

Do you deserve to be Rich? For just £5 per month you can receive over £19,500.

INTERESTED? Complete slip and return to . . .

BARRY MEISEL UNIT TRUST,
PARKSIDE INSURANCE AGENCY,
32 PARKSIDE AVE., BICKLEY, KENT.
Phone 01-464-2963.

Name
Address
Age.....

Table Tennis News

Official Journal of the English Table Tennis Association

Edited by George Yates

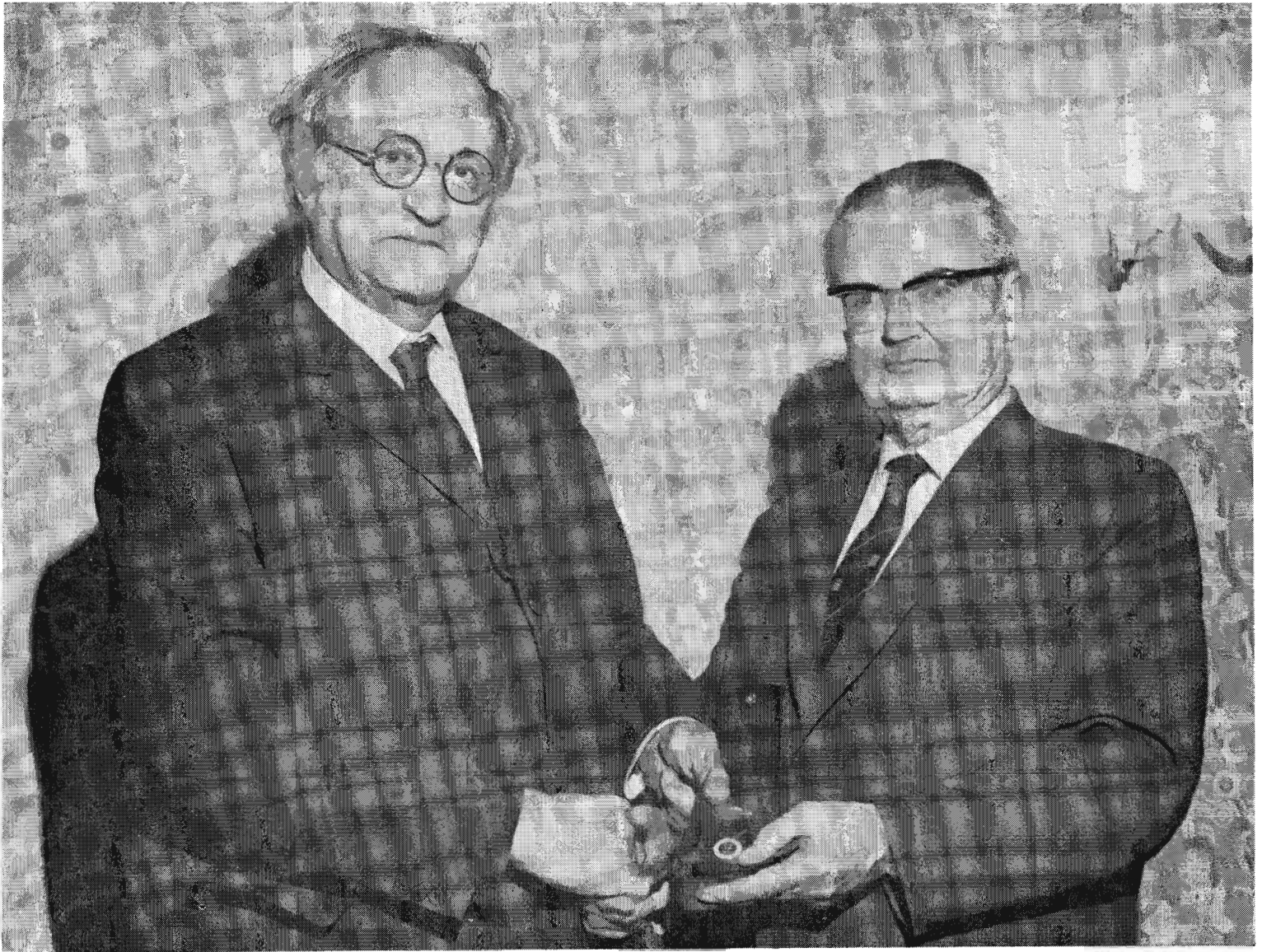
No. 38

MARCH 1971

Price 7½p

Hon. Life Vice-President

Statesmen Extraordinary



The Hon. Ivor Montagu (left) and A. K. 'Bill' Vint, O.B.E.

Photo by PETER MADGE

This month's Star Feature

44th English Open Championships

by DAVID LUDDY and JOHN WOODFORD

TABLE TENNIS NEWS

Published on the 10th of each month, October to May inclusive, Postal subscriptions 15/- for eight issues post free.

Advertisements: Derek R. Tremayne, General Secretary, E.T.T.A., 26-29 Park Crescent, London. W1N 4HA. 'Phone: 01-580 6312.

Circulation: David R. Wolstencroft, 11, Aireworth Street, Wingates, Westhoughton, Lancs. 'Phone: Westhoughton 2021.

Editorial: George R. Yates, 43, Knowsley Road, Smithills, Bolton, Lancs. 'Phone: Bolton 42223.

Caretaker Government

LIKE the hangman of former days whose approaching footsteps heralded doom for the unfortunate inmate of the condemned cell, so it is for those whose recreational pursuits are activated within the 'narrow' confines of an establishment in the charge of a caretaker.

How often has the jingle of his bunch of keys sounded the sad lament attendant on the cessation of activities on a table tennis table?

Whether or not the score stands at 20-all in the third game of the final set is of no matter to the duly appointed custodian.

A let must be applied whilst the pronouncement is made that the hour of his retirement is nigh and woe betide those not to take due heed.

Paid employees or not, a great many of these janitors wield a stick of authority more in keeping with the subjugation of a prison riot.

And yet their word is law and few indeed are those to question it with success.

Far better to do as the Barnet and Ipswich leagues have done and open up purpose built premises which belong, and are presided over by people who have the game at heart and whose directives are not wholly dictated by the hands of a clock.

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Patron: Her Majesty the Queen

President: A. K. Vint, O.B.E.

Chairman: C. M. Wyles.

Deputy Chairman: G. R. Yates.

Hon. Treasurer: T. Blunn.

Management Committee:

I. R. Crickmer, M. Goldstein,

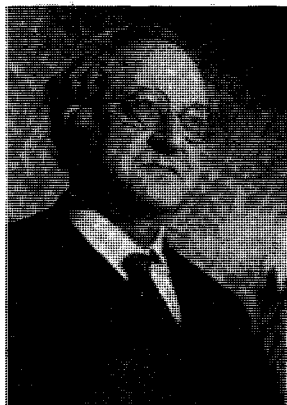
L. Hoffman and K. Watts.

Table Tennis and South Africa

A continuation of last month's article

by **The Hon. Ivor Montagu**

Founder President of the International Table Tennis Federation



The Hon. Ivor Montagu
Photo by Peter Madge.

UNOBJECTIONABLE

London-Scots, London-Irish, London-Welsh teams had long been an unoffending feature of the British sporting scene. We understood that they did not look closely at the birth certificates and ancestry of those who played in them.

The Y.M.C.A. teams are not restricted to Christians (I have played for them at football and table tennis). The Indian Students Hostel—a great London Table Tennis team in early days—was always open to membership by non-Indians and we were assured by the Maccabi organisation that, though this sports body was part of the life of the social life of the Jewish community, there was no religious or racial test for those who wished to join it.

It seemed to us unobjectionable that groups of mutually compatible people should get together in sport provided they did so voluntarily, excluded no one on social or religious, etc., grounds, and provided that membership of the national association itself, its consequent rights and facilities, as well as open events were not subject to any restriction.

Troubles were by no means over, however. In due course I received a letter from a US table tennis official (also to be nameless) explaining that when he had accepted the resolution in Paris he had thought that the discrimination it abolished referred only to Jews, he did not appreciate that it was meant to apply also to Negroes; that it would ruin table tennis—and turn those in USA who played it into social pariahs if they consorted with Negroes, but that he had thought of a way round the problem that year; the championships would be held in a hotel that did not admit Negroes, the association would accept their entries and so be "all right" with the ITTF, but if any wearing the fatal skin-colour did enter the event they would not get into the building.

Oh dear, oh dear, how tortuous (and how evil) is the self-righteous mind.

SOCIAL PRESSURES

It was only while we were straight-

ening all this out that, for the first time, the South African question arose. J.M. Rose, our English Table Tennis pioneer of the Villa ball and donor of the J. M. Rose Bowl for women's team competition, spent a holiday in South Africa, tried to encourage the game there and found already the two separate associations we have already described: the Union (SATTU) and the Board (SATTB).

At that time, although there were very strong social pressures against social or sporting contact among the races—there were no laws actually forbidding mixed sport—as was at the time falsely claimed often on behalf of the SATTU. (The law forbade only mixed 'contact' sport, e.g. boxing, wrestling. Whether football ranked as such was doubtful). In fact the relations between the two were not at that time bad. Matches were occasionally played across the lines, and foreign players sometimes foregathered with both.

At first the ITTF tried to bring the two bodies together on the basis of its practice—domestic play a matter for home regulation, open and international play in accordance with ITTF principle and regulation. It suggested as basis for agreement: a joint board composed of both bodies, which board, as representing all, should hold the ITTF membership. Meanwhile each body should manage its own affairs in its own way but no national open championships should be held, or national team selected, without agreement of both via the joint board.

OUT OF THE QUESTION

There is no doubt such a solution would have been possible in accordance with the ITTF constitution at that time. What would have been the outcome cannot be guessed. At the outset, the Union would not hear of it. Later, with the sharpening of social pressures against the Board, and the hardening of administrative measures, it became out of the question.

From the start it was apparent that the SATTU by itself was ineligible for the ITTF as it could not be regarded as even potentially fully representative of South Africa. I well remember the first time its application came before the ITTF, at the AGM in London in 1948. It was the first examined by a commission including delegates of England, Wales, France, U.S.A., U.A.R. (at that time the only African member) and Trinidad (the nominated delegate from Trinidad, Sir Learie Constantine, could not attend, so the preliminary enquiries were left to the other five).

These five listened patiently and finally came the crucial question. "What proportion of the population do your players represent?" The unfortunate SATTU delegate thought he was at last on to a good thing. "There are about 1½ million Europeans, ½ a million Asiatics, 1 million coloured, and 10 million Bantu," he assured

eagerly. "That is why we have to keep separate or we should be swamped."

The delegate who had questioned him had done so quite innocently but now his mouth swung open and his eyes popped out of his head. "And you mean to say—you have the impertinence—to come here expecting us to recognise you as 'South Africa' when you represent such a tiny minority!"

NEM CON REJECTION

The application was rejected by the full meeting nem con, as has been every repetition. I never have understood, and never shall understand, how an honest international sports federation can do anything else.

It seems one thing to say "keep up sports ties with South Africa", and "do not ostracise individual South African sportsmen who may not themselves approve of apartheid even if they feel no cause to crusade against it". These are reasonable, if arguable positions.

But to pretend that a sports body representing a tiny minority of the population is the national organisation, to accept it as such into an international organisation, to describe it as 'South Africa' and play test matches against it as such is surely to bend rules, kill truths and tell a lie to favour the system that exists there, and involves all of us who take part or even support the sport in a dishonesty we know to be dishonest.

Within the limits of its rules, and truth, since ITTF cannot accept the SATTU as member, the SATTU cannot participate in the World Championships. But no boycott is operated against the SATTU. The ITTF does allow play between members and non-members, when application is made by the member association concerned and accompanied by a good case.

A dim view is taken where no such application is made, and where players have been disciplined for going to South Africa—as in the well-known case of Bergmann by the ETFA—this has not been by the ITTF for going, but by the Association if the player concerned for going without requesting permission, and so flouting the rules, a very different matter.

The part the SATTU has occasionally played in tempting ITTF players with irregular conduct has not endeared it to the several national associations involved over the years. On the other hand on the very few occasions when permission has been properly requested it has not been refused and it is only fair to say that whenever the SATTB has been consulted about such a project it has never, in the past, opposed it. Whether this tolerance will continue indefinitely I cannot guess.

"GOOD STANDING"

The application of the SATTB for affiliation to the ITTF was dealt with differently. It was elected not to full

Table Tennis & S. Africa (cont.)

membership, but under a separate rule, into "good standing". This entitles its players to full participation including world championships, the reservation being because, despite its adherence to ITTF principle, it could not be said to be de facto governing the whole game in the territory, since so many players were outside its ranks.

It was also hoped, at first, that this might encourage unification between the two bodies. In 1967 a constitutional amendment was adopted making eligible for full membership any association otherwise qualified and whose fidelity to ITTF principle has been demonstrated, even if it does not govern the whole game, provided this is clearly due to factors outside its control. Following this adoption the SANTTB was at once elected to full membership nem con.

If South African players do not take part in the 31st World Table Tennis Championships at Nagoya this year this is due, therefore, not to exclusion by the ITTF but to the action of Mr. Vorster's government in refusing passports to those qualified to participate.

It does seem to me that some of those sincerely concerned to maintain all possible links with South African sportsmen might usefully interest themselves in the South African government's prevention of SANTTB players from participating, either at home or abroad, in play with those of other lands, an administrative ban that has now operated for many years.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

MITCHAM CARRIES THE FLAG

NORFOLK finished their County Championship programme with two

very satisfactory wins. The seniors beat Hunts 10-0, and the Juniors, after trailing 1-4, ran out winners 6-4 against Herts. II. It seems that Cambridgeshire will edge above us in the Eastern Division on games average, and our Secretary tells me he expects we shall finish third in the senior league and four in the Junior East. This is not outstanding, but we have known worse seasons!

NORWICH LEAGUE have retained their East Anglian League title. They beat Wymondham 9-1 to clinch the issue. Congratulations to Tony Hipperson, Philip Graver and Bob Mitcham, and Valerie Hartman and Margaret Read.

In spite of the fact that no Open titles have fallen to Norfolk, we do have one or two players who are to be seen on the tournament circuit. One must especially mention Bob Mitcham, who started at the Humberside Open on Nov. 1st, in which he reached the Quarters of the Mixed with Jean Youngs, before falling to the winners Alan Hydes and Susan Kavallierou, and then returned from Hull to Norwich after covering some 450 miles. Then on Dec. 12 he was at Southend reaching the Quarter-finals of the Men's Doubles with Tony Hipperson, before running into Denis Neale and Hydes. Bob and Tony also entered the English Closed at Canterbury, Bob going out to *News of the World* "Boy of the Year" Robert Hellaby of Essex, and Tony to No. 5 ranked Tony Piddock. All useful experience! On Jan. 17 it was from Norwich to Oxford for the Oxfordshire Open, and on the 30th Bob competed in the Kent Open at Folkestone. "Future Tournaments", writes Bob, in the Norwich League's *Monthly Mardle*, "will be the Bedford Restricted, Luton Restricted, Fenland Open at King's Lynn, and East of England Open at Scunthorpe". Well done, Bob Mitcham!

SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

FOUR-FOLD TARGET FOR DOWNER

SOMETHING like eight or nine long years have passed since Brighton and Hove (population over 250,000) have produced a young player promising to develop to premier division standard. That period has now, we hope, ended with the emergence of 19-year-old Arthur Downer.

Cheeky, chirpy, bomb-hitter Arthur is reaching for the sky and has currently reached the first peak, the capture against very strong opposition of the Worthing men's singles title. On February 7th he cut through the middle ranks of the Sussex men's ranking list smashing to defeat Andy Meads (Crawley) in the quarters, Mike McLaren (Worthing) in the semis and then arch rival and Sussex No. 5 Robin Stace 21-16, 21-13 in the final.

He has three more targets coming into view, the Sussex Closed and the Brighton and Eastbourne championships. With Roger Chandler still out he has a great chance of capturing the Brighton title and will be odds-on favourite at Eastbourne.

His home-town supporters at Brighton will be clustering round his games at The Corn Exchange on March 14th (Sussex Closed) hopeful that he might even be on a crest of a wave big enough to engulf even Peter Williams who will start clear favourite. I may be wrong, but in forecasting that he is a future Sussex champion, I think he may not yet be equipped to up-end Williams. However, if he gains the championships in the three Sussex towns he will have had a great season.

Behind Downer's successes on the table its been all systems go in his personal life. After the rigours of shift work as a Brighton bus conductor he is now in a Brighton factory which leaves his week-ends free for table tennis and for courting his new fiancée, Sussex No. 4 Carol Randall!



ZOOMING SUSSEX STAR Arthur Downer looks surprised at his recent successes. Arthur is aiming at the Sussex, Brighton and Eastbourne men's crowns having already won at Worthing.

Photo by IMF News. Eastbourne.

Carol and Arthur celebrated their engagement at a party on Feb. 20th at the Uckfield home of Carol's father Lionel Randall head of one of England's table tennis families. Carol's 14-year-old sister Christine is also going great guns having been chosen for both Brighton's ladies and boys teams in the Sussex inter-league championships. The third sister, 10-year-old Heather has just started on the junior tournament circuit and even 9-month old Graham is no stranger to a table tennis bat.

All three Sussex county championships teams are finishing successful seasons. Although hit by injuries in their last two matches the premier side looks like finishing near the top. Sussex II are expected to finish as champions on the southern division and the junior side have so far only lost one match, to Surrey.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

THE big event next season will be the first ever hard rubber bat Open Championships to be held at the Barnet Centre. The International Club is particularly interested in these bats because most of our members were at their peak with this type.

More immediately, the Club will have played a friendly match with the Maldon Wanderers Club at Maldon (Essex) to celebrate the 21st anniversary. The Club's team was Laurie Landry and Eddie Hodson (both Middlesex and England) together with Susan Howard (Surrey and England). Laurie and Eddie were specially invited to play because, as 15-year-olds, they gave an exhibition at the club in 1954.

COVER PICTURE

AT a meeting of the National Council held at the Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, London W.C.1. on January 23, E.T.T.A. President A. K. "Bill" Vint, O.B.E., was called upon by Chairman Charles Wyles to make the presentation of a Life Vice-President's badge to the Hon. Ivor Montagu.

In so doing, Mr. Vint said it was a valued privilege for him to be able to officially present Ivor Montagu with the first ever badge of a Life Vice-President. He spoke of the part that Ivor had played in the world of table tennis and said that the badge was but a small recognition to a man who had devoted a life-time to our game. It was given with a sense of great affection, in the hope that it would remind Mr. Montagu of his past and present connections with the Association.

In reply, Mr. Montagu thanked the Council for the honour awarded to him and ended by presenting a small silver cup (won in competition on an ocean liner) to the Association, which he wished to be used as an encouragement to table tennis organisers, rather than to the players.

Peter Madge's photograph shows the Hon. Ivor Montagu (left), Founder President of the International Table Tennis Federation receiving his Life Vice-President's badge from A. K. "Bill" Vint himself the Hon. Secretary of the I.T.T.F.

TABLE TENNIS WITHOUT A BAT?

That's how it feels
when you're using one of

THE NEW JOHNNY LEACH MODELS

*PATENT PENDING
No. 42549/70



They now become an extension of the hand:
lightweight,
perfectly balanced:
complies with ETTA &
ITTF laws: a
revolutionary design*,
the only bat that carries a
written guarantee against
breakage and all defects. Each
bat is presented in a modern pack
designed to protect playing surface.

Available now from your sports retailer.

Made EXCLUSIVELY by S W Hancock · Clapham · London · England.

ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

by JOHN WOODFORD

Postal 'Striker' with a difference

BUDAPEST's 17-year-old post office worker TIBOR KLAMPAR is one of the youngest players ever to win the English Open men's singles title. Few people in the first two days at Brighton were aware that Klampar is twice a winner of the European junior title and that he won the Czech Open only a few weeks previously.

His defeat, 12 and 19, by Chester Barnes in the team event on the Thursday also led many spectators to regard the Hungarian lad as rather an ordinary up-and-coming youngster from the perpetually-known oasis of talent and courage — Hungary. The Hungarian uprising in the team event was very successfully quelled by England, but I had the feeling all along that the foreign teams are inclined to save some of their strength for the individual events . . . and it so proved as Klampar and his almost equally-talented team-mate ISTVAN JONYER swept through to the men's final.

NEW STROKE

And what a sweep it was! Haslam, Secretin and Stipancic were among Klampar's victims whilst Jonyer disposed of Landry, Wikström and the Yugoslavs, Surbeck and Karakasevic. What was the secret behind their success? From what I hear from the players who opposed them, the Hungarian pair have been working on a new stroke which seems to be an improvement on the loop-drive.

These theories were confirmed on several occasions when I was able to sit at one end of the table facing Klampar or Jonyer when they produced the new shot. Standing well back, they hit a loop-drive and at the same time manage to impart a deadly new ingredient to the top-spin — side-spin! The effect appears to be that the ball

takes a curved course towards the edge of the table and breaks outward on impact, shooting off and completely beating opponents on almost every occasion. However, I am sure it is a very difficult shot to perform and both Magyars made many errors in trying to perfect it.

It would be completely dishonest writing to suggest that the finals, unfortunately, were anything but the most boring for years. I fully expected the umpires to appeal for less noise from the large but restless crowd but the almost continual buzz of conversation must have worsened the situation considerably for those who wished to try and concentrate on the play which at times seemed remote. Many of the shots in all events deserved applause but never got it because the tension was always absent, except for the final dozen points of the third game of the men's final won by Klampar at 27-25.

Jonyer fought brilliantly to try and break through into a fourth game. Had he done so it is quite likely that the athletic and stocky Istvan might have been the winner, but his young team-mate just managed to hold on through all those "deuce-points" to win with two of these very special "loop-side-spin" drives. As Klampar secured the title the crowd burst through the gloomy afternoon with applause so long overdue . . .

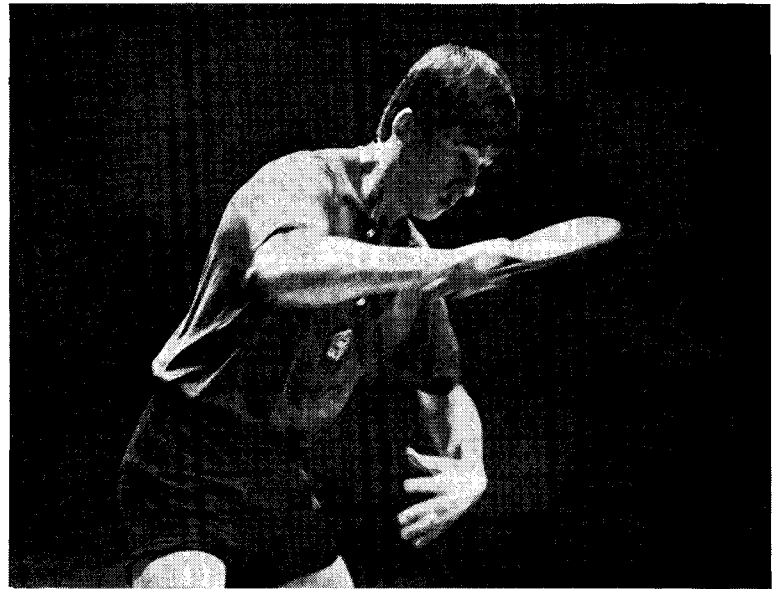
TIBOR TALKS

THROUGH the much appreciated interpreting services of George Muryani, I was able to obtain a quote from Tibor Klampar, minutes after he won the Open title. He said, "After winning the Czech and now the English Open titles, I shall be very pleased indeed if I can reach the semi-finals in either singles or doubles in Nagoya next month. Apart from playing in training camps I practice 30 hours a week!"

MARIA'S TRIPLE

As so often happens, the quarter and semi-finals of most of the events were much more exciting, but in the women's events there was nearly always the threat of the clock being used, especially when the older quartet of Alexandru, Schöler, Simon and Kishazi were on court. These four world-class players were of course, the semi-finalists. It is a sad fact to have to report that almost the top four in Europe are basically "pushers". I say basically, because Maria and Beatrix especially, put on some delightful spells of attacking and so did Agnes Simon when she beat Maria in the team events.

In accordance with her No. 2 world ranking, Maria has become a legend. I must record that on this occasion her routine delaying tactics were far less in evidence and when she *did* attack it was usually a first time "kill" which left the opposition well beaten.



Tibor Klampar (Hungary) winner of the men's singles title at Brighton.
Photo by Tony Ross

No one could dispute that Maria is the greatest defender in the world of women's table tennis, in fact she is in a class of her own, but I would say (and I received several supporters for this claim) that she is the best "pusher" in the world, *men or women*. I wonder if she has reached a stage of perfection high enough to topple any of the Asians in Nagoya.

SHOCKS

The holder, handsome Stefan Kollarovits of Czechoslovakia was one of the first stars to take a tumble, falling to Karl Schmittinger in Round 2 over four games. This paved the way for a run by Alan Hydes. The Yorkshireman fought like he did in Munich to overcome the blonde German at 14 in the fourth but he then succumbed to Beleznai over the distance. Few who saw it will forget the defeat of Denis Neale in the second round against a newish Czech name Milan Orlowski. A thrilling five-gamer drew to a great climax as Denis led 19-17 but somehow managed to lose the last four points. Barnes lasted one round further but was beaten quite easily by Stellan Bengtsson of Sweden.

This put the brilliant young Swede through to the quarters but here he found that the sharp-profiled penholder Karakasevic posed too many problems and lost in three close games. With a quarters' line-up comprising three Hungarians, three Yugoslavs and two Swedes it was considered to be a very open event.

One of the "flyers" who played above his rating was the tall, bespectacled Bo Persson of Sweden. He had a great tournament, sweeping aside Korpa and Orlowski and only losing to the winner at 18 in the fifth. Trevor Taylor's challenge ended in Round 2 when he went out in four to Surbeck who was well below his greatest. Taylor had trouble with a vaccination and didn't appear in the team event the previous day.

The four "pushers" who reached the semis of the women's singles, left little

room for the other players to shine. Alicia Grofova dealt heavily with Judy Williams but was then "slaughtered" herself by Di Schöler. Jill Shirley suffered the indignity of being beaten over five nervous games by a qualifier, Wibke Hendrickson (Federal Germany) in the second round, whilst Karenza Mathews took the red-haired Eleonora Mihalca to five but could only manage 11 points in the last one.

MASSACRE

After the mid-day massacre of Hydes, Barnes and Neale in the singles, England's supporters found some consolation in the doubles events as England pairs began an advance which ended at the finals session. Barnes and Neale had little trouble reaching the quarters where the Irish pair Tommy Caffrey and Jim Langan provided sturdy opposition. The England pair started well, faltered in the middle but came back to win at 10 in the fourth.



Maria Alexandru (Rumania) winner of the triple crown in the English Open.



Istvan Jonyer (Hungary) the beaten men's singles finalist.

"Les" Haslam and Mike Johns struck hard in the second round when they accounted for the "paper-giants" Schöler/Kollarovits over four games. With the Czech below form, and Ebby not fitting in to modern doubles play at all, the Haslam/Johns win was not as surprising as it sounds. Karakasevic/Korpa proved too strong for Johns and Haslam in the quarters but Barnes and Neale beat the Yugoslavs three-straight in the semis. In the final however, Bengtsson and Persson's triumph was complete and nobody seemed to know the reason why.

In the women's doubles, notable for a small entry, Karenza Mathews and Pauline Piddock came through to the semis but fell to the vast experience of Alexandru and Mihalca, the eventual winners. Mention must be made of a useful looking Anglo/Hungarian partnership between Jill Shirley and Beatrix Kishazi who reached the final via Hamilton/Montagu (Scotland), Grofova/Pauknerova (Czechoslovakia) and Schöler/Simon (Federal Germany). Not bad going at all but again, in the end, Rumania triumphed in the final at 18 in the fourth.

Denis Neale and Karenza Mathews carried most of England's hopes in the mixed doubles although they had little trouble until they reached a semi-final rendezvous with Orlowski/Grofova. The Czechs did not submit until late in the fifth. At the final hurdle it was once again a Yugoslav

victory via Alexandru, helped this time by Anton Stipanovic who were relatively easy winners.

VETERANS

I noticed that a number of people at Brighton seemed to have formed the opinion that I am totally opposed to veterans play. This is of course, not so, as I believe that they have ample facilities and opportunities from league play up to the English Open but should not seek further extensions into the county championships. Anyway, at Brighton Len Browning (Yorks.) had a good run to the final via arch-veteran Leo Thompson and John Osborne (Essex) to a semi-final date with Stan Jacobson. The Tyke again triumphed this time by 11 and 12 over the original loop-man. Meanwhile, in the other half, Gordon Chapinan (Surrey) who spent most of three days practicing on spare tables, excelled to beat Derek Scofield (Cheshire), the immaculate competitor from Stockport 15, -11, 13. In the semis, Chapinan overcame C. T. Bush (Dorset) and followed with a final-round victory over the Yorkshireman 6, 14.

LAST WORDS

The unfortunate rumpus at the end of the championships over the plastic dartboards given to Barnes and Neale as runners-up in the men's doubles cannot be overlooked. The national Press contingent were, of course, "starved" of good stories and juicy

quotes throughout the three days of the tournament. We all know enough about the requirements of newspaper editors in this day and age to realise that these circumstances presented them with a story adverse to the interests of the E.T.T.A. and they had no alternative but to use it. The Sussex evening paper, the "Evening Argus" even ordered the story from me on the Monday following. There can be little doubt that a mistake was made in allowing such inferior-value prizes to be offered at the biggest and most important tournament in the country during the season. The minimum cash amount that should have been offered would have been £5 per player and if the powers-that-be decided that this was impossible then *nothing* would have been better than toy dartboards. But, we all make mistakes!

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Men's Singles: Round 3:

I. Jonyer (Hun.) bt I. Wikström (Sw.) 13, -9, 17, -22, 16;
D. Surbek (Yugo.) bt J. Turai (Czecho.) -15, 16, -19, 14, 19;
S. Bengtsson (Swe.) bt C. Barnes (Eng.) 13, 6, 10;
M. Karakasevic (Yugo.) bt E. Schöler (F. Ger.) -20, 16, 17, -12, 15;
M. Beleznai (Hun.) bt A. Hydes (Eng.) -19, 13, 11, 17;
A. Stipanovic (Yugo.) bt G. Davies (Wa.) 15, 11, 15;
T. Klampar (Hu.) bt J. Secretin (Fr.) -14, 7, 13, 17;
B. Persson (Sw.) bt M. Orlowski (Czecho.) -11, 15, 18, -14, 18.

Quarter-finals:

Jonyer bt Surbek 14, -20, -19, 17, 13;
Karakasevic bt Bengtsson 16, 19, 20;
Stipanovic bt Beleznai 7, 17, 17;
Klampar bt Persson 17, 17, -12, -11, 18.

Semi-finals:

JONYER bt Karakasevic 19, -12, 18, 17;
KLAMPAR bt Stipanovic 19, 10, -23, -19, 13.

Final:

KLAMPAR bt Jonyer 10, 19, 25.

Women's Singles: Round 2:

M. Alexandru (Ru.) bt Y. Lecler (Fr.) 14, 8, 12;
P. Piddock (Eng.) bt B. Scharmacher (F. Ger.) 21, -15, 13, -11, 18;
W. Hendriksen (F. Ger.) bt J. Shirley (Eng.) 9, 15, -16, -19, 17;
A. Simon (F. Ger.) bt B. Wiktorsson (Sw.) 13, 5, 17;
E. Mihalca (Ru.) bt K. Mathews (Eng.) -12, 20, 19, -22, 11;
B. Kishazi (Hu.) bt C. Bergeret (Fr.) 14, 15, 10;
M. Neidert (Sw.) bt A. Wynia (Neth.) 14, 15, 13;
D. Schöler (F. Ger.) bt A. Grofova (Cz.) 14, 10, 6.

Quarter-finals:

Alexandru bt Piddock 13, 14, 9;
Simon bt Hendriksen 11, 13, 4;
Kishazi bt Mihalca 15, 13, 6;
Schöler bt Neidert 16, 20, -15, 20.

Semi-finals:

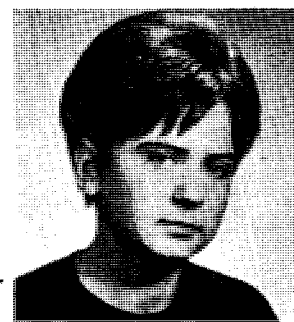
ALEXANDRU bt Simon 17, 15, 19;
SCHOLER bt Kishazi 20, 15, 17.

Final:

ALEXANDRU bt Schöler 11, 11, 12.

Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Karakasevic/I. Korpa (Yu.) bt O. Haslam/M. Johns (Eng.) 10, 18, -18, 16;
Barnes/D. Neale (Eng.) bt T. Caffrey/J. Langan (Ire.) 11, 19, -16, 10;
Bengtsson/Persson bt Jonyer/Klampar 15, 19, -12, -14, 15;
Stipanovic/Surbek bt Orlowski/Turai 11, 17, 11.



Marta Hejmova (nee Luzova) who lost in the first round to Claude Bergeret of France and failed to make the impact she did in 1965 when, in a never-to-be-forgotten final she beat Mrs. Alexandru.

Semi-finals:

BARNES/NEALE bt Karakasevic/Korpa 7, 18, 17;
BENGTTSSON/PERSSON bt Stipanovic/Surbek 18, 18, -18, -14, 14.

Final:

BENGTTSSON/PERSSON bt Barnes/Neale 19, 17, -14, 16.

Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Schöler/Simon bt Neidert/Wiktorsson 18, 19, -19, -20, 18;
Shirley/Kishazi bt Grofova/J. Pauknerova (Cz.) -15, 5, 21, 20;
Mathews/Piddock bt J. Warren/B. McGroarty (Ire.) 8, 12, 17;
Alexandru/Mihalca bt Bergeret/S. Moriceau (Fr.) 8, 12, 17.

Semi-finals:

SHIRLEY/KISHAZI bt Schöler/Simon 12, 13, -9, 13;
ALEXANDRU/MIHALCA bt Mathews/Piddock 12, 13, -9, 13.

Final:

ALEXANDRU/MIHALCA bt Shirley/Kishazi -15, 13, 15, 18.

Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Jonyer/Kishazi bt Hydes/Piddock 18, 18, -9, 21;
Stipanovic/Alexandru bt Bengtsson/Wiktorsson 15, 20, -18, 14;
Neale/Mathews bt B. Jansen (F. Ger.)/Scharmacher 9, 20, 11;
Orlowski/Grofova bt C. Roesch (Fr.)/Moriceau 20, 10, 16.

Semi-finals:

STIPANOVIC/ALEXANDRU bt Jonyer/Kishazi -14, 15, 18, 6;
NEALE/MATHEWS bt Orlowski/Grofova -19, 11, -10, 20, 17.

Final:

STIPANOVIC/ALEXANDRU bt Neale/Mathews 15, 18, 13.

Men's Veteran Singles: Quarter-finals:

S. Jacobson (Middx.) bt Z. Schramm (Surrey) 16, 8;
L. Browning (Yorks.) bt J. Osborne (Essex) 12, 9;
C. Bush (Dorset) bt P. Curtis (Essex) -15, 17, 16;
G. Chapman (Surrey) bt D. Schofield (Ches.) 15, -11, 13.

Semi-finals:

BROWNING bt Jacobson 11, 12;
CHAPMAN bt Bush 11, -14, 12.

Final:

CHAPMAN bt Browning 6, 14.

Women's Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:

M. PROWEN (Middx.) bt R. Bass (Sussex) 15, 13;
M. HIORNS (Middx.) bt J. Williams (Bucks.) -17, 20, 7.

Final:

PROWEN bt Hiorns 18, 15.

ALEC BROOK

THE T.T. SPECIALIST

(No connection with Alec Brook Ltd., Euston Road)

- * **BADGES** — printed; embroidered; wire for blazers.
- * **TIES** — woven or printed (min. 1 doz.).
- * **BATS** — Butterfly; Stiga; Cor du-Buy; Barna; Spalding Barnes and Harrison, etc.
- * **RUBBER** — Best Japanese official soft sandwich 42½p each. 242 Continental style rubber, big pips 14p each.
- * **SHOES** — Romika light, slip-proof, finest for T.T. £2.97½.
- * **SHADES and TOURNAMENT SHEETS** — Umpire and Team Pads.
- * **HOLDALLS.**
- * **TROLLEYS** — for Tables, easy movement £3.25.
- * **TABLES** — A.D.B. international model; ½ inch mesh. JAQUES Re-conditioned and second-hand, Old tables in part exchange.
- * **SHIRTS and SHORTS** — a new range of shirts specially for T.T. available end of April. Write for details.

57 Blandford Street, London, W.1. (off Baker Street)
Tel. 01-486 2021/2/3

ENGLISH OPEN continued

Men's Consolation Singles:

Quarter-finals:
 Haslam bt C. Weber (Fr.);
 M. Ness (F. Ger.) bt R. Yule (Scot.);
 Jansen bt Browning;
 Johns bt P. Pinkewich (Aus.).

Semi-finals:

NESS bt Haslam; Jansen bt Johns.

Final:

JANSEN bt Ness 13, 12.

Women's Consolation Singles:

Quarter-finals:

L. Howard (Surrey) bt Moriceau;
 M. Rioul (Fr.) bt M. van Gelder (Bel.);
 Bergret bt S. Howard (Surrey); Lecler
 bt K. Angus (Scot.) 20, 14.

Semi-finals:

L. HOWARD bt Rioul;
 BERGERET bt Lecler.

Final:

BERGERET bt L. Howard 9, 9.

Team Championships

by DAVID LUDDY

Surprise and Delight for Critics

CHESTER BARNES and DENIS NEALE combined to produce a first class team performance for England to retain the men's team title at the English Open played at Brighton last month. Unseeded England beat France II, Hungary, Sweden and Yugoslavia to surprise and delight their critics.

Against the Yugoslavs in the final it was Barnes' match as he defeated the young left-handed Anton Stipanovic and, with Neale, beat European champions Stipanovic and Dragutin Surbek. Neale lost both his singles in three games and so the pressure was on Barnes to clinch victory against Surbek, the former European singles champion.

The English champion dominated the early part of both games. He led 18-12 in the first but the Yugoslav's big forehand began to hammer home the points. Barnes trailed 18-19, but with the excited crowd cheering him on, he fought back and took the next three points.

In the second, the Essex international had a 16-19 deficit but with the help of an 'edge' shot and a back hand kill Surbek crumbled and Barnes won the set and with it the team title.

KLAMPAR TWICE BEATEN

England's 3-1 victory against France II was dented by the surprise doubles defeat by Dhont and Roesch. The England pair eliminated Hungary in the quarter-finals by the same score and both recorded a good win over Tibor Klampar, the European No. 7, in straight games.

It was the Yorkshireman's turn to pull England through the semi-finals. After Barnes had been outsped by European Youth champion Stellan Bengtsson, Neale beat Bo Persson and took the doubles, with Barnes who, subsequently surprisingly lost to the quick left-handed attack of Persson.

But Neale played a sharp hitting game against Bengtsson with the occasional chop to beat the 19-years-old Swedish star 2-straight.

The England second string defeated Australia 3-1 in the first round. Alan Hydes easily won his sets against Stephen Knapp and Paul Pinkewich, but Tony Clayton, who the previous weekend at Thornaby had beaten Stefan Kollarovits, the 1970 Open champion, lost to the defensive Pinkewich salvaging only 21 points in two games!

CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE

It was Anders Johansson who

brought England to defeat. He won both his singles for Sweden II in Round 2, the crucial match being the doubles when the English duo were beaten 24-22 in the deciding game by Johansson and Ingemar Wikström.

England's third team of Nicky Jarvis and 13-years-old David Alderson gave a creditable performance in their 0-3 defeat by Federal Germany II. Jarvis took Klaus Schmittinger to three games and the England pair forced a deciding game in the doubles.

England's women's team began with a 3-2 victory over Czechoslovakia. Jill Shirley proved her superiority against Alicia Grofova for the third time in a week, and Pauline Piddock got the better of Jana Pauknerova in the final game.

Karenza Mathews and Miss Shirley held four match points in the doubles but failed to clinch victory. But, after Mrs. Piddock's defeat by Grofova, it was left to the Bucks player to fight back against Pauknerova from a 15-18 third game deficit to clinch victory.

England lost in the semis to the near veterans Diane Schöler and Agnes Simon of Federal Germany. The all-conquering Germans swept through the event without dropping a set eliminating the Netherlands and giving England no chance as Di Schöler's expedite tactics were too good for Jill to overcome. Mrs. Simon's control of Karenza Mathews' attack just edged out the Middlesex girl in the deciding game and the German pair completed their victory with a comfortable doubles success.

In an expedite final against the strong Rumanian opposition of Maria Alexandru and Eleanora Mihalca, all three sets went to a deciding game as the Germans completed a fine performance.

RESULTS: —

MEN

Round 1:

FEDERAL GERMANY II 3 ENGLAND III 0
 K. Schmittinger bt N. Jarvis -18, 11, 15.
 M. Ness bt D. Alderson 10, 17.
 Ness/Schmittinger beat Alderson/Jarvis 9, -17, 16.

FRANCE II 3 WALES 1
 C. Roesch bt G. Davies 10, 15;
 bt A. Griffiths 17, 14.
 D. Dhont bt Griffiths 13, 10.
 Dhont/Roesch lost to Davies/Griffiths -21, 9, -21.

SCOTLAND 3 NIGERIA 0
 P. Forker bt M. Oni 7, -13, 17.
 R. Yule bt P. Ayinde 17, 11.
 Forker/Yule bt Oni/Sunmola -12, 16, 16.

ENGLAND II 3 AUSTRALIA 1
 A. Clayton lost to P. Pinkewich -13, -8.



Rumania's Maria Alexandru and Eleanora Mihalca (right) on their way to the women's doubles title with victory over England's Jill Shirley partnered by Beatrix Kishazi of Hungary.

Photo by Tony Ross

A. Hydes bt S. Knapp 11, 5;
 bt Pinkewich 18, 11.
 Clayton/Hydes bt Knapp/Pinkewich 15, 11.

HUNGARY II 3 IRELAND 0
 F. Timor bt T. Caffrey 11, 10.
 M. Beleznai bt J. Langan 18, 10.
 Beleznai/Timor bt Caffrey/Langan 16, 22.

Round 2:

YUGOSLAVIA II 3 FEDERAL GERMANY II 0

ENGLAND I 3 FRANCE II 0
 D. Neale bt Dhont 14, 7;
 bt Roesch 20, 18.
 C. Barnes bt Roesch 13, 11.
 Barnes/Neale lost to Dhont/Roesch -19, -18.

HUNGARY I 3 SCOTLAND 0
 I. Jonyer bt Yule 14, 15.
 G. Klampar bt Forker -20, 13, 12.
 Jonyer/Klampar bt Forker/Yule 11, 13.
 FRANCE I 3 FED. GERMANY I 0
 J. Secretin bt B. Jansen 21, -8, 14;
 bt E. Schöler 11, 13.
 C. Weber lost to Schöler -17, -14.
 Secretin/Weber bt Jansen/J. Leiss 19, 15.

SWEDEN II 3 ENGLAND II 2
 I. Wikström lost to Clayton -10, -16;
 lost to Hydes -11, -19.
 A. Johansson bt Hydes 21, -23, 12,
 bt Clayton 19, -17, 14.
 Johansson/Wikström bt Clayton/Hydes 17, -16, 22.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3 HUNGARY II 1

Quarter-finals:
 SWEDEN I 3 YUGOSLAVIA II 1
 S. Bengtsson lost to M. Karakasevic -18, 16, -18;
 bt I. Korpa -17, 12, 23.
 B. Persson bt Korpa -12, 20, 14.
 Bengtsson/Persson bt Karakasevic/Korpa 10, 19.
 ENGLAND I 3 HUNGARY I 0
 Neale lost to Jonyer -17, -15;
 bt Klampar 14, 10.
 Barnes bt Klampar 12, 19.
 Barnes/Neale bt Jonyer/Klampar -9, 4, 17.

SWEDEN II 3 FRANCE I 2
 YUGOSLAVIA I 3 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1

Semi-finals:
 YUGOSLAVIA I 3 SWEDEN II 0
 Surbek bt Johansson 15, 12.

Stipanovic bt Wikström 19, 14.
 Stipanovic/Surbek bt Johansson/Wikström 7, 5.

ENGLAND I 3 SWEDEN I 2
 Barnes lost to Bengtsson -11 -18;
 lost to Persson 18, -15, -14.
 Neale bt Persson 23, 12;
 bt Bengtsson 19, 13.
 Barnes/Neale bt Bengtsson/Persson 16, 15.

Final:

ENGLAND I 3 YUGOSLAVIA I 2
 Neale lost to Surbek -19, 14, -17;
 lost to Stipanovic -23, 10, -12.
 Barnes bt Stipanovic 18, 19;
 bt Surbek 19, 19.
 Barnes/Neale bt Stipanovic/Surbek 12, 13.

WOMEN

Round 1:
 SWEDEN 3 NETHERLANDS II 0
 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3 FRANCE I 1
 NETHERLANDS I 3 IRELAND 1
 A. Coltof bt B. McGroarty 16, 18;
 bt J. Warren -16, 13, 12.
 S. Heltzel lost to Warren -16, -18.
 Coltof/Heltzel bt McGroarty/Warren -15, 16, 18.

FRANCE II 3 SCOTLAND 0
 S. Moriceau bt K. Angus 9, 12.
 C. Bergeret bt H. Hamilton 14, 16.
 Bergeret/Moriceau bt Angus/Hamilton 17, -18, 16.

Quarter-finals:

RUMANIA 3 FRANCE II 0
 SWEDEN 3 FED. GERMANY II 0
 ENGLAND 3 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 2
 P. Piddock bt J. Pauknerova 12, -16, 14;
 lost to Grofova -9, -17.
 J. Shirley bt Grofova -12, 13, 18;
 bt Pauknerova 7, -15, 19.
 K. Mathews/Shirley lost to Grofova/Pauknerova 14, -5, -20.
 FED. GERMANY I 3 NETHERLANDS I 0

Semi-finals:

RUMANIA 3 SWEDEN 1
 FED. GERMANY I 3 ENGLAND 0
 D. Schöler bt Shirley 17, 14.
 A. Simon bt Mathews 12, -13, 20.
 Schöler/Simon bt Mathews/Piddock 19, 16.

Final:

FED. GERMANY 3 RUMANIA 0
 A. Simon bt M. Alexandru 21, -15, 16.
 D. Schöler bt E. Mihalca -18, 16, 11.
 Schöler/Simon bt Alexandru/Mihalca -17, 19, 20.

SURREY NOTES

by Geoff. Ryan

MURANYI'S SHOCK DISMISSAL

HELD for the first time at Crystal Palace, the Surrey Closed was a very well run tournament ably handled by John Zenthon and Margaret Williams with assistance from Sid Morton.

The men's singles provided its share of surprises but none bigger than the defeat, in the preliminary rounds, of last season's winner George Muranyi who lost -17, -20 to Clive Heywood (Wandsworth).

In the absence of "Connie" Warren, Barrie Hill and Gordon Chapman the way was left for Paul Bishop to come through to contest the final with Ron Penfold.

Penfold was given a stiff test in

Round 1 by John Calcutt (Leatherhead) before winning 11, -17, 13. He then went on to beat the Croydon pair Zenon Schramm (6, 16) and Emil Emezc (14, 20) and, in the semi-final, Paul Beck (Wandsworth) 14 and 19.

Bishop's path to the final took in Len Cooper of Dulwich (8, 11), Trevor Campbell of Wandsworth (14, 16) and Guildford's Andrew Schooler 14, 20. Geoff Salter was seen off 12 and 12 in the semi.

But the final was uninspiring with Penfold easily winning the first, 13, and frittering away a good lead in the second to scrape home 22.

Men's doubles winners were Penfold and Beck who, in the final, beat Salter and Charlie Davies after accounting for Bishop and Mick Kercher, the No. 2 seeds, in the

semi-final.

Linda Howard beat her elder sister Sue 18 and 18 to take the women's title, the pair teaming up in the doubles to beat Hilda Cathcart and Peggy Piper 13 and 10.

The mixed went to Bishop and Linda Howard 18 and 18 over last season's winners Peter Brennan and Susan Howard. The latter pair figured in a thrilling semi-final win over Keith Hurlock and Peggy Piper -14, 13, 21.

Hurlock was the veterans' winner beating Peter Benning (Leatherhead) 13 and 15. Bishop took the boys' title beating Les Parodi (South London) 14, 14 with the U-15 title going to Garry Walsh who beat Brendon McCabe -18, 20, 14.

Junior boys' doubles went to Bishop/Parodi over David Bishop/

Philip Cawston 14 and 10. Winner of the junior girls' singles was Linda Howard with a 13, 9 final victory over Gillian Macrea. U-15 girls' winner was Nicolette Leslie -10, 16, 16 over Gillian Macrea.

PERCY JOHNSON CUP

Results:

Group "A"—Croydon B.H. 3 Byfleet 6; Croydon 0 Dulwich 9; Thames Valley 0 Guildford 9; Wandsworth 6 South London 3; Thames Valley 5 Wandsworth 4; Dulwich 5 Guildford 4; South London 2 Croydon B.H. 7.

Guildford, Dulwich and Wandsworth are all on 10 points and with only one match each remaining, a slide rule could be needed if Dulwich beat Byfleet and Guildford beat Wandsworth.

Group "B"—Wandsworth 2 Guildford 7; Leatherhead 8 Reigate 1.

Guildford lead on sets average over Wandsworth with Croydon in third position.

SUTTON CLOSED

M.S.: K. Horton bt D. Crowley 15, -15, 20.
M.D.: E. Emezc/Z. Schramm bt C. Adams/Jean Head -15, 16, 16.
V.S.: Schramm bt B. Tyrrell 18, 14.
U-21 S.: Adams bt M. Fisher 14, -20, 12.

CROYDON CLOSED

M.S.: K. Horton bt J. Calcutt 13, 19.
M.D.: A. Green/A. Meads bt Emezc/Schramm -14, 18, 16.
V.S.: Tyrell bt K. Hurlock 19, 20.

SCOTS THRASHED AT MEADOWBANK

FOLLOWING on their participation in the Teesside Open at Thornaby, the Czechoslovak team journeyed north to engage Scotland at the Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh on Monday, Feb. 22.

Malcolm Sugden apart, the visitors met with scant resistance as they sped to a decisive 10-0 win only two of the ten sets needing a third game decider.

RESULTS:—

S. Kollarovits bt E. Sutherland 10, 12; bt R. Yule 13, 6.
J. Turai bt M. Sugden -20, 17, 18; bt Sutherland 11, 7.
M. Orlovski bt Yule 19, 12; bt Sugden 12, 18.
Orlovski/Turai bt Sugden/Sutherland 17, -19, 13.
A. Grofova/J. Pauknerova bt K. Angus /E. Smith 8, 14.
Grofova bt Angus 17, 15.
Pauknerova bt Smith 8, 8.

BADGES & TIES

Badges in fabric, enamel, wire, silk-screen, etc. to any design. Ties—woven, embroidered, printed. USE THE SPECIALIST—Write for quotations. Also trophies, cufflinks, car badges, etc. Ask for FREE COLOUR CATALOGUE. Alec Brook Ltd. 01-387 3772/3/4, 124 Euston Road, London, N.W.1.

the top choice - make it yours JAQUES T.T. EQUIPMENT

'DENIS NEALE' bat

for greater speed and better balance.

Go sure-footed through the season with

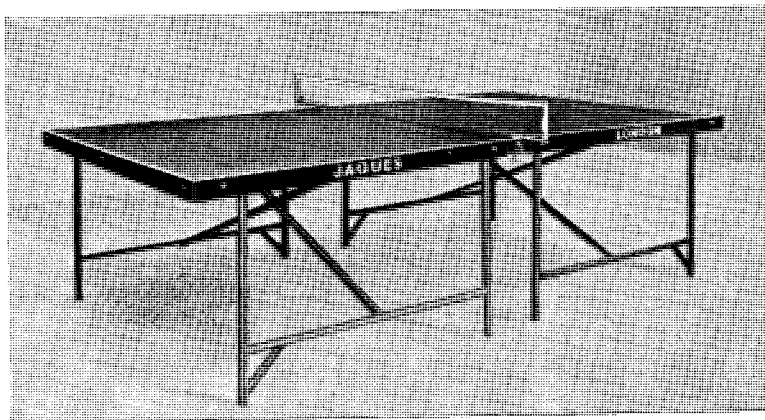
the new

'DENIS NEALE' shoes

Super-light with real leather uppers and special non-slip soles. All sizes available.

TABLES

Jaques Tables have been selected exclusively by the ETTA for all international matches and major events this season. Now obtainable with metal legs for lightness. There is a model for Tournament, Club or Home use.



JAQUES T.T. Equipment from all good sport shops and stores. If you cannot find the item you want write for free catalogue and price list to

Jaques
& Son Ltd.

THORNTON HEATH, SURREY CR4 8XP. Tel. 01-684 4242

Open Tournament Survey

CONTRIBUTED BY
PETER GOODE,
LAURIE LANDRY and
PHILIP REID

OF the 8 seeded players in the Men's Singles event of the Oxfordshire 2-Star Open, played at Kidlington on Jan. 17, no less than seven reached their allotted place in the quarter-finals, the odd exception being David Brown (Essex) who was scratched, and in whose stead Graham Davies came through.

Davies and Peter Williams were the surprise semi-finalists but they were beaten by Chester Barnes and Trevor Taylor respectively to give a repeat of last year's final.

The final held the attention of the approx. 400 crowd throughout as Barnes fought back from behind in each game. To the surprise of the on-lookers Taylor led 6-0 in the first, Barnes levelled at 17-all and won at 19. In the second Taylor again opened up with a good lead and it was 13-5 in his favour before Barnes rallied to level at 19-all, but Taylor hung on to win at 19.

The deciding game followed the pattern of the previous two with Taylor leading 10-3 at the turn. Taylor still led 17-13 but Barnes then took 5 points on his serve to go in front 18-17. From this position Barnes kept his nose in front to win by the narrowest of margins.

A tremendous ovation given to the players at the end contained a mixture of, admiration for Barnes' fighting qualities, and sympathy for Taylor who had come so near to retaining his title.

With Linda Howard at the Junior Trials, Barbara Hammond reached the semi-finals of the Women's Singles along with the three seeded players. Lesley Radford beat the holder Di Simpson to meet Susan Howard in the final, but Susan ran out a comfortable winner.

Local interest was provided in the Men's Doubles event. In Round 3, C. Alcock and C. Jackson were at 19-all against "Les" Haslam and Eric Coster but failed to get another point. Haslam and Coster beat another Oxon pair, S. Hahn and D. Harse, in the next round.

Barnes and Taylor reached the final only dropping one game to Hughes and Randell (Leics.). The other finalists, Paul Beck and Ron Penfold, were involved in 3-game struggles against Holland/Williams and Haslam/Coster. The final provided good entertainment but Barnes/Taylor were in control throughout.

Sue Howard paired up with Gillian Locke to reach the final of the Women's Doubles but found the holders, Mrs. Radford and Di Simpson too experienced for them. In the Mixed, however, Sue partnered Barnes to victory only being taken to a deciding game in the final when opposed by R. Brown and Andrea Jones.

Barnes collected a hat-trick of titles, £39 of the £102 prize money provided by the County Association and Coca-

Cola Western Bottlers Ltd., 18 cans of Coca-Cola (6 cans were given to each finalist) and he provided the spectators with fine entertainment interspersed with the odd wise crack.

BURFORD JUNIOR

With a two-day programme and John Wright as Referee, the Burford Junior Open played over the weekend January 30/31, proved an unqualified success.

As the U-13 and U-15 events were completed by 9 p.m. on the Saturday, and the whole play over by 7-30 p.m. on Sunday, who could wish for more?

Lancashire's Tony Boasman was an undisputed winner of the main Boys' Singles event and Sheila Hamilton of Middlesex chalked up yet another Girls' Singles title.

KENT

Over the same weekend at Folkestone, in the Kent 2-Star Open, "Les" Haslam stepped forward for the Men's Singles prize but only after being given a whale of a fight by Firoz Nilam, a former champion of Ceylon.

Nilam himself was also made to fight extremely hard by Norwegian-born Paul Guttormsen who, in the quarters had ousted David Brown. Young Paul led Nilam 21-9, 20-18 before the Ceylonese player capitalised on his earlier shock defeat of Alan Hydes.

Now resident in the London area, Ian "Benny" Robertson of Tynemouth, Northumberland beat Guttormsen in the final of Youth Singles (Boys) and in the counterpart Girls' event Susan Howard beat her sister Linda to reverse the verdict obtained in the senior Women's Singles event won by Lesley Radford against the younger of the Howard sisters.

BIRMINGHAM

The 25th Birmingham 2-Star Open, played at the Harry Mitchell Centre, Warley on February 6 was made predictably more difficult by the postal strike but an excellent entry still attended.

Denis Neale, as expected, won the Men's Singles. He coasted to the final where he played Tony Clayton. The Hull left-hander had been extended to three games only once, by Peter Williams, and when he took the first game against Neale in the final, it looked as though an English Closed "repeat" might be on the cards.

Neale, however, was having none of it. With powerful hitting he crashed his way to victory in a splendid final.

Jill Shirley never looked in danger of losing in the Women's Singles and although Linda Bashford played well, in the final, she was rarely able to get past the defence of the England No. 2.

Peter Taylor won the Boys' Singles but he had two big frights — in the semis he was only fractionally away from defeat against the promising Bob Broadmore and he had another tremendous game in the final where he just managed to get the better of Ian Horsham.

The principality came into the tournament stakes when Lynda Jones

proved much too strong in the Girls' Singles.

Derek Marples, the Chesterfield player, had a good win in the Veterans' final over Len Browning and it was an all-northern final in the Men's Doubles where the scratch pairing of Neale and Brian Kean reached the final but lost to the well-tried partnership of Brian Burn and Alan Ransome.

Another scratch pairing, that of Taylor and Harding, was more successful for they reached the final of the Boys' Doubles and won the title after dropping the first game against Walker and Rayner.

Jill Shirley was successful in another final when, partnered by Barry Hill, they won the Mixed against Eric Coster and Kath Perry. Her chance of the triple crown was thwarted in the Women's Doubles when, with Pat Clements, she lost a close final against Susan Lisle and Miss Perry.

It was North v. Midlands in the Girls' Doubles final where the Ches./Yorks. alliance of Janice Green and Judith Walker proved too strong for the Gloucs./Warwks. pairing of Diane St. Ledger and Julie Mortimer.

Burford Junior Open

U-17 EVENTS

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

A. Boasman (Lancs.) bt G. Blomfield (Essex) 9, 14;
M. DAVIS (Warwks.) bt J. McNee (Ches.) 11, 24.

Final:

BOASMAN bt Davis 16, 13.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

S. Hamilton (Middx.) bt L. Jones (Glam.) 14, 16;
A. Painter (Middx.) bt J. Green (Ches.) 16, -13, 16.

Final:

HAMILTON bt Painter 9, -16, 17.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

R. Broadmore (Warwks.)/Davis bt T. Gatfield/I. Schofield (Worcs.) 8, 18;
J. Nix/S. Taylor (Warwks.) bt Boasman/C. Myden (Glam.) 18, 13.

Final:

BROADMORE/DAVIS bt Nix/Taylor 17, 21.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Hamilton/Painter bt V. Russell/D. St. Ledger (Warwks.) -19, 10, 17;
J. Hartwell (Herts.)/Jones bt E. Tarten/G. Taylor (Essex) -17, 13, 18.

Final:

HAMILTON/PAINTER bt Hartwell/Jones 14, -17, 8.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:

Boasman/Green bt Myden/Painter 16, 12;
M. Owen (Glam.)/Jones bt Broadmore/St. Ledger -22, 15, 19.

Final:

BOASMAN/GREEN bt Owen/Jones 14, 17.

U-15 EVENTS

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

Owen bt McNee 16, 21;
D. Douglas (Warwks.) bt P. Day (Cambs.) 14, 18.

Final:

OWEN bt Douglas 18, -19, 8.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

C. Stonell (Essex) bt Tarten 19, 15;
Jones bt Taylor 16, 13.

Final:

STONELL bt Jones 17, 16.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Douglas/Nix bt M. Bawden (Essex)/Owen 13, 21;
A. ALLARS/G. PUGH (Sussex) bt A. Bawden/S. Newman (Essex) -12, 17, 18.

Final:

DOUGLAS/NIX bt Allars/Pugh 15, 21

Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Tarten/Taylor bt N. Leslie (Surrey)/Jones 10, 19;
RUSSELL/ST. LEDGER bt G. Macrae (Surrey)/K. Mashford (Bucks.) 20, 15.

Final:

TARTEN/TAYLOR bt Russell/St. Ledger 17, 6.

U-13 EVENTS

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

Day bt A. Bawden 18, -18, 10;
M. Mitchell (Middx.) bt R. Jermyn (Herts.) 15, 14.

Final:

DAY bt Mitchell -19, 12, 18.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

C. Reeves (Berks.) bt A. Mitchell (Middx.) 11, -19, 10;
J. Kelly (Essex) bt M. Sangster (Middx.) 19, 10.

Final:

REEVES bt Kelly 7, 17.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

A. Barden/Mitchell bt Allars/Pugh 18, 12;
A. Bawden/Newman bt G. Harding (Herts.)/Jermyn 17, 18.

Final:

BARDEN/MITCHELL bt Bawden/Newman 16, -20, 15.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

K. Moore (Essex)/Reeves bt J. Champion (Middx.)/Mitchell -21, 15, 19;
A. Palmer (Middx.)/Sangster bt K. Garner/E. Swann (Cambs.) -16, 10, 15.

Final:

PALMER/SANGSTER bt Moore/Reeves 19, 21.

Kent Open

Men's Singles: Final:

O. B. HASLAM (Middx.) bt F. Nilam (Middx.) 17, -15, 19.

Women's Singles: Final:

L. RADFORD (Essex) bt L. Howard (Surrey) 8, 17.

Men's Doubles: Final:

HASLAM/A. HYDES (Yorks.) bt D. Brown (Essex)/C. Warren (Surrey) 11, 23.

Women's Doubles: Final:

RADFORD/D. SIMPSON (Essex) bt B. Bird/L. Chesson (Kent) -19, 16, 11.

Mixed Doubles: Final:

HASLAM/S. HOWARD (Surrey) bt Hydes/S. Kavalleriou (Sussex) 19, 15.

Youth Singles (Boys): Final:

I. ROBERTSON (Northld.) bt P. Guttormsen (Kent) -14, 17, 16.

Youth Singles (Girls): Final:

S. HOWARD bt L. Howard 17, 19.

Birmingham Open

Men's Singles: Semi-finals:

D. Neale (Yorks.) bt B. Burn (Warwks.)

9, 13;

A. Clayton (Yorks.) bt A. Ransome (Nthld.) 13, 24.

Final:

NEALE bt Clayton -19, 9, 14.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals:

J. Shirley (Bucks.) bt K. Perry (Staffs.)

14, 14;

L. Bashford (Yorks.) bt S. Lisle (Lancs.) 19, 14.

Final:

SHIRLEY bt Bashford 13, 13.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:

B. Kean (Ches.)/Neale bt Evans/Holland 14, 17;

Burn/Ransome bt R. Hampson/M. Johns (Ches.) 12, -18, 13.

Final:

BURN/RANSOME bt Kean/Neale 16, 16.

Women's Doubles:

Shirley/P. Clements (Yorks.) bt

G. Stocks/J. Walker (Yorks.) 19, 4;

Lisle/Perry bt J. Lloyd/J. Hunt (Worcs.) 19, 18.

Final:

LISLE/PERRY bt Shirley/Clements 14, -12, 17.

Mixed Doubles:

B. Hill (Surrey)/Shirley bt Ransome/Bashford 20, 13;

E. Coster (Middx.)/Perry bt

A. Littlechild/S. Browning (Cambs.) 13, 17.

Final:

HILL/SHIRLEY bt Coster/Perry 14, 12.

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

P. Taylor (Beds.) bt R. Broadmore (Warwks.) -16, 22, 16;

I. Horsham (Essex) bt J. Walker (Yorks.) 23, 17.

Final:

TAYLOR bt Horsham 17, -18, 19.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

J. Green (Ches.) bt B. Eardley 17, -15, 19;

L. Jones (Wales) bt J. Mortimer (Gloucs.) 11, 11.

Final:

JONES bt Green 17, 11.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

G. Harding (Hants.)/Taylor bt

Horsham/M. Locke (Essex) 18, 18;

D. Rayner (Yorks.)/Walker bt Burnham/M. Harper (Herts.) 15, 20.

Final:

HARDING/TAYLOR bt Rayner/

Walker -14, 19, 17.

Veteran Singles: Final:

D. MARPLES (Derbys.) bt L. Browning (Yorks.) -14, 14, 16.

Midland League Notes

by PHILIP REID

NEWMAN THE STAR

HINCKLEY improved considerably their chances of retaining their 1st Division place when they drew with leaders Birmingham 'A'. This was the first point Birmingham have dropped and but for a splendid maximum by Derek Munt they would have dropped them both. Hickley's star was Maurice Newman who took two and was also successful in the Men's Doubles with John Iliffe. West Bromwich are certain to go down but who accompanies them remains to be seen.

Leicester 'B' have made certain of the 2nd Division Championship with Walsall likely to go up with them.

Bristol's form—with John Wise outstanding—looks certain to give them the championship of Division 3 in their first season in the division.

The outcome of the Loughborough-Birmingham match will decide the final position of the Intermediate Division. A draw would give Loughborough the title for they have a superior sets average.

Birmingham 'A' fielded a weakened team against Leicester 'B' in the Junior 1st Division and lost 6-4 as a result. This means the title has developed into a two horse race between Birmingham and Wolverhampton. I could be wrong but I think despite this set-back Birmingham will still finish first, particularly with Bob Broadmore in such magnificent form.

The Juniors 2nd Division has already been decided—well done Loughborough! Loughborough have fielded two girls—Anita Stevenson and Janet Billson—throughout the season and with Clive Stretton have proved a very formidable side indeed. Their final match was against Derby who until this match had not dropped a point. Clive and Janet won two but the real star was Anita whose magnificent maximum contained a two-straight win over County player Ivor Warner.

The Veterans 1st Division looks likely to be won by Nottingham 'A'. Having beaten Birmingham early on in the season they have played well since and it will be a real form upset if they fail to take the title now.

Oxford's form makes them a certainty for the 2nd Division and indeed it is difficult to imagine who will stop them in the 1st. Nottingham might, but who else? Next season will provide the answer.

In the Women's Division, Birmingham continue to take all before them. Next month I should be able to provide a more complete picture. The postal strike has inevitably delayed many results but the situation should (I hope) be clarified before the next issue.

For consistency in speed bounce & hardness

HALEX 3 STAR

it's made from a specially selected grade of material—a material that gives a ball everything in play

**CONSISTENT SPEED
PERFECT BOUNCE
LONGER LIFE**

CHOOSE HALEX 3 STAR

the perfectly round hard ball that will help you play better

Halex

the choice of the champions

HALEX . TABLE TENNIS LTD. . BARNET . HERTS.

European League

Fears Suppressed



by GEOFF RYAN

ENGLAND 5 FED. GERMANY 2

IN the unaccustomed role of No. 2, Denis Neale played a major part in suppressing fears of relegation when England beat Federal Germany in a packed Civic Hall at Guildhall on February 11.

He won both his singles including a straight-games success over Ebby Schöler, ranked No. 2 in the world, and further combined with Chester Barnes to outplay Martin Ness and Wilfried Lieck in the men's doubles.

England got off to a good start when Barnes beat Lieck in a thrilling counter-hitting battle to be followed by Neale who recovered from 4-10 down in the first and 17-20 in the second to beat Schöler.

Jill Shirley then featured in an expedite duel with Diane Schöler from a score of 11-all in the first. The set lasted some 50 minutes with Jill eventually losing after holding two set points.

Barnes and Karenza Mathews played well to register a fine mixed doubles win over the Schölers which gave England a decisive 4-1 lead.

The Essex player then met Ebby Schöler and was surprised by the German's aggression as he trailed 1-7 in the first eventually losing -17. In the second Barnes could not penetrate a seemingly concrete wall.

In the final set, Neale engaged Lieck in an exciting encounter which featured rapid shots and long rallies with the Yorkshireman edging home in the decider 21-17 after holding five set points.

Individual scores:—

Barnes bt Lieck 8, -17, 21.
Neale bt Schöler 19, 20.
Shirley lost to Schöler -18, 18, -20.
Barnes/Neale bt Lieck/Ness 15, 9.
Barnes/Mathews beat Schöler/
Schöler 17, 20.
Barnes lost to Schöler -17, -18.
Neale bt Lieck 15, -21, 17.

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

"BLOOD" MATCH AT PRESTON

FOLLOWING on Lancashire's 10-0 slaying of Derbyshire in Division 2 (North) of the County Championships, Yorkshire II stand between the Red Rose and the Promotion Challenge Matches. This is a match Lancashire must win, no matter by what score, for breathing down their necks are Cheshire who will be all out to do likewise in their final engagement away to Northumberland.

Making his senior debut for the County team against Derbyshire was 14-years-old Donald Parker who stepped in to the vacancy created by the indisposition of Jeff Ingber who was originally selected.

On the eve of the county matches, young Parker had been concerned in a dramatic encounter against Manchester in Division 1 of the Lancs & Cheshire League. In the opening set against Tony Boasman, the first game had been won by Parker when, in going back to retrieve a ball, he crashed his head against a steel stanchion.

Miraculously he got the ball back, a feat which left Boasman so thunders-ruck that he made no effort to keep the ball in play. Despite the trickle of blood onto Parker's shirt from his head wound, the young Prestonian was still game to carry on not wanting to concede the set.

Wiser counsel prevailed, however, and with Kevin Forshaw's assurance that the set would not be claimed Parker was rushed down to hospital by Jim Clegg, Preston non-playing captain.

Not many minutes later, with four stitches in his head, Parker returned to complete his set against Boasman winning 12 and 14. He followed this up by beating Jack Warne 17 and 12, Forshaw 18 and 18 and, to finish off the night, he paired up with Tony Rigby to beat Boasman and Forshaw in the doubles to earn Preston a shock 5-all draw! Of such stuff are champions made!

In Division 2 (North), Blackpool have run into troubled waters having been beaten by Manchester "A" 7-3 and held to a 5-all draw by Blackburn. Still pointless at the foot of the table are former champions Bolton with but two matches remaining from which to extricate themselves from a very precarious position.

This season it was decided by the Bury and District League to run five teams in the L. & C. League. For the first time in a number of years a Junior and a Youth team were added, the reason here being to prepare the youngsters for call-up into the senior Men's Teams.

Another added incentive was the fact that the league had acquired the services of one of the best coaches in Lancashire—Cliff Booth, a former junior international and Lancashire County player.

The big break through came on Mar. 6 when, against previously unbeaten Preston in the Junior Division (North), Bury triumphed 7-3 with No. 3 player G. Watson recording a treble success against Barry Crook, David Hewitt and M. Seed.

It certainly pays to be coached. Ask Ken Turley, the Bury inter-league match secretary!

Leading positions:—

DIVISION 1							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Bolton	7	6	0	1	53	17	12
Manchester	7	5	1	1	44	26	11
Hyde	6	3	1	2	32	28	7
Preston	5	2	2	1	24	26	6

DIVISION 2 (NORTH)							
Preston "A"	4	4	0	0	25	15	8
Blackpool	5	3	1	1	31	19	7
Blackburn	5	3	1	1	27	23	7
Manch. "A"	6	3	0	3	33	27	6

DIVISION 2 (SOUTH)							
Crewe	4	3	1	0	25	15	7
Sale	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Stocpt. "A"	5	1	3	1	26	24	5
Wirral	4	1	3	0	23	17	5

DIVISION 1 (WOMEN)							
Stockport	5	4	1	0	39	11	9
Manchester	3	3	0	0	30	0	6
Blackpool	4	3	0	1	32	8	6

DIVISION 2 (WOMEN)							
Liverpl. "A"	5	5	0	0	44	6	10
Southport	4	4	0	0	30	10	8
Bolton	7	4	0	3	33	37	8

YOUTH DIVISION							
Manchester	6	6	0	0	50	10	12
Mid-Ches	7	6	0	1	54	16	12
Sale	7	5	0	2	46	24	10
Warrington	8	4	1	3	38	42	9

JUNIOR (NORTH)							
Preston	7	6	0	1	50	20	12
Blackburn	7	6	0	1	49	21	12
Bolton	7	5	1	1	53	17	11

JUNIOR SOUTH							
Wirral	7	6	0	1	52	18	12
Stockport	6	6	0	0	43	17	12
Manchester	6	4	1	1	37	23	9

ENGLISH JUNIOR OPEN

SWITCHED from Folkestone and the original dates of May 1-2, this season's English Junior Open Table Tennis Championships will now take place in the Sports Hall of the University of Kent, Canterbury on Easter Sunday, April 11 and Monday, April 12, 1971.

Sunday's play will mainly be devoted to the International Team Championships but with the qualifying and first round matches of the individual events in addition.

Final sessions on both days will commence at 7 p.m., overall admission charge on both days being Adults 25p, Children 15p.

Geoffrey Daniels is the Organising Secretary and Bill Goldfinch is the Referee.

Closing date for entries is Wednesday, March 31st, the draw being scheduled for Saturday, April 3. Entry Forms can be obtained from the ETTA office at 26-29 Park Crescent, London W1N 4HA.

HARRY VENNER

Coach of Champions

CHESTER BARNES
MARY WRIGHT
IAN HARRISON
JILL SHIRLEY

Available for Class Coaching Appointments

Enquiries to:
66 Tavistock Crescent,
Mitcham, Surrey.
Phone: 01-764 0263

"CHESTER BARNES" - "DUNLOP"

*

"HALEX" - "LOUIS HOFFMAN"

*

"JAQUES" - "STIGA" - "SPALDING"

*

"SCHILDKROT" - "TIGER"

*

PLUS LARGE SELECTION OF TRACK SUITS.

Send for Catalogue to:—

CLUB ROW SPORTS (T.T.)

6 CHESHIRE STREET
LONDON E2.

Open Sunday Mornings 8-30—1 p.m.

Also at . . .

2 DARTMOUTH ROAD
LONDON S.E.23.

DURHAM NOTES



by Fred Inch

PHILADELPHIA MAKE HISTORY

SUNDERLAND League's women are County Champions once again as a result of their 6-3 win over Philadelphia but the 'Philly' No. 1, Maureen Minto, keeps her top-of-the-averages intact after five consecutive seasons.

The Philadelphia League got their revenge when they made history by beating Sunderland 6-3 to win the Men's Division for the first time in the 41 years existence of the County Association.

Outstanding player in the division must be Jim Armstrong of Philadelphia who, in recent weeks, has beaten the whole County team of Malcolm Corking, Wilf Barker and Michael Ford. By so doing he has gained the recognition that he deserves by being selected to play against Cumberland.

Sunderland and Philadelphia Men's second teams are also undefeated in Division 2 and the result will only come when they meet later this month. Stockton look set to carry off the Junior title being so strong that they field two teams in this division and even the second string have been too well equipped for some of the other leagues in the County.

Sponsorship is on its way to help in the future of Durham County and by the time you read these notes the County officials, Wilf Britton (Chairman) and Edgar Reay (Hon. Joint Secretary) and myself will have made representations on behalf of member leagues to industrial concerns who we think are willing to co-operate with sponsorship. The target for next season is £200 to enable us to achieve the many things which I have mentioned in previous issues of this journal.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

RANDELL IN GREAT FORM

THE Leicestershire Closed Championships, held at Hinckley for the first time, proved a huge success. 17-year-old Paul Randell, who showed such great form at the YMCA Invitation tourney, turned in another great display by winning the Men's Singles without dropping a game. His finalist opponent was Maurice Newman who played really well. Glenys Odams has at last won the Women's Singles. "I thought I was NEVER going to win it", she told me. I was beginn-

ing to get doubtful myself but it was a comprehensive win—Glenys beat everyone in straight games.

The Junior Singles was won by Dave Barry, beating Stephen Penny in the final. This is Penny's first season in competitive table tennis and he played well to reach this stage. Phil Overend, like wine, improves with age and he showed this very clearly in the Veterans' Singles, where he took the title with a fine win in the final over Graham Elsdon. The Under-15 Singles produced one shock, though to call it a shock may do less than justice to Anita Stevenson.

Anita, the 14-year-old Loughborough schoolgirl defeated County Junior Champion Dave Berry in straight games but this was only one of her successes. She won the Girls' Singles (beating Janet Billson in the final) and partnered Janet to win the Junior Doubles. Only by the narrowest of margins did they lose the Women's Doubles.

The Newman-Iliffe partnership proved too strong for all opposition in the Men's Doubles and Iliffe had further success in the Mixed. Partnered by Jose Rogers they beat John Rogers and Pat Kilsby. The Intermediate Singles, as expected went to Paul Randell.

Leicestershire have now concluded their county fixtures and will be very satisfied with their season. The seniors beat Bedfordshire 6-4. Nobody made much impression on Peter Taylor, but Paul Randell won both his singles with Barbara Webster being unbeaten in Women's Doubles

and Mixed Doubles. In five sets this season Jacques and Mrs. Webster have lost only one set—the most successful mixed doubles pair in Leicestershire history.

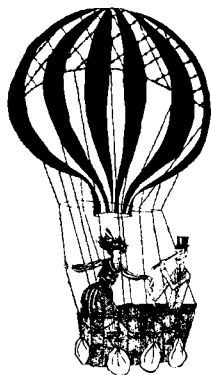
The juniors finished their matches by beating Northamptonshire 7-3. Star here was Dave Barry who won both his singles. The great strength however has been on the distaff side of the team. Karen Rogers has won all her singles without even going to three whilst Anita Stevenson and Janet Billson have a 100% record in the Girls' Doubles. Chris and Karen Rogers lost only one mixed doubles—in their very last match of the season.

Things are hotting up in the 1st Division of the Leicester and District Table Tennis League where Leicester YMCA lost 6-4 to Barwell Constitutional. This has thrown the championship wide open and whilst the YMCA could still finish top the odds must now favour Barwell.

In the Loughborough League 1st Division. Triad look fractionally favourites to top the East Division Certainly in Malcolm Carrington they have one of the most enthusiastic players in Leicestershire.

In the Midland League, Leicester 'A' made certain of a quick return to the 1st Division when they beat Coventry 'B' 10-0. Their Junior 'B' team had a good win against a Birmingham 'A' side which was admittedly far from their best. Stephen Penny has settled into this team well, winning two against Birmingham 'A' and winning the team's only set in their 9-1 defeat by Birmingham 'B'.

ASK Mr. FOSTER Travel Service



Founded 1888

*Officially appointed Travel Agent to the E.T.T.A.
offers all Members and Supporters of the Association
their services*

World Wide facilities - Independent Travel arrangements
by AIR - SEA and RAIL for business or
pleasure, Group Travel arrangements,
holidays booked with all ABTA
Tour Operators.

143 New Bond Street,
London, W1Y 9FD.

01-499 2848

Telex No: 266912





CONTROVERSY

by
John Woodford

Silence infers Consent ?

THERE is certainly one dictionary, there may be others, which proclaim that "silence infers consent". If this is so this definition itself is yet another controversial talking point. The circulation of this magazine being around the 3,000 mark, I wonder if my claim that 2,997 readers agree with my attack on the conception of the veterans' divisions of the county championships would be acceptable?

This month my spotlight turns on the open tournament organisers and their policy regarding how many events should be "staged" at the final single-table session. Happily, quite a number of tournaments are now seeing the light by staging only, repeat only, the five main major finals—MS, WS, MD, WD, XD.

My recent travels have taken me to several opens. The more I see the more I am convinced that it is a mistake to

try and increase the finals sessions to include junior, youth, veterans and even MS semi-finals.

Rarely nowadays, do finals sessions attract large gatherings of people outside the game. It is mainly players, friends, relations, organisers, helpers and the local dignitaries. Most of the players with distances to travel home set off before the finals. Those who stay are either involved in the finals or have only to travel a little way home.

Not to mention the vital fact that if the main events are delayed by minor ones, it is often too late to catch the main editions of the Monday daily press, the embarrassment to those left is all too obvious. There sits the local mayor, like most others, trying to stifle series of yawns whilst the juniors and veterans do their best to win through. The noise at the bar or the

refreshment counter gradually increases until the umpire is forced to appeal for quiet.

If we are saved the further frustration of marathon, time-limit matches in the big five events and allowing time for the presentations and public votes of thanks plus wishes for a safe journey home, we may, if we are lucky, get away by 10-30 p.m.!

Tournament committees I beseech you, when you consider your finals arrangements for next season, experiment if you like, with this suggestion of expediting your finals session towards a 7 p.m. start with only the five main events. This way we might, just might, help to avoid these yawning half-empty halls in which those present are thinking only what might happen to them if their car breaks down on some Godforsaken, windswept, rain-sodden or frozen road around 2 a.m.!

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

TITLE WINNER AFTER 9 YEARS GAP

BIG event last month in Middlesex was the Closed Championships in which Malcolm Sugden won the men's singles for the third year running and Jackie Redfearn won the women's singles after a gap of nine years.

The juniors did remarkably well to figure in all the doubles finals, pride of place going to Sheila Hamilton and

Ann Painter who won the women's doubles title.

RESULTS—

- M.S.: M. SUGDEN bt O. Haslam 14, 17.
- W.S.: J. REDFEARN bt M. Walker 13, 16.
- M.D.: HASLAM/F. NILAM bt R. Aldrich/D. Jemmett 14, 17.
- W.D.: S. HAMILTON/A. PAINTER bt E. Britton/M. Symes 11, 10.
- X.D.: SUGDEN/WALKER bt Aldrich/Painter 17, 9.
- B.S.: ALDRICH bt Jemmett 16, -16, 19.
- G.S.: HAMILTON bt Painter 10, -16, 22.

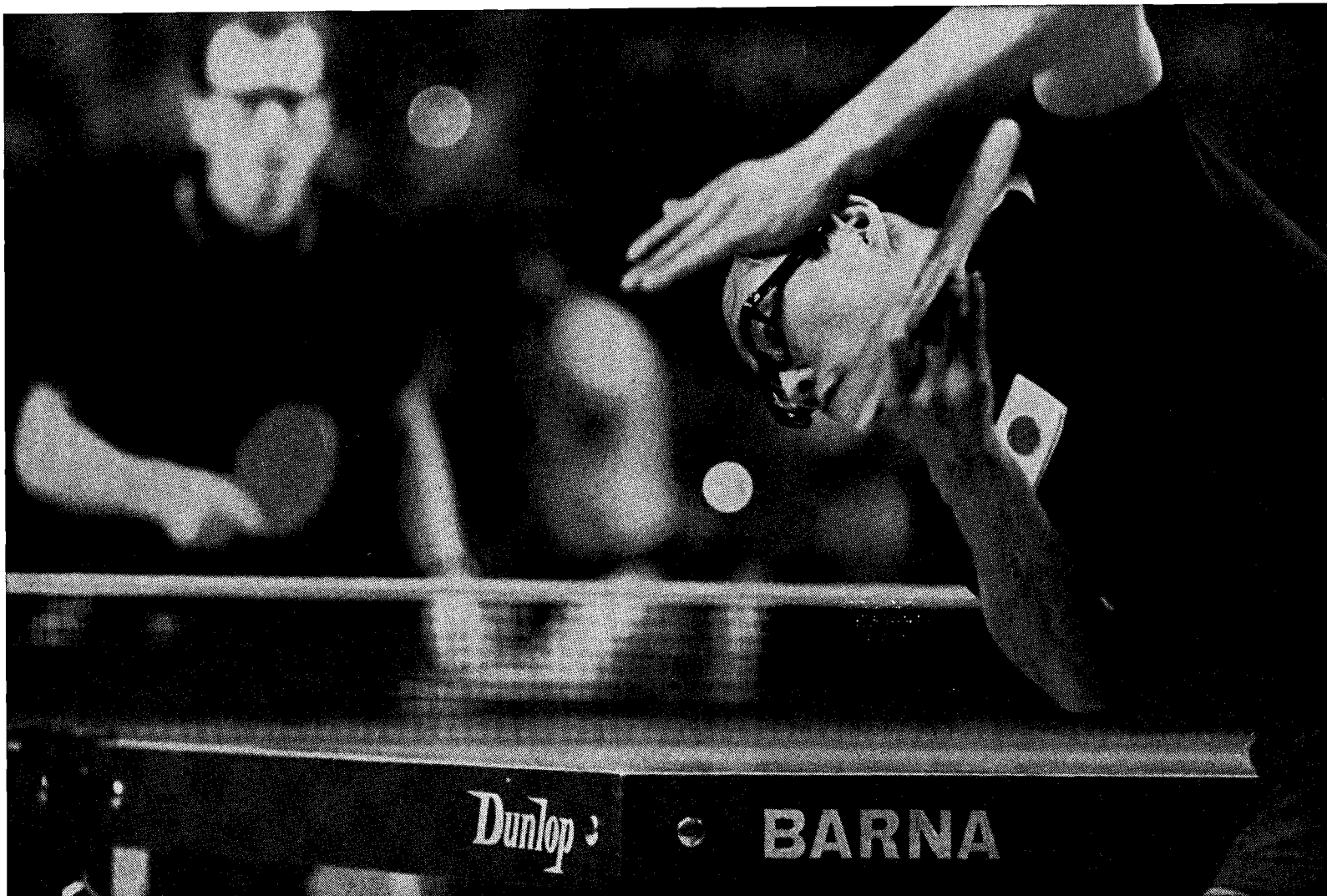
So well is the coaching doing for the younger juniors that it is hoped, next season, to run a second junior county team.

Looking a little ahead, the first of the junior Coaching rallies will be on April 25 at the Barnet T.T. Centre. At this Rally, selection for the regular summer coaching will take place.

EXHIBITION

GERRY CRANHAM, whose action shot of world champion Shigeo Itoh was featured on the front cover of the November issue, is to have a one-man show of sport photographs at the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, S.W.7 from April 8 — May 16.

Over one hundred photographs will be on display, including a few on table tennis. Admission to the exhibition is free of charge.



'FULL HOUSE'

Membership of the E.T.T.A.'s "100 Club" is now complete and the full list of members is as follows:—

"100 CLUB" MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. A. P. Archdale	Mrs. D. L. Heaton	D. V. Reed
T. Barlow	J. T. Heaton	P. Reid
G. V. Barna	R. P. Hockley	N. K. Reeve
M. E. Barrett	A. Hill	R. Richardson
Miss M. C. Bateson	Mrs. M. G. Hiorns	D. M. Robson
Mrs. E. Betts	L. Hoffman	W. J. Rogerson
T. Blunn	P. E. Hyde	A. M. Ross
L. M. Bromfield	F. J. Inch	D. Schofield
Mrs. R. E. Bromfield	J. T. Ingleson	Mrs. K. Scott
A. D. Brook	C. Jaques	A. Shepherd
C. Burden	B. Kennedy	P. Simpson
J. Burnett	Kent County	R. Smith
G. Campbell	E. W. Lawrence	M. J. Smythe
J. H. Carrington	J. A. Leach, M.B.E.	D. Stanley
L. A. Chatwin	J. M. Long	K. Stanley
Mrs. J. Clay	B. R. Merrett	Mrs. D. Stannard
L. Cohen	F. Milligan	A. G. Steggall
G. Cole	K. Mitchell	H. G. Stevens
G. A. Collins	Mrs. M. Mitchell	H. Swetman
E. R. Connell	J. M. McCormack	E. Swinhoe-Fhelan
R. J. Crayden	Mrs. A. H. McIlreath	L. Thompson
S. H. Crevald	D. Neale	D. R. Tremayne
Mrs. H. R. Crevald	F. C. Newell	A. E. Upton
S. Dane	N. Nicholson	A. K. Vint, O.B.E.
C. Darley	P. Norman	J. Waterhouse
L. C. T. Davis	G. A. Owen	A. J. H. Wickens
Mrs. N. Roy Evans	H. E. Pearce	D. R. Wolstencroft
W. Evans	J. Pike	K. E. Woodard
S. N. Fleming	K. T. O. Ponting	P. V. Woosnam
Mrs. E. M. Fletcher	J. H. Fopham	B. T. Worts
H. Flinton	A. Porter	B. D. Wright
M. Goldstein	G. Powell	C. M. Wyles
C. C. Hames	R. E. Ransome	G. R. Yates
P. E. Harmer		

Double Waveband

by **NORMAN REEVE**

Chairman, **ETTA** Publicity Committee

THE Publicity Committee considers that interest in the game could be furthered in many areas if top players were to give *exhibition matches* at convenient times during the season. The Management Committee has agreed in certain circumstances to bear the cost of the travelling expenses of members of the Elite Squad to take part in such exhibitions. It is thought that this might be of interest to local leagues, for example, who might wish to include such an exhibition in connection with their annual championships. The fee for the exhibition would be for direct negotiation between the sponsor and the players they wish to engage. All organisers are urged to take advantage of the possibility of staging exhibitions, particularly in those parts of the country where the leading England players are rarely, if ever, seen during the season.

LOCAL RADIO

Many of the projected *local radio stations* are now in being and it is important that the Association should have a contact for each who is recognised locally and by the station con-

cerned as being the Association's contact man in the area. Substantial progress has already been made and the following are already recognised as the contacts for the stations named:—

BIRMINGHAM—J. Pike
 BRIGHTON—J. Woodford
 BRISTOL—J. Shilsted
 DURHAM—G. Lambelle
 LEEDS—P. Hawkyard
 LONDON—K. Mathews
 LEICESTER—P. Reid
 MANCHESTER—G. R. Yates
 NOTTINGHAM—J. D. Ellis
 OXFORD—E. J. Arnold
 STOKE-ON-TRENT—J. Pike
 TEESSIDE—G. Lambelle/
 A. Ransome

Table tennis organisers in the area are asked to keep their local radio contact well informed of local events because it will be possible to get publicity for them over the radio and in many cases table tennis can also be featured in a variety of presentations such as sports panels, quiz programmes, etc., etc. The radio stations concerned are being informed that those named are the accredited ETTA representatives and the stations will be fed regularly with publicity material direct from the ETTA office.

Certain other local radio stations will be opening up during 1971 and as contacts are made additions will be made to the list.

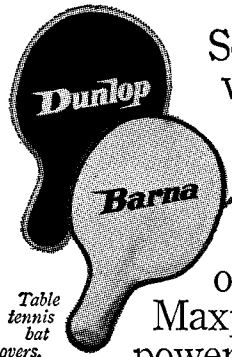


Table tennis bat covers.

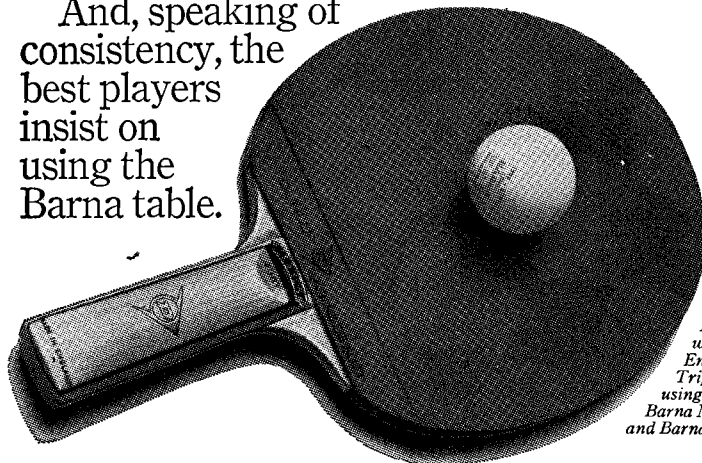
Sometimes it's like you were trying to catch bullets in mid-air.

And we don't help.

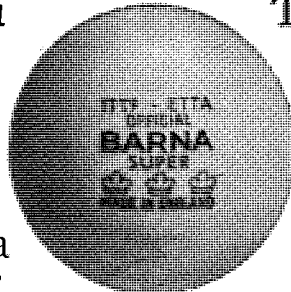
We arm your opponent with a Barna Maxply Fort, designed for power and balance and incorporating fiendish Japanese sandwich...

We make the Barna 'Super' ball—a ball of such consistency that you can't even hope that luck might lend you a hand...

And, speaking of consistency, the best players insist on using the Barna table.



Karenza Matthews, won the English Closed Triple Crown using a Dunlop Barna Maxply bat and Barna clothing.



The "super" ball. Better bounce. More consistency.

There's no room left for anything except skill.

Well, that's how the game's played nowadays.

You could turn the tables. Lash out on a Maxply Fort yourself... and even up the odds.

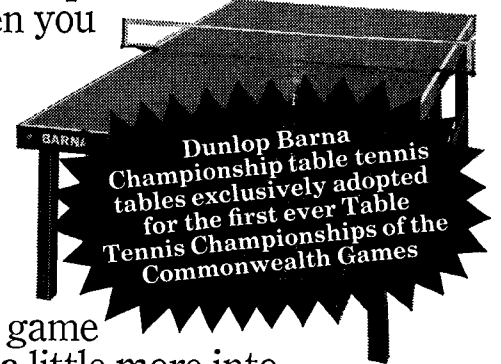
When you

buy Barna you know you've got

the best equipment. For one simple reason.

At Dunlop we care about the game enough to put a little more into everything we make.

Just so that you can get something more out of it.



Dunlop Barna Championship table tennis tables exclusively adopted for the first ever Table Tennis Championships of the Commonwealth Games



Table tennis is our game

TEESSIDE 3-STAR OPEN

by GEORGE R. YATES

CLAYTON DESTROYS THE BATTLESHIP FOR DESTROYER BARNES TO SWEEP THROUGH

THERE can be no denying that the facilities afforded the competitors in the 4th Teesside Open Championships, played at Thornaby Pavilion over the weekend of February 20-21, were of the highest order and of the four top-graded tournaments to have been played this season, this one won hands down on all counts.

Minor changes had to be made in the composition of one or two county teams engaged in the international team championship and, in the case of Lancashire, an unexpected debut for Manchester's Philip Bowen.

Bowen, a coloured 18-year-old left-hander, took the place of Tony Boasman and was thrown in at the deep end as the Red Rose trio faced up to England's second team of Nicky Jarvis, Jimmy Walker and Jill Shirley.

But what an auspicious beginning the Manchester YMCA player made for, in his very first set, he beat England's top junior, Jarvis, 19 and 9!

Walker put the ship back on an even keel with a 2-straight defeat of Donald Parker, but in the women's singles set that followed, Susan Lisle strove might and main before losing to Miss Shirley 11, 23. And Parker too, against Jarvis, was only beaten 19 and 20, a loss that gave England II a 3-1 passage into the quarter-finals.

England's first team of Chester Barnes, Denis Neale and Karenza Mathews reached the final from the top half of the draw with successive 3-0 wins over Warwickshire, Yorkshire I and Middlesex, the latter team employing Linda Howard to assist Laurie Landry and Eric Coster.

ONE LOSS

Czechoslovakia, the eventual winners, came through to the final with one loss suffered by Alicia Grofova to Jill Shirley although Jarvis extended Jiri Turai to a third game.

But in the final, it was a ding-dong affair with England taking a 1-0 lead when Neale swept Milan Orlovski from the table in the opening set. This was more than countered when Stefan Kollarovits beat Barnes and Miss Grofova easily accounted for Karenza Mathews.

Barnes beat Orlovski to equate the match score leaving Neale with the task of beating Kollarovits for the title. It was not to be, however, for the handsome Czech was razor sharp and much too quick for the Yorkshireman.

What a surprise, therefore, in the men's singles when, from the county of the broad acres, Tony Clayton ousted Kollarovits in the quarter-finals of the men's singles when he defeated the then English Open Champion -10, 16 and 19!

England's No. 5 was 19-15 up in the third game but his opponent was by no means a beaten man as he narrowed the gap to 19-18 at which stage Clayton got an 'edge' to go 20-18 in front.

Lady Luck then turned her smile on the Czech and an edge to him brought that single point difference to heighten the tension, whereupon Clayton, a non-believer in finesse, thundered home a winner which appeared set to drop, first bounce, in Prague!

In the first quarter of this event, Neale came unstuck against Orlovski and, in the same half of the draw, the other local "big shot", Jarvis, went out to Turai.

Barnes, with no foreign opposition to contend with, had the easiest of passages into the semis and was always in control of his penultimate meeting with Clayton.

Meanwhile Turai got the better of his compatriot Orlovski to oppose the English Closed champion in a fluctuating final which deservedly went to the Essex man.

In all, English players took four of the five major individual titles, the one that got away being the men's doubles, the least expected.

One cannot make mention of the men's doubles without commenting on the performance of Laurie Landry who, with Clayton, really hit a purple patch in opposition to Barnes and Neale.

LIKE A PISTON

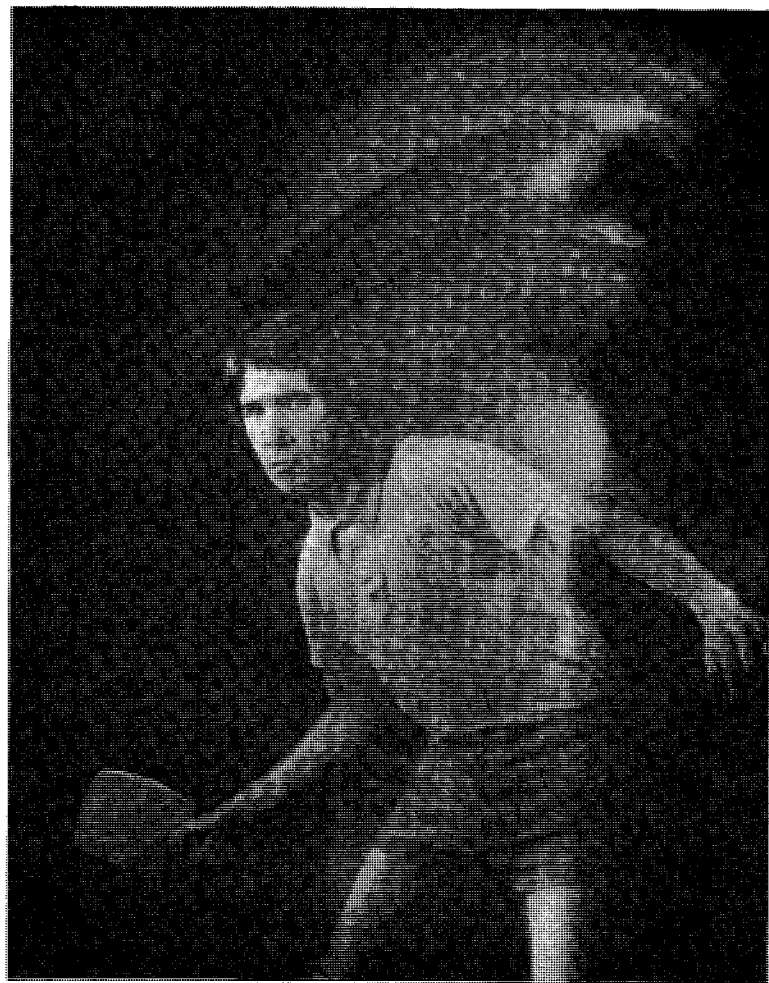
The Middlesex/Yorkshire combine, after losing the first game 12, really hit the high spots in the second, which they won at 20, with Landry's forehand going like a piston on a crack express in the era of steam.

It was all in vain, however, for 21-16 was the score in the final game to Barnes and Neale.

Another glory seeker was Alan Ransome, that jack-of-all-trades and the dynamo which is the Ormesby club.

Alan, the tournament organiser, whose voice was repeatedly heard on the public address system, as well as being relayed to Radio Teesside, Durham and Northumberland, took time off to engage in the men's singles and to reach the last 16!

At this stage his opponent was no less a personage than Orlovski, an ex-European Youth champion, who was beaten 16 in the first game and was



CHESTER BARNES, winner of the men's singles title at Thornaby Pavilion.
Photo by Gerry Cranham

2-8 down in the second before realising the danger of his position and taking successful measures to halt what would have been, for him, an inglorious exit.

DISTAFF SIDE

On the distaff side, Susan Howard figured in a dramatic encounter with Jana Pauknerova which saw the Surrey girl 16-20 down in the deciding game from which position she rallied to win 23-21!

But no such heroics were forthcoming against Jill Shirley in the semis, nor from Karenza Mathews against Alicia Grofova. In the final Jill repeated her team championship success over the Czech girl and, with Karenza, collected the women's doubles title.

The triple crown came in the mixed event, with Barnes, but it was all so easy in this concluding set by which time the Czech opposition was thoroughly demoralised.

RESULTS:--

Team Event

Round 1:

ENGLAND I 3 WARWICKSHIRE 0
D. Neale bt R. Cooper 11, 17;
C. Barnes bt B. Burn 16, 16;
Mrs. K. Mathews bt Mrs. H. Hamilton 12, 12.

YORKSHIRE I 3

NORTHUMBERLAND 1
A. Clayton bt A. Chilvers 10, 18;
bt P. Hoyles 12, 14;
A. Fletcher bt Hoyles 18, 13;
Miss L. Bashford lost to Mrs. M. Robson -8, -21.

MIDDLESEX 3 SCOTLAND I 2

E. Coster bt R. Kerr 20, 17;
lost to R. Yule 17, -16, -16.
L. Landry lost to Yule -13, 16, -14;
bt Kerr 13, 16.
Miss L. Howard bt Miss E. Smith 7, 10.

CHESHIRE 3 AUSTRALIA 1

B. Kean lost to S. Knapp -18, 20, -18;
bt P. Pinkewich 17, 13.
M. Johns bt Pinkewich 21, 18.
Miss J. Heaps beat Miss M. Cummings 10, 14.

ENGLAND II 3 LANCASHIRE 1

N. Jarvis lost to P. Bowen -19, -9;
bt D. Parker 19, 20.
J. Walker bt Parker 16, 10;
Miss J. Shirley beat Miss S. Lisle 11, 23.

SCOTLAND II 3 YORKSHIRE II 1

P. Forker lost to D. Alderson -23, -20.
E. Sutherland bt D. Rayner -14, 22, 14;
bt Alderson 18, 14.
Miss K. Angus bt Miss L. Sutton 12, 17.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3 SURREY 0

S. Kollarovits bt B. Hill 18, 8.
M. Orlovski bt P. Beck 9, 13.
Miss J. Pauknerova bt Miss S. Howard 12, -11, 18.

Quarter-finals:

ENGLAND I 3 YORKS. I 0

Barnes bt Clayton 13, 16.
Neale bt Fletcher 7, 13.
Mathews bt Bashford 12, 11.

MIDDLESEX 3

ESSEX 0

Landry bt R. Hellaby 13, 22;
Coster bt I. Horsham 19, 17.
L. Howard bt J. Hellaby 12, 17.

ENGLAND II 3 CHESHIRE 2
Walker bt Kean 15, 9; lost to Johns
-20, 19, -15.

Jarvis lost to Johns 17, -21, -17;
bt Kean 13, 11.

Shirley bt Heaps -18, 15, 17.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3

SCOTLAND II 0

Kollarovits bt Sutherland 15, 12;

J. Turai bt Forker 6, 10.

Miss A. Grofova bt Angus 16, 19.

Semi-finals:

ENGLAND I 3 MIDDLESEX 0

Neale bt Coster 15, 15;

Barnes bt Landry 17, 13.

Mathews bt L. Howard 12, 15.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3

ENGLAND II 1

Orlowski bt Walker 18, 15;

bt Jarvis 11, 15.

Turai bt Jarvis 11, -26, 9;

Shirley bt Grofova -17, 16, 18.

Final:

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3 ENGLAND I 2

Kollarovits bt Barnes -19, 13, 14;

bt Neale 18, 17.

Orlowski lost to Neale -17, -17;

lost to Barnes -11, 8, -11.

Grofova bt Mathews 18, 14.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:

Orlowski bt Neale 16, 18;

Turai bt Jarvis -15, 8, 11;

Barnes bt Johns 11, 12;

Clayton bt Kollarovits -10, 16, 19.

Semi-finals:

TURAI bt Orlowski 12, -21, 12;

BARNES bt Clayton 15, 18

Final:

BARNES bt Turai 20, -15, 17.

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:

Shirley bt Robson 10, 9;

S. Howard bt Pauknerova -17, 17, 21;

Mathews bt Heaps 17, 13;

Grofova bt Bashford 11, 8.

Semi-finals:

SHIRLEY bt S. Howard 12, 14;

GROFOVA bt Mathews 19, 15.

Final:

SHIRLEY bt Grofova 19, -10, 16.

Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Barnes/Neale bt Clayton/Landry

12, -20, 16;

Johns/Kollarovits bt Coster/Hill 13, 8;

Buru/I. Roberston (Nthld.) bt Knapp/

Pinkewich 11, 17;

Orlowski/Turai bt S. Kosmowsy/

R. Priestley (Yorks.) 17, 19.

Semi-finals:

BARNES/NEALE bt Johns/

Kollarovits 14, 20;

ORLOWSKI/TURAI bt Burn/

Roberston 17, 12.

Final:

ORLOWSKI/TURAI bt Barnes/Neale

17, 13.

Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Grofova/Pauknerova bt M. Green/

S. Shiffis (New Zealand) 9, 9;

Heaps/Lisle bt H. Hamilton/

O. Hawkins (Scotland) 13, 14;

Angus/Smith bt J. Dyer (Ches.)/

Waller 11, 13;

Mathews/Shirley bt Sutton/Lowthorp

(Yorks.) 12, 5.



JIRI TURAI (Czechoslovakia) the beaten men's singles finalist.

Photo by Petr Barta of Ostrava

Semi-finals:

GROFOVA/PAUKNEROVA bt Heaps

/Lisle 19, -10, 23;

MATHEWS/SHIRLEY bt Angus/

Smith 7, 17.

Final:

MATHEWS/SHIRLEY bt Grofova/

Pauknerova -15, 6, 12.

Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Turai/Pauknerova bt Hellaby/

Hellaby 12, 17;

Barnes/Shirley bt Coster/S. Howard

17, -18, 21;

Orlowski/Grofova bt Clayton/Sutton

16, 20;

Neale/Mathews bt P. Abell/P. Lister

(Yorks.) 11, 15.

Semi-finals:

BARNES/SHIRLEY bt Turai/

Pauknerova 13, 19;

ORLOWSKI/GROFOVA bt Neale/

Mathews 9, 16.

Final:

BARNES/SHIRLEY bt Orlowski/

Grofova 12, 7.

Youth Singles: Quarter-finals:

Orlowski bt Horsham 11, 8;

Fletcher bt Boasman 16, -13, 19.

Walker bt Hellaby -15, 22, 19;

Jarvis bt Rayner 9, -12, 16.

Semi-finals:

ORLOWSKI bt Fletcher 8, 18;

WALKER bt Jarvis 18, 17.

Final:

ORLOWSKI bt Walker 11, 17.

Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:

T. DONLON (Ches.) bt F. Briggs

(Yorks.) 12, 18;

H. DIGNAN (Nthld.) bt L. Browning

(Yorks.) 12, 17.

Final:

DIGNAN bt Donlon 20, 11.



THIS SIGN MEANS MORE
THAN VICTORY
IT MEANS...

LOUIS HOFFMAN

THE BEST IN THE WEST

AND NORTH

AND SOUTH

AND EAST

LOUIS HOFFMAN (CLOTHING) LTD.

180 BRICK LANE

LONDON, E.1.

01 739 7391

THE MAKERS OF CHESTER BARNES
(Clothing and Equipment)

COACHING AND SCHOOLS

By PHILIP REID

BRYAN MERRETT reports increased activity at the Worle Schools Centre. Intensive training sessions have been held for boys and girls under 13 years of age to see who would represent Somerset. Nigel Woodward and Sue Harding will represent Bristol whilst Richard Svendsen and Jill Wilson will be the Somerset representatives.

Only ten of the nineteen teams which had entered turned up for the Somerset National Team Competitions in Under 13, 15 and 19 events. The centre is used each Thursday evening with an average attendance of 30. Normally eleven-year-olds are not allowed to participate in evening events at the School but special permission has been received for promising players of this age to participate. At Highfields School, Wolverhampton, everything is in full swing and from Tuesday, April 20th to Thursday, May 27th sessions will be held every Tuesday and Thursday.

Peter Simpson reports building up strong connections with the Universities Athletic Union. Friendly matches

for men and women have been played at Loughborough against both the RAF and Leicestershire.

A course at Lea Green has been held to which the most promising two juniors in each Northern County were invited. The response was most encouraging with Denis Neale assisting.

The Easter Course at Carnegie College, Leeds looks like proving very popular. It will deal with all aspects of the game from the coaches' angle.

The Northern Coaching Panel—which aims to work in close co-operation with the counties concerned—have arranged a meeting with the Durham County officials and coaches. Durham have obtained £200 to spend on coaching and are anxious to use it in the best possible way.

Proficiency Awards Scheme Days have been held at Harrogate and Hull. The Harrogate session was a project to introduce table tennis into the schools—an idea which the Harrogate League are very keen to foster.

At the Hull session, 11-year-old Mike Thurkettle gained his Gold Award.

TOM BLUNN poses the question



Why a National Association ?

THERE are very few games that can be played by oneself.

The first essential therefore is an opponent and from this develops a spirit of competition which in itself is the foundation upon which all sport is based.

From playing each other, players create a desire to progress and test their skills against others. In some cases they may even have to teach others to play their game until there are sufficient players to create a larger competition. Then expansion is desired and competition spreads over a wider area and becomes a regular feature. Standards improve and the players obtain satisfaction in their achievements.

From this comes an organised league with regular competitions, and rules and regulations become very necessary. Inevitably some form of administration is required and this involves expense; so emerges the first mention of fees.

With good administration a league will progress by an increased standard of performance. This creates publicity and popularity with a desire to test one's skill against that of a neighbouring league and inter-league competition follows with the inevitable formation of further organised competitions.

A natural follow-on is the creation of a county body although in many sports this stage was bypassed and a direct approach made for the creation of a national body. The loyalty of any community is first to the country and second to the county; at least this appears to be the case in the U.K. and probably so in most foreign countries where areas are divided up into states or regions which create their own individuality.

UNIFORMITY

The first function of a national body is to gather all those who are interested in the game and create some form of uniformity. This is necessary if competition is to be fair or to have any meaning at all. Uniformity is required in the rules of the game and in the regulations governing the competitions

and rules and regulations require supervision, consideration and revision continuously.

This requires an effective administration to co-ordinate all views and practices and to watch over the interests of all concerned so that the game can progress in popularity and develop in skills so that a recognised healthy sport emerges that is both beneficial and satisfying to those who participate and to those who are content to watch and enjoy it.

Such a degree of progress demands a sound national organisation with area or regional delegation on some basis. Sound organisation, if it is to be effective and efficient, must be paid for.

This has been the pattern of table tennis in England and the home countries and the need for a national body was first recognised about seventy years ago. The fundamental principles of the game changed so rapidly in the early days that uniformity became very difficult and the national body failed to function effectively. Consequently the popularity of the game took a backward step and it was not until the English Table Tennis Association was formed in 1927 that a firm basis for development and progression was established.

Very soon, the county bodies were formed and so started the pattern of organisation as it appears today with administration spread from clubs, leagues and counties to the national body.

National pride very soon demanded international competition and so in 1927 the International Table Tennis Federation was formed and is now one of the largest international sporting bodies in the world.

INEVITABLE

Each level of administration has to be paid for and inevitably fees at varying rates are levied. This is really where we come in from the article in last month's magazine.

Basic administration is necessary in all spheres of activity and even the minimum and most inefficient costs money at an ever increasing rate.

The same standards that motivate players to achieve success must also apply to all levels of administration. The two are complimentary.

Teams and individual players can do only so much to achieve success and an efficient administration is necessary if the degree of success is going to be sufficient and permanent. This requires an everlasting search for knowledge, a continuous line of communication whereby knowledge and information can be passed down to players and to administrators at all levels.

From the players point of view an efficient administration means something from which they can benefit either by taking part themselves or by watching and enjoying the achievements of others. This is obvious at international level where only a small percentage of players reach international status but every member of the association takes pleasure in following the achievements of the international teams—particularly if the teams are meeting with success. If international achievements are poor then the members generally are naturally disappointed and are entitled to query the judicious use of their money.

Administration therefore is the first essential of any national association and the cost of it is the sole responsibility of the members. In minor sports, the Government gives some financial assistance towards the cost of administration and headquarters but for the larger progressive sports, this assistance is related to effort and is directed towards coaching, development and international competition abroad. On the other hand the size of the grant is much bigger. Table tennis is no longer considered to be a minor sport and has now joined the big league. The assistance from the Government in the current season will actually amount to 12½% more than the net amount received by the E.T.T.A. from affiliation fees, and that is entirely separate from the assistance given to our teams travelling abroad on international tours and for the World Championships in Japan.

CONDITIONAL

The grant from the Government is considered very carefully each year and is conditional upon certain amounts being expended by the Association. It must be emphasised that the Government does not pay — it only assists those who are prepared to help themselves. The main commitment for the Association is in coaching which is directed towards the member leagues and counties. The current amount being spent on coaching is £12,000 p.a. and with an extra coach, increased fees and expenses and an expanding programme the budget for 1972/73 will be £14,000 p.a. This item alone is more than the net amount that would be received from affiliation fees at the new rate of 20p per team place less county rebate. The E.T.T.A. coaching scheme is available to all members and there is ample evidence that great benefits have been derived by those leagues that have taken part in the scheme.

The gross income of the Association from all sources this season will be something in the region of £50,000 of which only about £22,000 will come from fees and grant. The remainder is earned by an efficient administration and is made up of television fees, sponsorship, contributions from manufacturers, advertising, fund raising, international match fees, etc., etc. To sum up therefore the Association is financed as to 20% by the members, 24% by the Government, and 56% by outside sources. But all the money so received is put straight back into the game at various levels for the general benefit of the members.

EARNED

This vast amount of money put into the game from outside sources is earned by the efforts of the staff and the officials and would not otherwise be available to the game generally. So the administration more than earns its keep and could even do better if more staff were available. Additional staff, accommodation and equipment therefore will be the first priority when the increased affiliation fees are agreed.

Television and other commercial interests do not put money into sport for benevolent purposes; they do not give, they only buy! And they must be satisfied that they receive value for money and this means they must have confidence in the administration of the sport and in its ability to progress and to continue to attract public interest. This is a continuous process and will only be successful if the Association is

built on a sound basis of permanent income from adequate affiliation fees.

To sum up therefore on the question of the benefits of affiliation.

There is more money spent by the E.T.T.A. on coaching throughout the country than what is received from affiliation fees.

Lines of communication are permanently open and a considerable amount of information is passed down the line.

The Handbook is issued free and this costs 12½p per copy to print and distribute.

Over £2,000 per annum is pumped back into the game at county level in the form of rebates to counties. Not all leagues are aware of this and perhaps such leagues are not taking sufficient interest in their county association.

AVAILABLE

Assistance and advice is available at all times and officials are prepared to travel as much as possible to keep in touch with the members.

The influence of the E.T.T.A. is responsible for much of the assistance given to leagues by the manufacturers at tournaments and other events.

The international matches are spread round the country so that a majority of, though not all members, have an opportunity of watching the top players in action.

Those who prefer to stay at home can see the international players on television on at least six occasions each season.

A high standard of equipment is maintained and in spite of occasional lapses the quality is also carefully controlled.

Disputes at all levels are considered and considerable time and expense is involved to see justice is done.

Competitions are promoted to discover local talent and particularly at junior level. Talent so discovered is assisted and encouraged to develop.

Over £1,000 per annum is spent on training juniors and the system of trials for juniors is designed to cover the whole country.

The umpires scheme is the best in the world and more money is now being made available for development.

Money is now being put back into those leagues that have progressed sufficiently to take part in the national cup competitions and assistance in this direction will expand in the future.

Assistance is given to schools with free affiliation and to youth clubs with half rate affiliation and it must be remembered that the intake into the leagues is essentially from these two sources.

The junior proficiency award scheme is growing each year and is catching the imagination of the youngsters.

Fringe benefits include a scheme for obtaining a £70 table for £60 over a period of 4 years; the opportunity to take part in fund raising schemes which distribute over £3,000 per annum in prize money; the chance to purchase the official magazine and the coaching magazine, both of which are subsidised, and of course, there will be the new Development fund if this is agreed to by the A.G.M.

For those who like to see arguments supported by figures I will give financial details in next month's issue.

Sports Administrators Conference



by Albert W. Shipley

(ETTA Assistant General Secretary)

A UNIQUE gathering of representatives from 56 sports met at Lilleshall Hall last month for a three day conference of sports administrators. Table Tennis was well represented, for in addition to Derek Tremayne and myself, Bill Vint and Tony Wickens were among those who addressed the conference.

The delegates gathered at tea time on Monday, 8th February, and at 4.45

p.m. settled down to hear a lecture on the Role of Government in sport. It was hoped that Mr. Eldon Griffiths, the Minister responsible for Sport, together with Mr. Walter Winterbottom, Director of the Sports Council would be the speakers, and delegates expressed most forcibly their disappointment at the fact that parliamentary business kept Mr. Griffiths away and government business likewise with Mr. Winterbottom. However Sir John Lang, Deputy Director of the Sports Council, ably deputised giving an interesting talk which help to unravel the mysteries of the political involvement in Sport. After dinner, we were lectured on Management Techniques and the way in which they could help the Sports Administrators. From 9.30 p.m. until the Bar closed, delegates were free to meet and mix with their counterparts in other sports, an aspect of such conferences which often proves the most valuable — spiritually at least!

Tuesday commenced with a session on the Structure and Constitution of Sports bodies at which the main speaker was Tony Wickens who is a solicitor and Secretary of the E.T.T.A. Rules Committee. His advice on the legal liabilities and the status of sports bodies was very well received and earned the praise of everyone present including such well known figures as Dennis Follows, Secretary of the Football Association, 'Billy' Griffiths from Cricket, and Basil Reay of Lawn

Tennis. Tony was ably assisted by Mr. E. A. J. Edwards, a Principal Administrative Officer of the C.C.P.R.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The afternoon session was devoted to Development Programmes and the speaker, Mr. A. David Munrow, Chairman of the Sports Development and Coaching Committee of the Sports Council, gave us a glimpse into the future development of sport in a changing social environment.

The first part of the evening was a real table tennis affairs for the session (Press and Public Relations) was chaired by Derek Tremayne and one of the speakers was our President Mr. A. K. (Bill) Vint, O.B.E. The panel was completed by Walter Bartleman, an amusing, forthright reporter on the Evening Standard and Jack Johnston, the Manager of B.B.C. Radio Birmingham. Here the experience of Bill Vint and the E.T.T.A. Publicity Committee revealed that our relations with the press and our system of communications with them was one to be envied by most of those sports who do not at present enjoy a huge spectator following. The humour of Walter Bartleman, the sagacity of Bill Vint, plus the precise statements of Jack Johnston all combined to make this section most enlightening and enjoyable.

The remainder of the evening was taken over by 'Sponsorship', conducted by Eric Churchward and Barry Ricketts of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, a session which was not without humour and at which our sport could hardly fail to be mentioned!

DISPELLED

By the morning of Wednesday, the wealth of information that had been directed at us, added to the late night discussions, were beginning to make heads swim and eyelids droop but this feeling was soon dispelled by the first subject — Grant-Aid Procedures — at which two senior representatives of The Department of the Environment explained how to apply for Government Grants and they parried many searching questions on the system of allocating the available finance. The verbal swords having been sharpened, the final session was an open forum for discussion, and once under way could have continued for the rest of the week had it not been for the able Chairmanship of Mr. R. J. W. Struthers from the Hockey Association who also acted as the overall Conference Chairman. High on the list of grievances was a feeling that the C.C.P.R. were not clearly seen to be on the side of Sports bodies when dealing with the Government via the Sports Council, and the fact that a number of officers of the C.C.P.R. had a 'Foot in both camps', was one which concerned many sports organisations. Despite the protestations of the senior C.C.P.R. Officers present it was apparent that in the past a wrong image had been created in many minds although the structure and machinery were available for the voice of all governing bodies to be heard.

Another major topic in this final session was the request for a further conference, again for administrators of sport but for the content to include some of the more mundane problems faced by administrative personnel.

Everyone agreed that the conference had been a huge success and all were

richer for the experience. Speaking personally, an added benefit was the opportunity to meet other people with similar tasks to perform and to be able to confirm a belief that the structure of our table tennis organisation compared most favourably with some of our big brothers in sport. We all tend to be self critical at times, and rightly so, but it was refreshing to see that the grass in the other field is not always greener. If a similar conference is held in the future I would certainly hope to again be amongst those representing our sport of table tennis.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

E.T.T.A. Chairman Charles Wyles wishes to thank the many friends for the expression of sympathy and flowers received on the passing of his wife Ethel and mother of Kenneth and Evelyn.

The table tennis world at large are conscious of the loss suffered by the E.T.T.A. Chairman and share his grief. Representing the Association at the funeral in Hastings on February 18 were President A. K. "Bill" Vint and Sussex Councillor Keith Watts, a member of the E.T.T.A.'s Management Committee.

FUND RAISING

**TOP QUALITY BALL PENS
DIESTAMPED WITH 30 GOLD
LETTERS. £1.75 (35/-) per
GROSS POST PAID. SALE OR
RETURN SAMPLES FREE.
PLEASE TRY BEFORE YOU
BUY.**

**ABBEY WHOLESALE,
77 LIVERPOOL ROAD, STOKE.
ST4 1AE.**

CLUB BADGES

- * Attractive Cloth Badges, made to your own design, in any quantity.
- * Suitable for Blazers, Sweaters, etc.
- * LOW PRICES AND QUICK DELIVERY.
- * Free help offered in designing your badge.

Please write to:

**S. A. CORY & COMPANY
35b Tooting Bec Gardens
Streatham, S.W. 16.**

Company - Unit - Sport - Social
School and Old Boys

HAVE YOU GOT A CLUB TIE?

A minimum of two dozen High Quality terylene ties with or without stripes, printed with your own Club motif in full colour from 12/- each. Also ladies squares in silk or tricot with motif in full colour in opposite corners.

If you haven't a design our Art Department will oblige free of charge.

MADDOCKS & DICK LIMITED

Sandeman House, 13 High Street,
Edinburgh EH1 1ST. 031-556-2206.
Established 20 years.

MIKE JOHNS Table Tennis Range from your sports retailer

INCLUDING
THE ALL-PURPOSE
ATHLETIC SHOE

*specially designed
and recommended
by*

Cheshire International
MIKE JOHNS

T.T. Shirts, 30/- & 35/- - Shorts 47/6 Track Suit 105/-
Shoes 29/11 - Socks 12/6 - Ladies skirt & pants 45/6
Schildkrot—THE ball for you

Manufactured in co-operation with

**RICHARD E. NORTH & CO. LTD.
Hyde, Cheshire. 'Phone 061-368-2245**

ASCOT SPORTS OFFER

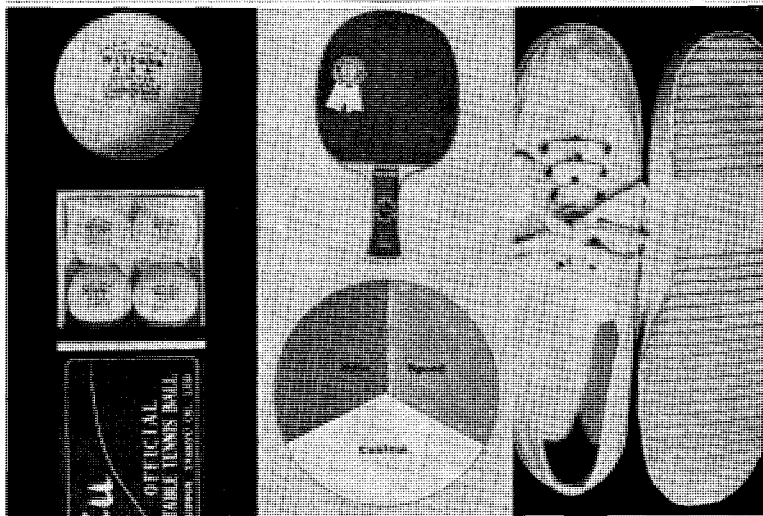
BUTTERFLY - The World's best table tennis bat.

NITTAKU - The table tennis ball for the 1971 World Championships.

ASCOT INDOOR SPORTS SHOE - The best shoe for table tennis.

All available from your nearest sports shop

In case of difficulty please contact Ascot Sports
(Sussex) Ltd., 2 Bellbrook Estate, Uckfield, Sussex
Tel.: Uckfield 4101/2



TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date	Title and venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Mar.			
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.
20/25	1st Commonwealth Championships, Badminton Hall, Singapore.		
28/Apr. 7	31st World Championships, Aichi Gymnasium, Nagoya, Japan.		
April			
4	14th Sussex Junior Open, Assembly Hall, Worthing.	U-15 BS, GS, U-13 BS, GS (Note No. XD).	F. H. Rayner, 32, Frobisher Way, Worthing, Sussex.
4	Bedford Restricted 1-Star Open, Badminton Hall, Bradgate Road, Bedford.		G. Hammond, 22, High Street, Meppershall, Nr. Shefford, Beds.
11/12	English Junior Open, Sports Hall, University of Kent, Canterbury. Entries to ETTA. Closing date 31/3/71.	International Team Championships.	G. M. Daniels, 89, Harvey Road, Wellesborough, Ashford, Kent. Tel.: Ashford 25634.
24	Gwent Open, Standard Telephones & Cables, Newport, Mon.	JBS, JGS.	G. E. Motlow, 29, Carisbrooks Road, Newport, Mon. NPT 8NX.

CANCELLATIONS

The following tournaments have been cancelled:—**Northumberland Open** (Mar. 6), **Leicestershire Open** (Apr. 3/4) and the **Slough Junior** (Apr. 17/18).

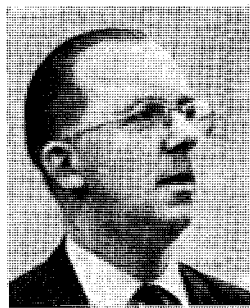
NEW TOURNAMENT—

May

29 Newton Aycliffe Restricted 1-Star Open,
Woodham Secondary School Sports Hall,
Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham.

R. Applegarth,
25, Vane Road,
Newton Aycliffe.
Tel. Newton Aycliffe
2217.

ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT



by **GEORGE R. YATES**

AFTER a lapse of six years (Ljubljana 1964/65), China make a welcome return to the 31st World Table Tennis Championships to be staged in the Aichi Gymnasium, Nagoya, Japan, from March 28 — April 7, 1971.

A total of 36 teams will contest the Men's Team competition for the Swaythling Cup, being divided into 12 preliminary groups, with the winners qualifying for the semi-final stage. Similarly, in the Corbillon Cup Women's Team event, 26 teams form the twelve groups.

ENGLAND have only Indonesia to beat to qualify for the semi-final groups of the Corbillon Cup and, in the Swaythling Cup competition, England meet the Netherlands and South Vietnam in Group I.

In each team event, the winners of Group A, D, E, H, I and L will form one semi-final group, and the winners of Group B, C, F, G, J and K will form the other semi-final.

Draws for the preliminary groups:—

Men's Swaythling Cup

Group A: Australia, Israel, Japan.

Group D: Pakistan, Thailand, Yugoslavia.

Group E: El Salvador, Fed. Germany, Nigeria.

Group H: Hong Kong, South Korea, United States.

Group I: ENGLAND, Netherlands, South Vietnam.

Group L: Denmark, Indonesia, Mexico.

Group B: Ghana, New Zealand, Sweden.

Group C: China, Jamaica, Peru.

Group F: Canada, Colombia, Hungary.

Group G: North Korea, Singapore, United Arab Republic.

Group J: Cambodia, Czechoslovakia, Nepal.

Group K: France, India, Philippines.

Women's Corbillon Cup

Group A: India, Singapore, Soviet Union.

Group D: China, Ghana.

Group E: Czechoslovakia, Nigeria.

Group H: ENGLAND, Indonesia.

Group I: Colombia, Sweden.

Group L: France, United States.

Group B: Hong Kong, Japan, Pakistan.

Group C: New Zealand, Rumania.

Group F: Fed. Germany, Nepal.

Group G: South Korea, Thailand.

Group J: Canada, Hungary.

Group K: Australia, Cambodia.

Shock omission from the Men's Team event is the absence of a Swaythling Cup side from the Soviet Union although Stanislav Gomozkov is an entrant in the individual events.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Hungary virtually assured themselves of the *European League's Premier* reigning champions Sweden. With *Division* title with a 4-3 win over the one match remaining, against Czechoslovakia, the odds are staked in favour of the Magyars.

Results:—

Fed. Germany 1 Hungary 6.
Austria 0 Czechoslovakia 7
ENGLAND 5 Fed. Germany 2
Czechoslovakia 2 Soviet Union 5
Sweden 3 Hungary 4
ENGLAND 3 Sweden 4

Positions:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	5	5	0	30	5	5
Sweden	4	3	1	18	10	3
Czechoslovakia	5	3	2	20	15	3
Soviet Union	4	3	1	16	12	3
ENGLAND	6	2	4	21	21	2
Fed. Germany	4	0	4	7	21	0
Austria	4	0	4	0	28	0

France, with one match remaining against the Netherlands in Middelburg on May 8, have won the *Second Division* title and return to the top flight at the first time of asking.

Results:—

France 7 IRELAND 0.
Switzerland 3 Netherlands 4
IRELAND 5 Switzerland 2
France 6 Belgium 1

Positions:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
France	5	5	0	30	5	5
IRELAND	5	3	2	15	20	3
Belgium	4	2	2	14	14	2
Netherlands	4	2	2	14	14	2
Denmark	3	1	2	8	13	1
Greece	3	1	2	8	13	1
Switzerland	4	0	4	9	19	0

WELSH CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Played at Llandaff Drill Hall on Feb. 20, results of the Welsh Closed included the women's singles title going to Junior Lynda Jones, a former News of the World "Girl of the Year".

Results:—

M.S.:
Semi-finals:
Graham Davies bt Stuart Davies 11, 19;
Alan Griffiths bt Fraser Anderson 11, 14;

Final:

GRIFFITHS bt G. Davies 18, 20.

W.S.:

Semi-finals:

Margaret Phillips bt Betty Gray 11, 16;
Lynda Jones bt Janet Evans 10, 17.
Final:
JONES bt Phillips 18, 12.

M.D.:

Final:

ANDERSON/ROBERT BISHOP bt G. Davies/Griffiths 15, 10.

W.D.:

Final:

GRAY/JONES bt Evans/Jean West 20, -15, 14.

X.D.:

Final:

S. DAVIES/EVANS bt G. Davies/Phillips 13, 21.

B.S.:

Semi-finals:

Michael Owen bt Chris Myden 13, 15;
Andrew Thomas bt Walter Hussey 14, 8.

Final:

OWEN bt Thomas 12, 8.

G.S.:

Semi-finals:

Lynda Jones bt Sandra Richards 9, 10;
Dawn Michael bt Helen Beeson 14, 19.

Final:

JONES bt Michael 4, 7.

SWAYTHLING CLUB

INVITATIONS of hospitality for ten members of the Swaythling Club have been extended by the Japanese Table Tennis Association for the forthcoming world championships in Nagoya.

Laszlo Pal, the Swiss player and coach, who is staying in Japan for a while has offered to look after another member.

The Club's "Fair Play Award" will henceforward be known as the "Richard Bergmann Fair Play Award".

During the period of the English Open Championships at Brighton, a reception was held in the Pavilion over which Johnny Leach presided.

Officials in attendance were President Victor Barna, Secretary Jimmie McCormack, Press Officer Joe Veselsky and Committee Member Ella Constantinescu of Rumania.

A similar reception was recently held in Dublin during the period of the Leinster Open Championships.

COUNTY DIARY

FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR MARCH, 1971.

SECOND DIVISION — SOUTH

Mar. 27 Essex II v. Surrey II, Y.M.C.A., Rush Green Road, Romford. 7-00 p.m.
Middlesex II v. Kent II, U.E.L. Canteen, Western Avenue, Acton, W.3. 7-00 p.m.

Apr. 3 Herts v. Bucks II, Brookside Boys' Club, Borehamwood. 7-00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION — NORTH

Mar. 27 Derbyshire v. Lincolnshire. 6-30 p.m.
Northumberland v. Cheshire, No. 1 Canteen, D.H.S.S., Benton Park Road, Newcastle on Tyne. 7-15 p.m.

Yorks II v. Lancashire, Hillsbrough Boys' Club, Sheffield. 7-15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION — MIDLANDS

Mar. 27 Bedfordshire v. Nottinghamshire, Kents Sports Pavilion, Tenby Drive, Luton. 6-00 p.m.
Staffordshire v. Gloucestershire, Albright & Wilson, Oldbury. 7-15 p.m.

Warwickshire II v. Worcestershire, Warwick Youth Club, Warwick. 7-00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION WEST

Mar. 13 Dorset v. Devon, Dorchester Youth Centre, Colliton Street, Dorchester. 7-15 p.m.

Mar. 27 Cornwall v. Wiltshire. 7-00 p.m.
Glamorgan v. Somerset. 7-00 p.m.
Monmouthshire v. Devon, Aican Welfare Hall, Rogerstone. 7-00 p.m.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Mar. 6 Berkshire v. Hants II, Bracknell Sports Centre. 7-00 p.m.

Mar. 13 Sussex II v. Hants II, Holy Family Convent, Littlehampton. 7-00 p.m.

Mar. 27 Hants II v. Oxon. 7-00 p.m.
Sussex II v. Berkshire, North Mundham Village Hall. 7-00 p.m.

NORTHERN DIVISION

Feb. 28 Derbyshire II v. Northumberland II. 7-00 p.m.

Mar. 27 Nottinghamshire II v. Derbyshire II. 7-00 p.m.

JUNIOR PREMIER

Mar. 13 Lancashire v. Glamorgan, Montague Burton's Canteen, Halliwell Road, Bolton. 2-30 p.m.

Mar. 27 Essex v. Yorkshire, St. Lukes, Jude Street, Canning Town, London, E.16. 7-00 p.m.

Mar. 27 Kent v. Warwickshire. 2-30 p.m.
Hertfordshire v. Yorkshire, Bushey Rangers Boys' Club, Bourne Hall Lane, Bushey. 2-30 p.m.

Mar. 28 Middlesex v. Warwickshire. 2-30 p.m.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Mar. 13 Hants v. Surrey. 3-00 p.m.
Sussex v. Berkshire. 3-00 p.m.

Mar. 27 Berkshire v. Buckinghamshire, Bray Village Hall, Bray, Nr. Maidenhead. 3-00 p.m.
Surrey v. Sussex, Tweedale School, Paisley Road, Carshalton. 3-00 p.m.

JUNIOR NORTH

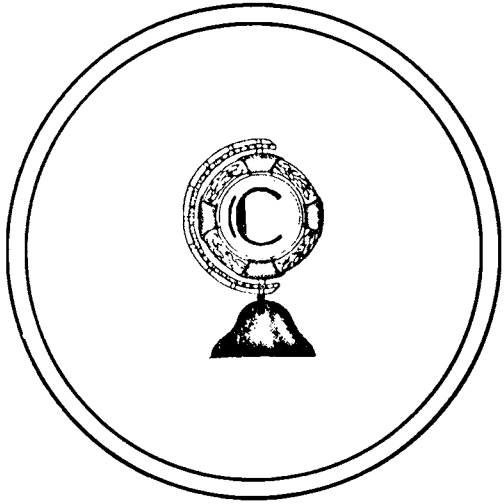
Mar. 27 Derbyshire v. Lincolnshire. 3-00 p.m.
Northumberland v. Cheshire, No. 1 Canteen, D.H.S.S., Benton Park Road, Newcastle on Tyne. 3-00 p.m.

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Mar. 27 Bedfordshire v. Staffordshire. 6-30 p.m.
Northamptonshire v. Nottinghamshire, The Drill Hall, Kettering. 6-30 p.m.

TROPHIES

Consult Specialists —



F. CORDELL & SONS (Trophies) Ltd

21 KINGLY STREET (OXFORD CIRCUS)
LONDON, W.1.

Telephone: 01-437 8893-1921; 01-554 7356 (evenings).

Courteous — Prompt Service

FOR SALE

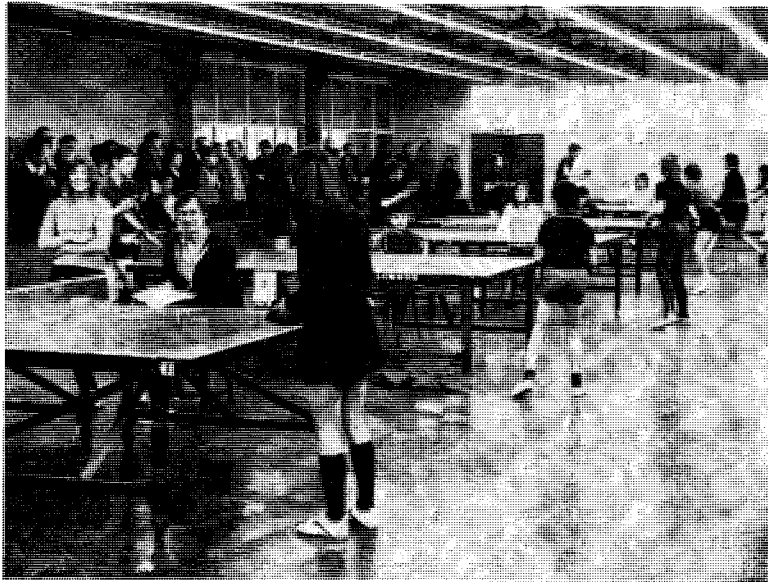
CLOTH CLUB BADGES made to your own design in any quantity. Low prices - Quick delivery—

S. A. CORY & COMPANY, 35b Tooting Bec Gardens,
Streatham, S.W.16.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

National Team Finals

by DAVID LOMAS



General view of play in progress at the South and East Regional Finals at Barnet Table Tennis Centre on Sunday, February 28, 1971.

Photo by D. Spencer, Mitcham, Surrey.

A RECORD number of fourteen county associations will be represented in the Grand Finals of the National 4-a-side school team championships which take place at Northwood Sports Centre, Cromer Road, Stoke-on-Trent on Sunday, 28 March (1 p.m.).

Several national and county-ranked junior players will be involved and at least four of the seven trophies will change hands when the winners receive them from ESTTA President, Jack Carrington. The standard of play has risen so much that the holders of the Boys' Under-15 trophy—the "Leach-Carrington Cup" were eliminated in the local stages of the Lancashire County competition, the Under-11 title holders fell in the Area Finals and two other teams lost in the Regional Finals.

All seven events promise to be closely contested with some new faces providing welcome opposition to the well-established schools. Naturally, attention will be centred particularly on the Senior (Under-19) Events, with northern representatives St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough, making their third attempt to win the "Norman Cook Cup" and thus prevent holders Plaistow Grammar School, Newham, from becoming the first school to win this title twice. With England No. 1 Junior Nicky Jarvis leading the Durham challenge the Essex boys will have to be on top form but as they also have two other teams appearing in the Finals they can already claim to be the No. 1 table tennis school in the country.

The unfamiliar name of Queen Mary/Charles Chute, Basingstoke, Hants., will also appear in this event and with County players amongst their ranks they could well hold the key to the destination of the trophy.

In the parallel Girls event, Newbury High School will be defending their title against Nonsuch High School, Cheam, Surrey, who defeated former

holders, Little Ilford Comprehensive School (including Susan Beckwith) in the South and East Regional Finals at Barnet. Holly Lodge High School, Liverpool, complete the trio. They are also represented in the Girls Under-15 competition and amongst their eight players they have the Lancashire Juniors ranked 1 to 6!

St. Helena Secondary School, Colchester, Essex, make their third bid to capture a trophy when they aim for the Boys Under-15 trophy which for the last three years has been held by Burnley Wood. They had a close 5-3 verdict over Kent College, Canterbury at Barnet and face stiff opposition in the form of Langbaugh, Middlesbrough. The Teesside boys are led by National Under-13 holder and England No. 10, David Alderson, whilst Jimmy Walker's brother is also in the squad. The Gordano School, Portishead, make a welcome appearance from Somerset who have not been represented since the competition was first staged in 1967.

Plaistow Grammar School defend their Under-13 boys title against newcomers Myers Grove Comprehensive School, Sheffield and 1969 winners Turves Green School, Birmingham.

The Girls Under-13 event sees three new finalists this year. Southall Grammar/Technical School, Middlesex head northwards whilst Exmouth School face a long trip from Devon to meet the Humberside challenge from Thanet Junior High School, Hull.

But one of the most intriguing battles could well take place in the Under-11 event which is for girls, boys or mixed teams. Middletune Primary School, Sittingbourne, Kent rely on four girls including ten-years old Clout twins, Valerie and Maureen, to fight it out against boys teams from St. Patrick's, Birmingham, and Lacey Gardens, Louth, who will be the first Lincs. team ever to appear in the finals.

REGIONAL FINALS

The three Regional Finals took place on Sunday, February 28 at Barnet Table Tennis Centre (South & East), Burford Grammar School, Oxon. (Midlands & West), and Parkside Sports Centre, Bradford (North).

The outstanding feature at all three venues was the unexpected success of some schools who were not expected to upset the established favourites. As the Competition grows in size and appeal the odds of a team threading its way through an entry of in some cases more than 250 teams must surely lengthen, and the final accolade becomes all the more well-earned.

RESULTS: (Winners in each event compete at Stoke-on-Trent).

NORTH REGION:

- BOYS U-19
 1. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, MIDDLESBROUGH (Durham)
 2. Hymer's College, Hull (Yorks.)
 3. Chesterfield G.S., Chesterfield (Derbyshire)

- GIRLS U-19
 1. HOLLY LODGE HIGH SCHOOL, LIVERPOOL (Lancs.)
 2. Amy Johnson High School, Hull (Yorks.)
 3. Walbottle Grammar School (Northumberland)

- BOYS U-15
 1. LANGBAURGH, MIDDLESBROUGH (Durham)
 2. Moor Grange Secondary, Leeds (Yorks.)
 3. Streetly Comprehensive (Staffs.)

- GIRLS U-15
 1. HOLLY LODGE HIGH SCHOOL, LIVERPOOL (Lancs.)
 2. Malet Lambert High School, Hull (Yorks.)
 3. Stephenson Hall (Durham)

- BOYS U-13
 1. MYERS GROVE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL, SHEFFIELD (Yorks.)
 2. Boynton School (Durham)
 3. Joseph Leckie Comp. School, Walsall (Staffs.)

- GIRLS U-13
 1. THANET JUNIOR HIGH, HULL (Yorks.)
 2. Holly Lodge High School, Liverpool (Lancs.)
 3. Longlands Girls (Westmorland)

UNDER-11

1. LACEY GARDENS, LOUTH (Lincs.)
 2. Barnes, South Shields (Durham)
 3. Marsh Green, Wigan (Lancs.)

MIDLANDS AND WEST REGION:

- BOYS UNDER-19
 1. QUEEN MARY/CHARLES CHUTE, BASINGSTOKE (Hants.)
 2. Greenmore College, Birmingham (Warwicks.)
 3. Tavistock Secondary, Tavistock (Devon)

- GIRLS U-19
 1. NEWBURY HIGH SCHOOL (Berks.)
 2. Bridgewater Grammar School (Somerset)
 3. Brandwood School, Birmingham (Warwicks.)

- BOYS U-15
 1. GORDANO SCHOOL, PORTISHEAD, BRISTOL (Somerset)
 2. Turves Green, Birmingham (Warwicks.)
 3. St. Bartholomews, Newbury (Berks.)

- GIRLS U-15
 1. NECHELLS ELIOT ST., BIRMINGHAM (Warwicks.)
 2. Tavistock Secondary (Devon)
 3. Newbury High School (Berks.)

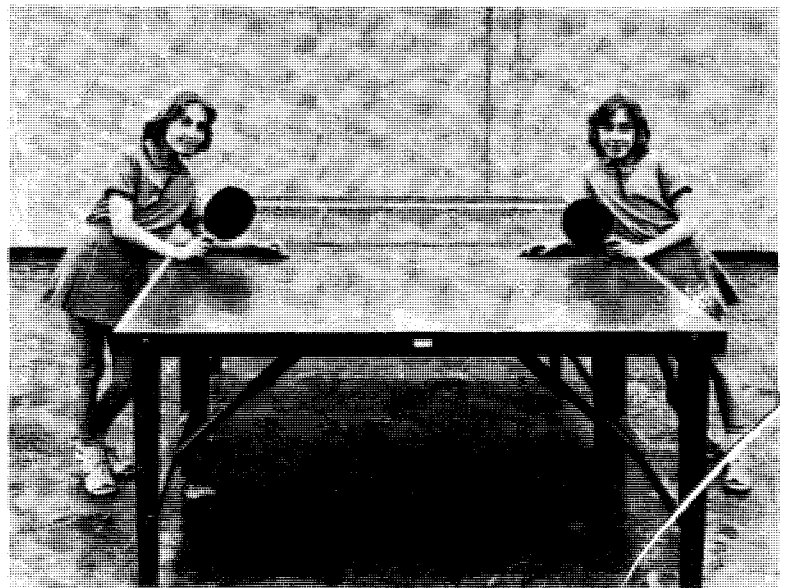
- BOYS U-13
 1. TURVES GREEN SEC., BIRMINGHAM (Warwicks.)
 2. Tavistock Secondary (Devon)
 3. Larkmead School, Abingdon (Berks.)

- GIRLS U-13
 1. EXMOUTH SECONDARY (Devon)
 2. Newbury High School (Berks.)
 3. Washwood Heath, Birmingham (Warwicks.)

- UNDER-11
 ST. PATRICK'S, BIRMINGHAM (Warwicks.) bt Stoke Damerel, Plymouth (Devon) 5-3.

- SOUTH AND EAST REGION
 BOYS U-19
 1. PLAISTOW GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NEWHAM (Essex Met.)
 2. Harrow County Boys, Harrow (Middlesex)

3. Hamond's G.S. Swaffham (Norfolk)
 GIRLS U-19
 1. NONSUCH HIGH SCHOOL, CHEAM (Surrey)



Twin smiles from ten-years-old twins Valerie (l) and Maureen (r) Clout who helped Middletune Primary School through to their first National Final

Photo by D. Spencer, Mitcham, Surrey.

**English Schools
Table Tennis Association
Continued**

- 2. Little Ilford Comprehensive School (Essex Met.)
 - 3. Perse Girls School, Cambridge (Cams.)
- BOYS U-15**
- 1. ST. HELENA, COLCHESTER (Essex Coun.)
 - 2. Kent College, Canterbury (Kent)
 - 3. Northgate Grammar School, Ipswich (Suffolk)
- GIRLS U-15**
- 1. PLAISTOW GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NEWHAM (Essex Met.)
 - 2. Westlands Secondary, Sittingbourne (Kent)
 - 3. St. Mary's Convent, Lowestoft (Suffolk)
- BOYS U-13**
- 1. PLAISTOW GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NEWHAM (Essex Met.)
 - 2. Salvatorian College (Middlesex)
 - 3. Orwell Park, Nacton, Ipswich (Suffolk)
- GIRLS U-13**
- 1. SOUTHALL GRAMMAR/TECHNICAL SCHOOL (Middlesex)
 - 2. Plaistow Grammar School, Newham (Essex Met.)
 - 3. Perse Girls School, Cambridge (Cams.)
- UNDER-11**
- 1. MIDDLETUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SITTINGBOURNE (Kent)
 - 2. Linslade County Primary School (Beds.)
 - 3. Old Buckenham Hall School, Bilderstone (Suffolk)
- It is hoped to include a full report of the National Finals in the next issue of "Table Tennis News".

**CZECHOSLOVAKIAN
OPEN**

by Karenza Mathews

ALEXANDRU "THE GREAT"

IN the semi-final of the Women's Singles in the Czech Open, played in Ostrava over the period January 30—February 2, one of those fantastic games took place that had play stopped on all other tables and the hall electrified.

Maria Alexandru of Rumania was playing Zoya Rudnova of the U.S.S.R. and the score was 2 games-all. Alexandru was 16-19 down in the fifth and it looked as if she was done for, but she fought on and eventually got to 20-19 up.

Then there was an incredible rally in which Alexandru, the world's greatest defender, was hitting and Rudnova — all-out penhold hitter — was lobbing!

Suddenly Rudnova counter hit, Alexandru tore backwards and chopped it in half. The ball went back on and Rudnova tried to kill it; it missed the table but at that exact moment the time-keeper's arm shot up—Expedite!

Rudnova didn't realise this, thought she had lost the game and rushed off in tears. Her captain sent her back. Alexandru, needless to say, was stomping around in a great rage.

After a considerable argument the umpire's decision prevailed and the score was still 20-19 to Alexandru — expedite was in force and it was Rudnova to serve.

She won that point and it was deuce. Now it was the turn of Alexandru to serve to try to win the point. As a defender against Rudnova how could she possibly win?

She served, the ball went over, missed the table—but no—it just clipped the edge! Another row! But again the umpire won and the point was Alexandru's.

Again it was Rudnova to serve but try as she might she couldn't penetrate that great defender, she killed it off and Alexandru won, perhaps the most exciting game I have ever seen.

Results:—

TEAM EVENTS

MEN
England 3 Poland 1—
D. Neale bt Franczyk 16, -11, 13;
bt Baronovsky 14, 10.
T. Taylor bt Baranovsky 14, 10.
Neale/A. Clayton lost to Baranovsky/
Franczyk -15, 14, -16.
England 1 Sweden 3—
Taylor bt H. Alser 18, -18, 14.
Neale lost to S. Bengtsson -17, 19, -18;
lost to Alser 19, -15, -19.
Neale/Taylor lost to Alser/Bengtsson
-19, -11.

Final:
SWEDEN 3 Czechoslovakia 2
Bengtsson bt M. Orlovski 9, 11;
bt J. Turai 15, 12.
Alser bt Turai 12, 11; lost to Orlovski
-20, 15, -11.
Alser/Bengtsson lost to Orlovski/Turai
-19, -15.

WOMEN
England 2 Sweden 3—
J. Shirley lost to L. Andersson
-10, 17, -9;
bt B. Radberg 18, 12.
K. Mathews bt Radberg 17, -16, 14;
lost to Andersson 16, -19, -20.
Mathews/P. Piddock lost to Andersson/
Radberg 14, -10, -14.

Final:
U.S.S.R. 3 Czechoslovakia 1
S. Grinberg bt I. Vostova 17, 15.
Z. Rudnova bt A. Grofova 14, -21, 12;
bt Vostova -15, 10, 12.
Grinberg/Rudnova lost to Grofova/
Vostova -14, -18.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Men's Singles:

D. Neale
R.4. bt Deak (Czecho.) 11, -16, 14, 9.
R.5. lost to S. Kollarovits (Czecho.)
-15, -9, -15.

T. Taylor
R.2. bt Flaisinger (Czecho.) -18, 17,
16, -13, 17.
R.3. lost to S. Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.)
-17, -19, -12.

A. Clayton
R.2. bt Golibrzuch (E. Germany)
22, -8, 14, 12.
R.3. lost to T. Klampar (Hungary)
-11, -18, -18.

Final:
KLAMPAR bt L. Jonyer (Hungary)
19, 11, -7, 12.

Women's Singles
K. Mathews
R.2. lost to J. Pauknerova (Czecho.)
-24, 15, -19, 17, -17.

J. Shirley
R.3. bt Kumpostova (Czecho)
18, 12, 15.
R.4. bt M. Resler (Yugo.) 17, 17, 15.
Q.F. lost to M. Alexandru (Ru.)
-13, -14, 16, -15 (expedite).

P. Piddock
R.2. bt Pohankova (Czecho.) 9, 16, 11
R.3. lost to D. Hovestadt
(E. Germany) -16, -21, -14.

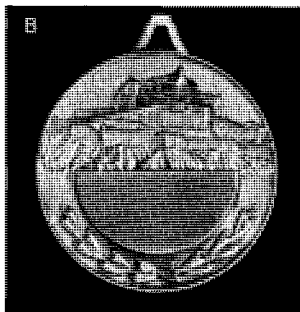
Final:
ALEXANDRU bt I. Vostova (Cz.)
-20, 12, -17, 13, 16.

**TROPHIES
FOR THE
SPORTSMAN...**

are all available at Alec Brook Ltd., who lead the field in Trophy design and production of every type. Among our many designs are these two examples shown on the right, the Commonwealth Games Medal and the Sportsman of the Month Trophy.

We design and supply every sort of Trophy or Insignia from Badges, Ties, Tie Clips, Cuff Links, to the finest Trophies and Heraldic Plaques for Clubs, Associations, Schools, Companies and specially sponsored Events and Promotions.

To see the best of modern and traditional design from our stock range, send this coupon today and you will receive our FREE colour catalogue, for special designs, we welcome your individual enquiries.



Bobby Charlton, O.B.E., receiving Sportsman of the Month Trophy. Picture, Thames Television.

A. Traditional insignia of Commonwealth Games
B. Reverse side designed by Alec Brook Ltd.
Complete Medal manufactured by Alec Brook Ltd.



ALEC BROOK LIMITED

124 EUSTON ROAD, LONDON N.W.1 Tel: 01-387 3772/4

Please forward FREE colour catalogue.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Czech Open (cont.)

Men's Doubles

Neale/Taylor

R.2. bt Matejicek/Simek (Cz.)

-16, 17, 16, 14.

R.3. bt Hybner/Spacek (Cz.)

15, 14, 15.

Q.F. bt Alser/Bernhardt (Sw.)

19, -16, 18, -18, 17.

S.F. lost to Orlowski/Turai

20, -18, -19, 18, -17.

Clayton/Krupnik (Cz.)

R.1. lost to Publik/Cermak (C.) 2-3.

Final:

JONYER/KLAMPAR bt Orlowski/

Turai 14, 9, 20.

Women's Doubles

Mathews/Piddock

R.1. bt Dubinova/Kortkova (Cz.) 3-1.

R.2. bt Kettnerova/Pauknerova (Cz.)

3-0.

Q.F. lost to Grofova/Vostova 1-3.

Final:

GRINBERG/RUDNOVA bt Alexandru

/E. Mihalca (Ru.) 15, -16, 13, 19.

*Due to Beatrix Kishazi having tonsillitis, Jill Shirley was partnered with Lotaller, another Hungarian.

Mixed Doubles

Neale/Mathews

R.1. bt Franczck/Noworyta (Po.)

15, -19, 13, 11.

R.2. lost to Dvoracek/Silhanova (Cz.)

-19, 18, -24, -16.

Taylor/Shirley

R.1. bt Baranowski/Calinska (Po.)

15, 10, -16, 20.

R.2. lost to Stanek/Karlikova (Cz.)

-8, -12, -8.

Clayton/Piddock

R.1. lost to B. Persson/Radberg (Sw.)

-14, 19, -13, -15.

Final:

JONYER/J. MAGOS (Hu.) bt Turai/

Vostova -18, 15, 21, -10, 19.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Cliff Darley

TEESSIDE WITHDRAW

Following meetings with representatives of the Middlesbrough and Stockton Leagues, there will not now be an application for a new Teesside County Association, but there will be more co-operation and exchanges of ideas with the Teesside organisation.

The Yorkshire Closed Championships will be held on April 24th at Grange School, Bradford and entries should be afforded Frank Briggs at Pudsey 4152.

John Davies dominated the Bradford Closed scooping three titles. His toughest fight was in the fourth round against Steve Kosmowsky which he won -18, 15, 19.

Results:—

M.S.: J. R. Davies beat M. Stevenson 14, 12.

W.S.: Miss S. Broadbent beat Mrs. J. Pitts 13, 7.

M.D.: Davies/J. Yeats beat Holdsworth/Gomersall 19, 10.

W.D.: Mrs. J. Brooke/Miss B. Clough beat Miss S. Barstow/Miss M. Sutcliffe 20, 20.

X.D.: Davies/Mrs. P. Dawson beat H. Soova/Miss Broadbent -14, 16, 15.

B.S.: R. Shutt beat P. Haynes 13, 22.

G.S.: Miss S. Emmott beat Miss M. Ludi 17, 15.

V.S.: E. Johnston beat L. Binns 16, 18.

Betty Clough once again reached a final for the 20th time in 21 seasons

her one blank being when she did not enter.

Barnsley Ace Juniors made their exit from the Yorkshire Club Championships when beaten at home by Ormesby 5-4 but there was some glory in defeat for Melvin Starkie scored a fine win over David Alderson.

David Hirst was crowned king for the seventh time at the Huddersfield Closed when he defeated Malcolm Mear 14, 10 in the final. Together the singles finalists defeated Ray Hinchliff and Geoff Brook 14, 15. Pat Bassano won the Women's Singles and Brian Squires the Vets.

Congratulations to Len Browning on reaching the final of the English Open Veterans' singles after winning this

event in the Leeds Closed on the previous night.

Pontefract Table Tennis Club are once again without a home and for the rest of season. But plans are afoot to tie in with Further Education next season and to introduce coaching for the first time within the West Riding F.E. Scheme.

FENLAND OPEN

Holder Alan Hydes (Yorks) was beaten in the semi-final of the men's singles in the Fenland Open, played at Kings Lynn, Norfolk on February 28th, by Trevor Taylor (Essex).

Taylor went on to capture the title with a 19, -19, 15 win over Denis Neale. (Full results and report in the April issue).

TABLE TENNIS

TROPHIES

USE THE SPECIALISTS

Widest selection and quickest first-class engraving service, by mail, telephone, or showroom. Send for FREE COLOUR CATALOGUE. Also TIES, BADGES, MEDALS, etc. to any design. Alec Brook Ltd., 01-387 3772/3/4 124 Euston Rd., London, N.W.1.



Go to your Mitre sports dealer and get him to show you

STIGA

championship bats.

Why settle for less?

Mitre sports

MITRE SPORTS, FITZWILLIAM STREET, HUDDERSFIELD

WORCESTERSHIRE

NOTES

by Ian R. Crickmer

QUERY TO BE RESOLVED

WITH the end of the playing season in sight, the time is close for decisions to be made concerning the 1971-72 campaign. One query to be resolved is the advisability of a Worcestershire entry in the Veterans' Divisions of the County Championships: it seems unfortunate that this development of the sport has come under so much criticism.

No one could fail to agree that the entry of a veterans' team rather than a juniors' team would be an entirely retrograde step, but where the provision of facilities is a natural expansion of the game, this must be to the good of table tennis. For the first time in the seventy years' history of the game, players have been able to pursue an unbroken career of twenty-five years without interruption by war, and there are thus, whilst the veterans' qualification remains at forty, more players continuing in the game.

The first Worcestershire local

League to decide its 1971 Championships was Malvern, with all four titles changing hands at Parkview Hostel. First time entrant Nick Bottomley, ex-Cheshire, took the men's singles title for Saint Wulstan's, needing only one deciding game, in his final versus Graham Collier (West Malvern) who he beat -19, 11, 16.

Collier, partnering Mick Wickett, was also on the losing side in the doubles final, which was won 15, 14 by Julian Stevenson and Malcolm Dicks.

The junior singles produced an all-Ledbury final, in which Keith Hodges overcame Richard Smith 19, 14. In a strong field, the consolation singles had perforce more than usual interest, and produced a good action-packed final in which Geoff Aston of Saint Wulstan's beat Mark Woodhouse (Ledbury) 13, -22, 16.

With close season coaching plans now being laid, the County junior selectors will be concentrating their search for next year's boys—whereas the girls' department sees Wendy Salter, Sheila Foley and Fat Woodward all available and contesting the two places, there are as yet no obvious contenders to join Ian Schofield in the boys' event.

European League

BENGTSSON BRILLIANT

BY ALBERT SHIPLEY

STELLAN BENGTSSON, the 18-year-old star from Sweden, was the main architect of his country's victory over England by four matches to three in the European League match played at the Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, on Monday, March 1.

The young Swede opened the account by a 2-straight win over Chester Barnes but matters were soon levelled by Denis Neale with an equally convincing win over Bo Persson.

Karenza Mathews was preferred for the singles match against Marita Neidert, and although Karenza manoeuvred herself into position for winning shots, her fore-hand kill was repeatedly off target, giving the Swedish girl a two-straight win.

Our hopes of getting back on terms lay next with our Men's doubles pair, but by taking the first game 21-15, they only flattered to deceive, fading away to lose the next two games.

At this point the match was beginning to die, with little top-class table tennis in evidence and one's impression was that all the players were feeling jaded after their efforts at the English Open in Brighton. However, during the third game of the Mixed Doubles, which had hitherto been a scrappy affair, Denis and Karenza suddenly clicked and ran out the winners to put England back in the match at a score of 3-2 to Sweden.

Barnes then faced Persson and, playing before his home crowd, Chester put on one of his sparkling exhibition-type displays and although losing the second game carelessly, he stormed through in the third, winning game 11. So we arrived at the final match of the evening with the scores level at 3-all and Denis Neale had the tremendous task of overcoming Stellan Bengtsson who was beginning to show some of his world-class ability. Under pressure all the way, Denis was unlucky to volley the ball at 15-18 down in th

first, at a time when he was on a winning run and so Bengtsson took the first game 21-19. In the second game, Bengtsson took everything that Denis could throw at him and some of the Swede's counter-hits left both his opponent and the audience in incredulous amazement. This 21-12 win gave Sweden both points in a match which England could so easily have won.

This was England's final match in the European League this season and leaves them with a record of four defeats and two wins. Two of the defeats were by the narrow margin of 3-4 which shows that we are not so far behind the rest of Europe and if only our players could repeat the form and fight shown in the English Open Team Championships, there is no reason why we could not win the European League within the next two seasons.

RESULTS:—

Barnes lost to Bengtsson -16, -15.
Neale bt Persson 22, 17.
Barnes bt Persson 21, -20, 21.
Neale lost to Bengtsson -19, -12.
Mathews lost to Neidert -18, -13.
Neale/Barnes lost to Persson/Bengtsson 21, -15, -11.
Neale/Mathews bt Bengtsson/Wiktorson 19, -9, 16.

POSTAL STRIKE

DUE to the postal strike, many usual features normally making up this magazine have been unavoidably omitted. Efforts will be made in the two subsequent issues to catch up on the backlog.

Meantime, will subscribers please note that because of the Editor's absence from these shores for the period of the Commonwealth and World Championships, the April issue of table Tennis News will be considerably delayed.

ACTION SHOT!

AGAIN because of the postal strike, entries for the 1970-71 action shot photographic competition will be accepted up to and including Saturday, April 10 and winning entries will be a star feature of the May edition of Table Tennis News.

Action photographs may be of any ranked English players, Senior or Junior, or leading Foreign Players.

First Prize£10
Second Prize£5
Third Prize£2.50

Entries will be judged by a panel to be nominated by the Editor. Photographs by amateur photographers only will be accepted. Minimum print size 5in. x 4in. No colour slides acceptable. Prints will be returned providing that reply paid postage and packing is enclosed.

Entries to:—
English Table Tennis Association,
26-29, Park Crescent, London
W1N 4HA

Marked: ACTION SHOT!

PANEL

Judging panel in respect of the Action Shot competition will comprise: Norman K. Reeve (Chairman, ETTA Publicity Committee), Peter Madge and Gerry Cranham.



Stellan Bengtsson, Sweden's 'man of the match' at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend-on-Sea.



THE TABLE OF THE FUTURE

TODAY Cannot warp : Easily moved
in use at over 1,000 Clubs

- * Tubular Steel Jigged Frame and Folding Undercarriage.
- * Hinged and folding Fitted with Retractable White Tyred Caster Wheels.
- * Permanent Matt Finish. Washable.
- * Three Mobile Models Fitted with Finnish Birch Tops. 12 mm., 18 mm., 24 mm.
- * No more Loose Screws, Chipped Corners, Warped Surfaces.
- * Surface Protected when not in use.
- * Free Standing 5ft. x 5ft. x 10in. saving damage to table edges and wall.
- * Patented in U.K., U.S.A., Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Canada, Japan.

Silver Medal Award at 19th International Inventors Exhibition, Brussels, March, 1970.

Write for Illustrated Brochure to—

GYMNASIA LTD. Blue House Point Road
Stockton-on-Tees, Teesside
Tel.: Stockton-on-Tees 68964

Makers of Fine Gymnastic and Sports Equipment

County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

COOPER TO THE RESCUE?

FOR the second time, a County's second team will be trying to keep its first team in the Premier Division. Unbeaten in 2nd Midland, Warwickshire II (led by Richard Cooper) will be a difficult team to beat.

Favourites to go up are the 2nd North winners (likely to be Lancashire) but the other place promises a great tussle between Warwickshire II and Glamorgan.

I would not expect the 2nd South representatives to do very well this season: with the top four places occupied by the 2nd teams of "safe" Premier Counties, Hampshire have challenged from 5th place.

Sussex II look good bets to rise to 2nd South, while Glamorgan II will gain promotion to a higher grade should their 1st's come safely through their challenge.

Not since 1962-63 has Cambridge-shire had a 2nd Division status, but second place in Eastern Division behind Hearts II (who can not go up) gains them better play next season. Their Junior team has finished second to Essex II and will try for the Junior Premier at the challenge in April. Also trying to break into the big time are Staffordshire and Devon, and these are likely to be joined by Surrey and Cheshire.

Herts and Glamorgan must drop from Junior Premier, but what a grand fight this new Division has been. Still not settled (just look how tight it is at the top!). I think this new move can fairly be claimed by chief instigator Alan Shepherd a success.

No match reports or details are given in this issue as few results sheets have reached me—full coverage next month I hope.

EXTENSION

Due to the postal strike, amendments and/or alterations to the Rules of the County Table Tennis Championships will be accepted up to 14 days from the date the strike is called off.

RESULTS

PREMIER

- Sussex 3, Warwicks 6
- Bucks. 2, Kent 7
- Sussex 4, Surrey 5
- Warwicks, 3, Essex 6
- Yorkshire 5, Middlesex 4

2 SOUTH

- Essex II 8, Middlesex II 2
- Kent II 6, Hampshire 4
- Surrey II 7, Hertfords. 3

2 NORTH

- Cheshire 6, Yorkshire II 4
- Lancashire 10, Derbyshire 0
- Lincolnshire 6, Durham 4

2 MIDLAND

- Notts. 2, Warwickshire II 8
- Worcs. 2, Staffs. 8
- Leics. 6, Bedfords. 4

2 WEST

- Dorset 7, Cornwall 3
- Somerset 6, Monmouths. 4

SOUTHERN

- Berkshire 8, Oxfords. 2

EASTERN

- Hunts. 0, Norfolk 10
- Northants. 1, Cambs. 9
- Herts. II 7, Suffolk 3

NORTHERN

- Northumberland II 8, Notts. II 2

MIDLAND

- Denbighs. 9, Shropshire 1
- Glamorgan II 8, Staffs. II 2

JUNIOR PREMIER

- Middlesex 7, Essex 3
- Glamorgan 2, Herts. 8
- Warwks. 5, Essex 5
- Yorkshire 7, Kent 3
- Lancs. 4, Kent 6

JUNIOR SOUTH

- Hants. 7, Bucks. 3
- Surrey 9, Berks. 1

JUNIOR NORTH

- Lincs. 9, Durham 1

JUNIOR MIDLAND

- Staffs. 7, Warwcks. II 3
- Leices. 7, Northants 3
- Notts 6, Bedfords 4

JUNIOR EAST

- Herts. II 4, Norfolk 6
- Cambs. 9, Hunts 1
- Essex II 8, Suffolk 2

JUNIOR WEST

- Glous. 2, Devon 8
- Monmouths. 5, Somerset 5
- Worcs. 4, Wiltshire 6

COUNTY TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Divisional Tables to 20/2/71

PREMIER—Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Essex	7	7	—	0	51	12	14
Yorkshire	7	5	—	2	35	28	10
Middlesex	7	4	—	3	37	26	8
Sussex	7	4	—	3	32	31	8
Kent	7	3	—	4	28	35	6
Surrey	7	3	—	4	26	37	6
Warwks.	7	2	—	4	28	35	4
Bucks.	7	0	—	7	15	48	0

2 SOUTH

Essex II	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
Middlesex II	5	4	0	1	37	13	8
Kent II	5	4	0	1	33	17	8
Surrey II	5	3	0	2	26	24	6
Hampshire	6	1	1	4	23	37	3
Hertfordshire	5	0	1	4	12	38	1
Bucks. II	5	0	0	5	8	32	0

2 NORTH

Lancashire	5	4	1	0	38	12	9
Cheshire	5	4	1	0	33	17	9
North'mland	5	3	0	2	29	21	6
Yorks. II	5	3	0	2	26	24	6
Lincolnshire	5	1	0	4	19	31	2
Derbyshire	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
Durham	6	1	0	5	19	41	2

2 MIDLAND

Warwks. II	5	5	0	0	35	15	10
Leicestershire	6	3	2	1	32	28	8
Nottinghamhs.	5	3	1	1	29	21	7
Staffordshire	5	1	2	2	22	28	4
Gloucesters...	5	1	1	3	23	27	3
Bedfordshire	5	0	2	3	20	30	2
Worcs.	5	0	2	3	18	32	2

2 WEST

Glamorgan	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
Somerset	5	3	1	1	28	22	7
Devon	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Dorset	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Wiltshire	5	1	1	3	22	28	3
Cornwall	5	1	0	4	15	35	2
Monmouths.	5	0	0	5	12	38	0

SOUTHERN

Sussex II	4	4	0	0	34	6	8
Berkshire	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Hampshire II	3	2	0	1	13	17	4
Oxfordshire	5	0	0	5	10	40	0

EASTERN—Final Table

Herts. II	5	4	1	0	33	17	9
Cambs.	5	3	1	1	34	16	7
Norfolk	5	3	1	1	31	19	7
Northants.	5	2	0	3	20	30	4
Huntingdons.	5	0	2	3	14	36	2
Suffolk	5	0	1	4	18	32	1

NORTHERN

N'th'land II	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Notts. II	3	1	1	1	13	17	2
Derbys. II	2	0	1	1	8	12	1

MIDLAND—Final Table

Glamorgan II	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Staffs. II	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Worcs. II	4	1	1	2	20	20	3
Denbighs.	4	1	1	2	16	24	3
Shropshire	4	1	0	3	11	29	2

JUNIOR PREMIER

Middlesex	6	4	1	1	38	22	9
Yorkshire	5	4	0	1	35	15	8
Lancashire	6	3	2	1	34	26	8
Essex	6	2	3	1	36	24	7
Kent	6	3	1	2	35	25	7
Warwickshire	5	2	1	2	24	26	5
Hertfordshire	6	1	0	5	24	36	2
Glamorgan...	6	0	0	6	7	53	0

JUNIOR SOUTH

Surrey	5	5	0	0	42	8	10
Sussex	5	4	0	1	32	18	8
Hampshire	6	4	0	2	37	23	8
Berkshire	6	1	0	5	17	43	2
Bucks.	6	0	0	6	12	48	0

JUNIOR NORTH

Cheshire	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Lincolnshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Durham	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Derbyshire	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Northum'land	3	0	1	2	8	22	1

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Staffordshire	4	4	0	0	30	10	8
Warwicks. II	5	3	1	1	29	21	7
Leicesters.	5	1	3	1	26	24	5
Bedfords.	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Nottinghamhs.	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Northants.	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

JUNIOR EAST—Final Table

Essex II	5	4	1	0	39	11	9
Cambs.	5	3	1	1	29	21	7
Norfolk	5	3	0	2	26	24	6
Suffolk	5	3	0	2	25	25	6
Hunts.	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
Herts. II	5	0	0	5	15	35	0

JUNIOR WEST

Devon	5	5	0	0	33	27	10
Wiltshire	5	3	1	1	27	23	7
Gloucs.	5	1	2	2	23	27	4
Somerset	5	1	2	2	23	27	4
Worcs.	5	1	1	3	26	24	3
Monmouths.	5	0	2	3	18	32	2

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Richard Habgood

UNFORTUNATE SEASON

DESPITE Warwickshire's first team being relegated from the Premier Division, despondency is not the feeling in the players minds at the moment. With the second team already assured of the 2nd Midland title, we have great hopes of finishing high enough at the County play-offs to maintain our place in the Premier Division.

It really has been a dreadfully unfortunate season for us. With just an ounce of luck it is fair to comment that, instead of finishing second from the bottom with two wins, we could have won a further three matches, and have been challenging for Premier County honours!! Playing credits must surely go to our top three men—Brian Burn, Derek Munt, and Ralph Gunnion, who between them have won 27 games of the 28 won in the Premier Division.

The second team's 7-3 defeat of Notts means that we go into the last match against Worcestershire three points clear at the top of the table. It is an enviable situation for the selectors who can perhaps afford to experiment a little with regards to the final team selections for the play-offs. With Richard Cooper and Brian Mitchell being the two regulars of the side, speculation as to the make-up of the 'play-offs' team is great. Barry Hayward, Bob Brown, Pat Glynn and Marcus Hall have all played this season, but with the leaps-and-bounds progress of young Bob Broadmore all in contention for places it is indeed an intriguing situation for the selectors.

Another Birmingham Open has come and gone, despite all the tremendous difficulties involved. The postal strike was a most infuriating experience, but grateful thanks must be extended to all the players for their co-operation and who indeed made the tournament so successful in such trying circumstances.

Birmingham came comfortably through against Cambridge in the Wilmott Cup, but now have to travel to face the strong North Yorkshire side, led by Denis Neale. There is a slim chance that they might pull it off, but it will take a first class display from Birmingham's trio of Burn, Mitchell, and Cooper, if they are to be successful.

Warwickshire have found a new star—14-year-old Desmond Douglas. On only his second tournament outing, as part of Birmingham's sponsored squad, he easily won the Burford Under-15 Boys' Singles. His prospects are extremely bright, and in his Junior Premier debut, replacing Jeff Nix, he won the vital game to give Warwickshire the draw against Essex. Well done Desmond!