurston, R.A.F. champion, Dick Clode clinched it by beating John Fuller, 10 and 9, in the deciding set. A good maximum for Tony Littlechild for Cambridge whilst D. Tasker had a good win over Clode.

**OXFORD 5 HIGH WYCOMBE 4**  
A close thing for the home team with the final result in doubt until the last set when C. Jackson beat J. Leith 15, 17.

##### LUTON 3 CHESHUNT 5

Barry White, Herts. and Cheshunt No. 1, produced his best table tennis so far this season against the predominantly defensive 'hard' bat styles of Colin Crowe and Derek Holden. His three wins gave the visitors a good win. Alan Campbell, ex-Essex and now Herts., gave a very good display in his first outing for his new league.

**EAST LONDON 7 BECKENHAM 0**  
The home team were much too strong for Beckenham, David Brown, fresh from his excellent English Closed performance, showing top form.

**WILLESDEN 7 WEMBLEY 1**  
Laurie Landry was in excellent form and won his three sets comfortably. Brian Wright was also unbeaten.

**BROMLEY 6 GRAVESEND 0**  
The Gravesend team fought hard but did not give Meisel, Fairlie and Paul Guttormsen much trouble.

**CROYDON 5 BRIGHTON 3**  
Emil Emezc was the "star" player of the evening, being unbeaten.

**BOURNEMOUTH 5 SOUTHAMPTON 4**  
Another close match between these two Hampshire leagues. No player gained a maximum, which indicates the competition. Junior Philip Cranc is certainly playing well in his first season in the senior competition.

**EXETER 1 BRISTOL 7**  
Although the score suggests an easy win for the visitors, there were some very close results with 5 sets going to three. C. Feltham played well for Bristol who, nevertheless, deserved their win.

Fourth round draw, due for completion by Feb. 14:—

Oxford v. North Yorkshire  
Chesterfield v. Chesunt  
Bolton v. Manchester  
Birmingham v. Cambridge  
East London v. Ilford  
Bristol v. Bromley  
Willesden v. Croydon  
Bournemouth v. Staines

#### ROSE BOWL

**NORTHUMBERLAND 5 NORTH YORKSHIRE 2**  
A brilliant maximum by Maureen Robson (nee Heppell) helped the home team to beat the very strong trio from N. Yorks. The best set of the evening was between Mrs. Robson and Linda Bashford with the former running out the winner over three games.

**CHESTERFIELD 8 SHEFFIELD 1**  
Sandra Walters (nee Pegg), Diane Johnson (recent conqueror of Karenza Mathews in the Midland Counties Open) and "Rusty" Hall proved far too strong for the gallant Sheffield team. Ranked Junior, Judith Walker showed tremendous promise for the visitors.

**BLACKPOOL 4 STOCKPORT 5**  
In a close match Judy Heaps, with three wins, helped Stockport through to the next round. M. Lypnyckyj was the Heroine though when she beat Pat Gleeson 27, 14 in the final set. Doreen Schofield also contributed a win whilst, for Blackpool, Connie Moore and D. Burnett won two each.

**SPALDING 9 LINCOLN 0**  
J. White, M. Burgess and M. Green had little trouble in this one.

**LEICESTER 3 WEST BROMWICH 6**  
These teams were level at 3-all but then the visitors edged in front to win the next two sets. Kath. Perry played extremely well for the visitors, winning her three.

##### BEDFORD 4 WATFORD 5

Another cliff-hanger with the result in doubt until the very end. B. Andrews' three wins for Watford made her the "player of the match".

**OXFORD 1 ST. NEOTS 5**  
The lone winner for Oxford was D. Wingent, who beat D. Bushby. B. Webb and M. Maxfield were unbeaten for the visitors.

**HARLOW 1 WILLESDEN 5**  
Every set decided 2-straight, with the Londoners in little trouble. Christine Mann and Marjorie Walker took the honours for the visitors, whilst J. Susilvorn broke the Harlow 'duck' by beating M. Symes.

**CENTRAL LONDON 8 MAIDSTONE 1**  
The holders of this Trophy, are cruising along nicely and will be very hard to beat, Judy Williams and Karenza Mathews won their sets easily. Betty Bird won the only one for Maidstone when she defeated Diane Simpson 22-20 in the third.

**LONDON CIVIL SERVICE 0 EAST LONDON 9**  
The visitors were never really extended with Lesley Radford winning all her games in single figures. Elsie Carrington and Janet Hellaby were also unbeaten. The home team were led by the Post Office "Personality Girl", Mrs. Marie Know.

**SOUTHEND 6 ROMFORD 3**  
Ann Hewitt was in brilliant form for Romford, winning her three. But it was all in vain as M. Pemberton, M. Thacker and S. Edwards won two each for Southend.

**PORTSMOUTH 9 SOUTHAMPTON 0**  
Southampton are really missing Pauline Edwards and Christine Davies (the former Holes twins) and Portsmouth had no trouble in winning easily. Daphne Gray, Sheila Foster and the young and promising Hants. player, Janet Woolf had matters very much their own way.

**NEWBURY 0 GUILDFORD 9**  
The Howard sisters, Susan and Linda, together with R. Miles were far too good for the courageous Newbury team.

**EASTBOURNE 6 HASTINGS 0**  
Another convincing performance by the Eastbourne trio of Diane Gard, Carol Randall and Linda Woodcock.



Linda Woodcock, who is making her presence felt for Eastbourne since moving from Lowestoft.

—Photo by IMF News, Eastbourne

**NATIONAL TEAM  
COMPETITION (cont.)**

**EXETER 6 TAUNTON 3**  
A wonderful performance by Pat and Susan Beazer and Rebecca Bryant against the more experienced Exeter team led by former England Internationals Pam Mortimer and Joan Crosby. The Taunton team, all juniors, made Exeter fight all the way and gave them some very anxious moments. Three wins by Pam Mortimer eventually pulled the home team through.

Fourth Round draw:—  
Northumberland v. St. Neots  
Chesterfield v. Spalding  
West Bromwich v. Watford  
Stockport v. Lowestoft  
Willesden v. Exeter  
Central London v. Guildford  
East London v. Southend  
Eastbourne v. Portsmouth

**CARTER CUP**

**NORTH YORKSHIRE 9 LEEDS 0**  
Plenty of single figure wins in this one, with Jimmy Walker, David Alderson and Tony Martin in tremendous form.

**HULL 5 BOSTON 4**  
Some very close games with Hull's M. Wright the best player on view being unbeaten.

**PRESTON 7 BLACKBURN 2**  
A maximum by Barry Crook for the home team with good support from Donald Parker and David Hewitt.

**STOCKPORT 3 WIRRAL 6**  
A good win for the Wirral trio against a team that, in the previous round, had ousted last season's finalists, Manchester. John McNee (a Scottish ranked Junior) was in fine form winning his three sets comfortably.

**BIRMINGHAM 9 COVENTRY 0**  
As the score suggests, an easy win for the home team of Robert Broadmore, Jeffrey Nix and Martin Davis.

**LOWESTOFT 1 GT. YARMOUTH 8**  
C. Bensley, T. Carter and J. Fuller were far too good for the Lowestoft boys whose only success came in the last set when P. Harris beat Carter.

**WELLINGBOROUGH 2  
CAMBRIDGE 7**  
A maximum for Michael Harper, with two wins each for John Willis and Paul Day, saw the visitors through.

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD 2  
DUNSTABLE 7**  
Five sets went to three, which shows how hard the Leighton boys fought, but unbeaten P. Norton helped the visitors into the next round.

**COLCHESTER 0 EAST LONDON 9**  
R. Hellaby, S. Blomfield and S. Hughes were all in top form.

**DAGENHAM 4 WILLESDEN 5**  
Another evenly contested match between two good teams. Dagenham won the first two sets, but Willesden captured the all-important last two, J. Colin winning all his three.

**WEMBLEY 2 NORTH MIDDLESEX 7**  
A comfortable win for the visitors, with R. Aldrich and D. Jemmett being unbeaten.

**CANTERBURY 0 BROMLEY 9**  
Congratulations to the Bromley team who travelled to Canterbury in thick snow, determined to play the match. Their efforts were rewarded with an easy win. P. Endersby, A. Mitchell, S. Williams and captain Allen Fisher arrived back home at 1.30 a.m., very tired, but happy. Well done Bromley.

**CRAWLEY 9 HASTINGS 0**  
Only one set needed a decider.

**BOURNEMOUTH 5 S.W. SUSSEX 4**  
S. Marley played very well for the Sussex team, gaining a maximum. An interesting score when he beat P. Crane 26, -19, 19.

**READING 4 BASINGSTOKE 5**  
All depended on the last set. M. Caudrey beat D. Rawlings 18, 8 to give the visitors a very close win. G. Harding won all his sets for Reading.

**PLYMOUTH 7 EXETER 2**  
Devon No. 1 Junior, Keith James, played well to win his three. He was well supported by K. Reeve and P. Cawse who won two each. The Exeter wins were recorded by Keith Baker and Philip Ware, and Martin Ashcroft made a promising debut.

Round 4:—  
Dunstable v. Birmingham  
Wirral v. Cambridge  
Gt. Yarmouth v. Preston  
Hull v. N. Yorkshire  
Basingstoke v. N. Middlesex  
Plymouth v. Bromley  
E. London v. Crawley  
Bournemouth v. Willesden

**BROMFIELD TROPHY  
SHEFFIELD 3 HULL 6**  
Two wins each for B. Zealey, J. Rutter and E. McCarthy gave the home team a comfortable win. Judith Walker was in fine form for Sheffield in winning her three.

**STOCKPORT 3 LIVERPOOL 6**  
Some close sets in this one with Liverpool's Brenda Williams gaining a very good maximum for the visitors.

**BIRMINGHAM 4 LEICESTER 5**  
Birmingham won the first two and the last two but, in between, Leicester won the five that mattered with Karen Rogers unbeaten.

**NORTH MIDDLESEX 8  
CHESHUNT 1**  
A pat on the back for Jane Hartwell who won the only set for the visitors. Sheila Hamilton and Ann Painter won three each for the Middlesex team and J. Beaven won two.

**BARKING 8 DAGENHAM 1**  
The Dagenham girls fought hard but Barking were never in trouble with S. Beckwith and G. Taylor unbeaten. The visitors only success was accomplished by Elaine Tarten who beat Gillian Locke.

**SITTINGBOURNE 9 BROMLEY 0**  
The holders still very much in command represented by L. Chesson, J. Holtam and B. Bushrod.

**WORTHING 4 SOUTHAMPTON 5**  
The result was in doubt until the third game of the final set. The 'star' player was 12-years-old Linda Wales, of Worthing, who played brilliantly, particularly when beating Hants No. 1 Junior, L. King.

**TAUNTON 9 BOURNEMOUTH 0**  
The Beazer sisters, Pat and Susan, together with Rebecca Bryant won this match convincingly although, I am told, that the very young Bournemouth team have a bright future.

Round 4 (Quarter-final) draw:—  
N. Middlesex v. Liverpool  
Hull v. Leicester  
Southampton v. Barking  
Sittingbourne v. Taunton

**STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES  
by John Pike**

**STILL OUT OF TOUCH**

Staffordshire started the New Year like they finished the old, with the county first team still out of touch, and the second team and juniors riding on the crest of a wave. The 'A' team did show some improvement in their 8-2 defeat against Warwickshire, and I am taking them to pick up their first win of the season, when they play Worcestershire.

From a county that has been in the backwoods far too long, I was very interested in the Shropshire Notes in last month's issue. I hope Alan Cavell will continue to put pen to paper every month now.

In the County League, last season's first division winners, Wolverhampton, are still unbeaten, but with Tony Issacs and John Pugh playing for the Potteries, Wolves will do well to retain the title. Wolves juniors played very well when losing 6-4 to Birmingham and this result must be encouraging for the county youngsters when they meet Warwickshire at Stone.

Still with Wolverhampton, they hold their closed championships at Hobsons on Feb. 21.

The County held a very successful course for advanced juniors at Lilleshall last month and this was attended

by Ann and Roy Durnall, both qualified P.E. Instructors. With fitness high on the list, over 20 youngsters left Lilleshall feeling very tired but happy.

Subject to county approval the next coaching weekend will be at the end of September, and again under the watchful eye of Jim Hayward.

Kath Perry was in fine form for West Bromwich when they beat Leicester 5-4 in the Rose Bowl and they now have a home tie with Watford. Although the women are having another good season, it is a very different story with West Bromwich men's teams. Relegation is now staring them in the face in both the County and Midland League. This was something unheard of in the days of Derek Backhouse and Stan Ward, but like all things in sport, these things have a habit of going in cycles.

Earlier this month, the girls from Highfields School, Wolverhampton, travelled to Blackburn for the area finals of the National School Team Championships. If they were successful, then they will be sure of a good following when the finals are played in Staffordshire, at the Northwood Sports Centre, next month.

It is with deep regret that I finish this month's notes with the news, that at Christmas, the death occurred of Mick Thurgur, one of the founder members of the Wolverhampton Association.

"CHESTER BARNES" - "DUNLOP"

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"HALEX" - "LOUIS HOFFMAN"

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# Britannia Table Tennis Club

## Realisation of a Dream

By D. J. Barrett

IN 1966, fifteen players with "stars in their eyes" took a decision to build their own club in Ipswich, a club that would exist for table tennis alone throughout the year. The estimated cost at the time was a mere £6,000, but as the months passed, costs soared to about £8,750 yet with aid of grants and voluntary subscriptions, the club gradually became a reality.

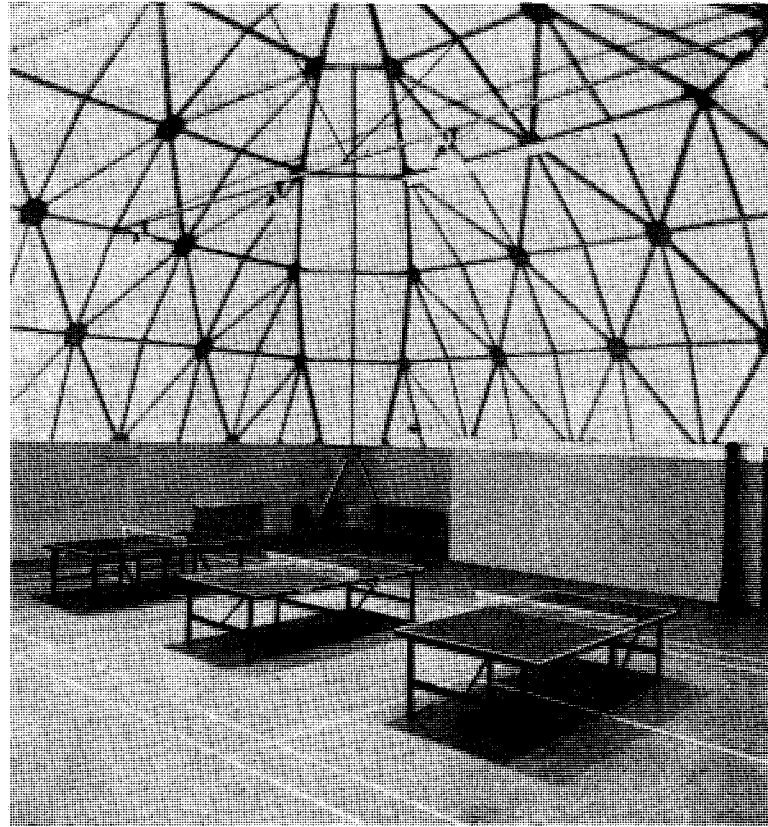
On Jan. 21st, 1971, the survivors of the original fifteen - a few had departed to pastures new, including one as far as Australia - had their reward when their President, Sir Alf Ramsey, formally opened the new club premises, though in fact they had already been in use since the beginning of the current season. Important guests included Derek Tremayne, General Secretary of the E.T.T.A.

In his speech Sir Alf warmly congratulated the hard-working committee of ten and their many supporters on an outstanding achievement. He extolled the virtues of all sports played with the round ball, though confessing that apart from being able to beat his wife, he was the merest rabbit at table tennis! He thought that the club would prove of immense benefit to the town, and he was warmly in favour of anything that would benefit sport in general. He concluded by wishing the club every success in the future, and had great pleasure in declaring the premises open.

The formal opening dispensed with, an exhibition of table tennis was given by Chester Barnes, Stuart Gibbs and the evergreen Bobby Stevens. From the first moments when Chester, tongue in cheek, assured Sir Alf when spinning balls on the table he was merely looking for a round one, the seal was set on a successful evening. Scores and results didn't count in the crazy yet spectacular table tennis that followed and the near-capacity gathering of spectators lapped it up. Even County Umpire Trevor Meggs caught the fever in an hysterical final set between Barnes and Stevens with Bobby leading by one game and the score against him in the second 18-20. With Bobby hitting a winner, Trevor insisted on calling game to ensure that Chester would win and so play a decider!

Local enthusiasts were pleased when the three stars agreed to play a doubles, and up-and-coming 13-years old John Kitchener joined Bobby Stevens against Chester and Stuart. The importance of the occasion and the quality of the other players did not deter John from acquitting himself most valiantly, and the doubles was hardly less spectacular than the other sets.

With playing "hostilities" ended, Bobby Stevens gained himself more



fans by making one of his customary short speeches of thanks to the club officials and spectators alike emphasising how much the players had enjoyed the evening.

Guests and players then joined the club officials in an informal get-together with far too much available in the food line. It was midnight when the last guests departed leaving a few committee members and friends engaged in the final stages of washing-up and clearing of the debris in general.

### PREMISES

The form of the building is unique and was specifically designed to achieve maximum playing facilities from minimum expenditure. In this situation there are obviously some desirable requirements which are under-provided. However, the Britannia Club have secured, under their lease an additional area of the adjacent ground so that, if they can continue to develop, some further accommodation may be added. They have also benefited greatly by their close association with the large Secondary school next door who are willing to make available to them their own changing accommodation, car park and other facilities, for special occasions.

The new Domed Hall is 54ft. square, is one single space with a clear height at centre of 28ft. The only partitioned spaces are the entrance lobby, a kitchenette, two small lavatory changing rooms and storage recesses (see plan). There are no outer walls, as such, because the curved sides of the Dome spring from the outer edges of the main floor slab. This feature constitutes one of the main constructional economies, because the roof is

nearly always a cheaper element of a building than the walls! The design is a variation on the timber play domes that have already been built at a number of schools in Ipswich (by the same Architects) and is constructed of a system of triangulated timber framing, bolted together with steel plates at the junctions and clad on the outside with plywood sheathing. The sheathing is waterproofed with bituminous roofing felt externally and lined on the inside with expanded polystyrene sheets for insulation. The timbers are all only 4in. x 3in. in section and the whole shell achieves its strength by virtue

of its particular geometrical shape. The attached exterior and interior views of the Hall give some idea of its appearance.

The Hall has no windows, as not only is their omission a constructional economy but the problem of varying light conditions, sun control and heat losses are avoided and constant, high standard, playing conditions are more easily achieved. The artificial lighting is from 5/1500 watt quartz iodine lamps set in line over the centres of all tables, at a height of about 18ft. so as to avoid reflections off the table surface and provide good top lighting of the ball at a distance from the table. The light level is over 100 lumens at the table reducing to about 5 lumens at the edges of the playing areas.

The floor of the Hall is a green non slip P.V.C. 2mm. thick welded carpet stuck to an asphalt screen, laid over the structural concrete. While this finish is difficult to keep clean of shoe scuff marks, it seems to produce an exceptionally good foothold. A fully sprung floor under the P.V.C. would have been preferred, but could not be afforded.

The Hall is heated by means of thermostatically operated fan assisted electric radiant coil units, and two large 2 speed fans are installed at high level to maintain appropriate ventilation levels. The forecourt to the building provides some car parking space but the Club still has to afford a suitable surface finish.

A key factor in this design is, as already stated, the cost, which for the complete building, including heating, lighting and floor finish, works out at under 55/- per square foot of floor area. In addition, site works costs amounted to about £950. These included fencing, paving, drainage and other essential service connections.

Since opening last September, the Club's Table Tennis membership has increased from about 30 to nearly 80.



Smiles all round at the opening ceremony as Sir Alf Ramsey (president) "Chooses his weapon" watched by (left to right) Doug Newton (Treasurer), Birkin Hayward (Vice-Chairman), and Hans Fleck (Chairman)

## BRITANNIA CLUB (cont.)

The Club is now running 14 Table Tennis League Teams ranging over all 5 divisions of the Area League. Competitive play by these teams occupies 3 tables on 3 weekday evenings. Each table has a playing area 40ft. x 18ft. and is separated from other areas by suspended netting. On all Thursday and Sunday evenings the Hall is open for Social play, with 5 tables arranged in line. Numbers attending so far vary between 15 and 40 and Committee members do duty on a rota to control these open evenings, which cater for general playing members as well as League players, youngsters and new comers. There is an obvious, large demand from keen school age players, and regrettably, the Club have already closed the membership for this group. Wherever possible help will be given in the development of young players, but the primary function of the Club is as an adult recreational centre and it is already apparent that the new facilities will be able to provide physical recreation for many hundreds of adults throughout the year.

The Committee is now hoping to organise some suitable coaching facilities on Saturday mornings, and will in fact review the whole field of possibilities for the advancement of the game. Five years of determined effort and the realisation of those early hopes have made this possible.

Thus has begun what Britannia Club enthusiasts are resolved will be a major contribution to the development of Table Tennis in East Anglia.

## SOMERSET NOTES

by Ray Philpott

County League results to date are:

### 1st Division

#### Taunton 8, Bath 2

For Taunton: Pendleton (2), Phillpott (2), Jim Andrews, Miss Bryant and both doubles. For Bath: House and Miss Walters.

### 2nd Division

#### Bridgwater 6, Failand 4

For Bridgwater: Porter, Richens, Poole, Mrs. Pryce, Mrs. Green and ladies doubles. For Failand: Hunt (2), Jaysum and men's doubles.

#### Weston 6, Bath 4

For Weston: Tanner (2), Fredricks, Rivers, Mrs. Wood and ladies' doubles. For Bath: Berry, Whitmore, Mrs. Collett and men's doubles.

#### Bath 6, North-East Somerset 'B' 4

For Bath: Whitmore (2), Stiles, Mrs. England, Mrs. Boyd and ladies' doubles. For N.E. Somerset 'B': Padfield, Frost, Newth and men's doubles.

#### North-East Somerset 'A' 10, Yeovil 0

For N.E. Somerset 'A': Baker (2), Tincknell (2), Taylor (2), Mrs. Baker, Miss Pool and both doubles.

#### Taunton 8, Failand 2

For Taunton: Brown (2), Burge, Pengelly (2), Mrs. Wright and both doubles. For Failand: Hunt, Miss Mason.

### Junior Division

#### Bath 8, Bridgwater 2

For Bath: O'Conner (2), McNally (2), Winfield (2), one mixed and boys' doubles. For Bridgwater: Miss Bowley and one mixed doubles.

## PLACES AND FACES

Mrs. Doreen Henderson has played regularly for the County side following her move to Weston-super-Mare in 1965 and since becoming County Treasurer in 1968 has also recorded a hat trick of County Ladies Singles titles. Doreen is also a County Umpire, a Diploma Coach, is a member of the Midlands and South-West Coaching Panel and has been Organising Secretary for Somerset Schools T.T. Centre since 1967. Before coming to Somerset Doreen was Worcestershire Treasurer for five years and also won their Ladies' Singles title. Worcestershire's loss was certainly Somerset's gain.

Winners of the Bristol League Premier Division and the Gilbert Belsten Memorial Trophy for the last four seasons **Weston-super-Mare Y.M.C.A.** are still going strong and at the half way stage have a 3-point lead over nearest rivals. This year's team is Tony Kinsey, Roger Morris and John Hartry.

Thanks are due to genial Bristol League Chairman **Reg Salway**, who has once again loaned Weston-super-Mare Y.M.C.A. the necessary lighting equipment to stage the forthcoming Somerset Closed. Reg, who is an experienced and long-serving Chairman, always keeps a tight control on meetings in the pleasantest possible manner and his summings-up remove any doubts as to issues involved in any debates.

The most welcome sight on the local tournament scene are the smiling faces of the good ladies who supply one and all with such excellent refreshments, namely **Ellen and Edith Butt** (Bristol Open, Bristol Closed, Somerset Closed), **Kath and Susan Hantry** (Somerset Closed) and Mrs. K. Palmer (Yeovil American and Wessex Open). Thank you, ladies.

The three men who played for Bath against Taunton in a recent Division 1 match could hardly be described as up-and-coming youngsters as the combined ages of **Jim Blanchard, Don Morris** and **Bob House** must have totalled 130 years at least!

Oldest and youngest get together for Failand's 2nd Division team when **Nellie Mason** and **Susan Harding** play the ladies doubles. Susan is 14 whilst Nellie is 70! Nellie, who also still plays tennis and badminton, is the most loved player in Somerset, with a pleasant smile and cheery word of greeting and it is only recently that she has dropped down to the 2nd Division. Nellie's home is full of the Tennis, Badminton and Table Tennis trophies she has accumulated since the early 1920's.

Good to see Chard's **Jack Rose** about and playing again after a trying time during which he suffered a slipped disc and a duodenal ulcer. Jack's son **Paul** is playing well and recently had a good win over Taunton's John Phillott.

Our Councillor, **Dennis Pope**, who was Hon. Referee at the South West Division of Y.M.C.A.'s Team Championships, has once again kindly agreed to act as Hon. Referee for the Somerset Closed Championships to be held at Weston-super-Mare Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, 13th March, at 10 a.m. Entry forms to R. Philpott, 33 Palmer Street, Weston-super-Mare, by 27th February.

The Somerset Junior Ranking List has been amended and **Michael Williams** is now No. 1 with **Jon**

**Pratlett** No. 2 whilst **Pat Beazer** goes back to No. 1 Junior Girl.

County No. 2 **John Hartry** had a nasty illness during December and January and had to miss a number of matches including the Devon match. Here's hoping you have completely recovered by now John.

## Coca-Cola Awards

### CHESTER AND JILL OUT IN FRONT

REVISED by a specially appointed committee at the outset of the current season, points thus far gained this season, up to and including Jan. 16 (Lancashire Open), have been recorded as follows:—

#### MEN:

1. C. Barnes (Essex)	1925
2. D. Neale (Yorks.)	1745
3. A. Hydes (Yorks.)	755
4. T. Taylor (Essex)	625
5. A. Clayton (Yorks.)	480
6. O. Brown (Essex)	325
7. O. Haslam (Middx.)	315
8. C. Warren (Surrey)	310
9. A. Piddock (Kent)	295
10. *N. Jarvis (Yorks.)	260
11. M. Johns (Ches.)	245
12. B. Burn (Warwks.)	175

13. R. Chandler (Sussex)	150
D. Munt (Warwks.)	150
P. Williams (Sussex)	150
16. B. Hill (Surrey)	95
17. A. Ransome (Nthld.)	65

#### WOMEN:

1. J. Shirley (Bucks.)	1380
2. K. Mathews (Middx.)	950
3. P. Piddock (Kent)	620
4. J. Williams (Sussex)	546
5. L. Radford (Essex)	490
6. S. Hession (Essex)	325
7. S. Howard (Surrey)	215
8. L. Bashford (Yorks.)	85
9. *L. Howard (Surrey)	70
S. Lisle (Lancs.)	70
11. D. Johnson (Lancs.)	65

#### \*Juniors

Last season's Award winner was Denis Neale and the prize was worth £300 which he shared in equal proportions between himself, Nicky Jarvis and Linda Bashford. The latter pair have this season benefitted by using the money to go to Sweden and join a Training Camp there.

This season, the new Coca-Cola Award will be worth £500 to the players. There will be two sections for the Award—one for men and the other for women. The winner in each section will receive £100 and each runner-up £50. The leading junior boy and girl will also benefit by the award of two scholarships of £100 each.

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# ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

## TITANIC UNDER-19 EVENT FORECAST

by DAVID LOMAS

All nine Area Finals of the National 4-a-side School Team Championships should be complete by the time these notes appear in print and there is every indication so far that all seven events will be closely contested at the National Finals at Stoke-on-Trent on March 28.

The Boys' Under-19 event (for the Norman Cook Cup) could turn out to be a titanic struggle. Plaistow Grammar School, Newham will be making a strong bid to become the first team to retain this title but they have yet to dispose of opponents in their Area Final at Chelmsford.

If they do win their way through to their third final they will face strong competition in the shape of St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough who will be led by England No. 1 Junior Nicky Jarvis plus two Yorkshire-ranked Juniors. But they could come up against former winners Hymer's College, Hull, spearheaded by Alan Fletcher—in the Regional Finals.

The Girls' Under-19 event (for the Claud Kitchenside Cup) promises to be no less closely fought. Holders Newbury Girls' Grammar School are

through to the Midland and West Regional Final at Burford and should be favourites because they have the same squad as last year.

Big surprise in the Boys' Under-15 event is the non-appearance of Burnley Wood Secondary School, Lancs. This school has appeared in all four National Finals and have won the "Leach-Carrington Cup" on the last three occasions.

### AREA FINALS RESULTS

Only one Final—Area 3—is complete in the NORTH REGION. All five teams from Yorkshire won through, with the closest contest being in the U.19 Boys' where Hymer's were only successful after a deciding doubles. Alan Fletcher and Michael Wright won four singles and paired in the doubles whilst Paul Carter and Chris Brown were unbeaten in singles for losers Kitwood Boys' Sec. (Boston, Lincs.).

Amy Johnson (Hull) have a strong Girls' U.19 team including three Hull ranked Juniors.

### AREA 3:

- B.U.19—Hymer's College, Hull.
- G.U.19—Amy Johnson H.S., Hull.
- B.U.15—Moor Grange Sec., Leeds.
- G.U.15—Malet Lambert H.S., Hull.
- B.U.13—Myers Grove Comp., Sheffield. (all Yorks.)

All three Finals have been played in the MIDLAND and WEST REGION.

WARWICKSHIRE teams dominated the AREA 4 FINALS held at Hartshill High School, Nuneaton, winning all seven events at the expense of Gloucs. and Worcs. teams. As anticipated all these teams are from the Birmingham area.

The very low number of teams entered in Area 5 meant that in only three of the seven events was there play at the Area level and four Devon teams went straight through to the Regional Finals.

The Area 6 Finals staged at Thatcham were very successful as far as Berkshire were concerned with Newbury teams winning four of the events. Larkmead School, Abingdon beat Millbrook School, Southampton in the most exciting match of the day, a doubles being necessary to decide it at 5-4.

### AREA 4:

- B.U.19—Greenmore College.
- G.U.19—Brandwood School.
- B.U.15—Turves Green.
- G.U.15—Nechells Eliot St.
- B.U.13—Turves Green.
- G.U.13—Washwood Heath.
- U.11—St. Patrick's w.o. (all Warwicks.)

### AREA 5:

- B.U.19—Tavistock (Devon).
- G.U.19—Bridgewater G.S. (Somerset)
- B.U.15—Gordans School, Portishead (Somerset).
- G.U.15—Tavistock (Devon) w.o.

- B.U.13—Tavistock (Devon) w.o.
- U.11—Stoke Damerel (Devon) w.o.

### AREA 6:

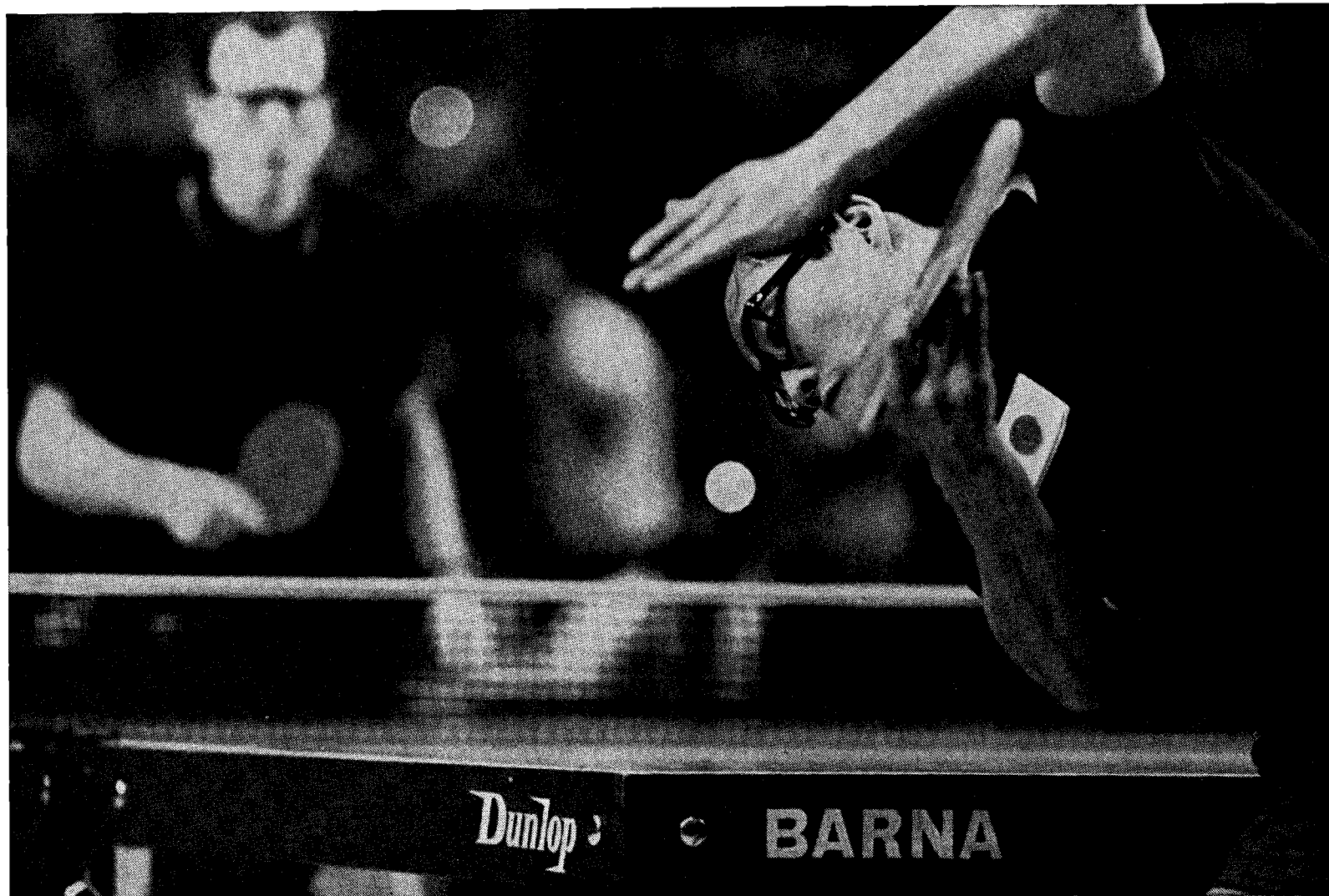
- B.U.19—Queen Mary/Charles Chute, Basingstoke (Hants.).
- G.U.19—Newbury Cty. Girls' G.S. (Berks.).
- B.U.15—St. Bartholomew's G.S., Newbury (Berks.).
- G.U.15—Newbury Cty. Girls' G.S. (Berks.).
- B.U.13—Larkmead School, Abingdon (Berks.).
- G.U.13—Newbury Cty. Girls' G.S. (Berks.).

In the SOUTH and EAST REGION there are several new names amongst the AREA 7 and AREA 8 winners.

Bury St. Edmunds was the venue for the Area 7 Finals. The outstanding match of the day was the encounter involving the Norfolk and Suffolk Junior No. 1 players John Fuller and John Kitchener with the latter helping Northgate G.S., Ipswich, to victory with a 26-24, 21-17 verdict over Fuller of Gt. Yarmouth G.S.

Perse Girls' School, Cambridge have two teams taking part in the Regional Final at Barnet.

Only the absence of a Middlesex Under-11 entry prevented the Area 8 Finals at Crystal Palace from being a "full house". Kent and Middlesex had three winners each but Surrey rely upon Nonsuch Girls in the Under-19 event to keep their hopes alive.



## English Schools

### Table Tennis Association Continued

#### AREA 7:

- B.U.19—Hammond's G.S., Swaffham (Norfolk).
- G.U.19—Perse Girls' School, Cambridge (Cambridgeshire).
- B.U.15—Northgate G.S., Ipswich (Suffolk).
- G.U.15—St. Mary's Convent, Lowestoft (Suffolk).
- B.U.13—Orwell Park School, Nacton, Ipswich (Suffolk).
- G.U.13—Perse Girls' School, Cambridge (Cambridgeshire).
- U.11—Old Buckenham Hall School, Ipswich (Suffolk) w.o.

#### AREA 8:

- B.U.19—Harrow County Boys' School (Middlesex).
- G.U.19—Nonsuch High School, Cheam (Surrey).
- B.U.15—Kent College (Kent).
- G.U.15—Westlands Sec. Schl., Sittingbourne (Kent).
- B.U.13—Salvatorian College (Middlesex).
- G.U.13—Southall Grammar/Tech. Schl. (Middlesex).
- U.11—Middletune Primary School (Kent).

The Area Finals winners take part in one of three REGIONAL FINALS which are being held on Sunday, Feb. 28 as follows:

NORTH REGION: Bradford Sports Centre.

MIDLAND & WEST REGION:  
Burford Grammar School, Oxon.  
SOUTH & EAST—Barnet Table Tennis Centre.

REGIONAL FINALS WINNERS meet at the NATIONAL FINALS at Northwood Sports Centre, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs., on SUNDAY, MARCH 28.

## COACHING AND SCHOOLS

By PHILIP REID

More news on the coaching front this month I'm pleased to say. Peter Simpson recently put on a demonstration with Nicky Jarvis and Dave Alderson at a Newcastle cinema in connection with the Northumberland Educational Film Project. 200 school children attended.

A session for coaches in Shrewsbury, ran by Peter was very popular, the members being most enthusiastic. Organiser of the event was Mr. J. Riley, Youth Organiser for Shrewsbury.

A residential course held at Lea Green brought Junior players from no less than eight counties. One player to make a big impression on all the coaches was 10-years-old Janet Hunt (Grantham). The guiding light in the Grantham area is John Mapletoft, a Diploma coach.

Techniques of play and various championships featured in a film evening at Halifax Y.M.C.A.

It's not too early to start thinking about Summer courses. Lilleshall Hall have two courses running from July 17-24. One is for coaches and the other is for players who wish to improve their performance. The price for them is the same £16.50. Exeter University will also be running two courses, once again one for players and one for coaches—from July 25th to August 1st. Cost here is £18.50. If you are interested please write to The General Secretary, C.C.P.R. (Dept. B), 26, Park Crescent, London, W1N 4AJ.

Added to the ranks of the Two-Star Coaches are Peter Cruwys, Colin Deaton, Brian Burn and Len Saywell.

1,083 Proficiency Awards had been made in the first eleven months of 1970 as against 842 the previous year. This shows just how popular the Proficiency Award Scheme has become.

A course will be held at the Loughborough Summer School from 18th-27th July. Bryan Merrett will be Senior Tutor at this course and Peter Simpson is likely to be there as Additional Tutor. They are expected to be assisted by a number of qualified coaches.

Regional Centres are all functioning satisfactorily. In the North all centres are working the same Sunday each month. This is proving very successful. Three tables have been allocated to a Schools Centre at Bristol and a fourth will go to the schools centre at Marlow.

The Schools Centre at Wolverhampton is proving a big success. The E.T.T.A. initially put six tables into the Schools Centre and the Education Authorities have responded by introducing a further six.

A new lapel badge will shortly be available. In the next issue of 'Table Tennis News' I hope to give more details.

## SELECTIONS

Selected teams for the England versus Federal Germany **European League** match at Guildford on Feb. 11 were: England—C. Barnes, D. Neale, K. Mathews and J. Shirley. N.P.C.: B. Merrett.

Federal Germany—E. Schöler, W. Lieck, M. Ness and Mrs. D. Schöler. N.P.C.: Mrs. H. Schlaf.

## ENGLISH OPEN

For the team championships in the English Open at Brighton the following teams have been selected:

### Men

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2. A. Hydes, T. Taylor and A. Clayton.

### Women

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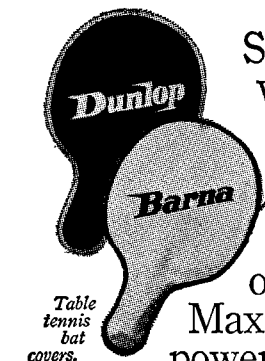


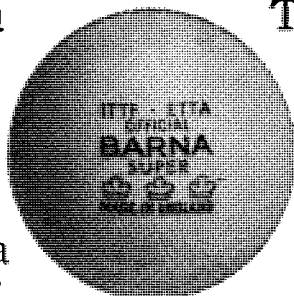
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Date	Title and venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Mar.			
6	Northumberland 2-Star Open No. 1 Canteen, Dept. of Health and Social Security, Benton Park Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne	JBS, JGS, VS	T. A. Morpeth, 59 Preston Avenue, North Shields, Northumberland.
14	Lancashire Junior Open Institute of Technology Deane Road, Bolton, Lancs.	U-15, BS, GS, U-13, BS, GS. (Note: No XD)	G. Campbell, 1 Winslow Road, Hunger Hill, Bolton, BL3 4SR. Closing Date: 27.2.71.
14	Worcestershire Closed Redditch Youth Centre, Ipsley Street, Redditch.	BS, GS, JD, VS	Mrs. D. M. Moss, 80 Linksvie Crescent, Worcester, WR5 1JJ. Closing Date: 22.2.71.
20	East of England 2-Star Open, West Common Sports Hall, Scunthorpe, Lincs.	JBS, JGS.	Mrs. A. J. Robinson, 16 St. Hugh's Drive, North Hykeham, Lincoln. Closing Date: 5.3.71.
April			
4	Sussex Junior Open, Assembly Hall, Worthing	U-15., BS, GS, BD, GD, U-13, BS, GS.	F. H. Rayner, 32 Frobisher Way, Goring-by-Sea, Sussex.
4	Bedford 1-Star Restricted Open, Badminton Hall, Bradgate Road, Bedford.		G. Hammond, 22 High Street, Meppershall, Nr. Shefford, Beds.
March			
19	Irish Closed (Dublin)		C. A. Moore, 78 Orby Drive, Belfast, BT5 6AG.
13/14	SCOTTISH OPEN (Edinburgh)		J. M. McCormack, 2 Bramdean Place, Edinburgh, 10.
6/7	WELSH OPEN (Aberavon)	JBS, JGS and Consolation Singles	Mrs. N. Roy Evans, 198 Cyncoed Road, Cardiff, CF2 6BQ.

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# 'ROUND-ROBIN'

## PETER AND LYNDA TOP THE POPS

IN a "Round Robin" tournament played at Bolton on January 17, Peter Taylor topped the boys' section losing only to Simon Heaps in seven fiercely contested sets.

In the Girls' section Lynda Chesson kept a clean sheet in winning all her five sets despite being taken to a deciding game by Ann Painter and Janet Hellaby.

### Results:—

BOYS	Alderson	Guttormsen	Harper	Heaps	Horsham	Parker	Taylor	Walker
Alderson	x	0-2	0-2	2-1	0-2	2-1	0-2	2-0
Guttormsen	2-0	x	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	1-2	2-1
Harper	2-0	2-1	x	2-0	0-2	2-0	1-2	2-1
Heaps	1-2	2-1	0-2	x	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-2
Horsham	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-2	x	2-1	1-2	1-2
Parker	1-2	2-1	0-2	0-2	1-2	x	1-2	1-2
Taylor	2-0	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	x	2-1
Walker	0-2	1-2	1-2	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	x

### GIRLS

	Beckwith	Chesson	Hamilton	Hellaby	Howard	Painter
Beckwith	x	0-2	2-1	2-0	0-2	2-1
Chesson	2-0	x	2-0	2-1	2-0	2-1
Hamilton	1-2	0-2	x	2-0	0-2	2-0
Hellaby	0-2	1-2	0-2	x	2-1	2-0
Howard, L.	2-0	0-2	2-0	1-2	x	2-0
Painter	1-2	1-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	x

### POSITIONS:

(Current rankings in brackets)

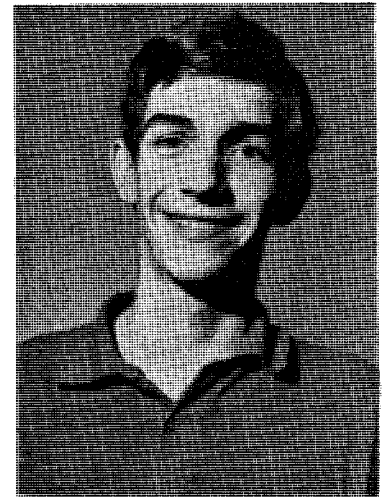
### BOYS:

	P	W	L	F	A	Pos
P. Taylor	7	6	1	13	7	1 (5)
M. Harper	7	5	2	11	6	2 (7)
I. Horsham	7	4	3	11	7	3 (4)
*S. Heaps	7	4	3	10	9	4 (6)
J. Walker	7	3	4	9	11	5 (3)
*D. Alderson	7	3	4	6	10	6 (10)
*P. Guttormsen	7	2	5	8	11	7 (8)
*D. Parker	7	1	6	6	13	8 (A)

### GIRLS:

L. Chesson	5	5	0	10	2	1 (1)
*L. Howard	5	3	2	7	4	2 (2)
S. Beckwith	5	3	2	6	6	3 (3)
S. Hamilton	5	2	3	5	6	4 (5)
*J. Hellaby	5	2	3	5	7	5 (4)
A. Painter	5	0	5	2	10	6 (A)

\*Coca-Cola Squad Member.



**PETER TAYLOR  
(Beds.)**

—Photo by John Heritage

## DURHAM NOTES

by Fred Inch

### NOT ENOUGH

Is it possible that a League can function effectively by having only one or two meetings per year when club representatives are present?

My opinion is that not only is it impossible but thoroughly negligent on the part of the League to communicate the constant changes that occur throughout any given season.

It would appear to me that particular league representatives at County meetings must be voting purely on a personal basis and not by mandate of the league represented. In consequence I would suggest to member leagues who conduct their affairs in this haphazard manner that something be done to correct this situation.

On my travels around the County, there is one cry that I often hear and it is: "What are we doing about the future of our Junior players?" I list some suggestions which, with the approval of the County Executive Committee, could well be implemented.

1. To play the top County Junior boys as a team in the Senior League next season as we already do with the girls in the Women's section.

2. To arrange special coaching and training sessions for these Boys and Girls together with others who look like making the grade within the near future.

3. These sessions to be organised by a Senior E.T.T.A. Coach if at all possible.

4. To get sponsorship necessary from all member leagues within the County and also from individuals or firms willing to help.

## GWENT OPEN

ORIGINALLY fixed for March 25, the Gwent Open Championships, to be played at the Standard Telephones and Cables' spacious canteen at Newport, Mon., has been re-dated for Saturday, April 24. The usual events MS, MD, WS, WD, XD, JBS and JGS will form the programme and cash prizes will be awarded.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

### MORE HEALTHY STATE

Despite varying fortunes, Cambridgeshire have a good chance of promotion from the Eastern Division of the County Championships having beaten Suffolk and Hunts, drawn with Norfolk and lost narrowly to Herts II.

This is a much more healthy state of affairs than at this stage last season when match after match was lost by narrow margins. The form of Dick Clode and Carol Payne has been mainly responsible for the turn of fortunes and in the recent match against Hunts, Tony Littlechild 'turned up trumps' by winning all his sets.

The 9-1 victory achieved boosted their sets average and this may well be the deciding factor in the final analysis. The Juniors too have promotion aspirations having had victories over Herts II (6-4) and Suffolk (6-4) although losing to Norfolk (1-9) and drawing with Essex II (5-5).

Their last match against Hunts on February 13 may be crucial, the outcome deciding whether they gain promotion or not. Paul Day and John Willis have played well in these fixtures and another youngster coming through is Emma Swan who is highly regarded by certain top level critics!

Deborah Clarke and Carl Dellar are also playing well and took the eye at a recent coaching rally in the Cambridge Corn Exchange. All praise to Keith Chapman, the coach, who has persevered with them during the last few months.

In the Cambs. League, University Press (last season's champions) are finding the going tough and recently lost to Guildhall, although University and New Chesterton Institute are the main challengers for their title.

Leading positions—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N.C.I	10	8	1	1	74	26	17
Press	9	8	0	1	69	21	16
University	9	8	0	1	63	27	16
Soham II	9	7	0	2	63	27	14
YMCA II	10	7	0	3	62	38	14

Jack Baughan, former Cambs. League player, has been ill recently and we wish him a speedy recovery. We are also saddened by the death of County Secretary Margaret Cornwell's father, and I know all players and fans wish her comfort in these troublesome days.

### SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Cambridge City are still at the head of the Men's Section of the S.E.M.L. and look like carrying off the title again with their competent team of John Thurston, Tony Littlechild, Stephen Andrews, Maurice Ewles and Paul Chisnall.

They had a superb victory over N. Herts by 8-2 which knocked their challenge into a 'cocked hat'. Ely and Bedford are well placed and the Fenmen may take the runners-up position.

In a St. Neots v. Dunstable match, Gus Albon and Henry Fox won all their singles to enable St. Neots to score a comfortable victory.

N. Herts beat Northampton who were without S. Lyon, but the latter team were never in it after going 0-3 down. The Junior match was drawn although N. Herts were without Michael Harper.

In a Kettering v. Peterborough Veterans match, Eddie Berna excelled supported by the subtle spin of Cartledge, and Kettering levelled a match when all seemed lost. In the same fixture, Peterborough Juniors had a good win—their first of the season—although Kettering were weakened by the absence of Thompson who played in the Men's Section.

Hunts Central Juniors had a fine win over Peterborough without conceding a game, but the Men's match resulted in a thrilling 5-all draw.

Wellingborough are top of the Junior Section and look like lifting the title despite the challenge of N. Herts. N. Herts lead the Women's Section with Bedford a real threat, but will it be Cambridge City's year for the Vets title? In this division

both Bletchley and Leighton Buzzard have withdrawn

Date for the South-East Midlands League Tournament has been fixed for May 1st/2nd.

### International Club

The A.G.M. of the International Club will take place immediately after the finals of the English Open Championships on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Shelved for this season, the Hard Bat Open Tournament has been fixed for Jan. 9, 1972 at the Barnet T.T. Centre. It will be the day after the English Closed scheduled, next season, for the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre.

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# ENGLISH CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Chester and Karenza both Triple Winners but Clayton the Star

by Laurie Landry



Tom Blunn, E.T.T.A. Treasurer, poses with the Women's Singles Finalists, Karenza Mathews (left) and Jill Shirley at Canterbury.

—Photo by Peter Madge.

KARENZA MATHEWS won the women's singles in the English Closed—played over the period Jan. 1/2 at the University of Kent, Canterbury—for the first time. With consistent hitting and well taken winners, Karenza got the better of Pauline Piddock in the semi and then Jill Shirley in an excellent final.

This was the third year running that Jill has been runner-up. To get to the final Jill had come through a very tight semi, in which Lesley Radford had split the first four games and built up a 10-5 lead in the fifth. After the change of ends, Lesley did not win another point because she stopped going for the winners.

Meanwhile Tony Clayton, at No. 10 on the Ranking List and just 20-years-old, made his vacation from Liverpool University a profitable one when he beat Denis Neale, Simon Heaps, "Les" Haslam and David Brown to reach the final.

Just playing his normal game and quite unaffected by the state of the game, Tony was 0-2, 19-20 down to holder Neale but kept on plugging away. Then young Heaps was crushed 3-0 after Simon, just recovering from a muscular condition in his legs, beat Bobby Stevens in a thrilling 5 game set.

Then came Clayton's best recovery when in a superb quarter-final with Orville Haslam, when his opponent mixed his game to go 2-1, 20-14 in the lead. Tony kept his head and just kept going, with Haslam assisting with three rash smashes and again leading 21-20, to win the fifth game at 15.

The semi-final was again exciting and David Brown, after an excellent win over Alan Hydes, actually led 2-0 only to get over-excited and drop the next to Clayton. The stage was set with David fast and consistent and

hard hitting. It looked an all-Essex final at 18-11. Suddenly Brown took risk after risk to lose 21-19.

The other semi was very well played and looked very level but BARNES looked the winner all the way. The final showed the difference in class but Clayton, after a disastrous first game, kept Barnes at bay a little and lost gallantly.

The men's doubles final was the best of the day and BARNES and TREVOR TAYLOR won some wonderful rallies against the favourites Hydes and Neale who had got through without the loss of a game. Barnes and Taylor just dropped one to Nicky Jarvis and Alan Ransome.

After a rather unsuccessful season, Mrs. MATHEWS and Miss SHIRLEY won the women's doubles title. They came through a thrilling five-game semi against Lesley Radford and Diane Simpson.

Judy Williams played with Judy Heaps instead of Shelagh Hession who was badly hurt in an accident on the way to the championships. It is pleasing to hear that Shelagh will recover soon.

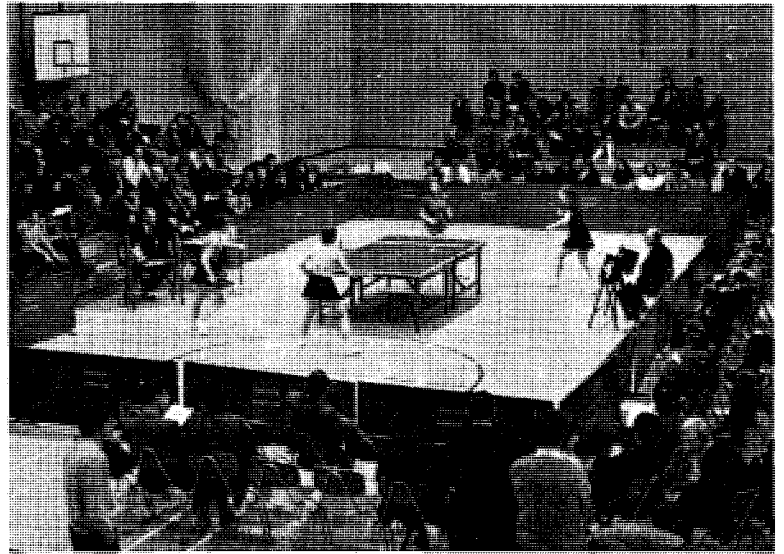
Hydes and Mrs. Piddock sailed through to the final of the mixed but could not prevent BARNES and Mrs. MATHEWS from securing their third title. This final had many highlights and Hydes proved once again just how good a doubles player he is.

Peter Taylor (Beds.) was the men's consolation winner with Andrea Jones (Warwks.) successful in the counterpart event.

### RESULTS:

#### Men's Singles: Round 4:

- C. Barnes (Essex) bt B. Burn (Warwks.) 16, 15, 9;
- D. Whittaker (Kent) bt E. Wallsby (Essex) 7, 20, 15;



Central shot of the proceedings at Canterbury with the Women's Doubles Final being played.

—Photo by Peter Madge.

- N. Jarvis (Yorks.) bt A. Piddock (Kent) 19, 18, 16;
- T. Taylor (Essex) bt D. Holland (Gloucs.) 9, 11, 10;
- D. Brown (Essex) bt I. Horsham (Essex) 8, 12, 16;
- M. Johns (Ches.) bt P. Beck (Surrey) -20, -15, 19, 14, 10;
- O. Haslam (Middx.) bt M. Newman (Leics.) 9, 13, 13;
- A. Clayton (Yorks.) bt S. Heaps (Ches.) 15, 15, 12.

#### Quarter-finals:

- Barnes bt Whittaker 8, 6, 16;
- Taylor bt Jarvis 12, 15, 17;
- Brown bt Johns 17, -20, 15, 16;
- Clayton bt Haslam -16, 19, -19, 23, 15.

#### Semi-finals:

- BARNES bt Taylor 17, 21, 19;
- CLAYTON bt Brown -18, -14, 15, 16, 19.

#### Final:

- BARNES bt Clayton 7, 17, 15.

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

- J. Shirley (Bucks.) bt J. Hellaby (Essex) 12, 6, 11;
- L. Radford (Essex) bt S. Kavalleriou (Sussex) 15, 13, 10;
- S. Howard (Surrey) bt M. Green (Middx.) 19, 12, 4;
- J. Williams (Sussex) bt J. Vass (Dorset) 15, 5, 13;
- P. Piddock (Kent) bt J. Heaps (Ches.) 14, -22, 21, 17;
- L. Howard (Surrey) w.o. K. Perry (Staffs.);
- D. Simpson (Essex) bt J. Rowley (Warwks.) 9, 3, 12;
- K. Mathews (Middx.) bt K. Gilby (Middx.) 3, 2, 6.

#### Quarter-finals:

- Shirley bt Radford 17, -21, 16, -18, 10;
- Williams bt S. Howard 7, 7, 11;
- Piddock bt L. Howard -16, 18, 14, 18;
- Mathews bt Simpson 13, 9, 12.

#### Semi-finals:

- SHIRLEY bt Williams 14, 14, 10;
- MATHEWS bt Piddock -16, 14, 10, 11.



Trevor Taylor swings one over in the Men's Doubles Final with Chester Barnes awaiting the outcome.

—Photo by Peter Madge.

**English Closed cont.**

**Final:**  
 MATHEWS bt Shirley 16, -23, 13, 17.  
**Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
 Hydes/Neale bt Burn/I. Robertson  
 (Northld.) 19, 17, 16;  
 Haslam/Johns bt D. Johnson/R.  
 Hellaby (Essex) 11, 19, -18, 14;  
 H. Buist (Kent)/Piddock bt Beck/  
 Holland 19, 16, -19, 19;  
 Barnes/Taylor bt P. Glynn/R.  
 Gunnion (Warwks.) 14, 17, 6.

**Semi-finals:**  
 HYDES/NEALE bt Haslam/Johns  
 20, 9, 13;  
 BARNES/TAYLOR bt Buist/Piddock  
 8, 15, 15.

**Final:**  
 BARNES/TAYLOR bt Hydes/Neale  
 -16, 18, 18, 18.

**Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
 Mathews/Shirley bt Green/S. Shirriffs  
 (Middx.) 15, 12, 17;  
 Radford/Simpson bt T. Dale (Essex)/  
 Kalleriou 9, 9, 9;  
 Howard/Howard bt Hellaby/M.  
 Walker (Middx.) 7, 16, 11;  
 L. Bashford (Yorks.)/Piddock bt  
 Heaps/Williams -12, 17, 17, 18.

**Semi-finals:**  
 MATHEWS/SHIRLEY bt Radford/  
 Simpson -18, 16, 19, -19, 17;  
 BASHFORD/PIDDOCK bt Howard/  
 Howard 13, 19, 17.

**Final:**  
 MATHEWS/SHIRLEY bt Bashford/  
 Piddock -16, 13, 20, -18, 11.

**Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
 Barnes/Mathews bt K. Beamish  
 (Essex)/Williams 10, 15, 16;  
 Neale/S. Howard bt Heaps/Heaps  
 12, 15, 11;  
 Hydes/Piddock bt Radford/Radford  
 14, 16, 17;  
 Taylor/Shirley bt Glynn/Kavalleriou  
 9, 13, 17.

**Semi-finals:**  
 BARNES/MATHEWS bt Neale/  
 Howard -12, -18, 13, 18, 15;  
 HYDES/PIDDOCK bt Taylor/  
 Shirley 11, 19, 9.

**Final:**  
 BARNES/MATHEWS bt Hydes/  
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# The Cost of Living



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

THE cost of living is a very current topic in business as well as in the home. It affects all of us whether we are earners or spenders. To an association like E.T.T.A. it deals a double blow, because it increases salaries for the staff who have to combat inflation at home and it increases the cost of almost every aspect of administration in the office. It is inevitable therefore that the E.T.T.A. should be looking at ways and means of increasing its income because the cost of administration is the responsibility of the members but with some material assistance from the Government.

Since affiliation fees were last increased in 1967/68, the cost of administration has risen from £12,910 to £20,693. The contribution from the Government has risen from £5,488 to £7,841 which indicates a willingness to face realities and match increased costs with increasing contributions.

It is obvious therefore that a further look should be taken at affiliation fees which are basically 2/6d. (12½p) per player per annum, of which 6d. (2½p) per player is returned to the counties in the form of a rebate. Bearing in mind that it will be another year before any increase can be brought into effect and by that time a further 10%-15% will probably have been added to the cost of administration, then a realistic fee would be 4/- (20p) per player, subject to county rebate of 20%. Such a fee would bring in a net increase to the E.T.T.A. of approximately £4,000 per annum, which is still hardly sufficient to cover the estimated excess of expenditure over income on the administration account in the future.

### MAIN BURDEN

Representations have been made to the Government and some sympathetic consideration has been promised for the extent of future grants.

But the members must carry the main burden and it would be most unfortunate if the resolutions for the increase which will be put to the A.G.M. in June, 1971 should be defeated by a small margin on the grounds that the players can not afford it. The increase in personal incomes at every level has virtually eliminated the poor from our society except in isolated instances and of course, the Old Age Pensioners. It is

doubtful whether there are any O.A.P.'s still playing regularly although the Veterans Division in the County Championships might have revived a few! On the other hand the E.T.T.A. always gives substantial reductions to Youth Clubs and affiliation by schools is still free. So please do not raise the cry of "our members can't afford it" because they can and we all know it. A fee of 4/- (20p) is still a little under one old penny per week, and in many areas now the leagues are organising competitions all the year round, and administration is just as necessary in summer as in winter.

It is realised that the expenses for clubs, leagues and counties have also risen, and that these increases can only be met by higher fees at local level, but even so, if the players are asked for a total increase in annual fees of about 3/- (15p) it is still negligible compared with the general increase in wages and salaries over the past two or three years.

A comparison of our fees with other amateur sporting bodies in the country shows that we are still well behind and that the cost of the game to the players is ridiculously low. Table Tennis is no longer a poor man's game; it is a well organised game enjoyed by people in all walks of life. The administration is recognised as being first class and without equal in any other amateur sport in the country. The playing standards are improving at all levels and there are signs of renewed public interest which benefits the membership right down the line. All this is worthwhile and worth paying for.



### MODERN THINKING

NO doubt there will be the usual cry of "what do we get from the E.T.T.A. for our money" and this is naturally understandable but rather out of date thinking. It ignores the improvement in communication, the standard of living, public opinion and modern thinking by Government and local authorities. Nevertheless, some attempt should be made to answer the point and next month I will stick my neck out and try to do so. In the meantime please consider the effect of an increase in affiliation fee on the finances of leagues and counties and see how the problem can be overcome.

Higher affiliation fees bring higher county rebates but it is well known that some of the larger counties are now much better off financially than most of the smaller counties and it will be proposed that the additional amount due for county rebate from the higher fees (approximately £12) should be distributed to the poorer counties on some agreed equitable basis.

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# Letters to the Editor

## DIFFERENCE OF CLASS

One wonders whether Chester Barnes' anguished cries of "more money — more money" are really justified. One can look at the players of today, take away Barnes and Neale and what are you left with? The women are at their lowest ebb for many years. Why is this? Simply because there is no time nor money.

The whole structure of a world champion stems from junior status, especially the break-through from junior to senior. This is where a top junior falls by the table tennis way-side. The most critical time for a player is between the ages of 16 and 21. This is the time a player must make some impact.

However, this is the time when the table tennis tables are stacked against him. Firstly he is hampered by G.C.E.'s and his proposed career when he leaves school. What is the point of sacrificing G.C.E.'s for table tennis when he knows he can only earn a living if he is England No. 1 or 2.

Secondly, once he leaves school, when is he going to get the playing time; only after a day's work when his mental and physical approach would have drained.

Unfortunately there are not many answers to these problems, but I do feel that there should be higher prize money, higher entrance fees to tournaments and higher charges to County matches.

I know we would lose a lot of lesser players in tournaments, but I think their presence is unnecessary and they should only attend as spectators. After all, they only enter with the hope of meeting a top player and then are only a hindrance to that player. Apart from that I do feel that a player

ranked in England should be recognised as such and not have to play until the last 16. Let us acknowledge the fact that these players are the top players in the country and should not be subjected to giving a lesser player like myself a table tennis lesson in the first round.

I feel that entrance fees to County matches should be increased, because where else would you see an English champion in competition for a few shillings.

All this would bring in revenue but most important of all would make the ping pong player accept that there is a different class of player and would encourage the junior to get into that playing bracket where he should be able to earn money.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

May I take this opportunity of thanking the many players, clubs and Counties who have written and sent flowers to Shelagh.

She has felt overwhelmed with the kindness shown to her and your messages have made her really fight to get back on her feet. The flowers have also delighted the rest of the patients in her ward.

My special thanks to the Kent League who so thoughtfully arranged a rota of visitors as she is so far from home. Shelagh has 'filed' the 80-odd letters and will no doubt answer them personally when possible.

I am deeply grateful to you all.

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## LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

### MANCHESTER HALT BOLTON'S RUN

Big clash in Division 1 of the Lancashire and Cheshire League occurred on Feb. 3rd when, at Didsbury Lawn Tennis Club, Manchester terminated Bolton's unbeaten run by beating the Trotters 6-4.

From a score of 2-all, the Mancunians took a decisive 6-2 lead but then allowed the visitors to keep on top of the division by reason of a better sets average.

Individual scores (Manchester names first):—

K. Forshaw bt D. Schofield 14, 19; bt R. Kelly 15, 9; lost to M. Johns -12, -9.

A. Boasman bt Kelly 12, 9; bt Johns 12, 20; lost to Schofield -10, -16.

J. Ingber lost to Johns -19, -18; lost to Schofield -21, 19, -18; beat Kelly 10, -17, 11.

Doubles: Boasman/Forshaw bt Johns/Schofield 17, 15.

Leading Positions:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Manchester	5	4	0	1	32	18	8
Mid-Cheshire	5	2	1	2	28	22	5
Hyde	5	2	1	2	25	25	5
Preston	4	2	1	1	19	21	5

Having won Division 2 (North) for the past six successive seasons, Bolton "A", without a win in five matches, now find themselves well anchored at the bottom of the division staring relegation in the face. On top are Blackpool who, having beaten Liverpool "A" are now firm favourites for promotion.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackpool	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Preston "A"	3	3	0	0	19	11	6
Blackburn	2	2	0	0	16	4	4

Crewe are the pace-setters in 2 South where the leading positions are:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewe	4	3	1	0	25	15	7
Sale	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Wirral	3	1	2	0	18	12	4

And in the Women's first division the situation is:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stockport	4	3	1	0	33	7	7
Manchester	2	2	0	0	20	0	4
Blackpool	2	2	0	0	18	2	4

### MANCHESTER CLOSED

M.S.—Semi-finals: K. Forshaw bt A. Boasman -16, 16, 18;

J. Ingber bt J. Clayton 21, 18.  
M.S.—Final: \*Forshaw bt Ingber 11, 17.

W.S.—Semi-finals: J. Heaps bt M. Leigh 8, 8.  
S. Lisle bt J. Nield 16, 9.

W.S.—Final: Heaps bt \*Lisle 24, 17.  
M.D.—Final: Boasman/Forshaw bt J. Hilton/B. Kean 20, 15.

W.D.—Final: J. Green/J. Heaps bt M. Dolby/S. Lisle -30, 17, 23.

X.D.—Final: Kean/Heaps bt Schofield/Nield 15, 18.

J. S.—Final: \*Boasman bt D. Lomas 11, 14.

V.S.—Final: Clayton bt \*V. Hankey -18, 15, 17.

\*Holder.

The foregoing championships were played at Manchester University's McDougall Centre over the period January 5th—7th.

## BOLTON INDIVIDUAL DIVISIONALS

Cheshire international Mike Johns won his first local title when, at Montague Burton's, Halliwell, in the Bolton SSS League's Individual Divisional Championships, he was a comfortable winner of the first division title.

Beaten finalist was 14-years-old Donald Parker who, after beating Bryn Farnworth in the fiercest contested set of the night, ran out of steam in the final.

Results:—

Semi-Finals: Johns bt B. Crook 11, 16.

D. Parker bt B. Farnworth 13, -18, 18.

Final: Johns bt Parker 15, 9.

## SURREY NOTES

by Geoff. Ryan

### DISAPPOINTING DEFEATS

The first team has suffered two disappointing defeats in the last month losing 2-7 to Yorkshire, the highlight being "Connie" Warren's match against Tony Clayton, and losing 3-6 to Kent with again, "Connie" starring with an exciting win against Tony Piddock. In the English Closed at Canterbury, good performances were put up by Paul Beck, who reached the fourth round before losing to Mike Johns in five after winning the first two and Sue Howard, in partnership with Denis Neale, reached the semi-final of the mixed before losing to the eventual winners, Chester Barnes and Karenza Mathews.

In the Wilmott Cup, Croydon have reached the last sixteen by beating Brighton, minus Roger Chandler, 5-3. Emil Emezc was the star winning all his sets including a great win over Sam Ogundipe. They now travel to Willesden. In the Rose Bowl, Guildford (Sue Howard, Linda Howard and Ruth Miles) beat Newbury 9-0 and now face the strong Central London side who field Karenza Mathews, Judy Williams and Diane Simpson.

In Group 'A' of the Percy Johnson Cup, Guildford enhanced their chances after defeating Croydon 6-3. Although Horton beat both Miller and Bradstreet they now lead the group on set average over Wandsworth. In Group 'B', Wandsworth II are now top following their defeat of Croydon II by 6-3. Latest Results—**Percy Johnson, Group A:** Wandsworth, 9; Croydon B.H., 0; Byfleet, 5; Thames Valley, 4; South London, 1; Dulwich 8. **Group B:** Reigate, 2; Guildford II, 7. **Rose Bowl:** Thames Valley, 6; Guildford, 3; Thames Valley, 7; Leatherhead, 2. **Sutton Trophy:** South London, 8; Guildford, 0; Thames Valley II, 0; South London, 8; Thames Valley I, 7; Thames Valley II, 1; Thames Valley II, 6; Guildford, 2. **Harding Cup:** Thames Valley, 8; Leatherhead, 0; Thames Valley, 8; Byfleet, 0; Leatherhead, 0; Guildford, 8; Byfleet, 6; Leatherhead, 2; Guildford, 7; Sutton, 1.

Tony Miller's remarkable record of remaining unbeaten in 3½ years of league play in Guildford has come to an end; Cliff Keen claimed the distinction of lowering his colours during the first week of January.

The County Closed Championships will be fully reported next month.

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# 'GOOD RELATIONS'

by CHARLES M. WYLES  
(CHAIRMAN E.T.T.A.)

I have been asked several times what are the duties of the Chairman. Apart from the obvious commitments of chairing meetings and other apparent obligations, I suppose the bulk of my time spent on table tennis is taken up with the promotion of Public Relations, both on the Home front and in the International field. It was just for these reasons that I was asked to join some of the Continental tours.

Thrown in at the deep end and almost living out of a suitcase on a 12-day tour of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia, the wealth of knowledge that one was able to acquire was abundant from the outset.

Flying direct to Prague, with a reception committee awaiting us on the tarmac, our journey had begun. It was interesting that the European fixture held in the afternoon, before a small crowd, was almost exclusively for television. It was a complete 'live' match transmission. What a difference to our own limited showing! But, on the other hand, we have got away from this medium of promotion, blending our T.V. presentation into our own organisation with the least interference as possible.

## PRAGUE

Touring this beautiful city of Prague brought many portent thoughts and, now a memory, of asking the hotel waiter for a typical Czech meal. The outcome was a lavish plate of meat and dumplings. Certainly not good for the diet, but luscious all the same.

Before entering the plane for Budapest, we experienced a physical and baggage search; it appears the Czechs are very touchy concerning hijacking. At least none of our party carry secret weapons. Our transit journey through the Hungarian capital proved more difficult than was expected. A 2½-hour delay with visa troubles; incidentally, the same problem arose on our return. I do not know just how we should have got in or out without the showing of a

local sporting magazine showing the photo of Chester Barnes to an airport official. (I wonder if he was a local table tennis player?).

What a difference! The European fixture in Budapest was staged in a completely tiered Basket Ball arena, seating 2,000. A complete sell-out, with about 500 outside clamouring for admission. Every inch of the vast hall was covered by spectators, some even hanging on the balcony rails. And never to be forgotten was the tremendous applause for every home success, whether net cord, edge or an opponent's bad mistake. In contrast the feeble support from myself, the team, and one English businessman we had invited along having met him on the plane.

## BUDAPEST

The wonderful victories by the Hungarians, first over the Russians and then ourselves, just shows how the public will react to a winning side. An aftermath—the Hungarian Minister of Sport, who attended the match, on the strength of these results granted their Association the entire money for their team to travel to Nagoya.

Not to be forgotten was the endless round of receptions, dinners, etc., that one has to attend. All in the good cause of 'good relations'. The vivid memory in Sarajevo of toasting in traditional manner a full tumbler of Vodka to cement the Anglo/Russian Friendship. All this at the conclusion of a sumptuous banquet. It was a good thing the Dinner was held in the same hotel as we were staying in.

The Turkish influence of this Southern Yugoslavian town appealed to us all and will, I am sure, be evident in the type of presents which members of our party brought back. The local Club had invited us to take part in a Tournament which is held annually. The previous winners' names would not disgrace a World's title holder list—Richard Bergmann, Johnny Leach, Victor Barna, among many others. A special 25th celebration event will be held next year, we already having received an invitation.



The toast to Charles Wyles is "Bon Voyage" — as drunk by E.T.T.A. Secretary Derek Tremayne.

Photo by Cliff Darley.

## NOVI SAD

The Yugoslavians seem to have a flare for massive organisation, as I am sure will be seen in the 1973 World's. We had the opportunity of seeing two halls which could easily stage these championships. We were told there are at least three others! Just what other country could afford to hold a reception for over 300 persons to launch the following year's 'Open' at Novi Sad. It is interesting to note that both the local and National business firms are obliged under the Law to support events of this nature.

The great pride one has watching Denis Neale and Chester Barnes walk the length of the arena — the Brass Band playing—the Trumpets sounding—they mount the top of the rostrum to receive the trophy as winners of the Yugoslavian Open Doubles Championships. My memory flashes back in an instant to the four wonderful matches against the best in the World. It was almost as if we ourselves had won. Oh! for more of these moments. If nothing else had happened on this tour this alone was worth it.

A lesson learnt, never volunteer to take a young lady shopping in Belgrade for shoes. I just did not know how many shoe shops there were in that City and how many types of shoes.

## HALMSTAD

A later trip to Sweden for the Scandinavian Open was, as expected, expensive but enabled one an opportunity to meet the Chinese delegation on their first appearance in Europe table tennis circles for over six years. Apart from the innumerable players, most of these a little more robust than when seen on previous occasions, there were 15 plus in the entourage.

The Swedish officials did everything possible to make their stay a success, including a visit by the Prime Minister. A youthful gentleman (aged 42), who played table tennis against Kjell Johansson. The Minister's son, we understand, is quite a useful player. We had the pleasure of having Peggy Franks in our party as a representative of the Swaythling Cup. We were both introduced to the Premier.

Incidentally, this is not the first Premier I have met, as I must have played rough and tumble in the school playground with our own Ted Heath, both of us having attended the same school. Little did I know that one day he would be the Prime Minister. And I, the Chairman of a National Sporting Association.

I thought it would be an easy task to speak to the Asian leaders to give them our greetings and invite them to visit England in the near future. But there seemed to be an invisible wall surrounding them. But luck came my way. A telegram from Ivor Montagu (incidentally the longest I have ever received—150 words) served to clinch the issue. A formal, polite interview and a promise to consider a visit next year.

What a pity the Championships were slightly marred by political intrusion. Maybe time will tell!

I have come to the conclusion that after hearing the sweet singing of the South Korean boys and girls, at the finals party, our World Championship team should be chosen only after an audition. Unfortunately, it seems that all our team are prepared to contribute is a garbled version of 'She's coming round the mountain'. At least I could be the conductor!

## COPENHAGEN

Never to be forgotten, the help-yourself meal in Copenhagen. One of those places where you pay a fixed rate and eat as much as you like. So much was consumed by our team that I am quite sure if we ever pass through again, the doors will be shut tight. I still do not understand how it is possible for one of our team to eat eight different plates of dessert and then a whole Pineapple and all this after a hearty main meal!

One of the compensations of the tour is the collection of souvenirs with which one is presented. But even this can be an embarrassment when, overloaded with one's Customs allowance, yet another discreet bottle or two is so generously given at the Airport. Thank goodness for understanding Customs Officers.

One only has to travel on trips such as these to realise the Good-Will the European Associations have towards the E.T.T.A. and for our part we are conscious of the important role we can play in both European and World table tennis circles in the future, continuing the wonderful service given by so many of our distinguished representatives right from the very conception of our International Associations.

## With the Juniors NEW RANKINGS

LANCASHIRE'S Tony Boasman is back in favour with the Selection Committee and from the comparative obscurity of Group "A" he shoots up to No. 2 in the new Junior Ranking List released on Jan. 25.

Yorkshire's Nicky Jarvis keeps his No. 1 spot in the Boys' List but Surrey's Linda Howard gives way at the top of the Girls' List to Lynda Chesson of Kent.

The revised rankings (previous positions in brackets) are:—

### BOYS

1. N. Jarvis (Yorks.) (1)
2. A. Boasman (Lancs.) (A)
3. J. Walker (Yorks.) (2)
4. I. Horsham (Essex) (4)
5. P. Taylor (Beds.) (6)
6. S. Heaps (Ches.) (3)
7. M. Harper (Herts.) (5)
8. P. Guttormsen (Kent) (A)
9. R. Broadmore (Warwks.) (A)
10. D. Alderson (Yorks.) (A)

### GROUP "A"

- R. Aldrich (Middx.)
- P. Bishop (Surrey) (7)
- N. Fulstow (Yorks.)
- R. Hellaby (Essex) (8)
- B. Johns (Ches.)
- \*M. Locke (Essex)
- \*A. Mitchell (Kent)
- J. Nix (Warwks.)
- D. Parker (Lancs.)
- D. Rayner (Yorks.)

### \*New

### GIRLS:

1. Lynda Chesson (Kent) (2)
2. Linda Howard (Surrey) (1)
3. Susan Beckwith (Essex) (A)
4. Janet Hellaby (Essex) (3)
5. Sheila Hamilton (Middx.) (4)
6. Linda Sutton (Yorks.) (5)

### GROUP "A"

- Susan Beazer (Somerset)
- Rebecca Bryant (Somerset)
- Gillian Locke (Essex)
- Suzanne Manning (Lancs.)
- Ann Painter (Middx.) (6)
- \*Elaine Tarten (Essex)
- Judith Walker (Yorks.)

### \*New

## NORTHANTS NOTES

by Gwyn Powell

### MARCHANT OUTSHINES LYON

After a rather disastrous start to this season's County Championships, when they lost 2-8 to Herts II's the Northants senior team, the men especially, has performed well, beating Hunts 7-3, losing narrowly to Norfolk at Dereham and defeating Suffolk 6-4 in an exciting tussle at Wellingborough last month.

Northampton's Steve Lyon has been the most successful home player, having won 6 of his 8 sets, but he has been outshone in the later matches by Wellingborough's Rod Marchant, who has improved greatly since the opening fixtures and with several brilliant displays, especially in the last two matches against Norfolk and Suffolk, has more than justified his No. 1 ranking.

In the Suffolk match, young John Moloney, last year's junior champion, made his senior debut in the doubles events and combined very effectively with Lyon in the men's showing that he will be an able reserve when needed. Although Anne Lenton has won two of her singles the women have generally failed to match up to the standard set by the men, only one set being won out of twelve.

The juniors gained valuable experience in the Midland Division last

season and it was hoped that this year they would quickly develop into a winning combination. Unfortunately they have been struggling right from the start and have only managed to take five sets from three matches, and three of these were against an experimental Bedfordshire side which contained no less than eight players. Regardless of this poor showing the same team has been selected for all matches so far. One of the obvious omissions has been Jane Cherry, undoubtedly the best junior girl in the county, who is good enough to play, and win, for Northampton's women's team in the South East Midlands League.

Entry forms for the County Closed Tournament, to be held at the Drill Hall, Kettering, on Saturday, March 20th should soon be available from officials of the Kettering League, who are organising the event this year. This is the second year running that it has been held in Kettering but last season it was the turn of the Wellingborough league to run it.

The county top team competition should by now have progressed to the final stages, the semi finals being between Y.M.C.A. 'A' and Wayfarers (both from Northampton) and United Tennis Club (Northampton) and Kettering Town. The final is to be held later this month at Castle Ashby at the invitation of County match secretary, Cyril Lakeland.

## WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Ian R. Crickmer

By the time these notes appear and are distributed (by courtesy of the G.P.O.!) only one County match will remain to be played, and focus will be centred on the Worcestershire Closed championships at Redditch Youth Centre on March 14, John Bell and Joyce Lloyd will be defending (literally, as well!) the titles they won last season, but the greatest interest will be in seeing whether any of the younger players can at last topple the members of the "establishment". Closest to achieving this in the past has been Mick Yeates, now retired, three times losing men's finalist in the 1960s. Perhaps the break-through can be made by Brian Jarvis, a player who has demonstrated in County second team matches that he can at times touch the heights of sheer brilliance.

The prediction made by Alan Shepherd at the County Championships A.G.M. that the formation of the Junior Premier Division would lead to closer competition in the regional divisions has certainly proved correct in the case of Junior Division West—nine of the eleven matches to date have resulted in draws or 6-4 margins. The younger players have had greater opportunity to shine, and the stars of the Worcestershire-Gloucestershire match were three 13-year-olds, Malcolm Green and Bill Dawe for the visitors and Ian Schofield for the home side. With Plymouth's Keith James leading Devon's inaugural challenge, Junior West seems at last to compare favourably with the other regions in the development of younger talent.

There are high hopes that all Worcestershire's Leagues will be represented in this season's E.T.T.A. Under-13 competitions. In three cases, the entrants will be sons of well-known local players. Evesham will be nominating Nicholas Mytton, whose father John, a former County Treasurer, is still a regular player in the Vale Town's Worcestershire League team. Dudley will be putting forward Chris Kelmere—father Ken achieved national publicity through his performance in the "Daily Mirror" tournament way back in 1951-52. Worcester's representative will be 11-year-old Simon Claxton, whose enthusiasm has brought his father Frank, City champion in 1938, back into the League fold after fifteen years' absence. Father and son are both performing with success for N.A.L.G.O. 'B' in Division Six, Worcester.

## WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Richard Habgood

### NEW CHAMPIONS

The Warwickshire 'Closed' Championships held at the North Warwickshire Sports Centre, produced two

new singles winners to enter into the record books. Nineteen-years-old Richard Cooper started as the hottest favourite to win the Men's event, and achieved it, but only just. Surprise finalist was Brian Mitchell who, in the quarter-finals, accounted for Derek Munt in three epic games before disposing of Barry Hayward in the semis.

Earlier Cooper had survived a large deficit in the third game against Graham Binney, before scraping through 21-19, but then went on to account for Pat Glynn, and then Ralph Gunnion in the semi-finals. The final itself was a bit of a classic, with no one establishing a clear lead until the end of the third game when Mitchell led 20-17. With three match points against him it seemed to act as a tremendous spur, and Cooper showed just what a courageous player he is by taking six out of the next seven points to win 23-21.

Predictably, Andy Jones won the Women's Singles, defeating Janet Rowley in the final who, in the semis, defeated Marion Stewart, who just could not believe her misfortune when Janet ran out an easy winner.

Runner-up in the Boy's Singles last year—Bob Broadmore made no mistake this time, winning all his rounds with very little difficulty, and this capped a remarkable day for him. In the Men's Singles his first round victim was the No. 6 seed Bob Brown, with Derek Backhouse, always a wily customer, providing the opposition in the second round. Broadmore eventually reached the quarter-finals losing in three very close games to Gunnion.

### RESULTS

M.S.—Semi-finals: R. Cooper bt R. Gunnion, 17, 14, 19.  
B. Mitchell bt. B. Hayward 10, 17.  
M.S.—Final: R. Cooper bt. B. Mitchell 19, 20, 21.  
W.S.—Semi-finals: Mrs. A. Jones bt. V. Russell 2, 0.  
Mrs. J. Rowley bt. Mrs. M. Stewart 2, 0.  
W.S.—Final: Mrs. A. Jones bt. Mrs. J. Rowley 18, 18.  
M.D.—Final: R. Gunnion/P. Glynn bt G. Binney/B. Hayward 16, 11.  
W.D.—Final: A. Jones/J. Rowley bt M. Stewart/E. Lasek 16, 16.  
X.D.—Final: R. Cooper/J. Rowley bt. M. Griffiths/M. Stewart 11, 10.  
J.B.—17—Final: R. Broadmore bt. J. Nix 16, 10.  
J.B.—15—Final: J. Nix bt. E. Lasek 10, 12.  
J.G.—Final: V. Russell bt. D. St. Ledger 18, 18, 18.  
I.S.—21—Final: R. Cooper bt. M. Hall 12, 11.

Pat Glynn returned to the second team for the match against Staffordshire, but unfortunately lost both of his singles in our 8-2 victory. The second division is really hotting up with Nottinghamshire being the most improved county in the division. With ourselves still with a 100% record and Notts, who have only dropped one point, out in front the clash between the two sides is vital for the well being of the first team.

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## SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

It is unfortunate when it takes a big car smash to grab the front-page lead story. The accident near Canterbury on December 31st, which involved Roger Chandler, Peter Williams and Shelagh Hession (the driver) has caused a great deal of concern to all Sussex sports enthusiasts and enormous headlines in the county's evening paper, the "Evening Argus"—"Sussex Sports Stars in Car Crash".

My telephone hardly stopped ringing all day as the national, regional and local press got on to the story. However, Roger is recovering slowly from a broken left wrist and leg injuries and it is the leg that may prove the bigger problem. He has no

thoughts of returning to table tennis for some time—"I'm just glad to be alive," says Roger, and who can blame him!

A certain amount of mystery still surrounds the cause of the accident; just two facts—Shelagh is an extremely capable driver, although she suffered a broken jaw and it is alleged that the driver of the other car, a French Renault, was driving on the right-hand side of the road, soon after leaving the Calais-Dover car ferry. "We came round the bend, and there was this car in our path," said Peter. Both cars were travelling at between 40 and 50 m.p.h.

And so back to table tennis.

Five Sussex teams reached the zone finals of the Coca-Cola team trophy, but only two survived. Brighton, without Chandler crashed to Croydon,

but Crawley juniors came through in the Carter cup and now face East London in the capital, Eastbourne women whitewashed Hastings for the first time 6-0 and now face Portsmouth who were equally impressive in crushing Southampton 9-0.

Crawley have reached two finals in the county inter-league events, the men's Division 1 and second team events, with Hastings and Eastbourne due to clash again in the women's finals.

Sussex now have two families each with two members playing currently for Sussex in the county championships. Judy and Peter Williams in the premier side and Carol and Christine Randall. Carol is now playing for Sussex II and Christine had made two appearances for Sussex juniors.

## ENGLISH OPEN

### "STAR TREK"

Of the sixteen men listed in the current European Rankings only two, Stanislav Gomozkov (8) and Anatoliy Amelin (14) of the U.S.S.R., will be missing from the men's singles entry for the 44th English Open Championships to be played in the Dome and Corn Exchange Brighton from Feb. 25th—27th.

Sweden's European champion, Hans Alser (1) heads the following all-star cast:—Istvan Korpa (Yugoslavia), Kjell Johannsson (Sweden), Eberhard Scholer (Federal Germany), Dragutin Surbek (Yugoslavia), Stellan Bengtsson (Sweden), Tibor Klampar (Hungary), Anton Stipanovic (Yugoslavia), Denis Neale (England), Stefan Kollarovits (Czechoslovakia) (holder) Melevoy Karakasevic (Yugoslavia), Istvan Jonyer (Hungary), Jacques Secretin (France) and Wilfried Lieck (Federal Germany).

Holder Maria Alexandru (Rumania), ranked No. 3 in Europe, will head the seeds in the counterpart women's event for which nine out of the sixteen European ranked players are entered. Other than the holder, they are: Diane Scholer (Federal Germany), Agnes Simon (Federal Germany), Eleanora Mihalca (Rumania), Beatrix Kishazi (Hungary), Mirjana Resler (Yugoslavia), Jill Shirley (England), Marita Neidert (Sweden) and Alicia Grofova (Czechoslovakia).

Unseeded is a former holder Marta Hejmova (nee Luzova) of Federal Germany who, playing for her native Czechoslovakia, won the title in 1965, beating Maria Alexandru in that never-to-be-forgotten final.

### CZECHOSLOVAKIAN OPEN

Played in Ostrava over the period Jan. 30—Feb. 2 final results in the Czech Open were:—

M.S.: Klampar (Hungary) bt Jonyer (Hungary) 19, 11, -7, 12.

W.S.: Alexandru (Rumania) bt. I. Vostova (Czecho.) -20, 12, -17, 13, 16.

M.D.: Jonyer/Klampar bt M. Orlovski/J. Turai (Czecho.) 14, 9, 20.

W.D.: S. Grinberg/Z. Rudnova (USSR) bt Alexandru/Mihalca (Rumania) 15, -16, 13, 19.

X.D.: Jonyer/J. Magos (Hungary) bt Turai/Vostova -18, 15, 21, -10, 19.

Men's Team: Sweden (Alser, Bengtsson) bt Czechoslovakia II (Orlovski/Turai) 3-2.

Women's Team: U.S.S.R. (Grinberg, Rudnova) bt Czechoslovakia (Grofova, Vostova) 3-1.

### Oxfordshire Open

M.S.: C. Barnes (Essex) bt T. Taylor (Essex).

W.S.: S. Howard (Surrey) bt L. Radford (Essex).

### Kent Open

M.S.: O. Haslam (Middx.) bt F. Nilam (Middx.).

W.S.: L. Radford (Essex) bt L. Howard (Surrey).

Fuller details of the Czech, Oxon and Kent Opens will appear in the March issue when, it is hoped, the postal strike will be over. Ed.

### Table Tennis Table

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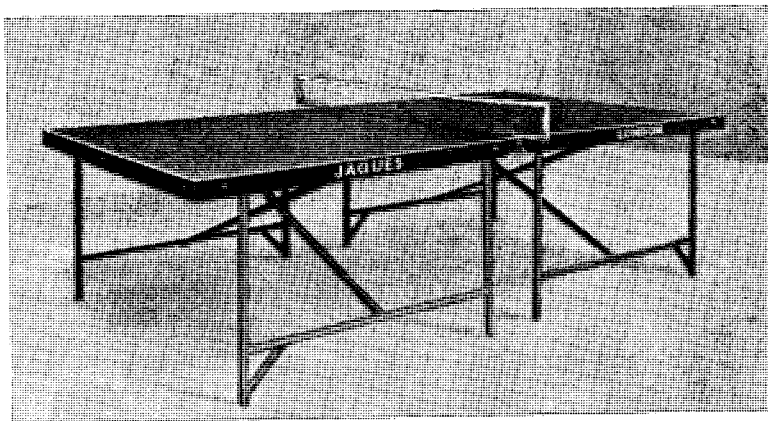
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## LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Phillip Reid

### NOT UNFAIR

My apologies to Leicestershire readers that my last month's notes were not included—they were sent in time—just that it isn't possible to get a quart into a pint pot. But nobody can say editor George Yates is unfair—even his own Lancashire Notes were excluded—you can't be much fairer than that!

On the County front, Leicestershire have had two successes—the seniors visited Bristol where they beat Gloucestershire 6-4 in a 2nd Division (Midland) match. Each of the team made a contribution—Glenys Odams and Barbara Webster were undefeated

and each of the men—Charlie Jacques, Graham Hughes and Paul Randell—won one.

The Veterans concluded a very enjoyable (but short!) season by beating Staffordshire 6-3. Two highlights here—Bryan Hall, called in for the indisposed John Ellis at the last moment, had two good wins in the singles and also won the mixed with Jose Rogers. Jose also had a good night. After over twenty years of trying, Jose finally beat Marjorie Cumberbatch! "It made my season," she told me.

Leicester have only one team left in the 'Coca-Cola' National Team Competition. The women lost 5-4 to West Bromwich and the boys lost all nine sets against Birmingham. The girls, however, are still there to

carry our hopes. A fine 5-4 win over Birmingham moves them to pastures new when they play Hull.

Loughborough are also out with a narrow 5-4 loss against Birmingham in the Bromfield Trophy.

The Y.M.C.A. Invitation Tournament brought a great final with Paul Randell beating Graham Hughes. Randell won every set in two games and Hughes performed a like feat on his way to the final. A double for Karen Rogers who won both the Women's Singles and Girls' Singles, on each occasion beating the talented Anita Stevenson (Loughborough) in the final. Paul Randell also took the Intermediate Singles whilst 10-years-old Chris Rogers won the Under-15 event. Clive Stretton took the Boys' Singles. The Restricted Singles went

to Bob Files but spare a thought for David Barry—who reached three finals but lost them all! Men's Doubles went to John Iliffe and Maurice Newman with Glenys Odams and Pat Kilsby winning the Women's Doubles. Pat had further success when, partnered by John Rogers, won the Mixed. Karen and Chris Rogers won the Junior Doubles. Not to be outdone mother Jose (wife of John, mother of Karen and Chris) won the Mixed Doubles partnered by John Corral.

Chris Brewer won both the Loughborough Restricted Men's Singles and the Sports Centre Men's Singles but his colours were lowered in the Sports Centre Intermediate Singles where he lost to Terry Hall. It was, however, Stephen Harding who won the event. The Restricted Doubles went to Ivor Billson and Peter West with the Women's Singles being confidently taken by Rosemary North. In the Sports Centre Championships, Anita Stevenson beat her mother, Jane, in the final, with Peter Angrave having a great win over County No. 2, Clive Stretton in the Boy's Singles. Terry Hall and Chris Brewer took the Men's Doubles.

In the "Player of the Season" event in Leicester, Graham Hughes has a narrow lead over Paul Randell but no-one else has more than a mathematical chance of finishing top. In the Loughborough 'Star Champion' event Chris Brewer leads.

The Leicestershire Towns League, which is being played over two weekends got off to a great start at Loughborough, and Leicester now look favourites to win. All five leagues are competing—for the first time. So are all the top players, which makes the event much more worth while.

In the Rose Johnson Bowl there has been yet another tie—between Northwood and Grieves. Grieves, however, won the return by 50 points.

In the Rose Johnson Cup, Leicester Y.M.C.A. play Barwell Constitutional and a close game is expected. The winners should go on to take the cup.

Midland League wise, results are very encouraging. Leicester 'A' should easily top the 2nd Division (Men's) where they are the only undefeated team and Graham Hughes is the only undefeated player. The 2nd team, too, are doing well. Although the 3rd team have not done as well as had been hoped, Alan Philpott is showing great form. The women are breaking even and with so many promising players in the pipeline can look forward to even better things. As expected the Juniors have rather struggled this season but the form showed by David Barry, Chris Rogers and Graham Hall has been most encouraging. David Barry, unfortunately will not be available next season—he is emigrating to Australia in the Summer. The Veterans are having mixed fortunes—the 1st team are well-placed near the top of the chart but the 2nd team have collected only one point. With players of the class of Bryan Hall, Fred Day and Harry Ward in the team this seems surprising but there is time enough yet for them to pick up.

Loughborough's Intermediate and Junior teams both top the chart and there is no doubt their youth policy is bringing good results. The ladies are having a reasonable season but are likely to improve with players of the talent of Janet Billson and Anita Stevenson—both improving all the time—to call on.

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# YORKSHIRE NOTES

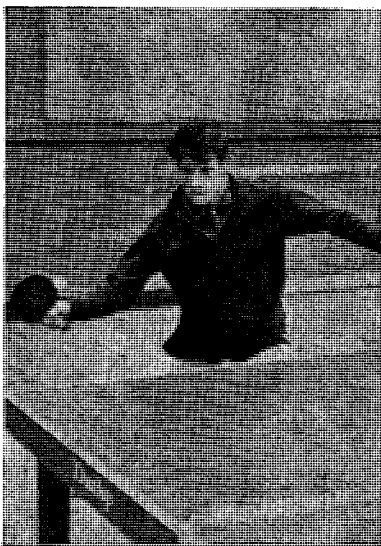
by Cliff Darley

## POLICY JUSTIFIED

The policy of playing Juniors in our 2nd team certainly paid off when we had to field an all-teenage side in the Premier Division, probably the youngest ever in this division, and beat the experienced Surrey team of Warren, Penfold, Bill and Susan Howard away 7-2.

Tony Clayton, Nicky Jarvis, Alan Fletcher and Linda Bashford did us proud. Denis Neale will be back in the County side next season to join forces with Alan Hydes, Clayton and Jarvis, and with such crowd-pulling potential, the committee are looking at a suggestion for playing our home P.D. matches at various towns throughout the County in an effort to offset the ever-increasing costs of running the County teams. If you think you can stage a match and pull in 300 or more spectators, please let me know as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Peter Hirst, who takes up the appointment as E.T.T.A. Staff Coach for the South-East on Mar. 1. Peter will be in charge of a course for potential coaches at the Judean Club, Leeds, to be held on Sundays, Feb. 7, 21, and 28. Details can be obtained from your League Secretary.



Peter Hirst, the newly appointed E.T.T.A. Staff Coach (South East).

—Photo by Cliff Darley.

Bert Dainty, the Yorkshire County Match Secretary, is no player but he walked away with both raffle prizes at the Lancashire Open. Incidentally, Bert has a change of 'phone number. It is now Doncaster 852164.

A good entry was received for the Bradford Closed due to have been played on Jan. 30. I am informed by the Bradford League that this date was a league decision and not just a date to fit in with the commitments of Frank Briggs, as Malcolm Hartley suggested in his column in the Telegraph and Argus.

Due to the postal strike, little information has come through for this column. But you can get me at the 'local' most nights between 10 and 11 p.m. 'Phone Pontefract 3573.

# SURREY SCHOOLS

## TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

A large entry meant continuous play on twelve tables for 7½ hours. A feature of the results was the dominance of the Girls under 19 singles by Nonsuch who provided all four semi-finalists. Marathon Girls under 19 doubles final.

### Boys Under 19, Singles

D. Bishop (Tiffin) bt C. Chapman (Surbiton) -19,17,15.

### Boys Under 19, Doubles

G. Brouwer & K. Falconer (Kings-ton) bt G. Chick & P. Matthews (Southborough) -14,14,16.

### Girls Under 19, Singles

D. Sutcliffe (Nonsuch) bt K. Klietz (Nonsuch) 19,20.

### Girls Under 19, Doubles

A. Crisp & A. Morris (Coombe) bt

K. Klietz & A. Stork (Nonsuch) -18, 30, 16.

### Boys Under 15, Singles

B. McCabe (St. Georges) bt P. Matthews 12, 15.

### Boys Under 15, Doubles

M. MacCabe & A. McGloin (St. Georges) bt J. Hampton & J. Sutcliffe (Tiffin) 14, 9.

### Girls Under 15, Singles

S. Tame (Nork Park) bt S. Ryde (Tolworth) -10, 20, 14.

### Girls Under 15, Doubles

K. Greenough & A. Martin (Nonsuch) bt S. Ryde & J. Kemp (Tolworth) -10, 20, 17.

### Boys Under 13, Singles

A. Bull (St. Georges) bt I. Girdler (Spencer Park) -14, 22, 12.

### Girls Under 13, Singles (Group)

1st K. Greenough.  
2nd S. Clarke (Rosebery)

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>2 West</b>							
Glam .....	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
Devon .....	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Somerset .....	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Dorset .....	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Wilts .....	5	1	1	3	22	28	3
Cornwall .....	4	1	0	3	12	28	2
Mon .....	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

### Southern

Sussex II .....	4	4	0	0	34	6	8
Hants II .....	3	2	0	1	13	17	4
Berks .....	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Oxon .....	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

### Eastern

Herts II .....	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Cambs .....	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Norfolk .....	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Northants ..	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Hunts .....	4	0	2	2	14	26	2
Suffolk .....	4	0	1	3	15	25	1

### Northern

Notts II .....	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Nthmld II ..	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Derbys II ..	2	0	1	1	8	12	1

### Midland

Glam II .....	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Staffs II .....	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Worcs II .....	4	1	1	2	20	20	3
Salop .....	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Denbighs .....	3	0	1	2	7	23	1

### Junior Premier

Lancs .....	5	3	2	0	30	20	8
Middlesex ..	5	3	1	1	31	19	7
Essex .....	4	2	2	0	28	12	6
Yorks .....	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Kent .....	4	2	1	1	26	14	5
Warks .....	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Herts .....	5	0	0	5	16	34	0
Glam .....	5	0	0	5	5	45	0

### Junior South

Surrey .....	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Sussex .....	5	4	0	1	32	18	8
Hants .....	5	3	0	2	30	20	6
Berks .....	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
Bucks .....	5	0	0	5	9	41	0

### Junior North

Cheshire .....	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Durham .....	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Lincs .....	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Derbys .....	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Nthmld .....	3	0	1	2	8	22	1

### Junior Midland

Warks II .....	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Staffs .....	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Beds .....	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Leics .....	4	0	3	1	19	21	3
Notts .....	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Northants ..	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

### Junior East

Essex II .....	4	3	1	0	31	9	7
Suffolk .....	4	3	0	1	23	17	6
Cambs .....	4	2	1	1	20	20	5
Norfolk .....	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Hunts .....	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Herts II .....	4	0	0	4	11	29	0

### Junior West

Devon .....	4	4	0	0	25	15	8
Wilts .....	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Gloucs .....	4	1	2	1	21	19	4
Worcs .....	4	1	1	2	22	18	3
Somerset .....	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Mon .....	4	0	1	3	13	27	1

### Veteran South (Final Table)

Oxon .....	3	3	-	0	22	5	6
Essex .....	3	2	-	1	20	7	4
Herts .....	3	1	-	2	9	18	2
Hants .....	3	0	-	3	3	24	0

### Veteran Midland (Final Table)

Notts .....	3	3	-	0	16	11	6
Ches .....	3	2	-	1	18	9	4
Leics .....	3	1	-	2	13	14	2
Staffs .....	3	0	-	3	7	20	0

# COUNTY DIARY

## FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR FEBRUARY, 1971

### PREMIER DIVISION

Feb. 13	Bucks v. Kent	Elmhurst Youth Centre, 36 Fairfax Crescent, Aylesbury.	7-00 p.m.
	Sussex v. Surrey	St. Mary's School Hall, Windmill Lane, East Grinstead.	7-30 p.m.
	Warwicks v. Essex	Cheylesmore Community Centre, Black Prince Avenue, Coventry.	7-00 p.m.
	Yorkshire v. Middlesex	Messrs. Field & Co. Canteen, Clayton Road, Bradford.	7-00 p.m.

### SECOND DIVISION — SOUTH

Feb. 13	Essex II v. Middlesex II	St. Peter's School, Southminster Road, Burnham-on-Crouch.	7-00 p.m.
	Kent II v. Hampshire	Satellite Youth Centre, Grosvenor Recreation Ground, Tunbridge Wells.	7-00 p.m.
	Surrey II v. Hertfordshire	Banstead Hospital, Belmont, Sutton.	7-00 p.m.

### SECOND DIVISION — NORTH

Feb. 13	Cheshire v. Yorkshire II	Y.M.C.A., Gatley, Stockport.	7-15 p.m.
	Lancashire v. Derbyshire	Alfred Turner Secondary School, Prospect Road, off Liverpool Road, Cadishead.	7-15 p.m.
	Lincolnshire v. Durham	Victoria Hall, Victoria Road, Louth.	7-00 p.m.

### SECOND DIVISION — MIDLAND

Feb. 13	Worcestershire v. Staffordshire	Kidderminster Corn Exchange	7-00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Leicestershire v. Bedfordshire	Loughborough Sports Centre, Granby Street, Loughborough.	3-00 p.m.

### SECOND DIVISION — WEST

Feb. 13	Dorset v. Cornwall	Dorchester Youth Centre, Colliton Street, Dorchester.	7-15 p.m.
	Somerset v. Monmouthshire	Percy Boys' Club, New King Street, Bath.	7-00 p.m.

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

Feb. 13	Berkshire v. Oxfordshire		
Mar. 6	Berkshire v. Hampshire II		

### EASTERN DIVISION

Feb. 13	Hunts v. Norfolk	Eaton Socon Institute, Eaton Socon.	7-30 p.m.
	Northants v. Cambridgeshire	Doddridge Church Rooms, Doddridge Street, Northampton.	7-00 p.m.
Feb. 20	Hertfordshire II v. Suffolk	Marconi Ltd., Old Ballito Factory, Hatfield Road, St. Albans.	7-00 p.m.

### MIDLAND DIVISION

Feb. 13	Denbighshire v. Shropshire		
	Glamorgan II v. Staffordshire II		

### NORTHERN DIVISION

Feb. 13	Northumberland II v. Nottinghamshire II	Room D6, Y.M.C.A., Youth Centre, Church Way, North Shields.	3-00 p.m.
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### JUNIOR PREMIER

Feb. 5	Middlesex v. Essex	Southall G. T. School, Boyd Avenue, Southall.	7-00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Glamorgan v. Hertfordshire	Warwickshire v. Essex, Cheylesmore Community Centre, Black Prince Avenue, Coventry.	3-00 p.m.
	Lancashire v. Kent	Alfred Turner Secondary School, Prospect Road, off Liverpool Road, Cadishead.	2-30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Yorkshire v. Kent	Sedburgh Boys' Club, Huddersfield Road, Odsal Top, Bradford.	2-00 p.m.

### JUNIOR SOUTH

Feb. 13	Hampshire v. Buckinghamshire		
	Surrey v. Berkshire	Tweedale School, Paisley Road, Carshalton.	3-30 p.m.
Feb. 27	Bucks v. Surrey		
Feb. 28	Sussex v. Hampshire		

### JUNIOR NORTH

Feb. 13	Lincs v. Durham	Victoria Hall, Victoria Road, Louth.	3-00 p.m.
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### JUNIOR MIDLAND

Feb. 12	Staffordshire v. Warwickshire II	Stone	
Feb. 13	Leicestershire v. Northamptonshire	Knighton Park T.T.C., Avenue Road Extension, Leicester.	3-00 p.m.
	Nottinghamshire v. Bedfordshire	Nottingham T.T.L. H.Q., Beech Avenue, New Basford, Nottingham.	7-15 p.m.

### JUNIOR EAST

Feb. 6	Herts II v. Norfolk	Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South, Letchworth.	3-00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Cambridgeshire v. Huntingdonshire	Soham T.T.C., High Street, Soham.	2-30 p.m.
	Essex II v. Suffolk	Maldon Wanderers T.T.C., The Auction Rooms, Maldon Market, Maldon.	2-30 p.m.

### JUNIOR WEST

Feb. 13	Gloucestershire v. Devon		
	Monmouthshire v. Somerset	Alcan Welfare Hall, Rogerstone.	3-30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Worcestershire v. Wiltshire	Cripplegate Bowling Pavilion, Tybridge Street, Worcester.	3-00 p.m.

# County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

## ESSEX REGAIN PREMIER TITLE

As expected, Essex regained the Premier title and in so doing ran up their 5th success in seven seasons. A powerful side with no weakness, they deserve their success.

At the other end, Kent should beat Bucks and escape danger while both the other teams in trouble have to play Sussex.

In 2nd North, both Lancashire and Cheshire have to play Yorkshire II; the former also entertain Derbyshire and the latter must visit Northumberland.

Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire will probably by now have settled 2nd Midland and Glamorgan are unlikely to be caught in 2nd West.

Junior Premier promises interest to the very end with important matches still to come. By winning Veteran South, Oxon record only their second division win (Alf Davies was in that side too) and their challenge match or matches with Notts (who beat Cheshire missing Derek Schofield) promises to be close.

## PREMIER DIVISION

### Essex 8, Yorkshire 1

C. Barnes bt A. Hydes 14, 16; bt. A. Clayton 14, 17. T. Taylor bt Hydes -15, 16, 22; bt N. Jarvis 12, 17. D. Brown bt Clayton -19, 19, 18; bt Jarvis 11, 17. Barnes and Taylor bt Hydes and Jarvis 10, -8, 9. Mrs. L. Radford conceded to Miss L. Bashford. Brown and Radford bt Clayton and Bashford 20, 20.

First class play in matching conditions. Trevor Taylor and Alan Hydes started with a real nail-biter—many long rallies and the narrowest of wins for Taylor. Taken ill after XD, Lesley Radford had to concede to Linda Bashford (the visitors only success). Some consolation for David Brown for his English Closed defeat came when he overcame Tony Clayton in a tight set. Most spectacular shot a Hydes right-handed forehand return of a Barnes kill that shocked the Essex man.

### Middlesex 7, Buckinghamshire 2

O. Haslam bt P. Shirley 18, 17; bt S. Hahn 19, 20. M. Sugden bt P. Shirley 12, 18; conceded to P. Sears. B. Petch bt Hahn 12, 14; bt Sears 19, 14. Haslam and Sugden bt Hahn and Sears 20, 13. Mrs. K. Mathews bt Miss J. Shirley 14, 19. Petch and Mathews lost to Shirley and Shirley -10, -15.

Little excitement in a match lasting less than two hours. A repeat of her 'Closed' success for Karenza Mathews who, despite trailing 2-8 in second, never really looked in trouble. Good hitting from Haslam and Petch: a return of Malcolm Sugden's back trouble caused forfeiture of his last set.

### Surrey 3, Kent 6

R. Penfold lost to A. Piddock -6, 14, -14; lost to J. Dabin -21, 16, -15. C. Warren bt Piddock -17, 13, 14; bt K. Baker 15, 19. B. Hill lost to Dabin -19, 16, -18; bt Baker 18, 16, 17. Penfold and Warren lost to Baker and Piddock -22, 13, -13. Miss

S. Howard lost to Mrs. P. Piddock -13, -14. Hill and Howard lost to Dabin and Piddock -15, -20.

A bad result for Surrey, with both doubles lost. Connie Warren the best home player and a nice maximum for John Dabin.

## 2nd SOUTH

### Hampshire 2, Essex II 8

### Hertfordshire 1, Middlesex II 9

Five 3-game sets all won by Middlesex: in one of these Firoz Nilam lost the first to Barry White, broke his bat when falling and 8-12 down in 2nd, but recovered to win with a borrowed bat!

### Kent II 8, Buckinghamshire II 2.

## 2nd NORTH

### Cheshire 5, Lancashire 5.

A match worthy of the large, enthusiastic crowd. Great set between Mike Johns and Tony Boasman with prolonged applause for Johns -19, 16, 20 win. How well Boasman is bridging the Junior - Senior gap! Comfortable win for Judy Heaps after shaky first v. Susan Lisle and the match result leaves both Counties with everything to play for.

### Durham 6, Derbyshire 4.

A good result for Durham in a very even match. They led 5-4 when Malcolm Corking took on Colin Deaton for the final set. 10-all in 3rd, became 15-10, then 19-11 to Corking. Deaton's fight-back reduced this to 19-17 but he could do no more. Two good MS wins for Wilf Barker, also MD.

### Yorkshire II 4, Northumberland 6.

With Maureen Robson back the visitors were at full strength and well worth their win. Jimmy Walker turned in terrific performance which included the removal of Alan Ransome's unbeaten record by 6, 16.

## 2nd MIDLAND

### Gloucestershire 4, Leicestershire 6.

Best crowd of the season saw Roy Morley in good form and again unbeaten, but unable to stop narrow victory for visitors.

### Warwickshire II 8, Staffordshire 2.

### Bedfordshire 5, Worcestershire 5

In some ways an interesting match but the expedite which follows Worcs around was here again!

## 2nd WEST

### Devon 6, Somerset 4

A determined effort by Barry Davis made this possible: 11-16 down in 3rd v Tony Kinsey, he won -14, 10, 19. On-form, Cleve Judson then clinched the match with his second win of the evening. Visitors missed John Hartry.

### Monmouthshire 1, Glamorgan 9

By far the best performance by Monmouths this season despite result. Nice win by -12, 15, 19 over Graham Davies for Haydn Thomas and in general an encouraging team display. Glamorgan's best team for some seasons?

### Wiltshire 4, Dorset 6

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

### Oxfordshire 0, Sussex II 10

## EASTERN DIVISION

### Norfolk 3, Hertfordshire II 7

Any hopes of a draw vanished when XD slipped away. Very friendly match.

### Cambridgeshire 9, Huntingdonshire 1

Camb's far too strong and led 6-0 before Alan Albon beat Dick Clode 10, -19, 11 for Hunts' only success.

### Northamptonshire 6, Suffolk 4

Roderick Marchant and Steve Lyon each took two MS, the latter pairing with John Molony on debut in MD. Dianne and Jeanne Youngs, as so often, kept the score respectable.

## NORTHERN DIVISION

### Derbyshire II 5, Nottinghamshire II 5

## MIDLAND DIVISION

### Staffordshire II 9, Denbighshire 1

### Worcestershire II 3, Glamorgan II 7

All six MS to the visitors, but they had to fight for them, particularly Philip Parker v Brian Jarvis, won by Parker -20, 18, 22 after trailing 12-15 in 3rd. Parker notched a maximum as did Janet Hunt for Worcs in WS and WD. Clive Kendall showed promise for Worcs.

## JUNIOR PREMIER

### Essex 8, Hertfordshire 2

First set to Michael Harper v Graham Blomfield and GD also to the visitors who trailed 2-3 after tight BD. Remaining sets all two straight.

### Glamorgan 3, Warwickshire 7

### Lancashire 5, Middlesex 5

Two BS each for Tony Boasman and Donald Parker and they took BD also. Sheila Hamilton and Ann Painter restored the balance for a fair result.

### Yorkshire 8, Middlesex 2

This not unexpected result has thrown the division wide open: at time of writing, any of the top five could come through! Yorks boys in touch dropping only one game and Linda Sutton had -19, 12, 18 revenge over Sheila Hamilton for GS Yorks Junior result.

## JUNIOR SOUTH

### Buckinghamshire 3, Sussex 7

### Hampshire 7, Berkshire 3

Although Gary Harding played well Hants were in control. Very nice 13, -12, 14 win for Lesley King over Wendy Slade.

## JUNIOR NORTH

### Durham 7, Derbyshire 3

First meeting of these Counties at this level—some good open attacking play. The real difference the experience of Cynthia Waite and Brenda Murtaugh, who were unbeaten, as was J. Crawford, although he needed 3rd game each time.

## JUNIOR MIDLAND

### Staffordshire 9, Northamptonshire 1

Six times the visitors took the first game, but only in BD could they find another to go with it. Possibly the home team a little too confident as they usually had control in the later stages. Best two sets the last, with

Keith Fellows beating Steve Crawley -29, 12, 15, Stephen Dunning beating Andrew Wallis -20, 16, 14.

### Warwickshire 6, Bedfordshire 4

## JUNIOR EAST

### Norfolk 6, Huntingdonshire 4

### Suffolk 4, Cambridgeshire 6

The home team, after such a good start to the season, seemed over-eager and paid dearly for it.

## JUNIOR WEST

### Wiltshire 5, Monmouthshire 5

### Worcestershire 5, Gloucestershire 5

From 1-4 down Gloucs led 5-4 and were best served by Malcolm Green who pulled out all the stops to beat Trevor Gatfield -21, 18, 15 and by William Dawe, who saw off Lewis Colley. Ian Schofield had not expected to have to play to save a point but did so easily.

### Somerset 3, Devon 7

The division to Devon at their first attempt! Well done.

## VETERAN SOUTH

### Essex 8, Hertfordshire 1

### Oxfordshire 9, Hampshire 0

Playing for the division Oxon made no mistake.

## VETERAN NORTH

### Nottinghamshire 5, Cheshire 4

1-4 down, Cheshire pulled back to 4-all. Then John Burraston beat former Notts colleague A. Summerfield 2, 15 to clinch match and division.

### Leicestershire 6, Staffordshire 3

First ever win for Jose Rogers over Marjorie Cumberbatch after 20 years of trying! Fine sporting spirit, typical of that shown throughout season.

## County Table Tennis Championships

Divisional Tables up to and including 24/1/71.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Premier</b>							
Essex .....	6	6	-	0	45	9	12
Middlesex ..	6	4	-	2	33	21	8
Yorks .....	6	4	-	2	30	24	8
Sussex .....	5	4	-	1	25	20	8
Kent .....	6	2	-	4	21	33	4
Surrey .....	6	2	-	4	21	33	4
Warks .....	5	1	-	4	19	26	2
Bucks .....	6	0	-	6	13	41	0
<b>2nd South</b>							
Middlesex II	4	4	0	0	35	5	8
Essex II .....	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Kent II .....	4	3	0	1	27	13	6
Surrey II .....	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Hants .....	5	1	1	3	19	31	3
Herts .....	4	0	1	3	9	31	1
Bucks II .....	5	0	0	5	8	32	0
<b>2 North</b>							
Lancs .....	4	3	1	0	28	12	7
Ches .....	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Nthmld .....	5	3	0	2	29	21	6
Yorks II .....	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Derbys .....	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Durham .....	5	1	0	4	15	35	2
Lincolnshire	4	0	0	4	13	27	0
<b>2 Midland</b>							
Warks II .....	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Notts .....	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Leics .....	5	2	2	1	26	24	6
Gloucs .....	5	1	1	3	23	27	3
Staffs .....	4	0	2	2	14	26	2
Worcs .....	4	0	2	2	16	24	2
Beds .....	4	0	2	2	16	24	2

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